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Founder of Ann Frank Diary cancels Convocation

by Rebecca Libert
NEWS EDITOR

Connecticut College's eighty-second convocation will take place on Wednesday, September 4 in Palmer Auditorium.

The convocation ceremony annually opens each academic year in the spirit of its theme. The ceremony traditionally includes a keynote speaker, music, readings and film clips.

The scheduled speaker for this year was Miep Gies, the woman who helped hide the family of Anne Frank and consequently discovered her diary.

During the Holocaust, Gies and her husband allowed the Franks and another Jewish family to hide in the attic of their business establishment. For more than two years the Gies' risked their lives each day to bring food and news to the hidden families.

President Gaudiani had planned to award Gies an

honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. Tom Reynolds, Associate Secretary of the College commented that "concepts of community allow us all to wrestle with what it means to each of us," and that Gies's actions exemplified the spirit of this year's community theme.

Earlier this week the Office of College Relations was informed that Gies was seriously ill, and would therefore not be able to make the journey from her home in Amsterdam to America. Gies suggested that Anne Frank's childhood best friend, Jacqueline Van Maarsen-Sanders, accept the doctorate in her stead. Sanders is referred to in *Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl* as "Jopie."

In a letter on August 5 to President Gaudiani, Gies wrote, "it is in her [Anne Frank's] name that I humbly accept this great honor. My statements that I am just a very ordinary person who simply did

her human duty seem not to be accepted by those who I meet...it is very exceptional in the eyes of many to help those that need assistance."

The program will contain a brief film clip from the academy award-winning documentary, *Anne Frank Remembered* and readings from the book (written by Gies) the film is based on.

There will also be student readings from Frank's diary, a speech by President Gaudiani and music by the Shiloh Baptist Church. Convocation will begin at 6:30, immediately after a picnic on Harkness Green.

This convocation, the readers will include four Connecticut College students, one student from the Conn sponsored Camp Rotary Program as well as actress Mia Farrow, a parent of a student in the class of 2000.

Conn's small campus with folk tales galore!

by Rebecca Libert
NEWS EDITOR

One might think that because Connecticut College is such a small school it has a limited archive of rumors, ghost stories and trivia. However, because Conn is such a small community, rumors, gossip and folk tales spread as quickly as a line forms in Harris. The rumor that Alicia Silverstone was to be a member of this year's freshman class took less than a month to form, circulate and finally be exposed for fiction.

Many of Conn's rumors are based on its location — across the road from the Coast Guard Academy, two highway exits from the Sub Base and less than ten miles away from Millstone, the nuclear power plant.

Several of these stories suggest that "the Plex" (the six dorms connected together by Harris) was built to withstand and shelter people from a nuclear attack. From an aerial view, the six buildings form an 'H,' the standard way of notifying flyers-by that the building below is hospital, and therefore they should not attack it. It is also said that the Plex is built from materials that would keep its inhabitants safe in case of nuclear warfare. On a similar note, there is supposedly a bomb shelter hidden under Fanning.

Speaking of Fanning, students have wondered about the mysterious faux doors that have fooled many a freshman, and quite a few upperclassmen. Directly across the field from Fanning in between Harkness and J.A. stands a statue named Winged Victory. According to the rumor mill, the day a virgin graduates from Conn the statues cement

wings will take flight, carrying it off into the horizon.

According to one theater department techie, a ghost named Ruth haunts Palmer Auditorium. When Ruth doesn't want her theater occupied, she steals tools from the technicians. The tools usually reappear later the next morning. The rumors inform that Ruth was a benefactress to Palmer Auditorium long ago.

Ruth isn't the only ghost inhabiting the halls of Connecticut College.

Students living in Knowlton report tales of a lovelorn student who hung herself in the building years earlier. Supposedly she still roams the halls late at night, murmuring to herself.

Let us know about Alicia, huh?



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Special thanks this week goes out to the staff members who came back early to work on this issue. Rebecca, you are the greatest, and you will survive, don't worry. Josh, you are the man! You don't have to stay as long as you do, but thank you! Evan, you came through big time with a great idea. Cat, thank you for doing your incredible part for this organization. You all deserve the best, and this is all I could afford. Keep up the good work, and let's keep this a kick-ass paper next year! Alec, we love you too...love, Bec, Ev and J.

The Camel Heard

"You're hot... no, sweaty hot." Heard from upperclassman female to freshman male after shaking his sweaty hand.

"She said she likes to swim naked." Interesting fact revealed during freshman icebreaker.

"It looks like a giant meatball coming to get us." One orientation committee member's comment while sprawled on Harkness Green with class 2000.

"So is the thing to do here booze and hook-up?" Hopeful freshman male on first night to upperclassman female.

"The Plex will be done by the fall of 2000. Just like our track was done on time." A slightly cynical upperclassman.

"Do not use the recycling bins as punch bowls... unless you really, really need to." A realistic Environmental Coordinator.

"Who the hell is Jane?" Asked by every student on campus at one time or another.

"My room is really coming along...it's gonna be a maxi-pad." -upper class student moving back into his dorm.

"I like you, you like me, we're both well over the age of sixteen..." -overheard at the 'Intimate Encounters' workshop.

Are you interested in writing, editing, photography, graphic design, or business? Then this is the place for you!

The College Voice has positions available!!!

There will be an informational meeting (with pizza!) on Thursday, September 5th at 6:30 pm in Becker House Living Room. Questions? Call us at x2841.

BE THERE!

**RECYCLE!
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Looking forward to Fall Semester

Compiled by J. K. Rogers
A&E EDITOR

September

- 5-7 — Flock Theater presents "Romeo and Juliet" in the Arboretum
- 6-7 — Auditions for the Promenade in Palmer 202
- 7 — Fall semester's first a cappella concert
- 12 — New London College Jam: Union Plaza @ 6pm
- 21 — Peter & Kristin Liebert Art exhibit @ Lyman Allen Art museum
- 26-8 — Promenade in Downtown New London

October

- 4-5 — Parent's Weekend
- 11 — Harvestfest: pumpkins, cider, vendors and bales of hay...
- 22 — London Chamber Orchestra
- 31 — Halloween trick-or-treating and the Rocky Horror Picture Show

November-December

Crush parties: These semi-formal parties are dorm-sponsored and occur throughout both semesters. Each resident is given a ticket or two to give to a friend, a "significant other," or an anonymous crush.

MOBROC (Musicians Organized For Band Rights On Campus), a cappella, musical theater and other student run/performed shows.
Holiday Parties and The Winter Formal



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MAN ON THE STREET PRESENTS....

Freshmen on the Streets

compiled by Josh Crawford and Catherine Onder

"What surprised you the most during orientation?"

My dorm room has a view of a construction site.

I was surprised to see my dean chewing gum during an orientation meeting.

I didn't feel lost at any point on campus.

They didn't let us rest for a single moment.

I met a girl that graduated from the same high school my mother did.

I can't believe we register tomorrow and start class the next day...we have like, half a day to buy books.

The President of the College was wearing a leopard print skirt.

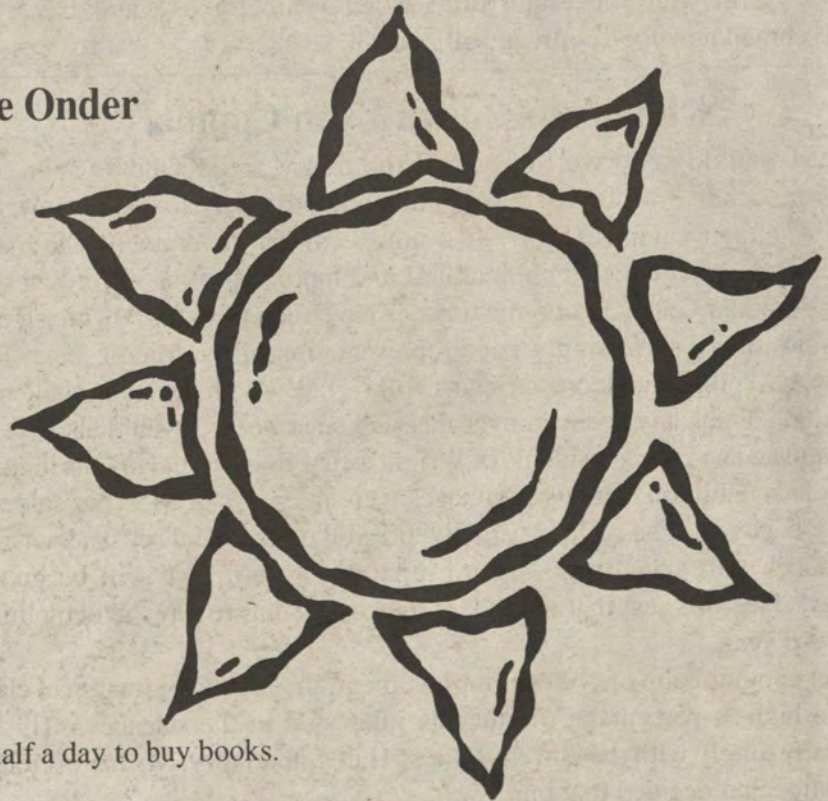
My advisors are less scary than I imagined they would be...my F.A. is sort of eccentric.
The faculty is really friendly and open...but they're a little strange, they really are.

I got locked out of my building because I didn't have my six digit code. That was annoying.

Using the phone was so confusing. I was really angry about that. The whole voice mail system....she stood us up for the meeting by the way...y'know, 'meet Jane,' well, she wasn't there.

I didn't expect the speeches to be so boring. If you're eighteen and you still don't know that stuff then you're in a sorry state.

The fact that there was supposed to be a hurricane and it never showed.



Places to go, things to do: Off Campus Activities

by Rebecca Libert
NEWS EDITOR

Okay, so now that you're here...what else is out there? Fret not, class of 2000, there is a plethora of highly entertaining (or at the very least inexpensive) places to visit in the areas surrounding New London.

When the groceries your parents left you with start to dwindle, there are several Super Stop & Shops in the area. We recommend the one in Groton, mainly because of its proximity to Wal-Mart, an excellent supplier of standard dorm room furnishings. El Dorado City, in Groton as well, sells tapestries and posters to give your room that "unique" look.

If you're in need of entertainment, food and drink, or just want to get off campus for a while there are a number of places to visit.

Rosie's Diner has a long standing tradition of feeding Conn students. The burgers and milkshakes are incredible works of cholesterol art. Because of its popularity and its convenience (twenty-four hour home cooking) seats are sometimes hard to find at Rosie's, but the International House of Pancakes is less than three minutes away.

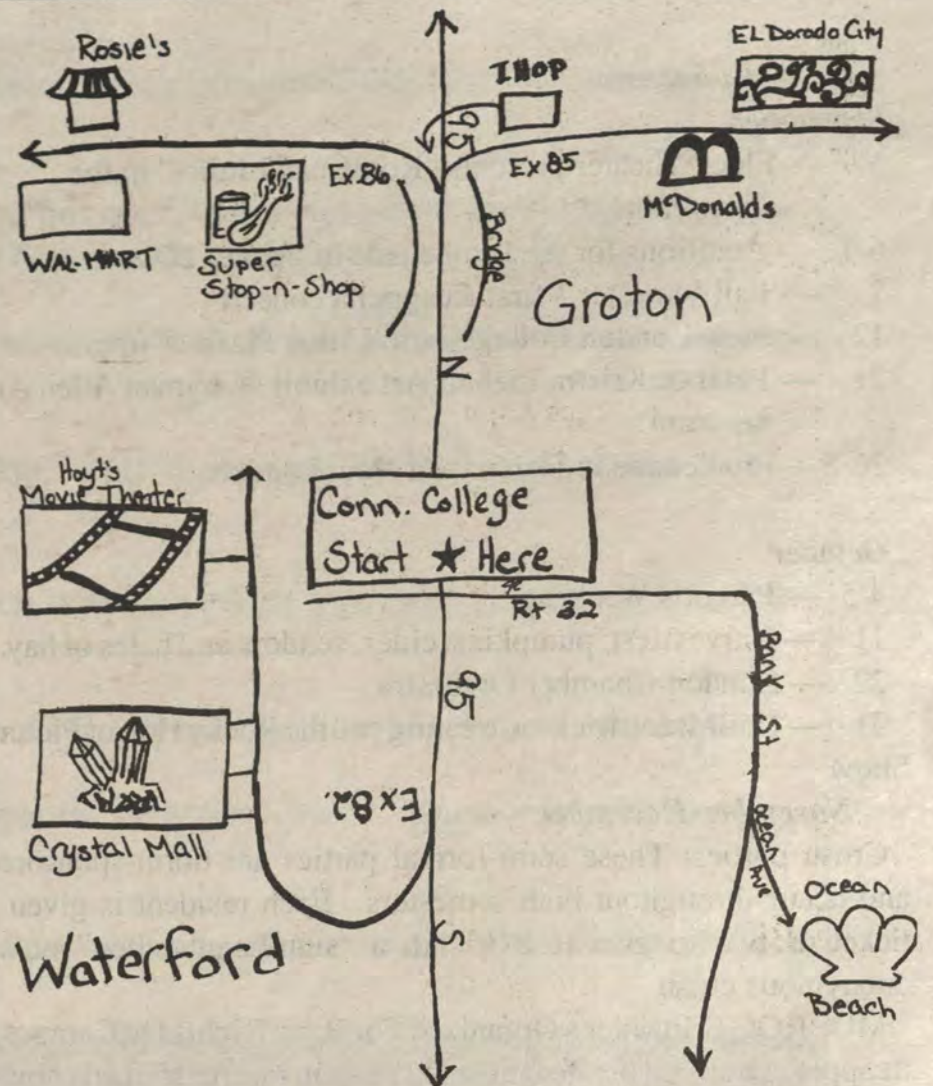
The Crystal Mall in Waterford boasts a brand new food court and all

of the standard "mall stores" for the discerning Conn shopper. The Crystal Mall does not have a movie theater inside, but there is a Hoyt's Cinema just up the road. Looking for outdoor activity???

Though you really don't need to go any further than the Arbo for fun in the sun, New London's Ocean Beach and several public beaches just over the border of Rhode Island are great places to go for surf and sand. Enjoy your exploring before the New England weather gods wreak havoc on us all.



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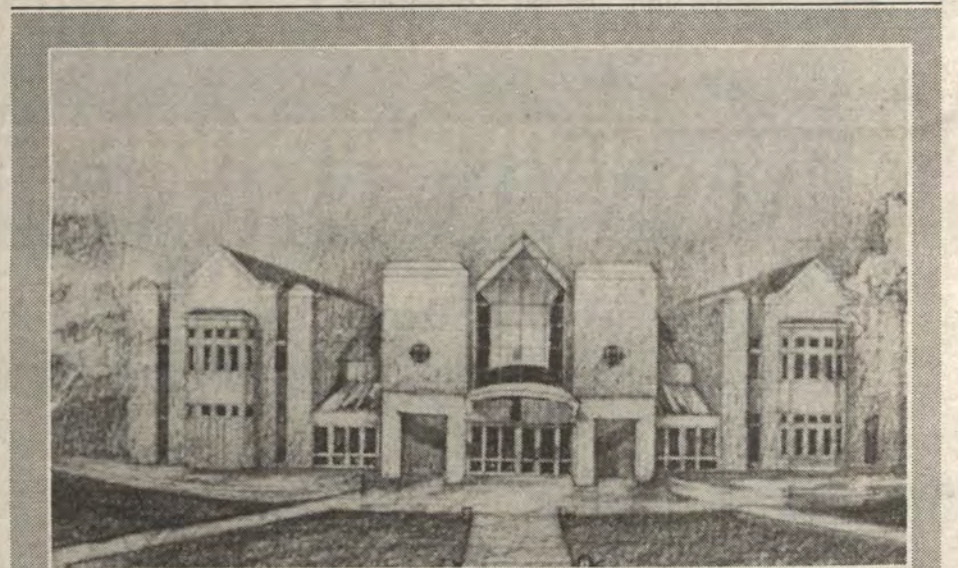
Schmoozing...with Evan Copolla

First, I would like to welcome all of the first year students to Conn and apologize to the entire class of 2000 for the things that they are seeing now that weren't on their campus tours. It would seem that in an attempt to make Connecticut College more multicultural and more appealing to foreign students, President Gaudiani and the trustees have seen fit to turn the north end of campus into a surprisingly good representation of the Middle East. The hockey, basketball and lacrosse teams will be faced with a serious challenge this year to create any dorm damage that will be noticed. I would also like to congratulate last year's residents of Wright's first floor for having the highest dorm damage bill on campus. Damages were in excess of \$150 per student. Good job guys!! The college actually did well on that deal because none of that money will actually go toward repairing a dorm that will be gutted anyway. Plus, it's just that much less the college has to pay the demolition crew next year.

In yet another coup of college improvement, the incoming freshman class has the highest percentage of students interested in the sciences. This is especially timely with the current state of Hale Laboratory. My hat off to the committee that decided that one.

I thought that this special freshman issue would be a perfect opportunity to pass on a few words of wisdom to the incoming students: Freshman men, I hope you enjoyed the bonding exercises at disorientation, especially that log roll thing because that is as close to your female classmates as you will get. That giant sucking noise you hear around campus is the sound of all the freshman woman being gobbled up by upper-class men. This is just the law of the jungle. Senior women, freshman men might be good dating material for you.

The rest of us are eagerly awaiting the menu, A.K.A. The Freshman Faces Book. As if last year wasn't enough for them, the student life people have decided to once again put out the catalog of freshman women. This publication is as eagerly awaited by the upper-class men as the Victoria's Secret catalog is by the freshman men. Oh, wait, "What is he talking about?" you new folks ask. All of those pictures you sent in along with those brief descriptions



Rendering courtesy DuBose & Associates

You've all seen the dorm formerly known as Park. In fact, you've all seen through the dorm formerly known as Park. What happened, is the beginning of a four year Plex renovation process. Park is to be completed by May of 1997 with Harris following by the end of summer '97. The entire \$27.5 million project will be finished by the year 2000. In next week's issue of *The College Voice* we will include a walk through tour of the Plex.

of yourself will be compiled into a single book and sent to every student on campus. Women, I hope you sent in a good picture, the future of your dating life at Conn. is dependent upon it.

On a serious note I would like to offer sincere congratulations to Kristine Cyr-Goodwin for the incredible job she did in orchestrating the resolution of the housing crunch. She deserves special thanks for the amazing job she and the college staff did in raising The Lazarus House from the dead.

It is amazing how a little paint and hard work can make asbestos look so good. It is a little odd that the kitchen still smells so much like pot. (really,

it does, go see for yourself!!)

Before I leave you all I will throw in a few quick tid bits of great importance. Remember, the liquor stores close at eight, and don't open on Sundays. Secondly, Abby House is better than CVS. And most importantly, if you are under 18, make sure your friends don't have to drag your near-dead body to the infirmary for alcohol poisoning. This is important for two reasons: (1) They will probably have trouble making a diagnosis and give you antibiotics 'just to be safe,' More importantly, (2) when they do figure it out they are required to call your parents. Have fun, play nice and remember, it's not just a great education, it's a club with a \$30,000 cover charge.

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