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Orientation leaders welcome Class of 1996

Panelists promote diversity awareness

by Yvonne Watkins
Associate Managing Editor

On Sunday, August 29, the class of 1996 was treated to an example of what Lisa Middleton, acting director of Unity House, called "true education... when people of different backgrounds exchange ideas

mainly took the form of insensitive comments and jokes, but there were also more blatant examples of racism. A theater major, Mahome was never cast in leading roles because of his skin color. His locker was kicked in, with the word "nigger" scrawled on it; and a female friend was instructed by her

parents never to sit next to him in public because, "people might get the wrong idea."

Mahome has never encountered such blatant racism at Connecticut College, but, he added, there is still the testing. However, the stress placed on diversity awareness and organizations such as

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-Lisa Middleton
Acting director of Unity House

and information." The fifth annual Diversity Awareness Panel began at 12:30 p.m. and included speeches from ten students and Young Alumni Trustee, Michelle dela Uz. Middleton said the purpose of the panel was to present resources available for students and to heighten awareness about diversity because, "each of you bring something unique to Conn... you as a person will never be duplicated."

Jay Mahome led the panel with his experiences as an African-American male. He said Connecticut College has been a much more positive experience than the predominantly white, all-male prep school he attended after the sixth grade. There, he explained, "people tested me constantly." This testing

Unity House and the Big Brother/Big Sister program have been a help, and that overall, "Conn helps me feel proud to be an African-American."

Gigi Stone, who spoke from the standpoint of a woman, also found Connecticut College to be a "happy medium" compared to the two high schools she attended. The first was a former all-male school whose students were not pleased with the decision to go co-ed. "We were not welcomed as people," Stone explained. On the first day of school, male pupils lined the front hall, holding number cards to rate the female students as they walked past. Girls were drowned out during class by rude and unpleasant noises. When Stone ran for a posi-

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Panelists discuss issues of diversity and relate their personal experiences as part of orientation week.

Senior key deposit return totals \$10,000

by Carl Lewis
News Editor

Despite difficulties in settling accounts, the college's accounting office eventually kept its promise to the class of 1992, as a total of over \$10,000 in key deposit funds were returned to the class of 1992.

Each year, a \$25 deposit is collected from each new student at the college, in an attempt to convince students to return keys at the end of each year. The fee is collected under the premise that each student

will be reimbursed upon graduation, as long as the student has returned all keys.

From the beginning, members of the class of 1992 suspected that they would never see the \$25 deposit again. These suspicions intensified through the summer as most members of the class of 1992 had not yet received reimbursement.

According to Elizabeth Hook, the accounting office staff member in charge of accounts receivable, the refunds were sent out on July 23 to all members of the class of 1992

with no unpaid bills. Unfortunately, this was only 48 of the graduated seniors.

The accounts without unpaid expenses were easiest to process, because they involved a straightforward payment of \$25 to each student. "The others are a little more difficult," said Hook.

Through the rest of the summer, the accounting office settled the accounts, subtracting all debts from the \$25. On Thursday, September 3, the remaining checks were sent to the students.

Three contemporary authors to participate in Klagsbrun symposium

by Rebecca Flynn
Editor in Chief

The third annual Daniel Klagsbrun Symposium on Writing and Moral Vision is set to commence on Thursday, September 10 and will continue through Friday, September 11.

This year's symposium will consist of a series of readings from three contemporary novelists followed by a panel discussion titled "Epic Vision in Contemporary Fiction." The participants will be Dorothy Allison, Jay McInerney, and Susan Richards Shreve. All events are free and open to the public and will be held in Dana Hall in Cummings Arts Center.

Allison will open the symposium with a reading from her novel *Bastard out of Carolina* on Thursday at 8 p.m. McInerney will read from *Brightness Falls* and Shreve will read from *Daughters of the New World* on Friday at 4 p.m. The panel discussion will follow at 8

p.m. and will be moderated by Blanche McCrary Boyd, professor of English and Writer-in-Residence at Connecticut College and author of last year's critically acclaimed novel, *The Revolution of Little Girls*.

Allison is an acclaimed writer whose novel, *Bastard out of Carolina*, earned a hot review in the New York Times Book Review.

"When I finished *Bastard out of Carolina*," wrote George Garrett, "I wanted to blow a bugle to alert the reading public that a wonderful work of fiction by a major new talent has arrived on the scene."

McInerney's first novel, *Bright Lights, Big City*, was a second person narrative of a hedonistic lifestyle complete with cocaine use that earned him a place as a bad-boy writer in the literary brat pack.

His two subsequent novels, *Ransom* and *The Story of my Life*, met with terrible reviews, but McInerney rose again in the public eye with the publication of

Brightness Falls.

Shreve's newest novel, *Daughters of the New World*, was praised in *Booklist* as "an enveloping, rewarding and heroic tale told with great skill and much heart." The novel is a narrative of the lives of five generations of American women beginning in the 1890s.

Shreve, a professor of English at George Mason University and a founder of the PEN Faulkner Award, is the author of seven previous novels, including *A Country of Strangers* and *Miracle Play*. She is also the author of award-winning children's books.

The Daniel Klagsbrun Symposium on Writing and Moral Vision at Connecticut College was established by the parents of Daniel Klagsbrun, '86, who was murdered in New York City the day after his 24th birthday.

Since the establishment of the symposium, Connecticut College has hosted such noted authors as Saul Bellow and E.L. Doctorow.



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VIEWPOINT/CONNTHOUGHT

You just might like it

Newness has gripped the campus. From the silly to the serious, it's time to recognize that things will not be the same at Conn College this year.

From Dean Catherine WoodBrooks' directive that dormitories now be called "houses" (which, by the way, strikes us as Conn's most ludicrous propaganda effort ever) to the gutting of the College Center and subsequent absence of the campus' fried food haven to the opening of the amazing athletic facilities, the Class of 1996 is on course for a unique experience.

With newness comes opportunities, but opportunities require initiative—your initiative. Finding a way to make the most of your education will not be difficult. Check out the Student Activities Fair on Larrabee Green Tuesday afternoon. You'll discover that all of Conn's traditional activities still abound. You'll see lots of upperclass students who want your help. You too can overextend yourself by pledging involvement with every represented organization. It will be different this time, though, because now more than ever they need your fresh creativity.

Organizations will have to brainstorm to find temporary new sites for parties and events. Sports teams and clubs have the chance to sprint ahead with better practice spaces. The Student Government Association has launched promises for a year of renewed and organized leadership. In short, now is an exciting and challenging time for you to get involved, but only you can make it happen.

At the very least, embrace the changes. Hang a few plants and fool yourself into believing the Plex is like home. Take advantage of the temporarily healthy food at the Snack Shop. Swim a few laps, shoot some hoops and start that long-awaited exercise program. *You just might like it.*

This one's for you

It doesn't matter what you think. It only matters that you think. It doesn't matter what you write. It only matters that you write.

With these simple philosophies, I am pleased to invite your submissions to our weekly CONNThought and Viewpoint sections of *The College Voice*.

Whether they involve our world, the United States or the college community, issues crop up every day, and we want to hear what you think about them.

I don't care if you agree with me; in fact, I'd rather you didn't. I don't care if you like George Bush or Bill Clinton. I don't care if you are a hawk, a dove, or somewhere in between. I don't care if you are a faculty member, an employee or a student. I don't care if you like or despise the college administration, and I don't care if you live in Freeman or Marshall.

I only care that you have an opinion.

You might be surprised how strongly you feel. Think, for a moment, about your past week. Were you frustrated by the registration stampede? Were you shut out of over-enrolled classes? Did you spend a fortune on books? Was your floor party broken up by Cam-

pus Safety? Is there an article in this issue that makes your blood boil?

Read the newspapers, watch the news, and tell us what you think. Should allied forces employ military pressure in Bosnia? Will democratic reforms last in Russia? How did Dan Quayle humiliate himself this week? Was Bush's visit to the wreckage of Hurricane Andrew a pointless campaign ploy?

Speaking of campaigns, this is an election year. Use this space to shatter Conn's reputation as a politically apathetic campus. Use these pages as a debate page. We may not believe in color, but think of it this way, it makes no difference whether you are photogenic. It's only what you say that counts.

All CONNThought submissions are due to our office in Nichols House or to our box 5351 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. They should be written legibly or typed, preferably on disk. *The College Voice* reserves the right to edit for clarity or length, but not content. We will not twist your words or change your

thoughts.

We also welcome letters for our Viewpoint page by Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Letters should usually address an article or issue raised in the previous week's newspaper.

All submissions—letters and ar-

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ticles—must be signed and have a phone number for verification. Upon request, we will consider running unsigned submissions when circumstances merit anonymity, but I must be able to contact the writer before such a decision is made.

If you have any questions, please call me at ext. 2841 or ext. 4111.

I know you have an opinion, and this one's for you. Use it well.

Sarah Huntley, '93
Publisher of *The College Voice*

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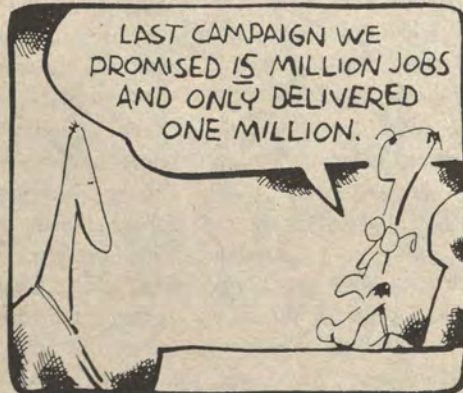
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NEWS

College hires associate director of Student Life/Residential Life

Williams accepts position at Columbia

by India Hopper
Managing Editor

After spending three years as Connecticut College's associate director of Student Life/Residential Life, Daphne Williams recently accepted a position at Columbia University. She is now the coordinator of the first year focus program at Barnard College. The program is designed to blend the academic and residential components of college life. It sponsors dinners and discussions on issues such as politics diversity and alcohol use, stressing faculty and student interaction. Williams said, "It's a position where I am able to be really creative."

Although it was difficult for Williams to leave the college during the summer she feels that the move was a positive one. Her career goal is to become a dean of freshman and her new position allows her to deal specifically with the 550 first year students at Barnard.

Williams does have lasting impressions of the student body at Connecticut College. "I particularly enjoyed working with the housefellows." She said, adding, "I have so much respect for the student leaders . . . you do more than your share."

Her successor at the college is Danell Gill. The position she holds is a one-year interim position. Before coming to Connecticut College, Gill was an area coordinator at the University of Vermont. There she supervised graduate students who were dormitory advisors, a role similar to that of a housefellow. Gill has a Masters degree in education with a specialization in higher education administration. After her year here she intends to return to school to receive her Ph.D.

During this one-year period Gill

intends to work with Catherine WoodBrooks, dean of Student Life, to redefine the position of associate director of Student Life/Residential Life. According to WoodBrooks, a committee will be formed in the near future with the intent to streamline the position.

WoodBrooks sees the position as being an educational one which would provide quality programs and service, including personal interaction and follow-up. Gill hopes to help WoodBrooks "figure out what the positions should be . . . to flush it out, adding and deleting responsibilities." According to Williams, "The position as it was structured is really too much for one person to be doing." She feels that the students need more personal support and more educational programming, claiming, "There was never the down time in the schedule to make improvements and implement change."

Although Gill has only been a part of the college for two weeks, she is impressed with the students at the college, "They seem to be very intelligent and willing to get involved . . . and also responsible for their actions."

Gill believes that communication is important in her position. She feels it is her responsibility to help the students understand each other and learn to "peacefully co-exist." "A part of coming to college is learning to communicate and compromise."

For roommate troubles she does not see room switching as the first and only option, believing that it should instead be the last. "I'm not into clandestine room switches . . . they're not what college is all about."

According to WoodBrooks a national search will be initiated within a couple of months to permanently fill the position.



Claire Gaudiani, '66, president of the college, addressed the first-year students.

President's Assembly welcomes the class of 1996 to the college

by Susan Feuer
Features Editor

Claire Gaudiani, '66, president of the college, welcomed the class of 1996 at the presidential assembly on Saturday August 29. "We've been preparing for you for a long time," she said. After her introductory remarks, she introduced Louise Brown, dean of freshmen.

Brown told the 443 freshmen class members "it's a dynamic and interesting time to be at Conn." She said it is also an exciting time in a larger global sense. "Our connection to the world is a distinctive one, rooted in the mind."

Brown spoke of the International Studies program, the mission of which is "intercultural understanding." She also spoke of a permanent research program for the natural sciences and said more students in the class of '96 than ever before expressed an interest in natural sciences. Brown also mentioned the strategic plan and the recently established CASE-J.

The class of '96, according to the "Design Your Education" survey they completed during the summer most admired their educators, family, writers and athletes. Brown spoke about the aspirations of the freshmen class and said that over fifty percent of the class wants to be a performer. Other students answered that they want to be writers, in the medical profession, multilingual, athletes, social activists and natural scientists. Of the students who aspired to be politicians, there are eleven future presidents in the class, one of whom is a woman. Thirty students wish to be diplomats; eight want to be "leaders of the new world order" and one freshman wants to be "emperor of the world." Brown said, "The di-

versity of the class is matched by your ambition and talent."

Brown told the audience about the concerns that the new class has. Some are worried about their social life and leaving their family.

She quoted one student who had written, "I know everything will turn out in the end \ It's just the trip to the end that I'm worried about." One student was worried about doing his own laundry.

Many of the responses showed the confidence that some class members feel. One wrote, "Conn will provide that excellent foundation." Said Brown, "You must meet us halfway. You become the bottom line for yourself; you are confident that you will enjoy college and have a great experience. We believe in your ability to succeed."

She ended by urging the students to "take the challenge and dive in. We look forward to a great year with all of you." Brown then introduced Colleen Shanley, '93 president of the Student Government Association. Shanley, a history major, has been active in SGA for all her four years at Conn. She said, "I think it is my responsibility to tell you what to really expect."

Shanley urged the class of '96 to get involved with extra-curricular activities. "We'll be quite shameless in our efforts to get you involved. We'll offer you food and stuff your mailbox, because we know that anything in there will make you happy."

She told the students to "try out everything. When it comes to giving your soul, make sure you do it for yourself." She also encouraged the freshmen to interact with upper-classmen. "We like talking to you. Don't be afraid to approach us, to knock on our doors."

President Gaudiani spoke after

Shanley. She told the students, "You have won admission to one of the nation's most highly selective colleges." She added that the students "have high aspirations. You also expect to teach and share what you know with others."

She emphasized the importance of creating strength in New London schools. In this time of economic difficulty, "those of us in education have a responsibility to improving the community." Members of the college community have a "personal responsibility for doing philanthropy." Gaudiani ended her remarks by saying, "Your ticket is punched. Just work hard here and you've got it made." She spoke to the parents in the audience and recognized the sacrifices they had made for their children. "The hardest job is still ahead; the job of saying goodbye. I'm counting on every one of you to succeed."

William Niering, professor of botany and acting president of the college, was the final speaker at the assembly. "It's an honor to be asked to guide this school for four months. I've been here for almost four decades and I think this is the most exciting time and I'm supposed to be thinking of retiring."

"The academic programs and physical facilities are growing at an unanticipated pace," he added. Niering, an expert on wetlands, spoke of the importance of "our relationship to the environment." He explained that two decades ago the college established an environmental model. "I invite all of you to participate in the model. Our relationship to the environment is as important as the human to human relationship." Ending the assembly, Niering told the students, "Don't hide your talents under the bushel."



Danell Gill succeeds Daphne Williams as the Connecticut College's new associate director of Residential Life/Student Life.

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An African-Caribbean Fete was held on KB green on Wednesday, September 2 from 7 to 8:30. It featured a celebration of African dancing, singing, and drumming, and was led by Michelle Bach, '82.

Panelists bring home their message by relating personal experiences

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tion in student government she was informed by a friend, "Face it: you won't win. You're a girl." She didn't. Stone explained that your choices were either constantly getting into arguments or turning into a "bubbly jellohead." She eventually transferred to a high school whose atmosphere was exactly the opposite: the girls were favored over the boys.

Stone, co-chair of People Organized for Women's Rights, also provided her definition of feminism, "A feminist," she stated, "is anyone who believes men and women are equal," and she invites everyone to come and see what POWR is about.

Kevin Henderson spoke from the perspective of a biracial person. He said he feels very fortunate in having grown up in a racially mixed area, and "was never made to feel conscious in a negative way." He warned the audience against insensitive questions and remarks like, "So what are you, anyway?" and, "Gee, you don't seem Japanese at all. . . That's like me saying, 'Gee, you don't really look like you have hair at all.'" He explained that while it's good to be curious about other people's heritage, there is a polite way of asking. He concluded, "I'm 100 percent Japanese, and I'm 100 percent Caucasian, and I don't have to choose one over the other."

Denise DeLaRosa, a Latina student, spoke about her experiences in junior high, where she was made to feel so inferior she wanted to die. Since that time she has become comfortable with her heritage, she said, learning to love its language and dance. Here at Connecticut

College she has experienced the same kind of subtle racism Mahome and Henderson described, although, she stated, for the most part the people are really nice. DeLaRosa commented that it is so important to recognize that "There's a lot more to a person than what's on the outside."

The other panelists were: Maria Esguerra, an international student; Catherine Noujaim, speaking from the standpoint of a person with disabilities; Jeff Gilton, who spoke on being of a lower economic class; Amy McMahan, who told of her experiences as a lesbian at the college. Judy Musicant gave her perspective as a Jew, and Neelu Molchandani spoke from the standpoint of an Asian.

After the panelists, alum Michelle dela Uz spoke of the importance self-examination and reflection. "You come to college at an

exciting time. There will be changes right before your eyes. Don't blink." She discussed some of the painful world events of the past few months, and said, "Negative incidents aren't entirely bad. If people reflect on them there will be growth and change . . . but no pain, no growth." She reminded students that Connecticut College is a microcosm of the world, and that while prejudices are more subtle, they do exist and still need to be addressed. "What better place than at a college which nurtures probing questions? . . . Conn and institutions like it are my hope."

Michelle dela Uz is a social worker for the homeless, a Health Educator, and is currently working on a joint graduate degree while serving as Young Alumni Trustee. She also helped organize New York City's first Latino Awareness month.



Neelu Mulchandani relates her experiences as an Asian American student.

Genesis, Odyssey give orientation a different twist

by Rebecca Flynn
Editor in Chief

While some first year students climbed mountains and trekked across the woods as participants in Connecticut College's Outdoor Orientation Program, students of color and international students had the opportunity to participate in their own early orientation programs, Genesis and Odyssey.

Genesis, an early orientation program for students of color and their parents, began on Friday, September 28.

Monique Curnen, Unity intern, said, "I think the purpose (of Genesis) is just to address the concerns of students of color and their parents. . . especially since at this particular college they'd be in the minority."

Lisa Middleton, director of Unity House, said the program was aimed at helping students of color and their parents get "a better feel for the institution's commitment for having a multicultural community and some of the support systems and resources available at Connecticut College."

The program included workshops for both students and their parents.

The students attended workshops on academic and social life, while the parents' workshops focused on academic life and also addressed changing relationships parents have with children in college.

Curnen said the parents workshops gave them a chance to meet each other and to meet administrators and Unity House staff. "I think it was important for them to know that there was a sense of community here and there was people here to support their children."

The students also attended a session conducted by alumna Tamara Michel that was designed "to give the perspective of where Connecticut College is moving and where it is coming from in terms of diversity issues," said Middleton.

Students of color also met their Big Sisters and Big Brothers. Curnen stressed how helpful and strong the relationship between a first year student and a Big Brother or Big Sister can be.

"I think often times Big Brothers and Big Sisters can be a sort of mentor and someone they can look up to," said Curnen.

Hecdellyne Rodriguez, a Big Sister, said Genesis and the Big Sister/Big Brother program helped first year students to "get a little perspective on what it would be like from the upperclass students."

For Rodriguez, the purpose of Genesis is clear. "The point is just so they could get to know each other and get a feel for what the campus life is going to be like."

Teresa Ammirati, director of the writing center and advisor to the International Advisors, explained how Odyssey, an early orientation program for international students, works.

Said Ammirati, "What I would hope it would do and what it is designed to do is give students from other cultures an introduction to the campus." Ammirati called the program, "a way of making the transition from one culture to another a little easier."

Christina Harper, an International Advisor, said Odyssey was "a real calm way to come into the school and get a feel for it."

Harper gave the example of one of her advisees who had never lived in the United States before. She pointed out that "that can be a real culture shock."

According to Harper, her advisee is still having a little trouble adapt-

'They made a lot of friends. I think that's really the main thing, making friends.'

**-Hecdellyne Rodriguez
Big Sister**

ing, but that Odyssey has helped with that process and even more importantly has helped him meet other students who know where he's coming from.

Odyssey also offered workshops for the students and their parents.

The students workshops were designed to give international students "a picture of what their academic and social life will be like on campus," said Ammirati.

At the workshops information such as the process of obtaining work visas and the restrictions on off campus work for non-citizens was explained.

According to Ammirati, Odyssey also sponsored a shopping trip to the Crystal Mall for two purposes.

For one, Ammirati pointed out that students from abroad often cannot pack all the little things that "students arriving in a car don't really think about." She cited such items from towels to posters. For two, Ammirati said the trip was also used to answer any questions international students may have about American money.

On Friday night both Genesis and Odyssey students came together for a dinner in Burdick with student entertainment.

Rodriguez summed up one of the most important results of both Genesis and Odyssey, one COOP students also benefited from, in that the students found the comfort of friendship. "They made a lot of friends. I think that's really the main thing, making friends."

Toby Efferen / Associate Photo Editor



Challenges for the 21st century subject of revamped Convocation Assembly

by Yvonne Watkins
Associate Managing Editor

Connecticut College's 78th Convocation, held on Thursday, September 3, marked a dramatic departure from the norm. In an effort to revamp the traditional format and attract more students the entire program was cut to forty minutes, and individual speeches limited to four.

Two cash prizes were offered to the two classes with the most members attending — the class of 1993 received two hundred, and the class of 1996 got one hundred dollars. The money is to be used for a societal or environmental cause.

The theme, Human to Human Relations, Human to Environment Relations, was described by acting president William Niering as "relations as relevant today as they will be in the 21st century." The five

speakers challenged the audience to help improve these relations.

Music was also an important part of the program. Richard Watson, supervisor of Custodial Services, sang the selection, "I Believe." He was accompanied by Jeff Barnhart, '89. The band Clover City, whose members are Carl Bernard and True Civilized, received a standing ovation for the performance of an original piece entitled, "Peace of Mind."

Claire Matthews, Dean of Admission and Planning, spoke of the necessity for "synergy," which she described as the relation parts have to each other as having an importance of its own. Matthews stated, "If someone is willing to leave their own views to engage another's," they can accomplish "more than anyone ever anticipated." Matthews explained that everyone

has an individual responsibility to take an active role in meeting two challenges: "To integrate the disparate elements [of the college community]; and to integrate this unique community to the environment." She declared, "Involvement is the cornerstone of this community."

Elizabeth Grenier, a Young Alumni Trustee, also stressed the need for involvement in her speech. She declared that the amount of input students have at the college is absolutely "unparalleled," and to please realize that "your efforts won't go unnoticed or unappreciated."

The importance of actively working to make your dreams come true was the focus of a speech by Jeff Lesser, assistant professor of history. The dream he chose was diversity.

Lesser described the college as a special world with an amazing variety of ideas "where diversity can shine gloriously." Lesser encouraged students to shun "xenophobia or assimilation," and to learn the real meaning of respect for difference. His challenge: "Make someone different from you your best friend . . . Just do it!"

"I've been asked to speak about something you already know," said Colleen Shanley, president of SGA. "You already know there are countless opportunities to help people . . . you already know the importance of enlightening yourself and fellow students about multiculturalism . . . you already know you can have a say . . . and you already know [the importance] of protecting the environment."

Shanley concluded with the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "You don't need to make your subject and verb agree; you don't need to know the difference between Plato and Aristotle; all you need is a heart full of love and a soul full of grace."

The state of the environment and the threat of over-population was the topic of acting president Niering's speech. He challenged students to work toward a sustainable earth society by attempting to "approach every day as if the fate of the world depended on you."

Niering described some of the frightening statistics facing the world's population: the fact that at every heartbeat three people are born; that the human family is expected to double in population over the next fifty years; and that some experts believe that the earth's carrying capacity has already been reached. Humanity is the only species capable of ensuring the continued survival of forty to eighty million species which haven't even been discovered or named yet.

"Over the next four years we will strive to give you the tools to deal with these challenges: respect for ideas . . . a holistic view of life . . . synthesis of ideas . . ." Niering stated. He concluded with the words of Rene Dubose, "Trend is not destiny."

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Convocation was held on September 3, symbolizing the opening of the academic year

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NEWS

First-year students participate in Responsible Choices forum

by Susan Feuer
Features Editor

"Responsible Choices," a workshop about drug and alcohol use, featured poignant, personal stories and moving declarations. David Brailey, health education coordinator, called the event a "moving and dynamic program."

Catherine WoodBrooks, dean of Student Life, addressed the class of '96 by recalling her early collegememories, saying, "I can still remember the mixed feelings of terror and excitement." She said for many of the students being at college would be the first time they could make most of their choices for themselves. "Along with all these wonderful rights and freedoms come responsibilities."

The first part of the workshop involved what Brailey called, "active participation." He asked the audience ten questions and asked them to stand if they answered yes.

One question was if the audience members had ever had to take care of a drunk friend. The majority of the audience stood up.

The next question was if the audience had ever been at a party where most people were drinking and they chose not to. Another question was if members of the audience were concerned with someone else's drinking and drug use. After he asked if the audience knew anyone who was injured in an alcohol or drug related accident, he invited students to come to the microphone and share their stories with the rest of the audience.

Approximately ten people told stories of alcohol and drug related accidents. One woman told of her German cousin, mother of a six month old baby, who was hit by a drunk driver going 140 m.p.h. on the wrong side of a highway. Another man told of two of his high school friends who had smoked PCP laced marijuana, got into their cars and into a fatal accident.

The second part of the program consisted of an "Impact Panel." The first person to speak was Ingall Key, an alum of Connecticut College, who is involved with Mothers Against Drunk Driving. She began by saying, "You're used to making some good choices. Hopefully you'll continue making good choices. I'd like to talk about the choices of three people."

In 1968 drunk driving became a personal issue to her family. On a Friday morning her aunt called to tell her there had been a "terrible crash." While driving to the library, her cousin and her cousin's children had been struck by a seventeen year old drunk driver. One passenger died instantly; two children died on the way to the hospital and one survived but suffered a traumatic brain injury.

It was then that "the family started on alcohol education." In 1981 Key and her husband were driving to a movie in Mystic, Connecticut. They saw a car speeding

toward them and knew they'd be hit. Both she and her husband were wearing seatbelts but she was injured. She developed a blood clot in her leg and was hospitalized for a week. The driver was drunk.

After the accident her husband became active in state legislature to raise Connecticut's drinking age to 21. In August 1984, three weeks before her youngest son, Thomas, was to begin college he was killed by a drunk driver ten minutes away from his house. He swerved his car to try to avoid the accident but was hit broadside in the ensuing crash. His girlfriend survived, he did not.

That "was a beginning of a trip into hell for us and our friends." Thomas was killed by another eighteen year old. She ended her talk by saying, "When you make choices, perhaps you'll choose not to drink at that party. MADD cares very much about you."

The next person on the panel was Dinah, '93. Her mother is an alcoholic who began drinking about five years before she was born. Dinah said that she and her three siblings grew up in a single parent alcoholic family. "I didn't know what was normal and what wasn't."

She told of her sixteenth birthday when all the children cornered their mother and tried to get her to go to rehab. Dinah remembered that as a three year old, her mother had gone to take a nap and left her to play inside the house. Dinah tried to wake her up and got scared when she couldn't. "To my three year old mind, someone had come into my mother's room and taken her away from me."

She ran out of the house to try to find help and eventually went to her neighbor's house. Her mother came to pick Dinah up two hours later and "didn't apologize for her behavior, but for my behavior."

Dinah and her siblings succeeded in convincing her mother to go to rehab. When she got out "she looked so good and we were all so proud of her. She started drinking three weeks later."

"I finally figured out that I can't do anything about it," she said.

Following Dinah was Chad, '95, a drug addict and alcoholic who has been straight for two years and three months. He said, "I'm not going to tell you what choices to make, but I will tell you what some of the consequences of your choices could be."

He started drinking wine, then beer. When he was twelve or thirteen he smoked a joint by himself. An athlete, he started smoking pot on the weekends, then everyday. He tried acid at a party and eventually tried cocaine, which made him "feel like superman."

This progression took about two years and he began dealing drugs to support his habit. Chad was playing pro tennis at the time. He said, "You turn into something you know deep down that you're not."

He got busted while driving to a concert, doing 135 m.p.h. in the

emergency lane of the highway. "I was eighteen years old and I was scared. I kept saying to the police-woman, 'I'm not a criminal' but I had a gram of coke, \$2,000 and grass in the car."

Chad was put in jail for a day and a half. When he got out, "I was pretty honest with my parents." He was thrown out of high school and didn't graduate. "I thought coke was the problem. I was seeing a therapist and would go stoned. This destroyed my family. They didn't trust me."

Chad finally went to a therapeutic school for a year and a half where he got his diploma. "I couldn't do it alone. Now my parents trust me and I have a great relationship with them."

His addictions still affect him. "I've got a long way to go. If you don't think your problem will progress, it will." He concluded by asking the audience, "Is it worth selling out your integrity?"

The last panel member was Bill, a recovering alcoholic who performed a monologue about his addiction and then illustrated it with a juggling act.

The monologue was based upon a scar on his hand. Bill told of a day fifteen years ago, when he was fourteen. He and his friends skipped school, got drunk and smoked pot. While playing around, he put his hand through a window and cut his wrist. He blacked out. His next memory is of seeing his mother at the foot of the operating table at the hospital. On the way home, "I cried and apologized and told my mother I loved her, but once we got home we never talked about it again." His juggling act was a metaphor for his progression into alcoholism. He juggled three yellow balls and added one at a time to show how his drinking became impossible to handle. His final act was to juggle a bowling ball, a knife and a lit torch.



Students stand to answer yes to questions related to drug and alcohol use.

Statistics show the class of 1996 as more diverse

by Carl Lewis
News Editor

The newly-arrived first-year students reflect the college's desire for a smaller student body and an even female to male ratio.

For the class of 1996, the college lowered the target class size from 450 to 435, in response to the worsening housing crunch, and overflowing classrooms. The target was slightly exceeded, as 443 freshmen were enrolled. This is a significant decrease from the 461 students in last year's freshman class.

The female to male ratio on campus is becoming more balanced, as the class of 1996 has nearly as many males as females. The class has only 23 more females than males, as opposed last year's freshman class which had 80 more females than males.

The admissions office was more

selective for the class of 1996. According to the office, only 48 percent of the 3,139 applicants were accepted, a three percent drop from the admission rate for the class of 1995. While the admission was more selective, the median SAT score for the class of 1996 is 10 points lower than the median score of the class of 1995 and the class of 1994.

The class contains 20 Sykes Scholars, and 68 percent of the class of 1996 were in the top 20 percent of their high school classes.

The freshman class contains 55 minority students. Since last year, there are more African-American first-year students, but slightly fewer Asian-American freshmen.

More than 25 percent of the class applied under the early decision program. This is the highest percentage of any class in the college's history.

Two weeks in SG Assembly

by Rebecca Flynn
Editor in Chief

Colleen Shanley, SGA president, announced that the Harkness small dining room has been reserved for a Tuesday night dinner from 5 to 7 for Executive Board members, Assembly members, and anyone else who would like to attend to discuss the issues of the week.

Saveena Dhall, chair of academic affairs, announced that a committee charged with reviewing the class size issue has determined that 3/2 has not affected class size, but having professors who leave for sabbaticals and not replacing them has.

Robin Swimmer, SGA vice president, announced that Tuesday at 10p.m. and Wednesday at 4 and 8p.m. information meetings for the presidents and treasurers of clubs on the budget process. Budgets will be due on September 16 and hearings will begin at 1pm on September 20.

A proposal sponsored by Robin Swimmer, SGA vice president, to have each committee chair submit a written report to the parliamentarian and an oral report to the Assembly every third week passed 22-0-0.

Adam Green, public relations director, sponsored a proposal to hold a public meeting for the student body to evaluate the SGA and their progress. The proposal passed 21-1-0.

A proposal sponsored by Julie DeGennaro, judiciary board chair to change the name of investigating officer to coordinator passed 21-1-0.

Swimmer sponsored a second proposal to create a task force to evaluate the amount of dorm dues collected. The proposal, which passed 17-5-0, will consist of 1 house governor, 1 former house governor, 1 SAC coordinator, 1 former SAC coordinator, 1 senator, and the SGA vice president.

A proposal sponsored by Julie DeGennaro that states that if a board member accumulates three unexcused absences, a motion for impeachment will be immediately entertained passed unanimously.

A proposal sponsored by Green to override the requirement for a referendum to change the name of investigating officer to coordinator also passed unanimously.

The student activities fair will be held Tuesday from 4 to 7p.m. on Larrabee green.

NEWS

Workshop encourages freshmen to face the reality of acquaintance rape

by Susan Feuer
Features Editor

A workshop about acquaintance rape was held on Tuesday September 1 at 6:45 p.m. as part of the freshmen orientation program. The first part of the workshop took place in living rooms and other small areas across campus. Students then met in Palmer auditorium for the final hour of the program.

Each living room session was conducted by two facilitators, who were faculty and staff of the college. The facilitators were all given the same information to present to the students. The workshop was designed to educate the first-year students about rape. The sessions began when the facilitators asked the students to raise their hands if they knew someone who had had sex against his or her will.

One aim of the forum was for men and women to work on stopping rape together. They stressed that stopping rape takes courage to listen to one another, to be honest and to take risks by listening to the opinions the participants were sharing. Approximately a half an hour into the program a video entitled, "Facing the Reality of Rape"

was shown in every living room.

The video was produced by Karen Joyce, '92 as part of her psychology honors thesis. The video showed five Connecticut College students who are rape victims. Three of the survivors are women, two are men. The first-year students were given paper so they could write down ideas and feelings about the video.

After watching the video, the women were asked to form a circle in the middle of the room. The men were asked to sit at the perimeter of the room. Only the women were allowed to talk during this time and only one woman at a time could speak.

They were asked by the facilitators how they felt after watching the video. Many expressed fear and a sense of mistrust.

The discussion lasted for fifteen minutes and then the roles were reversed. The men formed a circle, while the women sat around the edge of the room. This time it was the men's turn to speak. The facilitators asked the men to try to recall their feelings about the video instead of their reactions to the women's discussion.

The men's discussion also lasted fifteen minutes. After it, both men

and women spoke together, summing up their reactions and feelings about the video and discussions. The students spoke of the need for communication and trust. The students were then directed to Palmer Auditorium for the rest of the forum.

Louise Brown, dean of freshmen, introduced the next part of the program, which was a skit about acquaintance rape performed by six peer educators, who had been working with David Brailley since last spring.

The skit showed two first-year students, "Jen" and "Amy" and two upperclass men, "Mike" and "John." Two actors, dressed in black, played the inner voices of Jen and John. The skit began with Jen talking to her friend Amy about John, a junior she had recently met. John, a football player, invited the women to a party that night after the football game.

After a few beers in their room, Jen and Amy went to the party. There, Amy met Mike and eventually the two of them left the party to go to a living room to watch television. Jen and John went up to his room, to get more beer. They kissed for a while and eventually he raped her.



Peer educators perform skit illustrating the dangers of date rape.

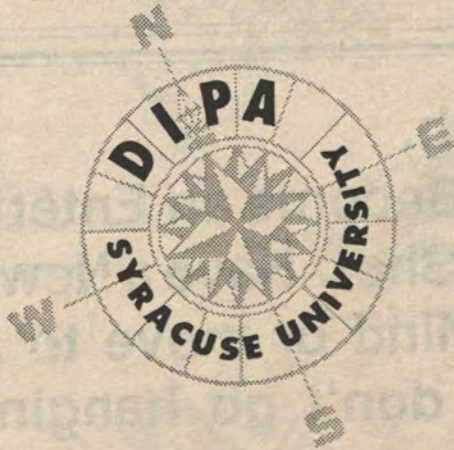
At the end of the skit, the actors, in character, took questions from the audience.

To end the workshop, Catherine WoodBrooks, dean of Student Life, asked the students to sum up what they had learned and discussed during the evening as if they were telling next year's freshmen. Some responses were that rape has nothing to do with sex; that there are sensitive men on this campus who care. One student said that everyone is capable of raping or being raped. Another said that rape can

happen to any one at any time, including young children and people who are married.

Following the hour long discussion in Palmer Auditorium, Woodbrooks invited students to a discussion in Palmer 202 led by a female rape victim who had been in the video. She announced that there would be a follow up program on Sunday, September 7. The program for women will be held in Ernst Common Room, in Blaustein and the program for men will be in the Haines Room of the Library.

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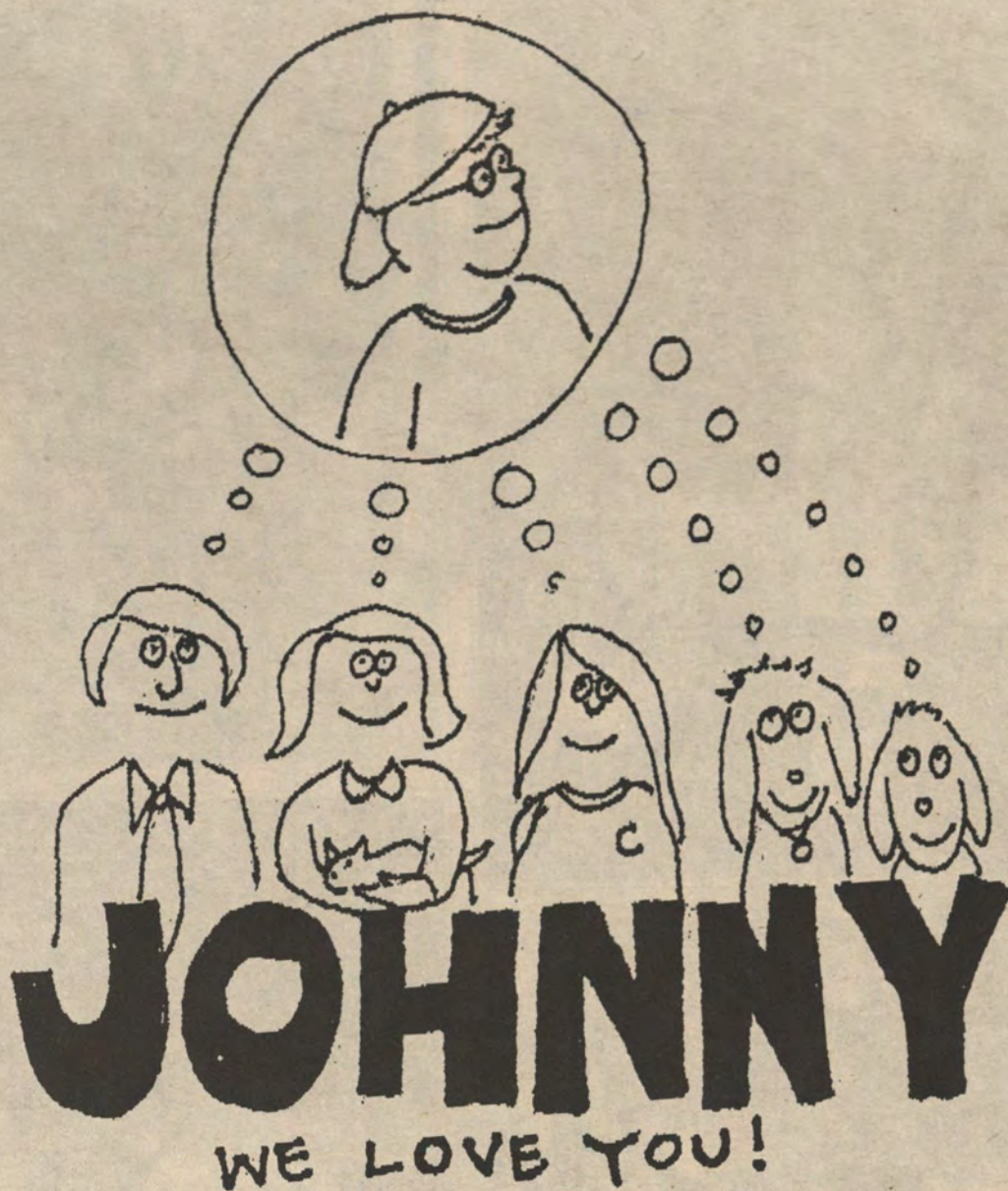
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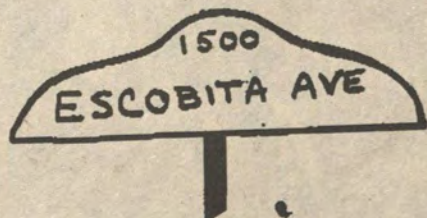
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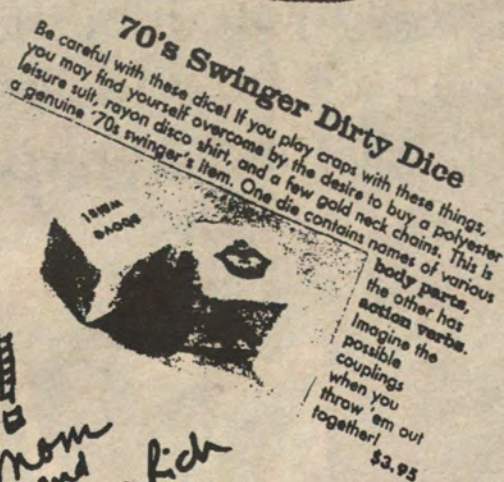


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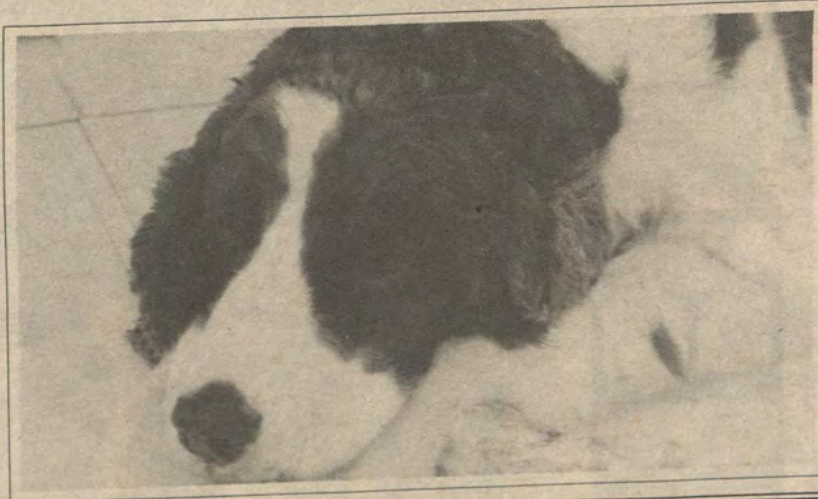
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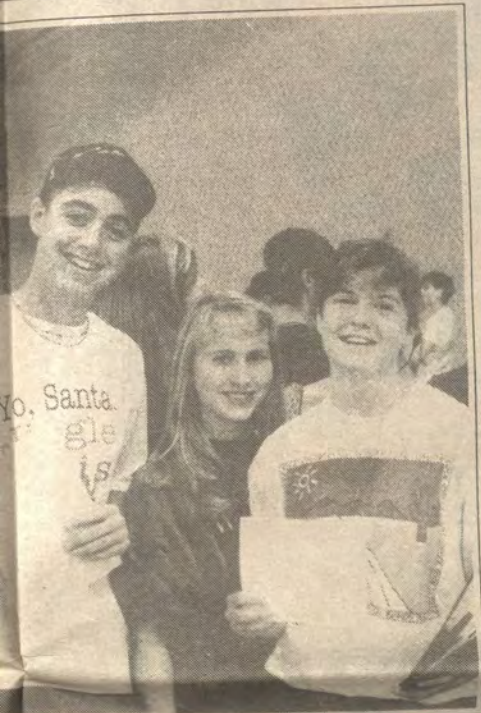


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Schmoozing with Dob and Pops:

Flynn captures coveted Warwick, RI Domino's Pizza Driver of the Month award



Opening Remarks 1992-93

Welcome, freshmen, to your first Schmoozing wh Dob and Pops; a column usually referred to on this campus as the Connecticut College sports authority, or simply as The Word. Throughout the year in this column you will be kept abreast of the latest goings-on in the sports world and the college community by a dynamic duo of literary giants known to all as Dob and Pops. This is our fourth and final year putting out this weekly masterpiece, so enjoy every morsel of print as if it were your last hot pastrami on rye the Marion sisters were ever going to make you.

Pops Releases Morrisson Fellowship Receipts

This week marks the return of Pops to campus from his summer internship with Senator Christopher Dodd in Washington D.C. Pops was the happy recipient of a Morrisson fellowship from

Conn last spring which gave him \$2,000 to use towards his internship. Upon his return this week, Papadopoulos was immediately asked to release a record of all expenditures this summer after a recent phone call from the administration in Fanning to Dodd's office found no record of anyone named Papadopoulos ever having worked there. Here are the results of the disclosure:

- \$1,200 at Laurel Race Course on July 27th. All on the number five horse, Superstrike, to win. (Word from Laurel track stewards is that Superstrike broke his leg leaving the gate and was immediately shot. This, interestingly enough, is astonishingly similar to Pops' basketball career.)
- \$200 at the "Rusty Tweezer" bar & grill.
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- \$25 for Daily Racing Forms from Jimmy's Smoke Shop.
- \$200 at Strawberries.
- \$300 on front row seats for the Springsteen Giants' Stadium show.

Miscellaneous

Dob and Pops still continue to question why the dorm door phone access system has to be used 24

hours a day. What kind of loonies are running around on this campus in broad daylight? Besides the writers of this column, none. So, why not activate the system only at night. It would make going in and out of the dorm to grab a nap a lot easier... Although this issue of the Voice does not award an Athlete of the Week, we would like to unofficially give the nod to junior Ray Flynn who dramatically captured Warwick, Rhode Island's Domino's Pizza Driver of the Month award this past August... The IM Flag Football season is not even one week old and there is already a major scandal developing. The area of controversy is a familiar one on this campus; the ugly issue of steroid use. The man under scrutiny in this case is E.M. Airplane right defensive back Charles Tauber. Tauber mysteriously blossomed in the upper body region this summer. A couple stats of note: Tauber went from a trim 98 pounds last spring to a hefty 202 this September, his chest size expanded from a -6 to a 44DD. Also, of incriminating stature is the fact that Tauber is now referred to by teammates and friends in the know as Charlie "Tauberoid." IM Coordinator Fran Shields has been alerted to the allegations and he has stated that an investigation is being launched...

Monday Night Pick

Coming back to Conn from summer break to the nip of an early New London fall always reminds us of one thing here at Schmoozing. No, no, not the smell of new textbooks and a return to academia, but rather the smell of pigskin and the return of the NFL football season. Hence, we are back with our stellar Monday Night Picks. We here at Schmoozing absolutely guarantee you that we won't stick you with the losers we have in the past. Instead, this year we'll have a brand new batch of losers for you.

We start out the season in the Lone Star State where the Cowboys wait with baited breath for the Redskins in a classic NFC East showdown (where, by the way, real football is played - note 4 out of last 6 Supe Champs). The 'Skins are a two and a half point favorite on the road. However, the Cowboys appear to have too much in their favor for the defending Champs; including a home crowd which will be out of its mind. We like the 'pokes winning relatively easily over the Foreskins. Take Dallas and the points, and we'll see you in the Winner's Circle.

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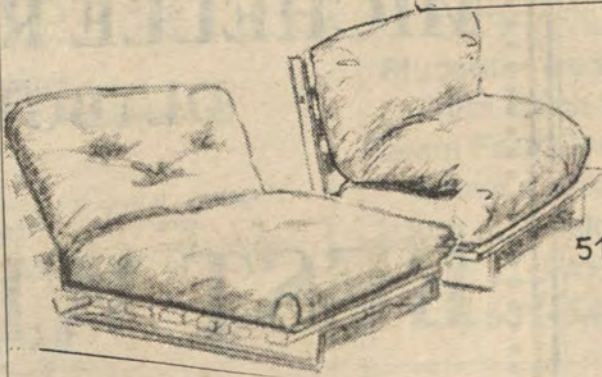
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SPORTS

Conn enters new era in athletics

New facilities and new athletic director Robert Malekoff mark a new beginning

by Dobby Gibson
Sports Editor

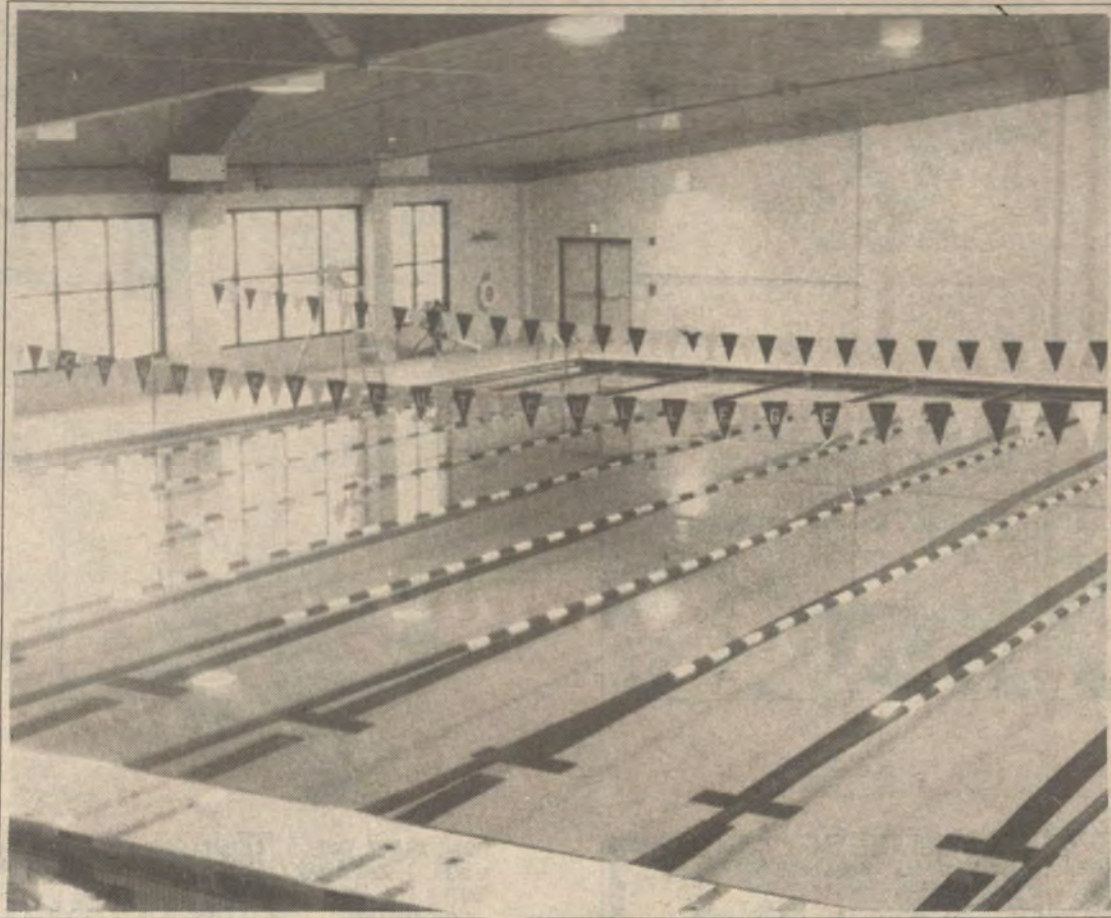
The dust has finally all but settled down on the banks of the Thames, and the results of the year-long construction of Conn's new athletic facilities are nothing short of astounding. The impending completion of these new athletic facilities this fall, along with the commencement of Robert Malekoff's tenure as Conn's new athletic director, both serve as mileposts marking Connecticut College's foray into a decidedly new era in athletics.

What Conn has added in addition to the original three rubber-surfaced indoor courts are two wooden-floored basketball/volleyball courts, a swimming pool and diving well, a new health and fitness area, two indoor rowing tanks, and a new and improved entryway.

The paint is still drying on the new basketball/volleyball courts, but aesthetically the difference is night and day. The hardwood floor emblazoned with the school name and running mascot will make for a handsome playing surface. Malekoff said that these courts will open on Tuesday for volleyball, and become fully functional upon the installation of "snap-back basketball rims" which are slated for arrival Friday.

In assessing the near completion of the courts, rookie athletic director Malekoff said it does two things for Conn. "First, it gives us a first-class varsity facility. And second, it opens up recreational space. The facilities are great for everyone."

The health and fitness area is open to all students and faculty now, but is still awaiting the arrival of the Bodymaster machines which are scheduled to be installed on



The new pool and diving well is one of the most impressive aspects of the new athletic complex.

September 15. The health and fitness area will be overseen by Conn's own fitness guru William Wuyke. Wuyke compared the Bodymaster machines to the Nautilus machines that were available in the old fitness area last year.

What has already been added to the existing free weights, stationary bikes, and Stairmaster are three treadmills and an Alpine Climber (which is similar to a stairmaster).

The finishing touches are now also being laid on the two new indoor rowing tanks. Resembling the kind of equipment you might find at Sea World, the giant bathtub-size tanks are unique for a Division III school.

"There are just not that many small colleges that have this kind of facility," Malekoff said.

Both tanks will be able to accommodate sweeping and sculling exercises, which makes them even more unique. An exact completion date for the tanks is still unable to be pinpointed, but Malekoff estimated that they'd be done within "a couple weeks."

Malekoff also expressed his desire to build some tradition at Conn by embellishing the entryway to the complex with trophies, awards, and photos to create a sort of Conn sports "hall of fame."

The entryway to both the complex and Dayton Arena will be topped on the outside by new signs this week.

In reflecting upon the completion of this massive project, Malekoff gave a lot of credit to Conn's former

athletic director Charles Luce. It was through Luce's relentless efforts in the tail end of his tenure

that brought the concept of the new facilities to life.

The transition between athletic directors has been a smooth one here at Conn. Malekoff and Luce met with each other four or five times during the academic year after Malekoff was hired. Malekoff officially moved into his new position last July.

"It was very valuable to be here in the summer," Malekoff said, "but now it's great to see the students back."

Malekoff said that he is making this year a time for evaluation. He plans to observe and oversee every aspect of the department for a period of time before determining what changes or improvements need to be implemented.

Malekoff emphasized that the new facilities are not just for varsity teams, but for everyone. As an example, he cited the addition of the two new hardwood basketball/volleyball courts, which will now open up the original courts for recreational play. Furthermore, the hardwood floors will be used for intramural games whenever available.

The new complex will be inaugurated on Saturday, September 19.



New athletic director Robert Malekoff.



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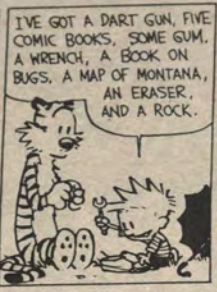
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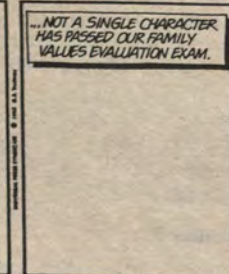
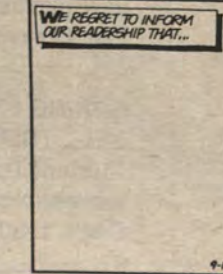
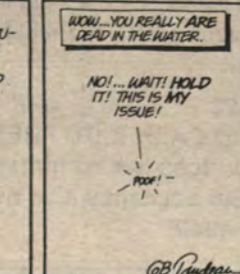
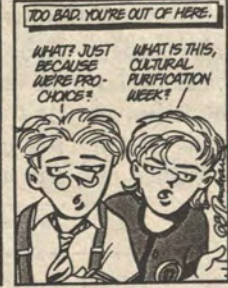
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Spiffed up and refurbished AC will be home to a full program of intramural sports, including six a side soccer.

Intramural Update:

Intramurals gear up to maximize new facilities

If you've had the time to visit the new athletic facilities, you will find an exciting group of new workout areas that will be highlighted in the 1992-93 Intramural Sport offerings. You've probably already seen the flood of blue IM brochures outlining the Fall I sport offerings. These quarterly brochures have been a key to the program's record-breaking participation numbers in the past few years, according to Fran Shields, director of Intramurals and Men's Lacrosse Coach, now in his 13th year at the College. Over 900 students took part in 16 IM events in 1991-92, the most ever.

The main objective of the Intramural program at Connecticut College is to encourage and provide an opportunity for all students, faculty, and staff to participate in events that will enhance their experiences at the college. The program's goals include involving as many participants as possible in a variety of leagues and tournaments that will contribute to lifetime skills. The underlying attitude

encouraged in these events is one of health, fitness, sportsmanship, and a positive competitive environment.

The program is designed to allow maximum participation by students in the administration of all events. Students serve as sport commissioners, officials, and statisticians. Shields feels that involving faculty and staff in events provides an excellent vehicle through which students can interact with faculty and staff.

"We not only attempt to provide an emotional and physical outlet, we want to build bridges connecting the entire campus community," says Shields.

The program features four intramural "seasons," the first of which (Fall I) is now completing signups for Flag Football, 6-a-side Soccer, Team Tennis, and tournaments in coed Beach Volleyball and 3 on 3 Basketball. The deadline for these signups is September 10 at 5 p. m. Signup details are outlined in the brochures circulating on campus.

The intramural department

sponsors both coed and single sex teams. Each sport is designed to fit in one of these categories. Women have begun to commit to increased intramural involvement. The new women's basketball league fielded six teams and over 70 participants, while women's floor hockey finished a successful third season with 11 teams, a 100 percent gain from its inaugural year in 1990-1991.

The IM department anticipates a great turnout for its newest sport, coed waterpolo! Look for details in October! Another new intramural venture will be 6 on 6 and 2 on 2 coed beach volleyball tournaments in the new sand pit across from the north tennis courts. Sinjin Smith and Cindy Jorgensen- watch out!

The College Voice will, as always, provide a weekly update as to the goings-on in intramural sports competition in the "Intramural Update". Any questions regarding intramural sports may be directed at Fran Shields who may be contacted at the Athletic Center at (203) 439-2501.

Fall Sports Contacts

Freshmen who are interested in participating in a varsity sport for the fall season should contact the following individuals immediately:

Men's Cross-Country Running

Coach: Jim Butler

Women's Cross Country Running

Coach: Ned Bishop

Captains: Lyn Balsamo, Susie Hamlin, Kat Havens

Field Hockey

Coach: Anne Parmenter

Captains: Nikki Hennessey, Suzanne Walker, Carter Wood

Men's Soccer

Coach: Bill Lessig

Assistant Coach: William Wuyke

Captains: Tim Cheney, Nthato Mokonane, Peter Spear

Women's Soccer

Coach: Ken Kline

Captains: Jen Leonard, Anne Palmgren

Women's Tennis

Coach: Sheryl Yeary

Volleyball

Coach: Darryl Bourassa

Captains: Becca Cullen, Bonnie Silberstein

All coaches may be reached at the athletic department at extension 2550. Any further questions concerning participation in varsity athletics at Conn may be directed at athletic director Robert Malkoff at the same number.

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