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The Chancellor is Coming

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The Connecticut College German department marked the upcoming September 27 elections and its annual Oktoberfest celebrations with a cookout at the College House.

Conn's own Professor David Patton, who lectures in Government and German Studies, is currently in Berlin as part of an international committee that helps to facilitate and ensure the fairness of the elections.

But were you aware of the German national election? No matter, the Germans are hardly aware themselves.

In response to low voter enthusiasm, German newspapers have offered one million euros to whoever correctly guesses the election results.

Unlike our own, the candidates are publicly funded and do not begin campaigning until the end of the summer. This guarantees the Germans their vacations.

The differences between our system and theirs are quite stark (to use a familiar German word). The German government is a somewhat uneasy collection of various parties, most of which read like alphabet soup: the CDU (Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands) of Merkel fame is distantly similar to our own Republican party; her sister party, the CSU (Christlich-Soziale Union in Bayern) is led by Karl-Theodor Maria Nikolaus Johann Jacob Philipp Franz Joseph Sylvester Freiherr von und zu Guttenberg (a testament to the compounded German language); the SPD (Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands) leans more to the left, though it's certainly more centered than "The Left" (Die Linke), whose advertisements feature bricks being thrown through the windows of expensive houses with the promise "do [it] better with us"; the FDP (Freie Demokratische Partei) stands on the platform of pro-business.

The list is then rounded out with a number of smaller parties, who may be repre-

sented as long as they gain more than five percent of the vote (the Germans count the popular vote directly, without a college of electors): The Greens, the Pirate Party (pushing for internet freedom) and the ultra-nationalistic NPD (Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands), who were recently reprimanded for sending incendiary letters to "immigrant" politicians.

Despite such a hodgepodge of different voices, the campaign is rather boring. Following a recent debate (between president Merkel of the CDU and the current Foreign Minister Walter Steinmeier of the SPD) a popular German newspaper rhymed Obama's now-famous slogan: "Yes We Gähnl!" ("gähnl" is German for "yawn"). According to one of the moderators (there were four moderators for the two candidates), the debate, billed as a duel, was more of a duet. A member of the Green party described it as "a political air guitar championship" while the FDP's leader describe deplored the debate as a "football game without the second team."

Their criticism is in fact quite due. Both Merkel and Steinmeier are members of the "Grand Coalition," a tentative alliance between the two parties born in 2005 when the position of the chancellorship was in jeopardy. With the continuation of their alliance looming, they spent the debate congratulating each other.

Without a two-party system in which the winner takes the Executive branch, the German parties are represented proportionally to their votes.

As such they tend to make alliances to strengthen their political clout. There are several possible alliances following the election, including another SDP/CDU partnership (although many have decried this as a "total waste of time and energy," given the ideological rifts between the two), a "left" coalition of the SPD, the Left and the Greens, which, according to one German reporter, "could really go to town, since they would only, at most, disagree on the size of

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Newly elected Freshmen Class President Dan Smoot and Vice President Ben Schachtel finished first in the tight race for freshmen class council positions. Photo by Kelsey Cohen.

A Reflection on the Years Since 9/11

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This month, people throughout the country and the world commemorated the eighth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. The largest gatherings took place at the sites of the attacks, in New York City, at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and in Pennsylvania at the crash site of Flight 93.

At the Pentagon, President Barack Obama spoke to the public, addressing how he hopes Americans will continue to honor both the innocent victims and those who have sacrificed their lives since the attack. Obama said, "We honor all those who gave their lives so that others might live, and all the survivors who battled burns and wounds and helped each other rebuild their lives; men and women who gave life to that most simple of rules: I am my brother's keeper; I am my sister's keeper."

For his first September 11 as president, Obama put initiatives in place to honor the day. One of the programs that President Obama has initiated is the development of National Day of Service and Remembrance. At the Pentagon ceremony, Obama explained the purpose of the holiday: "We can summon once more that ordinary goodness of America to serve our communities, to

strengthen our country, and to better our world."

In a press release about the day, the President said, "I call upon all Americans to join in service and honor the lives we lost, the heroes who responded in our hour of need, and the brave men and women in uniform who continue to protect our country at home and abroad."

The day, the idea for which was originated by family members of victims of the attacks, is viewed as a day to reunite people throughout the country, while encouraging citizens to direct their attention to community service and acts of compassion. Programs that are encouraged include conservation projects, care packages for soldiers, and other volunteer activities. President Obama and his wife took part in the day by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity to help to revitalize the capital city.

Although new initiatives such as the National Day of Service continue the spirit of honoring September 11's fallen, there are important continuing issues from the attacks that the President and Congress still need to address.

Though the attacks took place over eight years ago, rescue workers, volunteers, and survivors of the attacks are still experiencing medical problems, such as illnesses and psychological trauma.

One victim, Joe Picurro, was a freelance iron worker who volunteered at Ground Zero cleaning up the wreckage in the days following the attack. Eight years later, he described in an interview with *Democracy Now!* that he still suffers from respiratory impairment because of the chemical and dust particles that he inhaled at the site of the attack while working there over the period of a month. In the interview, he said that despite being in his thirties he has been told by doctors that he has the lungs of someone in their nineties, and he is expected to die in the next year, being added to the evergrowing list of victims of 9/11.

A *New York Times* article also recently detailed the story of Leon Heyward, the most recent victim of September 11. Heyward, who worked near the towers and stayed in Manhattan to help people escape from buildings, became ill shortly after the attacks, suffering respiratory and memory issues. Heyward died last October as a result of illnesses from the attack, adding him to the ever-rising list of victims.

Although these are just two examples of extreme cases of illness resulting from the attacks, there are thousands more who have suffered. Thus far, around 40,000 rescue,

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Geoffrey Taylor (SAC Rep)

Photos by Tanaha Simon

The Healthcare Debate

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We've all heard about the healthcare debate, but have we actually been listening? With so many confusing concepts and rumors circulating, it's easy to zone out. But frankly, if we still don't know the basics, now is the time to learn.

Two of the big names in this debate, Medicare and Medicaid, are easily confused. Medicare, established in 1965, is a federally funded medical plan for American seniors aged 65 and older. The program covers expenses like doctors visits, hospital stays, drugs and treatments. However, Medicare is estimated to run out of money in 8-10 years, and is already struggling with a large gap in drug benefits, referred to as the "donut-hole."

Medicaid, established in 1964, operates under both federal and state funding, and provides healthcare to Americans who cannot pay for medical care. Medicaid services parallel those offered under Medicare however, services under both programs are subject to complex rules, limitations and exceptions.

The public option and single-payer plan are both potential provisions in the healthcare bill.

The public option is the crux of the healthcare reform package. It is a proposal for a government run insurance plan called "the Exchange." The Exchange will be available to

all Americans, and not subject to bias towards "pre-existing conditions," or medical conditions that have been diagnosed 24 months prior to the issuance of an insurance policy.

Because the public option will be run by government, the policymakers' theory is that it won't require profit, forcing premiums and insurance costs lower. The public option will influence private insurance companies to either compete or risk the loss of customers.

A large concern in regards to the public option is coercion, but President Obama has reiterated many times that nobody will be forced into the public option. Even so, many Americans who opt out of the public-option believe that they will lose their current health insurance due to adjustments in private companies and with some people choosing the public option, the loss of customer base will increase insurance premiums for those who choose to remain with private insurance corporations.

Another concern with the public option is competition.

As one audience member in a healthcare town hall meeting asked the President, how can private companies expect to compete with the government? To this Obama compared FedEx and UPS to the United States Postal Service, saying that the private companies are doing fine while the USPS is failing. His statement, meant to reassure citizens that a public option would not jeopardize

the possibility of competition from the private sector, stirred up its own controversial issues and lent credence to fears of ineffective 'big government.'

Because of the aforementioned worries, President Obama declared in his address to joint Congress that he would approve a bill without a public-option, but many dispute this claim, saying that a healthcare bill without the public option would not amount to reform.

Another possible option of the healthcare plan is the single-payer plan. The single-payer plan would have the government act as administrator, collecting healthcare fees and allocating costs. Currently, there are tens of thousands of organizations acting as "administrator," meaning that the billing system is complicated to an extreme. Under the single-payer plan, Americans would not have a choice between public or private options, and everyone would be under the umbrella of the public option.

The single-payer plan is predicted to reduce administrative waste, but its opponents declare the plan is a government takeover, and thus, socialism. Socialism by definition is a political theory advocating state ownership of industry. Despite intense fears of socialism in the United States, proponents of Obama's plan say Americans must realize that in some respects our country already

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Thefts on Campus

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Connecticut College's Mission Statement reads as follows: "Connecticut College educates students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens in a global society." To further this mission, our college embraces core values. One such value is "Adherence to common ethical and moral standards," which hold the expectation that students will "monitor their own faithfulness to the principles of honesty and moral integrity."

As of late, it has become questionable whether all Conn students fulfill this expectation. Within a five-day period — between September 18 and September 22 — three thefts were reported from Park House. The exact details of the thefts are confidential because part of the investigation process is to not have suspects predisposed to any information from an ongoing investigation.

Director of Campus Safety, Stewart Smith, noted that oftentimes students "feel that it's a safe place here." However Conn "is not a bubble. The theft on campus is a reflection of the community of the outside world. What happens outside happens here too."

The façade of safety and community is the reason that many students leave their belongings unattended in the library, leave doors propped open and leave their doors unlocked.

Smith contends that it's "irrational to feel so safe. Students are subject to what other people do."

Some advice: "lock your door" and "let campus safety know if there's someone you've never seen before in the dorm."

One of the most effective things students can do is register their belongings with campus safety. The form can be found off the campus life webpage.

On the Property Identification Form, students may list the serial numbers of their electronics so that if something is stolen, there is more of a likelihood of their belongings being recovered.

Another thing students can do is register their computers on Lo-Jack. This program is incredibly effective; it pinpoints the location of your computer and is seventy percent effective in recovering stolen belongings.

So where do thefts occur on campus? Smith named the library during exam time because everyone is there and people leave their computers and iPods out. Another hotspot for stealing is the athletic center, and finally the Plex.

Smith distinguishes the Plex from other parts of campus because "the biggest population on campus has access to the whole Plex."

This, coupled with the presence of floor parties, make it easier for a theft to occur.

"Students come here and it's such a great time of their lives and they're not thinking of the bad things that can happen [which] makes it easier for a thief to do what he does."

When students do take proper precautions and change their perspective of safety on campus, "the less and less these problems will happen."



Photo by Kelsey Cohen

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recovery, and clean-up workers have registered with the state of New York as people with medical problems, or who are likely to have medical issues arise. Over 10,000 of these people have in the past received federally funded treatment for physical health conditions, and an additional 5,000 have received funding for mental health conditions.

The registration deadline is until September of next year, but after that date, newly registered victims will no longer be eligible for compensation from the state to help cover medical costs. This is an issue because many latent illnesses, such as cancer, which would result from the inhalation of toxic chemicals, cement and even asbestos particles, are expected to become evident in coming decades.

President Obama took action earlier this month by announcing that the Human Health and Services Department has reappointed Dr. John Howard as the country's 9/11 Health Coordinator.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg praised Obama for his action, and stated that as a result of Dr. Howard's work, "the country now has three centers of excellence dedicated to treating, monitoring and understanding the health impacts of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks." Bloomberg also said that Howard has in the past championed funding for research regarding the health of those affected by 9/11.

Although there is a new leader in place, there is still a negative outlook for existing programs, and Congress and the President are currently taking steps to address these issues. Recently, Representative Frank Pallone Jr. of New

York announced that at the end of September, will meet to discuss a bill which according to the World Trade Center Medical Working Group of New York City will, "provide long-term federal funding for medical monitoring and treatment of those affected by 9/11."

Throughout the country, and especially in New York City, there are programs in place, but their future is in jeopardy in coming years. According to the World Trade Center

tion, formerly the War on Terror continue. The War on Terror originally began in October of 2001 in order to remove the Taliban and Al-Qaeda leaders from positions of power, and the war has continued for eight years.

Obama stated in his speech at the Pentagon, "Let us renew our resolve against those who perpetrated this barbaric act and who plot against us still. In defense of our nation we will never waver; in pursuit of

sponse to the fact that August, the ninety-fifth month of the war was the deadliest in the eight-year war, with forty-six American soldiers killed.

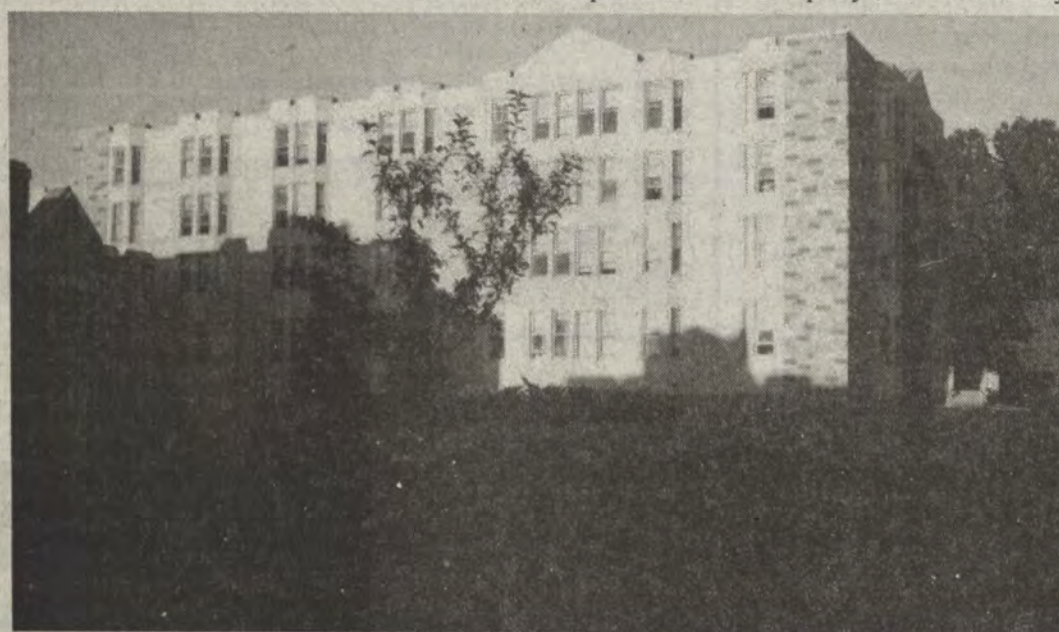
In addition to the increase in number of deaths among American troops, civilian casualties have been on the rise as well. 2008 was the deadliest year of the war so far, with over 2,100 civilian deaths, a forty percent increase over the previous year. 2009 seems to be equally if not more deadly.

deaths.

In response to the increase in number of civilian deaths from air raids, top military officials, such as General Stanley A. McChrystal, have called for a change in United States military strategy. The new strategy that McChrystal advises would involve concentrating airstrikes on Al Qaeda cells in Pakistan using special forces and missiles. This contrasts to the current strategy of focusing primarily on protecting the Afghan population from the Taliban. McChrystal submitted a report to Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates in late August, and it is currently under review by President Obama.

In addition to possibly restructuring the war in Afghanistan, other efforts are being made to restructure how terrorism is fought. In his first day in office, President Obama prohibited the use of torture and ordered that the prison at Guantanamo Bay be closed. Currently, Guantanamo Bay is home to terror suspects, and in the past it has had a history of torturing prisoners. Since Obama's inauguration eight months ago, however, the prison camp continues to house detainees, many of whom have been subjected to enhanced interrogation methods including sensory and sleep deprivation, sexual humiliation and abuse, and waterboarding. The off-shore military base's closure has met with Congressional opposition and the problem of where to hold and whether to release detainees. At its most populous, the base held about 750 people; as of January 17, 2009, approximately 245 detainees remain at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Additional reporting by Samantha Herndon. Sources available online.



Medical Working Group of New York City, a government agency in New York, the future of the programs are questionable. In their "2008 Annual Report on 9/11 Health," they said that, "Both FDNY and the New York/New Jersey WTC Clinical Consortium are funded through 2009 only." Other programs at Mount Sinai and Bellevue Hospitals in New York also have futures that are uncertain in the coming years.

Although Obama and other decision makers are making progress with those affected by 9/11 at home, other Americans are abroad serving in Afghanistan, as efforts in the Overseas Contingency Opera-

al Qaeda and its extremist allies, we will never falter."

In the coming months, experts believe that the war in Afghanistan will continue to escalate. Although President Obama has pledged to withdraw troops from Iraq by 2012, there has been no such statement regarding Afghanistan, and the number of troops there continues to rise. According to CNN, the United States currently has 62,000 troops stationed in Afghanistan, and NATO has an additional 35,000. By the end of the year, however, those numbers will rise, as the Pentagon plans to send 6,000 more troops. This is in re-

According to the "Mid-Year Bulletin on Protection of Civilian Rights in Armed Conflict," produced by the United Nations, there were 1,013 civilian deaths in the first half of 2009, a rise over the 818 Afghan civilians who were killed by this time last year.

There are two main sources of violence that lead to these deaths. The first is insurgent roadside bombs and suicide attacks perpetrated by members of the Taliban and other extremists, which resulted in around sixty percent of the deaths. The second main cause is Western military airstrikes, responsible for another thirty percent of the

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the sums spent on redistribution programs," or perhaps an alliance of the CDU and the FDP, one which conservatives are hoping for.

With Merkel's chance of continued chancellorship "almost certain," a likely option is the "left" coalition allied against the "conservatives," a government not dissimilar to our own. There are obstacles of course.

The Left party (the "pariah" of German politics) was culled from former East German communists and dissenting members of the SPD who claimed the SPD was not going "far enough." There has been a long-standing rivalry between the two parties and they will need to overcome this to form a stable coalition, perhaps with the Greens acting as a hinge.

Whatever the results, there are a few ineluctabilities. Baffled by our own healthcare debate, the Germans will certainly continue their "welfare state."

There is also a continuing debate about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and it seems likely the Germans will push to withdraw their troops to appease a dissatisfied public.

They will also certainly continue their longstanding green tradition, which includes the removal of all nuclear plants by 2011 (although Merkel has remarked that she is considering rescinding this promise).

Unlike America, Professor Forster noted, there are "fat" politicians in Germany. Shying from the "cult" of personality that surrounds our campaigns, the Germans tend to prefer their politicians serious and sober.

Many young students have begun to contest this view however, crowding Merkel's speeches in "flash mobs," shouting "yeahhh!" whenever she pauses. The protest, they claim, is about "having fun." One blogger painted the mobs as a "subtle way of presenting the other members of the crowd with a big question mark." There are, of course, downsides to this.

Another user wondered, "wouldn't it be funny if the international audience got the wrong impression," worrying that perhaps they would view it as some sort of "alarming German political euphoria." Given their history, Professor Forster noted, "[the world likes] the Germans to be boring when it comes to politics."



Chancellor Angela Merkel won the election on Sunday.
Photo from Web.

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is socialized (public schools, highways etc.)

So why do we need healthcare reform anyway? As of 2007, roughly eighteen percent of the United States population under 65 years old was uninsured. In the last three years, 12 million Americans were denied healthcare coverage through high costs as a result of pre-existing medical conditions.

Besides the staggering statistics, currently private insurance companies are dictating who receives coverage and at what price. Furthermore, private companies are known for dropping coverage when a customer becomes sick, leaving Americans in a vulnerable position: ailing and lacking sufficient funds to get better.

When the insurance companies begin to profit more from healthcare than do our citizens, we know it is time for reform.

So what will the bill do? President Obama's proposed bill will require private insurance companies to cover all customers, regardless of pre-existing conditions. It will also be illegal for companies to drop coverage when a customer falls ill. Furthermore, the bill will "cap out of pocket expenses," so that Americans do not become insolvent because of medical costs.

Moreover, President Obama has recognized that often, many Americans skip preventative measures and doctors check-ups as a result of high costs, so the reform bill will eliminate extra costs on items like flu shots and mammograms. The bill will also add funds to the Medicare Trust so that the future generation of seniors is guaranteed healthcare.

Given the current economic crisis, many worry how the healthcare reform plan will be paid for.

Obama has claimed that the plan "will not add a dime to the deficit," however it is predicted that the plan will cost \$100 billion per year for ten years. Proposed ideas to subsidize the cost include raising taxes on those making at or above \$250,000 dollars per year and, as always, cutting the administrative waste created by private insurance companies.

President Obama, while acknowledging the cost situation, brought healthcare reform into perspective.

"Now I know that at this moment, when we stand in the midst of a serious economic crisis, some might ask how we can afford to focus on health care... the question isn't how we can afford to focus on health care - but how we can afford not to. In order to fix our economic crisis, and rebuild our middle class, we

A New London Food Stroll

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Connecticut College freshmen got their first taste of New London upon participating in New London 101 during Orientation, a day-long crash course in the attractions of the area.

After this event, it is up to each individual to get motivated to explore all that this city, mere minutes from campus, has to offer.

The chance to do just that — experience the sights, sounds, and especially the many tastes of New London — is coming up fast. The tenth annual Fall Food Stroll of New London will take place in October.

This event, organized by the nonprofit organization New London Main Street, will feature 47 shops and restaurants, as well as three or four local music groups.

"It is a way to get to know the downtown district," said Betty Cole, a volunteer for New London Main Street.

For a nominal fee, attendees will be given a Stroll Ticket, admittance buttons, a list of the venues and a variety of coupons. Each business taking part in the event will be



marked with a plant or pumpkin outside the door. Many restaurants will be handing out samples of tasty signature dishes, and some downtown stores will extend their hours.

"We have gotten some great responses. People are surprised to find out we serve food, but they're happy about it- and they come back," said Caici Griffin, an employee at Washington Street's Bean and Leaf Café and Roastery, one of the venues.

In the past, the Food Stroll has drawn 800 to 900 food connoisseurs, mouths watering, to New London's many

eateries.

Dean Hanafin of Hanafin's Irish Pub on State Street said of the Stroll, "There are new faces that might not normally visit restaurants and businesses downtown."

The 2009 Fall Food Stroll will take place on October 14 between 5:30-8:30 PM. Tickets bought in advance will be \$20, tickets bought on the day of the event will be \$25 and groups of fifteen or more bought in advance are \$15 per person. Information on Connecticut College-specific sales is coming soon.

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Weekly Recap

How Each of Conn's Teams Faired Over The Past Week

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Men's cross-country competed in the 15th annual Iona College Meet of Champions on September 19. The Camels finished 21st out of 23 teams in a field comprised mostly of Division I schools.

Doug Wright '12 finished the men's 8K with a time of 27:15.26 for the highest individual performance on the team. David Aigler '11 and Colin Gallant '12 had the second and third fastest individual performances for the Camels finishing in 157th and 159th place, respectively.

The team continues their season September 26 at the Connecticut College Invitational at Harkness State Park in Waterford, Conn.

Women's cross country traveled to UMass-Dartmouth on September 19 where the team placed 10th out of 46 teams. Faye McKenna '11 collected All-Invitational honors with a time of 18:58 in the 5K, solidifying at 21st place finish, the highest for any individual Camel.

Kelsey Taylor '11 continued her momentum from the previous weekend's Trinity Invitational. She finished the race in 19:08, good for a 26th place finish.

Julianne Fowler '12 rounded out the top three individual performers with a 68th place performance run in 19:54.

The women's team will join the men's team at the Connecticut College Invitational on September 26.

Men's water polo traveled to Princeton, NJ on September 18 to compete in the 2009 ECAC Men's Water Polo Championships. The team played three games in a stretch of two days against some very talented Division I teams.

Although the team did not win a match, the Camels put up strong performances against Fordham, George Washington and Harvard that will set the tone for the rest of the season.

After **men's soccer's** dramatic season-opening victory over Bates, the Camels dropped a tough road game to Williams on September 19. The 4-0 loss was highlighted by goaltender Alex Martland '10, who had five saves in the loss.

The team followed up the loss with a showdown under the lights against the Coast Guard Academy on September 23. The Camels were able to squeeze out a 3-2 victory thanks to a last minute header by Issac Hancock '12. Trevor Prophet '11 knocked in the team's two first half goals.

The Camels kept the wins coming when #2 Amherst traveled to New London on Saturday. Conn stunned the second ranked team in the country, beating them decisively, 4-1. The match was highlighted by two second half goals from Graham Christensen '13.

Women's soccer is off to a hot start, as they have won three out of their first five games. The Camels began the season with a dominant 6-1 victory over the Coast Guard Academy on September 10. Conn was led by Erin Davey '10, who chipped in with two goals, and Sharon Katz '10, who recorded a goal and three assists.

However, the team followed up the performance by dropping their NESCAC opener to Bates on September 12 by a score of the 3-1. The lone score came from Katie Driscoll '12.

Driscoll continued her playmaking in the next game by tallying a goal and assist against Mount Holyoke on September

17.

A tough 5-0 loss to #3 Williams College followed on September 19, but the Camels were able to move back above .500 with a 2-1 overtime victory against UMass-Dartmouth on September 22. Driscoll had another clutch performance, connecting on a pass from Katz just over three minutes into overtime to seal a Camel victory.

On Saturday, the ladies could not build on the dramatic victory, as they lost a home match against #16 Amherst, 2-0.

Field hockey dropped a very tough game to Williams on September 19, losing 2-1. The Camels were unable to build on or hold their 1-0 halftime lead, a goal knocked in by Jennifer Wallace '10.

The team was able to rebound on September 22 when they recorded their second win of the season against Eastern Connecticut State University. The 5-0 win was led by Abby Hine '11, Hanna Wagner '12, Sarah Knowles '12, Kelsey Fredericks '10 and Wallace, who all scored goals for the Camels. Goaltenders Kelly Brennan '13 and Steph Quinn '10 combined for the shutout.

The Camels try to move above the .500 mark on September 26 with a home match against NESCAC rival Amherst.

Volleyball has been one of the most successful teams at Connecticut College in recent history. The team split a pair of matches the weekend of September 18-19.

The Camels were able to defeat Bowdoin in four games on the first day, but were unable to take down Tufts the following day, losing in straight games.

The team followed up the weekend's match-ups with a dominant victory against local Mitchell College on September 23, winning in three games. With the victory, the team moves to 6-2 and will travel to Cambridge, Mass. on September 25 to play in the MIT Invitational.

Sailing began their season with a slew of races, ranging from Branford, CT to Enfield, NH and King's Point, NY. The fall season consists of fleet racing for the team, which is much more individually based than team racing in the spring.

Upcoming regattas for the sailing team include races at Boston College, Tufts, the Coast Guard Academy and Boston University.

Men's tennis dropped their first match of the season, losing 6-3 at home to Manhattanville on September 22. George King '13 won in the #1 singles spot for the Camels. Conn also got wins from Colin Tsai '12 in singles and a doubles victory from Tsai and his partner Henry Friedman '12. The Camels hope to notch a victory the weekend of September 25-26 when they travel to Williamstown, Mass. to participate in the ITA Tournament.

Women's tennis got their season underway at the ITA Tournament at MIT from September 18-20. Rebecca Heupel '11 recorded a 7-5, 7-5 victory in the first round of the consolation bracket of the tournament over MIT.

The team continued their season when they defeated Mount Holyoke 7-2 on September 23. Doubles teams of Heupel/Smith and Sarah Krivoschik '13/Jen Herbert '13 recorded victories for the Camels. Heupel, Smith and Herbert each also threw in singles victories.

The ladies competed at the ITA Tournament at Williams this past weekend.

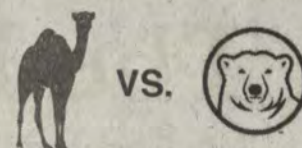
Blue Game of the Week

Women's Soccer vs. Bowdoin on Friday

EMILY WEBB
STAFF WRITER

This year, Connecticut College's chapter of S.A.A.C. (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee) is providing incentives for students to get out and support Camel Athletics with the "Blue Games."

Each sports team will pick a home game that they would like to have a large number of supporters attend as their



"Blue Game" of the season.

There will be posters and schedules up advertising these games for each individual sport.

Starting with the women's soccer team, S.A.A.C. will plan a series of events surrounding the game to draw fans to Tem-

pel Green at 2 PM on October 2 for the Camel women's game against the Bowdoin Polar Bears.

S.A.A.C. will be sponsoring a tailgate and encouraging supporters to show their Camel spirit with body paint, noise-makers and t-shirts for the most spirited fans.

Mark your calendars and get out to support Camel athletics this semester!

2009 AL Playoff Predictions

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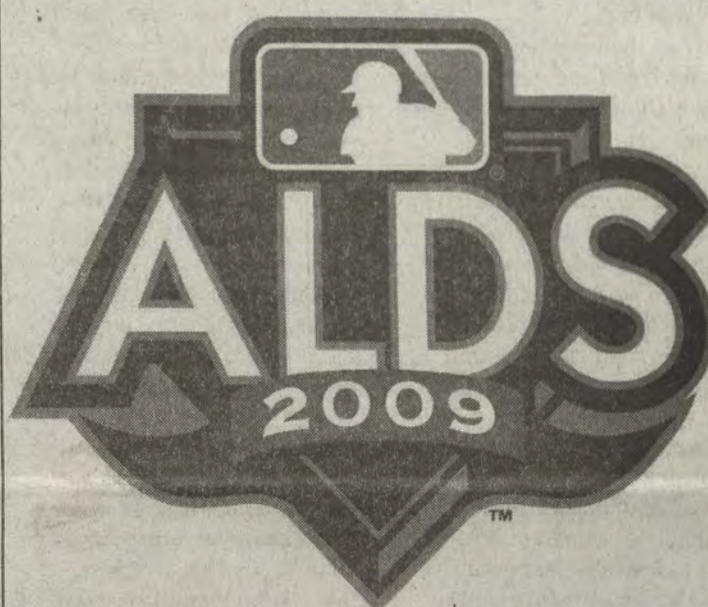
with 215 strikeouts and a 3.33 ERA. In Jonathan Papelbon, the Sox also have a strong closer to counter Fuentes; Pap's 37 saves and 1.94 ERA lead all relief pitchers on the team. The acquisition of Billy Wagner from the Mets has also strengthened the Sox bullpen. All together, it seems as if all the components of the Red Sox' pitching staff are fairly

the last laugh yet again. *Prediction: Red Sox in 5.*

RED SOX VS. YANKEES

Yes, the Tigers and Angels will try to spoil this matchup, but would New York and Boston fans at Conn really want it any other way? I think the Yankees and Red Sox are on a collision course this postseason, and this year's ALCS will be another instant classic.

We're guaranteed to see some



solid heading into October.

Who will come out on top in this intriguing series? Despite the Red Sox' dominance against the Angels in the postseason, they went 4-5 against the Halos this season. However, the Sox were 1-8 against the Angels last season, and they still found a way to defeat them handily in the 2008 ALDS. Looking at the hitting and bullpen aspects of both teams, I have to say that they're quite evenly matched. It all boils down to starting pitching in this series, and in that department the Red Sox have the upper hand as far as I'm concerned. I say this series will be closer than normal for the Red Sox, but they'll have

games that will last over four hours, and emotions will run high. Still, I'm a Red Sox fan, and there's no way I'm picking against my team in this series. The Yankees may have the (slightly) better lineup, but I feel that the Red Sox' starting pitchers will be stronger and more consistent than the Yankees' starters. New Yorkers and Red Sox haters may disagree, but I see the Sox winning the American League Championship in an epic seven game series. *Prediction: Red Sox in 7.*

Be sure to look for my National League and World Series predictions in next week's issue of *The College Voice*!

Coach Wuyke

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As he prepares to return to Venezuela for the ceremony, Wuyke finds himself flooded with e-mails and phone calls extending congratulations or offering an interview.

He looks forward to the ceremony and the festivities it includes while home, but has also been extended the opportunity to hold another great honor while back in Venezuela.

Gatorade hosts a 12-kilometer race that over 15,000 people typically attend in Venezuela, and earlier this week, Wuyke agreed to be the starter of the race while he is home for the Hall of Fame Ceremonies.

The race will take place just days after he is inducted.

Through all of his accomplishments, Coach Wuyke has not forgotten his role at Connecticut College. He still thinks

about his Camel athletes and his role in their season.

Several reporters have asked him why he chose Connecticut College when he could have coached at a Division I school.

Wuyke replied, "I originally planned to be here [Connecticut College] for one year. After that I fell in love with the school, but not only that, I fell in love with the students."

Wuyke, who is known among athletes and non-athletes alike for his "Wuyke runs," looks to impart into the students his knowledge of fitness and running that he has gained over the years. He also looks to teach them the lessons of discipline, toughness and hard work that running has taught him.

Although at times he is hard on students, he does it because he "wants to make them the best they can be."

The Camel Story

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it is an appropriate mascot for a college team.

While Shinault holds no regret in his decision, he does admit that the appearance of the camel served as a source of entertainment. He reported to CC Magazine, "We had a lot of fans in those days. We were so funny that people would come just to see what we were gonna do."

Sophomore tour guide Ben Stepansky tells the story of our mascot while bringing prospective students through the back hallway of Cro, which is lined with camel displays.

"I usually get asked how I personally feel about it, and occasionally get asked if I'm embarrassed by it," said Stepansky. "But I always reassure prospective students and their parents that everyone here loves the camel. At least we're not the Purple Cows or the Jumbos like Williams and Tufts."

With a mascot like the spitting camel, Connecticut College teams exhibit themselves as a worthy opponent against the other "unique" mascots in the NESCAC. There is no doubt in my mind that in a mascot battle between the Amherst Lord Jeffs and the Connecticut College Camels, the Camel would prevail.

The camel also gains a de facto win against the remaining "safe" mascots of Bates, Wesleyan and Middlebury. Be thankful that we are not the Bobcat, Cardinal or Panther!

For those of you, however, who are still unwilling to be Camel Proud, I may have some good news for you. According to Athletic Director, Fran Shields, "the College is undertaking an effort to standardize our Camel and give it a 'look' that is more 'determined, competitive and distinctive'."

While a facelift may help to offset some criticism of the camel, there are so many awesome aspects of our mascot already, why not have Camel Pride?

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The Longest Event

The Greatest Way to Spend Eight-and-a-Half Hours

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Laughter. Excited chatting. Melodious tones. Voices singing in unison.

In front of Cro, a group is visible through the shadows of the early morning hours. From a distance, it appears as if a small acoustic sing-along party is taking place. Look closer, and you'll see a group of spectators encircling a ring of champions who each have one hand touching a tree. Move closer yet, and you'll realize that these champions are tired, cold, and hungry, but never prouder.

Who are they? They are the survivors of the Longest Event.

The Longest Event is undoubtedly the most physically and mentally challenging event of Conn's annual Camelympics.

A representative from each dorm must keep at least one hand on the tree outside Cro at all times for the duration of the event. The point? To be one of the last ones standing when time is called.

This year's contestants had to stand outside from 6:30 PM all the way until 3:00 AM. As if standing like that for eight and a half hours wasn't enough, the contestants also could not leave to go to the bathroom, be fed by their friends, or be brought warmer clothes once it grew chilly.

So how did these competitors pass the time during this very long night? Games like "Never-Have-I-Ever" were played while funny dorm stories were swapped and the singing of a rousing rendition of "99 Bottles Of Beer On The Wall" could probably be heard all the way across campus. Also, spectators were always around to give moral support and cheer them on.

But after a few hours of this, some contestants became very antsy and were unable to



Sophomore Alex Zarecki kept spirits up with his impromptu three-hour jam outside Cro. Photo by Avery Yurman.

continue on. Those who persevered were getting nervous about their abilities to endure until the end.

When the weather suddenly turned frigid and damp around 11pm, things got even more intense, and many contestants began to wish they had dressed warmer. This called for more ways for the contestants to distract themselves. But between bonding with their fellow contestants and chatting with the supporters around them, amazingly most did not quit.

The crucial part of the night, according to all of the surviving contestants, occurred at midnight. At this time, a very talented vocalist and guitarist - Alexander Zarecki, a sophomore from Knowlton - began to entertain the contestants with great renditions of popular songs. Playing for at least three hours, Alexander endured the contest along with the contestants and some of the most

dedicated supporters until the very end of the Longest Event.

I, too, endured the contest for a good three hours, until the very end, and I had the opportunity to interview some of the contestants while we waited for 3 AM to come.

According to Ellen Nadel, one of the remaining 9 survivors, "The first two hours consisted of, 'Wow - is this actually happening?' or 'Did I pick a good spot on the tree?' But once we saw four people lose, we hit the point where we all wanted each other to make it until 3:00."

Another survivor, Vincent Fichera, said, "Alexander's music and everyone's support made it possible. Without them, I don't know what we would've done."

Brittany Shinn, another of the very few remaining, said, "This has been a great bonding experience, and a great opportunity to meet people from other dorms that I might not

have ordinarily gotten a chance to meet."

During the last few hours, while I was there, I watched as everyone both on and around the tree all joined in to the sing-along with Alex. Two spectators even left to come back with a didgeridoo and a drum, and a small acoustic jam insinuated. It was a truly fantastic and fun time for everyone involved. The sense of community we felt was tangible.

"5...4...3...2...1..YEAH!!!" was probably audible all the way down South Campus, when everyone participating in or attending the Longest Event counted down to 3 AM. The survivors felt extremely victorious, and all on-lookers cheered them on and felt so in awe of the fact that they had endured the event for all eight and a half hours.

After the competition ended, the musician Alex Zarecki said, "I thought it was beautiful. A

good friend of mine was doing the event, and I was going to keep her company with some songs. But then I ended up staying and playing some more. It was fun."

He continued, "I played every song I knew, and then some I didn't. This girl Liz, who was on the tree, was shouting out chords and I learned some songs that way."

Alex brought up something else quite interesting: "There turned out to be some inconsistencies with the rules and judging. Some of the judges said that the contestants could be fed by their friends and brought sweatshirts and things to keep warm, but then the 'main' judge came out later and yelled at everyone for having acquired these things during the contest. Some of the contestants tried explaining to him that '90 percent of the other judges were apparently misinformed about the rules.'"

"The 'main' judge was a little upset about this, and made the contestants take off the articles of clothing they didn't initially come with. Luckily he didn't eliminate anyone on account of this. This incident made other spectators and me angry, and even more willing to stick it out with the remaining contestants. I wanted to entertain them with music to help them get through until the end."

Sure enough, Alex's music was a very good distraction, and I can say this first-hand, as I barely noticed I was standing outside in the frigid night air for a good three hours myself! For those who bravely competed, and for those who watched in amazement, the Camelympics' Longest Event was surely a bonding experience to be remembered.

Video Game Review: *Scribblenauts*

The Nintendo DS Offers the Write Stuff with their Newest Game

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If you had to get a cat down from the roof of a house, how would you do it?

What if you had to break out of prison, surrounded by belligerent inmates and trigger-happy policemen?

Or stop a boat from crashing into an iceberg?

In *Scribblenauts*, the new game for the Nintendo DS, players are tasked with these and numerous other objectives.

Sound difficult?

Never fear! Developer 5th Cell has equipped the game with a word bank of over 10,000 widely various nouns for you to discover and utilize in your exploits.

Simply write in your desired tool/animal/weapon/whatever (excluding copyrighted material, alcohol, drugs and adult-themed words) and it will appear in the game world to help (or maybe hurt!) you in your journey.

The game offers a unique, charming, often hilarious and challenging experience to the player, though it can be hampered by touchy controls from time to time.

The initial appeal of the game is its immense word

bank.

Indeed, much of the game's fun comes from testing the scope of included items, which can be done right from the get-go on the game's title screen. This area is a virtual "sandbox" where you can create whatever you want and have your character, Maxwell, interact with your creations.

The meat of the game, however, lies in its over two hundred action and puzzle levels. These challenges are nicely

varied and creative, although the difficulty is inconsistent at times.

Occasionally, a seemingly impossible level will follow a no-brainer.

It is also possible that, due to the unorthodox game play, different players may experience considerably different learning curves.

But on the whole, the challenges are fun, reasonable and most importantly, can be solved in any number of ways.

Players can expect to spend a solid chunk of time tackling these obstacles, and doing it all over again later on.

The charm of *Scribblenauts* is undeniable. Maxwell is adorable, always smiling and cheerful as he runs about solving puzzles. The music is catchy and upbeat. Characters make short utterances to indicate their mood, from an interested "Hm!" to a guttural battle cry. Objects are easily recognizable and animate in a dapper

fashion.

The simplicity of the graphics is more than made up for by a style and humor that distinguishes the game from its less-inspired contemporaries.

The action is controlled entirely by the touch screen, while the camera can be operated by the directional buttons. This simple interface allows players to pick up the game and get going with little explanation needed.

However, it can lead to frustrations when attempting to work quickly. A misplaced tap on the screen can send Maxwell running gleefully to certain doom, often via a pit of lava or an unfriendly beast.

Time and experience will somewhat diminish these annoyances, but the game sometimes demands precision that one can't be expected to perform in a single attempt.

At the end of the day, *Scribblenauts*'s unique mechanics and charming atmosphere shine through despite its occasional shortcomings in control and consistency. Players who take advantage of what the game has to offer will find a gold mine of entertainment.

For a Conn-themed take on the game, see how many puzzles you can solve using a camel!



Help Maxwell solve puzzles with a dictionary full of over 10,000 nouns to choose from. Photo from Web.

New Album Reviews

The Resistance is Strong A Review of the New Muse Album

MATT GENTILE
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Starting in 1994, the resistance started when British alternative rock band Muse kicked off from Devin, England and rocked their way to the top of the charts. Muse has played a significant role in recent rock and roll, having won many music awards and established an incredibly wide international fan-base.

The group – which is comprised of front-man Matthew Bellamy and his impressive guitar-playing and incredible vocals (whose falsettos are reminiscent of the late Freddie Mercury), bassist/back-up singer Christopher Wolstenholme (whose bass playing has always been quite spectacular) and drummer Dominic Howard – strikes again with their fifth studio album, *The Resistance*, which made its launch on September 15.

Leading into the album was last week's release of the hit single, "Uprising," which made its debut on the charts on September 7. The single, which reached #1 on the Billboard Alternative Charts immediately upon its release (within only two days), is an interesting, energetic song that reminds us of older Muse hit classics like "As Time Goes By."

The whole band unites to make another excellent entry in its body of music, and "Uprising" ultimately succeeds because it has the feelings of both an exciting rock song and of an emotional piece. This combination of emotions makes the song easy to resonate with listeners.

Bellamy's vocals are so passionate and interesting. His great range as a vocalist shines once again here and throughout the rest of this album. Meanwhile, Wolstenholme is very distinct as a bassist. His extraordinary talents as a



Photo from Web.

musician are really manifested here.

While "Uprising" is an excellent achievement for Muse, the album as a whole is not perfect. Some of the songs are somewhat obscure, such as "The United States of Eurasia," where the message they try to convey about the European Union and its relation to America is rather unclear. Despite the song having, once again, strong vocals from Bellamy and being reminiscent of the Golden Era of Queen music (it rings heavily on "Bohemian Rhapsody"), it is sadly doomed for obscurity and is an unfortunate misfire.

On a brighter note, an astonishing set of songs on this album is "Exogenesis," which is a symphony in three parts and is different from what most of Muse has done. The three songs clock out to thirteen minutes total and are broken down as follows: "Overture," "Cross-Pollination" and "Redemption." It works more as a symphony than a song, and its composition is orchestral and classical. It is truly a departure from Muse's others works.

While interesting to listen to from a music connoisseur's point of view, the three songs may not be as transparent to the usual Muse listener. They may find themselves bored or impatient with the new direction they have taken.

It is important to understand that Muse, over the years, has seemed to polarize audiences: people are either rocking out on the grass at their concerts or covering up their ears on the far end.

That being said, their new album is an interesting entry in their body of work, although it is certainly not their best. With some interesting songs and daring directions, *The Resistance* may have trouble finding a broad audience. However, it will certainly be something unique, interesting and satiating for all of those who appreciate alternative rock music.

On a Connecticut College Camel Rating Scale, out of a possible 4, I'm going to give the new Muse album *The Resistance* 3 Camels.



Raekwon

Only Built 4 Cuban Linx... Pt. II

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It's been a long time coming, Mr. Raekwon.

Only Built 4 Cuban Linx... Pt. II was one of those legendary rap albums that every fan was hearing about, yet not hearing any music from (much like Dr. Dre's long overdue *Detox*. Still waiting...).

Finally on September 8, the sequel to Raekwon's classic debut was released. Sporting a rehash of the same classic cover of his first LP, Raekwon the Chef proves, after some mediocre releases, that he is back in full form.

The album starts off with a spoken word piece by a Wu-Tang affiliate, then dives full on into dark, New York inspired Mafioso rap.

The slew of amazing producers on the album, including Pete Rock, J Dilla (R.I.P.), Marley Marl, Dr. Dre and, of course, the RZA, make *Only Built 4 Cuban Linx... Pt. II* perhaps the standout hip-hop record of the year.

Laced with the usual Wu-Tang posse cuts and then some (Slick Rick!), Raekwon's record stands to cement his legacy of the founder of the subgenre of Mafioso rap.

"Black Mozart" is a classic RZA production. The song is threatening yet oddly calming, as Raekwon describes with ease the dealings of the crime underworld he was part of over an eerie, Orient-inspired beat.

"Catalina," one of two of Dr. Dre's contributions, is a more upbeat piece. The piano driven rhythm is a tad commercial, but hey, everybody needs a single.

Raekwon's reworking of the first verse of "C.R.E.A.M." from Wu-Tang's classic debut is a nice nod to his roots, though.

"House of Flying Daggers," a J Dilla contribution, has a grinding beat that is minimal enough to showcase the lyrical skills of the Clan, yet is immensely catchy and hard. It sounds like Dilla doing his best RZA impression.

The album has a loose concept, told in mostly third person. It is flooded with glamorous tales of the streets, complete with cocaine, murder, relationships and personal anecdotes.

All Wu-Tang members resume their alter-egos from the first part, so while the record is a nice reminder of the past, it is an update of the rugged sound of yesteryear.

The concept isn't completely clear, but Masta Killa's final verse on the final track ("Kiss the Rings") sums it up nicely. The beats are polished yet completely raw, with none of the snaps or vocoders of mainstream commercial "hip-hop" today.

Raekwon's flow is on point throughout. He packs street-wise wisdom and underworld swagger into each and every verse. I wish I could do justice with a quote, but the material is too explicit for a newspaper...

If you're a fan of the Wu-Tang Clan or '90s East Coast rap in general, this is a must listen.

If you think Kid Cudi and Drake are good, check your head, and then buy this album. As Method Man croons in "New Wu:" "Tell a friend/ it's that symbol again/ that W/ comin' through."

Standout tracks: "Black Mozart," "10 Bricks," "Catalina."

Other albums to check out: *Only Built for Cuban Linx...* by Raekwon and *Blackout! 2* by Method Man and Redman.

The Discerning Aesthetes

Archie and Friends versus *Watchmen*

DAVIS MCGRAW &
DAVE ALFONSO
STAFF WRITERS

Good afternoon, faithful readers!

As you may well be aware, we received some serious criticism from our Milwaukee readers regarding last week's "savage deconstruction" of the Angora rabbit.

While we send our heartfelt apologies to those whom we may have offended, we cannot let our journalistic integrity take a backseat to petty emotionality.

This week, we'll be comparing Comic Books!

STORY: *Watchmen*, by Alan Moore, is a epic postmodern take on the grizzled world of the contemporary superhero.

Archie and Friends, issue 111, by George Gladir (segment: The Archies in "Makin' it Big"), Mike Pellowski (segment: Jughead in "Cool Customers") and Craig Boldman (segment: Nancy in "Ms. Match") consists of the trials and tribulations of Archie and his tortured, teenage, suburban cohorts.

Watchmen broke new grounds in comic book story telling through layered flashbacks, fragmented narrative and elusive prose.

This installment of *Archie*



(L-R) Jughead, Reggie, Betty, Veronica, and Archie.
Photo from Web.

and *Friends* contributes three more vignettes to the Riverdale pastoral canon. Here we see Archie and the Archies gaining long deserved national attention, high school drama and loads of the gluttonous Jughead's wacky actions!

EDGE: *Archie and Friends*

PAPER STOCK: *Archie and*

Friends, a clear descendant of the classic yellow press tradition, is manufactured on a timeless and comforting newspaper, the tactile reader will be gingerly licking their fingers to turn these delicate pages.

Watchmen, by contrast, utilizes a glossy, consumer-friendly paper stock, durable enough to sit alongside the

galaxy of respectable coffee table literature.

EDGE: incalculable; this is neither the time nor place incite a class war.

REALISM: With a take-no prisoners, psychoanalytical approach to dystopian metropolitan life, *Watchmen*'s characters are as conceivable and coherent

as they are vitriolic, not to mention aerobic!

Except Jon Osterman a.k.a. Dr. Manhattan, the blue, nudist ubermensch.

Neither columnist was able to comprehend the function of this highly problematic character. (He can fly? There can be three of him? And sometimes he's dark blue? Our analytical minds reel in confusion.)

But have no fear! *Archie and Friends*, issue 111, is a refreshing exercise in visceral, uncompromising realism. From the sports cars to the surfboards to Jughead's snack-hiding drums and Veronica's fashionably tight blouses, there is little in *Archie and Friends* that we cannot relate to in our postmodern American milieu.

EDGE: *Archie and Friends*.

CONSENSUS: Though *Watchmen* receives high marks for imagination, you can't ignore Archie's inimitable blue-collar charm.

Bon Voyage and many happy returns!

Be sure to read our column next time, when we'll be discussing the similarities and differences between the South Beach Diet and The Communist Manifesto.

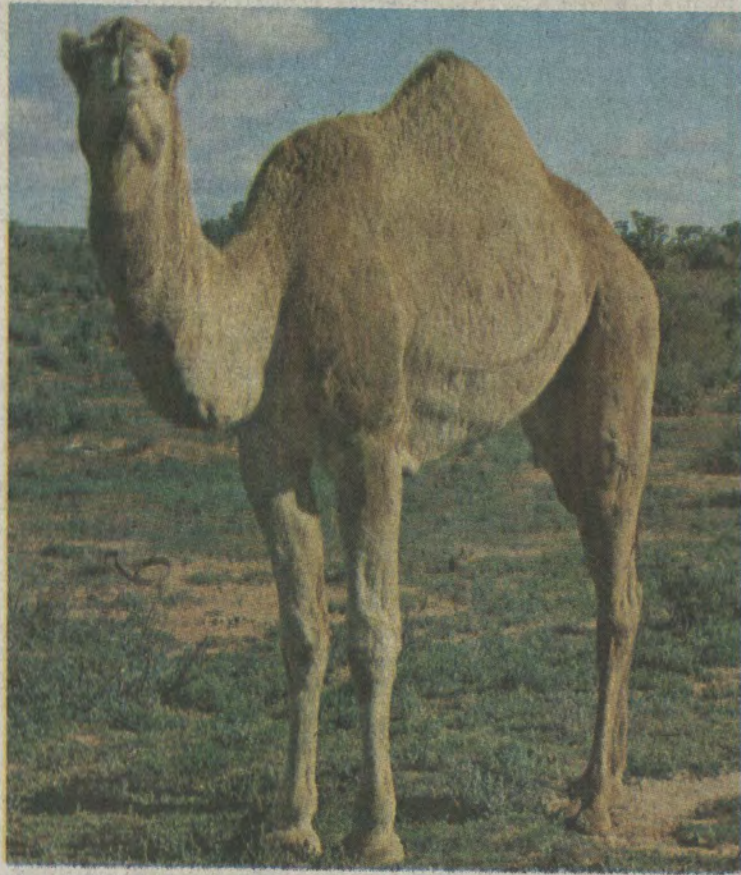
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SPORTS

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What's With The Camel?

The Real Story Behind The Conn Mascot

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From the day I decided to enroll at Connecticut College until now, the start of my senior year, I have been continuously asked the same question. Every member of my extended family, all of my family's friends and almost every new person I meet asks, "Why did you choose to go to school in Connecticut?"

I usually respond by saying that the East Coast is a great place for lacrosse, the sport I've been playing my whole life. People often give me a strange look, as they have usually never heard anything about the athletics here at Connecticut

College.

The monotonous conversation continues until it inevitably reaches the question of our school mascot. Once the word "camel" comes out of my mouth, I brace myself for the ensuing reaction, which ranges from surprise or confusion, to flat out laughter.

Then comes, "Why the camel?"

If you too have been stumped with to how to respond to this question, here's the real tale behind the camel...

The story begins way back in 1969, the year that Connecticut College became a co-ed institution. As men arrived on campus, so too did the sports culture. That first year, the new

men of the College attempted to organize a basketball team.

According to an article in CC Magazine, Mike Shinault, the head of the college's print shop and mailroom, was the lone volunteer for the job of head coach. Shinault had experience coaching several basketball teams while in the Navy, so he enthusiastically took the opportunity to lead the new men's team at Conn.

Although the team had found its head coach, they still faced the problem of deciding on a mascot. Shinault appointed himself head of the search committee, putting his creativity and sense of humor to use.

During his years in the Navy, Shinault had spent time in the

Middle East, and recalled one particular animal that exhibited the qualities he foresaw in his team: endurance, determination and strength.

And thus the camel came to be the established mascot of Connecticut College.

In a sports world filled with ordinary and tired mascots like the Eagles and Bears, the innovative and somewhat hilarious camel made its mark.

Throughout the years, the camel mascot has received a fair amount of criticism. Some students have thought the camel too unaggressive and ugly to be a mascot. Recalling what the camel is known for, however, confirms the fact

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Coach Wuyke Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

EMILY WEBB
STAFF WRITER

Coach William Wuyke, Director of Connecticut College Fitness and Wellness Center, will be inducted into the Venezuelan Athletic Federation Hall of Fame on October 9, 2009 for his accomplishments as a track and field athlete.

"It is a great honor. I never thought that I could be inducted into the Hall of Fame," Wuyke said.

Instead he always had his mind on the Olympic games as a dream.

For William Wuyke, his dream came true twice, for the first time in the 1980 Olympics and the second time in the 1984 Olympics, where he ran the 800-meter.

Additionally, in the '84 Olympic games, Wuyke was voted to be the flag bearer by members of the athletic community within his country. Traditionally, the flag bearer is the best all-around athlete for a country; the acknowledgement served to be one of the highlights of his career.

In 1986, Wuyke posted a time of 1:43.54 in the 800-meter dash, the third fastest time in the world and the Venezuelan record. To this day, that record holds in Venezuela, making it the longest running record in Venezuelan history.

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MLB Playoffs 2009:
American League PredictionsNICK WOOLF
STAFF WRITER

The MLB playoffs are almost here.

That sentence alone is enough to make any baseball fan's heart beat just a little bit faster.

The American League pennant race will be full of teams that are quite familiar with playoff baseball. In fact, all the teams in line to make the playoffs have been to the World Series in the past decade.

As it stands right now, the New York Yankees, Detroit Tigers, LA Angels and Boston Red Sox look poised to make the cut in the American League. The most important question, however, remains to be answered: Who will claim the 2009 AL Championship trophy? What follows are my unabashed (and slightly biased) postseason predictions for the American League.

TIGERS VS. YANKEES

The first AL Division Series will probably pit the Yankees against the Tigers. At first glance, this looks like a whale of a mismatch. I'm certainly no fan of the Yankees, but there's no denying they're the overwhelming favorites to win this series.

Giving the Yankees credit where credit is due, I will say



The Red Sox and Yankees know how to make the ALCS dramatic. Aaron Boone (right) homered to send the Yankees to the World Series in 2003, and David Ortiz (left) hit multiple late night walk-offs in 2004.

that their offense is potent. Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez, Mark Teixeira, Hideki Matsui and Jorge Posada are always dangerous come October, and all of these guys have batting averages over .270 this season. Even if Detroit's aces Justin Verlander and Edwin Jackson manage to contain these guys, the Tigers' bullpen will also need to stop the Yankee bats, and I don't see that happening.

While the Tigers have impressive hitters in Miguel Ca-

brera, Magglio Ordonez and Placido Polanco, the Yankees' pitching has subdued Detroit's bats very effectively throughout the season (Detroit is hitting a meager .200 against New York pitching in 2009). The Tigers only beat the Yankees once this season (1-5 overall), and I think they will manage to win just one game in this series. *Prediction: Yankees in 4.*

RED SOX VS. ANGELS

The second AL division



series will feature the Red Sox against the Angels. Oh, how the Sox love playing the Angels in the postseason! The Red Sox are an impressive 9-1 against the Angels in the playoffs this decade, and they'll be looking to add even more wins to their lopsided record in a few weeks.

Like last year's team, however, the Angels' bats have been hot in the second half of the season. Kendry Morales, Torii Hunter, Eric Aybar and Chone Figgins are all hitting over

.300, and Vlad Guerrero isn't far behind at .299. The Angels' pitching staff is also nothing to scoff at; Jered Weaver and Joe Saunders have 15 and 14 wins, respectively, and closer Brian Fuentes has 44 saves this year. These numbers are formidable, but the Red Sox have overcome stats like these in the past against the Angels.

The Red Sox have experienced a surge at the end of this season thanks, in part, to Victor Martinez. The Sox made a smart move at the trading deadline when they acquired V-Mart, and it has shown in his performance since joining the team. Martinez is hitting .330 since arriving in Boston, and Kevin Youkilis, Dustin Pedroia and Jacoby Ellsbury have all followed his lead with averages over .300 on the season. The Red Sox also feature power threats Mike Lowell, Jason Bay and J.D. Drew, who have all hit their fair share of home runs this season.

The Red Sox also have quality starting pitching down the stretch in Josh Beckett, Jon Lester, Clay Buchholz and a seemingly revitalized Daisuke Matsuzaka. Beckett has been dominant in the playoffs throughout his career, and Jon Lester currently leads the team

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Freeman's Camelympics T-Shirts Spark Campus Controversy

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The topic of race and racial issues has been a sensitive one on campus since last year's lobster fiasco. Stemming from a situation that I still can't claim to fully understand, the entire school was suddenly discussing class differences and racial prejudices, all the while many of us were afraid of saying anything at all, afraid to sound politically incorrect.

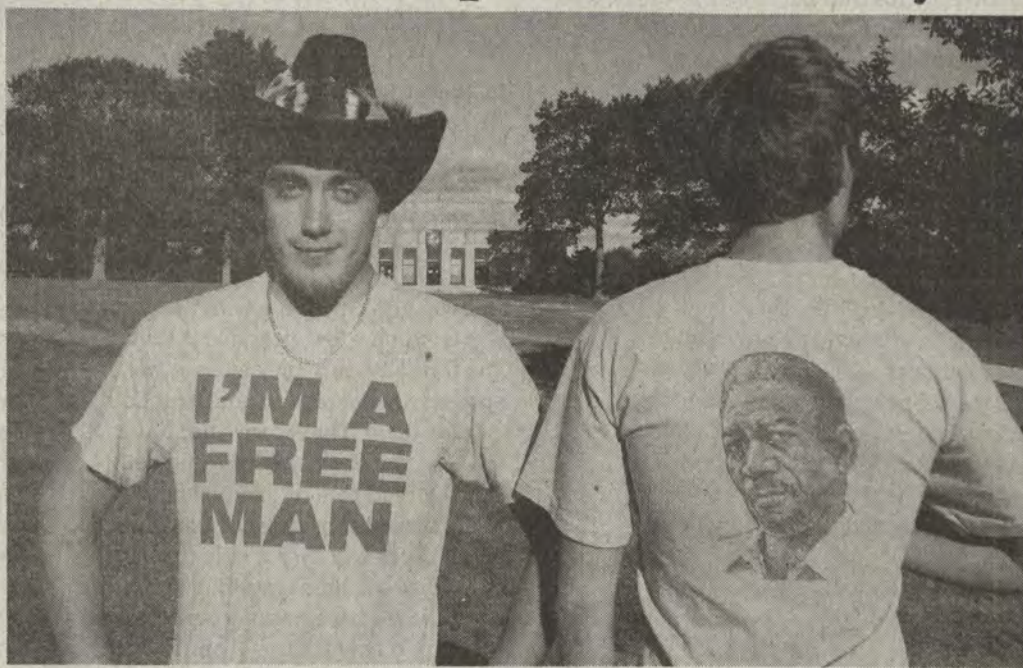
While the discussion of these issues was (and still is) legitimate and necessary, the explosion of differing opinions and tempers that occurred within the days and weeks following the incident caused a lot of frustration, hurt feelings and misunderstandings. Some of these same issues have resurfaced over the past week regarding Freeman's shirt for Camelympics.

The front reads, "I'm a Freeman" in all caps, with "Free" and "man" on different lines. The back depicts Morgan Freeman, long associated with the dorm in South campus. Last year, his face hung on the dorm's welcome banner as freshman arrived.

However, according to rumors, the picture on the back of the t-shirt was originally suggested to be Michael Vick.

The double entendre of Freeman and free man would have worked flawlessly in this case, as Vick has recently been released from prison for his involvement in an illegal dog-fighting ring.

This is not to say that the allusion to Morgan Freeman does not also have



its merits – not only does he share the same name as the dorm, he portrayed a man who was set free from prison in the movie *Shawshank Redemption*. However, as he is a black man, you can see where the problems begin with the phrase "free man."

President Barack Obama jokingly addressed our nation's obsession with skin color while on the David Letterman show last week. When Letterman asked if Obama thought recent criticisms of his job performance were "rooted in racism," he answered, "It's important to realize that I was actually black before the election."

Obama makes the point that a lot of Americans (and apparently, students at Connecticut College) still do not seem to understand – it doesn't always need to

be about someone's skin color. Every issue, every disagreement, every opinion, and so on does not always need to boil down to "it's because he's black" or "it's because he's white."

Obama's continuing struggle with the health care debate is due to from resistance from members of Congress as well as the American people to widespread change in the system.

The only reason Morgan Freeman was on the back of the Freeman shirts was because his last name is Freeman. He is also a beloved actor and important figure in popular culture.

I'm not sure who first pointed out the potentially racist implications of the shirt, but I do know it was approved by Residential Education and Living as appropriate. Due to refusals to com-

ment by the housefellow of Freeman and area coordinator of South campus, I also do not know who told Freeman residents that a hyphen needed to be added between "Free" and "man"; however I do know that the changes had to be made after students had already received the shirts.

What I do know, from talking to friends and residents of the dorm, is that this was one big misunderstanding. I honestly do not think that race was an issue while Freeman residents and student staff were discussing ideas for their Camelympics shirt.

However, Javier Mijares, SGA Chair of Diversity and Equity on campus, pointed out that, "Ignorance does not justify discrimination." The Connecticut College community has to be more aware of situations that could potentially hurt another member of our student body in order to prevent these situations to keep happening over and over again, despite how blown out of proportion they might become.

Obama hoped to run in the 2008 election as the first "post-racial" candidate. Many called this idealistic and unrealistic, but he just wanted to be seen for his politics, not his skin color.

While it is clear that he was not successful in this endeavor, he hopes to continue to make the issue of race a non-issue throughout his presidency. I hope that on our campus race can become less and less of a hot button issue because at such a small school, it's hard to think that we would try to offend or prejudice against our peers, neighbors, and friends.

...CAMPUS RESPONSES...

To the Connecticut College Community,

I write to you on behalf of the Office of Residential Education and Living regarding our recent Camelympics event. While the event saw some major success this year, it was also marked with two areas of concern. My hope is to address each of these areas of concern and to discuss how these concerns will be addressed in future years.

Camelympics is an event that is designed to bring students and houses together to celebrate the start of a new academic year. In an effort to improve our program year after year, a committee is brought together to debrief about the successes and challenges of the program and improve for the following year. Last year, the primary suggestion that came from the debrief session was to move the date of Camelympics earlier in hopes of gaining more participation, and to hopefully have nicer weather. In hindsight it is clear that moving the Camelympics date so soon in the academic year caused some issues.

Due to an oversight, Camelympics coincided with Rosh Hashanah as well as with the conclusion of Ramadan and the celebration of Eid. Many of our Jewish and Islamic students were not able to participate in Camelympics

this year due to religious obligations, and their presence was missed. It was never the intention of our office to exclude a portion of the student body from our event.

When the date of Camelympics was changed to mid-September this severely truncated our time schedule for properly preparing for the event. We asked the house staff to come up with t-shirt designs so that they could be submitted to the printer and returned in time for the event. This was a departure from our process in the past and one that we will no longer continue. In our haste to make sure that we had all supplies ordered on time, we sacrificed the quality of t-shirt designs that could have been produced. We also did not allow for residential communities to develop t-shirts that were more representative of them as a whole. Upon reflection, there were a number of t-shirts that were in poor taste and my office takes full responsibility.

On the other hand, I would be remiss if I did not also speak to some of the major successes of this year's Camelympics. We saw a marked increase with the number of participants in the event this year. Students competed in events down at the Athletic Center on Friday evening until after 1am, in Cro until 3am and then returned on Satur-

day to compete in events from 10am to noon. We also more than doubled the amount of money that was raised through coin wars. Following suit from last year, this money (over \$300) will be donated to the charity of choice by Smith/Burdick.

In order to properly reflect on this year's Camelympics event, the Residential Education and Living Advisory Committee will be discussing this event at great length and making substantive changes for the future. This group is chaired by Cayla McLean (SGA Chair of Residential Affairs) and myself. A summary of the discussion and outcomes will be submitted to SGA by mid-October.

To the students who were made to feel marginalized by the date chosen for this event, as well as those students who were offended by some of the t-shirt designs, you have our sincerest apology. Our office will work hard to make sure that these types of oversights do not occur again in the future. My door is always open for those students who wish to further discuss these issues.

Amy Gauthier,
Director of Residential Education and Living

To the Editor:

My opinion respecting the Freeman Camelympics t-shirt can be resumed as such: although I genuinely believe there was no malicious intent in the creation process of the t-shirts in question, the fact that people think that events of this sort can occur without there being any (racial) implications is the ultimate evidence of the transparency of white privilege. Unfortunately, ignorance does not justify discrimination. If the underlying issue is a matter of lack of education, then we should all seek to educate ourselves, particularly when it comes to issues that are sensitive to a considerable part of our community.

As Diversity and Equity Chair, I sent a letter to the Freeman house leadership and to The Office of Residential Education and Living, asking for an apology to the college community regarding the faults in the process of creating and approving the t-shirts.

Personally, I feel that the overall poor quality of the displays on the Camelympics t-shirts (not only the Freeman one) says a lot about the lack of thought that currently seems to prevail among the student body, especially in reference to matters of inequality.

Javier Mijares Cisneros,
Chair of Diversity and Equity for SGA

Skunked: Conn's Ongoing Paranoia

SARAH WEISS
STAFF WRITER

A friend and I are walking along Cro Boulevard one night when we encounter one of the numerous black and white furballs known to haunt our campus. We bravely start to walk past it, until my worst fear is realized; the creature raises its tail. My friend is sprayed full-on by the skunk, as I cowardly run away. Then, I wake up.

The infiltration of skunks here at Connecticut College is so disruptive to my daily life that it is seeping into my unconscious. Where do the skunks come from? Why are they here at Conn?

The problematic presence of skunks on our campus seems

to have risen to new heights, affecting the level of comfort many students expect of their home. A home is what Connecticut College should be, a place where students can feel secure and relaxed. Now while safety from harm is of course important, the issue of feeling free to roam the campus without meeting pesky animals is another factor altogether.

I find myself increasingly frustrated with having to rearrange the path I am taking in order to avoid the skunks. I walk past at least two of these musky creatures on a daily basis and once encountered four skunks within twenty feet of each other.

I began the year amused by their presence on campus, as I did last year, because they are

not animals I normally come across. However, the routine the skunks have formed in blocking my route to Cro or the Plex has taken a toll on my patience. I see countless individuals run away from the skunks or completely avoid entering a door with a skunk nearby.

The paranoia that I prided myself in not having, when I used to determinedly walk right past the skunks, has started to spread. Instead, I now find myself fearful and overly cautious each time I leave my dorm.

The skunk problem has added an additional level of stress that should not be weighing down our already maxed out psyches.

In reality, the skunks mean

no harm and are simply going about their business. But why they come to Connecticut College to linger on a campus full of rowdy students is unclear to me.

Just recently, I passed a girl trying to scare off a skunk, and I kindly advised her NOT to throw the rock in her hand. Although their presence is troubling, if we leave the skunks alone, it is unlikely that they will bother us.

In fact, I have read that skunks are actually hesitant to use their foul spray because they carry a limited supply.

Despite not posing much of a threat, the skunks are still a nuisance on campus, leaving anxious students and a rank odor in their wake.

The smell alone has pen-

etrated my dorm at least twice this semester. Not to be confused with the ever-present smell of "skunk weed" in the dorms, the smell of actual skunks is distinctly recognizable. The awful stench flooding the air of my dorm room has added to my newly discovered anxiety over these creatures.

So, what is the solution to this problem? That is one I have yet to discover. In the meantime, I plan to not let the skunks take over my life, and hopefully will never again find myself fearfully fleeing the scene presented in my dream.

THE GREAT DEBATE

Crimson Heroes

DONALD BUDGE
COLUMNIST

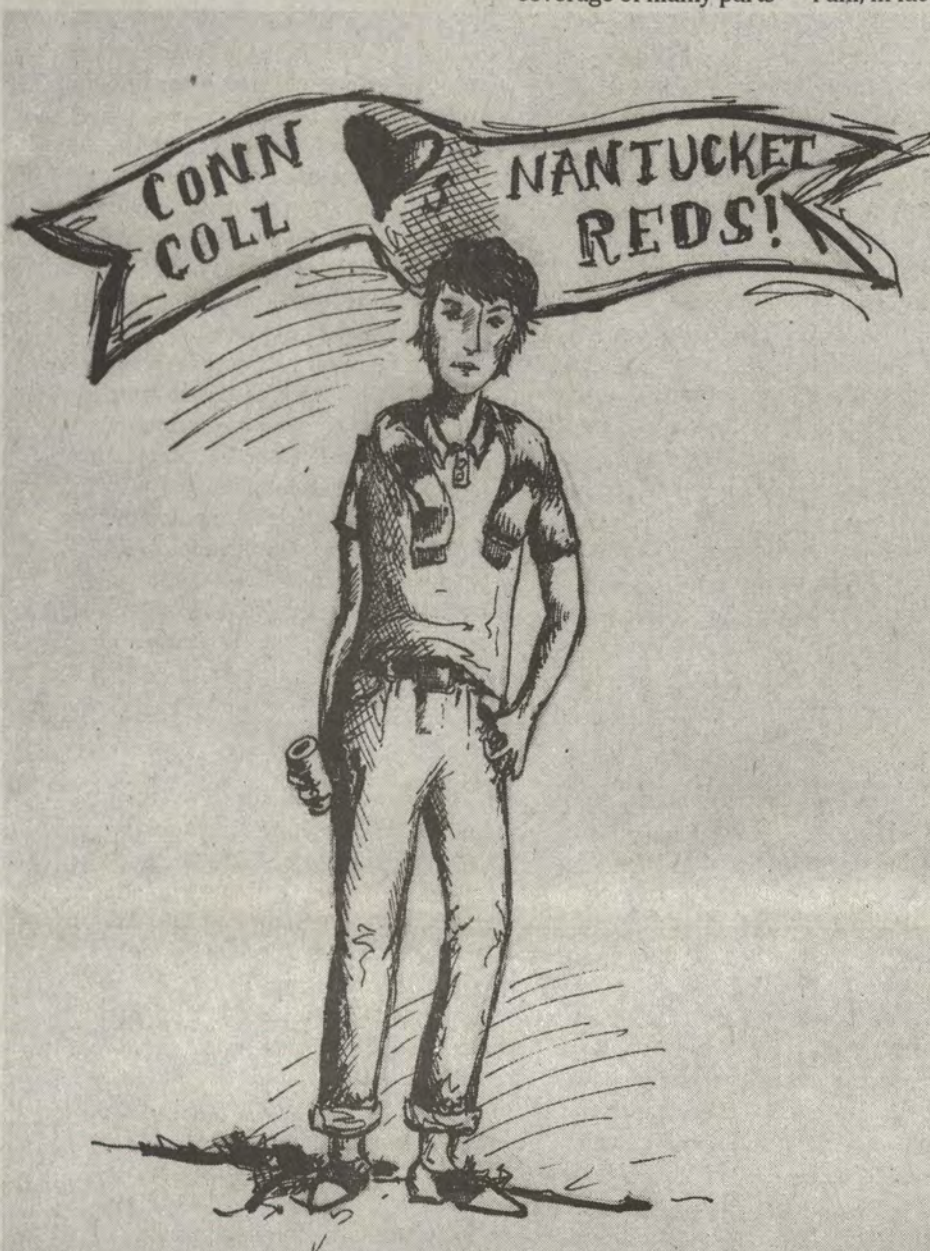
I've discussed many topics in my previous articles. Sometimes the campus needed me to acknowledge the upstanding job our friends at Nichols House are doing (especially with handing out parking tickets), or to discuss the upsetting reality that some students willingly choose to drink in an intelligent manner. But as a senior who has had time to reflect on my college experience I feel the need to start focusing on the real issues of Connecticut College, rather than simply pinpointing one aspect of college life. Now being able to see the forest for the trees, it is my duty to take a stand on controversial issues to foster a culture of respectful intellectual discourse. This is why this article is about Nantucket red pants.

Too long have our fellow classmates who wear these pants gone unnoticed. It is time to give them the attention that they deserve. Smooth, hip and sexy are all words we associate with Nantucket reds and the dapper gents and elegant ladies who wear them. Unfortunately, many students go on about their everyday lives without even thinking about the impact they have on campus. Adding a touch of panache to any social occasion, these pants look just as good as they feel, and they look great. Nantucket reds make it easy for men and women to add color to their wardrobe while still looking casual, especially necessary for those bleak winter months. For reasons beyond my understanding, some students have felt the need to talk about Nantucket red pants negatively. Whether these baseless attacks are out of jealousy of not owning a pair or sheer malice I do not know, but they must be stopped. I suppose one could complain that it's almost unfair how good looking these pants and the people that wear them are, but I'm afraid the nature of these complaints are different. Not only do these debonair pant wearing heroes raise the fashion bar for other students, but they remind us of what we can achieve here at Connecticut College as both students and human beings: to be both excellent and original, to be the best we can be while never losing our sense of who we are.

Sometimes I lie awake at night worrying if fellow colleagues can find fault in the last pure and wholesome

red pants on campus, might someone then criticize UGG boots, black North-face fleeces or even leggings? Fortunately every member of the Connecticut College community recognizes that UGG boots are comfortable and stylish, so no one would waste their time having pointless discussions about girls (and select men) who choose to wear them.

The fighting needs to stop. I think we can all agree that there is no need to further discuss just how well they compliment a white button down or even a t-shirt if you want a more casual downtown feel. What's important is that we as a student body face the facts: Nantucket red pants are here to stay and thank god for that.



by Alicia Toldi

Seeing Salmon:
A Crusade Against the Nantucket RedsJAZMINE HUGHES
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If you know me, you know two things: that I can text without looking, and that I hate 'Nantucket Red' shorts.

My vendetta against the seemingly harmless shorts started off as a mere annoyance: some guy walked past me with shorts of a color that should be reserved solely for cheeks, causing me to double take and trip over a blade of grass.

Little by little, my issue with the shorts went up a few sizes, perpetuated by the fact that seemingly every other leg-possessing male at Connecticut College owns them. That scares me.

Recently, my ordinarily relaxing daily walk from Blaustein or Fanning to Branford has turned somewhat disconcerting with the rise of rosy shorts covering some of the man limbs strolling around campus. Now, I have nothing against the coverage of manly parts — I am, in fact, a

huge advocate for it — but I find fault with such coverage being pink. There are plenty of other acceptable colors for shorts. Wheat, for example. Wheat is fine. I'll still be your friend if you wear wheat-colored shorts.

My walks through life have proven superficial — if I don't know you, I will not judge you on the color of your skin (that's lame) or the content of your character (I don't know you), but the color of your shorts.

Why do I hate the salmon shorts so much?

Firstly, they are not 'salmon', nor are they the ever-popular 'Nantucket Red', a name that was probably birthed on a yacht and should not be used outside of a description in a L.L. Bean catalog. These shorts, my dear friends, are pink.

Pink, like the Victoria's Secret line. Pink by any other name still covers the Barbie aisle. If you're going to wear them, man up. Call them pink.

This brings me to my second reason: "Why can't men wear pink?" asked Adam Miller '11. "Real men wear pink, so why can't I wear pink shorts?", all the while ironically eating a pink Starburst. Sorry, Adam, and other like-minded men, but pink is a girl color. No amount of political correctness can prove otherwise. Even referring to them as 'salmon', hoping that relating the shorts to food, and thus the way to a man's heart, won't legitimize them. It just makes me crave seafood.

Thirdly, THESE SHORTS ARE EVERYWHERE. Quite similar to Vera Bradley wallets amongst our girl population and chlamydia at Conn during the 2008-2009 academic year, they are pervading our campus. Having plenty of brainpower that I choose to use for mundane purposes, I spend my day counting the pairs of salmon shorts that I see. My highest count is eleven — lowered in the event that I saw the same person more than once. In terms of people's interests, cell phone providers, and varying distances between home and Boston, Conn proves to be a relatively diverse school... except for in matters of shorts. Mix it up.

Thus, males of Connecticut College, I urge you to rid yourself of these wretched articles of clothing, freeing yourself from the tyranny of the yacht-club culture. You look better in jeans, anyway. Salmon is not a good color on you.

If you don't like it, eat my shorts.

Spicy Black Bean Soup Starring Boof in: Reds



by Justin Levy '09

Reflections on Nantucket Reds, Changes in Harris, and other Equally Pressing Issues of Personal Responsibility

DONALD BUDGE,
LELAND STILLMAN
COLUMNISTS

I'm exhausted. I'm sweating. My stomach feels like its tearing itself to shreds. I can't do anything. I feel like I'm about to shit my Nantucket red pants. I need to lie down. Do I have swine flu? No, I ate from the hot line at Harris Fine Dining. Maybe it's easy to attack Harris Fine Dining, or maybe they should stop serving the "ham with fruit topping."

An entire article dedicated to demeaning Harris Fine Dining would be similar to fishing with dynamite or looking good in Nantucket red pants

Additionally, many of our most humble students have raised this to an art form we dare not rival.

While Harris Fine Dining may provide a quick easy fix much like a freshman hookup, some are looking for more meaningful experiences. Food is more than just fuel. Food is a focal point of all life. Civilizations may rise and fall with their food supplies. Which explains why the great nation of America has innovated yellow cake. Yellow is not a flavor, and I am not interested in tasting a color unless it's Nantucket red on a pair of sharp looking pants.

Food connects people to

each other and to their community.

While Harris Fine Dining is convenient, it divorces us from the New London community. Imagine how much more involved we would be if students frequented Fiddleheads Food Coop, and volunteered there ten hours a month for the ten percent discount. Imagine if they worked for F.R.E.S.H. New London for fruits and vegetables. Imagine how much more colorful downtown New London would be if a few stylish gents were there sporting their Nantucket reds.

But this is bigger than Harris Fine Dining and our collegiate food ways. This is an article

about the meaning of a liberal arts education. Having the college take care of meals, utilities, maintenance, and the like allows students to accomplish a great deal, but it also limits our exposure to the responsibilities of life that become our realities after graduation.

There are few experiences more educational than living on your own, rather than living in our convenient bubble. These experiences, like finer cheeses, ripen with age, but the results can be quite shocking.

Many college students leave for the real world feeling like they have just woken up with a hangover after their metaphor-

ical tent dance. Some students may graduate feeling that having mouse trap fights, uprooting various exotic plants or wearing Nantucket red pants is acceptable real world behavior (hint: it is not).

We do not advocate that the college mandate off-campus housing. But the current system is flawed in that students applying for specialty housing miss the deadline for off campus housing applications.

While recommendations for the college administrations are as numerous as Nantucket red pants, we humbly suggest that the college encourage more off campus housing to foster personal responsibility.

THE GREATER DEBATE

Less Government is Better Government: A Libertarian Perspective

LELAND STILLMAN
STAFF WRITER

Through economic hiccups, downturns, and catastrophes there is always one billboard that infuriates me to see is still up: medical assistants. Do I hold any special ire for these well-meaning individuals?

In spite of my misanthropic tendencies, no, I don't.

It infuriates me because the money I spend, that you spend, that anyone spends on healthcare isn't paying for medical expertise, nor even for those spiffy toys that hum and whir as they determine by abstruse mechanical thaumaturgy what ails you.

Your monies are going to some assistant moiling through mounds of dead trees, which will be sent enclosed in more dead trees to another assistant in a dreadful office cubicle, and from there they will disappear into the nebulous disaster of a faceless, joyless, money-grubbing corporation.

What is the solution to this catastrophe? Many on the Hill would like you to think that the answer lies in more legislation and more regulation. I will side with Lao Tzu, and say that is a terrible idea.

What's ruining healthcare is regulation and litigation. There are mountains and mountains of paperwork to be done, by government mandate or out of fear of law suits. It causes insurance companies to go out of business, creates barriers to entry in the insurance market that preclude new competitors, and thus makes everything more expensive.

What we need is not more government, more regulation, and more paperwork, what we need is tort reform, industry deregulation, and a return to traditional medical practice, where the patient was part of the process, instead of a piece of meat on an operating table, whose fate hangs on the pen of a bureaucrat.

Competition in the healthcare industry will resume if the market is allowed to function, and with competition will come decreases in prices.

Economists are in agreement that free markets are better than government control. The

failure of communism has proven this.

The other extreme is individualism and personal liberty, which are exactly the values that have allowed America to realize unprecedented wealth and comfort. And if you continue to doubt my assertions, consider the following: "Queen Elizabeth owned silk stockings. The capitalist achievement does not typically consist in providing more silk stockings for queens but in bringing them within reach of factory girls."

Medicine shouldn't be getting more expensive, it should be getting less expensive. Every system in which the market is allowed to rule eventually tends to become cheaper. Two hundred years ago in this nation, most of your time was spent scrounging enough to stay alive. A hundred years ago, a lot of your time was spent thus.

And today, you can get by working almost not at all (especially if you have a government job, hint hint more government is bad). Your money spent on healthcare isn't going to your doctor, or even the pharmaceutical companies, it's going to some faceless middle man, ambulance chaser, malpractice attorney, government bureaucrat, or any one of the myriad professions that are propped up by an over-regulated, bloated healthcare industry.

Government sucks at doing what private industry can do. Government is usually only brought in to deal with industries that have been so overregulated that the market has ceased to work, like a wild animal tied up by so much

red tape that it can't survive without your help. The answer is not to add more red tape, it is to set it free. Healthcare is a classic example of this.

Let people make their own choices, instead of having someone else make them for them. How did healthcare operate for so many years before all this red tape? It operated on the assumption that the populace could make its own decisions without having their options curtailed by government or litigation. It operated on the assumption that people can be responsible for their own actions.

Some of you will say it's the only way forward, and we can't go back to no regulations and reduced litigations because it's too hard.

Personally, I am willing to settle for mediocrity in the mundanities of life. But I refuse to accept anything less than honesty, respect, and justice from my government. Anything less than that is tyranny.

Time and again, government management of public interests has been mediocre and tyrannical, at best, so don't expect the enlightened, socialist utopia the politicians are spinning from their marble halls on the Hill.

Instead, tell them you want healthcare where you make the calls, where the decisions aren't made by corrupt lawyers or politicians at the beck and call of lobbyists, but by you.



Tax Reform and Healthcare Analysis

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In last week's issue of the *Voice*, I made the case for creating a national regulatory system to ensure that a competitive national market for health insurance would replace the uncompetitive separate state health insurance markets that exist today. While tearing down the barriers to a national health insurance market would result in lower healthcare costs and insurance prices Congress should also enact both a subsidy to help individuals pay for health insurance and a tax on those who choose to go without it.

That 46 million people in the United States do not have health insurance coverage is a big problem. When a person is not covered by health insurance, in the form of either private insurance or a government programme such as Medicare or Medicaid, he imposes a hidden cost on the rest of society.

If he suddenly becomes ill, he must pay the costs of his treatment out of his own pocket.

But if he cannot, as is all too often the case, he must file for personal bankruptcy, and the government must pay his medical expenses. Currently, the government allocates some of the revenues from the taxes levied on everyone in society to pay these expenses. This imposes on everyone in society the costs of a few of its members' actions — in this case, the cost of their decision not to buy health insurance. Instead of allowing this situation to continue, Congress should enact a tax on those who go without health insurance to fund the backstop that pays for the medical expenses of those that go bankrupt. Besides funding the backstop for the uninsured, this tax, along with a subsidy paid to individuals who choose to buy insurance coverage, would encourage those without health insurance to buy coverage, thus reducing the number of individuals not covered by health insurance.

But Congress should take one further step in changing the tax code: it should end the tax deduction for employer-provided health insurance. According to the U.S. Census

Bureau, 87.7 percent of all people with private health insurance coverage in 2008 obtained it through their employer. Under this arrangement, employers buy a company-wide plan to cover their employees. This situation has a few unintended negative consequences: first, employers merely cut their workers' salaries or wages by the cost to them of each worker's insurance; second, an employer has no incentive not to pay extra for wider coverage, since in the end the price is paid by his employees; third, workers have little control over their insurance coverage, and are not able to change plans easily; and fourth, employer-provided insurance ties workers to their current jobs, since if a worker wants to change employers, he would have to change his health insurance as well.

This situation hurts the ability of the economy to reallocate resources in the labour market, as newer and smaller companies unable to provide health insurance for their employees find it more difficult to hire workers away from their current jobs — a worker with his health insurance provided by his current employer would lose his insurance and have to find a new insurance plan on his own if he left to work for a smaller company.

The tax deduction on employer-provided health insurance allows companies to avoid paying taxes on the income that they use to pay for this insurance — thus, an employer has an incentive to buy insurance for his employees and cut his employees' salaries by the cost of the insurance, as such a trade-off increases his profits by lowering his tax bill.

Scrapping the deduction would discourage companies from offering their employees insurance, leading more companies to drop insurance coverage for their employees and increase their workers' salaries instead. This would make more individuals responsible for their own insurance, and thus more responsive to the costs and benefits of different insurance plans, since they would know that they, and not their employer, were paying for their coverage.

Last year, the *New York Times* invited college students nationwide to submit a personal essay that would illustrate the current state of love and relationships. Students were faced with this question: "From the hippie culture to the AIDS epidemic to the Internet revolution, love has gone from 'free' to fraught to Facebook. What is love now, in this age of 24/7 communication, blurred gender roles and new attitudes about sex and dating?" We wish to respond.

Making Nonsense

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COLUMNIST

Let the more valiant person claim to know the ways in which Love has changed, because Love never mutates.

See, though inexplicable and inexhaustible, Love is reasonable and finite — blissful and melancholic. Did you know that scientist have, in fact, confirmed that love is as addicting as cocaine! Love, someone said, is the opium of the masses. It is at the epicenter of our ethos and wildly swerves in the profane. Love is existence. Love is lust, period. Love is. Period. You need not water it to make it grow; you need not wait to see its beauty. Like a cigarette, Love burns quickly; sometimes, Love too burns slow. Love is the exhaustion of words. Love can be found at my fingertips, in her palm, and in the soul of your feet, search. Love is body and cerebral. Love.

Love. Who knows what Love is anyway?

As such, neither the cell phone nor the Internet influences Love. Love never mutates. Yes, Love is as fluid as dreams — it exposes itself to hippies and to jingoist alike. No, Love is not less 'accessible' to computerless folks — Love is not more corporeal in the West than in the East.

'Love is Lovers lying, naked, in the sun.' Love. Who knows what Love is anyway?

El amour no tiene lengua o kultura. Love's authentic and fraudulent. Love ends and _____. Love takes work. Love is that coinciding sense of stillness and mania brought on by his presence. Love is the poison in her lips that jolts the soul out of the body and into the ultramundane. Note: Love is a beyond control. Love is a ritual, at times spiritual, at times not. Love moves, unhampered to human conditions: I have met Cupid, and Cupid is Black and white, male and female, gay and straight, Latino and Chinese, Muslim & Christian & Atheist — Cupid is God. But in the end, Love aims to make masochist of all.

Love. Who knows what love is anyway? I love, I've loved, just as I am sure that I have been in love, but I admit to not knowing love. It is a thing, not subject to definitions.

Therefore, though it is true that the world in which Love and we reside is in perpetual change, the only accurate statement that one can make about love, like truth, is that it existed during the AIDS epidemic, it existed for the Hippies, it existed much before them, and it exists, somewhere, today.

What is Love Now?

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What is love now? It is still the subject of countless heart-lifting and heart-breaking songs, still the abstract concept that both blinds and binds people: has it changed? No, I don't think it has, though one of its main means of conveyance certainly has. The ever-contingent romantic relationship has most definitely changed, and it has done so drastically.

First of all, relationships way back in the day were hardly more than a matter of economics — the rich and beautiful married one another for status, namesake, and money, regardless of any love or even attraction. Relationships gradually changed, thanks primarily to Jane Austen, into a bond with much more attention to love than economy. As I am no expert, I will not try to argue that there was a prime time when love and relationships coincided. Sadly, I believe that a great majority of relationships in the here and now are not based upon true love.

The 24/7 age of communication has brought to our society a slew of relationships based almost entirely on co-dependence. Constant communica-

tion has increased insecurities in and maintenance of relationships a surprising amount. Relationships occur much more frequently, and last much longer in an age where communication is so pervasive and far-reaching. Facebook, instant messaging, and cell phones all give us means to cling tenaciously to one another. Many of my fellows in the iGeneration (which is one of the many names given to us all) can't imagine what life was like before all of these wonders of technology. But I truly believe that if a relationship is a genuine one, based on love, it works out (to some degree) no matter the technology or distance.

What ever happened to letters? Few write them now, but I think they are analogous to relationships (of any kind — romantic or otherwise): it takes effort to sit down and write a good letter, just as it takes effort to sustain and nourish a good relationship. It only takes a minimal amount of time and energy to write an instant message, a wall post, a text message or even an e-mail. Similarly, it takes little effort to enter into in a relationship of co-dependence and clinginess. Getting out, however, is another matter entirely.

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Editor's Voice

Not a Bubble!

Jazmine Hughes wrote last week about safety concerns on campus, especially in light of the "bathroom creeper." I have plenty of safety concerns of my own, and ones I think that all students should seriously consider. I repeat: we are not in a bubble.

Although the "bathroom creeper" was later identified as previous sex offender Thomas Lee Walden, who was hired as an independent contractor for the college, a person intent on committing (or likely to commit) an offense such as sexual voyeurism, assault or rape does not necessarily have to be a hired worker.

We are an open campus with four entrances wide open during the day and limited ID checks for cars, and endless pathways and easily-scalable walls inviting visitors anytime day or night.

Any person with an interest in coming onto a campus full of young college-aged men and women can easily do so. And we quite often forget this.

Aside from Walden, check out the list of other sex offenders from Groton, New London, Waterford, Mystic, Ledyard and other nearby towns and cities. The list is extensive. (You can read about it here: <http://www.sor.state.ct.us>)

Campus Safety, try as they might to protect us, is limited in resources, both that of staff and supplies such as guns and handcuffs. The most they can honestly do is call the New London police in case of widespread campus emergencies.

But this is not unusual. Most other college campuses have similar limitations with their campus safety merely because they are not police themselves. They don't have the rights to make arrests.

This being said, they are a useful resource. I have great respect for the girl who called campus safety when she noted suspicious activity by the "bathroom creeper." Her actions were commendable and something every student should keep in mind if they are faced with a suspicious person or action.

We are not a bubble. Conn is in the real world. And we should keep this incident with Walden in the back of our minds when walking around campus at night, seeing suspicious-looking people in dorms or in Cro at night, etc.

I also strongly encourage my friends at Campus Safety to maintain consistency when checking cars at night. I know realistically that anyone can walk on campus or jump over the back gate, but let's keep the standards as high as possible, and our campus as safe as possible.

Also a shout out to Physical Plant – please continue routinely checking the card swipe systems for the houses. There's nothing creepier than noticing the card swipe system doesn't work and the front door to your house is wide open. Especially mere hours after reading Dean Briddell and Stewart Smith's original email to the campus community.

-Claire

Thanks from the Editors

On behalf of Larrabee Third Floor, we would like to thank Physical Plant and all involved in the upper echelons for fixing our bathrooms. It says great things about a school when it can respond so promptly to the needs of its students.

Kind regards from instigators, Lilah and Alfred

A special thank you to the SGA Finance Committee for helping us continue to afford our production costs.

You are the best.

Love,
Claire

Letters to the Editor

After three years at Conn, I find myself getting frustrated over the same thing every day. This campus is painfully apathetic, and this apathy breeds ignorance that was exhibited in the Voice last week. In the opinion piece titled "SW6385: Dover White", Lilah Raptopoulos remarked that she "hope[s] that [SGA public relations and the deans] begin to use that authority to do their job: clearly informing the student body of changed made on our campus and the reasons behind them."

I am curious if she read the email sent out weeks ago by SGA President Peter Friedrichs describing in detail changes that were presented to SGA by administrators at the beginning of the year. I also remember multiple emails from Dean Briddell's office about swine flu updates, and others with Campus Safety Director Stew Smith informing us about the arrest of a perverted man spying on females in Cro.

Proclaiming that SGA is not doing their job is a ludicrous assertion, but at the same time is an understandable one. The vast majority of the student body has no idea what their senators, class presidents and SGA executive board members do on a daily basis because they do not care to get informed. It is easy to complain and criticize about something you choose not to become educated about.

I am not trying to defend inaction. I am begging you to act on your own accord to be a part of Conn's system of shared governance. SGA meets every Thursday at 7:15 and spends as much time as necessary listening to problems and concerns of the general student body. Many Thursdays this "student open forum" does not happen because students are too busy preparing for that evening's festivities. That is your own choice and I am not going to tell you to go to SGA every Thursday (because trust me, it sucks sometimes). If you have serious issues you would like addressed, however, take ten minutes before your pre-gaming commences to come and ask some questions.

But before you proselytize about SGA's failures, have a conversation and get educated. The men and women on SGA truly care about enhancing the overall student experience at Conn, yet they are hardly ever shown any appreciation. Writing articles for this newspaper is an easy way to throw rocks at an establishment that most students know very little about. At the beginning of the piece, Ms. Raptopoulos writes that "[i]f this dual communication can be achieved, we'll be that much closer to attaining a real dialogue." I could not agree more. But SGA, the faculty, and the administration are trying to

have that dialogue and students are not responding. Besides attending student open forum, there are SGA office hours, House Council meetings, and various workshops and discussions that are organized for the chief purpose of informing the community about the activities of its government.

Opinion articles and "Conn-Coll Confessional" tirades are not constructive avenues towards "dual communication." Join a SGA committee, come to open forum, talk to your senator, set up a meeting with an administrator: do something. Apathy is an easy alternative to getting involved, and I can see the allure of complaining and then not doing anything. I guarantee you that our apathy will propagate more unilateral decisions from the administration and less information to the student body. I appreciate that students, faculty, and administrators can complain about the way our student government runs because it reassures me that what I do matters. What I cannot get over is that they stop at the complaining and fail to act. After three years of seeing this happen, my frustration causes me to speak out. And I implore you to respond.

Sincerely,
Corey Testa '10

I wanted to write in to commend Alfred and Lilah for drawing attention to the state of Larrabee, specifically the 3rd floor bathroom, in last week's edition of the *Voice*. I am a senior and am in my third year living in Larrabee, not particularly by choice.

Freshmer: year I was in a triple and remember incessant fire alarms due to the boiler room in the tunnel, not to mention the constant power outages – heaven forbid I dried my hair with the light on while my neighbor tried to watch TV.

I even recall on his first tour of KB and Larrabee, President Higdon coming into my triple and apologizing to us! (To be fair, at that point we still were refusing to bunk our beds since none of us wanted to be on top.)

Sophomore year I was assigned to Lambdin off the single's waiting list. Then, when I came back from abroad last spring, I wound up back in Larrabee, this time on the 3rd floor. The same problems highlighted in "This Weak at Connecticut College" were happening then, albeit not to the same extent:

the ceiling dripped, the floor was always soaked, and I always felt dirtier after being in there.

Now as the senator of Larrabee, I was shocked at Sunday's House Council meeting to learn that this problem had not only gotten significantly worse, but will not be fixed until Fall Break at the earliest, and most likely not until winter break.

Why weren't these issues addressed during the summer? It's not as if Physical Plant was unaware of the problem, given that they were regularly in Larrabee last year with ladders and wet floor signs. I know our budget is tight, now more than ever, but there really are some things that take precedence, this being one of them.

I want to second the request made my Alfred and Lilah for the administration to please take note of this – we are not beyond repair!

Sincerely,
Sarah Howe '10
(Larrabee Senator)

Please take "swine flu" seriously! Someone's life could depend on it.

I am writing to thank all those who are taking every precaution to avoid transmitting the flu. It is evident to us in Health Services that many are listening to our message.

Your efforts are critically important to protecting the most vulnerable members of our community. I appreciate the satirical humor of Sarah Weiss's article "Swine Flu: It's Not That Serious" and Justin Levy's accompanying cartoon in the September 15 issue of the *Voice*.

But as Sarah points out, the usually mild H1N1 virus can be very harmful – even fatal – to people with underlying medical conditions such as chronic asthma, pregnancy, diabetes or a compromised immune system. Students may not know how vulnerable a fellow student may be – these conditions are often invisible to us.

Nor can one know the conditions of the family members of any given faculty or staff. Cornell University, for example, has already had one student death from complications of H1N1.

Please help keep our campus and the New London community as healthy as possible by following the Centers for Disease Control Guidelines at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>.

Sincerely,
Cate Moffett,
Director of Student Health Services

Editors Note to "Letters"

Please see the opinions section for Letters to the Editor submissions by Amy Gauthier, Director of Residential Education and Living and Javier Mijares Cisneros, Chair of Diversity and Equity for SGA. They both write in response to the Camelympics t-shirts made by Freeman and the confliction of Camelympics with the dates of religious holidays of Ramadan and Rosh Hashanah.

Also note that the Larrabee bathroom situation referred to in the previous issue of the *College Voice* has been remedied over the past week.

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