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THE COLLEGE VOICE

Welcome Class of 2003!

Orientation Issue
Summer 1999



PERSPECTIVES

THE ROAD TO CONN:

An International Student's Perspective

By ABHA RAO

contributing writer

Editor's note: the writer is a member of the Class of '02 from Madras, India.

Okay, so Conn had given me admission. I didn't know how to feel in the beginning. I was kinda thrilled that I was going so far away on this almost dreamlike expedition. It was also scary. I mean, it was pretty much the first time I was going away for a trip on my own, and for such a long period.

Why did I choose to come? Why did I even want to come in the first place? Why would any student voluntarily travel thousands of miles at a lot of expense to go to school?

Most of us have different answers to that - better facilities, a sense of adventure, wanting to study in a new place, there are dozens. Our admissions procedure is basically the same as yours. We take the same SATs American students do. In addition to that we take the TOEFL (Test Of English as a Foreign Language). Getting a visa seems like another examination in itself.

But that was just the beginning. Packing seems so simple when you're going for a short journey, but

when you're going to a new place to stay for a longer period, things become tougher. Yes, I know American students have the same problems. But international students have extra stuff. Since many of us don't go home for quite a long time, it seems important to bring stuff that is dear to us - our traditional clothes, our food, our crafts. And international airlines put a limit on what we can take. How can we pack a lifetime into two pieces of checked luggage?

Eventually, the excitement overcame the apprehension, and with my precious I-20 (that magic piece of paper which allows international students to study in the US) and visa in hand, I was on my way. All along the journey I was nervous - nervous about everything from missing the flight, to losing my baggage, to wondering whether I had made the right decision, to having my immigration refused at JFK airport. Well, all of the above happened - except the last one.

First of all, the airline I was travelling with decided I didn't need a connecting flight - and so they cancelled it. After some confusion and arguments with the airline staff, I was on my way. I thought the worst was over - but there was more to come. I came to New York and found my luggage

was missing. JFK is really scary, considering that the biggest airport I had been to before this was a tenth of its size. I was tired, I was sleepy, I was jet-lagged (the time difference between home and the US is 10.5 hours) - and I was in no mood to look for lost luggage.

So I cried. I was 17 years old, and I really should have thought of something better to do - but no. I cried. A friendly old man helped me, and after talking with some airport officials, we found my stuff in another corner of the terminal. Two hours later, I was out of the airport, but now my hired cab had been tired of waiting and had driven away, and I almost cried a little more, till that was solved too. This was more than I had been ready to deal with - I had NOT wanted to deal with this, but okay, it was all over.

Finally it hit me - I was in the US. All the way from the airport to the College, I was sort of wide eyed and open mouthed - I was in the "land of opportunity." Soon, I was past the Conn gatehouse and inside the campus. I met my international adviser, got my keys, and maybe for the first time I was convinced that I had made the right decision.

Workin' Against the Man: Bringing Out the Truth at a School Called Conn

By BRIAN BIELUCH

editor-in-chief

Sometime, in this first month of school, you'll be standing at your (fifth?) keg party talking to the same J-Crew person about how drunk they've been and how upset they are that someone else is hooking up with someone else. Eventually, (trust us, this moment will come), you'll have a Holden Caulfield epiphany. "So many phonies," you'll say. You'll want to leave Stradlater behind and get out of there.

That's where we come in. While there is nothing wrong with partying, college life needs *intensity*. That's what *The Voice* is all about. Each week, we look at Conn and ask how we can make it a better place. We debate meaningless subjects, and occasionally important ones. Most importantly, we're committed people. And commitment makes life worth living.

What can you do at *The Voice*? Just about anything. We've got room for writers, photographers, copy editors, office managers, section editors

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and more. The important thing is: *The Voice* is a place where you can grow and develop the meaningful friendships that make college worthwhile.

A typical week at *The Voice* ranges from a couple hours of work to consistently intense, depending on the position you hold. Each week begins with a staff meeting. Writers arrive with ideas for stories they would like to write, or work with editors to find worthwhile topics. Later in the week, the Editorial Board (comprised of section editors) meets to discuss any big issues at Conn and a plan of attack for the paper.

On Tuesday and Wednesday

nights, production begins. Rotating members of the Editorial Board edit and rewrite stories and develop graphics for the issue. Thursday night is final production where the magic of putting together an issue occurs.

Working for *The Voice* will, more than anything else, introduce you to all sides of Conn College. You'll meet people ranging from other first-year students to President Claire Gaudiani. You'll get the full college experience. Join us on Wednesday, September 1 at 9:00 P.M. in Room 215 of the College Center for an informational meeting.

ADVICE FROM THE EDITORS . . .

Josh: Make friends with the custodial staff right away; they are more important than your professors. Next, go for the administrators, the dining hall staff, and campus safety officers. Finally, there's the guy down the hall with the car. Do the crazy thing, the excessive thing, and the thing that you think you'll regret. Get into trouble and talk your way out of it. Take the last cookie.

Brian: Find people here that make it worthwhile. Time is short, make it matter. Get to know at least one or two professors very well—you'll grow a lot from them. Think a lot. Be safe. Do something that matters, but most importantly, Do Something.

Abby: You control your time here—make the most of it. You can't do everything, so find the things that you like and concentrate on them. Take time to just hang out; you'll

have some of your most intellectual and interesting conversations sitting on the floor of your hall at three in the morning. Observe the thirty day rule: don't date anyone for your first month at Conn—your life will be better for it. I promise.

Eunice: There are so many opportunities, you will have to make choices. Be clear on what your priorities are and act accordingly. Go out and grab all those classes and experiences and involvement. And make time to just hang out talking with friends. Some of those discussions will be more valuable than a semester course on the same subject.

Tim: When it comes time to boot-please hit the toilet—especially if you are in my dorm. Don't take things from the back of the library—Campus Safety doesn't like that at all. Only sextile your roommate if you expect

the favor to be returned. Oh, and don't believe the rumors, they are not true....

Rob: The rumors are true. Call your mom, she worries. Don't join the diving team to chase after a girl, speedos are uncomfortable.

Glen: Don't listen to any of them. Listen to me. It doesn't matter if you hit the toilet or you miss, meet people and change lives or hide in your room and play solitaire, get drunk and score or write for *The Voice* during your time here. It'll go by too fast. You'll gain weight. You'll dress in drag. You'll feel stupid. You'll grab a fistful of condoms. You'll vomit in public. You'll get J-boarded. You'll have fun, and you'll miss it when it's gone. I'll see ya in four. Enjoy the ride.

It is Five AM. Deadline time. Goodnight. See you in Freeman.

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College is a place where people can and should be different. ATLAS is what people call an international students club, but it is NOT your average international students clique. Consisting of both American and foreign students, our purpose is to promote cultural diversity on campus. Last year we were responsible for, among other things, a World Beat Party - where we grooved to music from around the world - and International Nite - an exotic dinner and myriad performances. The Country of the Week program was another way to increase international presence here. Join us. Everyone has a story to tell - share yours!

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CONNECTICUT OUTDOOR ORIENTATION PROGRAM

OUT AND ABOUT IN NEW LONDON

The Dough also Rises:

Stories of New London's Epic Struggle for Control of the Pizza World

Every generation of college students can be defined by two things. In the fifties, The Big Bopper and pizza. In the seventies, disco and pizza. In the eighties, hair bands and pizza. The 90's partner to pizza is yet to be determined, although a Corona and lime does go well. (Note: Pizza was not determined by our staff to be a quintessential part of the 60's College experience. Our staff voted on a bong and some righteous weed as the defining objects of the 60's.)

Since pizza is so important to the college experience, we can't understand why *US News and World Report* doesn't bump us up a few notches for all the good, cheap and locally owned pizzerias in New London. What follows is a breakdown and rating of a few of *The Voice's* favorites in the region. Support local business, avoid the cookie cutter similarity of the flat and tasteless Domino's pie, and stop the fat delivery guy from getting naked and funneling beers at Floralia.

Captain's Pizza

Remember that girlfriend of one of your good buddies who was cute enough to be interested in but not worth trying to make the steal? That's Captain's Pizza. Cheap and decent consistently but no major plusses. If you want a change from Campus they won't do you wrong. Located on Bank Street in New London. If you're downtown and want a quick slice, it's not a bad place to stop. It's on the waterfront, so grab a pizza and your new sweetie and go have a romantic and affordable dinner on the pier overlooking the Electric Boat and Pfizer plants.

8 Bank Street, New London

445-9553



Mystic Pizza

You've seen the movie, now go try the pizza. There is no view, and Julia Roberts does not work there but the pizza is almost as good as it is cracked up to be. The "spice combination you can't quite figure out" makes your cheese pizza anything but typical: some find it "weird." A good place to take out-of-town guests, and the town of Mystic is everything that you wish New London was. They serve up gourmet pies with exotic toppings. The barbecue chicken pizza is sensational.

Also make a stop by Mystic Pizza II in Stonington for the same great taste in a new and exciting location.

56 West Main Street, Mystic

536-3700



Campus Pizza

Best Buy. An old College favorite, this small operation produces authentic New London style pizza. That means a doughy, chewy crust, light on the sauce and covered over with a thick layer of cheese. Greasy but good. Campus also provides the best deal in town. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday a large cheese pizza is FIVE DOLLARS EVEN! With free and fast delivery there is no better way to satisfy the weekend munchies. Also great subs. Monday night is College Night so go down, kick back, watch football or your favorite show on their TV and maybe meet some cute Coasties!

467 Williams Street, New London

443-1933



Illiano's

For the best conventional cheese pizza there is no better place than Illiano's. Crust, sauce and cheese come together in a flavorful medley. Gourmet and Sicilian slices can't be beat but the king of the pizza battle has to be the "Stuffed Slice." A wrap-around crust filled with a thick serving of Italian meats and cheese, one slice will fill the appetite of someone who has been starving in the Harris Refectory for a month. Garlic knots are also incredible, but don't bring a date for that. The friendliest service around and a waitress who could pass for Gwyneth Paltrow make this a good place to eat in.

709 Broad Street, Waterford CT (Take a right off exit 82, 2 miles down the road).

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Famiglia Pizzeria

Location! Location! Location! Why? Because it's in the Groton shopping center tucked into the corner store front about 100 paces from Grand Spirit Shop II, one of the finer purveyors of beer and liquor in the region, all at affordable prices. Make your own six packs... oh wait this is about Pizza, and you're three years away from the legal age. So, if you happen to be accompanying a vehicle-deprived upperclassman to the packy, stop in and get a pizza. Very decent New York style, thick crust, good dough, friendly service.

220 Route 12, Groton (In the Stop & Shop Shopping Center)

445-1242



Recovery Room

Unique and gourmet sums up the pizza from this full-service brick-oven pizzeria/restaurant. A cheese pizza from the Recovery Room is thin crust, full-bodied sauce with a blend of mozzarella, parmesan and Romano cheeses. The best around. Located across from Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, this haven of epicurean delights gains its name from its neighbor, and when they burnt our pizza, they gave us free sodas while we waited for a new one, which they also gave to us for free. (Note: PizzeWorks in Mystic is also owned by the Recovery Room).

445 Ocean Avenue, New London

443-2619



Get to Know S.E. Connecticut's Towns

Ahhh, Southeastern Connecticut. It may not be New York City, but it has its own blend of shopping, culture, entertainment and outdoor life. Here's a rundown of some of the local towns and what they will mean to you:

NEW LONDON-Conn College's home sweet home. There's a big push for Conn students to get reconnected with New London, and with good reason. New London is on the rise. Two local beaches grace its shores; Harkness Beach is a little more calm and low-key, while Ocean Beach is more developed and family-oriented. There are also the usual places like McDonald's, Burger King, Blockbuster, Domino's and the like. Downtown New London is undergoing redevelopment and has become increasingly popular. The Garde Arts Center, newly renovated, is a popular destination for various performing groups. Timothy's (a downtown restaurant) is a must to check out when the folks come visit. Greyhound and Amtrak (which will soon have high-speed rail service to New York and Boston) can also be found downtown at Union Station.

MYSTIC-About 15 minutes north of New London, Mystic is a huge tourist draw in Connecticut. Of course, it houses the Mystic Aquarium and Mystic Seaport, both good spots to take mom and dad on family weekend. The

town of Mystic is a great place to get dinner, ice cream and to check out the famous Mystic drawbridge. A favorite among *The Voice* staff is Margarita's, a Mexican restaurant which does two-for-one meals on Wednesday nights with a college ID. Mystic Pizza is also a great place to check out (better known as the restaurant that inspired the 1987 film "Mystic Pizza" with Julia Roberts).

GROTON-Just north of New London, part of Groton is strip mall central. A lot of downright useful stuff here for college students. Going over the Thames River bridge (aka the Gold Star Memorial Bridge) on I-95 and exiting to the left is 24-hour Stop & Shop and a Wal-Mart. Taking the exit on the other side of the bridge brings you to Route 1 in Groton, with just about any basic service one could need (including a Fleet Bank, fast food, 24-hour CVS, Blockbuster, etc.). Also, at some point in your Conn career, you should stop at the U.S. Submarine Museum, the permanent home of the U.S.S. Nautilus, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine.

WATERFORD-Just south of New London, Waterford has a lot of services useful to Conn College students. The Cross Road exit on I-95 contains a multiplex cinema, along with a BJ's Wholesale Club and a Wal-Mart. Waterford also houses the Crystal Mall, a great place to buy those must-have items that you forgot to bring (or the have-to-have items your closet wants), which is also conveniently located off of I-95. Across the street from the mall is Home Depot, an ideal place to find all the little things (and some of the larger ones) that you need to make your room a home.

WHERE TO BUY . . .
... WHAT YOU NEED.

All right freshmen, you've arrived in your cavernous room in Burdick basement, and now you need stuff to fill the distance between your four walls. Or maybe you got a new Plex room, and you're in desperate need of creative storage options. Maybe you just need a package of BVDs. Whatever your shopping needs, *The Voice* can tell you where to find what you need. From shelving to stereos, here is Conn's guide to the shopping world:

The Crystal Mall: If you're homesick and want to feel like you're back in your old high school stomping grounds this is the place to head. New London's version of the American Mall has everything that you need to satisfy the consumer in you. The Gap, American Eagle, Structure, overpriced music stores and staple department stores like Filene's, Sears and Macy's (Sorry suburbanite preppies, no Abercrombie & Fitch). Of particular note is Lechter's Home Goods where inexpensive picture frames, pitchers, Tupperware and Rubbermaid products abound.

To get there take I-95 South to exit 82. At the stoplight, take a right and immediately merge into the left-hand lane. At the next light take a left into the mall entrance. Adequate parking surrounds the mall.

If you're planning major construction or want some cheap bookshelves, Home Depot is in the next lot over from the mall. And if the mall's not giving you what you need, head out its exit and take a left. At the second traffic light take another left and proceed down the road for two miles. On your left is another major shopping center with a Bob's Department Store, BJ's Wholesale Club, a

Wal-Mart and a Hoyts Movie Theater.

For your more upscale shopping needs, or for an excursion on parent's weekend (when extra funds are available), there's two areas in Mystic that provide scenic quaintness.

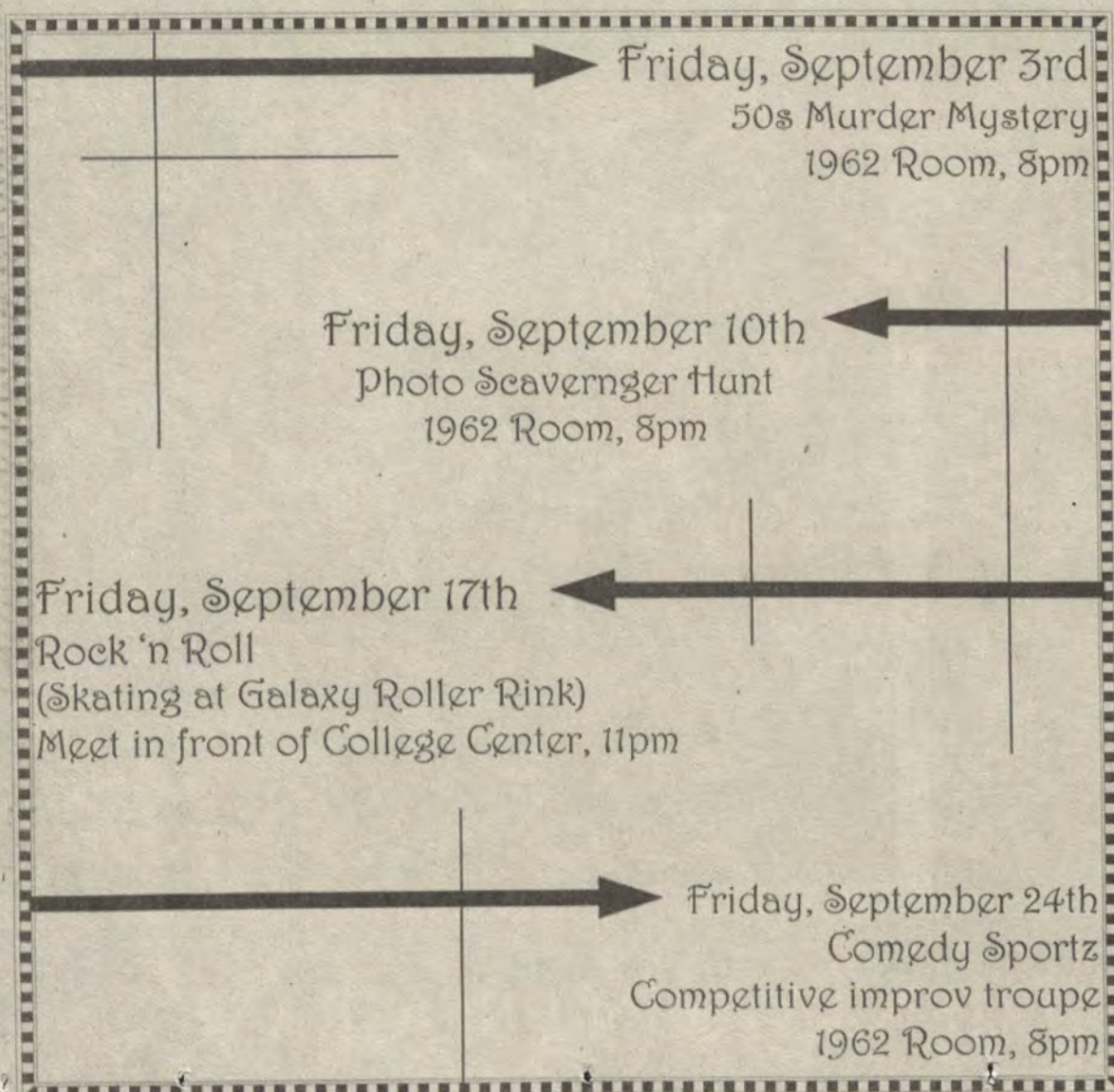
Olde Mystic Village isn't the most practical place to do your shopping, but it's brimming with atmosphere, which makes it a great place to spend an afternoon procrastinating. There are a number of interesting specialty shops, as well as a bakery and a general store. There is also a two-screen Hoyts Movie Theater to move your afternoon into the evening.

Downtown Mystic is also a great place to do window-shopping. Many of the boutiques are high scale and out of the price range of struggling college students, but that doesn't stop the drool from gathering in puddles before the windows. Mystic Toys will take you back to the days of your youth with wooden train sets, dolls and countless little trinkets. Drawbridge Ice Cream is not to be missed, with gourmet flavors and a beautiful view of the river. There's an Army/Navy Store and a small, homey bookstore that will make any bibliophile happy.

The Emporium is a little off the main street, down the road from Conn's favorite eatery, Margarita's, but it's worth the search. Once there you can find almost anything you might need to decorate your room—posters, candles (just make sure campus safety doesn't catch you because it's a \$150 fine), lamps and if you visit their dark, crowded basement, all levels of nostalgic pop items.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN NEW LONDON

Plans in Place for Massive New London Redevelopment

By ROB KNAKE

managing editor

The story could be written for a hundred places across America: fallen cities, wrecked monuments to a forgotten era of prosperity lie devastated and ruined.

When the textile factories went to Malaysia and the cold war military-industrial complex disintegrated, small, bustling cities became ghost towns. Strip malls stripped away the economic viability of downtown areas and created empty storefronts, crime and welfare. Left behind by the recent economic boom, they survive as shadows of their former blue-collar middle class.

And on top of a hill, overlooking the desolation of modern America stands the Ivory Tower. White, wealthy and separate, colleges and universities across the nation lord over towns that are poor, racially diverse and economically stagnant. Well away from the dying towns the colleges sit as their own cities on a hill, offering no business and no assistance.

The story was no different for New London. The 350 year-old city is steeped in history. It is home to Fort Trumbull, a Revolutionary War fort and the site of the first Coast Guard Academy. It is the birthplace of the playwright Eugene O'Neill and the setting for his masterpiece *Long Days Journey into Night*. Nathan Hale, the great American patriot who regretted he had "but one life to lose for my country" also called New London home. The city's seaport harbored a fleet of ships that earned it the name Whaling City. In the Reagan year's, submarines rolled off the

line at the Electric Boat Company across the Thames in Groton, and the former Naval Undersea Warfare Center trained and prepared sailors on the front-line of the Cold War.

Military cutbacks, I-95—which cut a swath through the city—and the devastating effects of 1970's urban renewal left the city a thin skeleton of its former self. But unlike New Haven and Bridgeport, New London is undergoing a dramatic rebirth.

Enter Claire Gaudiani, Conn College and

Corporation and began recreating the city. In two years an impressive amount of progress has been made, been noticed by, and received international acclaim from such publications as *The Economist* and *The New York Times*. But much work is left to be done.

The redevelopment is currently focused on three areas adjacent to the waterfront. The newly refurbished Admiral Harold E. Shear State Pier is moving into full swing shipping lumber, and plans are underway to move into the winter steel trade. A new warehouse is scheduled for construction, which will increase the port's attractive-

one of the biggest employers in the region, is currently constructing a \$270 million Global Development Facility. A cluster of bio-technology science labs for smaller business is also planned along with a major resort/hotel to accommodate traveling businessmen and large conferences. And the U.S. Coast Guard Museum, currently crammed into part of the library at the Coast Guard Academy, will move to the historic fort in new digs. A state park will surround the fort and the US Coast Guard Barque *Eagle* will berth alongside the fort.

In the middle of it all is the Down-

town area. Here, the need for revitalization is overwhelmingly clear. Within a few square blocks more windows are empty than full and those storefronts with goods in

them are eerily half filled and never open. One-way streets and easy access to I-95 allow for quick escape from the commercial center. But in between the cracked glass plates and empty shelves are small pockets of hope. Greene's Books and Beans is a newly renovated and very charming small book store with a waterfront view and excellent coffee. The Garde Arts Center showcases an incredible selection of performances with such major groups and artists as Alvin Ally and Bob Dylan. Bangkok City serves up some of the best Thai food around at prices rea-

New London is on the upswing. Some of the city's most beautiful old buildings have been purchased or are under the control of NLDC, which has received over twenty bids from the private sector to renovate and restore them. Apartments for young professionals and Conn students are in the works and under consideration is a movie theater, major book store, and commercial office space.

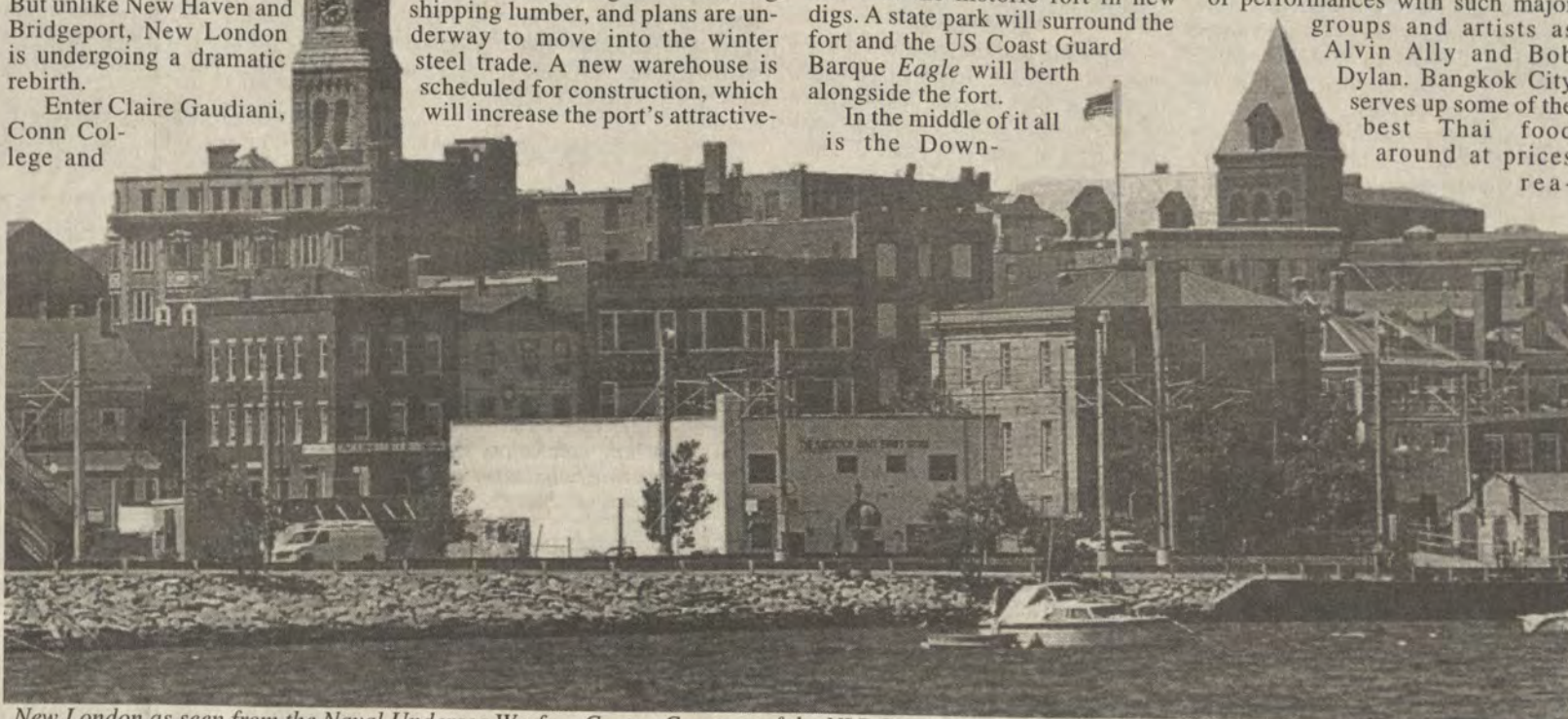
In the short term, the city is looking towards OPSail 2000 next summer, when America's tall ships will come to the port. Beautification and creation of facilities to accommodate the projected thousands of tourists will give a major boost to the city.

But there is also another side to economic redevelopment to which the NLDC, Claire and the college are equally devoted. That is making sure that no one will be left behind in the wake of New London's new found prosperity and renaissance. A responsibility to each citizen of New London and a sense of civic virtue has been the driving force behind the revitalization. The creation of tutoring and mentoring programs and a push to provide more and better educational opportunities is therefore another major priority for both the NLDC and the college. And you can help.

First, spend some time and some money in the city. Hardworking and friendly small business owners are more than happy to cater to the College community. Before you take a ten-minute drive to Domino's or Wal-Mart, consider that you can keep your dollars in New London instead of lining the pockets of corporate America.

Second, get involved. "For of those to whom much is given, much is required," said JFK. You have been given a tremendous opportunity to come to school here. You owe it to yourself and to your community to give back and share your knowledge and your time. The Office of Volunteers for Community Service here at Conn and the NLDC can show you how to get involved. Do it.

And, finally, vote. This is where you spend nine months of every year for the next four years. Democracy is not a spectator sport. Vote where you can get involved and pay attention to the issues. Just remember, you have but one life to give.



New London as seen from the Naval Undersea Warfare Center. Courtesy of the NLDC.

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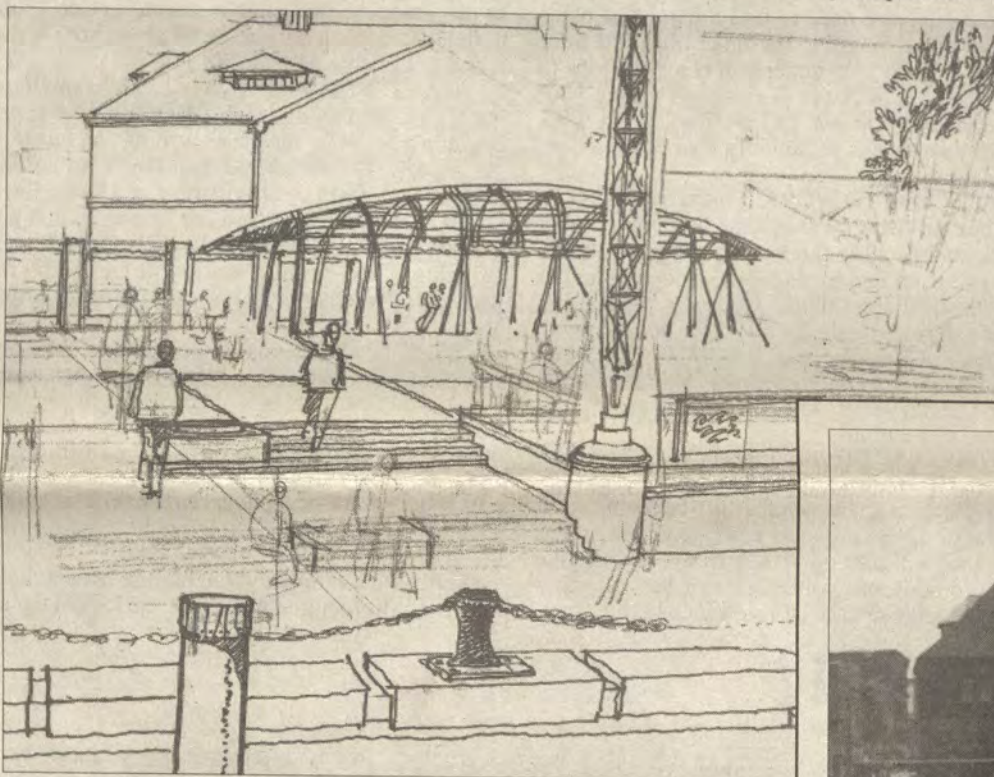
In the summer of 1997, at the urging of Governor Rowland, President Gaudiani revived the dormant New London Development

ness to shippers. Fort Trumbull houses historic buildings and is the site of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), is right now the focus of major construction. Pfizer,

town area. Here, the need for revitalization is overwhelmingly clear. Within a few square blocks more windows are empty than full and those storefronts with goods in

sonable enough for college students. Timothy's and Bulkeley House are two restaurants that brought fine dining back to the city and have been successful. (When your parents come for a visit, these are the places to go.) More businesses are starting to fill up the holes, and the NLDC and Conn are at the forefront of making that happen.

Seven "Demonstration Projects" have been planned by the NLDC that will show how



Left: Map and aerial views of the State Pier, Downtown Waterfront and the Fort Trumbull Area. Courtesy of the NLDC.

Above: An architects vision of a rebuilt Downtown waterfront with train depot in background.

Right: the New London train depot from the state pier as it is now. Both courtesy of the NLDC.



What You REALLY Need to Bring to College (and leave at home...)

The College has kindly supplied you with an "Over the Hump" book intended to make your arrival and transition into college life (the best time you will ever have) somewhat mundane and superficial. Although its intentions are for the best, its list of what to bring leaves out some vital points:

Things to Bring:

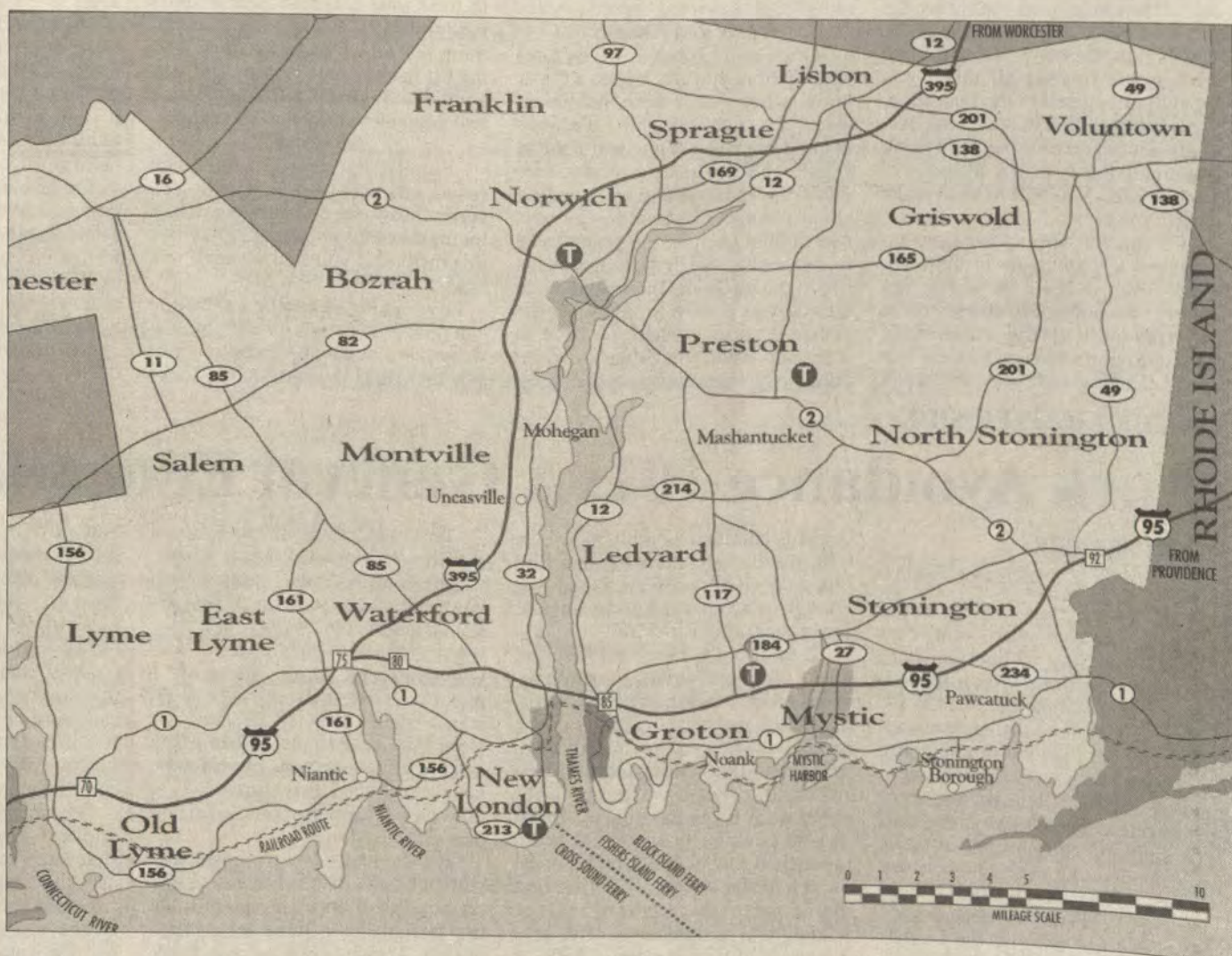
- Enough socks and underwear to save you from laundry between breaks
- Lots of money (the Fleet ATM in Cro is a good source)
- Big Stereo (Freeman residents)
- Coffeemaker (and NoDoz as a back-up)
- Cliff Notes (check your syllabus for titles)
- Quarters (in case, by some chance, you do laundry)
- Foxwoods Card
- Multiple Alarm Clocks (a 10:00 class is earlier than you think)
- Television (to view our wide selection of "cable")
- A Photo of Your Family (You might miss them)
- Car (For late night Wal-Mart excursions)
- Pepcid AC (see Rosie's Diner)
- Checkbook (to pay AT&T each month)
- A High Tolerance (for your roommate...or something like that)
- Tomato Juice (in case you run into Conn's black and white menace)
- A Current Copy of *US News and World Report's* College Rankings

Don't Bring

- Fake ID (we're all 21 here at Conn)
- Tighty Whities
- High School Sweetheart (i.e. dirty laundry)
- Condoms (They're ten cents and in all shapes, forms and textures at the infirmary)
- Illicit Drugs (Abbey residents exempt)
- A Tree (we have enough)
- Halogen Lights (dorm fires are bad)
- An Urge to Pull a Fire Alarm at 4:00a.m.
- Sharp Items (scissors, daggers, 14th century broad sword etc)
- Leopard Print Spandex (Claire wears enough for all of us)
- A clock that might have the same time as any other clock on campus
- A Saab (North Lot is already full of them)
- A Submarine (we also have plenty of those)
- Bad Weather
- An attitude (you're back on the bottom, freshman)
- A Lower *US News and World Report* Ranking

Note to parents: Frequent care packages are strongly encouraged, but please make the contents of these packages suitable for your newly Mature and Grown Up little darling.

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A Marriage of True Minds:

Sorting through the Jungle of Conn Professors

By JOSH FRIEDLANDER

editor-in-chief

Choosing the right professor is the single most important aspect of choosing a course. CC has no course evaluation guide, and word of mouth is only as good as who you ask, so you really have to watch out for yourself.

Finding the best professor is not a matter of choosing the "most brilliant teacher," "easiest teacher" or the "best performer." It's about finding the best communicator, for you.

The first way to assess a teacher's communication skills is by reading their syllabi. Go to their department and ask the department secretary if you can borrow a few, or perhaps make copies. Look to see how your teacher organizes his courses. Generally, we get an idea of what courses we want to take by reading a generalized description in the course catalog, but the syllabus provides a much better outline.

Course Materials

Are readings due every class or are students merely expected to have the reading done by the time of the test/quiz? Are readings the focus of the class or a background to lectures? What kinds of readings are used? A history course based on primary

sources and biographies will differ greatly from a course based exclusively on secondary texts.

Also, consider the order in which texts are presented and how much time will be spent on different areas within the subject. Don't assume that a 100-level course will be less in-depth than a 300-level just because it's generally true. Sometimes a professor, obligated to teach your 100-level seminar, will cover all required topics, but—as in some English courses—focus on their favorite author or book or play.

After you read these syllabi (or just the one syllabus if the others aren't available) take your insights and questions to the professor. In this meeting, you can ask them about...

Grading

How will your professor attempt to convey, in a quantifiable measurement, your unique understanding of his course? Tests? Quizzes? Essays? Presentations? And, of these methods, which is usually the best indicator of your knowledge? (Or, for that matter, the one your prefer?)

Some teachers swear by tests, but others fall into a category of "modern" or "liberal" educators who prefer putting desks into circles rather than leaving them in rows and consciously attempt to get students to

teach themselves. If you like lectures and can't stand the poorly articulated reasoning of your classmates, or if you don't like to speak in class, these teachers are not for you.

(Of course, part of your liberal arts education should be learning to express your opinions and communicate your ideas, but you are old enough to decide if these are skills you would like to develop).

Presentation

Grading and presentation are inextricably linked. Teachers who only lecture or "talk at you" and ask few questions will usually ask for your responses in tests and essays. They will also expect you to know the readings, even if they are never discussed in class. Or, in unique circumstances, you may find that you can use the texts to stabilize the short leg of your coffee table, because what your teacher says in class will be the only gospel. In these cases, you'll want to make sure that your professor is a good preacher, or at least good enough to hold your attention on those bad days when the sandman calleth.

If your professor is the complete opposite (i.e. he/she is interested in your ideas), you may have to earn your grade through group projects and discussions. If you like to work

alone, you may want to shun these classes, but at some point in your four years here, you will have to learn to play well with others, and your grade will depend upon it.

You may also have to negotiate labs, field trips, guest lecturers and classes that revolve around viewing and reviewing films. Figure supplies into your cost of living and be prepared to bring your safety goggles, boots, notepads or popcorn. More importantly, know that if you hate westerns you will hate a class that constantly watches the films of John Ford.

Some professors go beyond using films and other "educational aides" towards employing students in their own instruction. At best, this gives students the opportunity to research and prepare presentations and lead classes in discussion. Sometimes it can also lead to a situation where students essentially run the class. Some teachers conceive of themselves as group leaders or moderators, a fine role so long as they aren't just lazy counselors keeping the campers from wandering off into the poison ivy of their own uninformed opinions.

Instinct

After all possible preparation, and even in consideration of the many

variables, there is no better advice than this: follow your instincts. Like some teachers will tell you, when you're taking a test and you're not sure about a question, trust your first guess.

If you feel that a teacher may not be for you, you'll always feel that way. No evidence you dig up will change that first impression.

Remember that liking the course material is no reason to second-guess your instincts about a teacher. If you get anything but a positive feeling, get out.

It's your freshman year. There's no requirement, either general or in your major, that you don't have

plenty of time to fulfil in the next two to four years. Even if you're sure you have found your major or you've known you're going to be a psychopharmacologist since you were three, there's still no reason to take the right course with the wrong instructor.

Professors take sabbaticals; they trade courses.... Even if you can't find a good professor now, chances are with some patience and some work, you'll find a professor who is not merely "good," but excellent, not only in the sense that they reach a large number of students but in the sense that they reach you.

And now for something totally biased...

THE COLLEGE VOICE'S FIVE OUTSTANDING PROFESSORS

The Voice's Guide to the best professors. (We were going to rank them but we learned from our mentors at U.S. News & World Report that a five-way tie is journalistically responsible.)

William Frasure, Government: BA, University of Pittsburgh; JD, Yale University; Ph.D., Johns Hopkins.

If Frasure asks you your name and you say Billy, Tammy or John, he'll probably come back with, "What do you think this is, Mr. Roger's Neighborhood? We're all adults here. What's your last name?" When he explains his attendance policy, he will probably say he takes it daily because it uses up about fifteen minutes of class. And if you become one of his favorites, woe the day, because you will probably end up on little field trips to the library to find out how much horse manure was dropped on the streets of New York everyday in the 19th century. He is probably one of the most gruff professors and easily the best performer. He has no fear of the college president.

He also knows his stuff. His constitutional law classes and problems in environmental policy and law are some of the toughest classes you'll ever love. He works his students hard but he grades them fairly.

Lawrence Vogel, B.A. Vassar; Master of Philosophy, Yale University; Ph.D. Yale University

Professors don't get much more high-energy than Larry Vogel. Vogel cares deeply about his field and wants you to care deeply as well. He demands a lot (including faithful attendance and reading), but gives a lot in return. He is available *anytime* for discussions about your work, or to get to know you personally. If a class can handle it, he is big on class discussion and original ideas. His passion for ideas is unmatched. You'll meet few people who treat students with as much respect as Prof. Vogel, and even fewer who genuinely care so deeply and openly about their students and field as Prof. Vogel does. Before you leave Conn, you must take one of Prof. Vogel's classes. Better yet, take one freshman year to get on the right track.

Bruce Kirmmse, History: BA, Wesleyan University; Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley;

Not the simplest of men, Bruce Kirmmse is one of the foremost experts in the world on Soren Kierkegaard, a Norwegian philosopher from the 19th Century. (Out of respect for one of our favorite professors we are not even going to attempt to botch an explanation of his works.) Kirmmse's classes in European intellectual history are some of the best lectures on campus. The readings are all primary sources, no text books in his classes, and his explanations take complicated issues and uncomplicate them without oversimplifying. He also always leaves a good twenty minutes for questions and discussion. Also, be sure to pay attention to any life skills advice he gives, like to always hit on the girl at the bank teller window or to take true love over money. And if for no other reason, take his classes for the class dinner parties he throws at his house where the most gourmet of meals is always well prepared.

T. Page Owen, Botany: BA, Oberlin College; Ph.D., University of California (Riverside)

When Professor Owen was initially denied tenure last spring, the science majors came out of the woodwork (and Blackstone) and staged a very loud and successful campaign to have the decision overturned, and it was. Why? He can make cell-bio interesting to a poet. One of the more dedicated professors, Owen is known to have returned exams to sixty students within a week and is often found late at night in the lab immersed in his research and class preparations. Owen though a scientist, is a very well rounded person, devoted to his family and always willing to take out of class time to discuss out of class issues.

Okey Ndibe, English. MFA, University of Massachusetts

Not a full time professor, but many students wish he was. Ndibe, a native Nigerian brings a perspective to his writing and literature classes that is not only valuable in terms of the curriculum but refreshingly different from that of the Western World. True to his African roots, Ndibe believes strongly in the tradition of oral storytelling and makes even the shyest of students tell their own stories at the beginning of class. He also attributes to his homeland a different sense of timing and a more lenient deadline. "In my country," he says, "a man could have a lunch appointment on Wednesday and show up the following Tuesday for tea." Ndibe has written as a free-lance writer for the *Hartford Courant* and was editor of an African Literary magazine that published pieces by such noted authors as Nadine Gordimer and Chinua Achebe. Currently, Ndibe will be commuting to the University of Massachusetts to work on his Ph.D. and teaching African and African American Literature to freshmen at Conn.

How to Write the Conn College Essay

By BRIAN BIELUCH

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It's 7:30 p.m. Sunday night. Four students are down at the Oasis Snack Shop in Cro, talking about some meaningless subject. What are they really doing? Procrastinating: the great Conn College nemesis. Each of these students has a major assignment due Monday, yet none of them have started yet. They'll start working around 10:30 or 11:00 p.m., and won't finish until daylight (if they finish at all).

Don't be those students.

Writing can be one of the most rewarding things you will do academically at Conn. Over four years, you will watch your style grow as Conn professor after Conn professor tears your work apart. But writing can almost never be fun if it is the result of an all-night caffeine-induced haze.

With some thought and preparation, you can turn the arduous paper-writing process into something, well, fun and rewarding.

The Voice editors have put together a list of writing tips that have worked for us. These are some good starting points, but ultimately, it is up to the individual to develop his or her own system of what works.

PLAN AHEAD, START EARLY: While this tip may seem obvious, it is perhaps the most important one here. While every teacher you've probably ever had has suggested planning ahead and

starting early, the more you can keep this goal in mind, the greater your success will be on a paper. It's that simple.

FIND YOUR PLACE: You need to find a place in which you can work. Not just a place with a computer, but a place in which you can build good study habits during this first year. If you are distracted easily, you need to find the quietest place on this campus possible (basement or third floor of Shain Library). In general, it is a good idea to err on the side of fewer distractions during your freshman year. Do not, DO NOT try to get work done in your room. It can only lead down a dangerous road.

BEST TIME TO WORK: Find what times you work best at. Don't just assume that you'll enjoy pulling college all-nighters; very people truly enjoy it and even fewer can work effectively under those physical conditions. Consider writing and working during (ready for this?) the middle of the day. After a class gets out, see if you can get an hour of work done on your paper. You'll be more focused then if you try to sit down after a late night episode of "Seinfeld."

DO RESEARCH: If you're doing a freshmen paper on *Babbitt*, be different (at least a little different). Remember, as wonderfully brilliant as you are, your professor probably has to read thirty other papers that will turn out, remarkably, exactly like yours. In addition, your professor has probably taught this course at least five times before, hav-

ing read a painful number of essays just like yours. Cover the material, but if you're willing to be brave, spend 20 minutes doing some outside research on the subject that you can include in your paper. This is the little-known secret to success for Conn papers; we didn't tell you this. (One additional tip: Lexis-Nexis. The college subscribes to this amazing electronic research service. Talk to the Information Services staff about how to use it and it will change your life.)

START WRITING: This may seem obvious, but if you are having trouble beginning your paper, don't begin it. Just start writing (*any part of the paper*). Do not obsess over the "lead" or introduction—it will come with time and focus. Even if you cannot use what you are writing at this beginning point, the process itself will help focus your thoughts. Start writing when you are ready, regardless of whether or not you can come up with a lead.

TALK IT OUT: Finally, find people (who are even remotely interested), and talk it out with them. You'll find that your thoughts will begin to focus themselves as you try to explain concepts to someone else verbally. Don't be afraid to schedule time with your professor for this purpose; he or she is here to help you succeed. Even a 2:00 a.m. call to a friend to discuss U.S. foreign policy is not out of the question.

With some thought about the process, writing may become your greatest academic love at Conn.

To Read or Not to Read?

By JOSH FRIEDLANDER

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You stood in line for an hour amusing yourself with the cute, stuffed camels, and when it was all over, you bought anywhere from ten to thirty books. You bought novels and short story collections, biographies, best sellers and chemistry textbooks big enough to kill armies of Peruvian ants.

You proudly stacked your books in the corner or lined them up on a shelf in apple pie order, and as you wiped the sweat from your brow, the pride of your acquisition quickly faded into self-doubt. "How the hell am I going to read all this," you thought to yourself. Good question.

It is impossible to read it all. Actually, let me qualify that statement. It is impossible to read it all and have a social life. You will have to make compromises.

CC students are expected and encouraged to participate in the community and to learn by doing, not merely by reading. So, unless you're satisfied with living vicariously through your roommate, housefellow or the cleaning staff, this will entail

leaving your room from time to time.

If you keep this in mind, it should be obvious that it isn't merely impossible to read everything, but perhaps not even desirable. Before you jump to the conclusion that all your assigned reading can be put off in favor of reviewing the "Chapter Summaries" shortly before a test, it would be wise to examine the alternative ways of reading for content without having to read it all.

In brief, the three methods used with greatest frequency are as follows: the "graze and chomp," "skimming" and "keyword" approaches.

Graze and Chomp

Graze and chomp involves foresight. Before you crack open a book, know what you'll be expected to learn. If you have specific questions in mind when you begin, you'll know which sections to skip and which require the most attention. Reading about George Washington Carver's two million uses for the peanut may be interesting, but in the long run, his ties to the Tuskegee Institute may be all that you'll have to know for the course. Prioritize what you have to learn and what you'd like to learn. Obviously, reading about what inter-

ests you is the best way to learn, but time constraints may make this unfeasible.

Skimming

Skimming is probably the most abused method in practice. Skimming should not mean reading every fifth word, letting your eyeballs float over the page, or flipping pages like Johnny 5 in "Short Circuit" and whining "Input! Input!"

Skimming should be used sparingly as a way of breezing through long-winded authors who feel the real material is of secondary importance to their own extensive introductory paragraphs. Used sparingly, skimming resembles pasteurization: killing off useless phraseology and tangential thoughts while leaving the real content healthy and refreshing.

Keyword

Finally, the keyword approach reduces its user to an impatient web surfer: browsing content only to find the next useful hyperlink. Only use this method if you find yourself in a bind.

By rapidly skimming a text, you can pick out key words and phrases, write them down and move on. You can then find definitions for these

terms in the glossary, which is generally quicker and more accurate than reading the explanations supplied within the text. However, you'll lose the textual context for those terms.

This method is pretty terrible if you're interested in actually learning, but it can save you if your alarm clock is set for p.m. instead of a.m. and you completely miss that "study hour" you had set aside before a big test. In terms of effectiveness, this method works about as well as trying to read the whole dictionary fifteen minutes before taking the verbal portion of the SAT.

Whatever methods you end up using do try to think about them before you hit the books. No one goes on a long trip without planning, but it's surprising how many students think they can ace a course just by opening a book once in a while. We're here to learn about budgeting time and developing study skills just as much as we're here to suck up information. Interestingly enough, the skills that help you learn everything else aren't taught in any class. You have to learn them for yourself, and a little reflection goes a long way.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Work Avoidance 101: A General Education Requirement at Conn

By TIM HERRICK

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Connecticut College could not boast a top twenty-five ranking without its share of work avoidance techniques. Ethernet connections and cable TV are just a few of the distractions that help make all-nighters possible and also assure continual fatigue throughout the semester. Time management is a term meant to address the skill (or talent) of completing all tasks while maintaining twelve hours a day to relax. Sorry, it just doesn't happen. The cliché of time management is hindered not only by the incredible caliber of students here at Conn but also by the over-abundance of amenities served up by the College.

Parents who correctly doubt that all of little Johnny's homework will be completed with a speed rivaling that of a Saab on Cro Boulevard can rest easy knowing that their thirty

grand is helping to supply their kids with the fastest Internet connection this side of Silicon Valley and just enough cable channels to be suitable for proper procrastination.

E-mail is the perennial favorite, as the more one writes, the more responses one can be guaranteed. Writing friends you haven't talked to since preschool when you got in a fight can be exhilarating and exciting. Finding and creating friends over cyberspace helps the diligent freshman to completely forget about the untouched row of books on his desk, as well as the incredibly boring first day of classes that rendered a pile of reading and assignments. The only downside to this wonderful form of communication is that it offers just one more way that parents can reach their little prodigies. Until a smart Conn graduate creates a parent chip for e-mail and phones, this will be the only hazard of the technological boon we call e-mail.

Following close on the heels of e-mail for popularity among time-wasters is cruising the Internet. Who knew it could be such fun to find obscure sites such as www.rotten.com, www.freshmengirls.com, and www.theonion.com? There are a plethora of fine web pages out there; it just takes a devoted effort on the part of the industrious student. With a 10BaseT connection, students are also guaranteed fast downloads if they should happen upon any images that suit their fancy.

For the lucky few freshmen who were endowed with social skills, hanging out offers a welcome distraction from the best friend named IBM or Dell. Transit between dorms to see a fellow COOPER or going downstairs to see where the party is undoubtedly consumes the three hours previously allotted for homework. Parents don't want their children spending all of their time alone locked in their room.

Until the first whopping bill

comes from the friendly folks at AT&T, the phone offers another formidable distraction, as it is of the utmost importance to create a vast network of old friends who are spread out at various schools around the country, and perhaps the globe, so that sharing experiences and stories can consume your every waking hour. It is important to note that this habit will usually subside after the bill comes demanding a few Benjamins.

For those of you who regard the anniversary of the Columbine shootings as some sort of Bastille Day, there are always the regular repertoire of games such as Doom and Quake to not only quench one's desire for brutality and massacre, but also one's need to waste time. Those introverts who consider their only friends the ones that are made up of computer graphics can easily be spotted around campus as their eyes are permanently focused on the imaginary screen two feet in front of their

faces. In all seriousness, it is important that college campuses offer distractions where students can blow off steam and get away from the work that will ultimately (probably) decide their future. E-mail and the Internet have been mentioned as just a few of these distractions, but Conn does of-

fer many more constructive diversions. Intramural sports, clubs, Desert and Dialogues and just plain hanging out combine to create a more rounded college community as well as a healthier student body, one that can find ways in which to leave work behind and enjoy the campus.

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Who's Floralia? What's a "skanktank"? and Why am I in this fishbowl?

• A Guide to Understanding CONNSpeak

By STAFF

various writers

You're hanging your posters. You're pretty sure that you've figured out which of your roommates is which, and you've all negotiated study schedules and payment for the microfridge. Suddenly, your S.A. pops his/her head in your door to remind you that all Lawrence Scholars need to meet in the Connection outside of '62 East to discuss the Histories of Winged Victory, as well as the possibility of being sexiled or taking the Walk of Shame after the next TNE. Please bring the most recent copies of the Voice, the Journal, and Blats. At that point you'll be moving to Main Street for more information about IS, Dean's Term, and Fishbowl. Please bring a copy of Koiné. Afterwards there'll be a crush party in the tunnel of free expression with enough of The Beast for everyone. Pick something up at the Inconvenience Store and bring your favorite RTC.

Huh? Go to the where? With the who? Bring the what? Why?

And you thought all the hard stuff was going to be in classes. Wrong. The social life at Conn can be just as, if not more, confusing than that upper level chemistry class you wandered into by mistake. Here's a quick guide to get you started.

If there's one thing we know how to do at Conn, it's party. TNEs are Thursday Night Events (only freshmen have to wake up for Friday classes). Even if you have to hit the books Thursday night there'll be plenty of keg hopping down South and in the Plex almost every weekend. When you feel like getting dressed up there's always a Crush party which is sponsored by two or more dorms and to which you invite that cute boy and/or girl who sits across from you in Bio 101.

Come December there's a Secret Non-Denominational Gift Giving Buddy week within every dorm, followed up by Holiday Parties in order to get us ready for finals. The Winter Formal takes over Cro and almost everyone on campus come February. At all of these events you are likely to find people who have consumed large quantities of cheap beer, the most notable is Milwaukee's Best, affectionately called The Beast. All you have to do is take a sip to find out why.

In order to fund these outings, you might want to consider a Work Study job, which can be found around campus, but you'll probably end up working in the Dining Hall or Theater Services. If you are down working in Palmer or studying in the Greer Music Library you can take a break in Castle Court, that nifty area between the two.

When excessive studying and/or working leave you famished, swing by the Oasis or the Inconvenience Store in Cro to rejuvenate. For a more off-beat atmosphere with less grease in the food the Grounds, located in KB, is the place to be. If it's after hours, and you are velicular a trip to Rosie's diner is recommended. When stuck on campus the Chapel Library can usually be relied upon to have hot cocoa and coffee.

This is just a brief glimpse of what you're going to be expected to know. If you need any more info, see your friendly local upperclassman. And don't worry that people will think you're a stupid freshman when you're not sure of something; they will. But that's all right. You are.

So, courtesy of *The Voice* staff, here's a glossary of most of the terms you'll need to know.

'41 Room - the smaller room on the second floor of Cro off of the connection. Many smaller, more intimate dances are held here in conjunction with the Alice Johnson Room, a smaller meeting room adjacent to the '41 Room and the second floor connection.

'73 Room - A newly created room in Harris dining hall used to house meetings and an alternate to the '41 Room. Found uncomfortable and a bit strange my many because during the week it is used as extra dining space during crowded dinners: think dancing in your dining room.

'62 Room - the large double room on the first floor of Cro across from the bookstore. Most of the major

dances (and all inclimate-weather fairs) are held here. Kind of like a high school gym—a general, catch-all tile floored room.

ATL - The Advanced Technology Lab. When you get lost in the basement of the library, you might stumble across this bastion of higher technological knowledge. Ironically buried among the stacks of outdated magazines, this most high-tech area houses high speed computers, CD burners and all sorts of technical stuff.

The Barn - Located next to the Cro tennis courts, the barn is easy to find if you just listen. It is there that all of the campus bands practice—you'd be surprised at what, you will hear them playing—from the Mario Brothers' Theme to the intro to Crazy Train.

The Beast - Milwaukee's Best, the worlds worst, yet cheapest beer. Empty cases can often be found outside underclassmen's doors.

Blats - The campus' satirical magazine. No topic is beyond the reach of their sarcastic, cynical hands.

Camelympics - A fall event that pits dorm against dorm in competitions ranging from trivial pursuit to floor hockey. Events test the athletic, intellectual and just plain strange talents of each of the dorms.

Castle Court (& the Gong) - The courtyard between Palmer and Cummings houses one of campus's best stress relievers—a giant gong. This is also the famous goal of the Senior Streakers at the end of Fishbowl (the event).

Chapel Library - No religious affiliation required to visit this favorite of late-late night study areas. Just bring your books and the office staff will provide you with hot chocolate and other warm beverages to help thaw your brain on those cold winter nights.

The College Voice - Conn's oldest weekly newspaper. Once listed behind Sex and Beer in the *Peterson Guide's* list of top things on campus: "Sex, Beer, and The College Voice."

The Connecticut College Journal - Conn's newest bi-monthly newspaper focusing on news related to the New London community.

The Connection - the area that never had a name, until we started running out of meeting spaces. Now, this hallway between the bookstore and the '62 room has a name and is used for all sorts of official things; most notably, those brunches Claire throws, but never attends.

Crush Party - A semi-formal dance jointly organized by two or three dorms. You're given two invitations—one for yourself and one to put into the mailbox of your crush (or out-of-dorm friend). A great way to ensure that you'll wind up in the same spot as your crush, looking your hottest.

Dean's Term - If a month of winter break seems like a long time to do nothing, and if you can't get an internship, then Dean's Term is a great way to spend a week. There are workshops offered to students, allowing them to come back a week early and re-learn how to think.

Dorm Assassin - A get-to-know-each-other game often played within a dorm. Residents who sign up are given a water gun and the name of another participant. Upon killing that person, you receive the name of that person's target and it becomes your next target. This continues until there are only two truly paranoid people left.

Fishbowl - both an event and a location on campus. As a place, it's the green behind Harris surrounded by four of the Plex dorms. Concerts and debauchery occur here in abundance. Fishbowl, the event, is a wild night for seniors celebrating one last week of classes. They are locked in Cro all night to be released in the early morning to run around campus naked banging the gong loud enough to wake even the most sound sleeper.

Floralia - Conn's spring festival. It is a day-long event featuring six bands and more beer than New London can supply, as well as an inflatable obstacle course and the occasional shirtless, funneling Domino's pizza delivery man. Bands have included They Might Be Giants, moe, and annual performances by campus bands.

The Grounds - The Coffee Grounds is found on the first floor of KB. It's an intimate hang out when Cro gets too monotonous. There are well-worn couches, an espresso machine and fresh baked goodies. It is entirely student run.

Harvestfest - Conn's homecoming weekend. It is centered around soccer games and a day-long festival with booths set up by each dorm. Alumni come back and relive the drunken glory days of their collegiate years.

The Histories of Winged Victory - The most often asked question about a campus statue (next to why we commissioned Sol LeWitt to dump cinder blocks by Freeman and call it art) is what's up with Winged Victory. There's the historical answer the tour guides are instructed to give, but Conn students know the real story. It is said that if a virgin ever graduates from Conn, Winged Victory will grow a head and fly away.

Inconvenience Store - The affectionate term for the store in Cro next to the Post Office. It's never open at those crucial moments—like when you're taking a break from writing that 30 page government paper and having a major nic fit.

J-Board - The Judiciary Board is the court of the campus. It is their job to uphold the honor code. These officials, elected from each class, hold trial over students accused of breaking the honor code and issue punishment or reprieve.

Keg Hopping - Thursday night is always a TNE, but for the rest of the weekend Keg Hopping can be your major activity. Unless you're cute, female and wearing a skanktank (see it's entry) your chances of getting a beer are slim. If you're lucky you may manage to get your hands on an empty cup and stand in line for an hour before the keg is either kicked or campus safety breaks it up. Then you move from Freeman to JA back to Freeman and then up to the Plex. If you want to save yourself some trouble you could just start walking back and forth now with an empty cup and a dreaded feeling that no matter how long you stand around trying not to sweat that you are still never going to get laid.

Koiné - The Connecticut College yearbook. We've never seen one, but they are rumored to exist in a cave-like basement somewhere.

Lawrence Scholars - This scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen. It awards three-thousand dollars to selected students to allow them to get an internship the summer between junior and senior year.

Main Street - The convenient way to get from one new Plex dorm to the next. They are all connected by this hallway which also houses conference rooms (and doubles as a track when you need your exercise or are in a "confused" state and can't find your way into the right dorm).

Math Tea - The math department is the last to continue this tradition that is as old as the school. Students meet with their professors once a week and chat, talk in formulas and, of course, drink tea.

NET - SAC sponsors NET movies—free campus events in which movies are projected via satellite to Evans Hall in Cummings. The movies tend to be of the sexploitation-genre, but are enjoyable nonetheless. Past films have included *Cruel Intentions*, *I Know What You Did Last Summer* and *Analyze This*.

Oasis - The snack bar in Cro. Each student receives a \$40 credit at the beginning of each semester to spend on late night munchies, early morning coffees and lunches on the days that Harris just doesn't satisfy. It's also a great place to hold meetings or just hang out and be social. And it's a great place to watch for people. Everyone on campus is sure to pass by on a mail check sometime during the day.

OCS (the Vinal Cottage) - The Office of Career Services located across of Rte. 32 in front of the Athletic Center. This is where you want to go for help writing a resume and finding an internship to pad it once you realize how weak it is.

Rosie's Diner - One of the few local eateries that is open 24 hours, it can often be found packed with Conn students at 3 am, especially during exam week. The chocolate chip pancakes are something everyone should try.

SAC - the Student Activities Council plans parties and dances, brings in bands, and generally tries to keep the student body sane by providing diversions from studies and a break from the monotony of keg parties. This year's SAC Chair is Amy O'Donnell.

The Safety Shack - The affectionate term for the storage chalet that greets all who enter through the main entrance. It looks like, and provides about as much protection, as a photo-mat.

Senior Week - You're not invited. Sorry kids, you can't even work as a bartender or usher until junior year. But to give you the gist of it, seniors get drunk, naked and pass out in that order for about um... a week. Then they graduate and get drunk, naked and a job. If you really want to witness this awesome spectacle you can always work for *The Voice*.

Sexiled - Since freshmen still have to live with a roommate, they risk being forced to sleep on the living room couch or on a friend's floor while their roommate entertains his/her significant other, fling, or one-night stand.

SGA - The Student Government Association is a "law" making body that passes such regulations as last year's ban on smoking in many areas. They also legitimize student-run clubs and organizations by helping to fund them. It is made up of the president and vice-president of each class and the house senators from each dorm. There are weekly meetings open to the entire student body. The president is Minor Myers.

Skanktank - Usually worn accompanying TNE pants, this low-cut, spandex spaghetti-strapped tank top is a must for a Thursday night outing.

TNE - Thursday Night Events are dorm-sponsored dances that kick off the weekends. TNE's often come with controversial themes, such as the "Pimps and Prostitutes TNE," but can be more tame as in the "Spice TNE" and the "Superheroes TNE." Dressing up for the theme can earn you free entry.

TNE Pants - The black stretchy pants with flared legs that can be found on almost every female attending a TNE (a sure sign of a girl looking to get some action).

Tunnel of Free Expression - Connecting the basement of KB and that of Larrabee is this dark and rather scary passageway that has been decorated over the years by creative Conn students. Pictures, poetry and quotes cover the whitewashed walls. If you're brave enough to visit, it's an interesting look into the student psyche.

Walk of Shame - When you walk home across campus disheveled at 8 a.m. on a Sunday, wearing the same suit or dress as the night before. A moment of shame for some, but pride for others.

ClaireSpeak:

A Guide to Understanding the Great Gaudiani

From the first time you meet her, regardless of whether or not you've met any other College presidents, you'll realize that we have one of the more dynamic College presidents on the planet. Dr. Claire Gaudiani '66 (or as she's better known around here, Claire) is all over the place. From serving as President of the New London Development Corporation to teaching a seminar in her living room, Claire doesn't stop.

You'll also find that at most major College events, Claire will have something to say. The Voice has provided a handy guide to some of Claire's more common vignettes and sayings, so that you may arrive prepared for any of her speaking engagements.

THE STORIES

EACH ONE, TEACH ONE & ROBIN'S ISLAND: This is one of Claire's better, if not raunchier, stories. Prisoners on Robin's Island in South Africa used to sneak paper in one of their bodily orifices into their cells to teach each other. If she thinks the audience is sleeping, she'll go to this story, so get back on the ball if you hear it.

AGA KHAN: Conn College is a well-connected place. Claire will explain to you that we're only one call away from the Aga Khan's secretary. While no one (except Claire) knows exactly who the Aga Khan is, this is really impressive.

LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I DID LAST WEEK: If Claire goes here, watch it. You're in for a long litany of everything she did, and she did a lot.

DAWN OF SURGERY: Claire's grandfather was a surgeon at the dawn of surgery. The dawn of surgery seems like a pretty scary time, but Claire uses this story to explain how meaningful it is to achieve the American Dream. Pretty cool.

SHARK-INFESTED WATERS: Claire's grandfather (same one?) flew missions in World War II over shark infested waters. So don't mess with her. Again, pretty cool story.

THE TERMS

CIVIL SOCIETY: Government majors, don't be fooled. You may think Claire's talking about roads, bridges, electricity, etc. In reality, we think she is referring to some sort of view of a socially just society. Don't ask us to be more specific, as not quite anyone fully understands what she means by civil society. Just nod your head and smile.

HIP LITTLE CITY: Claire's vision for a Starbuck's and Barnes & Noble New London. Better '90's way of referring to "New London" than "The Whaling City."

SOCIAL JUSTICE: Build stuff, and help people too

GLOBAL CIVIC VIRTUES: We have no idea what this one means. Sorry.

THE WISDOM TRADITION: OK, you got us. Don't know this one either.

FUN CLAIRISMS

"To succeed you have to put out." Claire explaining to the Men's Basketball team what it was that brought them to the Final Four of NCAA Division III Basketball

We honor these athletes today for their "commitment to excellence and demand for justice." Claire speaking at an athletic awards breakfast. Justice??

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? ... Your Parents! Get Ready ...

Family Weekend Isn't too Far Away... Make reservations now at the region's best restaurants or wait, and go to McDonalds.

Bangkok City

Some of the best Authentic Thai food you'll find. Very reasonable prices. Be sure to try the Phad Thai noodles and Thai Iced Tea. Located in downtown New London; only a quick walk to the waterfront. 123 State St., New London 442-6970

Bravo Bravo

Simply superb dining in elegant surroundings. One of the more expensive restaurants in the region but well worth it. The menu includes finely cooked ostrich, delightful pastas and duck. Will fill up quickly, so call now. 20 E Main St, Stonington 536-3228

The Bulkeley House Restaurant and Pub

Located in Downtown New London, this historic 18th Century landmark houses one of the best restaurants around. Excellent atmosphere, traditional cuisine. 111 Bank St., New London 443-5533

GO FISH

One of the most original restaurants in the area. Go Fish serves up, you guessed it, the freshest possible seafood in the most creative of ways. Lobster Ravioli, Pacific Coast Dungeness Crab Clusters as well as fine steaks and salads all grace the menu. Full raw bar and sushi bar. Olde Mistick Village, Mystic 536-2662

Margaritas Mexican Restaurant and Watering Hole

The most popular haunt of Conn students out for a good time. College Night with 2 for 1 entrees and \$2 margaritas every Wednesday keeps the place packed. But good service and good Mexican food keeps it respectable enough for a family outing. Fresh-baked and warm tortilla chips served at the beginning of every meal can leave you with no room for dinner. 12 Water St., Mystic 536-4589

Paul's Pasta Shop

Very reasonably priced and huge portions with a nice view of the Thames and New London from the Groton side. The pasta is fresh and the service is friendly. Sometimes long waits. 223 Thames st., Groton 445-4004

Timothy's, The Place to Dine

Elegant, upscale dining in the center of Downtown New London. This fine restaurant is usually filled to capacity even on a Tuesday night. Crab and lobster bisque, high-quality steaks and fresh seafood highlight the menu along with the best wine selection around. 181 Bank St., New London 437-0526

COMPUTING

Getting Connected to Conn (At Least in a Technical Sense)

By BEN MUNSON

online editor

Considering that you need to be connected to see their help resources, the Help Center's help web pages really don't do much good. So we at *The Voice* have decided to provide you with a manual for getting your computer set up. As with most things, it is even easier on the Macintosh than on the PC, but with a minimal knowledge of how your computer works, you can be up and running in no time with our handy guide, of course.

The Ethernet connection in your room can be found right next to the phone jack and cable connection on your wall. You can buy an Ethernet cable from the Computer store, located in the basement of Hamilton (the last Plex dorm on the right). Don't worry about placing your computer right next to the outlet; you can buy varying lengths of cord.

Here is a guide to setting up the network for Conn College:

On a Mac:

1. Plug in the Ethernet cord running from your wall to the Ethernet port on your computer.

2. Open the "AppleTalk" control panel, and configure it to look like Fig. 1 under "Mac Instructions"

3. Open the TCP/IP control panel, and configure it to look like Fig. 2

4. To get network software, just open the Chooser and connect to the Academic Courseware server; all the software you need to connect should be there.

On a PC:

1. Plug in your Ethernet cord to your computer.

2. Under the Start Menu, go to "Settings," and under that, "Control Panel."

3. Open the "Network" Control Panel.

4. Use the figures to the right to configure your system in line with the Conn College Network. Minor hardware differences aside, if your computer is set up correctly, it should work.

If you still have problems, call xHELP: (x4357), the college's technical Help Center. They are located in the basement of the Shain Library, right next to the main staircase.

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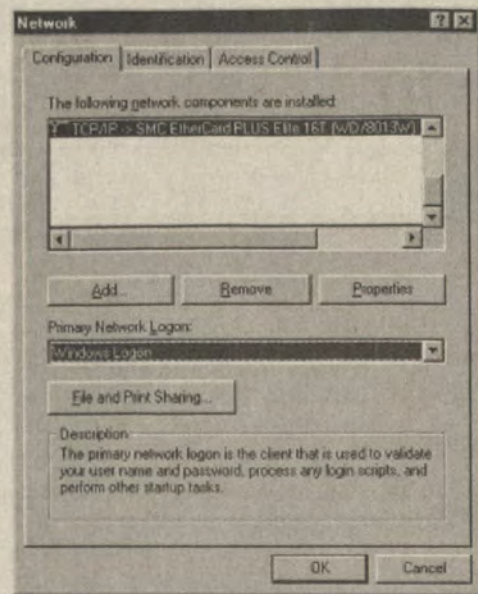


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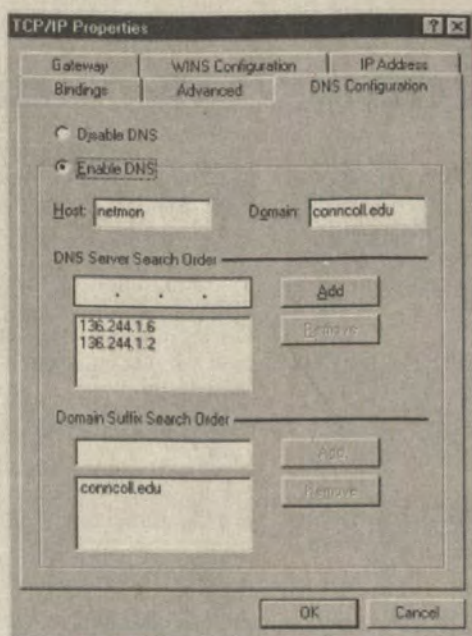


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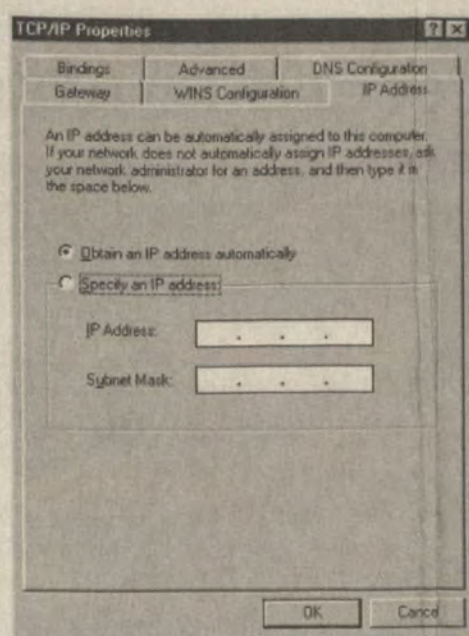


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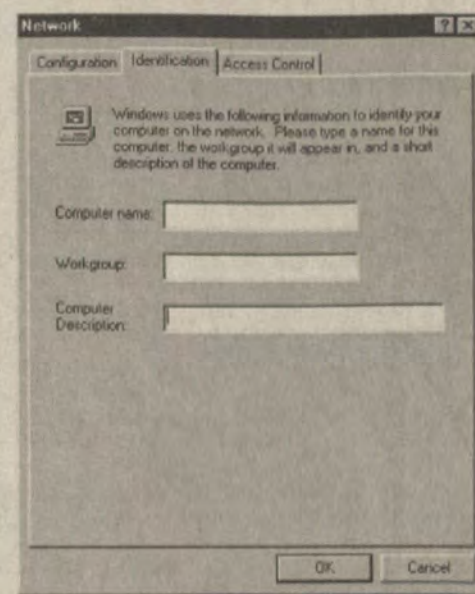


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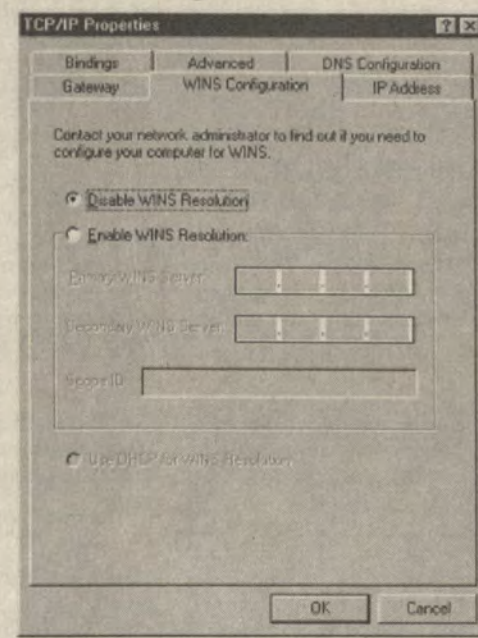


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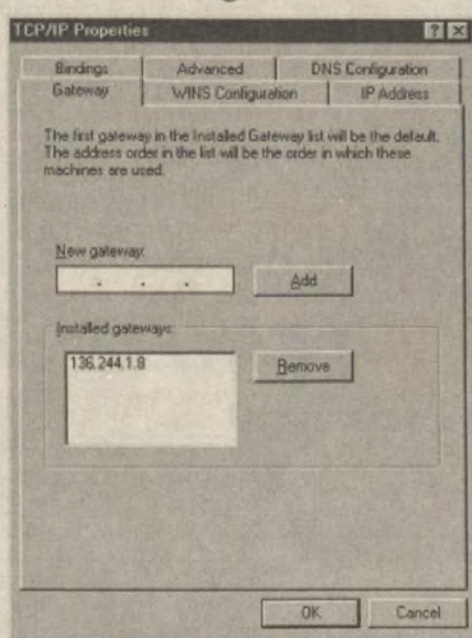


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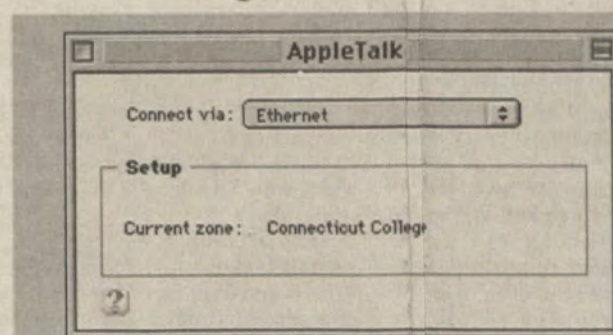


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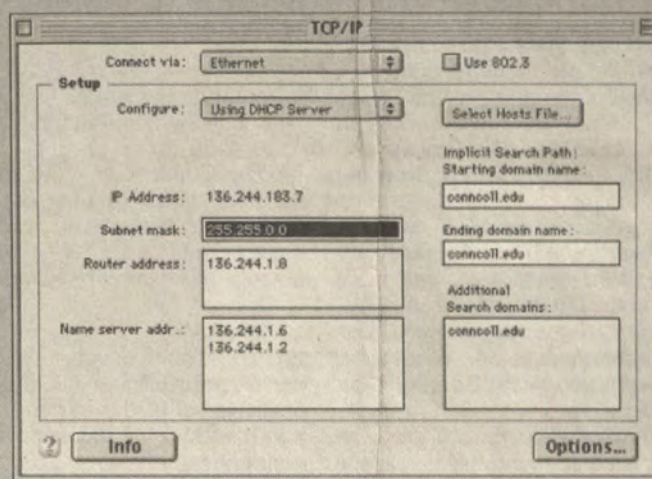


Fig. 2

What's the Use of all This Technology?

By BEN MUNSON

online editor

Within the next three to five years, Connecticut College may require each student to come to campus armed with a new laptop computer. Cabletron Ethernet lines connect our campus in an ever-expanding web of networking. Institutions government and private alike are giving billions to finance the wiring of schools for high-speed Internet access. But is there a use to all of this technology? Some people just have a "Documents" folder on the desktop of their computer; some get along perfectly well without a computer of their own at all. Do we all really need to be connected?

That's not the real question. The real question is, can we get any use out of being connected? The answer is yes. The Internet may sometimes be a big waste of time; sites with great amounts of minutia can spell death for a late-night Chaucer retrospective. And yet, there are some places on the Net that can enhance your learning experience.

First, there is the lawyer's best-kept secret, Lexis-Nexis. With its access to thousands of documents throughout many disciplines, this site is invaluable to the government student. You can search through newspapers, government documents, court reports, judicial decisions, and many more types of material, whether searching for a congressman's voting record or a ten-year-old article on the member's marital faux pas. For breadth and depth of information, this site is rivaled only by the Internet Movie Database, which you should not be consulting for the same project (unless the paper is on Ronald Reagan or Sonny Bono).

Next, there's the Encyclopedia Britannica Online, which is the Internet version of the 23-volume monster which goes unused in my house. On the Net, however, it can be put to some use, where you have the ability to search the Encyclopedia itself, a dictionary or a list of the best sites chosen by the site's editors. This site's depth of information is comparable to the printed version, with the added benefit of being able to quickly browse and group data without having to thumb through the index.

For news sites, there are a couple choices. My preference would have to be *The New York Times'* web site, which not only is easy to use but has the journalism *The Times* is famous for. For up-to-the-minute, interactive, and concise news bulletins, the best site would have to be CNN's. There are lots of others out there, but these are the two which I think do the job best. A good place to begin a search of the Net is the Times' Navigator website, which they (supposedly) use when they themselves go searching the web.

The web can provide more than simple entertainment; there are in fact places out there where you can find useful information. The tricky part lies in thinking about what kind of resources you're looking for, and determining whether it's out there on the web. To find more resources, visit *The Voice's* web page at <http://voice.conncoll.edu>

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<http://www.cnn.com>

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Academic resources available to Conn students
can be found at:

<http://www.conncoll.edu/is/info-resources/>

Accounting News

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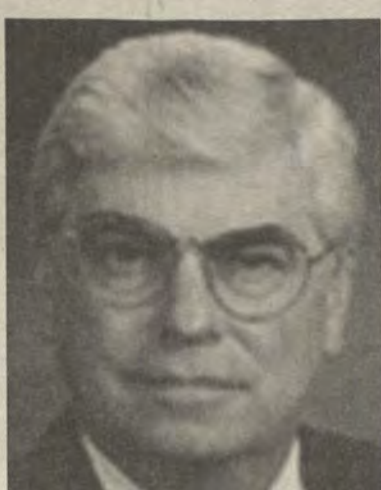
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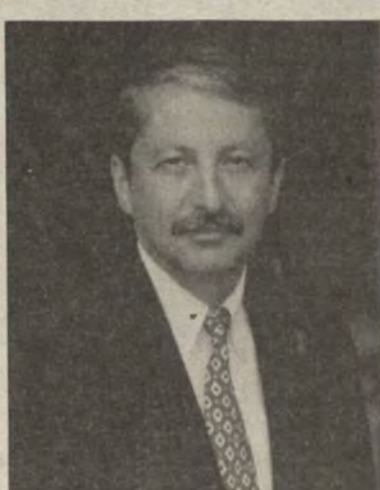
Gov. John G. Rowland, Rep. Now in his second term as Governor, John G. Rowland is, at 42, still the youngest Governor in the U.S. Rowland's long history of service is belied by his age; before becoming Governor, Rowland held positions on both the State Legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives. Although currently reviled or cheered for failing to lure the New England Patriots to Hartford, Rowland has, during his tenure, passed the toughest welfare reforms in the country, introduced measures to give underinsured children health insurance and produced budget surpluses since 1995.



Christopher Dodd, Senator, Dem. A four-term Democrat, Senator Dodd has championed many just causes, including higher education, child care and substance abuse. Dodd is the ranking member on the Rule and Administration Committee and sits on the Health Education, Labor and Pensions, Foreign Relations, Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committees, as well as the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem. Senator Dodd's child care amendment was recently approved by the Senate, and his legislation on substance abuse was approved by Committee.



Joseph Lieberman, Senator, Dem. Currently in his second senatorial term, Sen. Joseph Lieberman has the distinction of winning his last senate race by the largest landslide in Connecticut history. The ranking member of the Government Affairs committee, Lieberman also sits on the Small Business, Armed Service and Environmental and Public Works Committees. Lieberman recently introduced environmental protection plans as well as a \$972,701 increase in funding to four state universities. The Senator supported US involvement in Kosovo and voted to keep President Clinton in office.



Sam Gedgejenson, Congressman, Dem. An advocate of the elderly, children and the working class, Democratic congressman Gedgejenson has served his constituents from many posts within Congress. As Co-Chair of the Democratic Task Force on Retirement Security, Gedgejenson put forward legislation to protect small pension plans and make sure that schools are equipped with the latest technologies. Gedgejenson also formed the coalition that got the Connecticut River named one of ten National Heritage Rivers designated by President Clinton in 1998. Currently serving as the ranking democrat on the Committee on International Relations, the congressman's foci are promoting US exports, human rights and the environment.



Melodie Peters, State Senator, Dem. In addition to holding Connecticut's 20th district senate position, Democrat Melodie Peters holds a variety of prestigious posts both in and outside of the state government. Peters is currently the Chief Deputy Senate Majority Leader, chairs the Energy and Technology Committee, is the Vice-Chair of the Public Health Committee and is a member of the Legislative Management Committee. The Senator is also involved with the National Conference of State Legislatures' Information and Policy Committee as well as the Science, Energy and Environmental Resource Committee. Peters is also a member of South Eastern Connecticut's United Way Board of Directors.



State Rep. Wade A. Hyslop, State Rep., Dem. As Connecticut's 39th district representative to the state's general assembly, five-term Democrat Wade A. Hyslop has held many prestigious positions. Currently the Deputy Speaker of the House, Hyslop is also the House Liaison to the National Conference of State Legislatures, a member of the State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Committee and Vice-Chair of New London's Democratic Town Committee. Past positions include Chair of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus and Chair of the Program Review and Investigation Commission. Hyslop, a long time resident of New London, served with the Coast Guard from 1964 to 1970 and is the pastor of the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church.



Andrea Stillman, State Rep., Dem. Democrat Andrea Stillman has used her office serving Connecticut's 38th district to forward many deserving causes; urban issues, the environment, and substance abuse have all come under the Representative's scrutiny. While sitting on the State's Transportation, Finance and Revenue Committee as well as the Bonding Committee, Stillman continues to apply herself to other projects with zeal. This has earned her the "Citizen of the Year Award" from the Citizen's Task Force on Substance Abuse in New London and awards from Connecticut State Fireman's Association. Rep. Stillman lives in Waterford.



Nancy DeMarinis, State Rep., Dem. Nancy DeMarinis, Connecticut's 40th district representative, is a four-term Democrat with a long history of serving the community. A charter member of the Women's Center and a former member of the Groton town and city councils, DeMarinis currently holds the position of Vice-Chair of Labor and Public Employees Committee and is also a member of both the Banking and Judiciary Committees.

Register
to Vote!

And hear from Student Government Association President Minor Myers . . .

Dear Students,

However trite this letter may sound, its content is far from ordinary. With a straight face, I can say that this year should prove more interesting, more stimulating and more important than years past. Opportunities abound this year for students new and old.

New London is in a state of dramatic change. What was once an ailing city will soon become a place nearly unrecognizable to those aloof from the revitalization process. The city, already flush with color and vitality, will become a center of scientific research, a destination for the arts and a hub of commerce.

To be sure, the product—a new New London—will benefit students greatly. But even more valuable to us will be the role we can play in New London's improvement: helping people start their own businesses, designing

office space or residential apartments, streamlining city services or any of a host of opportunities the New London revitalization project affords. To get involved, call Don Filer in the Office of Community and Public Affairs in Fanning. Go see Don Williams at Connecticut College Downtown on State Street. Or call the New London Development Corporation, the catalyst for the city's revitalization, at 447-8011.

Also, this year, the College embarks on an auspicious strategic plan, one that will change the character of our Connecticut College experiences. It promises to test the boundaries of what we learn and how we learn it, enhancing the breadth and depth of our education. As we move forward this year, the fruits of the strategic plan will begin to appear. We should resolutely embrace the opportunities afforded to us, for doing so will be to our great benefit.

The College this year will take

a hard look at the Honor Code. For many of us, it is one of the primary reasons we chose to come here. But now we must examine its utility, and the College will reconfirm or discard the principles on which it is based. Should the Honor Code's reach extend no less into our social than into our academic lives? Is the concept of honor as an organizing principle an anachronism? Are we able to govern ourselves effectively? These are a handful of the issues that an ad hoc committee, composed of students, faculty and staff, will deal with this year. Students should make it their prerogative to leave an indelible mark on the committee's final product.

This year also marks the introduction of the Diversity Committee and the position of the Chair of Multicultural Affairs. The charge of the committee is to tackle the problems and propose solutions in this central area of concern for the

College. Getting involved with this cause is a tremendous opportunity for students to make a difference.

And our men's basketball team is going to be spectacular. I'm not going to miss a game.

I suppose the bottom line is to do something. Go to class and do your homework, but don't stop there. If you like to volunteer, stop by OVCS. If you write, there's a paper for you. If you sing, there's a group for you. If you play an instrument, there's a band for you. If you're an athlete, there's a team for you. And if you fly fish, there's a club for you.

I wish you all well for the beginning of the year.

Sincerely,

Minor Myers
President of the
Student Government
Association

Sex on Campus:

It's a Small Campus,
but Not That Small

Winged Victory Statue

You're gonna hear it, so you might as well hear it from us first. The legend states that if a virgin were to graduate from Conn the headless angel between Harkness and J.A. would fly away, resulting in the end of utopia as we know it. Your mission freshmen, is to stop the dark forces of abstinence from overrunning the earth anyway you can...specifically, by screwing lustily on the top of the statue by the light of the full moon.

TNE Thursday Night Event.

Have you seen the way these kids dance today? Someone's bound to take it to the next logical step. Hunker down in the corner or underneath the skirt of a table. Ah, I remember my freshmen advisor like it was yesterday... happy hunting, frosh.

The Coed Showers

Two words: Easy Clean-up. Maybe its not two words but you'll make the Earth house happy by conserving water, two cleansings in one shower.

The Cummings Art Studios

Big skylights let in gentle rays of moonlight and on the clearest nights a blanket of stars can even be seen through the orange glow of New London. Many a struggling artist will have to spend a good number of late nights all alone in the cavernous art studios. If one of them is a "friend", go keep them company. Remember the clay scene from *Ghost*?

Your Roommate's Bed

They stole your favorite shirt and spilled a margarita on it. Now its time for sweet revenge. Give your roomie's sheets a good tousling-forbidden fruit is by far the sweetest. And boy, does it stain.

The Arbo

Bring a picnic blanket and spread out on a grassy knoll overlooking the glistening pond. Watch the frogs jump...and splash. Oh yeah, and you're drunk.

The Laundry Room

It's hot, noisy, and it vibrates. You put quarters in it. A dollar each for the washer and dryer is pretty steep. Get the most out of washing your sheets. Just remember to fold when everything is still hot, or you'll end up with a wrinkled mess later on.

Private Screening "Booth" in the Library

In need of a quick study break? Go down to the reserve desk, ask for the key and get a copy of Eyes Wide Shut and go to the viewing room to not watch it.

Harkness Green

This is not quite a suggestion, it is more of a warning. On weekend nights, which around here start on Thursday, **do not** cross the green. Take the paths. Those masses in the middle of the field, which to some of our more rural students might appear to be haystacks, are probably your roommate and a Williams school girl.

GLEN'S GUIDE:

What to Eat, and Where to Eat It

By GLEN HARNISH

opinion editor

Food. It's one of those intangibles you never think about until it's gone.

Which is why you'll be happy to know that at Connecticut College, the cuisine is nutritious, varied and pretty good, relative to various state and federal institutions.

The key words here are choices, choices, choices.

The Conn. College I.D. card is your ticket to a multitude of dining options on campus. Among them:

Harkness and Freeman Dining Halls. Great places to visit if you're unfortunate enough as to live there. Seriously, South Campus is great. What it lacks in students it makes up for in the sheer volume of grass, which is fun to sit on in the warm months or eat if you're a really hardcore Vegan or a cow. (We weren't kidding about choices)

Knowlton: AKA the international dining hall. Parlez-vous francais? Hablas-tu espanol? Then you better not stick your uncultured snout in here. The food's great, but if your accent's off, or if your vocab's sketchy, steer clear. Come back when you're fluent. Or foreign.

Smith-Burdick: These "two" dorms confuse a lot of people. Pray that by the time you graduate, you'll be able to tell where Burdick ends and Smith begins. One easy way to remember is that "Smiffy," as it's known to the locals, houses the healthy, vegetarian dining hall, while Burdick is home to the healthy, low-fat dining hall. Low-fat

sounds scary, but don't worry, it's actually not as boring as it sounds. Also it's open till 7:30 p.m., which is good if you like to sleep late.

Harris: The crowning achievement of Conn.'s culinary and architectural vision. A towering spire of glass and stone in north campus, it is the largest and most varied dining hall on campus, as well as the nexus of Conn's thriving social network. You go to Harris to eat, to meet friends, to strike a pose. Wear nice clothes and makeup. DO NOT drop your tray, or you will have no friends. Build up your resistance to MSG slowly. Eat more than grilled chicken sandwiches, French fries, and mountain dew, or you'll drop your colon like a rusty transmission. Terry is the best guy in the world. Try not to let your mouth hang open when you first see the cereal department, its rude, and everyone will know you're a freshman.

Specialty Dining: That's not all you get for your \$30,000. There's also

Dominos: Pizza, delivered. Just don't mention Flordia, or offer the guy a beer, or a bong hit as a tip or something cute like that. I'll explain when you're good and ready.

Golden Wok: Chinese food, delivered. Don't act like you're too good to eat dog. One thing nobody at Conn can stand is a freshman who thinks they're better than everybody else, who drinks expensive beer and tells long sad stories about the German Shepard that cried when they left for college. In two months you'll be broke, swilling Busch light and chowing down on the BBQ "Pork" like everybody else, so the sooner you get over it

the better.

The Arboretum: It seems like every year a couple of freshmen girls get separated from the main group during a botany trip in the Arbo. They'll emerge intact from Conn's wild classroom a few days later, without the ability to speak or with thick black hair on their knuckles. Apparently, there's plenty to eat in a pinch-nut, roots, and squirrels-if you can catch em. Avoid the black and white striped squirrels. They are called skunks, and will spray noxious fluid out of their ass at high velocity if threatened. Coincidentally, this is the same stuff encased in the little plastic packets of Golden Wok Soy Sauce, which will build up in your dorm room as the academic year progresses. (DO NOT INGEST this liquid, no matter how hungry or desperate you get, not even if you find yourself on a Sat. night with no beer and you've already licked your neighbor's Robitussin bottle clean. It is for advertisement purposes only.)

Also: there's **Abbey House**, where the residents make their own food, and sometimes make dinner for the rest of campus. For some reason, a lot of times when you go to Abbey house you get really hungry. But don't expect somebody to make you a midnight snack just because you're "stoned"-this is the real world! You're mom's not here, so you better help yourself and partake in Abbey's unique buffet style dining. You'll find the buffet on the kitchen table, and in other parts of the house. And if you go to one of those special dinners, do not make jokes about "herbal recipes." Also, don't eat the mushrooms.

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LIVING SECTION

North Campus

Wright



Wright – The definition of insanity: repeat the same process the same exact way and expect a different outcome. In other words Wright, the second of the old-Plex to be reborn as a mental ward, isn't much improved from the mess made in Park. Elevators and air-conditioning make up for meandering hallways and sterility.

Park



Park – The first Plex dorm to be renovated, Park offers clean and comfortable rooms within a labyrinthine hall design – great for avoiding the Avon lady. Not known for its social atmosphere, this year Park will hopefully join the rest of Conn in subscribing to the campus motto of “work hard, party harder.”

Marshall



Marshall – A throwback to the time when your parents were partying (among other things) in college, Marshall joins Hamilton as the last two Plex dorms to be renovated. The upside of survival – two semesters of priority.

Hamilton



Hamilton – One of the last remaining unrenovated Plex dorms, Hamilton residents should relish their experience, as they will be the last set of students to revel in Ham's high architectural style circa 1961. (Note to non-Plex residents: it is advisable to use the buddy system when visiting the old Plex.)

Morrison

Morrison – The latest Plex dorm to be renovated, Morrison residents benefit from the gaffes made in the renovation of Park and Wright, with better hall designs and a less “hospital” vibe.

Central Campus

Lambdin



Lambdin – Off-line this year, Lambdin is the ruin between Morrison and Hamilton, offering a step by step view of the renovations and a keen resemblance to war-torn Beirut. The construction will make it popular with the residents of Hamilton and Morrison. Be advised to keep windows closed on asbestos removal days.

Smith



Smith – There's not much that can be said about Smith, as its high point would be the dining hall if it weren't exclusively vegetarian eating. Located directly across from Cro, Smith does offer an excellent central location.

Larrabee



Larrabee – The “quiet” dorm, Larrabee is as proud of its “loud hours” as it is of its “quiet lifestyle.” The best rooms face east, with a view of the Thames River and the occasional submarine puttering by.

Real Estate

What
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You

Branford



Branford – Close to the library sums up what's special about this dorm. But then again it's not the Plex.

Blackstone



Blackstone – Conn's substance free headquarters, Blackstone is famed for *not* smelling like vomit on Saturday morning and a warm and fuzzy atmosphere, albeit centered on sci-fi movies. Beware of the overabundance of sugar, caffeine and No Doz that supplement the relatively substance free atmosphere.

Windham



Windham – One of the most popular dorms, Windham boasts the largest rooms, a central location, a party atmosphere and views of Arbo sunsets. Light sleepers may have difficulties with neighbors and the chapel bell which rings on the hour.

Plant



Plant – Historically, Plant basement, with several huge freshmen quads is a dangerous place to be on the weekend, but Conn's first dorm is gradually inching back towards respectability.

Lazrus

Lazrus (Laz) – With a rather dingy façade and the smallest rooms on campus, the main draw for Lazrus is its kitchen, which allows residents to cook for themselves and receive a reduction on their room and board fee (Upperclassmen only).

Katherine Blunt

Katherine Blunt (KB) – A party dorm on prime real estate across Cro Boulevard from the College Center, KB is a perennial favorite in the housing lottery and a perennial annoyance to Larrabee residents, as the dorms are connected. A popular midway stop en route to South or North Campus.

Burdick

Burdick – Located directly behind Smith, Burdick also has little to offer except cavernous basement rooms and proximity to the Athletic Center. Also boasting a dining hall, Burdick's low fat dining is popular with those students trying to fend off the Freshmen (Sophomore, Junior, Senior) fifteen (or fifty).

South Campus

Knowlton



Knowlton – Knowlton, the Cultural/Language House, rewards its students with high ceilings, large windows, hardwood floors and a “cultural/language theme” in which they can hone their language skills and eat the most interesting food on campus with their language professors.

Jane Addams



Jane Addams – Freeman's ugly stepsister, Addams is consistently in the shadow of its adjacent neighbor, despite the identical layouts and the similarity in the size of the rooms.

Freeman



Freeman – A good time is guaranteed at this South Campus bastion of debauchery. Relatively quiet during the academic week, Thursday night ushers in quite a different atmosphere.

Harkness



Harkness – Known for its large rooms and spectacular views of the quad, Harkness ranks as one of the most popular South Campus dorms, especially for sports fans with the best seats in the house for soccer and lacrosse games.

Abbey

Abbey – Across Rte 32 and adjacent to the Caroline Black Gardens, Abbey is the student cooperative house, where students take an active role in keeping up the house and often have a reputation for fine brownies.

Warnshuis

Warnshuis – A set of rooms for the campus hypochondriacs, Warnshuis the dorm is part of the health center, making for a quite peaceful atmosphere and easy access to all the medications you think you need.

Specialty Housing

Upperclassmen Only

Earth House

Earth House – Cold showers and paper paranoia pervade this house, as saving the planet is Earth House's primary aim. Helping to make the campus feel better about the waste we generate, this residence also boasts a kitchen and meal plan reductions. Please remove all shoes except Birks at the door upon entering.

River Ridge

River Ridge – For domestic types, River Ridge offers two and three bedroom apartments with full kitchens and separate parking. Don't party too hard though, chances are, one of your professors is living next door.

360

360 – Have a hobby, talent or fetish that is suitable (and appropriate) to such a high caliber institution? Then 360 is for you. Past themes have included Jazz House and the Dance House.

FROM CC DEPARTMENTS . . .

Welcome to Conn Class of 2003!

The Admissions Office needs your help recruiting a class as great as yours.

Watch for opportunities to:

- host a prospective student
- be a tour guide
- go back to your high school to talk about Conn

Call Jen at 2218 for more information and for other ways to get involved.

You impressed us once before, impress us again.

Office of the Registrar

Regular hours for the Office of the Registrar are:
Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
(Open through the lunch hour during registration and pre-registration periods)

Office hours during the Summer (June – August), Winter Break (1/5/00-1/21/00) and Spring Break (3/13/00-3/24/00) are:
Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon and 1:00 – 4:00p.m.

The new edition of the Connecticut College catalog is still at the printer and will not be available, as expected, during Orientation. Course descriptions may be viewed on the Connecticut College web site (www.conncoll.edu), under “Academics,” then “The Catalog.” Faculty members will have “Preliminary Edition” catalogs, before the final catalogs are available.

When the catalogs arrive, you will be notified by voice mail, as to where they may be picked up (hopefully, around September 10, 1999).
If you attended Summer School at another institution, please make sure that you have submitted a Summer School Approval Form and be sure to have an official copy of your transcript sent to the Registrar’s Office, as soon as possible.

Department of Music

The department of music welcomes the class of 2003! CC is one of the few colleges you can pursue private lessons on every instrument of the orchestra, voice, piano, guitar, and harpsichord at NO EXTRA FEE. If you’ve paid your tuition you can get private lessons on the instrument you play! Auditions for lessons take place on Monday, 30 August (1:30 - 4:00) and Friday, 3 September (2:00 - 3:30). Play or sing in our Ensembles: Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Opera Workshop, Band, Percussion Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble

Ensemble Auditions

Chamber Choir	1-4 p.m., Monday, August 30, & 2-3:30 p.m., Friday, September 3, C215
Chamber Music	call x2720
Concert Band	8-9:30 p.m., Monday, September 6, in Evans Hall
Jazz Band	call x2720
Opera Workshop	4:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 9, Evans Hall
Orchestra	7-10 p.m., Tuesday, September 7, Evans Hall (Audition sign-up sheet posted on door of C220)
Percussion Ensemble	Meeting scheduled for 3 p.m., Monday, September 6, Evans Hall

For more information call the music department at X2720.

From the Chaplaincy . . .

Welcome to the fall semester. All of us here at Harkness Chapel hope this will be a time of growth and promise for you.

As you get into this year’s theme of “Exploration and Discovery,” we hope your explorations will lead you to the chapel and that your discoveries will be both personal and spiritual.

See you soon,
Mark Douton, Interim Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life

College Chaplains:
Rev. Emmett Jarrett, Father Larry LaPointe and Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg.

Thom Thornton of the Baptist Campus Ministry and
Karla Bendor and Aaron Wayne, Hillel Advisors

John Anthony and Molly Helms

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Welcome to the Class of 2003!
Please join the English Department at an Open House on Aug. 31st, 4:00 p.m., Faculty Lounge in Blaustein.

OVCS

GET ENGAGED!

The Office of Volunteers for Community Service–OVCS–extends a warm welcome back to Connecticut College students and invites each and every one to get engaged in community work.

OVCS has developed a wide range of projects, internships and work-study positions that provide Conn students with the opportunity to learn in a community setting while engaging in social justice issues and improving our quality of life. Also, OVCS and the Center for Community Challenges have worked with faculty to develop service-learning courses in the curriculum. Look for those courses and connect your academics to community challenges.

Whether it is health & wellness, education, the environment, legal issues, economic development, hunger/homeless issues, or the arts, OVCS can facilitate your engagement. Stop by the OVCS office, Room 217 in Cro, the College Center, and be sure to come to the OVCS Fair, Wednesday, September 15, between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in front of Cro on the Larabee Green. (1962 Room in Cro if it rains) OVCS has established dozens of community partners and there are many exciting and interesting placements. For more information call X 2458.

Get engaged!

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

Connecticut College is committed to providing the atmosphere and support that allow leadership and participation to flourish. The intellectual life outside the classroom is characterized by social and cultural vitality. The Office of Student Life facilitates co-curricular education through programs and services provided by the staff of Residential Life, Student Activities, Health Services and Counseling Services. The professional staff play a central role in addressing the overall mission of the College, which is to prepare men and women for a lifetime of learning and participation in a democratic society.

Students are strongly encouraged to become actively engaged in campus life. With over sixty clubs and organizations, a very active student government association, and an office that coordinates community service volunteers, the opportunities are endless. The choices that students make about their *out of the classroom education* often influence their overall post-graduate plans. To provide some examples, we have had many former Judiciary Board members attend premier law schools, student activities coordinators become museum directors and event planners, and housefellows who were better prepared for the demands of a new job or graduate school, because of their experiences with campus leadership.

Each staff member in the Office of Student Life has the responsibility for advising student groups. Much of the advising, however, is done in an informal manner. The office prides itself on student advocacy, high quality personal service, and a healthy balance of challenge and support. It is always a delight to meet our class of first year students and we are more than willing to help ease the transition into campus life. The Student Life staff are eager to help find that special niche that can often define the overall college experience. We are honored to be able to work as closely with students as we do. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us. The main telephone number is 439-2834

Welcome!

Catherine Woodbrooks, Dean of Student Life
Kristine Cyr Goodwin, Assistant Dean/ Director of Residential Life
Scott McEver, Director of Student Activities/College Center
Conway Campbell, Assistant Director of Residential Life
Cate Moffett, Director of Health Services
Lisa Brown, Director of Counseling Services

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The Center also offers the Program in Community Action, PICA, a unique opportunity for students to combine course work in their majors with community-based experience. Any major is eligible, ranging from the natural sciences to social sciences to the humanities and fine arts. PICA scholars also participate in a series of workshops that develop their skills in negotiation, mediation, public speaking, interviewing, non-profit management, and electronic networking. A certificate is awarded at graduation to those who successfully complete the program.

To learn more about service-based learning, call the Center for Community Challenges at ext. 2596, or come by our office in Cro, Room 217.

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