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Strawberries Will Garnish May Day Fete

Early birds and CC Sophomores will be creeping around in the early hours of May 1, on the 30th day of which Connecticut College will observe its annual festival of spring with songs of praise by the seniors, with strawberries and cream, and with spring bouquets.

The birds will be seeking for warmors, and the sleepy-eyed Sophomores will be carrying bouquets to their senior sisters to herald the coming of the festival for spring.

On the maple touch of the seniors the campus will blossom forth in crepe-paper, green and wondrous crowns (sororities) will work their wonders under the direction of Mary Jane Patterson.

On the chapel stage at seven o'clock to follow the seniors and cap and gown, will usher in spring with traditional songs since the beginning of "Spring Song." The assembled Chorus will be under the direction of their class song leader, Lee Pope, in singing several items.

Strawberries and cream and the early risers will greet the early risers on their return from the various classes in the morning bulletin, and must be in by six o'clock.

There are certain obstacles to the realization of this most desirable desire. Most of them are eliminated by the fact that this program will be in the short period is unprofitable in many job situations. However, certain opportunities will be given to the Sophomores in the Sophomore activities.

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Marking System Controversy

Is Crystallized Pro and Con

by Grace Lofton

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Science in the Renaissance will be the topic for a lecture at 9:00 a.m. in Hill hall. Dr. William S. Burroughs, of the University of London, will present the lecture. The lecture is open to all members of the college community.

Dr. John Bennett, a World Traveler, To Speak Sunday

The speaker at the vesper service on Sunday will be Dr. John Bennett, professor of English at the University of California. Dr. Bennett is a well-known writer and speaker on a wide variety of subjects, and is particularly well-known for his work on the history of English literature.

Dr. Bennett's talk will deal with the topic of "The History of English Literature," which he will discuss in the context of his own personal experiences as a student and teacher.

Dr. Bennett will also discuss the role of the university in the development of English literature, and the importance of the study of English literature in the modern world.

There will be a special reception following the lecture, and Dr. Bennett will be available to answer questions and sign copies of his book, "The History of English Literature."
**EDITORIAL**

**Action Speaks Louder**

The large attendance at the recent curriculum meeting and the subsequent discussion which it provoked bespeak the spirit and sincere interest in campus affairs of which students and faculty alike are capable.

Since our first days on campus we have been urged, reminded, begged to participate in campus activities, curricular as well as extra-curricular. Reminded that our college is, to a large extent, a self-governing community, we should find it difficult to retire com- plementarily into shells of unconcern, poking out our heads only to dis- sent occasionally. There is a relative small proportion of students with any appreciable involvement of their respective groups, or as those actively interested in college activities, endeavor to carry out the varied wishes of their fellow students. In conjunction with the ad- ministration they attempt to form the policies that will serve this community best.

This task can prove a mountaneous one without the positive and active support of the student body. The emphasis here lies on the positive aspect. It is comparatively simple to find fault with existing conditions. The true test of ingenuity and ability is that of actually improving them. To secure action on an issue, talking it over intelli- gently with those concerned is often all that is necessary. Wisdumb thinking will never communicate our needs and desires to the appro- priate channels. How can we expect, for instance, an ideal curricular or an ideal marking system if we do not air our views where and when they are most pertinent?

**Apology**

Editor’s Note — News wishes to apologize for the confusion caused by the publication of the unsigned article on “Core” courses in last week’s Issue. As an organ of the student body, it is our responsibility to keep our views where and when they are most pertinent. This principle is, of course, applicable in every phase of campus life. Recently, however, we have become more aware of its potentialities in connection with the curriculum discussion. This fact should serve to exculpate the desire on the part of students and faculty to know what others are thinking about something that concerns us. Henceforth we will appreciate criticism whenever we do not to state dogmatically such an extreme view on so controversial an issue. Rather we will appreciate criticism whenever we do not recognize purely personal opinions as such in our format.

**CALENDAR**

Thursday, April 29
French club lecture, Jean Bruness — Bill 196, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, April 30
Play Production play, “Caste” — Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 2
Vesperas, John C. Bennett — Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4
Conference on Majors and Careers — Raymond — Auditorium, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5
Chapters department lecture, Professor Norman O. Brown — Bill 196, 7:45 p.m.

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**New News Art Editor And Runner-up Named**

The staff of NEWS is very proud to announce that it has secured the serv- ices of Ann Sprygen’s de- lightful and “spur of the moment” humor for the next year. Ann was chos- en as editor for the next year in a recent contest. She succeeds Ross Glassman ’45, who has excelled in as much as that capacity for the past year. Norma Kochensen, was runner-up in the contest. Ann’s cartoons is printed at this time; Norman’s second place cartoon is Spring Sports.

**Free Speech**

A Forum of Opinion from On and Off the Campus

**Write Your Senator Now**

Dear Editor:

The student-faculty forum a week ago must have made appear- ent to the faculty the unanimity of views of the students on our cur- riculum. Some of the professors, how- ever, are just about convinced that we would have agreed to anything that night. I am positive that this is wrong!

I believe that eliminating the marking system, for instance, would be a great incentive to work and a most definite step toward educating ourselves be- cause we WANT education. My only fear is that we, because we are lazy and superstitious, will let this ride until next year, and not make any effort to see that it is changed through-

It is the duty of every CC student who sincerely believes this to be one of the means of improv- ing our college to flood the NEWS and President with letters and to act!

Don’t forget that student opin- ion, when rallied completely can be a powerful and influential force. If you say, “Oh let some- one else do it” — it’s never going to get done. Do it yourself. Sit down today and write! Let’s have some of these improvements in the system BEFORE we gradu- ate.

M.D. ’50

**Russian Club Invitation**

Dear Editor:

Everyone on campus today has an opinion about the “Russian problem,” but few students realize that there are opportunities right here at Connecticut college to acquaint oneself with the historical and cultural background of the Russian people and politi- cal, Besides the language courses offered in Russian for students particularly interested in Russian linguistic and literary subjects, there will be offered next year a survey course in Russian literature covering the entire period of Russian culture from Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, et al.

We are bringing this to the at- tention of students, because we wish to invite all students taking this literature course to be given in English, to participate in the activities of the Russian club. The club, under its new president, Olga Krupen, plans to sponsor pro- grammes including speakers, mov- ies, musical programs, and music so- cieties. We hope that students will take advantage of these opportunities to learn about Russian culture and have a lot of fun in the process.

Pat McGowan ’48

**Heat and Light**

Dear Editor:

Outside reading can be made more enjoyable! That is, if the at mosphere of the reserve room in the library could be more conducive to concentration and less con- ducive to sleeping and conse- quent distraction.

I am speaking of the poor light- ing and the unnecessary warmth that has come to be characteris- tic of the reserve room. Can something be done to remedy this situation so that students will be enabled to accomplish their work with more ease and rapidity?

C. C. H. ’50

**Congratulations!**

Dear Editor:

May we offer our heartfelt con- gratulations to all those students who helped make the Five Arts weekend possible. The fine display of talent and showmanship showed the great amount of fore- thought and planning which went into the program. We are proud that Connecticut college has claim to so many promising students of the arts, and that we are enabled to pre- sent their original creations.

Connecticut ON THE AIR

WNLJ 1580 AM

Thursday, April 29, 9:30 p.m.

Miss Martha Allen, Instructor of music at Connecticut College, will play selections heard in the music recital during Five Arts weekend on the student hour heard each week.

Friday, April 30, 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Leslie Beebe of the eco- nomic department will present his weekly program, Across MY Eco- nomic Desk. Mr. Beebe’s in- teresting discussions deal with the effects of current economic trends upon a community of east- ern Connecticut.

Monday, May 2, 8:30 p.m.

Miss Ruth Wood and Miss Frances Bennett, both of the phy- sical education department, will speak on Recreation. What is it when they will be heard on Survey of Today, the third of the weekly programs originating from Connecticut college and broadcast through the facilities of station WNLC, New London.
News Events of Five Arts

Versatile Artists

by Jane Tilley

The Five Arts exhibition at this year's Arts Festival is a clear case of "Entertainment by Misdirection." The visitors were not aware that they were in a picture gallery, nor did they realize that the gallery was part of a department store. The gallery was located in the center of the new, modern building on the north side of the main campus. It was an ideal setting for the exhibition, which was held on the first floor of the building.

The exhibition itself was a masterpiece of creativity, and it was a pleasure to see the students who organized it. They worked hard to create an atmosphere of excitement and wonder, and they succeeded. The visitors were amazed by the cleverly designed exhibits, which included a large sculpture of a dragon, a painting of a mermaid, and a series of photographs of the students themselves.

The exhibition was divided into four sections: Art, Music, Literature, and Dance. Each section was designed to showcase the versatility of the artists who participated. There were works of art on display, including paintings, sculptures, and drawings. There were also musical performances, with musicians playing the piano, violin, and guitar. There were also dance performances, with dancers performing both modern and classical routines.

The students who organized the exhibition did a wonderful job of showcasing the talent of the artists. They were able to create an environment where art, music, literature, and dance could coexist and complement each other. The exhibition was a success, and it is clear that the students who organized it have a bright future ahead of them. They have shown that they are versatile artists who are capable of creating something truly special.

Student Poets

by Carole Axson and Rachel Ober

One of the highlights of the evening was the student poetry reading. The poets were selected from a group of applicants who submitted their work for consideration. The selection process was rigorous, and the poets who were chosen were judged to be the most talented and promising. The poets were given an opportunity to read their work in front of a live audience, and their performances were met with great interest and enthusiasm.

The poets were a diverse group, representing a variety of backgrounds and styles. Some of the poets were traditionalists, while others were experimenters. Some of the poems were straightforward, while others were complex and abstract. The poets were able to communicate their ideas and feelings in a variety of ways, and their performances were a testament to the power of poetry.

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Faculty Members Give Views On Old World Ideals

by Cynthia Perry Hill

UN work, we will not be able to make a world government work. The UN was based on the idea of world government and is directed toward it. Mr. Beebe stressed the necessity of taking a realistic attitude toward the attainment of world government. World government cannot be just voted in; its attainment must be a process of trial and error. Dellegates must work out each individual problem.

Referring to the policy statement put out by the United World Federalists, Inc., New York, N. Y., Mr. Robert Mack gave the following opinion: "I agree with the statement of Old World government, the so-called methods outlined are practical and good. I suspect the energy put into this movement might be more usefully applied toward making our country more democratic. Both in the United Nations and in the world government, it is my opinion totally unrealizable. I should like to see a country more democratic with regard to the facts and economics. If this were done the chances for a real world government would be much greater in the realm of possibility. If it is not done we suspect we will see a war or before long. I can't see any hope for a substitute. It's not the democracy I'm talking about that's decisive. The will to succeed and to pay for success is lacking."

Dr. Paul Laibenstein emphasized the fact that the closeness of any nation to other nations requires that they all work together. He emphasized the importance of world government and its power to prevent war would depend ultimately on a democratic spirit of real cooperation between nations.

It is Mr. Leslie Beebe's opinion that a world government is fully a reality only to the present international situation. He believes that to bypass the problem by saying there is no possibility of a world government would be a mistake. It should be recognized and his efforts on strengthening the UN. Mr. Beebe emphasized the fact that if we can not make the

Ed note—On request, Alice Fletcher '49, kindly consented to write the above for NEWS.

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Three hundred foreign students, including Americans, will attend Munich, Halle-Salzgitter, and Marburg this summer from July 15 to August 17. The students will have in common a joint plan of the university faculties and the Ministry of Education to offer, with the purpose of promoting international relations, including political science, economics, sociology, history, and comparative literature. Professors from Rome, Florence, Munich, Paris, London, and America will constitute the faculty.

Students will live in dormitories together and eat together, with the possibility of recreation and excursions into nearby Germany. Living there will cost $30 for foreign students, and some scholarships are available.

The following information should be sent in an airmail letter of registration to Office of Cultural Relations Division, APO 792, C/O Postmaster, New York.

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...as the students begin to grapple with the changes. The new system will allow students to receive feedback on their work more quickly and accurately, and will encourage a more collaborative learning environment.

The Lighthouse Inn

Deemed the perfect setting for a good meal, the Lighthouse Inn in Groton, Conn., offers a wide variety of dishes and a comfortable atmosphere.

Crown Restaurant

Next to the Victory Theater, Crown Restaurant is a favorite among students for its delicious food and friendly service.

Naked City Film Heralded as Unusually Fine Achievement

by Edith Manasevit

There is nothing new about murder in a New York apartment; bloodstained sheets and bodies lying face down in the snow are made to grace the movie screen several times a year. But it is rare that such a story is handled with style and precision as in Mark Hellinger's "The Naked City."...
GYMANGLES
by Lois Papa and Diane Roberts

Riding highlights of the week include the election of Bobbie Ayers '49 as riding manager, and the announcement by Mimi Haskell, president of Nellie and Spade of a gymkana, sponsored by the club. In honor of Father's Day, May 8, at 3:30 p.m. Lists are up on the horsemanship bulletin board in the gym for all those interested in signing up to enter. To those who remember last year's contest, it is evident that the events, such as the brown race, potato relay, and musical chairs do not require too much riding ability, rather a great deal of enthusiasm and a good sense of humor. For those who can not be tempted, at least bring Dad out to watch the fun.

The other Father's day plan in the field of sports is a father-daughter softball game to be played at 3:45. Since the event was rained out last year, this is the chance for the fathers to prove some of their tales of how they "won for the team" in their younger days. Here again is an opportunity for all those who do not care to play to join the cheering section. If by any chance there should be rain, a father-daughter volley ball game will take place in the gym.

Talking about cheering sections—- the faculty- student softball game, which had a large turnout for both sides, and the home-run kings, Mack, Cobbleick, and Rains, carried their team to an over whelming victory of 17-4. The nearest we came to winning a box of Wheaties was the three bags of "Dallas" Grayson. The hilar ious incidents of the game produced a lot of laughs and both sides won. This friendly clash of students and faculty. It is hoped that these weekly games will continue to be well-supported.

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