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Welcome Class of 1962

## Honor Code Commits Students I.C.C. Bazaar In Our Collective Strength **Implies Dual Responsibility**

### by Peg Brown

**Chief Justice of Honor Court** 

Let us look at two words for a minute, the words Honor System. First, Honor, one of the highest qualities in man, comprised of all that which he believes right and good, of all that which he looks good, of an that which he tooks up to, respects, and strives to up-hold and support. A man will speak for his honor, he will stand for it, he will fight for it; it is one thing which he will not allow to be offended. And then we see the word System, for the honor of in-dividual men has been collected and organized to form a single code of honor for a group, a complex whole. Men agree upon that which they regard as honorable, and together they strive against all that which would tend to destroy it. So can we better understand the intrinsic significance of the words Honor System in the collective life of a group of individuals.

Now let us look more closely at the Honor System as it has been created and established at Connecticut College. Here again we detect the importance of the personal honor of each individual girl and the equal importance of the honor of the group as a single whole which everyone, work-ing in suport of the Honor System, strives to uphold. You have already noticed, we hope, that our Honor Code indicates a two-fold responsibility for each girl. The first of these states that a girl should report herself to Honor Court when she has committed an infraction of any one of the rules of the college, social or academic. This is an entirely personal matter, involving only the girl and her personal sense of honor. 'Her second responsi-bility under the Code is directed

## To Speak Sunday admirable effectiveness during it is your introduction to campus this year. At Vesper Service

The Reverend Gordon Pitts Wiles will speak at the Vesper Service on Sunday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Harkness Chapel. An Associate Professor of Reli-

primarily at the maintenance of the group's honor. This states that one girl is to admonish another whom she realizes has committed an offense; this is her duty in striving to maintain a more perfectly working system. She is not asked to "tattle" on her; that would be acting without her knowledge, implying a sense of mistrust of that girl's own integ-rity. Rather, she is asked to speak to the offender and to try to make her aware that she is being detrimental to the honor of the group. Thus our two words, Honor System, imply both personal and group honor when applied to the life and organization at Connecticut College.

Finally, let us look at the me-chanical workings of the Honor Court itself. A girl may report an offense to the Court either by speaking to the Chief Justice or by writing a note explaining her offense and putting it in the Chief Justice's box in Fanning. The Chief Justice in turn explains the case to the Court, never revealing the name of the girl involved. In this way the Court may decide the case impartially, and an offender need never hesitate to report herself for fear of what members of the Court may think of her. The Court meets once a week, and notifications of its decisions are sent through campus mail immediately after this meeting. If a girl does not understand a penalty given to her, or if she disagrees with the decision. She may talk to the Chief Justice and appeal her case for a redecision. The Honor Court works towards College's rules, the correction of any infractions of its standards, and the education of those who do not completely understand a given penalty.

So this is the Honor System of Connecticut College. We all hope

## **Campus** Clubs

### by Carolyn Keefe **President of I.C.C.**

Heigh-Ho- Come to the Bazaar-On Sunday, September twentyfirst, from two to five o'clock, Ingala bazaar. All the clubs have arranged colorful booths to attract your eye, and they are ready you. What an easy way to discover all the campus clubs and their activities for the year. All you have to do is go to the gymnasium, leisurely walk around, ask questions where you wish, and collect literature about the clubs which you like the most. If you are interested in their "wares," the presidents will get in touch with you for their first meetings.

Look for the signs indicating the Athletic, Music, Science, Literature and Language booths, because these five big groups include most of Connecticut's clubs. There are, however, fascinating club booths standing alone, such ice League, Radio Club and In-ternational Relations — Political Forum Clubs.

### Don't Vegetate

All these clubs want you in their membership. It will be dif-ficult for you to choose only one or two activities. But choose you must! Why? Because Connectithe maintenance of Connecticut cut College will mean more to you if you give some of your time, interest and ability to its or-ganizations as well as taking all the knowledge it offers you. You then will be more well-rounded and happy, and you will feel like a real part of Connecticut Col-Rev. Gordon Wiles for its smooth functioning and lege. So don't forget this Bazaar.

# To Show Frosh Lies Our Individual Freedom

by Emily Hodge President of Student Govt. free.' this, or a similar quotation, printed on a billboard or written in a magazine or book. It is an cause each student is so very valextremely short sentence but has uable to our government, her a wonderfully great and powerter-Club Council is sponsoring a ful meaning. The creator of this phrase did not mean to imply a capacity for physical endurance or exertion in the use of the word "strong," but rather to express to impart much information to the importance of the possession of a moral and intellectual strength. More explicitly, he suggests that those people shall re main free who have, as their chief attributes, integrity, citi-zenship, co-operation and the ability to accept and respect responsibility.

At Connecticut, we are fortunate in having an extremely democratic form of government. We are all relatively "free." It is true there exists a very definite interdependence among us; but this is true of any community where rules and regulations become necessary for the maintenance of safety, both for the individual and the group. The opportunity to as Religious Fellowship, Wig and decide upon these rules and to Candle (our dramatic club), Serv- govern our college with intelligence and sound judgment has been invested in the student body by the faculty and administra-The maintenance of this tion.

freedom and of the form of gov ernment we now possess depends upon the responsibility and interest taken by each student. We must remain "strong." Apathy and indifference are merely feeble excuses for a lack of responsibility and interest.

But individual strength is not enough. Unity is also all-import-ant. An awareness of our basic ideals and purpose is essential. Together, we must clarify and investigate; make changes neces-sary and strengthen ideals al-ready established. Once a month the entire stu-

dent government congregates in the Auditorium for an Amalga-"Only the very strong remain mation meeting. During this time How often have we seen important announcements are cause each student is so very valpresence at these meetings is allimportant. But participation in every factor of our government is necessary. Attendance at house and class meetings, interest in the branches of student government, and the honest expression of ideas and suggestions are so valuable to the "strength" of our college community. Each student must take an active part if we plan to maintain this privilege of freedom and self-government.

## **Chapel Notes**

A special chapel service will be held on Friday evening, Septem-ber 19 at 7:00 o'clock in Harkness. All freshmen, foreign and transfer students are invited to attend this service of "Introduc-tion to the Chapel." The partici-pants in this service are The Rev. Mr. Wiles, Anne Warner, presi-dent of Religious Fellowship and Edith Chase, Chairman of Chapel Activities. Nancy Savin '59 will sing a solo accompanied by Mr. Quimby at the organ.

The Religious Fellowship will provide buses on Sunday, September 21 for freshmen, foreign students and transfers wishing to attend any of the churches in the New London vicinity. These buses will be provided only this Sunday and will leave from Fanning promptly at 10:30 a.m. In order to assure your ride, be a few min-utes early. Religious Fellowship Cabinet members and several other upperclassmen will escort students to churches of the fol-lowing denominations: First Congregational, Second Congrega-tional, Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Unitarian, Episcopal, Luth-eran and Christian Science.

Students will be advised that Chapel is held at the following

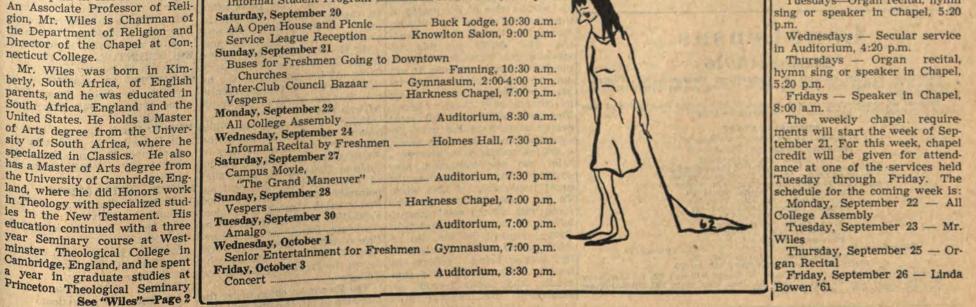
times and places: Mondays—Silent Meditation in Chapel, 8:00 a.m.

Tuesdays-Organ recital, hymn sing or speaker in Chapel, 5:20

Friday, September 19 Introduction to the Chapel \_\_\_\_\_ Harkness Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

### **Calendar** of Events

Informal Student Program ....... Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.



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## The Shattered Castle

If it is a crime to be a builder of castles in the air, then most of us must plead guilty. But it is not a crime, it is only a very painful occupation. For nothing exists in the way in which we envision it in our dreams and hopes. Inevitably the idealisms which we hold become destroyed by realities of a far different nature. The castles which we build turn out to be ordinary dwellings which fall way short of our pre-conceived notions. So many things which we await with eager anticipation turn out very differently from what we expected, and the destruction of our idealism is accompanied by grave disappointment. This is what happens during one's first year at college.

Connecticut is not a castle in the air. It is a community composed of various types of structures. It looks beautiful on a clear, sunny day, but it can look almost ugly in the rain. One does not always receive the high grades one did in high school, and one finds that there is more competition for spots in the sun. There are not thousands of members of the opposite sex constantly swarming the campus and banging on the doors. Everyone does not love everyone else, and it is not one big happy family. Such an existence is possible only in the realm of idealism; it is never the reality.

It is a great shock to discover that college is not all the things we thought it would be. Everyone talks about the great "adjustment" one must make upon entering college. Perhaps the greatest part of this phenomenon is that of adjusting to the gap which exists between the idealism and the reality of college life. This is a difficult thing to do and is not accomplished without a great deal of effort. Many students can never make this adjustment and so leave college because their illusions about it were destroyed, and they never replaced them with anything else.

There is no formula to which one can adhere in order to make this adjustment. The idealism will be shattered, but one cannot bemoan the broken pieces. Instead one must sweep them away and begin to discover what college is in reality. It is only when we can stop comparing everything with the castle in the air which we have built, that we can come to know and love our college. It isn't what we thought it would be, it's what it is, and this is something real and lasting Connecticut has so much to offer and so much to be loved, but these things can never be discovered if it must constantly suffer a comparison to the idealism of it which we have built. Let the castle be destroyed. It will hurt, but not to much when we can be assured that something real and good will stand in its place .-- C. N.

## **Racing With the Clock**

The time is 10:45 p.m. It's Wed- | Williams this weekend? I want to nesday, any Wednesday. The place is Plant basement. There The find someone to share a cab." "No panic. We've got ten minare six people present, all others utes."

and the remaining two are pacing

the floor. The situation-15 min-

utes in which to wrap up another issue of ConnCensus. This entails

typing the end of one story, writ-

ing two headlines, filling up two

inches of empty space, gathering

things together and racing back

to the dorm. "What's a longer way of saying

"Who's got a cigarette?" "I can't read this person's write

"How about to highlight? Oh,

"Someone think of something

no, we've already used that in this issue."

for me to say in two inches." "The milk machine is empty

ing. It looks like sanskrit."

again." "What time is it?"

to feature?"

two inches.

have departed earlier. One is bent "Put those things in the envelope." "Wait, you forgot the ads." over a table, two are seated at typewriters, one at a long table

"Wait a minute, I forgot to write the caption for the cartoon.'

Someone gathers up the envelopes, and the six figures dash up the stairs and race down the hall. Somehow, everything has gotten done and with five minutes to spare. And to compensate for the

jitters of the last minute rushing, these girls experience a feeling of real accomplishment. They have given birth to a living thing; they have given a unique personality to scattered pieces of news. Be-side this, they have had the joy of fellowship, of working with others toward the achievement of a set goal. Below are the people who share both the jitters and the rewards of working on the staff of ConnCensus. In their

"Can't we just put 'Watch this space, it's moved'? That'd fill up hands is the development of the personality of the newspaper. There's always room for more-"Do you know anyone going to interested?

Shopping Around Hello, it's me, Eloise. I abso-beaucoup of flying I do during shoes, this time in size eight for the fall. I fly absolutely partout, hutely love to go downtown and which is home for Thanksgiving. Shoes, this time in size eight for pagallo's, but I always hur Pop.

do a petit of purchasing. When I get off the bus I go by these lovely little grocery stores. The owners leave some kinds of fruit sitting on the sidewalk so I usually do a petit of tasting as I pass. I go up State Street which runs from the railroad station up the hill to the white colonial house at the top. First I drop in at Carwin's to look at shoes in size three for my mother. They have colored stockings too. I usually buy two pairs-one blue to pretend my legs were in ice and a red pair to pretend I stepped in a Drug store to cash a check and regardez all the things they have maite one beautiful. I don't buy any, though, because pretty is as pretty does. That's what Nanny says, and she ought to know for Lord's sake. I go into Kaplans and whisk past the luggage and jewelry right to the travel bureau. I have to make reservations early for all the

### **College Students** Serve Community **At Learned House** by Melinda Vail

Head of Learned House Program Learned House, located on Main Street in New London, was first started in 1859 as a mission house for sailors and vagrants The town took the responsibility of caring for these people, both physically and spiritually. Then gradually the mission began to specialize in working with children. At first, the work was mostly of a religious nature, with hymn sings and religious 'lessons" much like the contem porary Sunday School system. Eventually, the scope was broad ened to the present program which includes music lessons sewing, cooking, dramatics, arts and crafts, and games of all kinds. Now, the whole program is run by the students of Connecticut College, and its success is completely dependent on their participation and supervision.

The children range in age from four to sixteen. They come to Learned House in the afternoon after school and can stay until early evening. The purpose of Learned House is to give these children a place to go and something to do during their free hours. This can be an important factor in combatting juvenile delinquency and also in making these children better people and better citizens.

As far back as 1925, Connecticut College girls were volunteerperhaps will give you, the class was not until three years after

which is home for Thanksgiving. Next I stop in at the Picadilly for something yummy to eat and also to play the juke box. Then I pop into Gorra's to buy something tweedy—a shetland or a shirt that buttons down. They have piles of simply chic bermudas, but I ate so much I can't fit in them. This makes me tres triste, so I hasten up and around



### Charge it, please.

the corner to the Holly House. ] buy a huge ice cream cone and this takes rawther a long time because they have so many kinds to choose from. I saw that there was a good movie at the Garde, but oh my Lord I have too many things to do. I cross the street and start down the other side. I pop into Berwalds to look at



in the United States.

Mr. Wiles began his ministry in the Presbyterian Church of England at Manchester. Then he returned to South Africa where he became active in the Student Christian Movement. For three years he held the position of Secretary in this organization. The Alice and Fort Beaufort Presby terian Church of South Africa was his next post.

During the second World War, Mr. Wiles served as Chaplain with the South African army. He was wounded and captured in North Africa by Rommel's Panzer Division and was held captive in Italy for two years. He escaped from ing their services at Learned prison camp and hid for nearly a House. This is quite a record and year behind the German lines. It

emoiselle's because that's what I am for Lord's sake. I saunter into Bernards, one has to be raw. ther sophisticated to go there and look through the Lanzes and things. The woman says I look adorable in everything I try onyou would too. Next I drop into Montgomery Ward and get a pair sneakers for Skipperdee. of

Kresge's has beaucoup of aisles, and I love to whisk up and down them picking up a petit of this and that. I leave off some film at the Starr drug store and tell them a little something to send up to my dorm. I sweep through the glitter of jewels in Mallove's and go into the back. I select several records and listen to them. Then I go into the House of Cards which is absolutely gauche because anyone can see it's made of wood for Lord's sake. I go to the back where they have beaucoup of cards that are tres amusant, which is hysterical. I usually spend an hour there, looking at every one and laughing. I don't buy any because if I sent them, I wouldn't have any friends.

Actually, I'm rawther tired tired tired, but I haven't been on Bank street yet, so I turn right at the street before the railroad station. I stop at the Sky Lark for coffee and look at the posters outside the Capital Theater. I duck into Nick's which is what one has to do because it's tres petit, but they have big grinders which are bon. I order another one to be sent to me later at school. I skip down Bank Street until I come to the square with the statue. I say bonjour to Christopher Columbus—he discovered us you know—and whisk into Dante's for a pizza. Then I stop in at the Corral to order one for later on to be sent up.

There are lots of places to buy furniture et all, but I'm waiting until next week to buy mine at the Rec Hall furniture sale. I'm using orange crates until thenyou should too. I make sure to ask the bus driver if his bus goes by the college. I didn't use to ask and I've had three trips to the other side of the river. Oh I absolutely amour to go shopping in New London. You will too. Just pop in any place and regar-dez around. Then when you see something you like, just tell them to charge it please and thank you very much.



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