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# THE COLLEGE VOICE

A College Tradition Since 1976

*SGA, Earth House, and the New London Promenade.*

Inside

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## Discussion opens concerning Floralia changes

by Rebecca Libert  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Craig McClure, SAC chair, opened Thursday's SGA discussion on Floralia by explaining why the topic of Floralia changes has come up for consideration. He explained that last May he and several past SAC chairpersons sat down to discuss exactly what Floralia meant to the campus. During the discussion it became apparent that the spirit of Floralia — celebrating the spring, enjoying nature — has been lost due to the alcoholic haze that falls over the day. McClure went on to explain that during last year's Floralia there were:

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several physical fights

two students jumped and beaten up

several high school students passed out on the Williams Street lawn

disgusting bathroom conditions — vomit and urine on the floors and in the sinks.

"We sponsor this event. Nothing has been decided yet, but I want this SAC committee to be known as the committee that changed Floralia," explained McClure. "There are several major problems surrounding Floralia right now. The first is that anyone can get onto campus, because our campus is very open. Another major problem is the amount of garbage left after

the event." He added that people tend to behave according to the atmosphere, and the atmosphere surrounding Floralia is that of a legendary party. "Perspective freshmen often hear about Floralia before they hear about the honor code," McClure said.

Arthur Ferrari, dean of the college, rose to present the administration's view of the Floralia situation. "I personally observed some things that are dangerous and life-threatening. It was a mass alcohol stupor. It's a sad kind of event to witness...hardly Conn at its finest. Some of it [the activ-

ity] seems almost desperate. It's sad, after it finishes being appalling." Ferrari also brought up the issue of liability, stating that many other

are not here to shut it down," said Ferrari.

During the ensuing discussion students and administration sorted through the parts of Floralia with which people are unhappy, and considered which changes might remedy the problems. Ferrari, as well as

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colleges have spring festivals, and that he has read in "The Chronicle of Higher Education" about them - almost every year one of them gets closed down because of a tragic accident. He further noted that he saw the Floralia celebration as heading down that dangerous path, and he was going to try to help the students save Floralia.

"Only the students can change what goes on there. We stand to support, assist and advise you to make Floralia a better event. We

Catherine WoodBrooks, dean of student life, emphasized that no changes had been decided upon, and that the evening's meeting signaled the opening of a period of discussion and consideration. WoodBrooks commented that "we [the administration] are really serious about changing the amount of assaults, drunken and drugged events that end with trips to the emergency room. This is a pilot year, but we won't accept minor changes. We want changes with direct results."

## Dangerous mosquitoes in Connecticut area

Kim Bender  
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Laboratory tests on samples of mosquitoes have identified insects carrying Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in two areas of Connecticut.

According to a Thursday evening news conference by Governor John Rowland, mosquitoes collected from two areas of Stonington and one area of North Stonington tested positive for the virus whose effects range from brain damage to death. One of the species found carrying EEE occasionally bites humans while the other attacks birds.

EEE is not uncommon in freshwater swamps where birds and non-biting mosquitoes carry the disease. Officials believe the primary breeding ground for this out-

break is Westerly, Rhode Island's Chapman Swamp. They have already covered the area with insecticide and larvacide.

Ground spraying of Stonington and North Stonington is being done in response to the announcement. Officials in those towns are still discussing the possibility of aerial sprays.

According to Dr. Matthew Carrtr, chief epidemiologist with the Department of Public Health, exposure to the virus is only possible within a five-mile radius of Chapman Swamp. Beyond that, the risk is minimal.

Although there have been no clinical cases of the disease in that area this year, officials recommend that those worried about the virus take necessary precautions. The Connecticut Department

of Public Health suggests that mosquito bites can be avoided by wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants, wearing mosquito repellent, and repairing holes in screens.

Joseph Gadbaw, infectious disease specialist and Connecticut College doctor, assures students that they are at minimal risk for contracting the virus. "I comment that students go off to beaches at Westerly," he said. "But students who restrict their activities to this area should not have concerns about the disease."

According to the Connecticut Department of Health, the symptoms of EEE include encephalitis (swelling of the brain), high fever, stiff neck, headache, and lack of energy. There is no cure for the disease and 30 to 50 percent of those who contract it die.

## Is the Honor Code out of date?

by Rebecca Libert  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

During the SGA discussion of changes to Floralia policy, Dean Arthur Ferrari offered the student body "two friendly challenges." The first challenge was the issue of Floralia improvement. The second was an issue we all may take for granted — our Honor Code. Ferrari said that he had heard continued complaints about people not respecting

the Honor Code (on the social, not academic side). "It [the honor code] is not working as well as it might... a code only works if people act on it. Have we reached a point in history where codes don't work anymore? Is it outdated?" Ferrari went on to explain that he felt this year of concepts of community to be an excellent time for the Connecticut College community to discuss itself.

Conn is one of only twelve universities that currently maintain living Honor Codes.



# NEWS

## Who's Who in Student Government



John Biancur

John Biancur, president of the Student Government Association, wanted the position that he now holds since his sophomore year here.

Biancur's main goals for this year are stated in the Issues Project. One such goal is the restructuring of Floralia. After some unwelcome occurrences at our Spring Festival, the administration asked the student body to recommend changes to the event.

Other ideas include renovating to the Cro's Nest and 1962 Room, helping financial aid information get to the students, creating effective structures for committees, increasing communication between the students and SGA, and reviewing the Sexual Harassment Policy.

Craig McClure

"I enjoy event planning and I like watching something go well," says Craig McClure on why he ran for the SGA position of SAC chair.

McClure's main goal for this year is to find new spaces for events to take place.

The school invests the majority of its money for student events created by SAC through the Finance Process. This necessitates a great deal of creativity as well as student involvement on the part of the SAC Council.

McClure wants to "maintain what we have for traditional events" such as the Winter Formal and Floralia.

While throughout the year, SAC will continue to create and plan new and interesting events for the student body, certain events have already been planned and are ready to go. Such plans are the GooGoo Dolls' concert, scheduled for October 11, and moving the Winter Formal from December to February. February has always been a dry month for programming. "We wanted to make this big and exciting," says McClure.



Mike Brown

Mike Brown is very excited and confident about being SGA vice president this year. "It's been a good experience so far. You can learn so much from a position like this," he said, "It puts you through hell, but you learn from it."

This is the first year that the new financial process, created last year, will take place. Under this new process, student clubs who receive their funding through SGA, will now obtain money on a traditional/non-traditional basis. Organizations will get their money for traditional costs at the beginning of the year with the opportunity to apply for later additional funding through SGA if needed.

This year, Brown's priorities are making the new finance process work and "ironing out the wrinkles."

Brown is "very much looking forward to this year. It's going to be a good one."

Amy Nemser

When asked why she ran for her position, Amy Nemser, this year's chair of residential life, said, "I was a governor for two years and it seemed to be the logical next step."

Nemser's main goal for this year is to increase the participation and involvement in the Adopt-a-Faculty/Staff program, which brings students together with college staff and faculty in social and intellectual events. She believes there is "so much potential with the program. It's something that the governors want. If the governors show no enthusiasm about it, then it just won't work."

Other goals for Nemser include increasing campus participation in the upcoming blood drive (September 26) and making the Camellympics, which will be held on October 25-26, the best in Conn's history.

Tina Fazio

Tina Fazio, this year's SGA parliamentarian, became involved with SGA as the senator of Blackstone. She held positions on a few committees and enjoyed them.

The SGA parliamentarian's role is to involve herself with the committees that are a part of student government. Fazio wants each committee to be more involved with the SGA process than they have been in the past. "Last year, you didn't hear much from the committees." Even if it is just saying that each committee met and has formed its agenda, each group needs to become more involved than before.

Fazio believes that "the SGA Executive Board needs to be more approachable. There needs to be less of a gap between the Exec Board and the Assembly." She feels that within the first few meetings of the Assembly, this has been achieved. "It's a complete turn around from last year," says Fazio.

Maya Perry

"I like being involved with SGA," says Maya Perry, a senior and this year's chair of academic affairs. She is also interested in the academic issues that face Conn's campus.

Perry believes that students are the key to this campus and they should be involved with making decisions that will change their schooling.

Perry feels that there are "a lot of things that could be done that haven't been in the past." She hopes to solve these problems by making the advisory boards more effective. Formerly, she says, the departmental advisory boards haven't been as effective as they should be. She believes that "students aren't involved enough in their educational choices."

When asked what she plans to do in this coming year, Perry said that while there are a few goals that she wants to achieve, she doesn't really create what is on her agenda. She says that the

agenda is created more by President of the College Claire Gaudiani, Provost Robert Proctor and the students themselves.

One idea Perry wishes to see instituted is the Decade of the Arts Initiative. She wants to see everyone more involved with this initiative, especially students.

Becky Watt

Senior Becky Watt, this year's Judiciary Board chair hopes to see more discussion on campus about Conn's Honor Code. She plans to not only promote the Honor Code but also inform the college community about it, including students, faculty, staff, and administration.

"I have a big interest in the Honor Code on this campus," says Watt. She is very interested in its effectiveness and hopes to maintain its level of effectiveness. She says that it has great benefits on such a campus as Conn, bringing great responsibility to the campus. Such responsibility received through the Honor Code, she says, will help students in the long run.

According to Watt, this "protective environment will teach people this responsibility" so they can use it beyond the college's walls and in the real world.

Other ideas that Watt has for this year include holding forums for students and faculty to increase the knowledge of the Honor Code on campus. She hopes to hold meetings with students, faculty departments and administration to create opportunities for discussion.

Sam Foreman

This year's public relations director, Sam Foreman, ran for his position because he had experience on the PR Committee and enjoyed it. "I was given everything. I was given the skills to do the job." He believed that the position is something that he could do, so he went for it.

One of Foreman's goals for this year is to create a dialogue between SGA and the campus.

He says that last year this didn't happen enough. He wants to see more information going out to the student body from SGA as well as more information coming into the Student Government Association from the students.

Foreman believes that he can do this by the use of CONNtact ads, "stall" updates on what is happening "This Week in SGA," and an e-mail list that will be created for discussions on campus through SGA.

Foreman lives by the slogan, "The PR Committee is more fun than anyone should be allowed to have on SGA!"

Nick Lavalla

Nick Lavalla, presidential associate, started with SGA this past spring. "People came up to me and asked me if I was interested in this position. After a number of people told me that I would be good for the job, I looked into it."

Lavalla said that "this position looked like a good idea to get to know SGA and how it works."

His main role as presidential associate is to publicize what goes on in the Assembly meetings through writing the minutes of each meeting. These minutes are sent to the administration after their approval by the Assembly. Through this process, Lavalla is able to let the administration know what is going on in Conn's student life. As presidential associate, Lavalla will also deal with certain financial matters.

A personal goal of Lavalla's is to "bridge the gap between SGA and the student body."

"I'm still learning as we go along," said Lavalla.

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# BEYOND THE HILL

Rosh Hashana (New Year 5757) in Israel, beginning of the 1st month Tishrei.

## EXTENDED FORECAST

TUESDAY... PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 45 TO 50. HIGHS IN THE MID 60S.

WEDNESDAY... FAIR. LOWS 45 TO 55. HIGHS 65 TO 70.

THURSDAY... PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 45 TO 55. HIGHS 60 TO 65.

FRIDAY — PARTLY SUNNY, HIGHS 68-72

Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole personally appealed for the backing of the Christian Coalition yesterday, after the conservative group's founder said it would take "a miracle from Almighty God" for Dole to win.

Speakers and delegates at the group's annual meeting have expressed dissatisfaction with Dole's campaign emphasis on economic issues at the expense of moral issues, but gave him a warm welcome when he asked "for your full and complete support every day."

Dole quoted from the Old Testament Book of Proverbs, saying, "'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart...in all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path.' And that's the way we're going."

Pat Robertson, leader of the Christian Coalition, said Dole must put his group's values agenda front and center in the campaign. "It's not the economy, stupid, it's

morality, stupid, and that's where the issue's going to be decided in this campaign," he said.

"Drug use among our youth has more than doubled since President Clinton took office," Dole said. "And since drugs lead to violence, it's no surprise that youth violence is also on the rise."

### Dole's Five-Part Plan:

- Keep violent criminals in prison longer.
- Toughen sentences for violent juvenile offenders.
- Require more prison inmates

to work. Vigorously prosecute offenders who use guns and establish an instant computer check system to prevent criminals from buying guns legally.

Clinton's commitment to

Ross Perot had barely launched his standard stump speech about the evils of deficit spending yesterday when several dozen people left their seats and lofted "Pro-Family" placards to shake.

Many in the audience were activists attending a conference of the Christian Coalition. They were not as silent in protesting Perot's support for abortion rights. They heckled the Reform Party presidential candidate throughout his half-hour speech with shouts of "Talk straight," "What about abortion?" and "Vote Dole!"

"Whether you mean us well or ill, you had better get used to the Christian Coalition, because we are going to be around for a long time," said Ralph Reed, the group's executive director.

"And to the Republican Party we say this," Reed added, "if you want to retain control of the House and Senate and... have any chance at all of gaining the White House, you had better not retreat from the pro-life and pro-family stance that made you a majority party in the first place."

"The core of every religious belief I'm aware of is that we will not be selfish," Perot said. "I can't think of anything more selfish than to pass that [federal debt] on to our children... Do you want the government to take care of us like little lost lambs, or do you want to soar like eagles into the twenty-first century?"

Perot was nicked up by the coalition, but President Bill Clinton was actively flayed. Speaker after speaker at the convention denounced him as a dishonest, untrustworthy, and unethical leader.

President Bill Clinton last night released an 11-page summary of medical information that found he "has no history of hypertension, diabetes, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted disease, cancer, stroke or heart disease." His re-

lease of this information was an attempt to answer criticism from Bob Dole's campaign that he was not forthcoming in releasing account of his health.

The statements from doctors who examined Clinton did not list any significant conditions or medications that had not previously been disclosed by the president.

"It'll be clear from this that he has a medical history that's clean," said Press Secretary Michael McCurry. "It's a very comprehensive evaluation of the president's health."

Dole, 55, has also released a comprehensive medical history. He is pressuring Clinton to disclose more than the summaries that describe his annual physicals. "I gave him all of mine," Dole said earlier this week.

Clinton, 50, does suffer from a few minor ailments: gastroesophageal reflux disease, in which acidic fluid in the stomach occasionally rises into the throat, causing heartburn and, in some cases, hoarseness. He takes the drug omeprazole, which greatly reduces stomach acidity, for this condition.

### SANTA MONICA, Calif. -

Almost exactly one year after the words "Not guilty" echoed in one courtroom, O.J. Simpson's death case returns this week in a new venue with diminished access to the press. All TV and still cameras have been flatly banned from the court. Sketch artists have been banned as well, and an extraordinarily restrictive gag order has been placed on the attorneys.

Despite restrictions, the press is arriving en masse. Forty seats in the 80-seat courtroom have been allocated to media organizations, with additional reporters expected to gather outside. Final pretrial arguments are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, with the trial set to officially begin on Tuesday, but the first wave of some 4,000 prospective jurors is not due to arrive until Wednesday.

WASHINGTON — The U.S. continues efforts to maintain a

united front against Saddam Hussein hit another snag Sunday. Kuwait, the nation that the U.S.

seized during the Persian Gulf War in 1991, temporarily withheld permission for 5,000 additional American troops to be stationed there.

Defense Secretary William Perry sought permission for the troops from the emir, Sheik Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, on Sunday. He was told the matter would be decided by the emirate's defense minister, Perry said.

Some 5,000 troops from Fort Hood, Texas, were supposed to leave for Kuwait on Sunday, but the operation was put on hold until permission was granted.

"It is my expectation that we will hear very shortly that they will be delighted to accept these troops," Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, commented.

The U.S. military response over the past several weeks to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's military adventures in northern Iraq has been shadowed by inability to obtain the support and participation of most Western and Middle Eastern countries who joined the coalition to drive Iraq out of Kuwait in 1991.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that he would rather risk straining relations with the United

States than concede too much to his Arab peace partners.

"Although relations with the United States are a strategic asset of utmost importance, it is not the supreme asset of the state of Israel," Netanyahu told Israel Radio.

Netanyahu has said he will honor the peace accords negotiated by the previous Labor Party government, but will place greater emphasis on security for Israel.

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II is suffering from a form of appendicitis and will undergo an appendectomy by the end of the year, the Vatican said Saturday.

The 76-year-old pontiff's condition "is not urgent," said Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls. No date for the operation was given, but Navarro-Valls indicated it would be sometime after an October 6 beatification ceremony the pope will lead in St. Peter's Square.



# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## New London to celebrate its 350th anniversary with Promenade

BY JESSICA ROGERS  
A&E EDITOR

As most of you know, the theme for this academic year is "community," and what better example of this is there than the New London Promenade Play?

For those of you who have no idea what this massive event is, it is a promenade, or "traveling," series of plays and events down State Street that were written to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the City of New London.

Beginning at the Garde Arts Center on State Street, the audience will travel through time, from the founding of New London to the finale at Union Plaza which celebrates the return of the servicemen from World War II.

How does this tie into the college's theme? All the pieces that are to be performed were written specifically for this event, chosen from area playwrights in a contest sponsored by *The Day*. The plays themselves are part of a joint collaboration of The Garde Arts Center, Connecticut College, and National Theatre Institute (NTI) in Waterford. The casts were taken from all three institutions, so the audience

can expect a melding of community, Conn College, and NTI students in all of the pieces.

As if all this diversity isn't enough, the directorial staff is also from a wide range of locations. Included are Richard Digby Day (NTI), Linda Herr and David Jaffe (Conn College), and Derron Wood (Flock Theatre). Not only is Wood a representative of community theater, he is also an alum of Conn.

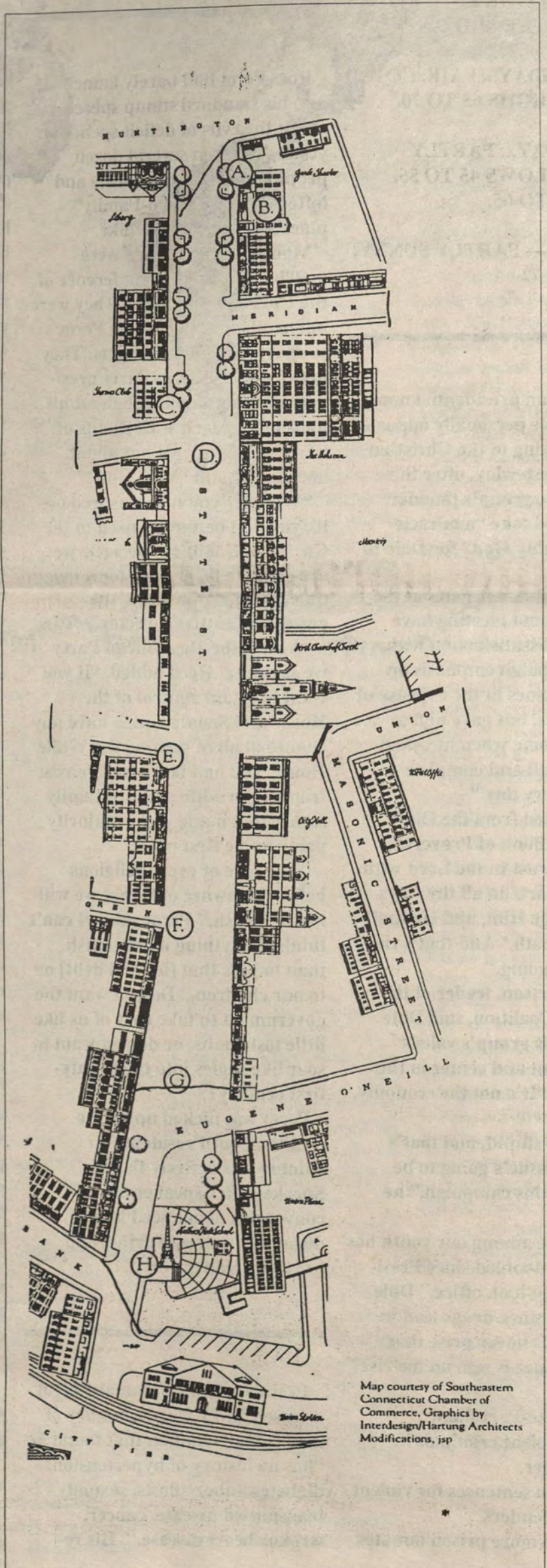
Also included in this celebration is Sonalyst Studios. This is a Waterford based movie production company that has been enlisted to help with the various technical aspects of the show.

This anniversary celebration was made possible by various grants from *The Day*, Rita and Myron Hendel, and the Frank Loomis Palmer Fund, totaling around \$60,000.

The show, or shows as the case may be, are scheduled for Friday, September 27 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, September 28 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.. Admission for Connecticut College students is five dollars. For more box office information, please call the Garde Arts Center at (860) 444-7373.

### Performance Sites:

- A. Garde Arts Center Exterior  
*Native American Show*
- B. Garde Arts Center  
*Nameaug and The Privateers*
- C. Thames Club  
*The Burning of New London*
- D. Upper State Street  
*Upper Promenade*
- E. Crocker House Exterior  
*The Cub*
- F. Green & State  
*College Rivals*
- G. Lower State Street  
*Lower Promenade*
- H. Soldiers & Sailors Monument  
*Welcome Home*





# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Movie Review: Bulletproof

A car dealer in California controls practically all the heroin entering the West Coast. If you can believe this, you might actually fool yourself into believing the rest of the plot of *Bulletproof*. This man, a Mr. Colton by name (James Caan, *True Lies*), leaves the organization of his shipments and records to a car thief named Archie (Adam Sandler, *Billy Madison*, *Happy Gilmore*). I managed to suspend my disbelief until that point because I personally wouldn't trust Adam Sandler with my dirty laundry, let alone something as important and potentially scandalous as the records of my drug transactions.

If you haven't guessed al-

ready, the plot continues linking more improbabilities to the existing ones, like the fact that Sandler, already making large amounts of drug money, feels it necessary to steal cars. He is joined in this venture by Damon Wayans, who happens to be a police officer trying to gain Sandler's trust so that he can arrest Caan. Wayans gets Sandler to introduce him to Caan, tries to set him up, and gets a bullet in the head for his troubles, courtesy of Sandler.

Overall, this movie is just appallingly bad. If I had had any common sense, I would have sneaked into another movie after seeing that only 10 people were in the entire theater, four of whom appeared to be drunk. The movie featured a combination of bad

camera work, such as a beginning car chase scene that looked more like shots of something stolen from *The Addams Family* than a Ferrari knifing through traffic, and too many jokes falling flat after a prolonged buildup. The script itself, with lines like, "I just saved our life [sic]!" and, "My head hurts because you shot me in it," also shows a remarkable lack of talent.

Not only is this movie not worth the admission, it is not worth the hour and 45 minutes that it subtracts from your life in the guise of "entertainment." The only decent role in the movie was played by Spuds MacKenzie, and as far as mystery guests go, he's no Sean Connery.



## ConnChords CD hits the right notes

by Christopher Moje  
THE COLLEGE VOICE

The Connecticut College ConnChords, one of the college's two all-female a cappella groups, recently released a compact disc showcasing some of their work entitled *a little bit LOUDER now*. This album spans the musical spectrum with selections ranging from The Mamas and the Papas' "California Dreamin'" and The Beatles' "Blackbird," to selections written by Cole Porter and Duke Ellington. The group even shows their creative side with a medley of beer advertising jingles aptly named "Beer."

Their a cappella interpretations of popular music come off without a hitch. As a matter of fact, their versions are often more enjoyable than the original. If you don't believe

me, just take a listen to the ConnChords rendition of "Love Will Keep Us Together." The Captain and Tennille pale in comparison to these young women. For those who are skeptical of the ConnChords' talent, this CD should prove the naysayers wrong. Sounding professional from start to finish, the only skepticism that one should have is about whether or not these women are, indeed, only college students. Their vocal abilities and melodious harmonizations rival those of established recording artists.

The compact discs are available in the campus bookstore and, believe me, you don't want to think twice about picking this one up for your collection. Don't thank me now, thank me after you've listened to it over and over again.

(Above and Below) On Thursday, September 12, the In-Young Sohn Dance Company brought traditional Korean dance and music to the Myers Studio on the third floor of Cro. This event was a joint collaboration of the Dance Department, the Anthropology Department, and the Asian Studies Program.



TO MICHAEL CAPLET-

We're proud of you.  
Best wishes in your  
first semester. Go for it!

Love, Mom and Ken



# OPINIONS/EDITORIALS

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A big good luck to the Voice's new staff members on your first issue. Additional thanks to a great publisher - Al, two more weeks and you won't have to stick around for layout anymore.

## Editors' Note

At an SGA meeting on Thursday, September 12, the Connecticut student body was portrayed as barbarous and beyond hope of civilization. Very few members of the campus community attended this meeting, so even fewer people are aware of whether the previous statement was truthful or not. The question of whether or not anyone cares is an even larger issue to debate.

Arthur Ferrari, dean of the college, questioned whether the Honor Code was outdated, and suggested it be subject to revision if not complete abandonment. And yet the issue discussed at the meeting was that of Florialia.

The administration was appalled because last spring's usual Lupercalian festival of drugs and booze featured a violent confrontation with members of the United States Coast Guard Academy. So what?

Equating proposal of changes to Florialia to the issue of one of our most impressive traditions is what's appalling. It is disturbing yet predictable that few students are concerned with the idea of revamping the Honor Code; it is profoundly shocking that so few are willing to stand up for what it seems Conn students hold closest to their hearts: their beer. Dean Ferrari sounded the alarm on our responsibility to exist as adults, and we failed to answer the bell.

One of the college's most nationally distinguishing features is being threatened in light of last year's rampant display of hedonism. At least the possible removal of Florialia, if not the threat of losing our honor, should be a mobilizing element for a student population that refuses to be addressed. Our apathy and irresponsibility have gone too far.



## Earth House Column

Welcome to the second year of the Earth House Column. In our characteristically masochistic way, we are back for more abuse after having pissed a lot of people off last year. Well, infuriating folks is part of what we do best so we're back to try our second hand at it. We like being contradicted. We enjoy lighting little sparks under people's butts. Most of all, we groove on dialogue and debate so PLEASE, if you have a reaction to any of our weekly self-righteous editorials, write it down on paper and send it to the Voice. Let's engage in a little intellectual intercourse - a sort of mental mambo.

Why do we feel that the Earth House Column is necessary? I believe the answer to this question lies in an historical perspective of political student journalism on US campuses in the last quarter century or so. In 1978, former Treasury Secretary William E. Simon and neo-conservative writer Irving Kristol founded the Institute for Educational Affairs (IEA). IEA quickly assembled a donor base of dozens of mega-corporations including Bechtel, Coca-Cola, Dow Chemical, Ford Motor Company, General Electric, K-Mart, Mobil and Nestle. (IEA, 1980, Annual Report)

From the start, one of IEA's rhetorical devices was to position itself as "alternative" with a combative self-image as a persecuted minority. To this end, it established and endowed the "Collegiate Network" of right-wing campus newspapers.

The notorious Dartmouth Review, begun in 1981, was the first. (see "Conservative Paper Stirs Dartmouth",

NYT, Oct. 13, 1981) The network included 70 publications by the fall of 1993. In 1990, IEA, now called Madison Center for Educational Affairs (MCEA) spent \$330,617 on its Collegiate Network of Newspapers, and a total of \$1 million on all its projects. (MCEA, 1990, Annual Report)

The collegiate Left does not enjoy the same Sugar Daddy. In fact, left-wing publications have struggled incessantly with the problem of funding, mostly because wealthy corporations don't want to support leftists, and the leftists sure as hell don't want to carry advertisements for the wealthy corporations.

Earth House, contrary to common misconception, is not simply eco-house. The word "Earth" was chosen because this is where both the natural and cultural worlds exist, for better or for worse. Currently, members of Earth House span the gamut of progressive organizations on campus including the Feminist Majority, Students Against Violence to the Environment, Youth for Justice, Sexual Orientations United for Liberation, Amnesty International, and Students for the Prevention of Animal Mistreatment.

In other words, our neighborhood on the political spectrum has not enjoyed much financial prowess in recent years. Thus, if we want to talk out loud and get our ideas out to people, we need to use whatever possible vehicles are available to us. The College Voice, in its generosity, has offered us, once again, a weekly spot in the Editorial Pages so we plan to make the best of it. All we ask is that you take a moment to read our weekly 3,500 characters and be encouraged to respond via similar format.

GOODLUCK to everybody this year! My biggest piece of advice, as an alumnus, is get involved with campus organizations. It will define your college experience.

Mark Lucey '95, Environmental Intern

## Schmoozing with Muffin Boy

Schmoozturbating(n) - the act of writing Schmoozing alone

First on the agenda this week is to congratulate Jim Minor and the campus safety crew on the purchase of their new stealth patrol car. Maybe, just maybe, with the addition of this supercharged law enforcement tool (the car, not any of the officers), their lockout response time will be cut from 30 minutes down to 15 or 20. We all sleep better at night knowing that the well-oiled machine of campus safety is out patrolling with the latest car-ticketing technology. I also know that our many friends who were unable to return to Conn this year (due to severe financial aid cuts) understand that their educations were less important than the night shift's need to go from zero to Dunkin' Donuts in 2.5 seconds. We at Schmoozing think that among their next purchases should be electronic parking ticket pads and a search helicopter to provide air support during Florialia.

On an interesting note, an old issue of *The Voice* was found in the back of the archives and the lead story is something I feel I must share with you all. The article, written by staff writer Gerard Choucroun is entitled "Public 'Homosexual' Display Arouses Controversy." (This is real. Stuff like this is too good to be made up.) The following is an excerpt from the May 1, 1990 issue:

"As the art versus pornography issue rages in the United States Supreme Court, Connecticut College has found itself once again dealing with the sensitive issue of censorship.

"The event which sparked the controversy took place in the living room of Larrabee dormitory on the evening of April 21.

"Two students, Karl Levinson, '92 and Graham Reynolds, '93, entertained the audience at a celebration, sponsored by the 'Anarchy Party' with what they called 'performance art.'

"The ritual involved the stripping of a blindfolded Levinson, after which Reynolds performed a 'homosexual dance' around him.

"After dancing, Reynolds, using an electrical cord, whipped the floor, a couch, himself and Levinson.

"Investigating a complaint, Campus Safety officers arrived just as the questionable activities ceased.

"The incident was brought to the attention of Joseph Tolliver, dean of student life....

"I do believe that the nudity and simulated 'making out' was inappropriate for a public living room," Tolliver said, adding, 'The whipping, in my opinion, was inappropriate for anywhere.'"

Personally, I don't see what the big deal

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# THE CAMEL PAGE

## IN THE STARS ...

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Watch errors in judgement in spending and an inclination to be overly extravagant. Partners aren't necessarily in agreement on financial interests later in the week. Make an effort to open up the lines of communication.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Doing something really well satisfies you this week. However, try not to scatter your energies or you will overtire yourself. Give nerves a vacation this weekend and strive for relaxation and leisure time.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Others agree with you early in the week and this gives added impetus to your plans on the job. Don't be picky, but still remember to get your money's worth if out shopping. Be sure you know how to ferret out the best deals.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A partner serves as a ballast to you as you tackle a difficult social situation this week. You're not really comfortable in such a formal setting, so follow this person's lead. Although you feel inept, there's no reason for blatant insecurity.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Things move along quickly and positively for you at home and on the job. A family member wants to be included in something, but you'd rather be alone. Some compromising is necessary to resolve this satisfactorily without hurting someone's feelings.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** The beginning of the week isn't the best time to ask favors from friends. You'll make important progress in career

endeavors through your own fine efforts. This weekend, you're in a rather cynical mood. Accent the positive.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Negative feedback you receive hurts you, but it becomes the catalyst leading to a plethora of ideas. The latter part of the week is best for relaxation and romance with a partner. Steal away by yourselves.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Agreements made this week aren't likely to be kept in the long run. Home is your secret hideaway, but there could be some unexpected visitors later in the week. Be prepared for this possible eventuality.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Your charm makes up for real or imagined shortcomings in business dealings. Be yourself and things fall into place naturally. Domestic concerns are still with you and are best addressed over the weekend.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Intuition is your ally this week, especially where career matters are concerned. In general, accent moderation in health and diet. The weekend is tailor-made for romance, but your date could make an unusual request.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Travelers could meet with unexpected expenses this week. In fact, travel or entertaining guests proves more costly than anticipated in general. Feel good about yourself, but don't become pompous.

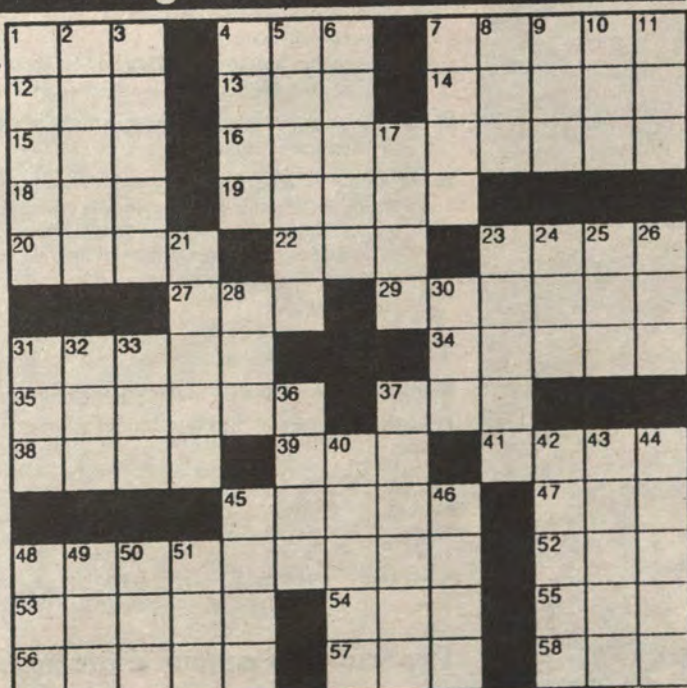
**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Although you'll get along well enough with partners this week, things could get testy with a friend or acquaintance later in the week. You're easily provoked now, so try to keep your cool. Your health is at stake.



### King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 "Evening Shade" role  
4 Earn an Obie, maybe  
7 Wettish  
12 Round Table address  
13 Needlefish  
14 Sound  
15 Heyerdahl's "—Tiki"  
16 Side dish member  
18 Guidonian note  
19 "GWTW" star  
20 Stupefy  
22 Flushed  
23 Blueprint  
27 Shot  
29 Douglas fir's cousin  
31 Send forth  
34 A man of many words  
35 Lea  
37 Hose, in Boston?  
38 Call on a beeper  
39 Episodic story line  
41 Symbol of servitude  
45 Oriental  
47 Director Howard  
48 Side dish member  
52 Evil  
53 Soothsayer  
54 Peggy or Michele



- 55 — de France  
56 Steak variety  
57 Superlative suffix  
58 Young Mr. Lincoln?  
DOWN  
1 Sent out invitations  
2 String quartet member  
3 Ball's partner  
4 Overenthusiastic  
5 Big Bird's tiny cousin?  
6 Cherokee, e.g.  
7 Lion's pride

- 8 "— Town"  
9 A mean Amin  
10 Sermon subject  
11 Dress (up)  
17 Automaker Ransom Eli —  
21 Chopin piece  
23 Substitute  
24 Shlep  
25 Expert  
26 Bottom line  
28 17 Down's car  
30 In favor  
31 Devilkin  
32 Vast quantity  
33 Succumb to gravity

- 36 Lave  
37 Alarms  
40 Ransack  
42 Trip around the world  
43 Qantas "spokesbear"  
44 Over  
45 Land measure  
46 U.N. veto  
48 Corpulent  
49 Difficulty  
50 "I" strain  
51 "Sister Act" extra

## The Camel Heard

*"My brother is an Anarchist who believes in Social Darwinism, which basically translates into: he's a Republican." - overheard in Lazrus*

*"I have the Harris stomach ache." -overheard by a woman leaving Harris*

*"...and I can't even shave my head!" - overheard during dinner at Harris*

*Now, I've never taught this class to undergraduates before, but..."overheard in Shain Library*



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## Schmoozing, ctd.

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was. Doesn't the Dance Department give out academic credit for that sort of thing? The whole incident sounds like the average SGA meeting (as the theme from *Deliverance* begins to play).

Speaking of SGA, I must raise my strongest objections to the new student-proposed changes to Floralia being brought forward by the administration. The simple answer is that Floralia is fine the way it is, and as long as we can keep the hockey team away from the Coasties (there is some definite sexual tension there and it has been known to get violent), everything will work out fine. If the CCF and SAFE don't like Floralia, let them hold a candle-light vigil or something. In the words of a prominent SGA figure, "I am an underage drinker and I want my beer at Floralia!" Right on!! That is who I want representing me.

And now for sports.

This week's scores in the Dorm Damage Olympics finds the residents of Hamilton first floor in the lead. These outstanding individuals have

lead the pack in total dorm damage and outright creativity winning the 25-meter fire alarm dash and the vomit throw. Their battle cry of "COLLEGE!!!!" resounds throughout the Plex. Running a close second is Freeman second floor, many of whom are former members of last year's Wright first floor Dream Team. Hurry up, Freeman, show the rookies how it's done. I think that the Hamilton team may owe their recent streak to the strategic decision to combine pot and beer instead of just drinking themselves to victory. Freeman better adapt if they hope to compete. However, I put 2 to 1 odds on Freeman believing that experience will win out over the youthful zeal of these first floor freshmen anytime.

Finally, kudos to President Gaudiani for the fashion coup of the year. It takes a certain kind of woman to wear a pink dress to a student's memo-

rial service. What's wrong, Claire, the leopard print was at the cleaners?

To put at ease the minds of all of you who may be worried about Becky due to her absence from this week's commentary, fret not. She is recovering quickly and should be back with us next week. My personal apologies, Becky, I'm sorry, I didn't know it was plugged in. Let that be a lesson to all, and remember, Screw'em if they can't take a joke.

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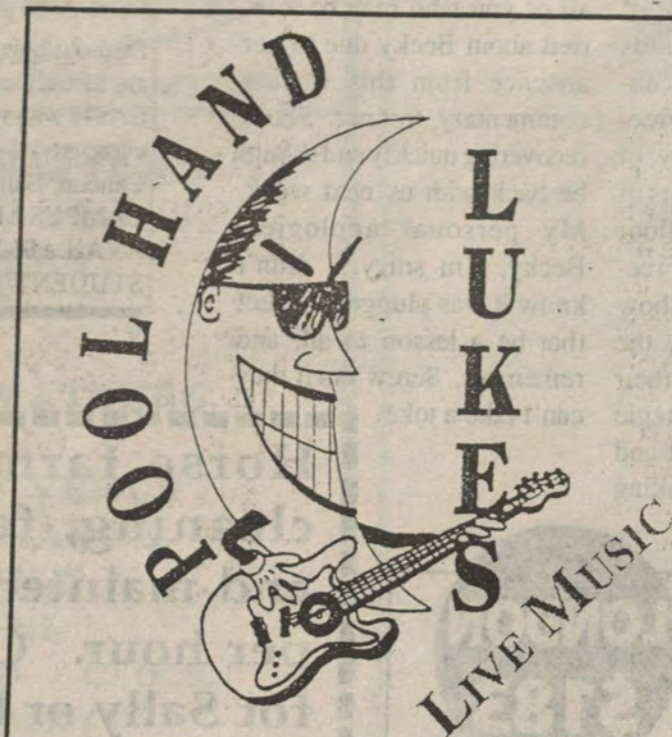


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Answers to  
King Crossword

AVA	ACT	MOIST
SIR	GAR	AUDIO
KON	ONION	RING
ELA	GABLE	
DAZE	RED	PLAN
	TRY	SPRUCE
ISSUE		ROGET
MEADOW	SOX	
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Health & Nutrition  
by Judith Sheldon

MORE REASONS TO QUIT:

As if smoking didn't do enough harm to smokers and those who inhale passive smoke, we now have evidence that smokers are more likely to have retarded children than other groups.

Dr. Carolyn D. Drews, an associate professor of epidemiology at Emory University, headed the research project that made the startling findings that were published in the April issue of Pediatrics, the Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Smoking had previously been linked to low birth weight, infant mortality, and lower intelligence in children. Now, there's evidence that retardation in children can also be tied to smoking.

While it's true that not all smokers gave birth to retarded children, the fact that so many did makes the case for those who say pregnant women should not smoke. Period.

The Mayo Clinic conducted another study on smoking and found that alcoholics were more likely to die from cigarettes than from alcohol.

Dr. Richard D. Hurt of the Mayo Clinic's Nicotine Dependence Center in Rochester, Minnesota, noted the irony of many people overcoming their alcohol problems, only to die from the effects of nicotine dependence.

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# Cross country looks to improve

by Tim Hebda  
The College Voice

The men's cross country team came off a long and prosperous '95 season that saw great improvements in all of their runners. Coach Jim Butler and the Camels are looking to build upon last year's young team to hopefully blow by competitors during the '96 cross country season.

This year's team is composed of a strong core of experienced runners. Co-captains Matt Santo and Josh Wilson are excited by their prospects. Santo, even though there are five new runners on the team, is confident. "I am sure that we can improve on last year's results," he said. The Camels are hoping for good finishes from their battle-tested leaders, veteran runners, and the newcomers. According to Wilson the "team looks very strong, especially in the two through seven positions. We do need to work on cutting the times down between one and two however."

Santo, with the number one ranking, led this squad in the Fordham Invitational which was held at the

world famous Van Courtland Park cross country course on Saturday, September 14, where their season began. The men of the trails finished

twelfth out of 19 teams which were mostly made up of Division I squads so this was a great showing. The men continue to keep their hopes high and their eyes toward the finish line. The Camels will continue their season in the upcoming Williams Invitational on September 21, Codfish Bowl on September 28, the Connecticut College Invitational on October 5, and the Trinity Invitational on October 12 at Wickham Park in Hartford.

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Field Hockey - @ Smith Wed. 9/18 6:30 pm  
@ Amherst Sat. 9/21 11:00 am

Sailing - Hatch Brown Trophy @ MIT Sat.- Sun. 9/21-22

Men's Soccer - @ Springfield Wed. 9/18 4:00 pm  
@ Amherst Sat. 9/21 11:00 am

Women's Soccer - @ Mt. Holyoke Tue. 9/17 4:00 pm  
@ Amherst Sat. 9/21 11:00 am

Women's Tennis - @ Trinity Wed. 9/18 3:00 pm  
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# CAMEL SPORTS

## Athlete of the Week

This week's Athlete of the Week is Captain Betsy Woods of the Women's Soccer team. The senior midfielder became Conn College's all-time leading scorer on Tuesday. She scored the first goal of the game to move past the '92 record with her own total of 56. Congratulations to Betsy Woods!



Photo by Jill Pearson/ The College Voice

Sophomore forward Danielle Le Blanc grabs the ball as Field Hockey starts their season on the new Silfon Field

## Men's Rugby tackles season head-on

by Jenny Marchick  
SPORTS EDITOR

A Conn Men's Rugby game can be dangerous for everyone involved. As spectators watch players being taken down left and right, they must be ready to back up quickly to avoid the mass scrambling towards the side line. There are no pauses in rugby, no time outs or substitutions. Play halts only when the whistle is blown, and until then, the players give everything they have to control the ball. A bystander was left with only one comment after coming almost too close to the play, "I can smell the pain." Rugby is 100% effort and 100% endurance.

On Saturday the Camels faced the URI Rugby team, in a hard-fought but overwhelming, 40-5 "A" game loss. Colin Osborne scored the only try in a run from the Conn half. Mike Johnson, Keith Lawler, Courtney Martin, plus captains Jon Facenda and Chris Terrien all played

very well. Both the ball and bodies flew during the two 40-minute halves, unfortunately just not in the right direction. The sole week of practices prior to the game just couldn't prepare the whole team for the hits of URI. Conn Rugby this year is 40% experience and 60% relatively new players. The new players did avenge the Camels' earlier loss in the "B" game, and Conn came through with a 17-5 victory. "All the new guys showed huge improvements," said Terrien.

"We are a new team this year. The guys are taking it seriously and having fun. We have a lot of potential," Terrien concluded. The Camels have a tough schedule during their two month fall season, culminating in the Div. III NERFU Championships. "We are confident the new kids will step up. We need to focus on developing our offense, and tackles. But for only having four real practices, we look good," said returning player Bill Gallagher. The team next faces Wentworth on Saturday, September 21, in Massachusetts.

## Field Hockey starts strong

by Darlene Gallant  
THE COLLEGE VOICE

The women's field hockey team kicked off the season Sunday afternoon in a valiant effort against Tufts. Unfortunately, Tufts scored on a textbook goal in the end, to secure the score at 1-0. "Tufts has traditionally been a strong team. In the past they have rolled right over us. We played very well against them, there were a lot of strong performances," said head coach Anne Parmenter. The team was nervous going into the game, but they were very determined to win, especially the seniors, who have never beaten Tufts. Though Tufts may easily have been the hardest game of the season, the Camels are also looking forward to match-ups against Bowdoin and Williams later on in the season. They'll be playing Smith away on Wednesday.

One of the team's goals for the season was to come out strong, and stay competitive throughout the season. Sunday's game proved that they can hold true to their desires. Tufts dominated play for the first fifteen minutes of the game with a lot of shots on goal and corners. But the Cam-

els picked up the intensity in the second half because they realized that they needed to score. In the second half, play was much more balanced, with a lot of action going on mid-field. Conn's players got focused and played a more controlled game of hockey. Tufts may have gotten more shots off, but Conn's players felt really good about their performance.

"No one put their heads down after Tufts' goal," commented senior co-captain Wendy Kanter, and "no one left the game feeling that bummed. It was a great start to the season. It was a great game of field hockey."

Overall, the entire team played well. Wendy Kanter, senior co-captain, was great in goal. Senior Sarah Folger was a key element in the game, as she sent good hard shots to the offense to put play in Conn's favor. In addition to Folger, Nelle Jennings, Katy Wood, and Megan Bise, all seniors, played well on defense. Dardy Muldaur also played a great game. Parmenter feels that once senior Kim Holliday and freshman Brett Wise get accustomed to playing together, there'll be much more offensive action. One play that

stood out in the first half was sweeper Katy Wood's use of her foot to stop a sure goal from going in on a corner. She showed quick thinking on the field. It was a good play even though Wood knew it would result in a penalty stroke for Tufts.

In order to bring the team together, the returning field hockey players went camping over Labor Day weekend to build communication and to raise the comfort level. Coach Parmenter also took the team climbing. These opportunities allowed the players to get to know each other much better, which will in turn be a great asset on the field. Another important aspect about this year's team is that they all returned in excellent shape, which was evident in Sunday's game. The freshmen, who didn't attend these team activities, have a lot of potential.

The team this year has a lot of depth, including nine returning starters. There is also a great balance in age, with eight seniors and eight freshmen. "All of the players are extremely dedicated to the team," Parmenter said. She adds that "this is the year" for Camel field hockey.



Photo by Evan Coppola / Photography Editor

Conn Men's Rugby refused to fold during their game against URI.