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THE COLLEGE VOICE



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Phone Debate Rings in the 1990-1991 Year

by Chris McDaniel
The College Voice

Has the new telecommunications system made Connecticut College the campus of the future or the campus of confusion?

The disagreement rages as college administrators defend the system and an increasing number of students express frustration.

According to college officials, the advanced technology, expected to bring a wealth of convenient features, was the network's selling point.

Tom Makofske, director of computer operations, outlined some of the features. One, called a "personal security device," includes the "111," service. This number, when dialed, will connect a caller to campus safety and to its advanced network which displays the caller's location.

Voice mail, which allows any student to leave messages on any

phone on campus and to receive messages on personal voice mailbox eliminates the need for answering machines.

Administrative options with which school officials, housefellow, and student government staff can leave messages to either the entire school, in case of an emergency, or to specific dorms, using special codes were said to be attractive as a time and paper-saving measure.

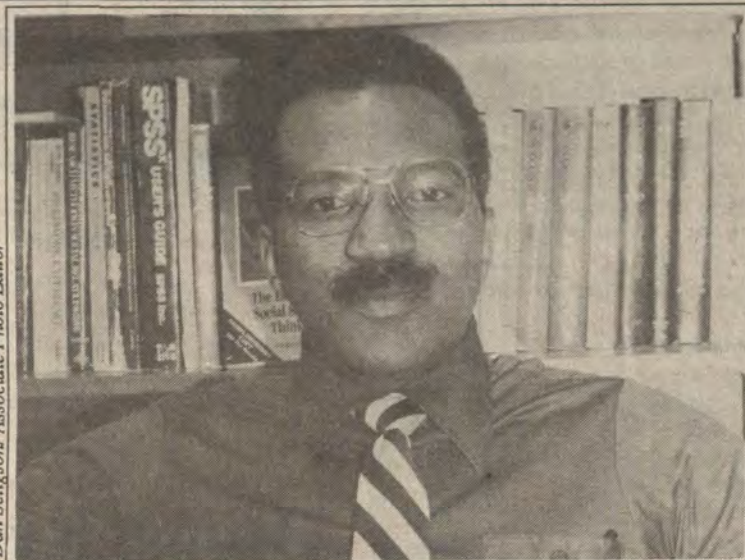
Despite these features, students are uncertain about when phones will be operational, the cost and services provided as well as accessibility to outside lines.

Said Doug Gellman, '93, "I feel that it is unfair that we have no right to choose a long distance company."

Haden Guest, '93, said, "After all of President Gaudiani's enthusiasm, I am disappointed with the poor quality and lack of efficiency in the phone system."

Roberta Carroll, telephone services coordinator, sympathized with

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Major Robert Hampton, dean of the college

Reservist Hampton and Community Sweat Out Potential Activation

by Jacqueline Soteropoulos
Special to The College Voice

The conflict in the Middle East may seem a million miles away, but Operation Desert Shield may become very real to Connecticut College if Robert Hampton, dean of the college, is mobilized into action.

Major Hampton has been in the reserves for eighteen years. He is an armor officer, responsible for a

battalion of twenty tanks and three hundred people. His training is in desert warfare.

"For a while, every time the phone rang, I'd say, 'This is it; this is the big one,'" said Hampton, even though he has received no indication that he will be called up.

Despite this, his family and the members of the college are worried. "I think everybody who has been close to me has had a sleepless

night," he said.

John Maggiore, '91, president of SGA, said, "I think that if Dean Hampton were to become an active member of the armed forces, it would be a terrible loss to Connecticut College, even if he were only gone for a short time."

"I guess it's really been nice to get the support of people... who care about what happens to me as a per-

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76th Convocation Marks Importance of Science

by Heather D'Auria
The College Voice

Speaking on the relationship between science and the liberal arts, Sydney Altman, 1989 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, participated in Connecticut College's 76th Convocation on Thursday.

Altman, the Sterling Professor of Biology at Yale University, and Thomas Cech, University of Colorado share the distinction of discovering that RNA, thought to be the passive carrier of genetic code, can actively engage in chemical reactions.

Stressing the need for science study, Altman said scientific literacy is a strong element in a liberal arts education.

During the ceremony, Altman was awarded an honorary degree of science

from Connecticut College.

The traditional ceremony celebrated the opening of the academic year and the generous bequests of Hans and Ella McCollum, '21, Vahlteich making possible a chair of organic chemistry. Their daughter, Beverly DeLaney, '57, spoke on behalf of her parents.

Bruce Branchini, professor and chair of chemistry, who graduated from Lehigh University in 1972 and earned a doctorate from the Johns Hopkins University in 1975, was honored as the appointment for the Vahlteich chair.

Claire Gaudiani, '66, president of the college, spoke about the college and its image as a forward moving institution. She discussed one of her main objectives as president "to place Conn at the forefront of education." She also spoke about the five year strategic plan which

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George Willauer, college marshal

Matthews Manages Plan, Admissions and Aid

by Sarah Huntley
News Editor

While members of the new freshmen class prepared mid-summer for their arrival and orientation at Connecticut College, Claire Matthews, dean of admissions, who helped to select them, was also in the midst of new beginnings.

On July 1, Matthews became the dean of admissions and planning. The position, appointed by Claire Gaudiani, '66, president of the college, involves the overseeing of the admissions office, the financial

aid office, as well as research and strategic planning projects.

Matthews said, "Many of Connecticut's reference group institutions combine admissions, financial aid and research, but do not include planning as part of the model. The administrative model being instituted at Connecticut, where a single senior staff person heads the admissions, financial aid, planning and research functions, is uncommon, but will work to the college's advantage."

Concerning her new role in the

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Claire Matthews, dean of admissions and planning

VIEWPOINT

Mixed Signals from the Telecommunications System

Last January, when the College submitted for student approval its plan for a groundbreaking telecommunications network, it looked like a pretty good deal. A one-time \$250 charge was to cover costs for a system that would provide totalphone, substantial long distance savings, data uplinks and better safety measures.

Totalphone includes call forwarding, mail distribution and five other accessories. The only students who have actually received this service are housefellows and student government leaders. All other students were given a few basic options outlined in a one page instruction form.

Students were told when they picked up their phones that those few basic options (call waiting, conference call, hold and automatic callback) were to be given "free" for the first two months, then disconnected. "Free," in this case, means \$125, the cost Tom Makofske, director of computing and telecommunications services, is quoting as the totalphone portion of the bill.

Makofske added that all the totalphone options could not be provided because they would have taken "too much time to explain in already long lines." He neglected to mention why the extra literature provided to housefellows regarding these accessories could not be distributed to all students.

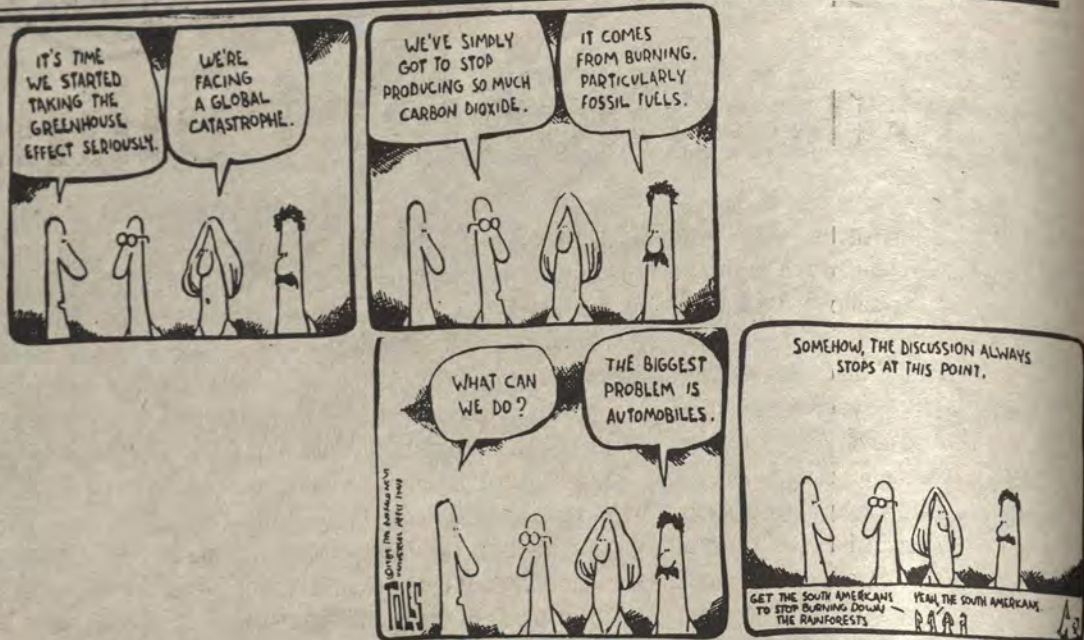
The savings on long distance, termed last semester by Makofske as "substantial," and reaffirmed as "substantial" again this week, amount to five percent. Therefore, a normal \$50 long distance bill would be reduced to \$47.50. How many of you would sprint down to your favorite store for its annual Substantial Savings - 5% Off Sale? While five percent is certainly a discount, it clearly does not constitute substantial savings.

As for the data uplink students were told at the phone pick-up that it would not be available until near the end of the year. Only after angrily pressing for more information were students able to discover that by calling Makofske they could get the software and cable needed to operate the system within the next few weeks.

Now, the entire picture has changed. "We did say totalphone when the system was brought up and that's what we've decided we're going to provide," Makofske stated on Friday. "We do really want to give totalphone or as close to totalphone as we can give for the bargain."

What remains unexplained is why the College was attempting to renege on its commitment to the students. Makofske is covering up quickly and apologetically, saying that the College will now offer all "options" free for the entire year to "apologize for the confusion."

This statement is insufficient and only makes the situation appear worse. These options are not being offered "free...to apologize for the confusion," they are being offered because that is what the students were promised. The students deserve a straightforward explanation for what looks like a swindle gone bad.



Diversity Awareness Workshop Lacked Jewish Perspective

Letter to the Voice:

It came to our attention during the Diversity Awareness Workshop that there was a significant oversight in the minority perspectives that were represented. We appreciate the efforts of your office and Connecticut College as a whole to instill a recognition and sensitivity to diversity on campus. Forums such as the student panel for student advisors and Freshmen are excellent methods for achieving this goal.

Nevertheless, we are deeply disappointed that the Jewish community was not represented as it was last year. As with people of color and those with disabilities, religious affiliation can also affect a student's experience at college. Although not as blatant as overt racist slurs, subtle anti-Semitism exists at Connecticut College and on many campuses across the country. Exclusion of Judaism as a minority ethnicity perpetuates Jewish stereotypes and also the myth that Jewish students do not, or should not, experience or encounter hostility triggered by their diversity.

There are a number of salient points that could have been presented at the Workshop. Jewish and non-Jewish students need to know of the subtle prejudice that exists on campus. "Jewish American Princess" or JAP jokes are spiteful and hurtful. Many students brush aside such jokes as merely funny but they perpetuate negative stereotypes. Another stereotype is the rich image that people associate with Jews. Our college has many well-off people but Jews are especially labeled. The students need to know that there is a network at our school to discuss and combat such prejudice.

As we are sure you know, Congress passed the Hate Crimes Statistics Act in response to the enormous number of violent anti-Semitic, racist, and gay-bashing crimes over the past year. Just this past semester while (Alexandra Silets) was at The American University Washington Semester Program, the front gates of the University were desecrated. A letter from both the Vice Provost and the President of American University was sent to the members of the University community. It read, "This morning, I was appalled and disturbed to discover that some sick individual had spray-painted anti-Semitic graffiti on our main entrance gate and on a residence hall... in the past few months, in this region and nationally, we have seen outbreaks of racial violence and anti-Semitic acts. This disturbing incident today clearly demonstrates the continuing importance of educating and re-educating all Americans about respect for the diversity of our nation." Hate crimes and anti-Semitism, whether they are as blatant as the writing on the gates of A.U. or as subtle as the pushing over of the Sukkot structure during the holiday at Connecticut College, exist at all higher learning institutions and need to be addressed — especially at a forum that was specifically geared to such issues.

Again, we commend the efforts Connecticut College is making to increase awareness among its campus population. We sincerely hope, however, that in doing so it does not ignore other important facets of diversity which exist and deserve to be recognized. Quite possibly, you were aware of this shortcoming in the presentation. Even so, all efforts and methods of obtaining a Jewish speaker should have been exhausted, and in the event that a speaker was unavailable, it should have been duly noted to the audience. Exclusion of the Jewish perspective at the Diversity Awareness Workshop underscores the misunderstandings and ignorance that exist and appear to be increasing.

Sincerely, Chandra D. Lantz, '91
Alexandra R. Silets, '91

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CONNTHOUGHT

Homophobia: Pulling Your Socks Up

Probably one of the most preposterous things I heard as a child was that "only homosexuals wear droopy socks". Of course this parental warning made me pull my socks up to my knees and I made sure that they never slipped down to the homosexual zone again. I didn't know exactly what a homosexual state was but I knew it was undesirable and to be avoided at all cost. As I grew up, the homophobic warnings became more serious and yet even more ridiculous.

A few years after the sock incident I found out that God frowned upon homosexuality. I learned homosexuals were sinners and they would certainly go to hell. Of

course this was all said to be written somewhere in the Bible so it seemed true. It wasn't until later that I found out that God hadn't sat down and wrote the Bible himself. Apparently, the disciples served as scribes. When I heard this I thought that maybe they had imposed their values on the Scriptures. I hoped this was true because it was hard for me to believe that God would reject his own creations. I also did not understand why God would create hatred among his children. I sincerely hoped that the God I had learned to honor stood for love, not hatred. Even though I was still young, I thought that there was something awkward about using

God's name to hate and discriminate against gays. I find it interesting that the Nazis and the Klansmen operate under similar divine orders. I also notice that the people who use the Bible as a justification for prejudice seem to have overlooked this quote in the gospels: "Do not judge others lest you also be judged; you are one in Christ and the Father; all are sinners, all are loved." I guess this quote is just not convenient or difficult to misconstrue.

As time went on I wondered what was so sinful about being gay. One thing I did hear was that homosexuals molested children. It sounded like a peculiar way of life for over 10% of the earth's popula-

tion. However, I later found out through educational programs that children are molested mostly, but not solely, by heterosexual men.

The other horrible thing I heard about homosexuals was that they had a

"gay disease" called AIDS. Of course I later realized that gays weren't the only

people living with AIDS. I would find it hard to say a newborn was a "faggot" because she or he had AIDS. The idea is not so far fetched when one considers that Ryan White had to deal with such homophobic accusations. It disheartens me to see AIDS patients treated so odiously at a time when there is such a great need for compassion. Apparently AIDS is infecting more than physical victims, it is infecting and darkening the heart of humanity.

I now know that homosexuals mainly want to have a primary relationship with a person of the same sex. This is the sin that ensures the damnation of millions of gays from all over the world. This is the sin that millions of homosexuals have been killed for throughout history. This is the sin that supposedly ex-

cludes gays from God's love. This is the sin that I could avoid by simply keeping my socks up.

Lately, there has been a dramatic increase of homophobic violence in the United States. In the first five months of this year hate crimes against lesbians and gay men increased by 122%. Somehow it would be comforting to think that the people responsible for these hate crimes are fiendish charac-

ters that have nothing to do with us. However, the perpetrators of anti-gay violence are a reflection of society's homophobia. If we accept the homophobia that is being passed onto our generation, we enable gay bashers. Furthermore, simply "tolerating" gay men and lesbians, as liberal as it may sound, is not the solution. In fact this kind of "tolerance" reinforces the idea of the powerful majority generously letting "them" live. It is not about "we" and "them," it is about accepting a part of "us." What is really disturbing is that by accepting homophobia or by merely being passive about homophobia we are also teaching it to the next generation.

by Neil Feria
Class of 1991

Conn's Favorite Sons

Occasionally, political leaders emerge from the communities of colleges or universities. Woodrow Wilson was president of Princeton before becoming President of the United States. Needless to say, Wilson's political career was good for Princeton. A radical figure could occasionally damage the reputation of the college from which he/she emerges. Boston University President John Silber's hate campaign in Massachusetts may drum up the support of Archie Bunkers

across New England but will do little for the reputation of B.U. This summer, Connecticut College has been fortunate to have two members of its community

Bill Cibes and Jay Levin realize that the best indication of a quality college is seen in what the members of its community give back to it.

run for high office. Jay Levin, '73, and Professor Bill Cibes have certainly been of the Wilsonian mold: running idealistic campaigns, winning respect, and contributing to the reputation of Conn College.

Although Jay Levin stepped out of the race for State Attorney General after falling 66 votes short of attaining the Democratic Party nomination, he developed a strong base of support. At age 39, Levin promises to play a major role in Connecticut politics for years to come. Bill Cibes took a late starting gubernatorial campaign out of obscurity and onto the front pages this summer by boldly advocating controversial yet thorough plans while his opponents muddled about to avoid discussing issues. Cibes was the first Democrat in a dozen years to force a Primary in a Governor's race and continues to forge ahead. As the Primary date of September 12 roles around, Cibes can be confident that, win or lose, he has made his mark.

Both Levin and Cibes are "favorite sons" of Connecticut College. Levin is the only student in the history of the college to ever be elected twice to the position of SGA President. His years as his legacy are still felt, as the 1971-73 SGA's were amongst the most productive in history. The Student Bill of Rights, which can be found in every "C"

Book, was ratified by Levin's Assembly. Today, Jay Levin is a Trustee of the college, and has kept very active on campus.

Cibes has been a professor of government at Conn. since 1969 (by coincidence, Jay Levin's first class at Conn was taught by Bill Cibes.) Cibes has been involved with everything from faculty committees to campus forums. A teacher with a uniquely inside perspective on the workings of government, Cibes will be missed if he leaves campus for the Governor's mansion.

Both men are not, however, just nice guys from Conn. Both are powerful members of the State Legislature. Levin was widely considered one of the most effective freshman legislators, and today is Chair of the Transportation Committee. Cibes' resume reads like a catalogue of powerful State House posts. A former Assistant Majority Leader, Majority Whip, and Deputy Speaker of the House, Bill Cibes is now chair of the influential Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee.

While advancing their beliefs through their political positions, Bill Cibes and Jay

Levin have also advanced the reputation of Connecticut College. Bill Cibes is possibly the only tenured professor of any college in Connecticut to run a serious campaign for governor in decades (if not in history). Levin emerged as a political figure while he was SGA President and he has developed into one of the most visible examples of the type of leadership Conn College produces. Perhaps best of all, both Cibes and Levin are proud of their affiliation with the school, mentioning Conn in everything from speeches to campaign literature.

Bill Cibes and Jay Levin realize that the best indication of a quality college is seen in what the members of its community give back to it. Bill Cibes and Jay Levin have given a lot back to Conn College. Students this year have the opportunity to continue in their tradition by registering to vote in Connecticut on Sep-

tember 5th or October 10th and participating in the Democratic Primary on September 11th (obviously for Democratic voters) and in the general election in November (for all voters.) While Cibes and Levin are outstanding, they are not alone amongst Conn community members who have contributed to society and advanced the reputation of their school. Hopefully, in the future, their numbers will grow even more.

by John Maggione
Class of 1991



“The idea (for a cartoon), like a pearl, forms around the grain of irritation.”

— Tom Toles



FEATURES

College Motto's Meaning Unearthed in Archives

by Susan Feuer
The College Voice

I have to credit my dad with the idea for this article. For his birthday last April, I gave him a Connecticut College T-shirt with the name of the college and the school seal printed on the front. He could have just worn the shirt without any discussion about it. But he looked at the school seal carefully

and read the Latin motto. He could not leave it at that either. He asked me what the motto meant. I had no idea. Mumbling something like, "When I was a student at college, we had to know our motto," he encouraged me to find out what the motto meant.

Well, Florialia and finals were coming up, and I never really got around to doing the research last spring. But now I have found out what our school motto is. You will find it on the college seal, which has a tree and open books on it. In Latin the motto reads "Tanquam lignum quod plantatum est secus decursus aquarum." According to Gertrude Noyes, former dean of Connecticut College and current dean emerita, the motto is "a vulgate version of a phrase from the First Psalm" and means "Like a tree planted by the rivers of waters (that bringeth forth its fruit in its season)." The translation of the Latin comes from the King James version of the Bible.

Noyes also explains that the seal and motto were designed by Frederick H. Sykes, the first president of the college, and adopted by the trustees in 1916. Noyes writes, "Vertical ob-

long, it featured a landscape with sea and hills, dominated in the foreground by an elm tree and books." The motto on this original seal was on a scroll beneath the seal.

The seal has gone through a few changes over the years. For example, it used to say Connecticut College for Women, and now just says Connecticut College. But the seal is still the tree and open books, although it is now more stylized than in 1916.

I received this information from Catherine Phinizy, '71, archivist of the college. The archive room holds institutional records of the college, all college publications, exhibits that have been at the college, scrapbooks from the 1920s, '30s and '40s, photographs, all the yearbooks from 1919 on, college films, and college catalogues from the beginning of the school to the present. The archive staff is in the process of reorganizing everything and purging duplicates.

Phinizy explained that students, alumni, outside researchers such as people working on dissertations, and genealogists make use of the archives. People working on

exhibits or publications also use the material. She explains that librarians of the college, Noyes, and Mary Kent, a special collections librarian, all helped to put the archives together.

An archive librarian will be on duty from twelve to five every day, but it is recommended that anybody interested in perusing the college archives make an appointment.



Just a reminder . . .

. . . on Monday, September 2, the candidates vying for professor of government and gubernatorial candidate William Cibes' position as State Representative from New London will be speaking at 8:00 p.m. in the Ernst Common Room in Blaustein.

At that time, out-of-state students will have the opportunity to register in New London, enabling them to participate in the upcoming elections for State Representatives, U.S. Congress, and Governor.

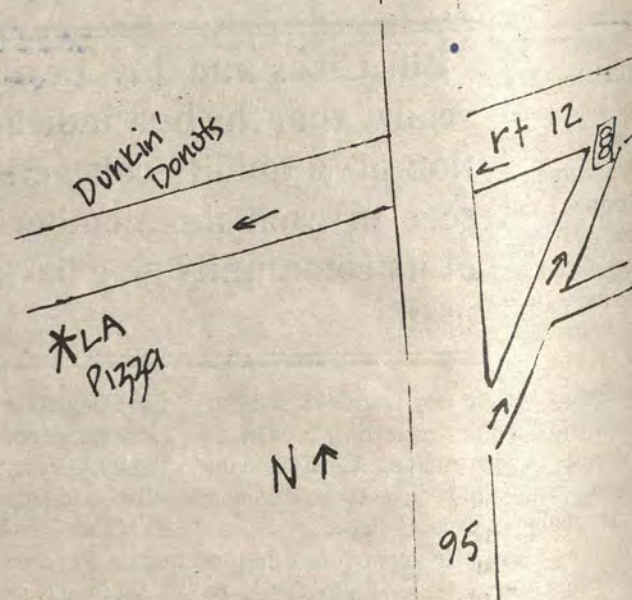
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CONNECTICUT VIEW

New London Shelter Houses Battered Women

by Randall Lucas
The College Voice

"More than half of the women in this country who are murdered are murdered by their partners or husbands, and one in seven married women will be raped by their husband," said Sarah Wilson, '89, former Philip Goldberg intern and an educator at the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut. According to Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates, a woman is battered every eighteen seconds in the United States, and this figure accounts only for reported crimes, Wilson said.

Wilson, a 1989 Connecticut College graduate, works for the Women's Center in the New London office. The center runs a shelter for women and children in "immediate physical danger," a rape crisis program and hotline, and provides community education. For example, the center ran date rape workshops during Connecticut College's leadership training and freshman orientation this year.

Victims of violence against women can find immediate help and counseling at the center. Wilson said that the center tries to "empower" these women and "give them their choices back." The task is formidable. Every

year, according to Wilson, approximately 1.75 million women are battered. This is a huge problem, Wilson said, especially when "you consider the number who are battered for years and the effects of the physical and emotional abuse on them."

Wilson said that "most people think of battering as just a punch or a kick or a slap or a push," but in fact there is a lot of emotional and psychological abuse of women.

"If you ask someone if they are battered... (they say) no," Wilson continued, "... but if you ask them if they have been put down, been told that they are stupid, ugly, or bad, or that they look like a slut or a whore," then the answer is yes.

"If you hear those kinds of things long enough, you start to believe them," Wilson stated. Emotional abuse, she added, can also include "mind games... and humiliating a person in front of family or friends."

Many batterers minimize the problem or deny that they are abusive. "Very often he will say, 'Oh, come on, it's not such a big deal—I didn't hurt you so bad, I could hurt you a lot worse,' or 'My mom put

up with it for twenty years. What's your problem?'"

Wilson stated that batterers also often blame their victims for the crime, saying things such as "You made me so mad I had to hit you." Statements such as these are excuses, Wilson said. "I can say a lot of things to you to make you really mad but I cannot make you hit me," she pointed out.

Abused women are also likely to turn to drug and alcohol abuse for solace. Researchers such as Evan Stark and Anne Flitcraft of the Domestic Violence Training Project in New

Haven educate health care providers about the connections between domestic violence and substance abuse. Wilson explained that "we need to look at the root of the problem of substance abuse and even prostitution... at why these things are happening... below the surface there tends to be abuse going on."

Domestic violence is not just a domestic problem to Wilson. Rather, she sees it as connected to other social problems. "When you are looking at violence against women, you are looking at a continuum starting with dirty jokes and

sexual harassment that goes all the way up to murder."

The effects of this type of abuse pervade all of society—all classes and all ages. Abusers begin their behavior patterns as early as the junior high school level, Wilson said. "One in twelve high school relationships are abusive and one in eight college and adult relationships are abusive." She continued, "A student said to me, 'My boyfriend doesn't need to hit me because I am scared, and I am doing what he wants me to do.'"

Wilson offered advice for college students who date. Abusers tend to "need to be in control and in power," she explained. When choosing a partner, she recommended, "Look at how they interact with people, what kind of choices they give their partners, and how they talk to them." In a relationship, Wilson called for alarm when "you start to get the feeling that you can't be who you are or who you want to be." She warned, however, that often "it happens so gradually that you don't realize it

until your choices are gone... if someone is threatening to break up with you if you do something... or threatening suicide if you break up. These sound severe, but do not always come across as severe... it starts out with the little controlling statements and goes right up to the slap, the kick, the shove, and ultimately up to murder."

Wilson urged for communication in relationships. "If you cannot tell your partner about a failed exam, or about not making the team," she queried, "... how can you talk about the relationship or about sexual relations? Our society doesn't talk about feelings."

Wilson tries to follow her own advice. "I'm young, I'm dating, and I am trying to figure out the people I am with," she explained. Wilson said that her work had made her more "skeptical" about the men she dates, but that is a good thing. "I have a right to be respected," she stated. Her job is to remind abused women that they, too, are worthy of respect.

'My boyfriend doesn't need to hit me because I'm scared, and I'm doing what he wants me to do.'

Birthday Bash Connects Coast Guard to Community

by Lauren Klatzkin
Features/Connecticut View Editor

Almost every Connecticut College student is aware of the looming presence of the United States Coast Guard Academy across Route 32. From the notes of Taps to the luminous dial of the clock tower to the inevitable presence of clusters of cadets at Conn events, the Academy affects several aspects of life at Conn. Students are less aware, however, of other events taking place across the street. The coming week is particularly significant since the Coast Guard is preparing to celebrate its 200th anniversary.

Because the city of New London has been the home of the Coast Guard Academy for the past 61 years, it has been designated to house the culmination of a year-long, nationwide celebration. Many events in the coming week are open to the public and promise to be

both interesting and engaging.

A running display entitled "The Coast Guard in Literature" is being featured in Connecticut College's Shain Library September 1-30. The exhibit features books and manuscripts from the Academy's library, ranging from ship's logs to photographs of the Coast Guard in Vietnam to books on

tions as a seagoing classroom for cadets as it sails around the world.

Also on Saturday, Ocean Beach Park will house the CLAS-SI Connecticut CEO Handicap Yacht Race, a Coast Guard aircraft display, an Easter Seal benefit volleyball tournament and the SNET Yellow Pages' "Taste of Southeastern Connecticut," featuring food from area restaurants, live music, clowns and jugglers.

On Sunday, the Coast Guard Academy's Museum and Visitor's Center will be open. The festivities at Ocean Beach Park will continue. The week's events will culminate at Ocean Beach at 5 p.m. with a Governor's Awards

Ceremony and at 8 p.m. with a presentation of a commemorative sculpture by Anthony Fabricante, a Coast Guard Band Concert, a helicopter fly-by, and a fireworks display.



U.S. Coast Guard Barque EAGLE—Training Tall Ship of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Photo courtesy of the USCGA

NEWS



A light look at the new phone system

Confusion Flourishes Over Aspects of Telecommunications

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student frustrations, but explained that the system is in initial stages. Construction ended August 17. She urged all concerned not to get "overly excited," and said that the "problems are only temporary."

Makofske and Carroll estimated that as of August 31, ninety percent of all phone services was operational, and that by September 4, ninety-seven percent of all services should be working.

Concerning phone cost, Makofske offered a bill comparison that lists last year's price at \$113 dollars for unlimited local calls per semester versus this year's \$125 fee per semester for the new system.

He acknowledged that the cost estimate was based upon the SNET cost for total-phone services. In the past, students were given the option of choosing cheaper and less-featurized systems.

Makofske added that this billing comparison did not include the 5 percent overall savings that students should expect on long distance bills. The college plans to use MCI's regular service. Students will be given a 5 percent discount. Makofske believes this will be a significant savings.

Gerard Choucroun, '93, house governor of Blackstone, said, "You have to buy the phone system regardless of whether you are spending or making money... it's almost as bad as the meal plan."

In order to clarify any confusion over phone service and billing cost, Connecticut College officials sent a letter home explaining some important facts. Connecticut College has made phone service mandatory stating, "Basic telecommunications service is

not optional since the emergency safety system requires a phone set and wiring in each room."

The initial charge of \$125 dollars to every student includes the cost of phone service for the first semester in any single room. If there is more than one student in a room, the cost of phone service per semester will be \$125 for the first student and \$25 dollars for each additional student.

The letter stated, "it was necessary to invoice for the full amount of service" because "some roommate assignments are made after the students [arrive] on campus."

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- Gerard Choucroun, '93, house governor of Blackstone

Makofske explained that students will be able to apply for credit, which will be added to each student's Miscellaneous Charges Account, after room assignments are permanent.

Concerning phone cost, Makofske said the college was "billing back that portion of phone use that [the college] thought the students were using." He stressed that the college, not the students, was investing heavily in the installation of the system.

The total cost of installation in terms of leasing is \$3.5 million, but with inflation over a period of seven years could reach \$5 million.

Problems with company terminology is the cause for confusion about features. Student in line were told that additional features would cost extra; yet last year special features were promised.

According to Makofske, the college had referred to the original three totalphone features as basic service. To SNET, basic service meant no additional features. The college plans to provide all features plus seven addi-

Asian-American History and Culture Class Earns Renewal Students Urge Fulfillment of Diversity Goal

by Rachel Dalton
The College Voice

Through the efforts of concerned students, the Asian-American History and Culture course, originally slated for last year only, will be offered again in the spring.

The course, which focuses on the legislative history and the Asian-American immigration experience, began two years ago when students from MSSC (Minority Students Steering Committee) and the Asian-American community at Connecticut College expressed student need and interest.

It was first offered in the spring of 1989 as part of the evening program at the college and was taught by Grace Yun, '67, visiting professor of history. The class consisted of 16 students, 50 percent of whom were not Asian-American.

When implemented into the regular curriculum, there were 32 students, twice the average class size at the college. Two-thirds of these students were non-Asian.

When the term of the temporary class expired, concerned students brought it to the attention of Reg Edmonds, '92, chair of academic

affairs.

They expressed their concern for the continuance of the class to the administration. After meeting with Dorothy James, dean of faculty, and Bruce Kirmmse, professor and chair of history, it was decided that the class would be continued this year.

It was also in accordance with the Diversity Statement at Connecticut College which states that "it believes the course is vital if Connecticut College is to achieve our goal of cultivating attitudes of understanding and also to achieve the goal of making members of the community aware of the needs of other members and the contributions they bring to the community."

As part of the strategic planning at the college, the successful continuation of this class has significant impact. "This increases the number of courses that address the traditionally under-represented groups in the curriculum," said Edmonds.

John Maggione, '91, president of SGA, said, "This is a good example of participatory governance structure of Conn College at work. In this case, we're dealing with a cur-

riculatory issue about which faculty has final say; however, they responded reasonably to the concerns and needs of the student body."

Said Edmonds, "Because the Asian Americans make up much of America's identity, it is important to develop an understanding of their culture and to make the community here more diverse and educated."

Students would like to see the hiring of a full time professor to teach more courses in Asian-American studies, as well as in other diverse areas. Literature, women's studies, and more advanced history courses reflecting other cultures are examples of desired courses.

The goal of obtaining a well-represented curriculum and the mainstreaming of diverse cultures into existing classes has long been and will likely continue to be a crusade of the student body.

Said Edmonds, "I was excited to see that this course will be offered, but myself and others are concerned that this course is not offered in the main curriculum nor taught by a full-time professor."

tional ones for free all year because of the confusion.

Said Makofske, the free features, not originally promised, are a way of saying "thank you" to the students for their patience. In addition, he said, "We'll probably learn something [about student usage of the features]."

Makofske believes that the new phone system has made Connecticut College a "leader in telecommunications," with capabilities yet to be put into operation. These upcoming features include computer data linking to the entire school by the end of this year and possibly a phone-linked dorm security system that would allow students access to buildings through the use of their Personal Identification Number [PIN].

Modems will probably be effective next week, said Makofske. Toward the end of the semester, the college plans to survey students for demand of data system. The cable and software will be free, but students must provide modems. Many students had incorrectly

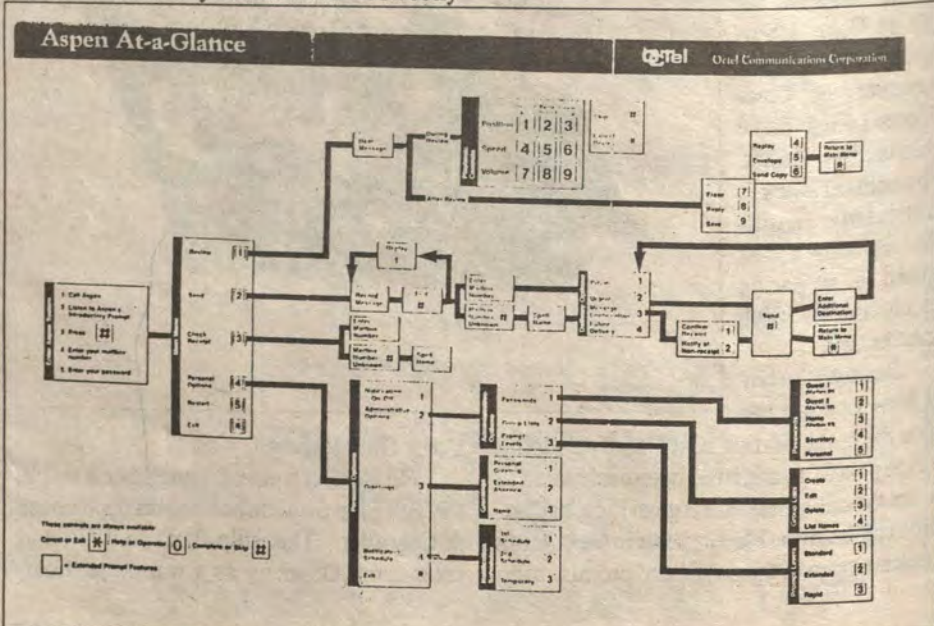
understood that modems would be included in the \$250 fee.

Contrary to rumors, it is possible to call collect use calling cards and dial 911. According to Makofske, after dialing 9, callers are outside the system and can reach MCI operators.

One must dial 9-0 and the long distance number. In order to identify the student account, a PIN must be entered but the caller will not be charged. After a brief delay, a tone will be sounded and and MCI operator will respond.

He stressed, however, that the student, in this case, would not benefit from the long distance discount and is using the network for free at the expense of others. Forty pay phones are still on campus and Makofske encouraged their use for such purposes.

Students with further questions about phones can access the HELP line at 4357 or ask their housefellow.



File Photo: The College Voice



Sydney Altman, 1989 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry

Nobel Scientist, Altman, Addresses College Body

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"gives the college a new sense of direction."

Her plan to increase the college's academic potential was further affirmed when she informed the audience about the generous grant donated by Jo-Ann Meyers, an alumna of the school, in honor of Elie Wiesel, Nobel Prize recipient for literature. The grant will be utilized to establish a Judaic Studies chair at the college. The president concluded her speech with a strong push for innovative ideas at the college.

Robert Hampton, dean of the college, led the recognition of the class of 1994. John Maggiore, '91, president of SGA, introduced the class presidents. Steven Schmidt, college chaplain, and Rabbi Aaron

Rosenberg, associate chaplain, offered the invocation and the benediction respectively.

The Whiskey Flats Dixieland Jazz Band performed at the ceremony.

News Guidelines

Due to administrative regulations, *Voice* news reporters are required to obtain the assistance of Julie Quinn, director of college relations, when posing questions to staff members. Consequently, much of the information received is from Quinn or high-level administrators rather than direct sources.

PIN-Based Access Under Consideration: College May Secure New Safety System

by Lee J. Berendsen
The College Voice

Pending further research and approval, Connecticut College may soon have one of the newest technological security systems installed on campus.

According to Stewart Angell, director of campus safety, the proposed system would allow a person to type in his private personal identification number [PIN] and a number assigned to the dorm which he wishes to enter.

Helpful to the security guards is the feature that battles the traditional propped door techniques. In the future, an alarm will sound in the guardhouse when the door is open for more than 30 seconds.

Another feature could include outside

guest admittance after a person in the dorm keys in a code by phone. Although Angell confirmed that there are still many loose ends, he said that the system would allow students access to any dorm on campus.

Joseph Tolliver, dean of student life, is also optimistic about the proposed system. One of his points included the fact that security would tighten because students most likely would not be willing to give out their PIN because it could be used to charge a phone bill. Tolliver summarized the positive aspects of the system. "It gives the Connecticut College students the same freedoms and makes them safer," he said.

Experimental combination locks on Windham and Knowlton dormitories will remain in effect in the meantime.

Claire Gaudiani, '66, president of the college, would like to announce open office hours for the 1990-1991 academic year.

Students are invited to visit between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. on :

September 5, 1990
September 19, 1990
October 3, 1990
October 17, 1990
October 31, 1990
November 29, 1990
December 13, 1990

January 31, 1991
February 13, 1991
February 27, 1991
March 13, 1991
April 17, 1991
May 1, 1991
May 16, 1991

Sarah Huntley
News Editor

This Week at SG Assembly

Proposals by Bryce Breen, '92, junior class president, and Colleen Shanley, '93, house senator of Hamilton, were the focus of this week's Student Government Association meeting.

Breen's legislation, which passed 26-3-1, was a by-law change to alter the structure of junior class representation. In order to allow semester study away students to serve the class, terms of office will be a semester, instead of an academic year.

Elections will be held each semester to fill all positions. If a leader, who is not leaving for either semester, wishes to serve the full year, he must run for re-election in the spring.

Breen hopes this move will foster more participation in the junior class. The junior class, as an institution, has traditionally had difficulty maintaining strong unity and interest because of the upheaval caused by the large number of study away students.

The proposal by Shanley limits the number of posters that organizations can post on campus to 75 per event.

Violations of this regulation will result in a fine of \$5 per violaton, cumulative with a maximum of \$15.

Shanley said that the excessive number of posters to announce events is both a waste and a fire hazard in some areas. After a discussion with the print shop staff, who suggested a 50 poster limit, she proposed a limit of 75.

According to Shanley, 75 posters is sufficient enough to place two posters in every building on campus, including areas usually unadorned such as Physical Plant.

The proposal passed 26-2-1, but discussion was closed before questions about whether the proposal included table tents and other confusions could be answered.

Amy Mass, '92, chair of Student Activities Council, asked students not to use duct tape to post notices because of the damage it causes. Only masking tape should be used.

Mark Hoffman, coordinator of student activities, announced that unlimited posting of signs in the post office is no longer permitted. Organizations should be aware that signs can only be posted on bulletin boards in that building. The large number of notices was deemed a fire hazard.

John Maggiore, '91, president of SGA, explained that the C-book distributed this week does not include some changes made last year by the Assembly. As a result, a supplementary book will be printed.

Marisa Farina, '93, sophomore class president, said that her class would be initiating a commitment to the Multiple Sclerosis Chapter. The goal is to raise \$3000 this year.

Russ Yankwitt, '92, house senator of Windham, expressed concern that Parents' Weekend is scheduled for the same time as the Jewish holiday, Rosh Hoshanah. He plans to bring this concern to the administration and asked for student leader assistance.



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Marya Ursin

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NEWS

A candlelight vigil
for peace in the Middle East
will be held on
Wednesday at 10:00 p.m.
in the Library Amphitheater.

All are invited to participate.

Mandatory dorm meetings, originally scheduled for Wednesday, have been changed to Tuesday night.

New Role Encompasses Wide Variety of Responsibilities

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planning process, Matthews described herself as a "manager" and "facilitator," but not a planner. "The planners of this college are still faculty and college committees," she said.

Matthews added, "This new structure will fulfill the needs of the college and my own desire to expand my management opportunities."

According to Matthews, her dual responsibilities to the admissions and financial aid offices will not cause a conflict of interest relative to need-blind admissions.

Both offices will continue to function separately. In addition,

Matthews explained that her job will not entail needs analysis nor packaging work.

To alleviate the workload, the college promoted William Peck, formerly associate director of admissions, to director.

In the financial aid office, Elaine Solinga, formerly the assistant director of financial aid, has been approved as director of financial aid. Elizabeth McCormick has been hired as assistant director of financial aid.

Matthews' career in higher education began in financial aid.

The Board of Trustees was informed of Matthews' change of position at the May 5 meeting.

College Community Reacts to Middle East Conflict

son," Hampton said.

"Hopefully my position [if called up] would be to train other soldiers," he said. The training would be done in the continental United States, and the troops would then be sent to Saudi Arabia. Hampton would either continue to train new troops in this country or be sent to the Middle East with a battalion. Ironically, he has not been in a tank for five years.

"Ultimately, I hope I'm never in a war," he said. "I'm hoping that showing our willingness to fight eliminates the need to fight. No reservist wants to go to war, no soldier wants to go to war."

Hampton supports military efforts in the Middle East. "We have a responsibility to protect [the Americans trapped in Iraq and Kuwait], and our ultimate objectives are, of course, to restore sovereignty to the Kuwaiti Republic, and to get the westerners free, and to protect Saudi Arabia," he said. Hampton has been at Connecticut College for sixteen years and has served as dean of the college for the past four years.

"Dean Hampton is one of the most knowledgeable, thoughtful and understanding members of the administration," Maggiore said.

Steven Schmidt, chaplain of the college, said, "I would miss his dynamic leadership and his advocacy for the entire student life program at the college."

"If he would be called up, our prayers and our thoughts go with him," Schmidt said.

Last spring Hampton was honored at Unity House by the establishment of a scholarship fund in his name. The scholarship fund will

pay for books and supplies for a student of color.

Hampton and his wife Kathy have two children: Robyn, a student at Princeton, and Conrad, a senior at St. Bernard's High School in Montville. "I would be concerned for his wife and son and daughter," said Schmidt.

According to Hampton, a contingency plan is in place if he were mobilized and could not serve as dean.

If he is away only 30 days, Hampton said it would be treated as a vacation or

sick leave, and the office would be run as usual. If the leave were longer, a replacement would probably be found.

Hampton says the support from the college has been tremendous, and said, "I support the efforts of

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- Robert Hampton, dean of the college

the chaplaincy next week to have a vigil praying for peace, instead of having a memorial service for those who have lost their lives."

The vigil is scheduled for Wednesday at 10:00 p.m. in the library amphitheater.

Faculty Notes

Bridget B. Baird, associate professor of mathematics, and Stanley J. Wertheimer, professor of mathematics, have received an equipment grant from Apple Computer and the Consortium of Liberal Arts Colleges to develop computer programs to illustrate parallel algorithms.

Dorothy James, provost and dean of faculty, spoke on June 27 to the Congressional Operations Seminar of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management on "The Constitutional Basis of American Government."

Martin W. Schoepfer, adjunct assistant professor of physical education and head coach of the men's basketball team, was appointed a member of the Converse Clinic Committee of the National Association of Basketball Coaches of the United States.

Jefferson A. Singer, assistant professor of psychology, presented a paper on the relationship of goals and memories in personality at the annual Nags Head Conference on Motivation and Emotion in Kill Devil Hills, N.C., June 15-20. His co-master was Kathie Moffit, a master's degree candidate in the psychology department.

Faculty Notes Compiled from Dateline by Sarah Huntley

THE CAMEL HEARD...



"No, I think 'Cro Pit' is another name for Conn Cave."

- a Freshman simultaneously looking for a barbeque and realizing the finer points of the Student Center

"Let's get loaded."

- Louise Brown, dean of freshmen, instructing the COOP freshmen onto the bus.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Stop Making Sense College Rockers Go Under the Covers on the Campus Circuit

by Stephen Barnes
The College Voice

Friday night at the First Night of Classes Party, which was actually the Second Night of Classes Party, I got a chance to hear and interview the band The Sense. I did not see them at Floralia last year so I went with an open mind and a blank cassette tape. I listened to their sound check, a U2 cover and an original, then got two members of the band into Cummings to record an interview.

The Sense has been together for over two years, with periodic shuffling of band members. They work through a national college booking agency and tailor their music for their audience, sticking largely to rock-pop covers of bands such as U2, Pink Floyd, Peter Dinklage, and others. They do write and play some originals and are in the studio now working on a C.D. They just got booked for a national tour and will end up playing 4 to 5 times a week across the south and west.

After talking to the band about their history and their plans, I asked them what they thought about the music they play. They told me that they would rather play originals than covers, but the prevailing attitude at colleges is a dislike of original songs. They play

covers so that the audience can get into the music and get a feel for the band's sound. Occasionally, The Sense slips in a original or two, once they have people's interest. They feel that the only way to play originals to a receptive audience is to first make them comfortable with familiar music.

They are good musicians, the band is tight, and for what they are doing, they are pretty good. I would have liked to hear more original music. They may be under-estimating the open-mindedness of college students.

The Sense were good to talk to, and they were an okay band, but I hope that SAC and the student body, in the future, will be willing to support and hire original bands so that all people's tastes are addressed and everyone can try something new.



Charles Hibbard Photo Editor

Members of the Student Activities Council created a 10-foot tall scarecrow in preparation for Harvestfest 1990. In addition to food and games sponsored by each dorm, Harvestfest this year will include a fall formal which carries the theme of "Great Gatsby Gala."

CINEGOOP THE LATEST WORD ON THE LATEST MOVIES

Exorcist III is an Exercise in Sheer Terror

by Christian Schulz
The College Voice

Is it just me, or is it becoming just about impossible to find a really scary movie lately? Jason has beaten the old hockey mask and knife routine into the ground; movies like *Arachnophobia* make you say "YUCH" but do little to actually frighten you, and even Freddy Krueger's finger knives are losing their terrifying luster. People seem to be screaming "SCARE ME!" Well, William Peter Blatty has answered their pleas with a horrifying nightmare called *The Exorcist III*.

This picture is being promoted as the "real" sequel to the 1970's classic, since *The Exorcist II* was so incredibly bad and was such a major flop in the theaters. Like its predecessor, this movie takes place in Georgetown. The priest who threw himself out the window in the first movie is now being punished by Satan, who was

undoubtedly ticked off at the priest for killing one of his favorite demons. His punishment is that he is now possessed by the soul of the famous "Gemini Killer" who died in the electric chair at about the same time as the priest took his swan dive out of the fifth floor window.

The Gemini Killer has apparently pleased the devil very much, for in addition to being granted a second life, Lucifer has also seen fit to grant him the power to possessed anyone he wants, any time he wants. So, from time to time he leaves the body of the priest, which is under lock and key at a mental hospital, and possesses an innocent person so he can kill without fear of being caught.

What makes this picture so incredibly frightening is that all of the grotesque scenes are described in retrospect rather than actually shown. These descriptions are so graphically and minutely detailed that your own mind begins to terrify you with the images you yourself conjure up. After all, you know

what scares you more than anyone else, and this picture uses that fact very well. The twistedly humorous prose the killer uses to describe his handiwork will make you shiver in your seat and dig your fingernails into whoever happens to be sitting next to you.

In summary, I say SEE THIS MOVIE. IT'S AWESOME. But I highly recommend seeing *The Exorcist III* with someone who won't mind you clinging to them, and vice versa. See you next week. Later.



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Oliva Hall, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Connecticut College Film Society presents *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* (1990). Admission \$2.50.

Palmer Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., Castle Court Cinema presents *Cinema Paradiso* (1990). Admission \$2.50.

WEDNESDAY

Cummings Arts Center, 3-5 p.m. Opening reception for the *Alumni Invitational* art exhibition.

THURSDAY

Palmer 304, 7 p.m. TNT-AmericanVisions presents Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*, starring Dustin Hoffman.

Oliva Hall, 8 p.m. Connecticut College Film Society presents Alfred Hitchcock's *The Trouble With Harry* (1956). Admission \$2.50.

FRIDAY

Oliva Hall, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Connecticut College Film Society presents Hitchcock's *Psycho* (1960). Admission \$2.50.

SATURDAY

Dana Hall, 8 p.m. Faculty recital featuring James McNeish on guitar. Works by Giuliani, Sor, Tarrega, Villalobos and Davies.

Stonington Community Center, 8 p.m.. Stonington County Dance Committee opens its fall series of monthly Country Dances with caller Jim Gregory and the live music of Contra Band. Open to all, dances will be taught before the music begins. Admission \$5, call 536-2994 or 536-2740 for additional information.

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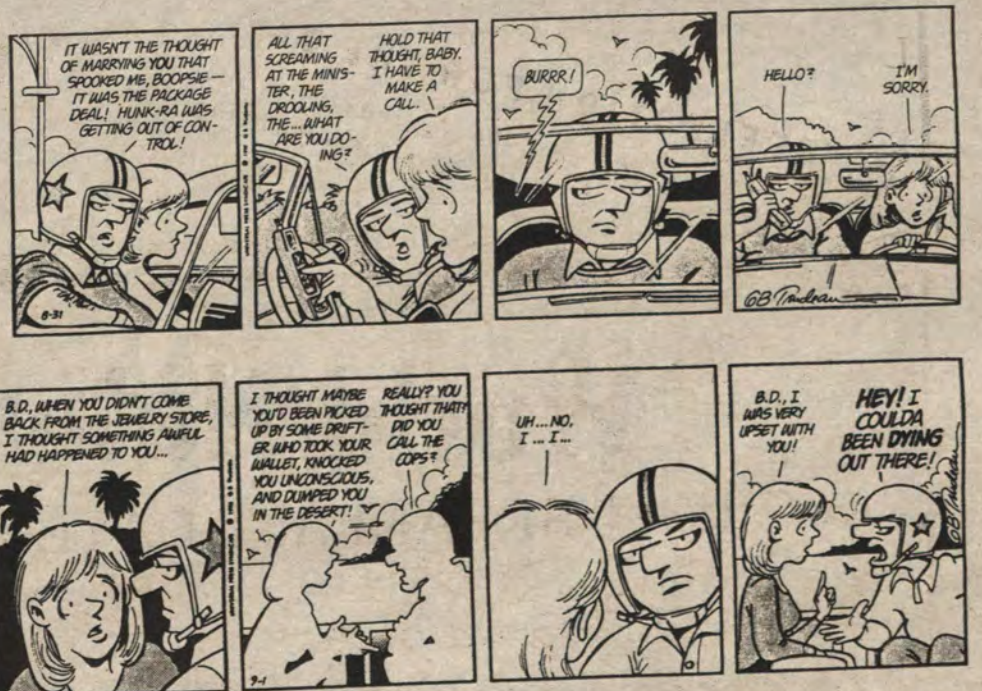
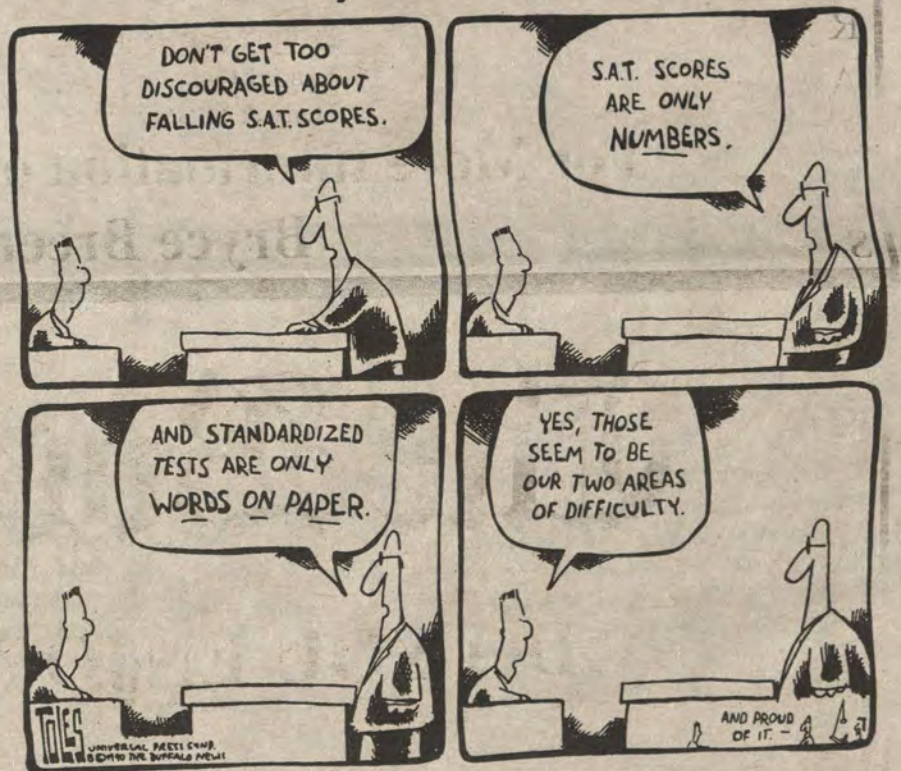
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SPORTS

Two New Camels Join the Herd

by Kim Kress
Sports Editor

Conn sports fans will have something new to cheer about this year, as Darryl Bourassa and William Wuyke join the able group of coaches at Connecticut College.

Bourassa, the new volleyball coach, is succeeding Tod Cochran. A 1981 graduate of the University of Turabo in Puerto Rico, Bourassa has refereed extensively at the high school level.

Under his guidance, the Camels will be looking to improve on last season's 3-16 record. The team will open the season on September 15, when they host the Conn College Invitational.

Wuyke serves a dual role as a member of the Conn coaching staff. In the fall he can be seen on Harkness Green assisting head coach Bill Lessig with the men's soccer program; however, when the spring of 1991 rolls around, he will turn his attention to track. Wuyke replaces Ed Mighten as the

head coach of the men's track and field team.

Wuyke is a native of Venezuela and a graduate of the University of Alabama. He has competed in both the 1980 and 1984 Olympic Games in the 800 meter event and was named Venezuelan Athlete of the Year in Track and Field 1982-1986. His experience as a world-class 800 meter runner should serve the Camels well. Good luck to both men as they embark on their inaugural seasons.

**Starting
Next Week:
Look for
Camel Fall
Sports
Previews**



Men's soccer team practicing hard on Harkness Green

Schmoozing with Dob and Pops

by Dobby Gibson
and
David Papadopolous
The College Voice

NFL Preview and League Analysis

The wait is over. Forget about sunglasses, suntan lotion, bikinis, Sunday afternoons at the beach and quiet Monday nights. It's time for the National Pastime to share the spotlight with God's greatest creation. As the summer heat and humidity gives way to the golden colors of fall, a man is considered blessed if, on any given Sunday, he can find his way to one of the NFL's 28 cities. Folks, this gives you one more reason to escape the unpleasantities of the greater New London area.

We'll first whet your appetite with something light, the American Football Conference.

AFC East

In the NFL's worst division, the "AFC Least," we see proud Buffalonians once again dancing in the streets as their team wins by default for the second year running. The Dolphins will contend if they can repair their recent defensive problems. The Colts, plus \$634,375 and minus one Eric Dickerson (at press time), could contend with a .500 record. The Pats and the Jets have tried to hook up with a Pop Warner football league in Granby, Connecticut. Granby league official Gus Schniederman declined their requests, stating, "We have no room for any more for non-contenders. And, frankly, we don't want to be liable for any career-

ending injuries they might sustain. 'Cause lemme tell ya, some of these little ankle-biters can really hit."

AFC Central

In what is clearly the AFC's most competitive division, the Bengals offensive juggernaut will be too much for the rest of the pack. In the Steel City, break out the Terrible Towels as the young Steelers should contend again, behind a young quarterback named Bubba and an old mentor named Knoll. A new head coach, and a new offense have moved into the House of Pain. Whether Jack Pardee's run-and-shoot will prove fruitful for an already talent-laden team is an unknown. If they pick it up, they could finish as well as 11-5. If not, 6-10 is not out of the question. In Cleveland, this year's version of the Dawg Pound may sound less like German Shepherds and more like Poodles as the Browns, still a solid team, may be overwhelmed by the competition.

AFC West

Despite what you may hear on Morrison's second floor, the young Chiefs, behind the NFL's best full-back, Okoye, and head coach Schottenheimer will dethrone the Broncos who will finish a close second. The Oakland/L.A./Irwindale/Baghdad Raiders, Seahawks, and Chargers will all be non-factors.

Now for the main course, the National Football Conference.

NFC East

In a hotly contested race, the Giants will dissolve the Eagles and nip the

offensively powered 'Skins. "Buddy Ryan's Band of Thieves" will heretofore be referred to as Fat Man's Gang of Ex-Cons. In Phoenix, the only question will be whether or not the opponent can outscore the temperature. Dallas Cowboys: dial 911.

NFC Central

In the Black and Blue Division, the talented Vikings will be too much for the Pack with or without the Majik Man. A surging Lions team will threaten, but still are realistically a year away. After another down season for the Bears, Ditka's best moments on Sunday afternoon T.V. will be during his Dristan commercials. That leaves us here at Schmoozing to ponder whether or not Tampa Bay still has a team. And, if so, where have they been vacationing for the last ten years?

NFC West

In the NFL's top division, the Rams will shock the second place 49ers, while both teams will power their way to at least twelve wins. Put the Saints in the AFC, and they'd be as powerful as a Harris burger and a side order of Mexican Chop Suey. This is a quality team overshadowed by two great teams. The only question in Atlanta is who will accumulate more league fines, Glanville or Sanders. Our sources in Vegas say take Glanville and lay the 20,000 bucks.



L.A. PIZZA SPORTS TRIVIA

Welcome back, sports fans. Hope you all have been following the travails of the "A.L. Least." Expect a special series of Red Sox "History of Choking" questions in the upcoming weeks.

This year's winners will receive a free dinner from LA Pizza in Groton. Winners will not be drawn at random because in this game the early bird gets the free 'za.

1. Who was the first Grand Slam winner to be defeated at this year's U.S. Open?

2. Anyone remember junior high school algebra? As of Friday morning, Cecil Fielder had hit 42 home runs while his Detroit Tigers had gone 61-69 (good for third place in that potent American League division). If Cecil can stay on pace, how many dingers off Roger Maris' record will he be when he's watching the A's role through post-season?

3. How many inside-the-park grand slams were legged out in the month of August? Who hit them? Tiebreaker: At what stadiums did each take place?

Send all answers to Box 3637 by Thursday.

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