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## C C GREET'S 'NEW FACES OF 1960'

### About Town, Around Campus? Let NEWS Be Your Compass!

Time for a break? Maybe not quite yet, but there soon will be . . . and to guide you through the New London maze, here are a few tips from some old pros . . .

First step is to open your C Book and look especially at page 38 . . . Information most reliable!

Before we tell you about off-campus opportunities, let's take a look at what's to do right on our own grounds. We hope you're not too calorie-conscious as the Snack Shop, located in the basement of East House, has all sorts of goodies to offer . . . sandwiches, sundaes and fruit, to name a few! You'll see many a "Kaffeeklatsch" there mid-afternoons and after library hours evenings. Your snacks can be supplemented in the morning by candy and cookies sold at the campus bookstore . . . and while we're on that topic, you'll find gifts and cards galore there!

#### Float Away Pounds

Now we have the calories on you! How about taking them off? We've already told you about AA and its activities . . . but a few more hints. Don't forget to send home for bathing suits (the Coast Guard academy pool is available) and for ice skates (the Arboretum pond freezes over). You can always go horseback riding, too, for a small fee. Buck Lodge in the Arboretum can be used for outings and picnics of all sorts after permission is obtained from the Information office in Fanning.

Turning to academics for a moment . . . Be sure to take note of library exhibits and art exhibitions in Fanning. The Lyman Allyn Museum, which is behind W.M.I., has many fine collections, and watch the News for notices of films to be shown there. Many well-known speakers can be heard at Convocation meetings held particularly throughout the year. And have you looked into the Connecticut College Concert Series? You'll also be hearing about String Quartets, soloists and student recitals in the near future. First-rate movies are shown on campus in Palmer Aud-

itorium almost every Saturday evening—and these, too, are for a nominal sum.

#### Cashing Checks

Now let's take a trip into the surrounding area. The Bursar's office in Fanning is open for cashing checks under twenty dollars at specified hours, but for larger denominations, there are many banks and drug stores downtown which will take care of you.

New London has a variety of accommodating shops . . . clothes-wise, eat-wise, furniture-wise, etc. State street, Main street and Bank street are all on the bus route. Check your dorm bulletin board for time schedules.

There are two movie theatres . . . The Garde is at the top of State street and the Capitol is on Bank street. Often, a Friday evening dinner downtown plus a flick makes for good informal fun.

#### Dinner Date??

As for what to do on dates . . . The Lighthouse is an elegant spot for dining and dancing. Ferry Tavern, close to twenty miles away along Route 1 in the direction of New Haven, is a superb place to eat. Tradewinds, Howard Johnson's, the Griswold Inn, Cotton's, and the Norwich Inn are a few other suggestions for tops in eating.

If it's pizza you're after, try Ferro's and Dante's downtown. Gilbert's and Harold's have excellent delicatessen food and there are innumerable places for sandwiches or hamburgers. Also, within walking distance on Williams street are the College Diner and Star Dairy. By the way, the latter as well as several other eating spots will deliver food to your dorm.

Wagon Wheel, Paula's and Mabley's are all popular for dancing. Or, if you have a date here in the afternoon, why not take him to Mystic Seaport? If you're feeling energetic you might even try the bowling alleys downtown or the roller skating rink in Groton.

How are these suggestions for a starter? Have we helped? Good fun and good eating to all of you!

### Coastie Reception Nautical But Nice Sets Sail Saturday

Attention, all freshmen! This Saturday evening at 8:30 is the time set for the traditional reception in Knowlton Salon with the cadets from the Coast Guard Academy. If you haven't already seen them, you will soon notice sign-up lists in your dorms requesting you to mark down your height—and, of course, confirmation that you will be able to attend. Betsy O'Brasky '57 and Fran Nolde '58, president and social chairman of Service League, hope to see everyone at the reception which they have planned.

#### SINGING AND SNACKS

Dancing is scheduled to last until 11:00 p.m. and there probably will be entertainment by a singing group along with refreshments. The snack shop will be open until midnight for all those who are interested in going.

Some last minute hints . . . The girls usually wear casual date dresses, the cadets will arrive at the dorms to escort the freshmen to the dance, and dates will be selected by the traditional method of drawing a piece of jewelry from a hat and matching it up with the girl to whom it belongs. Betsy has requested that no names be withdrawn from the list at the last minute as plans for the correct number of cadets will have been made in advance. Mostly fourth-classmen will come, but word has it directly from the horse's mouth that the house juniors, who also will be at the dance, will be very generous with their upper classmen dates!

### Press Board Needs Reporters to Cover College Activities

Graduation has left many places in Press Board for incoming freshmen, transfers and upperclassmen. Press Board, the official campus news agency, acts like AP, UP, and INS, in that it spreads news throughout the country. The organization is responsible for making Connecticut College known and respected.

There are no try-outs. Press Board seeks those who want to test their writing skills in actual stories written for leading newspapers all over the nation. Members serve apprenticeships as reporters, writing news of activities on campus. After gaining this necessary experience, they become correspondents on the pay-rolls of city newspapers, with responsibility to the editors.

There are vacancies in other jobs also. Press Board seeks qualified photographers who have their own press cameras, and historians also are needed for the group. No matter what your skill (or lack of it!), there is a job for you—some with pay—on Press Board.

Tortie Dunlap '57 is chairman, with headquarters in the Publicity Office, Fanning 114. Everyone interested is welcome.

### Upperclassmen Meet Frosh as Registration Begins Today

#### REMEMBER NEWS TRYOUTS!!

News welcomes you to annual staff tryouts Wednesday evening, September 26, 7:00. News Office, Plant.

### Boat Ride, Hockey Saturday to Open Busy A A Program

One of the questions most frequently asked by newcomers to Connecticut College is, "How do I join the various clubs?" The Athletic Association has a simple answer to this query . . . Every student is automatically a member of AA. How active a member is, however, is an individual matter.

In the next few weeks, there will be many activities sponsored by AA and there will be innumerable opportunities for "Amazons" as well as interested but not-so-athletic freshmen to join clubs and teams.

A get-acquainted boat ride beginning at 5:45 this Saturday tops the list. Aside from getting a view of the New London harbor, freshmen will be treated to supper afloat. A new event at the college, this will be sponsored by AA, Service League and the Outing Club this year. On the same day at 2:00 p.m. there will be informal hockey games for the freshmen. Watch the bulletin boards in the gym for details concerning this.

Try-outs for the class hockey and speedball clubs will begin sometime during the week of September 24 . . . and remember . . . interest counts as much as skill, so do try out! A tennis tournament for freshmen, an all-college tennis tournament, and meetings of the riding, sailing, dance and outings clubs are also in the offing.

#### Activities Vary

Soon, AA will be making plans for a huge and gala Halloween party and also for a weekend canoe trip with other colleges (some will be male!) in upper New York State. Inter-class competition in hockey and speedball will be underway soon too.

If you feel a bit independent and have the time for a little invigorating fun, why not sign up for a bicycle on the list which you'll find at the desk in East House? You can find other athletic equipment in the gym. Many activities will be cropping up from time to time during the fall, so keep your ears and eyes open for posters and scheduled events.

The Athletic Association, headed by Nancy Stevens '57, is for all the students and is financially supported by money from the Blanket Tax which all of us have paid, so it is only logical that it will provide exactly what we want. If it doesn't, AA welcomes all of your suggestions. Each dorm will soon elect an AA representative and you can give her suggestions. Anyway, to keep your girlish figure and to clear your muddled brain, join activities and clubs, won't you?

Two hundred and sixty freshmen, representing twenty-seven states, the District of Columbia, Canada, Europe, and South America, entered Connecticut College Sunday for their official introduction to campus life.

The arrival of upperclassmen for registration today precedes the official opening of the academic year tomorrow morning when President Park will preside at the first all-college assembly in Palmer Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. Classes will commence immediately following the assembly.

#### 1100 Applicants

Dr. Robert Cobbledick, director of admissions, stated that the number of applicants for admission into the Freshman Class numbered approximately eleven hundred. A number of the new students carry a family tradition with them since eleven are daughters of Connecticut College alumnae and thirteen have sisters who have preceded them here. In addition to the freshmen, the student body now includes eighteen transfers and five foreign students, representing Brazil, Denmark, Greece, and Sweden.

The territorial distribution of new students from the United States reveals that New York takes first place with sixty-four girls, followed by the Connecticut contingent of forty-four freshmen. Massachusetts and New Jersey tie at third place, each having twenty-eight girls represented among the student body.

#### Varied Preparation

The freshmen have varied educational backgrounds in accordance with the policy of the college concerning admittance of students. The public schools have a 46.5 percentage followed closely by the independent or preparatory school percentage of 45. There are 8.5 per cent of students whose education to this point includes both public and independent schools.

Scholarships averaging twelve hundred dollars each have been awarded to twenty-five members of the Freshman Class. In addition to the scholarships, many students will find campus jobs available which will enable them to earn money while carrying on their studies.

Studying abroad during the junior year is an opportunity of which students at Connecticut College are able to take advantage. Having completed a year of study in either France or Scotland, five girls will return to Connecticut to complete their senior years.

#### Amalgo

The first Amalgo meeting will be held in Palmer Auditorium Tuesday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. All students are required to attend. Aside from the regular agenda, the classes will sing their respective songs. This Amalgo will give the freshmen the opportunity to see Student Government in operation.

### Events Calendar

#### Wednesday, September 19

Tryouts for Choir . . . Chapel, 4:15-5:45 p.m.  
Freshman Skits . . . Gym, 8:00 p.m.

#### Monday, September 24

Assembly Speaker:  
Dr. James Baird . . . Palmer Auditorium, 10:05 a.m.  
Tryouts for Choir . . . Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, September 25

Yacht Club Meeting . . . New London 113, 4:20 p.m.  
Radio Club Meeting . . . Radio Room, 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, September 26

News Meeting for Freshmen and Upper  
Classmen . . . News Room, Plant Basement, 7:00 p.m.  
Freshman Recital . . . Holmes Hall, 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, September 27

Tryouts for Choir . . . Chapel, 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Religious Fellowship Program . . . Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

#### Friday, September 28

Blazer Sale . . . Men's Lounge, 1st Floor Fanning, All Day

#### Saturday, September 29

Movie: "Brandy for the Parson" . . . Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.



## Here's to You!

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! "What?" you ask. "Do I hear that again?" . . . "Yes," we answer. "We of the *News* are here to greet you too." As disseminators of what's doing, where it's doing and how it's doing on this campus and elsewhere, we aim to keep you informed of interesting news to Connecticut Collegians. Possibly, as you read this Freshman edition, you are musing that this is the first chance you have had to sit down and relax for a minute. And now, as classes ensue and activities get underway, there may be an even greater rush . . . of excitement, adjustment, and new experiences.

Since it is the prerogative of an editorial writer to be biased and even a bit presumptuous, we will take advantage of our position and tell you in all honesty that we KNOW you're going to like it . . . to love it!

We are excited about this year for many reasons—intellectual, academic, extra-curricular and the pleasure of old faces and new among faculty and students. Does this whet your appetite? It does ours!

And as editors of the *News*, we feel still another kind of excitement—that of having a fresh start with many of you newcomers to help us. We have many ideas for the paper this year but, in order to make them succeed, we want and need you. A literary supplement is one of the endeavors about which you will be hearing a great deal in the immediate future. For this and for our weekly editions of the newspaper, we certainly will welcome all your suggestions and contributions. An open meeting will be held Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the *News* room in Plant basement for all those who are interested in reportorial, literary, advertising or circulation work. Interest is the only prerequisite . . . no talent necessary!

And before we sign off . . . from all of us to all of you . . . the very best of luck!—EGD

## Freshmen to Sing at Sunday Vespers; Choir Tryouts Begin This Afternoon

A freshman choir of freshmen and transfers will sing at our first vespers, September 23, having one rehearsal on Friday, September 21. This group is a temporary organization which performs only on this Sunday and is not to be confused with the Freshman Chorus which will be directed by Nancy Kushlan '59. Under Nancy's leadership, it is hoped that this group will receive training and experience which will qualify its members for eventual membership in the College Choir. Performances of secular music will be given according to this group's achievement.

Tryouts for Connecticut College Choir and Freshman Chorus will be given Wednesday, September 19, from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m., and Monday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. in Harkness Chapel basement.

The most significant endeavor of the Connecticut College Choir will be the presentation in the spring of Bach's B minor Mass. This magnificent work will be performed in cooperation with the tenors and basses of the Yale University Glee Club at both New Haven and New London. Previous to this performance will be a concert in Riverdale, Connecticut, for the Western Fairfield Alumnae

Association on November 9. The choir will present a mixed program of sacred music, and the Shwiffs and Conn Chords will sing selections from their varied repertoire. Choir members also enjoy active participation in the traditional Christmas pageant and are responsible for the sacred music at Sunday Vespers.

### Blazer Sale

Orders for Connecticut College blazers will be taken Friday, September 28, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Men's Lounge on the first floor of Fanning.

Proceeds of the sale will go to the Student Alumnae Building Fund and will be used for the proposed Rec Hall which all of us are anxious to see built. Watch the bulletin boards in Fanning for further announcements.

The style of the blazer which is already worn by many upperclassmen may be described as casual and wearable for all informal activities. A white jacket outlined in dark blue, the blazer displays a Conn. College seal on the pocket.

## Don't Snub a Club!

Are you anxious to find out  
What clubs here are all about?  
To meet the "peeps" in other dorms?  
To join in fun of varied forms?  
Then I have a word for you . . .

Off hand, I can think of twenty-five  
Activities into which you can dive.  
They cover a range of tremendous proportions  
From language endeavors to athletic contortions.

Early each month on every bulletin board  
Are listed events to be aimed toward.  
Each club welcomes freshmen right away.  
Look for the time and JOIN . . . it will pay!

Make a survey of clubs that interest you,  
And join the few that best will do.  
Remember! — through these doings you will enjoy  
The friends and ideas with which we toy.

If any questions rise high in your mind,  
Answers Interclub Council will try to find.  
I'll see you at meetings tomorrow night,  
Learn the rest there and start out right.

Sade Greene,  
President, Interclub Council

## Happy Highlights

# And What of Things to Come?

What really makes a college tick? Think for a moment! Maybe your answer does not agree with ours, but here is what we think . . . a healthy mixture of one measure of interest plus one measure of cooperation and a dash of creativity . . . and this stirred by faculty, administration, and students alike.

Let's take a look at reality and implement our definition as it applies to this college and, in particular, what it has to offer this year.

Mascot Hunt tops the year in points of time and excitement. As for mystery and sleuthing, you'll have your fill. The Sophomore and Junior classes carry out this tradition, but we all will be wondering . . . Where is the mascot hidden? Who is on the secret committees? Who is hiding behind the weird mask? Have we got you baffled? Oh well, wait and see . . . October 1 is not far off.

## Wig & Candle Scouts Talent; Take Your Cue

"Every play is a living dream: your dream, my dream—" In its productions Wig and Candle tries to offer every girl who is interested in dramatics an opportunity to work toward the creation of her own particular dream. Besides producing two three-act plays a year, under Miss Hazlewood's direction, the members also run the dramatic end of Five Arts Weekend, Criticism meetings to discuss and analyze Competitive Plays, and occasional one-act plays staged for various alumnae groups. To Father's Day Show, Senior Melodrama, and Compet Plays, Wig and Candle contributes a type of support which is invariably received with the warmest enthusiasm. The club also aids in the production of Christmas Pageant, and helps stage that revelation of what lurks behind behind our professor's grey-flannelled exteriors, the Faculty Show.

On Tuesday evening, October 2, Wig and Candle will hold an Open House to initiate freshmen and all interested upperclassmen into the carefully-guarded mysteries of the costume-room, scenery-painting frame, and lighting switchboard. There, the eager young stagehand will learn that phrases such as "watch those Strips!" do not always mean what she might suspect. In this case, it is an abbreviated (and perfectly respectable) way of saying "dim the border lights." You most decidedly do not have to be Sarah Bernhardt to join in the fun of working with Wig and Candle and its varied productions. Any girl who has ever wondered what really makes the lightning storm outside the stage set window, or who has ever felt a strangely pleasant thrill at the musty smell of a costume closet, will feel very much at home in the workshop. Somehow there is nothing more personally satisfying than seeing the birth of a play for whose production you have covered your favorite bermudas with spatter-paint, and your favorite face with stage makeup.

If the walls of Palmer Auditorium could speak, they would tell you about the thrilling performances of symphony orchestras, famous dramatics groups, soloists, stimulating lectures, and the countless number of artistic performers whom we are privileged to have at Connecticut. We'll highlight just a few of the coming attractions.

The renowned poet Stephen Spender will take the rostrum for the first Convocation lecture Tuesday evening October 16. The next evening, the Juilliard String Quartet will appear on stage. A speaker of great intellectual quality will present the Lawrence Memorial lecture in Tuesday of the next week.

Play Production and Wig and Candle both present as professional amateur productions as you will see on any campus. Probably one of the most popular events here is the Compet Play contest. "Watch that prop, move those sets, raise those lights," . . . all this activity can be found on stage and back stage as the classes hurry to meet performance deadlines.

The Christmas Pageant displays a unique amount of creative achievement among both the faculty and the students. Behind the footlights a world of spiritual awe comes to life with an original play plus music provided by the

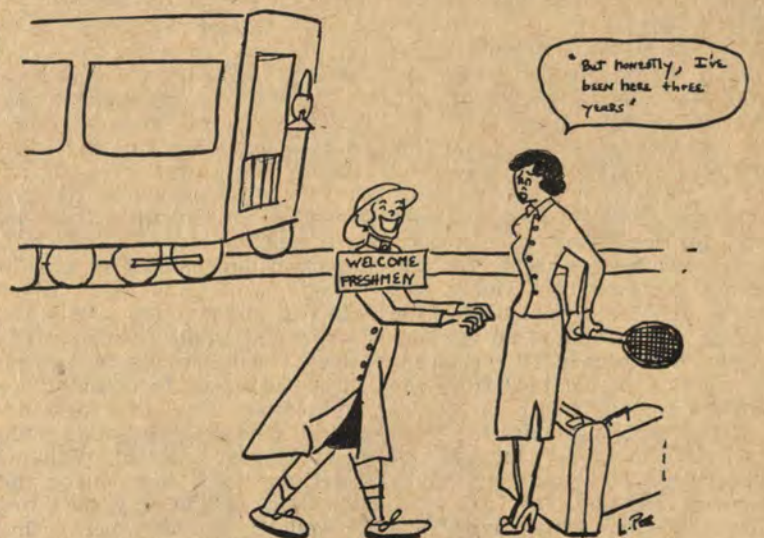
choir. The traditional carolling after the Pageant sends us on our vacations with the warm feeling of the Christmas holiday season.

A glance at the musical realm reveals that the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Symphony Orchestra are among the outstanding offerings this year. The Ballet Theatre and the Amato Opera Theatre both will be seen on campus. Maybe hunting up that "notorious" white dress is a chore, but when you see and hear what you have done for the Compet Sing performance, there will be nothing but satisfaction . . . Harmony topped with a silver cup!

Our awareness of the contemporary international situation is sharpened during UN Weekend which is held on campus early in March. Outside speakers and student participants combine to make an enlightening and an active weekend.

With May comes Father's Day . . . P.S. Mothers are invited too! Baseball games, receptions with the faculty and the administration, and the banquet exclusively for dads . . . these all preface the Junior Show, a feature of fun, farce, and frolic!

We have sketched just a few of the attractive offerings for this year. It's our cup of tea. We hope it's yours!



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