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CAMPUS GROUPS WELCOME CLASS OF 1956

Dual Faceted Code Presents Challenge To Every Student

Honor System May Be New Experience; Adjustment Important

"The student is in honor bound to report herself to the proper officer of the Student Government Association in case of her violation of either phase of Honor Code.

"A student who is aware that a fellow-student has violated the Honor Code, is in honor bound to admonish that student to report herself."

This is the Honor Code under which each student at Connecticut lives. For many, as they arrive at Connecticut, an honor system such as this one is as new as college life itself. Perhaps adjusting to, and learning to take part in, such a system is on top of the list of what freshmen want to learn during the first few months of the college year.

Student Assumes Responsibility

To some students it may seem at first that conducting oneself under the Honor Code is naturally easier than worrying about being "caught"; easier than giving the faculty or the honor court the complete responsibility of noticing any offenses, large or small. It is very likely, however, that having each student assume the responsibility for her fellow-students, is not the easier task.

And yet, this is certainly not considered an impossible task for any student, freshman or upper classman. It is expected that the sense of right and wrong, combined with the desire to contribute to the community standards and the wish to insure the continued workings of Connecticut's honor system, will be a force easily strong enough to enable each one to do her share.

Admonishment Important

Both parts of the Honor Code are equally important and necessary, but it is possible that the second part should receive greater stress, since it may be, at times, more difficult to follow.

However, if admonishment is given honestly and tactfully, there is no reason for any real difficulty. The girl who receives the admonishment is aware of the Honor Code too, and an admonishment gives her the opportunity to report herself.

At the moment, there are six members of Honor Court besides the Chief Justice. These include two girls from each of the three upper classes. In December, the freshmen will elect two girls from their class who will serve on the Court until the elections in the spring.

Honor Court meetings are open to the student body, and a special invitation is extended to the freshmen to come for observation as to how a case is considered and a decision reached.



Dell Stone, Chief Justice of Honor Court

Quarterly Provides Student Creativity With Campus Outlet

Quarterly, like any college literary magazine, can be much more than an enjoyable, readable collection of student writing. It can also be considerably less. The function and the ultimate purpose of the magazine rest primarily upon its staff; and their judgment and selection must in turn repose on the quality of the contributions offered them.

Probably everyone shares that great new burst of enthusiasm, that eternal chant of "now's the time to start again" that autumn seems to bring. The freshman share in this is contributions and staff membership. There is no set pattern for a Quarterly selection. Humor, poetry, stories, articles will all represent student expression.

It would be nice to discover a budding Virginia Woolf; it would be even nicer to be one. The important thing, however, is to say what is within you, to make an honest effort to express yourself. It is fun, and moreover a rewarding experience.

Radio Club to Give WNLC, WCNI Programs

Radio Club sponsors programs over WNLC, a New London station, as well as over WCNI, the campus radio station.

The club needs announcers, technicians, writers, and publicists. Everyone is cordially invited to attend Radio Club's open meeting on Thursday, October 2 at 6:45 p.m. in Room 202 of Palmer Auditorium.

The Connecticut College Student Hour is a weekly program heard over WNLC at 1490 on your dial. This program is written and participated in by students. The subjects of the programs range from the origin of leap year to music provided by the students of music.

The campus radio station, WCNI, 620 on your dial, features music, along with miscellaneous programs submitted by students, and special programs such as the series or prom broadcasts given last year.

WCNI is on the air Monday through Thursday from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m., and from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Varied Duties Sponsored by Service Club

Every girl at Connecticut College belongs to Service League. This is the organization through which all the service activities, and many of the social functions of the college are carried out.

Girls on campus take part in many of the welfare activities, which are undertaken by the different committees under Service League. Students have always enjoyed working an hour or an afternoon a week at Learned House, which is the settlement house in New London. There they work with the children, either instructing them along certain lines, or engaging in play activities.

Freshman Receptions

One of Service League's important functions is to take charge of the receptions which are given for the freshmen during the fall as a means of introduction to freshmen of other colleges.

The reception with the cadets from the Coast Guard Academy will be held in Knowlton Salon on the first Saturday after college begins, September 27. Receptions have also been planned with freshmen from both Yale and Wesleyan, and these will also be held early in the fall.

Tryouts for Choir Thurs., Sept. 25

From 4 to 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, September 25, there will be voice tryouts for the Connecticut College Choir in Harkness Chapel.

The choir, composed largely of freshmen, provides music for Sunday evening vespers services, and also for other college functions.

In the past, it has been the rule that students sing one year in the choir, before being admitted to the Connecticut College Glee Club.

Rehearsal time for the choir is Thursday evenings, from 6:45 to 7:30, in the chapel.

Hi!

This issue of *News* is strictly for freshmen and transfers, and is distributed only to you. Its purpose, as you have undoubtedly discovered, is to introduce to you the various clubs and organizations on campus.

By the tone of the articles, which were written by the heads of these organizations, it is plain that all clubs are eager to have new members. They will hold numerous coffees or open houses to tell you of their function and their plans.

We firmly believe that in order to get the most out of college, it is necessary not only to pursue one's studies diligently, but also to participate in campus activities. It is difficult, of course, to learn how many of these activities can be engaged in, without taking too much time away from academic pursuits, but this can be learned through careful experimentation.

As the clubs have something to offer you, so you have something to offer them. They need your support, since they depend on the student body, of which you are now a part, for their very existence.

We hope, therefore, that you will read this issue of *News* carefully; that you will acquaint yourselves with the purposes of these organizations; that you will, when the time comes, join at least one, and become an active member who can be counted upon to further the club's aims.

News wishes to join all the organizations which have helped to bring you this issue, in extending you a hearty welcome, and in wishing you a very successful college career.

College Government Stresses Unity of Campus Interests



Barbara Painton, President of Student Government

Connchords, Shwiffs Sing for Pleasure

Among the things of interest to freshmen and upperclassmen during the first weeks of school will be the try-outs for membership in Connchords of Shwiffs.

Connchords and Shwiffs are two informal groups of Connecticut College students who sing for fun and relaxation. The groups appear at club meetings, dances, and song fests in New London and at other colleges throughout the year.

First and foremost, however, these groups gather to enjoy the satisfaction of informal and spontaneous group singing. If you like to sing, be sure to come and try out. Date, time, and place of the try-outs for either group will be announced, and freshmen are especially welcome.

Students' Help Needed To Propose Solutions For Common Problems

Student Government at Connecticut College serves as a medium through which the student body can learn to live together in a well-organized community.

Because every student is a member, a workable student government is a challenge to each person. The responsibility of maintaining a student government through which the college community can discuss and work together toward the solution of campus problems depends upon the support of the student.

Student Representation

The organization of Student Government is based on representation of the student as a member of a house, class, and an organization. The House of Representatives is composed of House Presidents elected by the students in each house, and the Speaker of the House, who is elected by the students, and presides over the meetings.

Cabinet is composed of student government officers, class presidents, and leaders of other organizations on campus. The President of Student Government, elected by the students, presides over the meetings.

Let us take a hypothetical bill, and trace it through the stages of its development. The freshmen in Knowlton, at a house meeting, decide that students should be allowed to wear blue-jeans on campus.

Legislative Action

The president of Knowlton brings the issue, in the form of a bill, to the House of Representatives for discussion and action. The House of Representatives, let us say, votes in favor of the bill. The Speaker of the House then brings the bill to Cabinet for acceptance or veto. Cabinet discusses the bill thoroughly and, let us say, accepts it.

The bill is then brought to the Committee on Student Organizations, which is composed of three members of Cabinet, four faculty members, and the Dean of Students who is chairman.

In the committee, both faculty and student views on the bill are taken into consideration, and action is taken. If this committee votes in favor of the bill, it is then presented to the students in the Amalgamation meetings—the final stage.

Students Enact Policy

The students take action on the bill, and if it is accepted by the majority, the bill is instituted as regular college policy. Blue-jeans may be worn on campus!

This, then, is an example of the stages through which a bill is enacted. In each stage, the student is represented, and in the final stage the students themselves take action.

Student Government can "... establish and maintain the high standards of intelligence, integrity, cooperation, and citizenship which are essential to the community life of the college," but only with the support of the student body.

Actors, Stagehands Produce Programs Of Dramatic Club

Wig and Candle is the dramatic club on campus which produces two three-act plays a year. It also sponsors Competitive Plays, the Fathers' Day Show, and the dramatic portion of Five Arts week-end.

The purpose of Wig and Candle is to provide entertainment through its productions, to provide relaxation from "studies" for those students who help produce the plays, and to give the student a chance to learn the different phases of production. The club itself, and most of its activities, are open to any student who is interested and willing to work.

Cooperative Production

The general scheme of the club is fairly simple. The plays are chosen and produced by the club under Miss Hazelwood's direction. Each spring, members of the club are chosen to head the various phases of production including properties, scenery, costumes, make-up, lights, publicity, and business management. Then those students interested, either club members or non-club members, assist the heads of the various productions in the completion of the production of the play, thus learning the ins and outs of play production.

Club membership is awarded to those who have earned a total of 20 points in any three fields—be it acting, make-up, or such jobs as ushering or placing posters. In this manner, the student learns more than one phase of the theater—almost an absolute necessity in a field where highest co-operation is needed for a successful and skilled performance.

Competitive Entertainment

But there are more opportunities offered than just the two Wig and Candle plays. Competitive Plays give each class a chance to try its hand at producing thirty minutes worth of play with no supervision. This is entertainment for the rest of the school, and a chance for the participants to learn everything from the ABC's of writing, to the ABC's of painting scenery and acting on a strictly competitive basis.

The Father's Day Show and the Five Arts drama also offer a similar opportunity, and are generally written by a CC student. The Father's Day Show has become a junior production, but the Five Arts Drama is open to the entire college. Thus even further creative talent is called forth. On these, too, any work done is included as points toward membership in Wig and Candle.

Although freshmen are ineligible to try out for parts in Wig and Candle's three-act fall production, they are encouraged to help with the production end of the play.

Bus Schedule

Buses leave the college: Williams street bus, on the west side of campus, opposite the main entrance by Harkness Chapel, at quarter of, and quarter past the hour. Mohegan Ave. bus, on the east side of campus, on the left corner of the driveway by Thames Hall, at five past, and twenty-five of the hour.

Buses leave for the college, on State street by the Victory Theater:

For the west side of campus, marked Norwich, via Conn. College, on the hour, and at half past the hour.

For the east side of campus, marked Conn. College and Scotch Cap Road, at quarter of, and quarter past the hour.

Proposed Rec Hall Will Include Gym, Alumnae Offices

In 1950, two students of the class of '52 had the dream of a recreation building which would serve as the main center outside of academic work. During the fall and winter months, they organized a Recreation Hall Committee, consisting of any students who were interested in working to raise money for this building.

It was felt that students should have a place and proper facilities for recreation, which the "temporary structure," called the gymnasium, does not afford.

As interest grew, so did ideas about what should be included in the building. Student government and alumnae offices and lounges, as well as the physical education facilities, would be put in. The name changed from Rec Hall Committee to a more inclusive one, Student-Alumnae Building Committee.

Fund-raising

The committee's projects to raise money have included furniture sales, a student-alumnae basketball game, and a student-faculty volleyball game.

Money was also received from the proceeds of last year's faculty show, and the New England College Song Fest, both held on Mid-winter Prom Weekend.

A pledge system has been set up, by which every student is asked to raise a certain amount of money to give to the Student-Alumnae Fund while she is at college.

The important basic foundation of the drive has been worked out by a relative few. Now it is up to the students, the alumnae, and the administration to work together and support the projects planned to raise money for the building.

Each Student Participates In Fellowship

Religious Fellowship is an interdenominational organization on campus. Every girl who enters Connecticut College automatically becomes a member. The aim of Fellowship is to have girls of all faiths working together to further religious interest during college life.

Religious Fellowship carries on its activities by means of two groups: a cabinet and council. The cabinet consists of all the officers of Fellowship, and meets twice a month.

The council is made up of cabinet members and one representative from each dormitory, and meets once a month.

During cabinet and council meetings, plans for religious activities are made, and suggestions for further work in the religious field are discussed. Each council member is responsible for reporting the activities of Fellowship to her dormitory after the meetings.

Dr. Laubenstein, Professor of Religion and college chapel director, is the faculty advisor for Fellowship. With his guidance and help, the work of the organization is carried on.

There are many activities in which Fellowship takes part, including: 20-minute daily chapel, Sunday Vesper services, open meetings, conferences with other colleges, interdenominational communion services, and Bible discussion groups.

Last year, Fellowship sponsored its first Religious Emphasis Weekend on campus, with several other colleges participating. This fall, on the weekend of October 25-26, Fellowship will sponsor a second conference for surrounding colleges. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Wayne Underhill from the University of Connecticut. The program for the conference will include an introductory talk, seminar discussions, and an informal gathering to become better acquainted with the visiting boys and girls.

Religious Fellowship extends a sincere welcome to all the freshmen, with the hope that everyone will enjoy and take part in the activities of this organization.

News Gives Weekly Report of Events

Each week, the CONNECTICUT COLLEGE NEWS, official campus newspaper puts out an issue acquainting students and faculty members with the events taking place on campus.

NEWS is distributed, free of charge, every Wednesday evening to all dormitories by the circulation staff. The publishing of the paper is done as an extra-curricular activity, and is in no way associated with the Department of English.

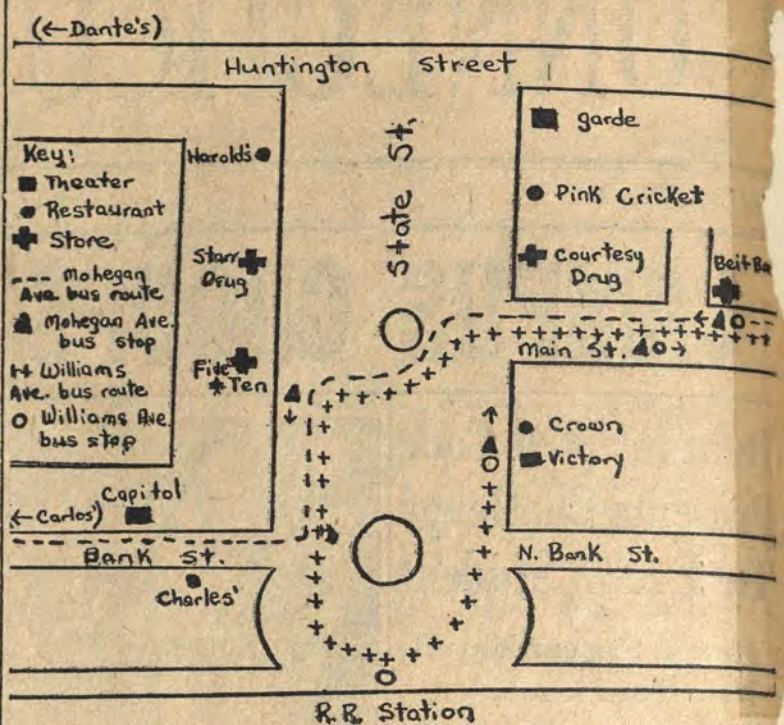
To publish a weekly paper is, of course, a major undertaking which requires a large staff. This staff is divided into three parts: business, circulation, and editorial.

For freshmen and transfers who are interested in journalism, there are vacancies in all three departments. Opportunities to become copy readers, reporters, or members of the advertising or circulation departments are many.

As there is no course in journalism offered at Connecticut College, the NEWS offers the only opportunity for students interested in this field to gain experience in the entire process of publishing a weekly newspaper.

At a date to be announced later, NEWS will hold an open house to which all freshmen and transfers are cordially invited. At this time, prospective members will be introduced to the staff and will receive information as to the process of becoming an accredited staff member.

AROUND THE TOWN



Map of downtown New London, showing only principal streets, some stores.

Places to eat:

- Within walking distance, on Williams street, past the rotary at the bottom of the hill.
- The College Diner (right side of street).
- The Campus Dairy (left side of street).
- Star Dairy (left side of street).
- Down-town (See map above).
- Charles', on Bank Street, (excellent hamburgers).

- Harold's, on State street.
- The Pink Cricket, on State Street (slightly more expensive).
- The Crown, on State Street, (good coffee).
- Italian Food**
- Carlos', on Bank Street, (good pizza)
- Dante's, on Truman Street, (wonderful spaghetti).

Press Board Sends News of CC Events To Local Papers

Press Board is the student organization assisting the head of the college publicity department. The aim of this group is to spread news of Connecticut College as far as possible.

To accomplish this, members of the board gather news of all student activities, and present it to communities beyond the confines of the campus through the New London Day, the newspapers of the cities and schools from which Connecticut College students have come, the faculties of the Associated Press, and over the radio.

New members of Press Board write notices to home-town papers, whenever students participate in college events. Older members serve as paid correspondents for papers in cities having large concentrations of girls here at the college.

At present, Press Board has correspondents for two Hartford papers, one New Haven paper, and for the New London Day.

Press Board's most valuable service is, perhaps, the excellent training it gives its members in the methods of news-gathering and news presentation. Because members write for city papers and the general public, they must observe the established rules followed by those papers.

A.A. Sponsors Many Clubs, Activities; Meets Thursdays

One of the questions most frequently asked by newcomers to college is, "How do I join the various clubs?" The Athletic Association has an easy answer to such a question. Every student at Connecticut is automatically a member of AA. How active a member is, is an individual matter.

There are many clubs under the sponsorship of AA. For example, there is Outing Club, which sponsors numerous outings during the year in conjunction with the outing clubs of various men's colleges. Proficiency in horsemanship gives students an opportunity to participate in Sabre and Spur, the college riding club. For sailing enthusiasts there is the Sailing Club.

During the year, class teams are formed on a competitive basis for such sports as hockey, soccer, speedball, volley ball, and basketball. AA also sponsors a number of individual sports, and conducts tournaments.

There will be an Open House at Buck Lodge in the college Arboretum on Saturday, September 27, to introduce the freshmen and transfers to AA. Plans for the year will be discussed at this time.

Everyone is welcome to attend AA meetings on Thursdays at 5 p.m. in Branford basement.

IRC Plans Will Include UN Weekend, Other Intercollegiate Conferences

International Relations Club is a club interested primarily in world affairs, and, of course, in the doings of the United Nations.

In the past, speakers have been invited to give informal talks on current issues. Foreign students have come for weekends, and, in turn, the members of IRC have been invited to visit numerous places: for example, the International House at Yale, and an evening of discussion and fun at Wesleyan.

This year, it is hoped that this exchange program will be continued.

IRC has also been active in community affairs. Joining forces with the League of Women Voters,

for example it has helped obtain signatures for such drives as the Crusade for Freedom.

But the biggest event for the club is the UN weekend at the end of March or the beginning of April. Distinguished speakers are invited to talk on important issues. Foreign and American students from neighboring colleges are also invited to attend these sessions. The weekend is crammed full with student panel discussions and informal get-togethers.

This year, in addition to all other activities, a trip to the UN is being planned, in conjunction with other colleges, and an IRC office is being organized in the Alumnae House.

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