DJ Resigns After 25 Years

Suzanne Bohan

For the past twenty-five years, Dean Alice Johnson (alias DJ) has witnessed and taken part in many exciting changes at Connecticut College. Because of a mix-up in interview scheduling, Alice Johnson, who came to Conn to be interviewed for a position in the English department, was mistakenly interviewed for the position of Dean of Freshmen, and offered that job. She accepted the offer and in 1958 became not only Dean of Freshmen and Assistant Professor of English, but also housemother of newly-opened Larrabee Dorm. The association with which Dean Johnson began her career are still evident today. On July 1, she will move from her appointment as Dean of the College to a part-time position as Professor of English. Spare time will take getting used to after the 24 hours a day, 7 days a week job that she has been engaged in over the years. Professor Johnson has not only been busy completing a manuscript on a study of Mathew Carey, an early Irish-American publisher. In addition to her manuscript, Johnson is considering putting her wealth of knowledge down on paper in a documentation of Connecticut College, particularly in relation to the years of co-education.

Alice Johnson began her relationship with the college when the school was about to expand its enrollment from 800 to 1,000 women. This was a time when freshmen lived in the quad, while juniors and seniors ate in Thompson. It was a time of chaperoned formal dances in Knowlton's ballroom. Cocktail parties, except for a single student-faculty event held during Senior Week, were non-existent, and cars were nonexistent, with only a few students living on campus at which time only seniors were allowed to have cars on campus.

Johnson remarks that the student body was more conservative and had a different ambience from our present student body. SGA has always been strong, yet she points out that student participation on committees and advisory boards was unheard of before the last sixties. The students have become more involved in the workings of the college through their participation on nearly every committee in the college. Rigid social rules have been abandoned and replaced by a freedom which is contingent upon students' respect for the honor code.

Dean Alice Johnson reflects upon her 25 years at Connecticut College.

Johnson is a symbol of the school's support for its students. Despite the fact that Connecticut College has more than doubled in size since Johnson's arrival twenty-five years ago, she believes the school has maintained a nurturing and personal atmosphere. Alumni frequently drop in on the Dean to chat about their latest adventures outside the "nest." Fortuately, Connecticut College will not be losing Johnson next year, as she will still be an active member of the college community.

Sen. Dodd: U.S. Bogged Down In Latin America

by Michael Schoenwald

"We are getting further and further bogged down with a policy in Central America that does not seem to warrant peace," stated Christopher Dodd, the Democratic Senator from Connecticut. "We have continually looked at Central America through the prism of Cuba, which has caused us to make mistakes in that region since the emergence of Fidel Castro 20 years ago."

Dodd spoke very eloquently in front of a group of about 60 people in the Oliva Hall of Connecticut College on April 18. The event was sponsored by the Government Department; Senator Dodd was mistake of assuming that none of the revolutionary movements in Central America would have taken place without Fidel Castro and the Soviet Union," Dodd said. "This assumption of not looking at the political and economic problems of the different countries is no solution to the troubles of the region at this time."

Senator Dodd believes that Marxist governments in Central America have "generally been failures" but that President Reagan is exporting revolution by trying to interdict the flow of arms from Nicaragua to El Salvador. He called the Administration's efforts to get rid of the Sandinista revolutionary group that is trying to overthrow a Marxist government in another country.

Dodd added the "our support of the Sandinista National Guard in Nicaragua will prevent the voices of moderation from coming to power."

Dodd also pointed to several misconceptions that have influenced the Reagan Administration's policies in El Salvador. The first misconception is that the insurgency is not a legitimate one. The second is that the insurgency is totally controlled by Marxists. The third misconception is a belief that the United States cannot growing in military strength and ability," the Senator challenged the wide variety of supporters of the Democratic tradition that are not being recognized in El Salvador. And, if no good military options exist, why not come on a dialogue that can prevent war?"

"A cease fire in both Nicaragua and El Salvador where the Democratic and electoral processes would work is the best idea in my mind," Dodd continued. "The Catholic Church, the people of Nicaragua, and the United States...let there be no stalemate our surgents decide they can win or achieve a stalemate our chances are gone."

Dodd concluded his lecture by responding to a question on the situation in the Middle East. He maintained that the Israeli settlements on the West Bank and Gaza were an obstacle to peace and that it was legitimate to ask the Israeli government to make a cease fire to prevent war. "But, I believe the decision to enter Lebanon was right. I challenge anyone to find another example of a country that was being annihilated by the PLO as Israel was and to respond as they did. We may disagree with a Prime Minister or a President but when you are under attack, you have to defend yourself."

The Connecticut College Board of Trustees has approved plans for building a $3.8 million athletic center on a site south of the Dayton Arena. Last week, President Ames announced that construction of the $3.8 million facility will be finished by September 1984. Daniel F. Tully Associates, the architects for the complex, designed the Dayton Arena and submitted the design for the athletic center to a facility with three multi-purpose courts lined for basketball, volleyball, tennis and badminton; a jogging lane, a training room, a classroom/meeting room, and physical education and athletic facilities.

"We believe that this facility will be a plus for Conn's total program," said Athletic Director Charles Luce. "Today's college men and women see athletics as an important part of their education."

Luce, during a sabbatical leave in 1978, studied the athletic programs of forty peer colleges and discovered that every competitor college and two to three times more recreational space than Conn. These survey findings, along with a recommendation made by the Committee for Connecticut College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) ensures a balance of competitive and athletic interests. He explained that athletics and education are a part of the development of Connecticut College. We feel strongly about the educational value of sports."

As a major priority in the Connecticut College, Ames reported that there are strong evidence of financial support for the project.

Complex Okayed

by Susan Bud
Borges Discusses Poetic Expression

On Monday, April 3, at 8 p.m., Argentine poet Jorge Luis Borges delivered the 19th annual Robert F. Memorial Lecture in Palmer Auditorium.

The noted writer discussed 'Poetic Expression and Creativity,' the topic of a lecture he recently gave in Paris. Connecticut College is the only New England college that Borges will visit during his 11-day US tour of last week. The 83-year-old Argentinian is internationally known for the breadth of his work and significant contributions to the literary world. The noted writer became an international celebrity in 1961 when he received the National Medal of Literature. The British Empire; the Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters bestowed by the French Government; the Alfonso Reys International Prize; and the Balzan Prize, one of the most prestigious awards in Europe. The Selden Lecture has been given annually at Connecticut College in the memory of the Rev. Joseph H. Selden, professor of the classics and member of the original college faculty.

Summer Camp Counselor Openings in New England

Camp Becket (boys camp) has openings for counselors and program specialists. Also Nurses (RN). Located in the mountains of western Massachusetts. Within driving distance of Boston, NYC, the camp offers a broad program emphasizing personal development and contact placement for more information or write: Lloyd E. Griffith, 6 St. James Avenue Suite 1003, Camp Becket, Boston, MA 02115.

Senior Officers Chosen

by Sally Jones

For the junior class, consolidation continued with 11 candidates being extended to the candidates even before the votes were tabulated, as each candidate ran uncontested. Sheryl Engle became President of the Class of 84, and she is excited about making this upcoming year a memorable one for all. In the past she has worked on the social board acting as class Social Chairman and plans to have many activities that all the seniors can really enjoy their last year.

Even though there was no opposition, Edwards feels that the other candidates are qualified enough to make the board a strong one and will work well in bringing the class together, Kevin Der Bedrosian is the social chairman, Cynthia Poulos is the secretary, treasurer, and Katie Clark and Amy Black are the J. Board representatives. Like Edwards, Blackburn and Clark are hoping for the class more. Blackburn, although aware of the importance of J. Board, feels that working with the Executive Board is going to prove most important. One concern is to make people more aware of the honor code and have them bind to the code anywhere. Both feel they have a great responsibility to the students and their classmates and intend to make the senior class work as one unit.

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Let the Force Be With Us

by Patrick Kennedy

Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to successfully defend ourselves from nuclear attack? Evidently the Left doesn't think so. President Reagan's proposal to build a defensive shield would protect us, and while it would be a distasteful expense to the American taxpayer, it is a logical step in the right direction. Opportunity to gain business experience. Age no barrier if over 17 Call 9-3 daily

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"Be the first to strike on US ICBM's as a Soviet option, and eliminating the viability of a surprise first-strike is directly proportional to its protection of US citizens, were subservient accompanied by a change in mind set to one in which all considerations, including nuclear war, the technology is becoming fast available for killer satellites, laser and particle beams, non-nuclear air-ground systems, etc. Really, the only argument advanced for the nonfeasibility of such systems is knee-jerk "age of limitations" theorizing. Do the President's proposals violate the ABM treaty? First of all, we are allowed one site for ABM deployment. Secondly, research is perfectly legal according to the treaty and fixed land-based systems may be developed and tested. Finally, the treaty provides for review every five years and either party may pull out with six months notice if it concludes that its "supreme interests are in jeopardy.

One final matter which the President didn't mention — civil defense. We are spending far less in monetary terms on this vital program than we did in 1960 and it shows. Our lack of emphasis on civil defense has led to its intellectual moribundity: funds are wasted on nuclear war "change-of-address" cards and inane "odd-even license plate" evacuation schemes. Let's not be too naive: the vicious cycle by parodying such plans and causing more opposition to an intelligent effort. In fact, many lives could be saved with adequate sheltered shelters, communication of information on self-protection, and efficient evacuation plans, millions of lives seem worth the not exorbitant cost.

Yuri Andropov, liberal Democrats, and the peace movement as a "Stars Wars fantasy" are located in Rov71 and you will notice. Again assuming that these are the first to be cut out of choice, the administration, and American foreign policy. No more than 30 students have ever read in any Connecticut College has always taken great pride in the quality of its liberal arts curriculum which provides students with an opportunity to broaden their knowledge and understanding — and in the process emerge as true humanists who will at all times care about the rights and freedom of different cultures and views. It is tragic that an otherwise amusing issue had to be marred by this unsavory communication — one which the National Enquirer would refuse to print.

Yours sincerely,
Alice Johnson
Dean of the College

Better Safe Than Sorry

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter because I feel compelled to respond to the indifferent views of three male students regarding the security patrol. The other day, I overheard three men complain about how often female students request rides from the campus security patrol. One of the three claimed that it is unnecessary for women to utilize this service, particularly since there have been very few rapes on this campus throughout the years.

My message to the three men is that it pays to exercise caution. As the National Enquirer has reported, rape can occur anywhere. In seedy Boston or even in a fraternity house on a prestigious Ivy League campus.

I feel very secure knowing the campus patrol is respect for women. I am also pleased to know that others take advantage of their service. After all, isn't it better to be safe, than sorry?

Elizabeth B. Bovich
Class of 1985

We'll Never Know

To the Editor:

On Sunday night, April 17, renowned civil rights activist and Georgia State Senator Julian Bond came to Connecticut College to speak about various issues of social import, such as civil rights, the Reagan Administration, and American foreign policy. No more than 30 students came to hear him speak. I don't want to preach against campus apathy; we've all heard that routine before anyway, I'll just let the facts help everyone to arrive at their own conclusions.

Just one further thought. As an SGA officer, I've come to accept the fact that students don't always care when seemingly trite campus issues and college politics which we think should be of concern to them. I find such indifference hard to justify, however, when the state of affairs of our society (issues which affect us all) are being discussed by one so prominent as Julian Bond. It makes one question what type of indifference really exists at Connecticut College, and with in our age group in general. As Senator Bond pointed out, it's the students with an opportunity as well, and not just the ones with an opportunity to broaden their knowledge and understanding — and in the process emerge as true humanists who will at all times care about the rights and freedom of different cultures and views. It is tragic that an otherwise amusing issue had to be marred by this unsavory communication — one which the National Enquirer would refuse to print.

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Parody: Vile and Vulgar

To the Editor:

It is with deep sorrow that I write concerning the unfortunate parody of a previous female student which appeared in the April Fool's issue of the college newspaper. This outrageous bit of vulgarity is by all odds the vilest "letter" I have ever read in any Connecticut College student paper and I have read a lot of them. It betrays bigotry, hatred, and racism, together with a male chauvinistic sexist attitude I find hard to believe exists on our campus.

Connecticut College has always taken great pride in the
Men's Crew Undefeated

by Cliff Melrowitz

The Conn. College men's crew team is still undefeated after victories over the University of New Hampshire, Williams College, and Worcester Polytech. The Conn., U.N.H. race took place on April 8 in Worcester, Mass. The meet had four events; freshman eight, freshman four, varsity lightweight eight, and varsity heavyweight eight. Conn. took three of the four events, losing only in the freshmen four race. The freshmen lightweights rowed a 7:03 to defeat two heavyweight boats from U.N.H., the faster of the two, rowing a 7:04.

Women's Lacrosse Undefeated

by Caroline Twomey

The women's lacrosse team has started the season on the right foot. They are presently undefeated. The team has compiled wins over Trinity 18-9, Amherst 9-7, and Providence College 7-1.

In their opening game, the Camels came out strong to beat a powerful Trinity team for the first time ever. Jane McKee started the scoring for the Camels with her first of five goals. Sarah Newhall, Sally Peters, and Leila Clearen all netted a goal in the first half. The game was well played and Trinity never gave up, while the Connecticut defense held its ground and kept Trinity on the losing end of the score. Goalie Ashley Ridgeway had a good defensive game with 11 saves in the first half and 20 in the second half. In the second half Trinity came out strong but Jane McKee scored four times and Rose Battles and Leila Clearen tallied the other two scores to win 10-4.

The game against Amherst was another close battle. The Conn. team came out strong scoring six times in the first half. Rose Battles, Jo Carroll Sachs, Jane McKee, and Sarah Newhall all scored once. Leila Clearen scored twice in the first half. In the second half Amherst proved to be a tougher opponent scoring five goals opposed to the Camels three. All the scoring in the second half was done by Leila Clearen. Connecticut was able to hold on to the lead and clinch the victory.

The Camels are looking forward optimistically to next season with eight returning letter winners, and six new freshmen. Their next home game is April 28 against Bridgewater at 3:30.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Athletic Center, to be located adjacent to the Dayton Arena, will be held Friday afternoon, April 29th.

Students, faculty, and friends of the College are invited to view the ceremony.

SPORTS

Men's Tennis Rallies To Win

by Molly Goodyear

The men's tennis team added two more wins to their record by beating both Quinnipiac and Wesleyan last week.

The Quinnipiac match was a needed victory for the Conn. team with a final score of 7-2. All six singles players won their matches and one of the three doubles teams, Dave Fleishman and Chris Vince won in an 8-7 pro set.

The Wesleyan victory was the "sweetest by far" in the eyes of coach Tom Perrault.

With its first defeat of Wesleyan in 8 years, the team scored one of its bigger wins. The final tally was 6-3. Conn. swept five out of six singles and managed one win in the doubles. Third seed Bob Bartnick brought his season singles record to 5-6, followed by number one seed Carl Soane with a record of 4-1.

The two wins have boosted the enthusiasm of the Conn. men and the outlook continues to be optimistic for their upcoming matches against Holy Cross and URI.

Conn College's First TRIATHALON

Next Sunday (weather permitting)