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## Make All the Sandy- wiches

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We interrupt our usual food-scapades to bring you a Hurricane Survival Guide in the event of a hurricane that actually affects us kids on The Hill. As many of you know, nothing happened here save for a few fallen trees, which in an arboretum is not terribly surprising. We feel very guilty that we were so devastatingly unaffected by the hurricane, while our neighbors in New York have been reduced to a giant river. Even New London suffered the wrath of Sandy, while we complained about our two-day Hurrucation and watched in slight amusement as the screens blew off our windows.

In our defense, in the days leading up to Sandy, the Internet promised us a "superstorm" with the face of a *Spongebob* cartoon character, which we were disappointed to not see as we looked outside on Monday. As we rushed to prepare for the Franken-pocalypse, we realized that everyone in the world was doing the same thing, and Target could not keep up with the demand for bread and water. We needed to think of new ideas.

In the case of an actual power outage (damn you, flickering lights), many of the usual college food items would be useless to you unless you want to devour shards of raw Ramen or sniff the cheesy powder that comes with your Easy Mac to stave off the hunger pangs. In order to prevent a *Hunger Games* scenario in the arboretum, we suggest buying the following items: crackers.

That's it. All you need is crackers. Just crackers. You could put peanut butter on them. Or not. You could put Nutella on them. Or not (because you probably don't have a knife in your room). We hope. You could stock up on Poland Springs water bottles, but good luck avoiding the death glares from the hordes of environmentalists on campus. You could also buy Halloween candy and proceed to eat so many Reese's Peanut Butter cups that you vomit sadness and self-hatred because you just ate that entire bag within the first hour of the storm. Looks like your rations are gone. Rookie mistake.

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## Hurricane Sandy Slams the East Coast, Campus Damage Minor in Comparison

MEREDITH BOYLE  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Last week, the entire East Coast was hit with super storm Sandy, who left much destruction in her wake. As Connecticut College students watched neighborhoods in New York City burning, or the entire Jersey Shore get swept away, most of us sat happily in warm, lit rooms. Our daily life, for the most part, was not interrupted. The college was extremely lucky in weathering the storm, suffering the loss of a few huge trees and power outages in a few on-campus houses. Vice President of Administration Ulysses Hammond said,

"We were very fortunate to have limited level of disruption at the college."

Nevertheless, the Emergency Response Team, chaired by Hammond, began monitoring the storm as early as one week before it hit. The Emergency Response Team includes administrative staff from the Office of College Relations, Residential Education and Living, Office of Student Life, Campus Safety, Dining Services, Information Services/Phone and Technical Systems, the Powerhouse, the Environmental Health and Safety Officer and Physical Plant. The Team met in person twice during the storm and was in constant contact via email and conference calls.

By the Wednesday before the storm hit, the Emergency Response Team began implementing an emergency hurricane plan that the college already had in place for this type of situation.

"The hurricane plans calls for us to start battenning down the hatches," Hammond said.

This involved moving all boats off the water, trimming loose limbs on trees, advancing Dining Services food deliveries, clearing storm drains to combat flooding, topping off fuel tanks as well as inspecting all of the school's five generators. The college purchased an additional generator for this particular storm, which Hammond said could

power the entire powerhouse if needed.

Beyond the typical planning that one might deem obvious, the Emergency Response Team was occupied with many activities that students would never have even known about. For example, three cell phone charging stations were set up around campus in the event of major, prolonged power outages. Furthermore, Campus Safety officers were stationed in various places around campus for safety reasons, but also to monitor for fires that could break out during the storm. Residential Education and Living identified units for re-locating students in the event of a house being evacuated.

MEREDITH BOYLE

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# Editorials

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## Editorial

By this time, you may be sick of reading about Hurricane Sandy. You know, that storm that ravaged the East Coast but seemed to leave our hill relatively unscathed?

Before Sandy arrived, I had mixed emotions. Part of me couldn't believe the campus could actually lose power, or that a hurricane that had already traveled so far would still be strong by the time it reached us. The other part of me was terrified when I heard that the bread and water aisles in major grocery stores were empty in New London. So my attitude fluctuated between apathetic and alarmist; at no point did I really feel like I had a realistic grip on the situation. Lucky for me, the college did.

To prepare, I filled up my gas tank, bought a couple gallons of spring water and refused to unplug my computer or iPhone all day on Monday, for fear of power loss. And I thought I had aggressively prepared. In the meantime, however, the Emergency Response Team was discussing contingency plans as early as one week before the storm hit. And from my discussion with Ulysses Hammond, it seems like they had thought of everything.

From generators to stockpiled food, the Team had the basics covered. But even luxuries, like a cell phone charging station, were worked into the hurricane response plan. They even had the Campus Safety gatehouse working the phones, fielding phone calls from worried parents who were anxious about how the campus would fare in the unpredictable weather.

In my opinion, the best aspect of our college's response was their use of technology. Not only were my parents kept well informed by emails, but the Office of College Relations also sent out updates to students immediately after each Emergency Response meeting, with updated closure times for important facilities like the library and fitness center. Moreover, for students on Twitter, the college was certainly present via @ConnCollegeLive – a venue where students interacted with staff, asked questions or just tweeted to let everyone reading know that they were safe.

When praising the emergency response effort, it would be impossible to forget the staff. I had a conversation with a Dining Services worker on Monday morning who wasn't

sure if she'd be able to get home Monday night, but came to work anyway. While dishing up a salad at dinner on Monday, a Campus Safety officer told me how, while patrolling campus, he had to brace himself against his car during one of the strong gusts of wind. What's more remarkable than what these staff members did for us on campus, is what they sacrificed at home to do so. Many left their families and kids alone in the storm so they could serve the students.

In the aftermath of the storm, being on campus can almost convince us that Sandy didn't even happen, and some students have treated the storm like a joke. A short drive to any neighboring town, however, shows another side of the story. At the time of this writing, many residents are still without power. Approximately 110 people have died in the U.S., and many others are missing. Places like New York City and the Jersey Shore will be recovering for years to come.

The fact of the matter is we got lucky for two reasons. First, our elevated location is what most likely saved us from the worst of it. But second, even if we hadn't been as lucky, I'm confident that we would have been safe and well-taken care of thanks to extensive planning on the part of our school. The majority of those hit by this storm didn't have an infrastructure of emergency responders to make contingency plans on their behalf. Joking about the storm only reduces the importance of the college's hard work.

It's in situations like this that we are reminded exactly how much of a bubble college life can be. Most of us, whether due to ignorance or simply being too busy to follow the storm, didn't realize that Sandy could generate the destruction that she did. The efforts of the college to keep us safe made me question whether or not, if I had been out in the real world and not on a college campus, I would have known enough to properly prepare.

On behalf of my entire staff, we would like to say thank all who contributed to the storm effort – from the staff that left behind their own families to monitor our safety and cook our meals, to those who kept us updated via a nearly constant stream of information and provided activities to keep us occupied: thank you.

-Meredith

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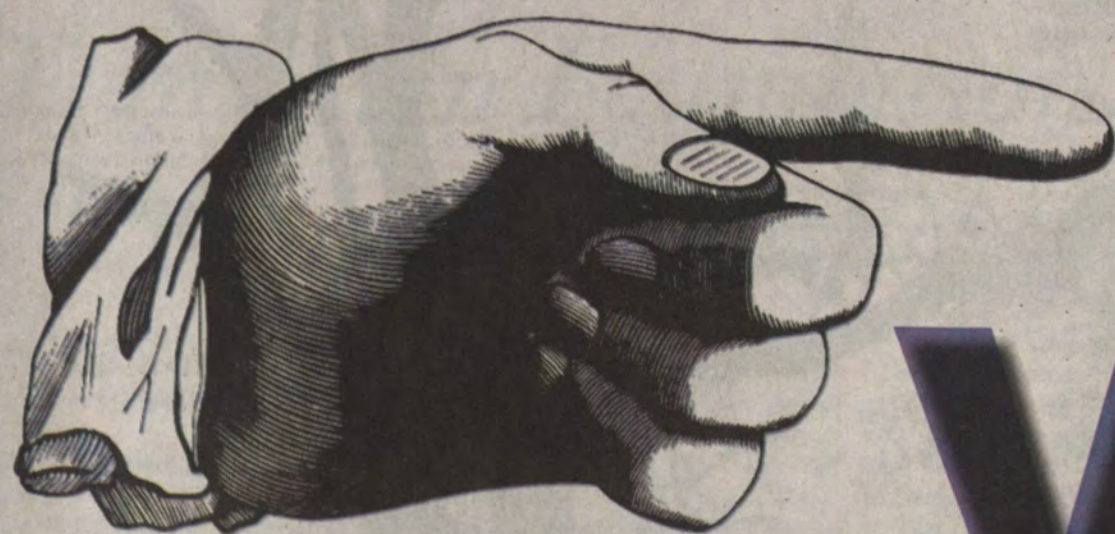
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# News & Features

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# GO VOTE

## ELECTION DAY ACTIVITIES:

CC Dems will be tabling in Cro during the day on November 6.

Later in the night, CC Dems and SGA will be co-hosting an election party in Cro's Nest, where students of all political affiliations are welcome to come watch the results come in.

## VOTING DETAILS:

If registered in New London, students should cast their ballots at New London High School, 490 Jefferson Avenue

OVCS will provide rides downtown from Cro every hour, all students should bring two forms of identification.

PAIGE MILLER

## HURRICANE SANDY AT CONN



MEREDITH BOYLE



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## Extra Life Unites Gamers For a Good Cause

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On Saturday, October 20, fourteen members of the Connecticut College Gaming Club took part in a nation-wide charity event called Extra Life, in which organizations and groups participate in a gaming marathon for twenty-four hours in order to raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Extra Life was founded in 2008 by the Sarcastic Gamer Community in honor of Victoria Enmon; a little girl who lost her life in January 2008 to acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Now, in her memory, people across the country gather sponsors and pledge to play games of all sorts for a total of twenty-four hours. Extra Life started at 8 AM on October 20 and officially ended twenty-four hours later.

The goal of the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals is provide children with long-term care for serious illnesses, like cancer, regardless of whether or not their parents can afford to pay for it. To do this, these hospitals depend on donations from events such as Extra-Life. There are Children's Miracle Network Hospitals all over the country in order to help as many local kids as possible. The Gaming Club exceeded their nominal goal this year, and raised \$2,881.01 for the Hartford Children's Hospital.

During Extra Life, games are not restricted to video games on consoles. Participants can play board games, games of tag, sports, etc.

The members of the CC Gaming Club that participated in Extra Life started off the event with a Nerf battle in the arboretum on Saturday morning, and ended it with a croquet match on Tempel Green on Sunday morning. Throughout the course of the day, students played board games like Connect Four in the Lambdin game room and video games in the Smith Common Room. Apples to Apples was popular among those participating in Extra Life, but even members of the club who didn't partake in Extra Life hosted events around campus to bring everyone together. Everyone gathered later on in the night to play games and stay motivated to finish the event.

Around 10 PM, members of the club gathered to watch the movie "Cabin in the Woods." They turned the viewing into a game by notifying the rest of the group whenever they found a horror movie trope.

Eileen Stall '14 was the Gaming Club's coordinator for the event. She discovered Extra Life over the summer and brought it to the club's attention earlier this fall. Stall chose Extra Life because of the fact that it didn't restrict its participants to video or computer games. Because games of any kind are allowed, the event is more accessible to non-gamers.

Members of the club spent the week leading up to the event advertising at a table outside of Harris and received many donations from students. Matt Mitchell '13 raffled off an Xbox 360 to Conn students who sponsored an Extra Life participant.

Stall took part in the Extra Life event and chose to play only competitive player versus player video games for the duration of the event. Stall streamed her play over the Internet throughout the day so that donors could watch and support. The purpose of the live stream was to get people interested and make them aware of the Extra Life organization.

Eileen admitted that it was hard to stay awake for twenty-four hours straight, but overall, she enjoyed the experience. She found it comforting to know that there were others around the country who were involved in the same event and that they were just as tired as she was.

Stall and the Gaming Club's president, Max Novak '13, thought that Extra Life was very successful and want to make it an annual event. Next year, they hope to work with the college to find a communal space that can stay open for twenty-four hours. Novak hopes to make the student body aware of Extra Life and get them involved in the cause. One way he wants to do that is by linking the Gaming Club's Twitter feed to the college's feed, and spread the word through social media. •



MEREDITH BOYLE



CLARE BRENNAN

## College's Emergency Team Prepared for All Possible Contingencies During Sandy

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Jon Litt '15, a College House resident, described the damage. "I was rattled, honestly. We were sitting around with the power out, and then we heard the horrific sounds of snapping wood and then, worse, thuds. We ran to the windows and sure enough, we had two trees down. We went out to investigate and it was ridiculously windy. Trees fell but were caught by a sturdier tree, which is currently keeping our house intact. Another tree was inches away from crashing through our kitchen."

Litt and the other residents of the house were evacuated on Tuesday morning and were offered empty rooms in the Plex by ResLife.

Perhaps most impressive of all the Team's preparations was the staff turnout. The college has a policy that requires all "essential staff" to report for work even during storms. Hammond said that in Dining Services, for example, the amount of staff normally on site in emergencies is 45%, but for Sandy, the dining halls were operating with 95% of the staff. In addition, an

estimated ten to twelve Physical Plant workers remained on campus, and extra Campus Safety officers were called in. Hammond reported that many of these staff members stayed overnight.

"Campus Safety has been very helpful. They came over immediately after the trees fell and checked it out, made sure it was safe at the house. Stewart Smith [Director of Campus Safety] came by later in the night to check in on us," Litt said.

"Our staff, they're just heroic. They really are," Hammond said. "[Those who report for duty during emergencies] are what we call essential staff and so that is what all essential staff sign up for, just like police officers or firemen."

Hammond said that the most instrumental person coordinating efforts on campus was Dean of Student Life, Jocelyn Briddell. "It was Dean Briddell quite frankly who led the effort to make sure that students had activities throughout the storm and were constantly being advised by College Relations about the status of the storm. She was like a gen-

eral, really, making sure that students needs were all being addressed and also thinking ahead in terms of contingencies," Hammond said.

Dean Briddell and the Office of Student Life worked to keep students safe and occupied, offering events all around campus so nobody would have to walk too far in the storm. "[We] worked diligently to ensure that student safety was paramount before, during, and after the storm as well as worked to provide some activities including Hurricane Bingo during this time. I hear it was a blast!" Briddell said.

Meanwhile, concerned students and parents were kept up to date on the storm and its impact through web bulletins, emails, Twitter and Facebook. The college's storm update web page saw more than 7,000 hits during the storm. The college's Director of Public Relations Deb MacDonnell was responsible for coordinating all of this information.

"We have been thrilled to see more and more students using @ConnCollegeLive as well as our other social

media channels. We appreciate the real-time feedback from students and the opportunity to communicate with you as a group and individually. We know it's important for you to get timely answers to your questions, particularly in a stressful situation with lots of unknowns," MacDonnell said.

Even for the Emergency Response Team, the impact of the storm was unknown. Multiple contingency plans were in place. For example, in the event of a prolonged power outage, Hammond said the school would have been evacuated. Students with cars would have been allowed to drive home, as long as the conditions allowed. All other students would be moved to a safer location.

"Given the limited power outages on campus, we did not have to make that determination. But evacuation is always part of the equation. One of the safest places to be during an emergency quite frankly on this campus is on campus because of the structure of our buildings and our location," Hammond said. •



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## Dominion Foundation Grant Fuels Conservation Efforts on Campus

MARINA STUART  
STAFF WRITER

In the spring of 2012, a grant was created by Dominion Foundation to, "Encourage the development of programs for post-secondary students aimed at developing a skilled work force in areas critical to Dominion," according to the foundation's website. The Corporate Foundations and Government Relations Office contacted Josh Stoffel, the Sustainability Manager at Conn, about applying for it.

"Once I was notified about the Dominion grant, I began pulling together ideas for a grant proposal with help from a number of students, specifically Genevieve Harding '13, the COST Program Coordinator, Peter Horgan, our Manager of Energy Systems and Dr. Chad Jones," said Stoffel. "Together we pulled together a grant proposal for this opportunity."

Conn was awarded a grant of \$40,000. According to Stoffel, it will be used for the "Establishment of a student-led energy conservation and engagement program that we are calling the 'Reduce Your Use' program." The money will be used to monitor five buildings on campus and limit the energy consumption in each. A Program Coordinator will oversee all the activity in the particular building to which he/she is assigned.

"The program coordinators will use a variety of community-based social marketing techniques to help support building occupants to adopt more sustainable, low-energy behaviors," Stoffel said. "They will also participate in discussions about how to engage with people about energy conservation who wouldn't normally be interested in such a topic."

Mary Buchanan '14 is one of those program coordinators. "Our jobs are funded by the grant," Buchanan said. "Basically our goal is to work with the people who work in these buildings to reduce energy use in ways that are going to be compatible with their work and sustainable over the long haul."

Buchanan is in charge of reducing the energy in Hale Laboratory. The other four buildings targeted are Blaustein, Becker House, Cummings and Olin.

"We don't want to hassle anyone, so part of our job is figuring out how we can engage with people about energy issues in ways that will resonate with what they care about. We also want to make it easier and more convenient for them to adopt energy-saving behaviors," Buchanan said.

The goal is to get everyone on campus involved with tracking energy consumption in the buildings, which is why the academic buildings most frequently used are being targeted.

"They [the program coordinators] are very conscious about the fact that only a small percentage of people care enough about the environment to change their behaviors. Thus, they will be also using other facets of energy conservation to engage people," said Stoffel.

The economic effect of energy consumption is one of the other facets of energy conservation.

"Even students who aren't that interested in the environment might care about the economic consequences of wasting energy, because money that the college saves on energy usage can then be used for plenty of other things instead," Buchanan said.

Natalie Bennett '16 agrees with this, "If it's only in academic buildings, I don't think I will be affected much because I don't spend that much time in them, but it does make sense to try to reduce the energy consumption as a whole because of the economic costs associated with the overuse of these resources."

Another way the program coordinators are getting the campus community involved is through electrical meters.

"The grant is also providing funds for the installation of electrical meters in each of the five target buildings," said Stoffel. "With the installations of these meters, the students will be

able to track energy consumption over time and to see if their efforts have any impact on the energy consumption in their building over time."

This program is a surefire way to get more people involved with sustainability on campus. "I think this is a good idea because it's a way to give people information without overloading them with it; it's subtle and more universal than something that will just affect a club and it will be throughout the whole year and years to come," said Alex Tritto '16.

Since this is just the beginning of the program at Conn, the Office of Sustainability and the program coordinators are hoping to shape this program so it can be built upon in the upcoming years.

"We have designed the program to allow each program coordinator to develop a deep understanding of the people who utilize their assigned building, so that they can use the community-based social marketing techniques and support information that will have the biggest impact on their target audience," said Stoffel.

Buchanan agreed, adding, "Once we know more about how to successfully reduce energy usage in these buildings, we'll be able to apply that knowledge on a wider scale across campus." •

## SGA Moves to Amend Lockout Policy

MEREDITH BOYLE  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Last Thursday, SGA passed a resolution to change dorm lockout policy. Currently, the policy mandates a \$25 fee for any lockout after the initial "grace period" at the beginning of the year. The new policy takes on the form of a ladder system, which charges students \$10 for their first lockout, \$15 for their second and \$20 for their third. Only after the third lockout will students be charged the full fee of \$25.

The idea came from Michael Murgo '15 SGA Chair of Diversity and Equity, who saw many problems in the old lockout policy. First, he views it as a socioeconomic problem. "The policy originally stemmed from my goal to create a more approachable campus environment for students of all socioeconomic backgrounds."

Second, Murgo discussed the security implications of a steep lockout fee. If students don't want to pay a large fee, they will leave their doors unlocked and their belongings vulnerable, rather than risking a lockout. Finally, Claire von Loesecke '15 SGA Chair of Residential Affairs, who collaborated with Murgo during the process, explained that the proposed ladder system would encourage Housefellows and Floor Governors to actually charge their residents for lockouts.

"Understandably, many Housefellows and Floor Governors felt awkward, uncomfortable or mean charging students \$25 for getting locked out, so many just didn't charge the fee, especially if one of their friends or someone they knew got locked out. However, this was problematic because it would obviously be unfair to students who didn't happen to know Housefellows or Floor Governors and thus were charged," von Loesecke said.

The new policy was originally conceived at SGA's annual retreat at the beginning of this academic year. At first, Murgo and other SGA members discussed the option of eliminating the fee entirely. However, Dean of Student Life Jocelyn Briddell stressed that elimination would be unlikely, if not impossible, based on campus history. A few years back, several students "consistently and intentionally" locked themselves out because they simply didn't want to carry around their keys.

"Essentially, when there was no lockout fee, students were using Campus Safety as their personal doormen, and this resulted in more than 3,000 lockouts in one year, an obvious excessive waste of Campus Safety officers' time," von Loesecke said.

Murgo and von Loesecke collaborated with Sara Rothenberger, the Director of Residential Education and Living, to create the ladder system.

"SGA members brought the lockout policy to my attention as a matter of equity for our students. It was important for SGA to advocate for a lockout system that would both deter people from leaving their doors unlocked, and be financially just for the whole of the student body," Rothenberg said.

Although the resolution passed in SGA, the policy is not guaranteed to go into effect.

"This is because, when a resolution passes in SGA, it goes to certain members of the administration (who are identified on something called a "staple list") for approval. This "staple list" is essentially a list of administrators (like Deans and Directors) whose area is pertinent to the topic of the resolution. The resolution goes to these people as a strong and highly suggested recommendation on behalf of SGA and thus the student body as a whole," von Loesecke explained.

If the administration accepts this policy, which is very likely though not certain, it will go into effect next semester. All lockout charges incurred during the fall semester will remain, but each student will have a clean slate for the spring semester. Similarly, lockout tallies will begin anew each year, discounting any previous lockouts from prior years. •

## Third Party Presidential Debates Largely Ignored in Mainstream Media

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With the hype of the Presidential Debates between Governor Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama, many forgot about the Third Party Debates. Some might even have forgotten, what third parties are.

Third parties are defined as any party other than the popular Democrat and Republican parties. So, on October 23 at the Hilton Chicago Hotel, four third-party presidential nominees debated issues like the war on drugs, foreign policy, civil liberties, the economy, education reform and domestic policy. The Justice Party nominee Rocky Anderson, Constitution Party nominee Virgil Goode, Libertarian Party nominee Gary Johnson and Green Party nominee Jill Stein came together, unified, if only on this issue, against the "Top Two" voting system, where the two candidates with the biggest budgets get the spotlight, and make the ballot.

Even if one had wanted to watch these debates, they were impossible to find on television, or even on any major news stations' websites. The reason is simply that no networks

picked it up. Having not watched the live debate myself, I even had a hard time finding the coverage online. However, watching them was a great opportunity to get refreshing takes on political issues.

Jill Stein of the Green Party was the only female nominee at this debate, and quipped right off the bat that she was "always glad to lead." During the debate, she referred to the common individual and the common family. She made points about "Americans being at the breaking point." Her contributions focused on, as her party's name suggests, a green economy. She took an economic and yet also environmental approach, mentioning Wall Street bailout and the 1%, but also sustainable energy practices and trying to "make wars over oil obsolete." She did not, however, focus on domestic policies and though she had plenty to say, critics said she didn't really explain how she would implement her policies.

Rocky Anderson, Mayor of Salt Lake City, constantly answered questions using statistics about how America compares to other countries. He talked about how infant mortality rates, as well as the mortality rates of

women due to issues with pregnancy, which are the highest they have been since 1965. His main point centered around what he sees as the regression of American society due to bipartisan problems. "This political duopoly is putting a stranglehold on our democracy," he said. Anderson made a lot of claims, but critics claimed he didn't cite the sources of his information. He also tended to point out things that were wrong with the United States, without procuring a solution.

Virgil Goode displayed himself to be a right-wing Mitt Romney knock-off. His main points orbited around the economy and the unemployment rate. He openly objected to immigration and said that immediately following his inauguration as president he would "call for a complete moratorium on Green Card admissions to the United States until unemployment is under five percent." Sound familiar?

Gary Johnson of the Libertarian Party said that he is a very pro-choice candidate. A former member of the Republican Party, Johnson changed his affiliation after his term as governor of New Mexico. "There are only two voices being heard here, and they are Tweedle Dee and Tweedle

Dumb," Johnson said in his opening statement. He had all the answers.

Johnson continued to lay out his plan for what should happen in the next four years, though he made it seem like it should happen within the next four days. He wanted to end the war in Afghanistan, stop bombing Iran, end controversy over marriage equality, end the drug wars by legalizing marijuana, abolish the Patriot Act and end the National Defense Authorization Act. He also said that he would give Congress a balanced budget plan that would cut \$1.4 trillion; he would abolish income tax, corporate tax, and the entire IRS, and with that create one singular federal consumption tax, the FAIR tax. Much like Romney's "On day One of my presidency" quotes, this seems like a lot to fulfill.

Moderators Larry King and Christina Tobin kept the candidates honest about their speaking time and asked questions submitted by sponsors and from viewers online. "It's easy just to sit back and watch, but [the candidates] are standing up," King said. "It may not count on November 6, but it's counting now." •

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- 8:00 AM -** Presidential Inauguration, followed by inaugural speech (something relating to "the best and the brightest," you know the drill)
- 11:15 AM -** Pick out cabinet members. See binders full of women. Choose zero.
- 12:25 PM -** Label China a currency manipulator.
- 4:30 PM -** Cut all loopholes and deductions in budget, resulting in a perfect, by-the-book, trickle-down economy.
- 7:30 PM -** Bask in the glow of success.
- 10:02 PM -** P90x with Paul Ryan in the White House workout room.

SAMANTHA GRAINGER SHUBA

## Romney's First Day as President

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*Editor's Note: The following is a prediction/interpretation of what former Governor of Massachusetts Mitt Romney's first day in office might be like if elected president. It is based on claims that he has made about what he will accomplish on his first day. It is also a satire that takes place in the hypothetical and therefore, is not to be taken seriously.*

8:00 AM: Presidential Inauguration, followed by inaugural speech (something relating to "the best and the brightest," you know the drill)

9:00 AM: Ride in parade with Ann and huge, predominantly male, family

9:15 AM: Cut parade short due to mass amounts of tomatoes being hurled from the crowd. Plead with protestors to start getting America "back on track"

9:30 AM: Have a nap on the oval

office couch.

11:15 AM: Pick out cabinet members. Peruse binders full of women. Choose zero.

11:30 AM: Snack time! Menu: imported caviar worth more than the annual income of the average family below the poverty line.

12:00 PM: Meet with advisors to repeal Obamacare.

12:05 PM: Realize approval is needed from House and Senate to repeal Obamacare.

12:08 PM: Type and send out an executive order giving the fifty states the right to waive Obamacare via email.

12:09 PM: Wait for responses.

12:15 PM: Continue to wait for responses.

12:25 PM: Label China a currency manipulator.

12:27 PM: Check on balances of offshore accounts in China.

12:28 PM: Sigh deeply in satisfaction for still being filthy rich.

12:30 PM: Approve Keystone XL

pipeline from Canada.

12:31 PM: Chuckle at the sound of dying wildlife and foliage as a result of unsustainable pipeline.

12:34 PM: Ask self, "What do women need?"

12:35 PM: Overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

12:45 PM: Cut off all funding to Planned Parenthood and allow employers to choose whether or not to cover costs of contraception for their female employees because we are, after all, the land of the free.

12:47 PM: Define "rape" one more time.

1:00 PM: Have lunch with Ann, the boys, closest republican friends, and one "person of color" (Ronald; he usually keeps quiet) to make it "diverse." Menu: Chinese.

2:00 PM: Cut taxes, save lives and create jobs for every single American.

2:25 PM: End days of "drift and disappointment."

2:30 PM: Movie in White House theatre. Tonight's film: *The American*

President.

4:00 PM: Solve immigration problem. Congratulate the state of Arizona for racist behavior by dropping all charges.

4:30 PM: Cut all loopholes and deductions in budget, resulting in a perfect, by-the-book, trickle-down economy.

4:30 PM: Simultaneously, please all sponsors at once.

5:15 PM: Dinner with Ann. Surprise Ann with inauguration day gift, a soap basket from Bed Bath & Beyond.

6:15 PM: Cruise down the boulevard with Ann in this year's third new Cadillac.

7:15 PM: Re-instate Mexico City policy banning federal money from being sent to international family-planning organizations that provide abortions overseas. Who needs those anyway?

7:30 PM: Bask in the glow of success.

8:30 PM: Look over a map of the United States and decide where we should kill the environment more by drilling and setting up "clean" coal plants.

8:35 PM: Meet with advisors. Steve explains that "clean" coal plants are an oxymoron.

8:35 PM: Demand that Steve explain what the word "oxymoron" means.

8:36 PM: Fire Steve.

9:30 PM: Take a dessert break with some Cassava Cake, courtesy of stock holders in the Cayman Islands.

10:00 PM: Write a bill that returns all decision-making power to the states.

10:01 PM: Immediately repeal prior bill after realizing that it renders presidential power useless.

10:02 PM: Work out (perhaps some P90x?) with Paul Ryan in the White House workout room.

10:30 PM: Bed time.

## Eat Your Spinach and Vote for Romney: CEOs Pressure Employees to Vote Republican

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Here's a scare: in these last couple weeks leading up to the presidential election, CEOs of major American companies have been coercing employees to vote Republican, sometimes under the threat of "personal consequences" that would occur following Obama's reelection. Solicitation has taken the form of scathing emails urging employees to vote for Romney, give money to the Republican campaign and even attend rallies.

The media recently gave attention to David Siegel, the founder and chief executive of Westgate Resorts. This organization just so happens to be the largest privately held time-share company in the world. In early October, Siegel sent a lengthy email to his 7,000 employees saying, "If any new taxes are levied on me, or my company, as our current presidential plans, I will have no choice but

to reduce the size of this company... This means fewer jobs, less benefits, and certainly less opportunity for everyone." While this does not directly threaten workers with the possibility of job loss, Siegel's message is pretty clear: vote for Romney if you have your own (and my) best interests at heart.

What is not so apparent is the fact that Siegel's net worth is estimated to be about 1.8 billion dollars. He stated in a Bloomberg Businessweek interview that if Obama wins a second term, he will "seriously think about retiring...[he] could take [his] money out of the company and live happily ever after." Essentially, David Siegel has no problem with abandoning ship and spending his remaining years in his 90,000 square-foot Florida home — which he humbly calls Versailles.

Arthur Allen, CEO of ASG Software Solutions (a \$375 million company), repeatedly solicited over 1,300 of his employees to support Romney

with a vote and campaign donation. According to his emails, Allen informed his employees, "If we fail as a nation to make the right choice on November 6, and we lose our independence as a company, I don't want to hear any complaints regarding the fallout that will most likely come." He then urged employees to donate up to \$2,500 to the Romney campaign, saying it was in their best interest. Allen blames the dire financial state of his company on excessive government spending, yet proudly touts the use of his \$50 million dollar company-owned private jet. Talk about excessive.

This onslaught of pressure from CEOs across America did not go unprompted. In June, Mitt Romney stated in a teleconference, "I hope you make it very clear to your employees what you believe is in the best interest of your enterprise and therefore their job and their future in the upcoming elections." He was quick to

defend the legality of this request, which still became a target for criticism. Romney, a former CEO himself, has no problem urging CEOs to exert influence over their employees and oh-so delicately coerce them to vote Republican.

While it's irritating that CEOs have this kind of influence, I still believe that the individual employees, if well informed, can easily ignore such solicitations and think for themselves. However, the line is crossed when CEOs start requiring employees to attend campaign rallies. According to headlines in September, miners in Ohio were reportedly required to go to a Romney rally. The Century Coal mine, owned by Murray Energy, was closed the day of the rally and the miners had their pay docked if they did not attend. When news of this event leaked out a couple days later, Chief Operating Officer Robert Moore cleared up the entire issue by stating, "Attendance was mandatory

but no one was forced to attend the event." Oh, okay. It should be no surprise by this point that Murray Energy is a major donor to the Republican campaign.

Obama supporters have gone so far as to call the miners "Romney's political props" in commercial advertising. The real crime here is the company's manipulation of its resources and employees to influence the political election in its favor. In this case, it is the greed of wealthy CEOs who are willing to exercise their powers at the expense of a miner's pay. Employees become simple company assets.

Despite all of this negative media attention and criticism, CEOs remain deluded about their role in the situation. As our modest, perceptive executive David Siegel phrased it, "I've always looked out for their best interests. We're like a family. They're like my children, and I'm the Jewish mother telling them to eat their spinach and vote for Romney."



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## Three Years Later, Earthquake Shakes the Lives of Seven

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Imagine you're in class. Your professor poses a question. You ponder this question for a few seconds, and then slowly raise your hand to offer a response. Your professor calls on you and, upon hearing your answer, informs you that you are wrong. Oh well, you think. You gave your best answer at the time. You leave class and don't think much about it. That is, until that evening when a knock on your door from the Campus Police informs you that you're under arrest for being incorrect.

Okay, so that may be a bit of an exaggeration, but for seven Italians, this ludicrous example would hit home. On Monday, October 22, six scientists and one former government official were convicted of manslaughter. The catch? None of the victims was killed at the hands of the convicted, but at

the hands of a particularly destructive earthquake. In 2009, this storm hit L'Aquila, Italy, killing more than 300 in its wake. Beforehand, a team of scientists concluded that a severe earthquake was unlikely to hit, and decided to quell the public's fears instead of entering into a state of emergency.

The court that convicted these individuals ignored the fact that seismology, by its very definition, is an imperfect science: it's impossible to predict the time and strength of an earthquake with complete accuracy or assurance. So, these professionals are naturally spending their next six years in prison doing time for the flaws of their chosen field.

The prosecution in this case sounds similar to a doctor's malpractice trial. Of course, if the doctor did not perform to the best of his ability, he should be held responsible. But even then, the likelihood of him serving jail time is slim. If a patient dies of cancer, you can ask all the questions: why didn't

the doctor catch the disease earlier? Why couldn't he stop it? At the end of the day, however, the reality remains: the patient is gone, as terrible as that is, and no finger pointing will bring them back.

I think that this need for blame is what's really behind the verdict. People died and this fact is hard to accept. People need to find someone responsible to get closure and "justice." This attitude of the L'Aquila disaster is reminiscent of the largely anti-Muslim attitude of post-9/11 America. This prejudice was unproductive then, and this verdict will ultimately see the same outcome.

The unfairness of this verdict stretches back farther than the eleven years since 9/11; it sends a message that this "justice" is merely a synonym for payback. When I first read up on this court case, I was immediately reminded of my ninth grade Global Studies class. One day we learned about Hammurabi's Code and, if memory serves, it

was the first set of written laws and the source of "an eye for an eye." I may not have the most extensive knowledge of modern law, but I like to think we've moved a little beyond antiquated ideas from years ending in "BC."

Additionally, there is some evidence to suggest that if fingers must be pointed, they should be pointed in a different direction. The fact that the deaths were caused by the collapse of buildings points to an issue that is, above all else, infrastructural. Perhaps if the city had addressed problems with building maintenance, the lives wouldn't have been lost in the first place. As Elisabetta Povoledo reported for the New York Times in 2009, shortly after the earthquake, the Italian government pledged to look into the failure to keep buildings up to code. This made sense — finding the source of the problem, and correcting it to avoid future trouble. But somehow, within the three years between the earthquake and the court case, this pledge was forgotten.

These twisted ideas about justice have ruined the careers of seven individuals and have essentially put their lives on pause for the next six years. Moreover, these ideas threaten the open expression of ideas and opinions that allow society to function. If I were a scientist in Italy, I would certainly be thinking twice about sharing any ideas. What if my idea turns out to be wrong, and the judicial system comes after me? Or, perhaps more dangerously, what if my idea could spur others to build upon it, but I keep it to myself out of fear? This fear may be starting in Italy, but if this standard is upheld, it's only a matter of time before progress is halted elsewhere as well.

I think that if we are to take away anything from this case, it is that society needs to shift its definition of justice from one that seeks a scapegoat to one that creates institutionalized change, ensuring that tragedies don't repeat themselves. •

## The General Problem With Education Requirements

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"Connecticut College educates students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens in a global society." (Connecticut College's over-arching mission statement)

Every college seems to have an opinion on them. Whether they decide to obsessively load their students with requirements, or avoid them all together as part of their own philosophy.

In turn, each college student has his or her own opinion of these requirements. Personally, I like the goal that Conn's requirements hope to achieve. I think it is really important to take classes outside of your own discipline. Some people come to school thinking they know exactly what they want to do and tend to shut out other possibilities in favor of their supposed one true passion.

However, GenEds, whether you like them or not, force you out of your box. I took a random Art History class to fill my Area 7 (Historical Studies) requirement, and I ended up absolutely falling in love with it and declaring it as my minor. Admittedly, it is impossible to be happy with every single requirement class you take. You will inevitably take that one math or language class that is the bane of your existence for a semester. Is it ideal? No. I honestly have few complaints. Even though "requirement classes" may not pertain exactly to what I want to be studying, they activate another way of thinking. Trying new things is what college is all about.

This being said, I also believe there is room for changing the way in which GenEds are presented to us, starting with the Foreign Language Requirement. In my own experience, it seems that this is the area that gives people the most trouble. I am a Hispanic Studies minor and don't see that is absolutely necessary to take a foreign language while in college. To fill the current requirement, a student must either take a semester in an intermediate (usually 200-level) class or a year in a beginning level class for a new language. If a student is not interested in pursuing a language, I feel like it's an added, unneeded stress. Before you chomp my face off to show your disagreement, I believe not necessarily in eradicating the language requirement, but in giving another option for it. As stated in our overall liberal arts statement, the goal

is to make us "citizens in a global society." I think it would be useful to add an option by allowing the requirement to be filled by taking a class about a culture other than your own.

In general, I feel like the globalized aspect of our education isn't embodied as much as it should be. The GenEd areas are split by discipline (Physical and Biological Sciences, Mathematics and Formal Reasoning, Social Sciences, Critical Studies in Literature and the Arts, Creative Arts, Philosophical and Religious Studies, Historical Studies and Language). There are several options for each area and it is rare you end up in a class you absolutely hate. However, I think that for some people, it would be really easy to create a four-year plan that is still narrowly focused because there is very likely something within your major or something very related to it that will fill each requirement. I realize that there are some provisions against that; for example, some majors put a cap on how many credits you can take in their department.

"I think it would be more effective to divide the requirements by issues or constructs that are present or problematic in society as a whole. I think we should have requirements divided Religion, Gender, Sexuality, Class and Race," said Jamie McKaie '15 who majors in Gender and Women's Studies.

I think this is an interesting concept. Especially in hard science majors and mathematics, it is difficult to incorporate a global perspective. By requiring classes to at least introduce or relate material to one of these constructs in some way would make way for opportunities for a more connected understanding. All in all, I think the entire curriculum should operate similarly to CISLA with the same emphasis on global understanding.

I've said a lot here. Not all of it is feasible or immediately (or ever) possible. It really just goes to show how complex the entire issue of General Education requirements is overall. It is not an easy debate and it is not something that can be changed all at once. This means it is incredibly important to make your voice heard as our own GenEd requirements are revamped. Even though the changes will, most likely, not be put in place until after I graduate, I will be interested to see where our liberal arts mission statement goes and develops into during the next several years. •

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
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# Make All the Sandy-wiches

Two *Voice* editors share their (questionable) hurricane survival tips

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Our method of survival was Harris, which is ironic. Twelve bananas, two peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, six apples, five cookies, one lemon Danish and three water bottles filled with juice later, we left the dining hall carrying fifty pounds of provisions on our backs. Casually. As is our way. Do you know what's not awkward at all? Grabbing the bowl full of bananas and shoving it into your backpack. Not just a few: the whole bowl. Because you don't know the next time you will taste potassium or see anything close to the color of sunshine. As we left the dining hall, we realized that the rain would be a bigger challenge than we anticipated. Do you know what's delicious? M&M cookies and lemon Danish fused together into a SuperPastry™. (Not actually a trademark...yet.) You know what's also delicious? Friends that don't judge you for eating a SuperPastry™ as a midnight survival snack.

Because we are masochists, we watched Hannah Hart's "Show Me Where Ya Noms At" music video fifty times on repeat and drooled as she threw slices of cheese into the air. What a waste! Because who doesn't love Kraft singles? Answer: everyone.

We understand that it's difficult to eat in times of stress; however, it is not recommended to smash the bread holding your distractedly-made Harris sandwich together into a tortilla because that is just sad, and you don't need any more sadness in your life. However, if you are in the one percent of people who are following @MittStormTips seriously, you should have cooked a week's worth of meals in preparation for Sandy (but only if you are a woman) because at least

forty-seven percent of the population can't afford fancy French cheeses (see: Kraft singles).

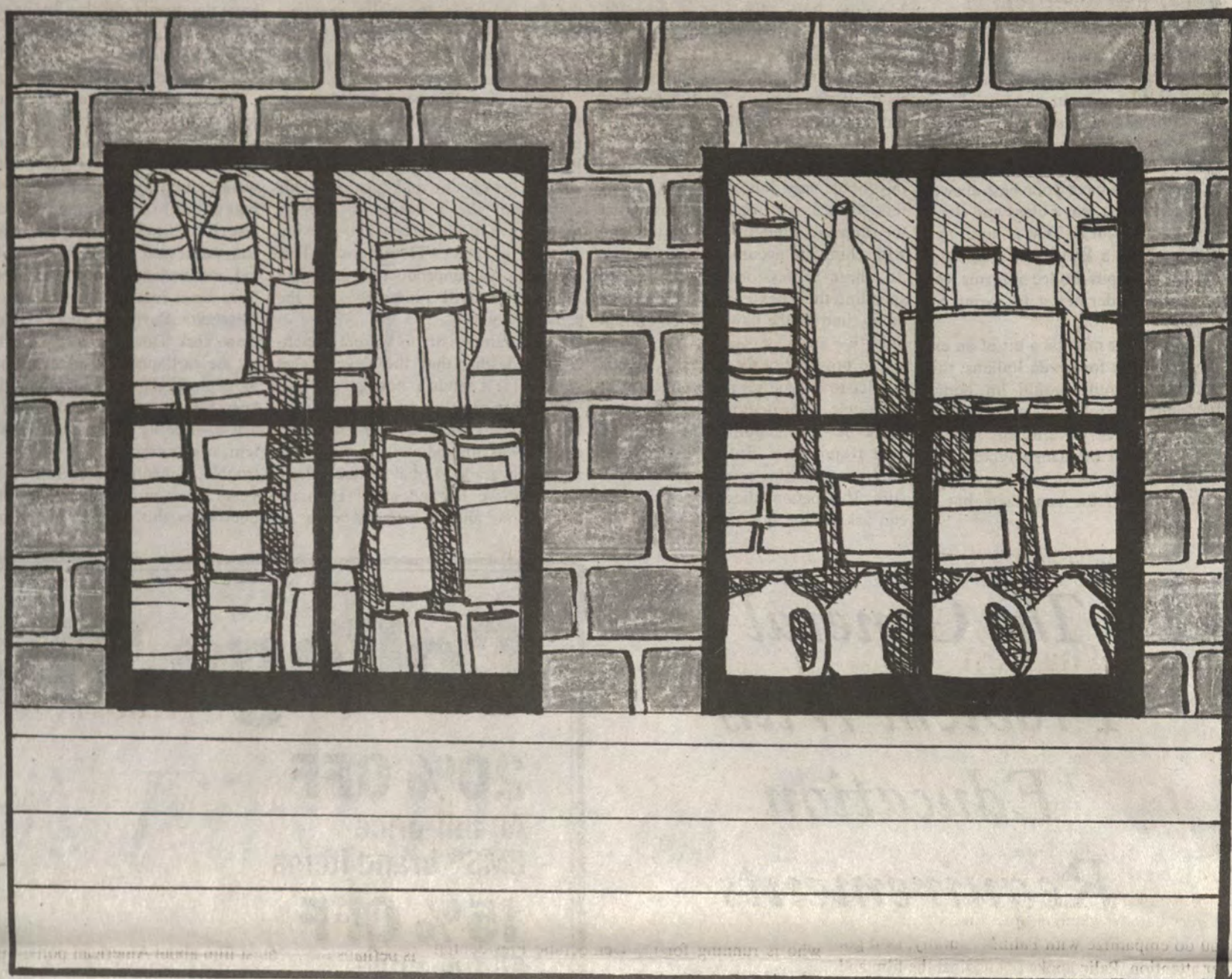
In reality, we on The Hill did not lose electricity (sorry, 360 apart-

ments), and were in the minority of fortunate ones who were not badly affected by the storm. We rationed and prepared for a *Day After Tomorrow*-type catastrophe, which was

smart but unnecessary. For those of you who ate your Jimmy Dean breakfast bowls and Betty Crocker molten cakes at 1 AM out of pure joy that your microwave still worked, I hope

your stomachs don't hurt too much.

Tune in next week for Dessert Nachos or something equally disgusting/delicious/confusing. •



Stockpiling supplies for Hurricane Sandy.

ISABEL ULATOWSKI

## The iPad Mini: How Does It Measure Up?

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On October 23, Apple announced its newest product in the iPad line: the iPad Mini. The slogan Apple chose for this new product is "Every inch an iPad." This slogan is misleading, however, as the iPad Mini is inferior to the most recent generation of iPads. In fact, its price point means it does not stack up to other similarly sized tablets.

At 7.87 inches by 5.3 inches, the screen is less than two inches smaller than the regular iPad. While some may like the option of having a smaller tablet, the main issue seems to be the price. With the 16 GB iPad Mini starting at \$329, it costs a mere \$60 less than the 16 GB iPad 2, the price of which was recently dropped.

If you compare the \$329 iPad Mini to the price of other popular 16 GB seven-inch tablets like the Kindle Fire HD, which sells for \$199, and the Google Nexus 7, which costs \$249, it becomes obvious that the iPad Mini is priced on the high end of the tablet market.

The Kindle Fire HD and the Google Nexus also offer some specifications that the iPad Mini lacks. The iPad Mini's screen resolution is lower than that of both the Kindle Fire HD and the Google Nexus 7. Furthermore, the processor included in the Mini is reportedly slower than that of the Kindle Fire and Nexus.

Steve Jobs, the late co-founder of

Apple, saw seven-inch tablets as unnecessary and did not want to incorporate them into the Apple line. He spoke of his views on a seven-inch tablet during a 2010 Apple earnings release. "This size isn't sufficient to create great tablet apps in our opinion."

Though he suggested that "one could increase the resolution of the display to make up for some of the difference," Apple did not do this for the iPad Mini. Yes, they did make a 7.9 inch tablet rather than merely a seven-inch tablet, but how much difference is 0.9 inches going to make? Many other tablets released before the iPad Mini are closer to eight inches.

Even more confusing than the size is the lack of features that may have made the iPad Mini worth the high price. Apple recently released its newest generation of the iPad, which includes retina display starting at \$499, but the company failed to include this display for the iPad Mini's screen. They also recently released color options for the iPod Touch, but do not include this as an option for the iPad mini.

While some may like that there is a version of the iPad Mini that offers 3G/4G data, allowing users to use data almost anywhere, this too comes at a price: \$459. Clearly, the smaller size of the iPad Mini does not correlate with a low price point.

Apple's iPod touch, which is about three inches smaller than the Mini,

costs \$30 less than the mini. While this may not seem like much of a difference, this price comes with 32GB rather than 16GB, giving users twice the storage space for music and apps. If you want 32GB in the Mini, you need to be willing to pay \$429, and that's without cellular data (which costs a steep \$559). To compare, a 32GB iPhone, which comes with the ability to have a wireless service plan through your wireless provider, costs \$299.

Jobs also called seven-inch tablets "tweeners, too big to compete with a smartphone and too small to compete with an iPad." While the smaller size may be convenient for some, so many people have smartphones that a pocket-sized tablet seems unnecessary, especially when it costs \$329 without 3G/4G data. Why would you need to pull out your iPad Mini to check the weather when you can pull out your slightly more convenient iPhone?

The iPad Mini also comes with the new Lightning cable from Apple. What this means is that all previous products that used the old Apple adapter will no longer work, so those who purchase the Mini will not be able to use their old chargers on this new iPad.

While the iPad Mini did sell out its preorders, it remains to be seen whether people will actually approve of the product once they've started using it. •

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## The Best And Worst Political Films of All Time



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### The Best

*Game Change* (2012):

In the last couple of years, HBO has become a force in important cinema. Released in March 2012, this film seems to have no greater motive than to show the scrutiny under which the media has put politicians. The film chronicles John McCain's choice of Sarah Palin as his running mate, and as one would expect, Alaska's sweetheart is not given gentle treatment. The film can be very hard to watch at times, and as the viewer you do empathize with Palin. Naturally, as it got her attention, Palin spoke out against the film and called it inaccurate despite the fact that many of the campaign advisors praised the film for accurately condensing several weeks into two hours, one even saying that it made him "squirm." Despite Palin's squawking, the film, while it shows all of her follies, does portray her in a sympathetic light. Viewers spend most of the film empathizing with Palin as a simple woman who was not at all ready for the media firestorm that followed her. The film never forgets the human element of its characters and for that, it makes the list.

*All the King's Men* (1949):

No other film, aside from its horrid 2006 remake, has presented its viewers with such a stark view of the corrupting nature of power. Stark is a great word to describe it, as that is the last name of its political focus, Willie Stark. The viewer meets Willie Stark as he is deemed "the last honest man in politics" and refuses to quit despite having lost many elections. The viewer witnesses this once-honest man's character deteriorate into corruption, as Stark begins to make deals all around town; at one point Stark considers a father's loss of his daughter a matter of money. The film demonstrates the arc of an honest man who has never known power, winning three Oscars, including Best Picture. This film is a must-watch.

*Inherit the Wind* (1960):

One of the greatest actors of his time, Fredric March stars in this fictionalized adaptation of the Scopes' Trial. The film also includes performances by Spencer Tracy, who plays Scopes' defense attorney and Gene Kelly, who plays a reporter covering the case. The film is not entirely about politics, but it portrays an exciting conflict between the religiously conservative versus the

Darwinists. It also demonstrates the effect that landmark court cases have on communities as the town splits and protests over the court proceedings. Two of the greatest actors of all time face off as the prosecution and defense attorneys, and the tension their arguments create is palpable. It will make you cringe, but it's definitely worth a watch.

*The Candidate* (1972):

In today's age, the pressures and anxieties of running for office have become increasingly obvious, but in this now forty-year-old film starring Robert Redford we see that it has been this way for quite some time. Perhaps it is not to the extreme of today's press, but the film shows the humanity behind its candidate, Senator Bill McKay who is running for the Democratic Presidential nomination. Surprisingly, it is a very funny film as well as a true underdog story, given that McKay is told the election is unwinnable. Robert Redford is uncharacteristically funny in this film, as he is given free reign to run his own campaign. Overall, this film is definitely worth a viewing, especially as our own election approaches.

*All the President's Men* (1976):

For a two-and-a-half hour film about journalism, this film could not be more taut or rife with tension. Despite being over thirty years old, the film's cast is widely recognizable, with Dustin Hoffman and Robert Redford playing Washington Post journalists—Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward—the very journalists who cracked the Watergate case. The story is perfectly paced through every phone call and house visit these two guys make, spliced with brilliant pieces of dialogue; at one point Woodward says, "They offered that he was innocent, but nobody asked if he was guilty." The dramatic irony of the film is in many ways what is most enjoyable. The viewer knows that Nixon is behind all of it, but watches these two journalists ask so many questions, while never jumping to the inevitable conclusion. The film demonstrates the power of journalism, but also the courage behind it. At one point their boss, played by Jason Robards, warns them, "You guys are about to write a story that says the former Attorney General, the highest-ranking law enforcement officer in this country, is a crook! Just be sure you're right." Dialogue like this makes the film truly affecting, as it shows our two protagonists are willing to put everything on the line for their story. The movie is an educational experience as well as a tense thriller.

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*Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (1939):

This film will make you smile. Directed by Frank Capra eight years before he made *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* is perhaps the greatest film about American politics. To put "great" into perspective, that classification also includes the scope of the film. On many levels, it is purely an educational film, but it never really feels like it is. The plot surrounds Jefferson Smith, played by James Stewart, who is handicapped to be a Junior Senator. Uneducated on political matters, but with a deep fondness for history, Senator Taylor makes his trip to Washington. Being a boy from the Midwest, he knows nothing about the Senate, and consequently the characters around him have to fill him in on how everything works, thus making it a very educational film. The conflict arises when Jeffrey Taylor's idealized view of American politics meets the reality of the Senate. James Stewart is at his best in this classic, at one point harping, "Always try to see the life around you as though you had just come out of a tunnel." Although very controversial upon its release, the Library of Congress added the film to the United States National Film Registry, for being "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant" in the late 1980s.

Galifianakis and Will Ferrell, are better actors than this movie would suggest, and their comedic wits do shine at some moments, but on the whole, the jokes consist of topics your drunken uncle could ruin Thanksgiving dinner with. The filmmakers had such an opportunity to make a great satirical point here and they completely squandered it. The film's plot is a carbon copy of *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* except with no real plausible stakes or educational value.

*Fahrenheit 9/11* (2004):

It is pretty awesome that a filmmaker could make a two-hour film that just hates on the President of the United States while he was still in office. Having said that, this film is just too much of a partisan piece to really make a stand. It's what you would expect if you were to hear that Michael Moore was making a film about George W. Bush. It's told with his typical humor, but the film has two major flaws: one being that it serves more or less as a recap of past events, and the second being that it takes a side and never really acknowledges the existence of another. Michael Moore simply takes everything that Bush did and puts it through that gadfly lens of his, which, while entertaining, gets kind of tiring after awhile. This film is not necessarily bad, but critics and viewers gravely overrated it as it made a smash at the box-office, returning over \$222 million to its filmmakers on a budget of only \$6 million, making it the highest grossing documentary of all time. The film shocked viewers, but there is an overall sloppiness to it, considering the great disputes over the accuracy of its claims. This film is undoubtedly well-made, knowing its niche and pulling in a large audience. It is a film with a definite purpose and it pulls it off, but in today's age of fact-checkers and political absolutists, it would have generated much more controversy than it did upon the film's release before Internet media became the social advent it is today. It may have struck viewers given the social context of its election-year release, but eight years removed it leaves a lot to be desired. •

### The Worst

*The Campaign* (2012):

Making a political film has never been easy. Political films rarely fill seats unless they are provocative or very well made, which is why the moneymen of the film industry rarely green light them. Having said that, this summer's big smash comedy *The Campaign* was one of the worst political films ever made. Sadly enough, it garnered positive reviews from many critics, but it did nothing intelligent or satirical with its script or execution. Its plot did not even really make sense and was just a half-baked mess of a movie. The two leads of the film, Zach

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CECILIA BROWN

# The Joy of Outdoor Concerts

## A review of the Bluegrass Festival in the Arboretum

**MIKE AMATO**  
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, October 27, Connecticut College held its first Bluegrass Festival in the Arboretum Theater. There is something about the open sky, leaves falling around you and sunlight peeking through the bare trees and clouds that has a wholesome quality about it. It's just you, the ground, the sky and the people, all together in one sphere of music. There was one point where Collier Grey '15, a true Texan if I have ever seen one, stood alone on the stage with a single resonator guitar in his hands. I may not have known a single person in the crowd or the song being played, but none of

that mattered. The sound, sights and soul were all there.

Before Saturday, Connecticut College had never hosted an Arbo Festival, but judging by the success of this first endeavor, I imagine that we will have more in the future.

The show included three student groups, including the Well Known Drags, who opened the festival with about fifty people in attendance. The number of people peaked at about 200 when the feature group, The Defibulators, hit the stage. This New York-based bluegrass group has been touring for the past four to five months and is in the process of recording its second album. They are a cool group of characters who threw a beer at a

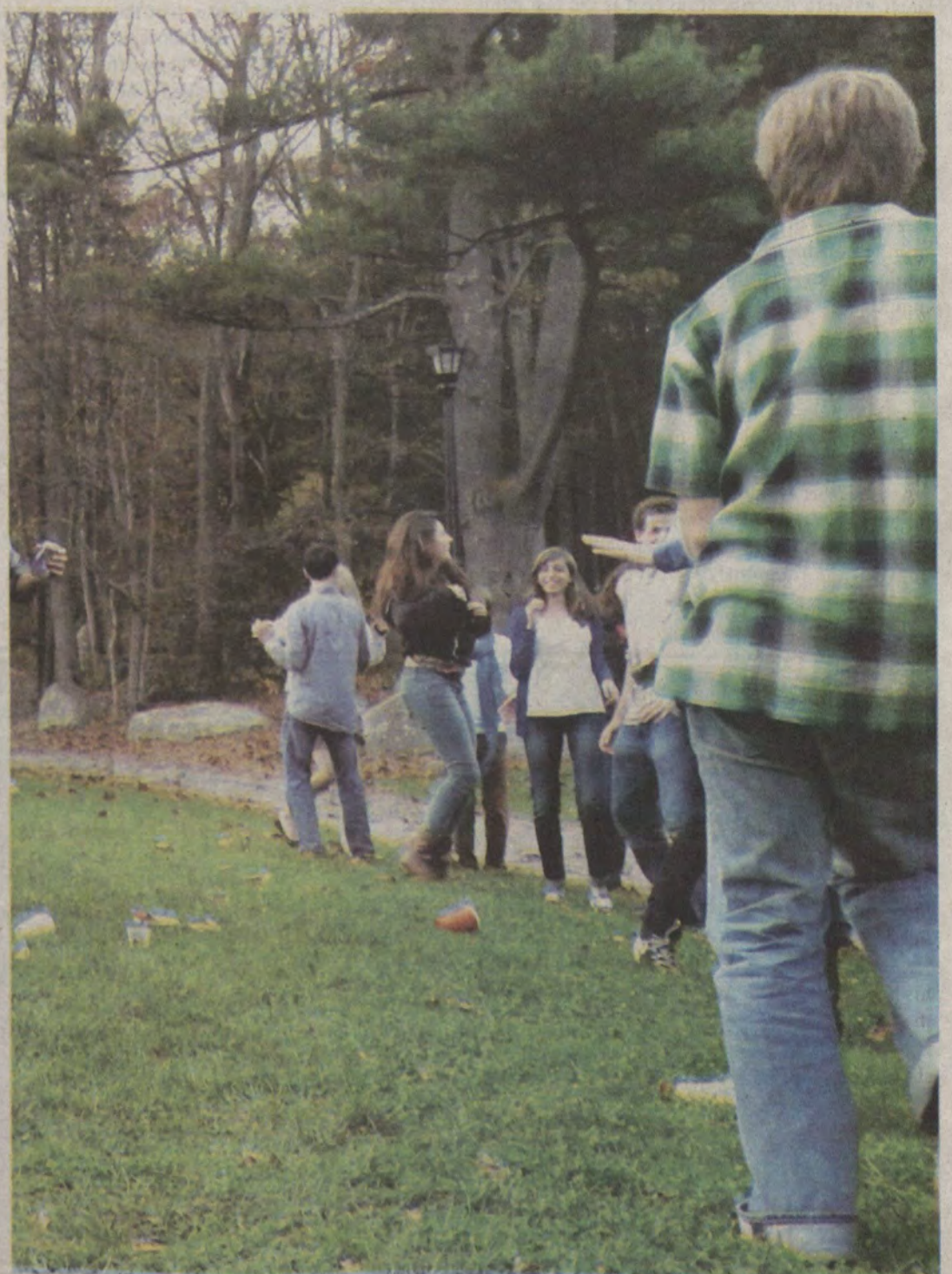
birthday girl and just about anyone else who approached them. I spoke with lead singer, guitar player and banjoist Bug Jennings, who grew up in the heart of the south, yet was dismayed by most country music. Upon his move to Brooklyn, NY, Jennings rediscovered classic country music and has tried to replicate this sound in his group. He aims to "make country cool again," with the help of his band mates: Erin Bru on vocals and triangle, Roadblock on the Telecaster, Metalbelly on washboards, harmonica and percussion, Smitty The Giant Fiddler on "take a guess" and Mike Riddleberger on drums. Their performance included a few classic covers and finished with audience members

dancing on stage. Jennings revealed that the band's dream was to own an eighteen wheeler truck of go-go dancers, so the crowd tried to replicate this, and everyone enjoyed the spontaneous country stomping, especially Jennings. If you like country music, you may want to check this band out.

The student groups, which comprised the other half of the performance, put on a decent, if not weird, show that featured some bands from the first MOBROC show of the year. A friend asked me at one point, "Are band people all goofy?" I decided to test my hypothesis by talking with Grey, who played an entirely acoustic, solo set. He was not that strange. My conversation with Grey shifted

toward the idea of playing outside and the music, instead of toward his idiosyncrasies. As he put it, playing music outside, "seems it's like the way it should be played. People just go."

Unlike rock concerts in cramped, little underground venues, outdoor concerts, especially ones like ours, put more focus on the music. There were no flashing lights or obnoxious singers behind you to deter you from the simple experience of enjoying music. Jennings agreed, saying that "an outdoor venue in a beautiful place is a big bonus for us." Outdoor venues are a nice, laid-back experience. For this reason alone, I think the festival should be replicated in the future. •



LEFT: CECILIA BROWN RIGHT: PAIGE MILLER



# Sports

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## Men's Cross Country Eyes Regionals



PHOTOS FROM CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Nearest, co-captain Tim Murtagh '13 stands amongst his teammates as the Camel men prepare to take off from the starting line.

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CONTRIBUTOR

The Connecticut College Men's Cross Country team has been running circles around the competition this season: The team ranked third out of forty-seven teams at the James Early invitational, placed third at the Westfield State Invitational and finished second at their home invitational on October 13, only falling short to Division I opponent UConn.

This year's team is very strong, in part due to a solid core of new talent and three dedicated captains. Junior Mike LeDuc and Seniors Tim Murtagh and Andrew Duarte captain this year's team under head coach Jim Butler, who shared, "this is one of the most enjoyable years I have experienced in my 26 years of coaching Cross Country at Conn." The team has hovered between the eighth and tenth seeds in the NESCAC for the entire season, a standing they wish to continue to build on.

On Saturday, October 27, the team competed in its most important race thus far, the NESCAC Championships, at Bowdoin College. The team ran to an impressive eighth-place finish, falling just a few points behind nationally ranked Amherst.

The top Camel runner of the day was, unsurprisingly, Mike LeDuc, who finished the race in third place with a time of 24:30 (two-and-a-half

minutes off the first place mark). LeDuc's performance earned him first team All-NESCAC honors for the third year in a row. LeDuc may also have a chance to qualify for the National Championships, according to Coach Butler.

Sophomore runner Patrick Dermody, and senior co-captain Duarte finished strong on Saturday. Dermody was the second Camel runner to finish the race with a time of 25:29, good enough for thirty-fourth overall. The third Camel to finish, Duarte came in forty-third in the pack with a time of 25:46. Right behind them, finishing with a time of 26:31, was junior Andrew Majkut in 68<sup>th</sup> place.

The impact of this season's success is intensified by the almost constant threat of injuries plaguing the team, especially within the top seven runners. Injuries present an especially difficult challenge in cross country because, "you can't just stop running, and running seventy plus miles a week on a given injury can be debilitating," explained Duarte. Runners and trainers have to develop a close and communicative relationship in order to prevent long-term injury.

Duarte proceeded to describe the team's weekly schedule, which consists of "hard workout" days twice a week, "short pre-meet" runs on Fridays, races on Saturdays and "long runs" on Sundays of anywhere from about thirteen to sixteen miles. This



The seniors of the men's cross country team share a moment with head coach Jim Butler. From left to right: Tim Murtagh, Andrew Duarte, Matt Gitkind, Jeff Beling, Matt Boudreau, Tristan Cole and Billy Martinsky.

may sound like a lot; however, even "easy recovery" days consist of eight to eleven miles of running.

A plausible reaction to this information may be: who has the time for all that running? After considering the fact that the top runners on the team cover the typical college cross-country distance of about five miles under twenty-six minutes, it makes more sense. That's right, our Camels run,

on average, a mile in five minutes and twenty seconds.

All this time spent running flies by because many of the teammates see their practices as fun time spent with friends. They chat during their runs, have meals together after practice, and see each other during the weekends as well.

"Overall, it has been a very fun season and I am looking forward to giv-

ing it one last go at regionals," says Duarte.

The team's goal this season is to place in the top ten at the New England Division III Championships on November 10. At this point in the season, that goal seems attainable due to the combination of raw talent, hard work and closeness of the Connecticut College Men's Cross Country Camels. •

## Gladiator! (Minus Russell Crowe)

**DANIEL MOORIN**  
SPORTS EDITOR

A few weeks ago, in an NFL game between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Baltimore Ravens, Chiefs starting quarterback Matt Cassel suffered a concussion after receiving a crushing hit from Ravens defensive end Haloti Ngata. Cassel was knocked out; he spent a significant amount of time on the ground before being helped off the field by medical staff.

Chief fans booed as Cassel, now on his feet, walked off the field and into the locker room.

Your reaction to this situation should be pretty obvious.

For many fans, the NFL is a huge deal. Lots of people live and breathe by their respective NFL teams. To watch fans boo a seriously injured player for lack of on field production makes sense; the fans want their money's worth. But this does not justify the act; it was, of course, morally

wrong.

Booing at a guy who just got run over by a 300-pound man-truck! A truck-man who, I might add, is actually being paid to demolish said guy!

C'mon people!

But it isn't the moral failings of these 68,000 plus fans that I wish to discuss with you.

In an interview after the game, Chiefs offensive lineman Eric Winston gave a fiery speech in defense of his teammate. Winston, who will be compensated 22 million dollars over the next four years for trying to stop guys like Ngata from knocking out his quarterback, was more than upset; Eric Winston was disgusted. Here's some of what he had to say:

"We are athletes, OK? We are athletes. We are not gladiators. This is not the Roman Coliseum. People pay their hard-earned money when they come in here and I believe they can boo, they can cheer and they can do whatever they want, I believe that. We

are lucky to play this game. People, it's hard to economic times, and they still pay the money to do this.

But when somebody gets hurt, there are long lasting ramifications to the game we play, long lasting ramifications to the game we play. I've already kinda come to the understanding that I won't live as long because I play this game and that's OK, that's a choice I've made and a choice all of us have made."

I take issue with the things said here. Not issue against Winston, or any NFL player for that matter, but against the NFL – the highest profiting sports corporation in America. According to a September article in Forbes, the NFL made a staggering 1.3 billion dollars in operating profit last season.

Sorry Eric, you may not be Russell Crowe status, but you are a modern day gladiator. You do battle in an arena for the entertainment of people and the profits of the owners. And

yes, your life will be cut down. You physically destroy your body; you do this while gaining obscene amounts of muscle weight in the gym, and during practices and games, when you throw your weapon of a body at teammates and opponents alike.

Winston leveled with us and admitted he has made a conscious decision to do this to himself. Great, twenty-two million dollars is a lot of money. But does anyone else see the problem here?

The National Football League exploits human bodies more than the NBA, NHL and MLB combined. The only difference then, between gladiators and NFL players, is that we reward football players with millions of dollars, and Russell Crowe, well, we all know what happens to him and his friends. I'm not sure that should make the principle of the matter any different. It's morally wrong to exploit human bodies for our personal enjoyment, isn't it? Especially if the

only real winners are the obscenely wealthy owners?

This isn't to say that we don't exploit bodies in all major sports, we do. But the sheer violence of football makes the NFL an easy target. No one should be shocked to hear that contemporary studies have linked ex-football players to issues with deteriorating bodies, and, more seriously, brains.

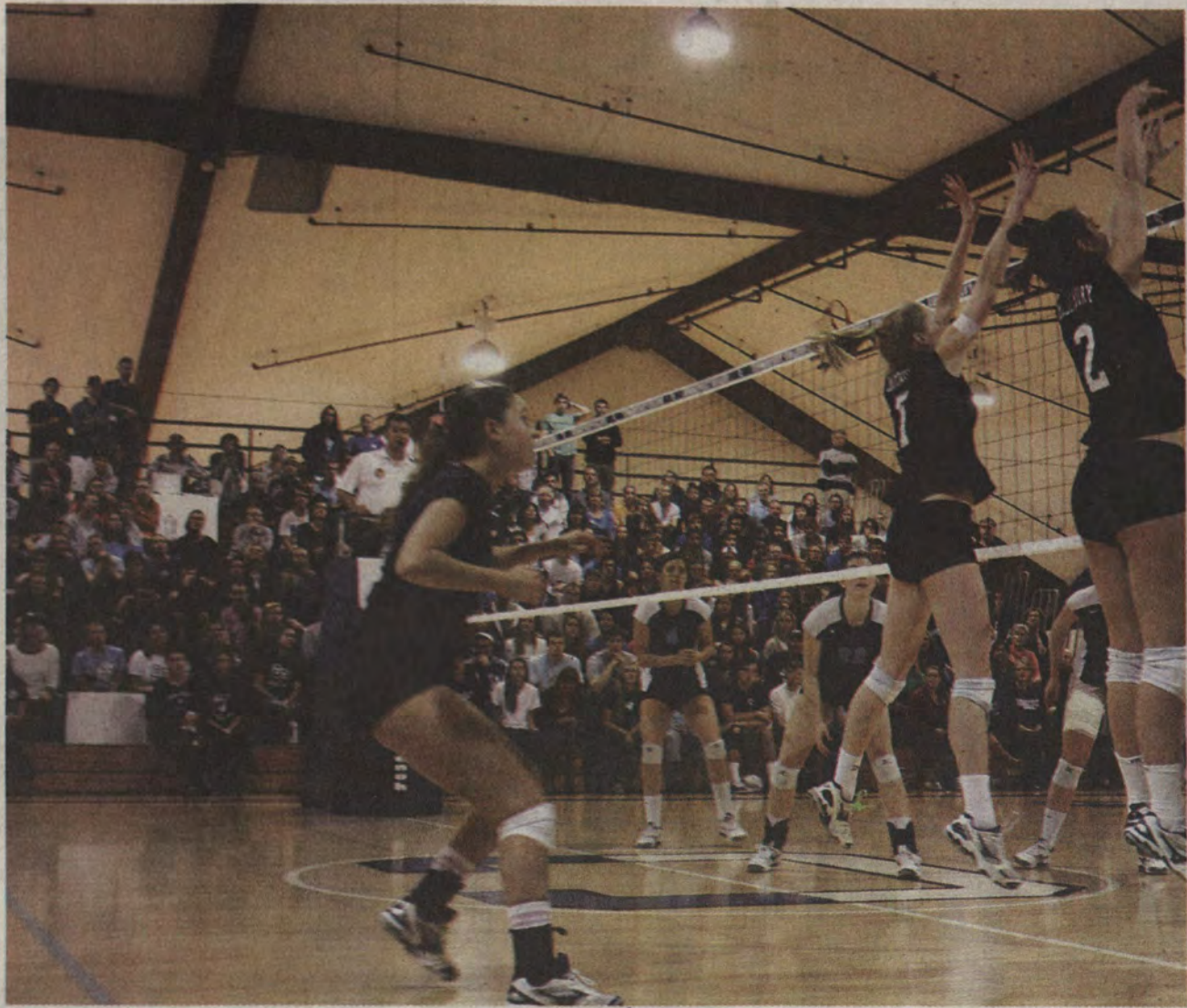
We let NFL players destroy their bodies for our enjoyment, without feeling too bad, because, after all, they get paid the big bucks. This doesn't justify the underlining immorality of the league.

No one should be surprised that Chiefs fans chose to boo an injured player. Die-hard fans, they never intended to use their money to support the emotional or physical well being of Matt Cassel, quite the opposite.

But, like I said, your reaction to this situation should be pretty obvious.

Now, if you'd excuse me, I have a fantasy lineup to attend to. •





MAIA SCHOENFELDER

# Camel Volleyball Earns Title of NESCAC Runner-Up

**IGGY STERLING**  
STAFF WRITER

The Connecticut College Women's Volleyball team played host to the NESCAC championship this weekend at Luce Field House. After posting a 22-2 record over the regular season going 8-2 in conference, the Camels finished first in the NESCAC for the first time ever and entered the weekend ranked number one in New England.

Friday night's quarterfinal saw the Camels take on the eighth-seeded Colby College Mules. After losing a tight first set 23-25, the Camels rallied in, taking the second set 25-19. From there the team started rolling and never looked back – winning

the next two sets (25-12 and 25-15) to win 3-1. The Camels were led by senior Rachel Serhoff and freshman Caroline Martin, who each had two doubles with Serhoff posting 20 kills, 12 digs and 4 aces, and the rookie Martin finishing with 20 kills, 11 digs and 5 aces. Senior Katie Ketcham was also a big contributor on both sides of the ball, recording 51 assists and 14 digs.

On Saturday afternoon the Camels took on the fifth-seeded Williams College Ephs. Williams was one of only two teams all season that had beat Conn, winning 3-1 on September 14. The Camels came out ready to ensure a different outcome this time around. After winning a tight first set 25-21, the Camels continued to build a lead throughout the

match winning in three sets (25-19, 25-16). Conn was lead by the senior trio of Serhoff, Ketcham and Carly Guiducci. Serhoff was big on offense once again, putting down 13 kills and 9 digs, while Ketcham chipped in with 37 assists, 7 digs and 5 aces. Guiducci was also huge on defense, finishing with 25 digs. Martin was once again a weapon on offense, also putting down 11 kills and 5 digs.

Sunday saw the Camels coming in hot to their first ever NESCAC championship match with a 24-2 record. At the other end of the court was the second-seeded Middlebury College who came into the match with a 21-6 overall record also going 8-2 in NESCAC play. On September 15, the Camels defeated the Panthers 3-2 in an extremely tight match with the

Camels winning the fifth set 15-13.

Sunday's outcome was very different. The Camels struggled out of the gate with some sloppy play at times that ultimately cost them the game. They lost the first set 20-25 after falling into a hole midway through. The second set was much of the same as the Camels fell behind and were unable to come back, dropping the set 17-25. The Camels rallied in front of a raucous home crowd in a tight set with back-and-forth play. On the final point with the Camels down 24-23, it looked like Conn had tied it up after Middlebury hit the ball out of bounds, but the referee called it a Connecticut College tip, giving the Panthers the NESCAC championship with a 25-23 victory in the final set. This was Middlebury's second NES-

CAC championship in 3 years, having won back in 2010 and losing in 2011 (3-0) to Bowdoin. It is the school's fourth NESCAC championship that comes with an automatic bid. They were led by junior Megan Jarchow with 19 kills. For the Camels, Martin once again played strong leading the way with 11 kills and 9 digs. She was helped by another freshman, Cailyn Straubel, who posted 7 kills and 7 digs. Also contributing were seniors Ketcham (31 assists, 10 digs) and Serhoff (22 digs, 5 kills). The Camels will find out Monday morning whether or not they will receive an at-large bid into the NCAA tournament, though it looks promising with their 24-3 overall record. Sunday's loss also broke the Camels' 14 game-winning streak. •

## NESCAC POWER RANKINGS

Compiled by the College Voice

This is the second installment of the NESCAC Power Ranking. The Power Ranking will be posted weekly and will rank the eleven NESCAC schools based on soccer, field hockey and volleyball. We do not include football because, as we have been undefeated for 30 + years, it simply would not be fair.

SCHOOL	MEN'S SOCCER	WOMEN'S SOCCER	FIELD HOCKEY	VOLLEYBALL	AVERAGE	LAST WEEK
MIDDLEBURY	7	1	1	1	2.5	1 ↔
WILLIAMS	1	2	6	5	3.5	2 ↔
AMHERST	2	3	5	4	3.5	2 ↑
BOWDOIN	5	4	3	3	3.75	4 ↓
TUFTS	4	10	2	6	5.5	5 ↔
CONN COLL	8	7	8	2	6.25	6 ↔
TRINITY	6	9	4	7	6.5	7 ↔
WESLEYAN	3	8	7	9	6.75	8 ↔
COLBY	10	6	9	8	8.25	9 ↔
HAMILTON	9	5	11	11	9	10 ↔
BATES	11	11	10	10	10.5	11 ↔

The poll was devised as follows: Sports Editor, Katie Karlson ranked all NESCAC schools in each sport. These rankings were based on NESCAC standings as well as quality wins and influential losses to NESCAC opponents. These scores were averaged to create a composite overall ranking for each school.

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### Connecticut College Club Puck

CCCP 5 - 6 Brown  
CCCP 4 - 5 Sacred Heart

### Men's Water Polo:

Conn 3 - 14 St. Francis  
Conn 4 - 11 Iona  
Conn 8 - 11 Fordham

### Volleyball:

Conn 3 - 1 Colby  
Conn 3 - 0 Williams  
Conn 0 - 3 Middlebury

## SO YOU DON'T MISS IT

### Sailing

Atlantic Coast Dinghies  
Saturday, November 10  
Sunday, November 11  
9:00 AM  
@ Kings Point