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## Conn Suffers Another Drop in U.S. News & World Report Rankings

By THOMAS McEVoy  
NEWS EDITOR

U.S. News and World Report released its annual college rankings late last month. Connecticut College was ranked 36, along with Union College and Whitman College. Conn's latest ranking represents a decline in its position from last year, when the College stood at 35. Ever since the College reached its unprecedented best placement of 25 in the 2001 edition of the U.S. News rankings, its position has consistently fallen.

Despite Conn's latest fall in the rankings, Director of Media Relations Eric Cardenas noted that the College has nevertheless illustrated areas of improvement, particularly in terms of attracting students,

the quality of students admitted, and alumni giving rates. U.S. News gave Conn a selectivity ranking of 27, and the College's acceptance rate last year was still a competitive 34%. "If you look at the overall picture, the College is doing better," Cardenas said.

At the same time, the College's performance in financial areas was not as strong as its admissions data. Conn received a financial resources rank of 39 by U.S. News and a faculty resources rank of 100. Out of the top 50 liberal arts colleges according to U.S. News, only two other colleges received a worse ranking in this category.

Conn began experiencing financial difficulties shortly before the resignation of Claire Gaudiani, the College's president before Norman

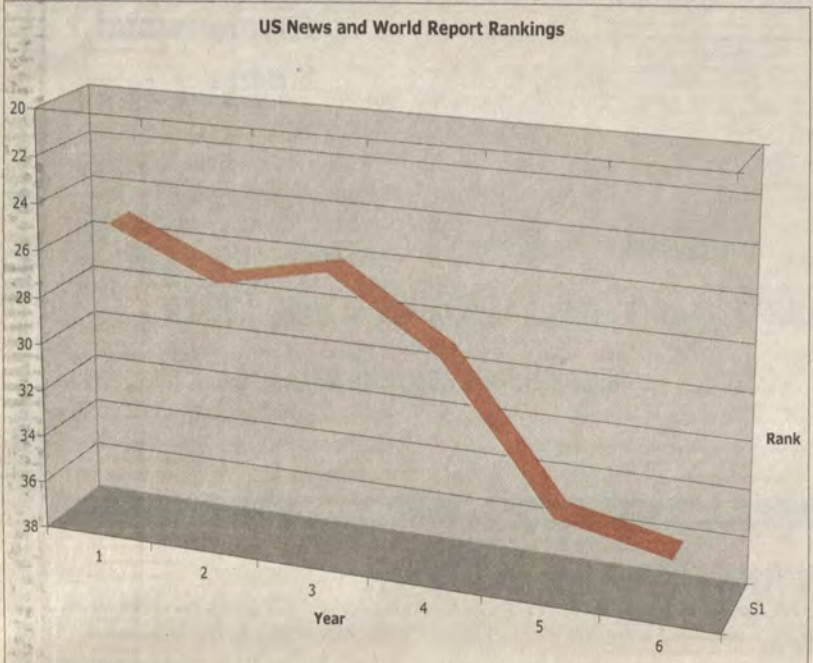
Fainstein. Due to various financial blunders under Gaudiani's leadership, the College has accumulated a substantial debt since she left the College in 2000, which it has been paying off ever since.

Eric Cardenas noted that the College recently balanced its budget and is currently working to improve its financial resources. In particular, Cardenas mentioned a capital campaign that the College is preparing to launch. "The capital campaign will help in a lot of different areas," Cardenas said.

Moreover, the alumni giving rate used by U.S. News in their ranking methodology is an average of the past two years. The College's alumni giving rate last year was 51%, therefore the data used by U.S. News, which indicates a 7 percent discrepancy, is using old statistics.

The Strategic Planning Committee conducted a survey in December of 2003 to assess the ways various College constituencies view the institution. The Strategic Planning Committee was charged by President Fainstein during the Fall 2003 semester to evaluate the College's vision of itself as it approaches its centennial, as to derive achievable goals for the future. The Committee found that the College's consistent decline in the U.S. News rankings to be a growing concern among various members of the campus community.

President Fainstein, according to Eric Cardenas, believes that the College's "first and foremost focus should be on education and not the



This graph shows Conn College's ranking trend. Year 1 represents the year 2000. (McEvoy)

## Groton Sub Base Survives BRAC; Will Remain Open

By CHRISTIAN CLANSKY  
STAFF WRITER

As our academic year came to a close in May of 2005, the Pentagon released an extensive list of military bases and facilities that it intended to close or consolidate in the name of cutting unnecessary spending. Included on that list was the submarine base at New London, a sure landmark for any student who has walked the caged pedestrian bridge towards the AC.

The list of closures and consolidations was the result of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Act of 1990. In conjunction with the release of the list, the President appointed a commission of nine members – mostly retired military officials – to serve the purpose of reviewing and assessing each closure or realignment recommendation. Based on eight very specific criteria, the commission would then turn in a modified list to the President, who would either approve or disapprove the list before sending it to Congress for final confirmation.

Among those criteria were: base capabilities in both the present and future in various respects, environmental and economic impacts of closing or realigning a base or facility, and the general impact on the surrounding area.

When the sub base was revealed on the 2005 BRAC list, politicians and citizens united and mobilized in an effort to prevent the base from being closed. Team Connecticut was headed locally by John Markowicz and fortified in Washington, DC by Congressman Rob Simmons, Governor Rell and Senators

Lieberman and Dodd also offered their support.

Team Connecticut studied many thousands of pages of data regarding every aspect of the BRAC process and the consequences of closing the sub base and ultimately found a large number of inaccuracies in the Pentagon's recommendation.

Among the inconsistencies were incorrect financial estimates regarding environmental and local economic impact. It was determined that the closure of the base would cause more than a generation of economic strife for the state. From a military standpoint, New London is far closer to China and North Korea – two countries that are being closely watched by our military and government – than Kings Bay, GA where the New London subs would have been moved.

Most importantly, Team Connecticut relied on the rich history of New London and Groton and its submarine program as well as its close relation with and proximity to Electric Boat. A billboard on I-95 promotes Groton as "the Submarine Capital of the World". SUBASE New London is the most capable military facility in the country in regards to the silent service, and has been consistently renovated and refurbished since its opening. No other subbase in the country is capable of holding as many subs as New London.

On August 24th, the BRAC commission voted by a vast majority to strike New London from the closure list. Scores of happy citizens flooded the streets and honked their horns

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## Connecticut College Welcomes Class of 2009

By RACHEL GAINES  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

August 27 through 31 marked this year's freshman orientation program for the class of 2009. Housefellows, Governors, student advisors, transfer advisors, international advisors, Alana sisters and brothers, Soul mates, peer educators, as well as members of SAC and SGA were on campus the first Saturday to greet the newest members of the campus community.

The beginning of the day was geared toward providing information for students and their concerned parents. Sessions on local banking, information services, and the work of the administration gave first year students a few moments of peace as their parents listened intently.

As in past years, the first portion of orientation included the President's address to parents. President Feinstein was joined by Martha Merrill, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Theresa Amerati, Interim Dean of the College community, Andrea Rossi-Reder, Interim Dean of Freshman, as well as SGA president Eddie Slade '06.

At the conclusion of the presidential address, parents were asked to leave so their children could begin integrating into the community which will serve as their home for the next four years. The rest of Saturday included house meetings with each student's SA, and the ever-popular "games on the green."

This year's orientation theme was "In Your Element." The campus was divided by region and each section was given an element with which to create a cheer. In addition to the cheer, North (earth), South



As New Orleans deals with the aftermath of Katrina, a handful of Tulane students from Connecticut will attend Conn for a semester. (Cryan)

## CC to Welcome Local Tulane Students

By CHRIS BUONINCONTI  
STAFF WRITER

Within the last few days, students and faculty members of Connecticut College have begun organizing various relief efforts in response to the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina. Such efforts range in scope from collections and fund-raisers to hands-on volunteer work at the site of the recent disaster. In addition, the College plans to welcome a small handful of local Tulane students for the semester.

Wednesday's OVCS fair showcased a few of the relief programs put into motion by members of the Connecticut College community. Students have started an SGA funded club dedicated solely to aiding the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The club, as well as other independent volunteer services, is currently collecting for those in need. The donations include non-perishable food, bottled water, blankets, tents, batteries and diapers, and monetary contributions.

Representatives from the NLCM (New London Collegiate Missionaries) were also at the fair to recruit volunteers interested in visiting one of the affected areas.

Prayer services were held in the Harkness Chapel on Tuesday, September 6th. Members of the Connecticut College community showed their concern and support as they prayed for friends and family affected by the disaster.

A student who attended the service later commented, "It's beautiful how members of different faiths can come together and pray for those in need."

In addition, Connecticut College has extended temporary enrollment to those who were to attend schools affected by the storm. As of now, three students from Louisiana are attending class at Conn, commuting to school from their homes. Accommodations are underway for additional students from Tulane, Loyola, and other affected universities to live on campus until their schools resume classes.

The category-five hurricane left at least half a million people without power along the gulf coast, according to Fox News. Countless homes have been destroyed, and the list of missing persons continues to grow.

Although estimates continue to increase, current figures put the total damage at approximately \$100 billion. The devastating effects of the hurricane on both the local and national economies are yet to be seen.



Popular speaker Jamie Washington, returning for his third orientation, greeted students with a message of multiculturalism and diversity (Web).

(water), Central 1 (wind) and Central 2 (fire) competed in a number of games that won points for their dorms. By the end of week, Central 2 had accumulated the highest score and won a free party on the beach courtesy of the College.

The following days were jam packed with informational workshops broken up by more light-hearted activities. [Quote about being busy]. Perhaps the most important workshop was the annual Honor Code presentation run by the Office of Student Life. Dean Millstone and Hopkins-Gross ran the program with the hope that the new class would share the same respect for the Honor Code as generations of Conn students.

Jamie Washington, a speaker on

multi-culturalism, returned to the school after receiving positive feedback from previous lectures at the College. The basis of Washington's lecture was building trust. By asking students hard questions about themselves and their comfort levels at colleges, he aims to break down some of the walls that can divide a community.

The powerful "Equology" lecture regarding sexual assault was also brought back for orientation and was eye-opening experience for many students. The program is formatted more like a play than a lecture and encourages students to openly ask questions of the actors/characters in the play. This allows a more productive dialogue within the student body regarding

issues of safety and sexual respect.

The issue of drinking was also addressed in both serious and humorous forms. Student advisor and housefellow skits touched on the issue as well as a number of other important problems facing first year students. The housefellow presentation on "Roommate Survival Skills" had students rolling in the aisles of Palmer. Between being "sexiled," having to share co-ed bathrooms, and confronting a roommate who's a little /too/ friendly, the seniors managed to cover many problems they would discuss later in "Roommate Survival Skills, Part II."

During the evenings when stu-

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## NEWS



The field hockey team, as well as other CC sports squads, got a new home as Silfen Field's natural grass surface was replaced with a turf field. See p. 7.

## SPORTS



The Conn men's and women's soccer teams are gearing up for another season of tough competition and exciting action. Check out the fall sports preview on page 8.



## A&E

Some of Conn's finest art professors currently have new works on display as part of the annual faculty art exhibition in the Cummings Art Center. See page 4.



# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## Conn Falls Short When it Comes to Providing Utilities

The total cost of tuition for the 2005 – 2006 school year is \$41,975. This price should certainly afford the most basic needs of the modern, globalized world that we live in. However, since the beginning of this academic year the College e-mail system has shut down repeatedly, and this past week two of the most populated dorms on campus experienced intermittent extended power outages. Electricity and Internet are staple commodities to modern living, not just perks of an expensive liberal arts education. Not only are these failures embarrassing to the school, their implications are highly detrimental and have the potential for serious consequences.

Beyond basic living essentials, Conn deems academics its highest priority. Unreliable access to the Internet disrupts the productivity of classes: students are unable to check course web pages, post homework assignments, e-mail professors, and research course-related material. For seniors who are embarking on their post-graduate job searches, e-mail is the primary source of the networking that is essential to finding a job. The Internet is an integral resource in the world for which Connecticut College is preparing us, and something that we should not have to live without.

The power outages that occurred in KB and Larrabee resulted in students missing classes and near health emergencies. Students lost work on their computers when the power failed, and lost contact to the outside world when cell phone batteries died. Electrically powered alarm clocks could not go off Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Students reliant on electrically powered health apparatus ran the risk of suffering medical lapses that could not be helped by the necessary devices.

How can we expect not to fall in ranking status with failures such as these? If the College wants to maintain, let alone augment its prestige in the eyes of its community members, peers, and the larger world community, basic lapses in functioning such as these cannot occur. Although we appreciate the efforts made by the administration to improve student life, such as changes to Cro, there are certain basic standards that need to be met. Most importantly, students should be able to go about their lives at school without such preventable and problematic disruptions.

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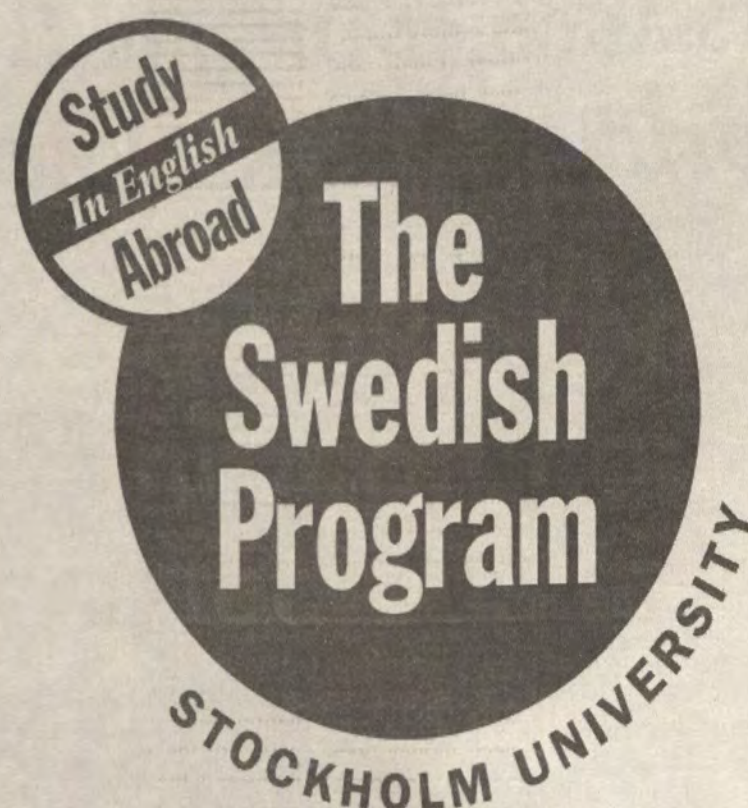
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Student Reacts to Kelo v. New London Decision

Dear Editor,

Here's a sarcastic note of thanks to the liberal wing of the U.S. Supreme Court for its majority ruling last June in the Kelo v. New London case, which found that eminent domain – the right of the government to usurp private property, with compensation, for public use – allows our City of New London to kick numerous residents off the land and out of the homes that they have inhabited for decades in order to build a new shopping mall.

The rationale used by liberal justices Ginsburg, Breyer, Stevens, Souter, as well as swing voter Kennedy, was that the economic benefits derived from the new shopping mall amounted to necessary public use. Previously, this aspect of the Constitution has always been interpreted to mean that the government can take your property to build crucial public structures such as highways and airports. As outgoing justice Sandra Day O'Connor pointed out in her dissent, the new standard allows the government, incredibly, to become the broker transferring the private property of one individual to another private individual. It doesn't take a genius to figure how this new interpretation could be manipulated by various levels of government in the future to casually strip people of their legal property in hopes of boosting the economy.

It strikes me that because this ruling benefits businesses many people may assume that Kelo was decided by the Republican-appointed conservatives on the

Supreme Court. Not so. In fact, it was vehemently opposed by conservative justices Rehnquist, Scalia, Thomas, and swing voter O'Connor. The above named liberal justices were the ones that cost several of our neighbors in New London their homes, and opened the door for other cases of abuse such as a small business owner in Oakland who lost the tire store his family has owned for decades so that Democratic Mayor Jerry Brown could pursue a long-coveted housing development plan.

Quite simply, this is what happens when society and its leaders devalue the sanctity of private property. While private property is often railed against in left-wing circles and among many students here at Conn as a tool of inequality to be toyed with by a paternalistic and cavalier government, it should be appreciated that this is what happens when those attitudes are applied to real-world situations, when the urge to strengthen government's hand in the development of society trumps individual property rights.

Right now, Republicans in states across the country including Connecticut, with the help of many outraged Democrats, are pushing legislation to curb the effects of Kelo v. New London. For anyone who stands against this movement or continues to rail against private property rights, I would be surprised and interested to hear why. Better yet, explain its wisdom to our neighbors in New London who suffered the consequences of Kelo and its attendant ideology. Do it quick, though, before the moving vans and the bulldozers get there.

Chris Devine '06

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OPINION

THE SMALLEST MINORITY

NIKHIL AMARENDRA IYENGAR • OUT IN RIGHT FIELD

American progressivism has a long and honorable history. The abolitionist movement, the women's suffrage movement, and the civil rights movement of the 1960s all helped America come to embody its highest values: freedom, justice, and equality before the law. Like the pro-



gressives of years before, today's progressives also claim to be helping minorities. However, today's progressivism, in its quest to help groups such as the poor and the racial minorities, advocates programs that grossly violate the rights of that smallest and most vulnerable minority: the individual.

A perfect example is the American welfare state, long supported by progressives. A creation of the American left wing, America's welfare state experienced tremendous growth under Democratic presidents such as Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lyndon B. Johnson. For a long time, governmental redistribution of income was not a fixture of American life. It is now, unfortunately, and we have the Left to blame.

In today's America, the government confiscates portions of the legally-earned income of private citizens, and then proceeds to hand it out to those it deems deserving (namely, the poor). In essence, the American government extracts money from the income-producing population, and gives that money to the portion of the population that produces little or nothing. Most Americans submit to this treatment like sheep, rarely stopping to think about whether or not it is just that they are forced to fill out their 1040s.

It seems a benign enough process, merely filing paperwork at the appropriate dates in order to keep the government off one's back. But from where does the government's ability to enforce the fueling of the welfare state come? When one gets right down to it, the government is essentially forcing its citizens to fork over portions of their legally-earned income at the barrel of a gun. If the government had a legitimate right to the wallets of private citizens, it wouldn't need to use the threat of

force or imprisonment to gain access to those wallets.

The welfare state is based on several misguided premises. First is the premise that the people are the slaves of the state. Second is the premise that the state is more important than the individual. Finally, the third premise is that need creates right. While our current government clearly reflects these premises, American tradition has always held that the government is the servant of the people. Something has gone drastically wrong.

Progressives tend to justify the welfare state's abrogation of individual rights by saying that the income-producers don't need all of their income, while the income-lacking need some income. There are many flaws with this argument, if one can call it that. First, need does not create right. I need to get good grades so that I can get a job after graduation, but I would never claim that I have some kind of inalienable right to good grades (or a job, for that matter). In other words, the simple fact that the poor need money does not entitle the poor to anything. Additionally, who decides how much income anyone really needs? Any line of demarcation that would signify how much income is needed by an individual or a family would be a completely arbitrary creation handed down from on high by the government. Progressives and the Left presume to know how much income you really need, rather than letting you decide for yourself.

However much disdain I have for the welfare state, I respect progressives' desire to help the poor. Clearly, there are needy people in this country who must rely on others to survive. I do not want America to be a country where homeless people starve to death in the streets. However, the help given to the poor and needy should not be extracted at gunpoint by a gargantuan government in Washington. America's individuals and families should, rather, help others through the kindness of their own hearts, and by their own volition. Private charity should take the place of the current state-sponsored extortion. Until then, it appears that individuals, the smallest and least powerful of all minorities, will continue to slave away to allow the government to make handouts to the poor and to other minority groups who supposedly have a right to the income earned by others.

A JERUSALEM-HANOI CONNECTION

YONI FREEMAN • OCCUPIED TERRITORY



A little over a month ago I left Hanoi, Viet Nam after spending my spring semester studying there with a group of students through Connecticut College's Study Away-Teach Away program. It was an experience of a lifetime. I continued living there throughout the summer as well, interning at a museum. During this time I not only increased my language ability but also made more inroads within the city by meeting new people, especially students.

During my waning days there, I could not help but notice the similarities between Viet Nam and Israel. Here are some of my observations:

1. Both Israel and Viet Nam are nation-states. Israel represents the nation of the Jews, while Viet Nam represents the Viet people. The government of both respective states propagates this character of a state

in its institutions, laws and cultural customs. Although both Israel and Viet Nam have their own ethnic minorities, the dominant nation (the Jews in Israel and the Viet people in Viet Nam) forms the basis for the country's purpose. The government represents the majority. Furthermore, those Jews and Viet people living outside of Israel and Viet Nam are influential in their respective Diasporas. In fact, both peoples living abroad continue to invest in their countries and either maintain some links or visit (the Jewish people probably do so more than the Vietnamese though).

2. Both Israel and Viet Nam employ conscription. All males and females in Israel must serve in the military, and in Viet Nam men have to serve. Women in Viet Nam do not have to serve, however they do undergo some sort of military training during their college years for a month or so in the summer.

3. Colonialism has had its place in Israel and Viet Nam. Israel was once under the authority of the Ottoman Empire and later under the British Empire. Additionally, Viet Nam was once under French con-

trol. In both countries you can still see structures belonging to the former colonial powers. In Viet Nam, for instance, a prison used by the French is still partially standing in Hanoi.

4. Both countries are war torn. Israel has had to fight five major wars, most of which threatened its existence. Sadly, it continues to fight a war of survival today. Viet Nam has also had wars with its neighbors, such as China, and has also fought great powers such as France and the United States. The history of Israel's and Viet Nam's wars plays an integral role in defining the atmosphere in these countries. Veterans are given the utmost respect and play a role in strengthening nationalism.

5. There are still people alive in both Israel and Viet Nam who took part in fighting their country's early wars and building their homeland. In both countries, these people are applauded on major holidays, especially Independence Day.

6. Road accidents are a problem in both Viet Nam and Israel. Both countries have a large national campaign aiming to cut down on road accidents and to educate the public

on safe driving techniques.

7. In both countries the government has some role in the state media (though in Israel, the media is free to criticize the government). Israel and Viet Nam have national TV channels and radio stations. However, Israel does not have state-run newspapers. It should also be clarified that in Israel the state funds the channel more than it controls it.

8. Singing is a major part of the culture, both during leisure time and on national holidays. On top of this, karaoke is popular in Viet Nam, and to an extent in Israel. Folk/nationalist songs are still played on the radio and performed at national events. Children are taught these songs in both countries at a young age. Songs about battles and other significant events are still popular.

9. The coffee shop scene at night is similar in Israel and Viet Nam. Many people come out at night because it is very hot during the day and the cover of night brings cool welcoming air. Walking around the city and parks is a popular activity. In addition, small kiosks (called "makolets" in Israel) selling various

LIFETIME?!? SACRÉ BLEU!

ANDREW MEYER • I HAVE ADD

I wanted to keep my column as light as possible this year. Unfortunately, after last year's events, it is clear that our school is heading in the wrong direction, and it's time for someone to fire back and set things straight. I will reluctantly relinquish my role as "lazy piece of crap" and accept this responsibility. If people don't like my opinions and write more letters



to the voice saying that it's intolerant, then so be it. The fact is, our school has confused its priorities and misallocated its resources once again. They have caved to the activists' demands and taken away the things that really matter. That's right: they've brought back the dreaded Lifetime channel.

What, you thought I'd be serious? In the words of one of the most respected doctors on the planet, "bitch, please." To me, "serious" is just a bad speller talking about his satellite radio. And if you still haven't figured that out after a full year of incoherent rambling that was clearly started seven minutes after

the deadline, you're slower than an old lady from Florida driving a molasses truck with a flat tire.

Upperclassmen, welcome back. I'll spare you the corny comments about being a year older and a year more mature, and just remind you not to forget about Operation Freshmen Trap in the arbo this weekend.

Freshmen, welcome to Camel Country. I know you're all probably a bit nervous about big bad college, but luckily, we're here to help you out. That's why we've arranged a tutorial meeting to help you all adjust to college life. Just meet us in the arboretum at midnight on Saturday and don't ask questions.

For those of you who mainly came here because of the proximity of the casinos - hey, why's everyone pointing at me? - I've set an over/under line for several newspaper-related events this semester. If you don't know what an over/under line is, you're probably not going to be betting on this stuff anyway, and as a side note, please don't try to be my friend, we probably won't get along very well.

Amount of "I'm running out of things to say but still need 300 more words to make my editors happy" comments: 37

Times Yoni Freeman will mutter

those same words: negative 12

Mets References: 86

Drug/alcohol related comments that will make my parents regret signing up to have the paper mailed to them: 420

Amount of over/under predictions before they become lame: whatever number I was on about 3 sentences ago.

For those of you who have been watching Sportscenter, does anyone really love the 50 states in 50 days feature? Can't we just skip states like Montana and Idaho? I think my younger cousin summed it up best with her confused muttering of "South Dakota? Is that even a state?"

(On a side note, if anyone reading this is from South Dakota, sorry about that. Not sorry about me making fun of it.... sorry that you had to be there for more than 12 minutes.)

Speaking of sports, at the time I'm writing this, football season begins tonight. For those of you who haven't been following the off-season news, never fear, I've got three of the most important stories for you right here.

Randy Moss was traded to the Raiders for Napoleon Harris, Charlemagne Smith, Winston Jones, and a conditional 6th round draft pick. This was a good trade for both

teams; the Vikings gave their defense some much-needed help, while the Raiders added at least 27 decibels to their locker room noise.

Ricky Williams announced that he will come out of retirement to play for the Dolphins this year. This came within weeks of a totally unrelated story, in which a judge ruled that Ricky owed the Dolphins over 8 million dollars for breaching his contract.

Jerry Rice retired. This is important for two reasons. First, he was probably the greatest receiver of all time. Second, and more importantly, it leaves Sean Landeta as the only remaining active player from one of the great Nintendo classics, Tecmo Bowl.

A few record predictions: Patriots 11-5, Colts 12-4, Eagles 12-4, Da Bears 6-10, Falcons 11-5; and the Cowboys will find a way to go 27-0. In a 16 game schedule. Because they're just that damn good.

Well, it's time to take my sex-ed teacher's advice and wrap this thing up. Good luck with the new school year, eat your vegetables, do your homework, don't eat the yellow snow, (generic motherly piece of advice), go to your classes, blah blah blah. Have a fun year.

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## ARTS&amp;ENTERTAINMENT

## Conn Art Professors Show Off In Cummings Art Galleries

BY RACHEL GAINES

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Annual Art Department Faculty Exhibition is currently showing in the Cummings Art Center until October 11th. Six professors from a number of artistic specialties have works on display in the center's galleries.

Gallery director and Conn professor Pamela Marks, for instance, presents a series of acrylic and watercolor pieces. The color combinations are bright but avoid the sharpness commonly associated with such spring shades. Floating orbs and layers of shapes mark each of her pieces. More discernable figures lie in the background and are hard to find at first, but a second moment permits the viewer to examine these intricate designs hidden by the elegant and abstract foreground.

In the realm of three-dimensional art, Professor Denise Pelletier lends her works to the exhibit. Pelletier works often with glass and ceramics, bringing a clean feeling to her designs. The most eye catching project of Pelletier's involves giant blue cones rising out of what looks like shiny red paint spills across the floor. This is a wild and abstract piece when compared with some of her other works on display. For example she also has a piece of ceramic work with two white teacups leaning against one another.

Maureen McCabe, another pop-

ular professor from the College, provides a different flavor in the exhibit with her mixed media techniques. McCabe utilizes dark imagery but also uses motifs of star light and mythological and historical figures. She also seems focused on an idea of French beauties with long, flowing hair and in one isolated piece, examines the concept of "the artist."

Ted Hendrickson, the resident photographer of the group, presents a set of chilling black and white landscapes. Views vary from waves crashing along a shore to lush woods to rooftops after a rainstorm. There's a cold and introspective quality to the work that leaves the viewer pensively fulfilled.

Perhaps the most fascinating piece in the collection, created by Andrea Wollensak is entitled "Are you Sleeping?" She employs a technique called *CodeText* which pairs images with letters, enabling the artists, with the help of a computer, to turn sentences, potentially entire novels, into works of art.

"Are you Sleeping?" takes famous children's nursery rhymes and converts them into fun images not unlike those you might find on a sheet set purchased at Target; fun, funky, and colorful, yet somehow simple. The pictures are fun to dissect and make for a pleasant viewing experience.

The two featured artists of this years exhibition are Timothy McDowell and Barkley Hendricks,

both primarily painters. McDowell's display is perfect for this time of year, focusing mostly on images from autumnal nature. Falling leaves, broken tree stumps, apples, and cherries are laid over a soothing, brown, waxy backdrop. And although McDowell clearly uses images from the world around him, he configures them in more abstract patterns so you really can't see a forest in the trees. Parts and pieces are dispersed on the canvas but come together cleanly in his work.

Barkley Hendricks work is a tribute to Jamaica. Certainly the most eye catching piece is a large canvas containing the life-sized image of a young man wearing a t-shirt showing Bob Marley smoking a marijuana cigarette while the young man smokes one himself. However, most of Hendricks work is less political. Many are of gorgeous images of sun-drenched beaches and shots of rural Jamaica, all framed in shiny gold. They are great fun to look at, especially knowing that another Connecticut winter is looming ahead of us.

The faculty exhibition will be in the Cummings Art Center until October 11. This Wednesday, September 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. there will be a gallery talk featuring Professors Hendricks and McDowell, followed by a reception from 5 to 6 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.



The above piece by Professor Timothy McDowell is featured in this year's faculty art exhibition, as are works by his colleagues (Web).

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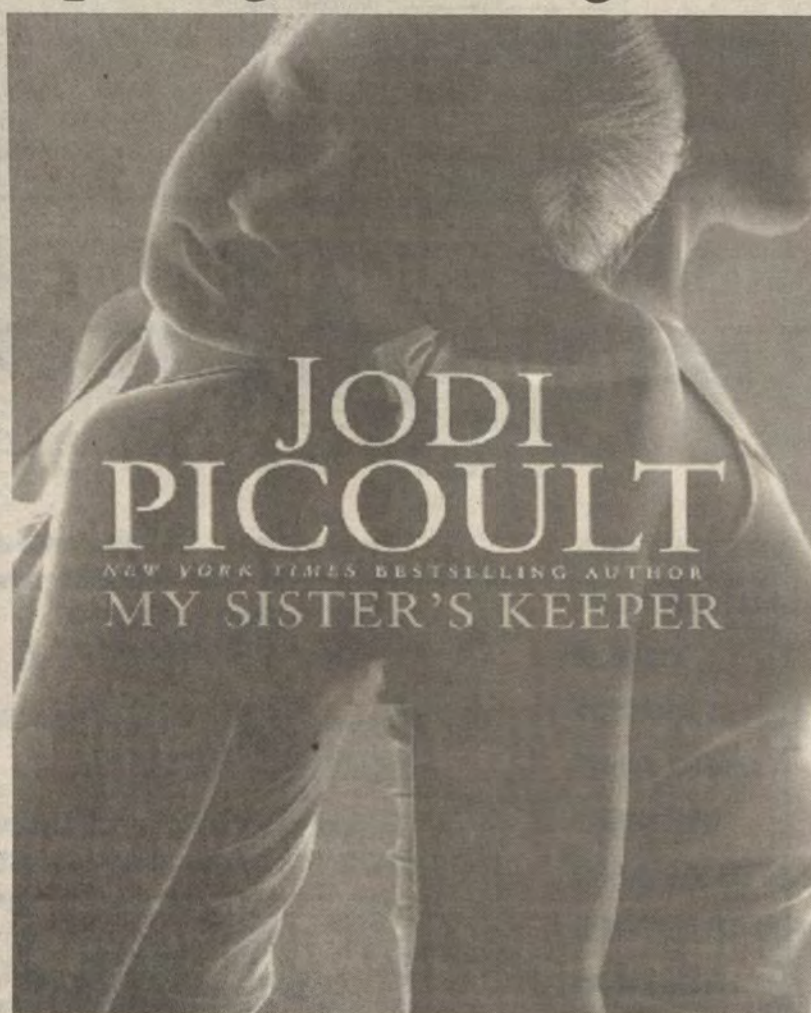
## My Sister's Keeper. Picoult' Eleventh Novel Still Keeps Pages Turning

When describing a book, the term "page-turner" often implies that said book is easy and entertaining to read but holds no real value or lasting meaning. Jodi Picoult's gripping novel, *My Sister's Keeper*, is certainly a page-turner in the sense that it is impossible to put down, but the serious issues dealt with in this bestseller are by no means characteristic of a light read.

Picoult is no stranger to tackling controversial current events in her writing. Her past novels have dealt with pivotal issues such as assisted suicide, child molestation in the Catholic Church, and sterilization laws. In her eleventh novel, Picoult explores the intensely personal side of the largely political debate over genetic planning.

*My Sister's Keeper* delves into the heart, mind, and psyche of thirteen-year-old Anna Fitzgerald, who was conceived by her parents for the main purpose of providing a bone marrow donor for their other daughter battling leukemia. Ever since she was born, Anna has undergone a number of invasive medical procedures in order to supply her ailing sister with life-saving bone marrow, blood, and platelets.

When her parents plan to have Anna donate a kidney to Kate, Anna takes it upon herself to file a lawsuit against her parents to achieve medical emancipation and the ability to make her own decisions about her body. Since the Fitzgeralds have been occupied with Kate's illness for years, the family has gradually begun to disintegrate: the oldest child, Jesse, has developed into a kleptomaniac, pyromaniac, and alcoholic; the medical bills have rendered the family financially insecure; and the Fitzgeralds' marriage



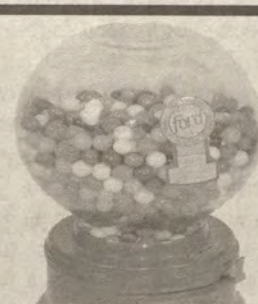
is strained. Clearly, the lawsuit is an unwelcome obstacle for the family to tackle.

Fortunately for young Anna, a high-power lawyer looking for an image-boosting pro bono case offers to represent her position in the courtroom. A less than compelling love affair between the lawyer and an old flame who is also assigned to the case detracts from the excitement of the courtroom scenes and makes for some extremely predictable moments.

However, Picoult throws a few shocking curveballs near the end

that more than redeem the cheesy romantic storyline.

By telling the story from the perspectives of everyone involved in the case, Picoult explores the complexities involved in the issues of genetic planning and medical authorization. She challenges the concept that there are two sides to every story by demonstrating that there can be numerous sides to an issue, that things aren't quite as simple as they seem.



**The College Voice:** Melanie, tell us a little about where you are coming from.

**Melanie Knight:** I'm from Wayland, MA, which is about twenty minutes outside of Boston.

**CV:** What made you want to come to Connecticut College?

**MK:** Some people from my town go here already and they told me that it was great. The atmosphere here was more welcoming than some of the other schools I visited. I also applied early decision as a result.

**CV:** Is there some interesting skill or hobbies you like doing?

**MK:** I like to juggle [She can juggle four balls!] and sing.

**CV:** What kind of clubs or organizations do you hope to get involved in while at Conn?

**MK:** Maybe the theater club and a cappella. I'm on house council as a freshmen rep.

## One in 490: Yoni Talks To Freshmen

**CV:** Did you like orientation?

**MK:** Some aspects of it were great, like the speakers; however, sometimes I felt that we didn't have enough time to organize our stuff as there was so much going on.

**CV:** And the freshmen seminars?

**MK:** It's a good thing we have these, as it helps us get accustomed to college writing skills.

**CV:** How do you like your dorm?

**MK:** I live in Wright, but there are only a few freshmen in my dorm, which makes it hard to find new friends at my location.

**CV:** What kind of food do you like?

**MK:** In Harris I like the stir-fry and salad bar. The pies offered for desert are also good. For snacking I like sour cream and cheddar potato chips.

**CV:** What has been your



favorite music and movie lately?

**MK:** Guster and Wedding Crashers.

**CV:** What annoys you?

**MK:** People who crack their fingers in class.

**CV:** Would you like to study abroad?

**MK:** Yes, probably in Spain.

**CV:** Do you have anything else you would like to add?

**MK:** Yes. Live it up!

**CV:** Thanks for your time.



## ARTS&amp;ENTERTAINMENT

## SAC Brings Line-up of Bright Stars to FNL

By PAUL DRYDEN

ASSOCIATE A&amp;E EDITOR

Student Activities Council (SAC) has put together another exciting line-up of music for the upcoming semester. Each show begins at 10 PM in Cro's Nest (unless otherwise noted). Make sure to get there early if you want to grab a seat!

September 9 – Jon McLaughlin

As a young pianist growing up in Indiana, Jon McLaughlin spent hours transforming words into lyrics and notes into melodies. But after he shattered both his wrists in a traumatic accident, playing the piano had to take a backseat. It would not be until his senior year of high school that he would rediscover his passion for the keys. From there, McLaughlin's songwriting began to progress as he enrolled in Anderson University's School of Music a year later. With a classically trained ear and heavy influences from piano greats Billy Joel and Ben Folds, he has created his own unique piano rock style. Recently signing to Island/Def Jam Records, McLaughlin is only starting to realize his full potential.

September 16 – Mutlu (10:30 PM)

Born and raised in downtown Philadelphia, Mutlu surrounded himself with the local music scene at an early age, grooving to the city's best jazz, funk and hip-hop. These influences and his Turkish roots produce an eclectic blend of sounds that is truly unique in today's popular music scene. His

voice is often compared to legendary soulful singers Stevie Wonder, Al Green and Prince. He was even named to last year's top 12 list of artists to watch by WXPB, Philadelphia's nationally renowned radio station. From Turkish pop to hip-hop to a soulful love ballad, Mutlu is one of a kind and surely an interesting live show.

September 23 – Ellis

Voted five time winner of the Reader's Choice award for Best Musician in the Twin Cities, Ellis is known for her vibrant and open-hearted folk-rock sound. Touring full-time at more than 150 concerts a year, she has independently sold more than 25,000 albums. The Independent Songwriter Magazine says, "With a voice as strong as thunder and a message powerful as surge of lightning, Ellis pours out her heart and soul into every word."

September 30 – Down the Line

The Chicago-based band Down the Line is truly acoustic, playing guitar, mandolin, violin, harmonica, and djembe drum, with bass as the only exception. The band shares vocals in their songs, just like their favorites, Fleetwood Mac and the Eagles. Renowned music magazine Performing Songwriter even compares their "blistering grooves" and "stacked harmonies" to both the Barenaked Ladies and Crosby, Stills and Nash. These vocal harmonies and their organic sound produces a powerfully unique brand of acoustic pop-rock. Known for their explosive stage presence, Down the Line is sure to rock the Cro's Nest stage.



Jon McLaughlin will perform for Friday Night's Live in the Cro's Nest on September 9 (Web).

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## Historic Groton Sub Base Spared

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when the decision was made.

President Bush has indicated that he will accept the commissions rec-

ommendations, but Connecticut citizens will have to wait eagerly until November for a final decision. For all intents and purposes, however,

Conn students can count on being able to embrace the warm orange glow that the sub base projects onto our night sky for years to come.

## Orientation Welcomes Freshmen

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dent weren't meeting with advisors, attending lectures, or (most likely) sleeping, the orientation committee offered a number of creative and outrageous events to keep students' spirits high. There was a country fair, which included potato sack races and pie eating contests, a drive-in style movie with popcorn and candy, and the Batch Blast on Harkness Green which provided plenty of entertainment for the enthusiastic crowd.

The official conclusion to orientation was marked by the 91st Annual Convocation Ceremony. "Convocation is one of Connecticut College's most important annual events. The program celebrates the formal opening of the academic year, acknowledges the beginning of senior year for the class of 2006, welcomes the class of 2009 and new faculty, and recognizes the recipients of two annual faculty awards," according to the office of college relations.

The first Convocation award, the Nancy Batson Nisbet Rash Faculty Research Award, was given to

chemistry professor Marc Zimmer for his highly publicized research on inorganic chemistry and "glowing genes." Sunil Bhatia, associate professor of human development, was given the John King Faculty Teaching Award for his excellence in the classroom and in working with students of the college.

The alumni association also provided gifts for each member of this year's freshman class as a welcoming gift. Upon entering Palmer each student was issued a blue passport. "You have joined the ranks of doctors, judges, architects, actors, business owners, and authors who started where you are seated now," explained Vice President of the alumni association, Lynda Batter Munro '76. The passports aim to encourage students to use Conn as a jumping-off point and to travel to great places and do extraordinary things with the skills and knowledge they acquire here. Also, inside each passport was a blue plastic bracelet with the words "Camel Pride" running along the side to get the new class excited for their next four years here at the college.

## Summer Movies: Some Are Better Than Others

By CHRISTIAN CLANSKY

STAFF WRITER

In summarizing the big films of the summer, it makes sense to start with the worst and end with the best. In so doing I begin with *Cinderella Man*, my least favorite film of the summer. Despite its fantastic direction, acting, and cinematography, this movie had me almost asleep by the end. Was there really any secret about whether or not Jim Braddock would deviate from the "Cinderella" story? The film was formulaic and



uninteresting.

Enough with the boxing genre. Almost equally disappointing was *The Longest Yard* which, in essence, has convinced me that the clown that was Adam Sandler has died and been replaced by a real actor. After breaking free from his SNL persona and engaging a more mature career with films like *Punch Drunk Love*, Sandler forfeited his random and insane roots, and probably for the best result.

In the mediocre category I'll place three films. *Bewitched* wasn't a terrible movie. It somehow scrapped by, most likely because of its great cast. It certainly was no reflection of its namesake, but Will Ferrell, Michael Caine, and Steve

Carell kept this movie afloat.

*Kingdom of Heaven* was as well made as *Gladiator*, but suffered therein from its nearly identical format. I really enjoyed the movie, but it lacked a true aura of originality. *Fantastic Four* is the third movie I rope into this category, and it pains me to do so. I grew up breathing comic books, and with movies like *Spider-Man* and *X-Men* delivering everything one could hope for in a comic book movie, *Fantastic Four* suffered from a terrible – and perhaps completely unstructured – plot, bad actors, and terrible direction. Director Tim Story might have been the worst possible choice for this movie.

My good movies list is a little longer. *The Island*, though it borrowed tremendously from other, better, films was surprisingly good. It's a shame that it didn't reach a bigger audience. *Broken Flowers* was also good, partly because Bill Murray is infinitely likeable in any role, but more because Jeffery Wright played one of the funniest characters I've ever seen. His bumbling – or perhaps not – detective neighbor rivals Jacques Clouseau in cluelessness. Other than that, the movie was



exactly the same as *Lost in Translation*. *Wedding Crashers* was

also good, though not great. It was funny, but too long, and most of the jokes became funnier after reflecting upon them. I kept a straight face for most of the movie.

Now for the great, the cream of the crop: George Lucas and Steven



Spielberg and delivered a double whammy with *Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith* and *War of the Worlds*. I think this is where readers probably will disagree with me, but I thought both films were excellent. Lucas saved his good name with a tremendous film that sustained itself on the pure creativity. *War of the Worlds* was a terrifying character study of Tom Cruise playing himself.

*Batman Begins* is one of the best superhero movies to date. It was made with tremendous care, and was cast perfectly. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was another Tim Burton masterpiece. Johnny Depp was excellent, and Burton's quirkiness thrives in sheer bizarreness. And my favorite film of the summer was *Layer Cake*. Though it was compared to *Snatch*, *Cake* is a far smarter and more serious movie that actually has something to say. Watch out for leading man Daniel Craig to become a huge star.

## A Hanoi-Jerusalem Connection

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goods are found throughout the cities in these countries. Large supermarkets are less widespread; there are more small businesses and open air markets.

10. Although there are vast differences between the religious depth the Jewish and Viet people have, there is a point to be made. In Viet Nam one could notice most businesses have an altar and religious items in their stores, so as to bring them good luck. Israeli businesses, particularly providers of food, do so as well, at times having pictures of important Rabbis and other Jewish symbols hanging on the walls of their establishments.

11. The geographic make-up of Israel and Viet Nam bears mention. In both Israel and Viet Nam the northern part of the country is the colder part of the country, while

the south is hotter. Israel has snow in the mountainous far north, and Viet Nam at times does as well at its northern mountains. Israel's southern areas are hot deserts, while in Viet Nam, Ho Chi Minh City and surrounding cities experience heat waves throughout the summer.

12. Both countries have a community feel to them. For example, you can spot people watching the same program on TV while walking down the street, or when some national game is on everyone is huddled around screens in restaurants and other shops with TVs. People are friendlier to Vietnamese strangers, and try to help them. It seems everyone has a role to play in society, and these roles interact smoothly, from the bus driver to the doctor.

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## Conn Falls Again in *U.S. News & World Report* Rankings

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rankings." At the same time, however, Cardenas noted that the President is aware that the College community is conscious of the rankings but hopes people realize that the rankings do not reflect the quality of education at Conn.

"You can't measure the quality of a College based solely on numbers," Cardenas asserted.

Furthermore, with regard to the financial component of the rankings, Cardenas added that the rankings do not reflect how well colleges are spending their money, but simply how much they are spending.

Besides its ranking in *U.S. News and World Report*, Conn is featured prominently in college guidebooks. For instance, the "Fiske Guide to Colleges 2006" states, "Conn

College fosters strong student/faculty bonds and takes pride in its ability to challenge - and trust - students, both in and out of the classroom." Moreover, the Princeton Review's "The Best 361 Colleges" notes, "[Conn's] career center receives solid praise, particularly for the variety of internships that focus on community action, international issues, and the environment."

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race until now while teams like Texas, Baltimore and Minnesota have not. These storylines will continue to unfold as October nears, and as the seasons change it is apparent that the cycle is in tact. Summer gets a little boring, anticipation builds for football to begin, and somewhere in the meantime, baseball gets exciting. That continuity became crystal clear last Monday. One of the best moments of my summer came watching the Dodgers-Giants game, the first meaningless September game between the two teams in a long time, when I got a glimpse of my team's future. The prospects

# Today's Athlete Tomorrow

him) who aren't assured a job in baseball or professional sports beyond this year?

Within the past few months or so, the sports world has said goodbye to a range of talents, from Hall of Fame band players like Jerry Rice, Scott Stevens, and Mark Messier, to lesser talents like Maurice Clarett. Taken in the third round by the Denver Broncos and released just a short while later, the future does not look good for the once promising college star. Now that professional football seems out of the question, Clarett will have to find some other way to survive, despite the fact that he has just one year of college to his credit. We heard recently about the continuing struggles of former standout Dwight Gooden, a player everyone thought was once Cooperstown bound, only to be derailed by drugs. Darryl Strawberry, who has kept himself out of the tabloids lately, served as a "special" instructor for the Mets during spring training. A man who helped the Mets dominate during the 80's is now a mere part-time instructor with his former club. And while we are talking about the 80's and early 90's, what does the future look like for Mike Tyson? Last time I checked he was close to bankruptcy and telling himself that "if I can't beat C level fighters, I might as well stop fighting." What about a guy like Ryan Leaf, a first round pick, who goes out and falls flat on his face. Sure, some of his contract included guaranteed money, but where is he now? Rice, Stevens, and Messier will probably find work in their respective sports since they did so much for the

about whom Dodgers' GM Paul Stupidesta has gushed since he took over the team actually revealed themselves to me. They aren't good now, but at least I got a mental picture of the future of my team, whether I like it or not. The other great thing that happened during the game was when I saw Dan Ortmeier come to bat in the seventh inning. The last time I was excited to see a Giant bat was never, so why, you may wonder, would I care about watching some chump who just got called up from Double-A Norwich? I cared about seeing Ortmeier because I watched him play all summer while covering his team, the

Navigators. What can I say, he grew on me even though he wasn't particularly friendly in the locker room and his offensive inconsistency drove me mad. I felt a connection to him, maybe because I always chose him when I entered the press box pool to see whose players could accumulate the most hits. Whatever it was, my man grounded out sharply to shortstop in the at-bat and the Giants won, 3-1. The outcome didn't matter, because I knew that there was still tons of exciting baseball left to play. And maybe, hopefully, I had witnessed some people who might be playing those meaningful games in LA in a few years.

game, but not everyone can be the next TV analyst for TNT like Kenny Smith or Charles Barkley. So what's the next move? Stick around a little longer in the big leagues, buying time, or aggressively pursue a new career path?

It's not easy for a retired professional athlete to stop what they've been doing all their life. For many, there is an intensity letdown, from always playing in front of thousands of screaming fans to working in a much smaller environment. Besides having the energy to pursue something new, one needs to bring a solid skill level (education) and/or money to the table. We all love to tease Shaq, for example, about the silly comments he makes, but when the "Diesel" decides to hang 'em up, he will have college degree and some successful business ventures to his credit. On the flipside, what about guys like Rickey Henderson, John Franco, and Jesse Orosco who continued to play well into their 40's? Were they really still contributors on the field at such an age, or were they merely good for the clubhouse?

For many of these players, their stellar careers lasted for over 15 seasons, carrying them well into their 30 and even 40's. But what lies ahead in the next stretch of their lives, one that probably won't be filled with as much money, or even as much prestige? Will they continue their greatness in another area, or sink and fall into hard times and despair?

**On Deck:** The Impact of a College Degree on current Professional Athletes. Do grads make more than non-grads, or vice-versa?

## Soccer Teams Gear Up For 2005

son. The squad finished 9-7 overall, falling in overtime of the NESCAC semifinals at the hands of host Middlebury College. The team boasted wins over Colby, Trinity and Williams and moved past Amherst in an early playoff matchup before their late-round loss.

Despite losing several influential players, the 2005 roster boasts many returning members. Kate Simmons '06 returns in net after seeing quality time throughout her junior year. Cat Dickinson '06 and Maggie Driscoll

'06 will serve as co-captains for the year, joined by fellow classmates Margaret Bacon, Amy Volz and Nicole Doler. A talented sophomore class including NESCAC rookie of the year Claire Linden '08 should once again give Conn depth throughout the field. Jackie Wade '08, Ryan McManus '08 and Caeli Rubens '07 all had strong 2004 seasons as well, and will be influential figures this fall.

The squad begins the season with several away contests. On September 10th, the Camels travel

to Middlebury College. Four days later, they visit Western New England College, and then visit Williams before returning home to face Mount Holyoke on the 21st. With a host of skilled newcomers, Coach Ken Kline will once again look to guide his team into postseason action. And, with such a talent-filled roster, the Camels are once again looking to be a tough team to beat this fall. The College Voice would like to wish both the men's and women's teams luck in their upcoming fall season.

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# SPORTS

## Today's Athlete Tomorrow

Ah yes, after eight months away, how good it feels to get back to writing about the world of sports! Too bad I can't say the same for watching the games. Coming down the stretch: my New York Mets are five games out, thanks to a sweep at the house of horrors know only as Turner Field. With 23 left to play, and all but four against playoff caliber teams, I think it's safe to say we're toast. All in all though, it's been a season filled with more positives than negatives, adding up to a very bright future. Though this season was the first for the "New look" Mets, it was also the last season for a Met of old, Mike Piazza. Is this the year he hangs them up, or will he become a DH for those "California" Angels out west? As he walks off into the sunset he'll leave behind a legacy as the greatest hitting catcher of all-time. About that, there is no debate. However, should he decide to retire, what will be his next move? The same question can be asked of a number of other athletes as well; Jamie Moyer, Bernie Williams, Barry Bonds, the Killer B's in Houston, Rafael Palmeiro, Sammy Sosa, and so forth. With so much talk about what lies ahead for many of us college seniors as well, I decided to put the same question to today's professional athletes, from the richest to the very "poor." Are we seniors, armed with a bachelor's degree and sample work experience, any more or less ready for the real world than, say, the recently retired Jerry Rice? Let's find out!

I think it is important, for starters, to point out that the situations are quite different for professional athletes in their respective sports, not to mention what part of the world in which they play. I read something online from japantimes.com which stated that the top player in Japanese professional baseball could earn up to 500 million yen, or a little more than \$4.5 million US. That is the top (bold) salary in the entire league! Meanwhile, Kaz Matsui, who has lingered on the Mets bench for most of the season, is making nearly two times as much! Want some more names? How about Al Leiter, making about \$1 million for every win (7) he has this season. Or Bernie Williams, who makes nearly 3x as much as the best player in Japan. Ah, how nice it is to play baseball in the United States. Though they are raking in the money right now, what will happen to these guys next year and the years beyond? Leiter and Williams will both become free agents, clearly in the downswing of their careers, while Matsui, though struggling for the second season in a row, will be a relatively young 30 years old. As for Bernie and Al, the two fading stars seem to have their futures in good shape. Leiter is a very well-respected member of the baseball community, and before recently signing on with the New York Yankees was rumored to have been offered a position in the Florida Marlins front office. Williams, on the other hand, is a very talented guitarist, who has already made a few music albums. So what about Matsui (and other players like

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## Conn Soccer Teams Gear Up For Season

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In the upcoming week, the Connecticut College men's and women's soccer teams will take the field with hopes of starting their seasons off on the right foot. Both teams have already had preseason scrimmages with positive results. ??

The men's squad recently topped Vassar and Fitchburg State at home. The team looked sharp in both contests, and will look to continue playing well in the first leg of the season in tough road games. After a home game against Eastern Connecticut State on September 8th, the Camels will travel to Williams and Middlebury, as well as to cross-town rival Coast Guard, before facing Bates at home on the 24th. Conn will look to revenge several painful losses of a year ago, especially a pounding by Bates in Maine. The NESCAC conference is known for talented Division III athletes, and after several disappointing years, the Camels look to fight back into the upper echelon and earn a playoff berth.

Now in his 34th season, Head Coach Bill Lessig will call upon the leadership of lone captain Eric Suffoletto '06 to guide a squad that becomes more experienced with every game. Sophomores David Driscoll, Win Robinson, Chris Davis, Rob Panaccia, Tom Selby, Kyle Neidhardt and Hunter Nadler all experienced playing time as freshmen and make up a large part of a team that hopes to surprise sev-



The Conn women's soccer team looks to once again crack the NESCAC tourney, while the men have had impressive early games. (Web)

eral NESCAC opponents this year. The departure of keeper Jon Knights has left Andy White '08 and newcomer Ted Lane '09 in charge of the net. Robbie Logan '07 and a strong senior class including Darrell Comrie '06 and Michal Kosac '06 will provide valuable experience to

the squad. Despite winning only one conference game in the 2004 season, many players are optimistic about the road ahead.

The Conn women's soccer team returns after an impressive 2004 sea-

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### Schedule M/W Soccer

Men: Saturday, 9/10 at Middlebury 1:30 pm

Women: Saturday, 9/10 at Middlebury 1:30 pm

## Depth, Experience Will Guide Cross Country Teams



The Connecticut College Men's and Women's cross country teams both returned strong runners to their respective squads this fall. (File Photo)

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The Connecticut College men's cross country team returns after a strong 2004 season that included a fourth-place finish at the NESCAC Championships, and a tie for seventh place at the Division III Regionals.

The squad boasts its six top runners from the previous season, including Brian Adams '06 and John Ridyard '06. Adams and Ridyard will serve as captains for the upcoming season.

In addition, Jason Fitzgerald '06, Aaron Wheeler '08, Vitaly Theriault

'08, and Brendan Curran '08 will provide much of the scoring for the Camels, whose depth should give them an advantage in tough NESCAC competition. Transfer Keith Drake '07 and Brian Murtagh '09 will also be counted on as the team strives for another strong season.

The team has its work cut out for it -- as usual, it faces one of the toughest schedules of any Division III team in the country. The Camels begin their season at home on Saturday, September 10th, racing at Harkness Memorial State Park in Waterford.

They will race against mixed

competition from Division I, II, and III teams. Then, in late September, the team will travel to New York City to race in the historic Van Cortlandt Park in the Iona Meet of Champions in the Bronx.

Among the competitors is the NCAA Division I third place finisher, the University of Arkansas. Racing against even Division I powerhouses will not deter the Camels from performing to the best of their ability.

Although the championships do not begin until the NESCAC meet on the 29th of October, head coach Jim Butler is making sure that his team will face tough competition

throughout the fall, so that the . With races against top Division I and III teams, the Camels will surely test themselves and improve with every meet.

"This year's team has the ability to place high in both the NESCAC and Regionals," stated Adams.

"Our top seven is the most talent that we've had in years."

Returning all but one of the team's top runners from the 2004 season, Conn women's cross country looks ready to make a run at other NESCAC opponents this fall.

The team steadily improved throughout last fall, and with a talented freshman class, the Camels are aiming at a top five finish and ultimately a trip to the national championship meet.

Team depth will give Conn an edge against opponents, as many members are returning from fine seasons. Heather Stanish '08 Elizabeth Claise '08 and Lindsey Rother '08 return after consistently finishing 1-2-3 for the team. Tri-captains Chloe O'Connell '06, Meredith Miller '06, and Addie Capaldi '06 will lead a team including numerous sophomore and junior runners.

O'Connell and Alissa Wantman '07 are returning from strong spring track seasons and are ready to add their leadership and skill to the lineup.

Although both of the Camel cross country squads are slated to face very challenging opposition in the upcoming season, there is plenty of room for optimism when considering Conn's prospects for success in 2005. Building upon last season's strong performances, Conn could become a true powerhouse. With so many proven and experienced runners returning for the Camels this season, it's hard not to expect that Conn will make an impression on the NESCAC this year.

## Summer Baseball Recap

In the wake of what may go down in history as the most nauseating season in the recent history of baseball, I have been forced to turn my attention to matters not involving the National League West. In doing so, I have been lucky enough to follow this year's pennant race with a completely different perspective. Don't get me wrong, I still have my biases (Vlad Guerrero is the AL MVP),



most of which are regionally influenced (did Barry really take enough steroids that it has taken him five months to rid them from his system?). But for the most part I have monitored the Major League summer with an unprejudiced eye, and I have been pleasantly surprised with the excitement that Dodger-less baseball has brought. The storylines are as limitless as the potential of many of the young players to whom we have been introduced. David Wright is a future superstar; so is Felix Hernandez. Miguel Cabrera already is one, and the Yankees' farm system actually produced viable offspring this year in Robinson Cano and Chien-Ming Wang. And from the department of redundancy department, the Braves, again, ran away with the division title with the help of another batch of homegrown talent, including Jeff Francoeur, the likely NL rookie of the year. The St. Louis Cardinals are the truth, thanks to Albert Pujols. The pitching staff that includes Chris Carpenter, Mark Mulder, Jason Marquis and Matt Morris is also awesome. The team is deep, and they also have Pujols, but we will see if the loss of Scott Rolen will be significant enough to cripple the lineup come October. The wild card, which is tight again, could come down to Houston or a slew of NL East teams. The Mets seem to have fallen off, despite greatly over-achieving and showing glimpses of their bright future. The Phillies and the Nationals are close but neither has been able to sustain a winning streak necessary to pull away. No one wants to play the Marlins in the first round of the playoffs. Dontrelle Willis, A.J. Burnett, and Josh Beckett are all top of the line starters and Florida's lineup, which has not lived up to the hype, still has Carlos Delgado and Cabrera, who are among the top hitting duos in the league. The American League race has slimmed due to the Twins' and Orioles' declines, among others. The Red Sox have managed to build a decent lead over New York, enough that they could possibly have already clinched the division by the time the two teams meet for the last series of the year. That could create an interesting decision for Terry Francona, who would have to decide whether to play his starters and sacrifice possible resting time, or sit them and allow the Yankees the chance to win the wild card, which would allow for a championship series rematch. Either the A's or the Angels of Orange County will win the West, and the other will contend for the wild card. The feel-good story of the AL pennant race is the Cleveland Indians, who have remained in the

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## Camel Scoreboard

### Men's Soccer:

9/10 @ Middlebury College 1:30 pm  
9/17 @ Williams 1:00 pm  
9/21 @ Coast Guard 7:00 pm

### Women's Soccer:

9/10 @ Middlebury College 1:30 pm  
9/14 @ WNEC 4:00 pm  
9/17 @ Williams 11:00 am

### Men's Cross Country:

9/10 Connecticut College Invitational 12:00 pm  
9/24 @ Iona Meet of Champions, NY 11:00 am

### Women's Cross Country:

9/10 Connecticut College Invitational 12:00 pm  
9/17 @ UMass Dartmouth Invitational 10:30 am

### Field Hockey:

9/10 @ Middlebury, 1:30 pm  
9/15 Springfield, 4:00 pm  
9/17 @ Williams 1:00 pm