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Student Government Success Depends on Campus' Support

Government is familiar to all of us, and yet many attitudes and interpretations would result if we were to define what we mean by government and what we expect from it. Student Government is the government in which you will be participating most directly during your years at Conn.; perhaps it will be easier to come to a common interpretation of this government through a general understanding of its purpose and its aims—an understanding of why it is here and what it is doing.

As is stated in the matriculation section of the "C" Book, Student Government has been entrusted with maintaining a well-organized and responsible community. However, if this community is to be both well-organized and responsible, each individual must respect the principles and the goals of the group as a whole, and each must do her part in helping to maintain them. Government, then, embodies not only direction and cooperation, but also restraint and limitation. In order to maintain and to assure the continued existence of such a community, it is necessary to have a governing framework consisting of certain rules and regulations. At first, the rules which make up this framework may seem unnecessarily strict and burdensome to the memory, but soon, after living within them, it becomes evident that they are reasonable and not merely rules for the sake of rules—and also becomes evident that the primary function of Student Government is not to serve as a restrictive body.

Student Government, in attempting to uphold high standards and to represent all of the students to the fullest possible extent, gives the students a common voice and a channel for expression of student opinion, in addition to providing a unity and a liaison between different elements of the college community. House Meetings, Cabinet Meetings, and Amalgo provide convenient opportunities for ideas and criticisms to be made known and to be discussed and also provide an opportunity for any student to speak out, to question, and to contribute to the College's operations and goals. Student

Government provides the structure within which, through a spirit of mutual co-operation, it is possible to participate and to work together toward the fulfillment of common ends.

In working toward these common ends, the greatest emphasis is placed upon the responsibility of the individual through the honor system. Under this code of honor, the student is obliged to assume what has been referred to as a responsible freedom. Without responsible freedom, and without pride, respect, and each member's awareness of the community's obligations, the honor system becomes worthless. However, even when all of these are present, no one pretends that our system is infallible. Rather, we strive to improve it and to make it as good and as effective as possible.

Student Government will be valuable only as long as its standards are actively accepted and will be meaningful only as long as it has the confidence of its participants, all of you. The strength and power to act and to accomplish comes from your interest and your response. Now, with an enrollment which is continually expanding, in order to maintain a responsible and well-organized, community, and in order to realize the responsibilities and the rights of each student while at the same time preserving close contact among them, your participation is more than ever needed. Although the areas of college life which come under the jurisdiction of Student Government and with which it is concerned have broadened, this particular government is one which is only able to work for the students by working with them. It is of, by, and for the students; Student Government is the student body.

Lonnie Jones '63

Reminder

Mr. William Meredith
"Readings from Four Modern Poets"

Friday 7:00 p.m.
Palmer Auditorium

Law: Discipline of The Individual in Society

As Mr. Crantz pointed out in his speech on Sunday, our contemporary Western society is by no means a simple one. The one, eternal, holy order of Sparta has been replaced by a secular, relative society which exists to avoid the natural evils and to achieve the natural goods of men. Our society has become a means for the individual to find serious purpose and self-fulfillment; it provides an area for human freedom. Law, operating as a rule of action in society, helps to provide this freedom for all individuals, giving each man an equal opportunity to think, act, and judge for himself.

Law acts to prevent one's own aggressiveness and to protect one against the aggressiveness of others. According to Raynard West, an individual has two selves: a socially-co-operative self, governed by a social instinct, and a socially-hostile self, governed by an aggressive, self-assertive instinct. Every individual accepts a proportion of each instinct as he thinks appropriate for himself. Although he can set a desirable balance between his demands and the demands of society, he is weak and sometimes liable to allow his own interests to predominate over the interests of others. The law, established through social habit and custom, provides an external means of maintaining a balance between what the individual desires on one hand, and what society demands on the other. Organizational rules are essential to

the peaceful existence of any group. To reap the rewards of group living one should be willing to cooperate with the demands of the group. It is a simple process of give and take . . . a continual pushing and pulling between individual and group.

It is important to understand law, however, not only as members of a society, but also as individuals. The primary function of law is not just to perpetuate order; it is also a channel for self-discipline and self-reliance. At first, external discipline works to make one more sensitive to the limits of his own environment. For instance, when an individual oversteps his own freedom and infringes on the rights of another, the law operates to show him the consequences of his action, in addition to protecting the rights of the offended. A conscientious person is then able to see himself in perspective with others. He can define the limits of his own freedom as determined by the rights of others and by his position as a member of a social group. Law operates not to deprive one of individuality by making one conform to certain regulations merely for the sake of conformity or for order alone. It is rather an indispensable aid to self-discipline and self-reliance. It enables us to "think, live and act from a fully serious trust in reason."*

*From speech by Mr. Crantz, Sunday, Sept. 15, 1962.

Carolyn Boyan '63

'House' Requests Student Opinions

The essence of political process is that it is a process, involving change within some recognized pattern. Process does not necessarily mean progress, but for a successful government, it is vital. Constructive and meaningful change keeps a government alive and responsive to the needs of the people it serves. But the government is, in large part, dependent on the people for ideas and suggestions.

At Connecticut, ideas, suggestions, and criticisms can be heard through many channels. The House of Representatives is comprised of the eighteen House Presidents who are in a position

to know, at first hand, the ideas of the girls in their dorms. Each Representative brings the ideas to the House where they are discussed and passed on to Cabinet, to the Administration, and, in Amalgo, to the student body as a whole. Thus the House of Representatives is a most important instrument of progress in the political process at Conn.

Every House President needs and deserves the support of all the girls in her dorm. Every girl in the dorms stands to benefit by hearing what the President has to say and by working with her to make dorm and campus life pleasant and comfortable.

Flora Barth

Take A Giant Step . . .

Youth traditionally scoffs whatever it considers time-worn and old fashioned. We listen to the inevitable about-to-leave-for-college advice with scepticism and impatience and feel secure in our own self-contrived dreams of what college is all about, dreams that no word from any external quarter is capable of shattering. Many of the dreams of the just-out-of-high-school set are just as tenaciously held as are those of a child, except that they must be reconciled in a much shorter time. Fantasy now can pose a critical problem as the reality of Conn College intrudes into the world of dreams.

College is the last of the small synthetic worlds we pass through from kindergarten, grade school, junior high school, and high school, and it is essential that we grasp the reality of this step, for the next is a giant step. This microcosm of college life approaches closest to that life we meet after graduation, and the realities are similar.

Recognition as a thinking human being with the ability to assume a certain amount of responsibility and deal intelligently with problems is the most gratifying realization. The ability to tolerate differences, and to consider alternative solutions to problems as having possible validity are perhaps the most essential qualities to be learned. Our success as human beings depends to a large degree on just how well we acquire these qualities which are developed as we push our way through Chaucer's Middle English, pound in the rules of German grammar, debate the problem of the existence of God, decide how we're going to get five papers done in two weeks, and ration ourselves overnights. The first step, however, is to keep our eyes open, and see Conn. for what it is, and though several dreams may be shattered, one will find their fears are unjustified. Good luck!—A.G.

Support and Know Your Honor Court

Honor Court is the judicial body of Student Government with the power and authority to enforce the Honor System. With its full membership the Court is comprised of two girls elected by each class, a Chief Justice elected by the entire student body, and the President of Student Government sitting *ex officio*.

Until November, when you will elect two judges from your class, the following girls are now representing you on Court:

Sylvia Blenner	'63
Robin Lee	'63
Lucy Massie	'64
Ann Weatherby	'64
Ann Skelly	'65
Nan Shipley	'65
Lonnie Jones, <i>ex officio</i>	'63
Carolyn Boyan, Chief Justice	'63

Please feel free to bring any suggestions or questions to any one of these girls at any time. My "formal" office hours are Monday and Thursday from 5:00-5:30 in the Student Government Room in Crozier-Williams, but informal hours are "any time, any place."

Each judge has been entrusted by her classmates to consider and decide upon those situations presented to Court. The name of the girl involved in each case is known only to the Chief Justice insuring fairness and impartiality. A student may report herself either in person to the Chief Justice or by campus mail. (There is an Honor Court mail box on the first floor in Fanning.)

Depending on the seriousness

Personal Notice

Enterprising, stimulating, controversial campus newspaper (that's us, **ConnCensus**) needs vacancies filled immediately. Qualifications listed below:

for Repertorial Positions: foreign-intrigue trench coat, good hearing, fast hand with a pen.

for Feature Writing: eyes and/or ears, knowledge of adjectives, opinionated, belligerent personality preferred.

for Headline Writing: can you count up to 27?

for Proofreading: **some** knowledge of spelling, desire to learn fascinating code.

Reasonable salaries, doled out in frequent staff "coffees," convenience of nearby coke machine, the delight of working in hectic but charming office with hectic but charming girls, and every Thursday evening, the satisfaction of seeing the latest issue of **ConnCensus** cause anything but a consensus.

of the violation, the Court may decide to excuse, campus, or place on Social Probation the offending student. In such rare instances of a highly serious violation, the Court may recommend suspension or expulsion to the Administration. In addition, the Court constantly reviews, in an effort to improve, its own procedure and the regulations under the Honor System.

So that you may see how we work, Court invites you to attend its meetings, every Tuesday night at 6:45 in the Student Government Room.

Carolyn Boyan '63

Shopping Around

Conn College's shopper reports that though New London is small, there are numerous shops available to fill the needs of even the most fastidious freshman.

The big item this week is room furnishings. Marvels, and Nasers make curtains and bedspreads, and will supply you with just about every other room essential. Don't dismay though, if you need extra furniture. The Student Development Fund will hold a bargain sale in three weeks.

For your wardrobe, Gorras, the Sport Shop, Dicero-Sylvestri, and the House of Tee carry a full line of sportswear. Bernard handles mainly dresses, suits and coats. For accessories, try Kaplans and again, Gorras. At Carwins you'll find a good selection of shoes, including Pappagallos, Mademoiselle, and Weejuns.

Leaving State Street, turn left on Bank, and if you're looking for records, turn right into Roberts, which also rents radios and record players, and does electrical repair work.

For the unusual in knickknacks, try the Far East House, on Green Street, off State.

Oh, I forgot. For tattoos, try the shop on Bank Street. The owner, and all the small businessmen and women of New London are waiting to serve you.

A.A. Launches Program; Various Sports Offered

As summer now becomes part of the ancient past, we find ourselves beginning a new life of academic exposure. For those of you who occasionally like to escape from the rigors of study the Athletic Association has many activities planned for this year. Interclass hockey will dominate the fall season, and following in their place will be competitive swimming, basketball, volleyball and bowling. Halloween and Christmas will bring us together with the children from Learned House as we help them to celebrate that spookie night of October 31, and then splash around in the pool at the Christmas Sports Day. February will bring our own Sports Day and we will have a chance to test our abilities against those of other colleges. We then turn to the faculty and test their skills at swimming, bowling and basketball. Reading Week brings the inter-dorm basketball tournament which not only helps us procrastinate with that exam-cram but also provides fun and amusement on the basketball court. Spring fever will help fill the tennis courts as the annual tennis tournament gets under way, and the classes will again meet in battle on the softball field. Blink your eyes; it will be fall again and a second year of college will be starting.

Nan Lindstrom, President

Members Welcome Incoming Students To Service Lounge

Service League welcomes the class of '66, Foreign Students and Transfers! We are here to serve you, the college community, and the town of New London. However, we need your support. Members of Service League are volunteers at Learned House, a local settlement house, Seaside, a regional center for retarded children, the Children's Museum, and the Lawrence Memorial Hospital. This year we are planning to start a second volunteer program at another hospital. Opportunities are also open to those interested in working with the YWCA and the Girl Scouts. With Service League as a guide, the college community contributes to the Blood Mobile, the Cancer Drive, a Book and Clothing Drive, and most important of all, the annual Community Fund Drive.

Our Social Chairman, Nancy Holbrook, is responsible for planning the college mixers and Mid-Winter Formal. She is now planning the Coast Guard Reception which will be held Saturday night at 9:00 in Crozier-Williams. Freshmen, Transfers, and Foreign Students, if you haven't done so already, sign up now! There will be Cadets for all! Singing groups from both schools will be there to entertain you.

We extend to each of you a sincere welcome, and hope to see you participating in the many activities that Service League offers.

Sue Bohman
Pres. of Service League

Bazaar Presents On-Campus Clubs

On behalf of Inter-Club Council, we welcome the Class of 1966. Most of you, during high school, have been involved in many extra-curricular activities, and may have wondered about the opportunity to pursue these interests in college. In the thirty clubs currently active on campus, there is a wide enough range of interests to include everyone. To introduce you to these various clubs, I. C. C. is sponsoring its annual Bazaar tonight, which is the physical essence of the Council. In Crozier-Williams the clubs are working together to present their offerings. The Bazaar will give everyone a chance to see the different campus activities and will help you to decide which you would like to join. This is as important a part of your college education as the classes which you attend daily. Through these organizations you learn and broaden your interests, as well as contribute to the college community. We urge you all to join a club so that you may gain as well as give. Marcia Rygh, President of I.C.C. Diane Lyons, Vice President