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Cummings espresso bar to open soon

by Alec Ounsworth
THE COLLEGE VOICE

This October, Connecticut College will introduce its own espresso bar in the Cummings Art Center, located at the south end of campus. The espresso bar will provide coffee, cappuccino, espresso, and light snacks during performances, gallery shows, and special events. It will also serve as a convenient getaway for students and faculty who would like to enjoy food and drink in what Rayanne Chambers, director of administration, called "a metropolitan atmo-

sphere."

The espresso bar in Cummings is only a small part of a larger project which is the development of the Joanne Toor Cummings Gallery and Salon, to be dedicated on October 5, following the completed renovation of the Cummings Art Center. The espresso bar will be located on the west side of the Cummings Art Center, near the glass atrium. Its hours have not yet been confirmed, however it is speculated that the espresso bar will function during the day and for the special events

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Plex construction affects students and employees

by Kimberly Bender
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Construction on Park Dormitory is having mixed effects on Plex residents and Harris Dining Hall employees.

"I hate it," one resident said. "Whenever I'm in my room I have to close my windows and turn on the fan because the drilling gives me such a headache. I can't do any work in my room."

Harris dining hall employees are bothered by the drilling volume, in addition to fumes that enter the cafeteria.

"One major thing is our ears," said Dining Service Aide Elene Mosher. "Our

earplugs aren't working. It affects our conversation in lunch and dinner, too. And sometimes we breathe gas."

However, the construction foreman is helpful, dining employees agree.

"If we complain at all, the foreman comes in," Dining Service Aide Gloria Caron said. "He is very good, very accommodating."

Other Plex residents are not as strongly affected by the construction.

"It's hard to study with it going on in the afternoon, but it's really not that bad," said freshman Kristen Bell.

But some students think the benefits of the noise outweigh this burden. Marshall

Terry Potter: the man behind Harris

by Caitlin Tsoutsouris
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Have you ever wondered about the mystery man who works behind the scenes at Harris? Terry Potter is the man that makes sure the chicken fingers and ice cream are ready to be consumed by swarms of hungry college students, the dishes and dining room are sanitary, and all the students at Conn are satisfied with their meals.

Potter has been working in Harris for one year as the overseer of the operational part of dining service. His job consists of looking after food preparation, service and sanitation.

Potter believes that the best aspect of his job is working with such wonderful people and having so much contact with students, both professionally and personally. Occasionally he will play basketball with some students, while others invite him to different social events. Potter recalled the time when he was absent from work due to an illness and President Gaudiani called him at home to see how he was feeling. This conversation has always served to remind him of how much of a community this school is and how appreciative he is of his job.

When he was younger, Potter applied for a job at Connecticut College many times. His friends found this hu-



Photo by Josh Friedlander/The College Voice

Terry Potter, hard at work.

morous because they believed the school on the hill was snobby. But when he actually arrived here a year ago, Potter found this reputation to be false. This recollection relates to Potter's philosophy on life which is, "Don't stare up the step, step up the stairs."

Potter got his start in the restaurant business, but took a \$13,000 pay cut to start anew in Harris. He says he enjoys the close-knit community and the fact that there are no deadlines to adhere to. He is a firm believer that a person has to have fun doing his or her job or else it becomes a task.

According to Potter, another important aspect of his job is communication. If students come to him with questions or concerns he is always willing to help. In fact, he says that many students come to him with personal problems. He prides himself on listening and respecting others and being able to avoid making judgments about anyone. Potter says that he won't call the students here kids, only young adults, because he believes in them and respects them. He doesn't take things personally and, perhaps more importantly, doesn't take them home with him at the end of the day.

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Housefellow Ajay Kasargod calls the construction "a positive."

"I think it's important for the school and its future," he said. "The school has been playing second tier to NESCAC schools. This project will improve the name and image of the school. It's like Connecticut College has

moved to put itself into the first tier."

There is some concern about people at Marshall parties wandering into the construction area, but Kasargod says that it has not become a problem yet. He also says that the morale in his dorm is not bad.

"Underclassmen know

they can look forward to seeing the new Plex. For upperclass students, it benefits us all because we see the school trying to improve itself."

Concrete drilling, the source of much of the noise, was scheduled to end on September 20. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2000.

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mentioned above. If this speculation is correct, the espresso bar in Cummings will not run into a time conflict with The Coffee Ground, a student-run and generally student-frequented café on the opposite end of

campus. The Coffee Ground, open from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight, will therefore receive no competition from the Cummings espresso bar which is bound to catch everyone's attention.

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Potter lives in New London with his wife and two children, one of whom he calls his best friend. He often comes to the Arboretum with his children to let them do their homework and enjoy the outdoors.

Terry Potter is probably the stu-

dents' number one fan. He says that students "are the most important thing there is for the future" and that "anyone should help a student out by contributing their opinions and thoughts to make the world a better place."



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NEWS

BEYOND THE HILL

America continues the buildup in Kuwait

Today, automatic weapons and artillery rounds were fired by Americans into the desert sand near the Iraqi border. Washington sent a message with these war games by telling Saddam Hussein not to threaten its neighbors again. While the confrontation between the United States and Iraq has eased in the past week, the Americans have continued their buildup in the Persian Gulf. More than 30,000 U.S. military personnel will soon be in the Gulf compared with fewer than 20,000 before the latest crisis erupted three weeks ago.

Simpson pre-trial begins

Prospective jurors in O.J. Simpson's wrongful-death civil trial could be asked about their exposure to publicity and views on Simpson's criminal trial. Topics will also include Simpson's acquittal in the murders of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. Simpson arrived at the courthouse today for the first time since the trial began and entered through a side door. He missed the opening court sessions

because of a custody fight of his two youngest children. That court contest is recessed until November.

Clinton's "reinventing government" program is a success

President Clinton today claimed that the work of his administration to streamline the bureaucracy has saved taxpayers \$118 billion since he took his oath of office. Clinton says his "reinventing government" program has been a success and promised that he would make even more far-reaching changes if re-elected.

Chocolate lovers... This is what you've been waiting for!

A new possible medicinal component has been found inside of the cocoa bean from the laboratories of the University of California, Davis campus. The "so-called 'bad' cholesterol is no match for chemicals inside chocolate - at least in a test tube," says Andrew Waterhouse, UC Davis assistant professor. Waterhouse's discovery was significant enough to make one of the most respected medical journals, the *Lancet*. "It would be

unfair to say that chocolate definitely is going to reduce heart disease," said Waterhouse. But chocolate turns out to have a "sizable amount" of food components that have gained interest among researchers for their cholesterol-fighting properties.

For now, however, researchers have more questions than answers about the potential medical benefits of chocolate. Waterhouse presented his findings to *Lancet* as a letter, not as a research paper that was reviewed by others in his field.

One stumbling block for chocolate, however, remains the gobs of fat that go along with those phenols, the so-called component found in the cocoa bean. "There is also a fairly strong relationship between fat intake and heart disease," said Mary Haan, another professor at UCD, who has 600 women on low-fat, high-vegetable diets for two research projects.

"I wouldn't recommend chocolate as a dietary strategy," Haan said. "Just do what your grandmother told you to do: Eat your fruits and vegetables."

Shuttle Atlantis docks with Russian Mir

On Thursday, Shannon Lucid hugged the crew of shuttle Atlantis

who docked at Russia's spacestation Mir hours earlier.

As the two craft soared 248 miles above the South Pacific, the hatches between the shuttle and Mir swung open at 12:40 p.m. Atlantis skipper Bill Readdy was welcomed to the orbiting outpost with a handshake and hug from his Russian counterpart Valery Korzun. But the warmest greeting came when Lucid was reunited with John Blaha, who will replace her aboard the Mir.

The shuttle's arrival at Mir, its fourth visit, ended a three-day chase through space that began early on Monday with a pre-dawn blastoff from Florida's Kennedy Space Center.

Lucid has been waiting for her ride home since the beginning of August. The shuttle was running nearly seven weeks late because of rocket problems as well as a threatening hurricane and scheduling difficulties.

Lucid has been working aboard the Russian space outpost since March as part of a NASA effort to learn more about long duration space flights before starting construction of the planned international station.

The shuttle is due back to earth on Thursday, September 26, ending Lucid's 188-day mission, a record for a woman and the longest by an American.

The College Voice is always looking for talented people interested in writing, photography, and layout. Editorial and Associate positions are still available in many departments. If you are interested, contact Rebecca at the College Voice at x2812.

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

O'Neill Festival comes to Conn

by Greg Levin
THE COLLEGE VOICE

One of New London's most interesting cultural aspects is that it was the home of the famous playwright Eugene O'Neill. To celebrate this fact, the Playwrights Theater of New York will continue its readings of the O'Neill canon with its third annual O'Neill-by-the-Sea Festival of Study.

Eugene O'Neill, who would have turned the ripe old age of 108 years this October 16, wrote most of his plays in New London. While living at 325 Pequot Drive, he presented the world of this small northern seacoast town in his plays *Ah, Wilderness*; *Long Day's Journey Into Night*; and *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, to name a few. Though these plays are often presented as performances, public readings are nearly as popular. Readings give the more refined a chance to explore the depths of O'Neill's scripts without having their attention diverted by the plays' action.

The Playwrights Theater of New

York, which is associated with O'Neill and performs in cities where he had lived, has taken on the task of presenting every O'Neill script to the public. Beginning as a study group, the purpose of the study is "to use O'Neill as a model for playwrighting." The group travels through towns like New London, CT; Provincetown, MA; and Greenwich Village in New York City at New York University to perform free readings at colleges and other such venues.

Playwrights Theater Director Stephen Kennedy Murphy of Manhattan taught playwrighting within New London's inner city schools with help from Mitchell College's Theatre Arts Club and currently works for the Theatre Development Fund as Director of New Projects. Last spring, Downtown New London hosted many of O'Neill's plays, a number of which were performed in Spanish during the city's 350th birthday.

The Playwrights Theater will have performed 21 of O'Neill's plays by October 13, ending the first canon and



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beginning the second.

Acting students of Connecticut College and Mitchell College will be involved in small supporting roles of the readings. Both colleges will be hosting the O'Neill-by-the-Sea Festival on Sunday afternoons during the latter half of September and the early half of October. At Mitchell College's Weller Center, the plays *Ile*, *The Long Voyage Home*, and *The Sniper* will be performed on Sunday, September 22 at 3:30 p.m. The following week, Mitchell College will host *The Rope*, *Moon of the Caribbees* and *In the Zone*.

Connecticut College will host O'Neill's only comedy, *Now I Ask You*, starring Connecticut College Alumna Kelly Going '91 on Sunday, October 6 at 3:30 p.m. The following week, the Playwrights Theatre will begin O'Neill's second canon with *Beyond the Horizon* at 3:30 p.m. Both performances will be held at the Crozier-Williams Student Center. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Seating is limited. For more information, call 860-701-5073.



Photo by Kristan Lennon/The College Voice

Saturday, September 21st marked the opening of Peter and Kristen Leibert mixed media exhibit at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum. The exhibit boasts a stunning combination of clay and jewelry, combined with other materials. The Lyman Allyn will house the exhibit until December 31st.

Top Video Rentals

1. *12 Monkeys* starring Bruce Willis (FoxVideo — Rated: R) Last Week: No. 1
2. *Executive Decision* Kurt Russell (Warner — R) No. 4
3. *City Hall* Al Pacino (Columbia — R) No. 2
4. *From Dusk Till Dawn* George Clooney (Buena Vista — R) New Entry
5. *Broken Arrow* John Travolta (FoxVideo — R) No. 3
6. *Heat* Robert DeNiro (Warner — R) No. 5
7. *Mr. Holland's Opus* Richard Dreyfuss (Buena Vista — PG) No. 6
8. *Happy Gilmore* Adam Sandler (MCA/Universal — PG-13) No. 12
9. *The Substitute* Tom Berenger (Live Home — R) New Entry
10. *Barb Wire* Pamela Anderson Lee (PolyGram — NR) New Entry
11. *The Juror* Demi Moore (Columbia TriStar — R) No. 7
12. *Dead Man Walking* Susan Sarandon (PolyGram — R) No. 8
13. *Rumble In The Bronx* Jackie Chan (Turner — R) No. 10
14. *Black Sheep* Chris Farley (Paramount — PG-13) No. 9
15. *Diabolique* Sharon Stone (Warner — R) No. 14
16. *Down Periscope* Kelsey Grammer (FoxVideo — PG-13) No. 21
17. *White Squall* Jeff Bridges (Buena Vista — PG-13) No. 23
18. *Eye For An Eye* Sally Field (Paramount — R) No. 18
19. *Mr. Wrong* Ellen DeGeneres (Buena Vista — PG-13) New Entry
20. *It's My Party* Eric Roberts (MGM/UA — R) New Entry

Top 10 Movies

1. *Bulletproof* starring Damon Wayans
2. *Tin Cup* Kevin Cosnter
3. *First Kid* Sinbad
4. *A Time to Kill* Matthew McConaughey
5. *The Spitfire Grill* Ellen Burstyn
6. *Jack* Robin Williams
7. *The Island of Dr. Moreau* Val Kilmer
8. *Independence Day* Bill Pullman
9. *Bogus* Whoopi Goldberg
10. *A Very Brady Sequel* Shelley Long

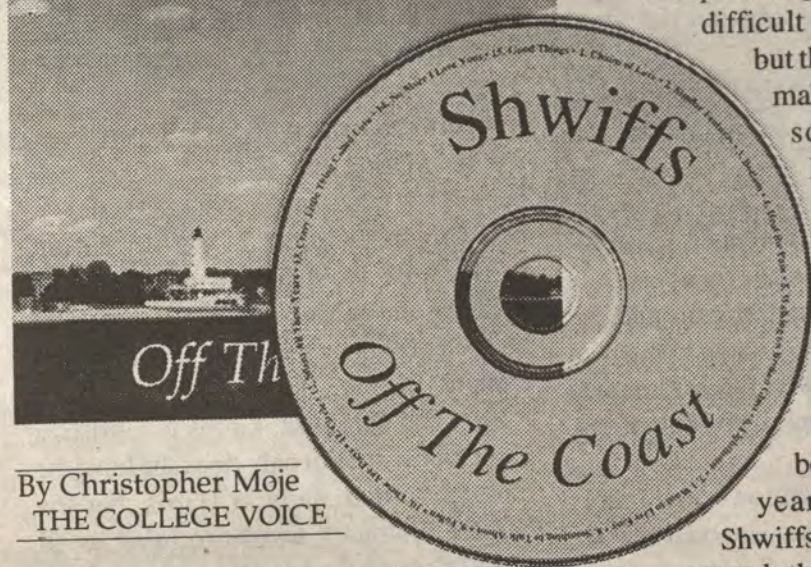
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Shwiffs CD takes music to another level

Connecticut College Shwiffs



By Christopher Moje
THE COLLEGE VOICE

In the vast world of music, one may wonder if there's any new, and worthwhile, music to listen to. As a matter of fact, there is. The Connecticut College Shwiffs' latest CD, *Off the Coast*, is a must for anyone who appreciates good music and is starving for something original. The Shwiffs breathe new life into some recent songs, reviving what was dead and lifeless music. Whether in their interpretation of an Annie Lennox song or their beautiful rendition of Tori Amos' "Silent All These Years,"

the Shwiffs add a previously unheard musical dimension to each song that they sing.

A capella singing can be difficult at times, but the Shwiffs make it seem so simple. Making each song their own, they display a talent level beyond their years. The Shwiffs manage to

exceed the expectations one would have of a college singing group, demonstrating a certain poise and level of professionalism that one would expect of a seasoned musical veteran.

After one listens to this CD, there should be no doubt in anyone's mind whether these women are deserving of praise. The music speaks to the listener in a way few sounds ever could. The compact discs are available in the campus bookstore.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN A & E... (SEPTEMBER 21 - OCTOBER 6)

- 9/21: ART DEPARTMENT FACULTY EXHIBIT - CUMMINGS ART CENTER
- 9/21: 12/31: LEIBERT ART EXHIBIT - LYMAN ALLYN ART MUSEUM
- 9/22: O'NEILL FESTIVAL 3 ONE-ACTS - MITCHELL COLLEGE 3:30 PM
- 9/25: EBONY FASHION SHOW - PALMER AUDITORIUM 8:00 PM
- 9/26: LUNAR ECLIPSE 8:00 PM - 1:00 AM
- 9/27: NEW LONDON PROMENADE PLAY - STATE STREET 7:00 PM
- 9/28: NEW LONDON PROMENADE PLAY - STATE STREET 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- 9/29: O'NEILL FESTIVAL 3 ONE-ACTS - MITCHELL COLLEGE 3:30 PM
- 10/4 - 10/6: FAMILY WEEKEND
- 10/4: STRINGS MASTER CLASS W/ ANI KAVAFIAN - 3:00 PM CUMMINGS ARTS CENTER
- 10/4: "QUEEN MAB..." DISCUSSION W/ MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL THEATRE OF THE DEAF - 4:00 PM CRO'S NEST
- 10/4: POETRY READING - SHAIN LIBRARY 5:30 PM
- 10/4: A CAPELLA CONCERT: HARKNESS CHAPEL 9:00 PM
- 10/5: LECTURE/DEMONSTRATION W/ ANI KAVAFIAN - DANA HALL 1:30 PM
- 10/5: CONCERT & ARTIST SERIES ANI KAVAFIAN AND ANNE-MARIE MCDERMOTT - PALMER AUDITORIUM 8:00 PM
- 10/5: BIG BAND SALUTE TO NEW LONDON - GARDE ARTS CENTER 8:00 PM
- 10/6: O'NEILL FESTIVAL NOW I ASK YOU - CRO'S NEST 3:30 PM

MOBROC begins new year

by Jami DeSantis and H. North
THE COLLEGE VOICE

On Sunday, September 15, those walking by the green outside of Larrabee were serenaded by the sounds of the first MOBROC (Musicians Organized for Band Rights On Campus) concert of the new school year. For those who are unfamiliar with this group, it is an organization run by student musicians in order to see that the campus bands were given the performance rights that they deserve. Although the group doesn't usually hold concerts so early in the semester, this year a surprise show was played when three campus bands, The Beatings, Meathead, and Techniken Defunkus V.2, as well as three off-campus bands, Mighty Purple, The Preachers, and Ruler Sun,

spent most of the afternoon performing for the college community. Former Connecticut College band Lucky Pierre returned to close the evening with their newly re-vamped sound.

Those who showed up for the event had a great time, and felt that the performances were enjoyable, despite the limited rehearsal time that the campus bands had. Techniken Defunkus V.2 opened the show with their unique techno-industrial blend complete with album scratching and samples. Following them was off-campus blues rock band The Preachers. Next was campus hardcore metal band The Beatings, who turned in one of their best, and loudest, performances to date. The talented Ruler Sun entertained the crowd next. Punk rockers Meathead gave their usual high energy performance, followed

by rising rock act Mighty Purple. Despite the sparse turnout for their set, Mighty Purple gave an excellent alternative rock performance. Finally Lucky Pierre ended the day with a new look and sound which delighted the listeners. The MOBROC show was a success, leaving everyone looking forward to future shows... except perhaps the residents of Larrabee.



Photo by Jessica Dietz/The College Voice

Sunday's MOBROC concert on Larrabee Green was the start of an exciting semester for the organization.

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Special thanks to Josh Crawford and Shana Davis for doing an excellent job this weekend. You guys are the BEST! Special thanks to the new Voice Photographers. Your photos rock!

Editor's Note

Times of transition are never easy, and we are a campus in transition. Though it is not yet easy to tell exactly what form our changes will take, it is clear they are coming. One can smell it in the air like autumn in the Arboretum.

The Voice will not be left behind. We are changing as you change, your transitions are ours, because *The Voice* is your voice. Notice that there are differences in each issue. Note which changes you like, which you think don't help. Ponder what you want in a campus newspaper: Do you want a campus newspaper? Do you want to be informed of on-campus happenings? Or would you rather be informed about regional, national or world news?

Think about *The Voice*. Do you open it just to read Schmoozing? Who do you think should be writing it? Do you glance at the front page for a second and then turn to the sports section? Should we cover more sports? Is the crossword entertainment or a waste of space? What entertainment information would you like?

We are a newspaper in transition, "under construction" like the Plex. Email us, call us, write to us or stop by the office. Times of transition are never easy.

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Earth House Column

Currently, the top 358 billionaires are worth the combined income of 45 percent of the planet's population. That is the 2.5 billion people who are on the bottom. (*Covert Action Quarterly*, Nov. 1996) However, lack of resources is never attributed to the 358. This is due, in part, to the ancient art of scapegoating. Scapegoating in America is often tied to racism and wielded against groups who fall out of the tightly defined norms set by an elite population of our society. A group that has been highly targeted as of late is immigrants. The Republican platform wants to attack immigrant rights, most notably with its aim to deny education and health care to children born in the country but who have illegal aliens as parents.

Since the scapegoats are often powerless to gain a voice for their cause, here are some facts that may shed some light on the truth. The "rising tide" of immigration is a hoax. The numbers show that, in fact, immigration is dropping. Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) data says that for the fourth straight year immigration has dropped 10.4 percent. The decline is even bigger when shown in context. At the last census in 1990, immigrants made up only 7.9 percent of the US population. This is historically low, compared with 16 percent in 1910. In 1905, the US admitted an immigrant for every 83 existing member of the

population, now it is one for every 360. (Bob Sutcliffe, "Immigration and the World Economy" in George Epstein, et al., eds., *Creating a New World Economy* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1993)

Another misconception is that immigrants are more dependent on the state. The truth is that only 2 percent immigrant are on welfare compared to 3.7 percent of native born people. Further, undocumented immigrants do not use public support since they are already banned from Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps and other services. Further, immigrants adapt quickly to American society. The average income of immigrants is only slightly lower than the national average: \$34,800 as compared to \$37,300. Those entering before 1980 who have had time to compete have, on average, a 16 percent higher annual income. (*1994 Statistical Yearbook of the Immigration and Naturalization Service*, US Dept. of Justice, February 1996.) Furthermore, the idea that the American people want immigration reduced is simple not true. "When presented with the facts, the overwhelming majority of Americans agree that legal immigration is good." (*Covert Action Quarterly*, Nov. 1996 pg. 13)

Remember the 358 people we talked about in the beginning? They are among the economic elite who benefit from these common misconceptions. While the majority of people fight each other, the rich get richer and the poor suffer. The lies and misconceptions that nourish scapegoating keep the poor down and keep us all blind. There is an option for those who want justice: RALLY IN

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Schmoozing with Paisan and Slyder

After a failed proselytization coup of the Schmoozing column by quasi-Eurotrash, we are here to revert power back to the truly righteous world of quality journalism. It has been rumored in some circles that we were 1) on sabbatical; 2) on crack; 3) on Mars; and 4) under house arrest in Laz. Of course none of these reasons are responsible for our failure to write Schmoozing for the past three weeks. In fact it was the man. It's all a conspiracy. C-O-N-N-spear-uh-cy. Thanks for hanging in there. You're all troopers and we appreciate it. By the way, we heard that the old Schmoosier got canned for whizzing on Sampus Cafety's new Crown Victoria LTD. With that out of the way, we'd like to address more pressing and pertinent issues (if there may be such a thing on this virulently involved campus).

First and foremost, kudos to Christine Cyr Goodwin. Not only does she have the courage to dine daily in Harris, but she had the visionary insight to bring us all safely through the housing crunch of '96. Some were doubtful, but squeezing that last person into the janitorial office in K.B. lobby was a total stroke of genius. Our honorable mention goes to Earth House, for wasting all that precious paper week after week writing about animal pain and politically correct veganism. According to their bathroom stall newsletter, "If The World Was The Size of Connecticut College," not only would J. Crew and Saab rule the civilized world, but Conn would have the biggest population explosion in recorded history. Kristine would be ripshit. We also found it surprising that only five people die per year of starvation, considering that we all have to eat in Harris every day. Thanks for the info, guys, we'll take it to heart.

Life is not entirely a bed of roses, though. In fact, Josh thinks it's more like a bed of really pretty roses that some dog crapped in. You can stop to smell them but you'd be better off holding your breath. We're not saying that Conn life sucks, but take a look at our situation. As forlorn juniors whose vast array of peers and cohorts philander in green European fields and pet wild emus in the Australian outback, we find ourselves very alone in this world and consequently alone in the dining hall. At least we don't have to hike our sorry asses around Morrisson every morning just to get a cup of coffee like the suckers in Wright.

In closing, we would like to say two things: that number 26 is almost as good as number 25; and that we are proud to join the age old tradition of Schmoozing and the even older tradition of harassing the faculty and administration while spreading misinformation to the college community. And you thought that Blats was a bunch of disgruntled misfits.

This week's Schmoozing is experimental. The *Voice* is still between "Schmoosers." If you are interested in writing for Schmoozing, contact Rebecca or Alec at x2841.

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OPINIONS/EDITORIALS

The myth of the modern ethnic state

It is almost trite to call the Middle East a trouble spot. Throughout modern history it seems that this region has known little if any peace. The roots of this turmoil lie in the fictional ethnic state concept, an unrealizable state of existence which is both unattainable and retrograde to the fundamental laws of human existence.

The ethnic state was a device used by groups of people in ancient history to separate themselves from and compete with their neighbors, and modern day leaders make ample use of a fictional variety of this strain of human thought to consolidate power, and gain the fulfillment of their political goals. To understand the real fiction of the modern ethnic state

concept, it must be understood that the major doctrine of this type of state is that all citizens within its boundaries must belong to the ethnic group identified with the fictional ethnic state: all persons who don't match threaten the fiction the founders of the state are attempting to create, and the way the fictional state handles these persons is the matter which causes the disputes which invariably arise in such a situation.

The modern ethnic state fiction is an appealing mixture of nationalism, race and/or religion. It is appealing because it provides a comforting 'tribalism', a sense of belonging, which is reassuring in a rapidly changing and frequently frightening world. Rooting itself in these human fears, the fiction grows stronger and stronger, until sociocultural thought is changed incorrigibly. This is the principle force driving the warfare and strife in the Middle East, and indeed, in most other areas of conflict in the world.

Identity of this force as the root cause of the type of conflict seen today in northern Iraq is of vital importance. As of this writing, the United States has numerous military craft converging upon the Iraqi nation, including heavy bombers, several stealth bombers, and two aircraft carriers. The mission plan is to run a convoy of land vehicles to attempt to transport refugees from northern Iraq out of harm's way, while the rest of Iraq is attacked by the war craft previously described. To rationally consider the appropriateness of this policy, it is necessary to understand the nature of the conditions it is responding to.

With the ascension of the fascistic Ba'th party to power in Iraq in 1963, where it remains the current dominant political force, the era of Ba'th control over the entire Iraqi state began. Founded in 1944, the Ba'thists believed in a variety of Arab national-

ism, seeing Arabs as a separate ethnolinguistic national entity. This particular branch of political philosophy embraced the concept of pan-Arabism, the concept that lands populated by Arabs could, and should, be fused into a modern ethnic state, now artificially divided by colonialism, imperialism, and (since 1948) the Zionist movement. The root of the historic clamors against the Israeli nation by many governments in the Middle East, apart from the motivations often ascribed by habit to the situation, is this doctrine, a prime example of a fictional modern ethnic state.

This doctrine has materialized in the form of death for many non-Arab citizens of the Iraqi state, most notably the Kurdish people, and also in near total desolation of the lands customarily inhabited by these people. The Ba'th have exercised total control over northern Iraq for approximately 25 years. Recent events have shown that an extended policy to erase the people of northern Iraq has been pursued by the Iraqi government, with further long term aims towards the elimination of every vestige of civilization in that area. For example, in the mid 1980's, Iraq embarked on a plan to demolish every city in northern Iraq, as these cities were peopled mainly by Kurds, whose existence constituted a threat to the fictional ethnic state that the Ba'th were attempting to bring about. The town Qalat Diza was demolished in 1989. The Iraqi army surrounded the city, gave the population a few hours to vacate the area, and then dynamited every structure in the city, which today is a ruin. Other Kurdish cities in the region which have been destroyed by Iraq's army include Sayid Sadiq, Chwarta, and Haj Omran. These four names are only the tip of the litany of destruction wrought by Iraq: the mere listing of the names of the cities destroyed could easily take up most of this page. Lost along with the inhabitants are thousands of years of

civilization: among the buildings dynamited by the Iraqi government are Christian churches dating to the fifth century, ancient mosques, and medieval forts and dwellings. The armies frequently poisoned wells and laid land mines extensively, rendering the regions around what were formerly urban areas unfit

for human habitation. As for the people who formerly occupied these cities, many were not so fortunate as the residents of Qalat Diza. The village Qulojeo had its population marched to an open trench, where the Iraqi army pushed the town into the trench, shot them to death, and covered their corpses with dirt. Overall, the death toll from the campaign which included Qulojeo is between 50,000 and 100,000. It is beyond dispute that Iraq's conduct in regard to the Kurdish people may be classified as a crime against humanity, and amounts to genocide, as defined by the International Genocide Convention.

Turning away from Iraq, it is instructive to note that the treatment of Kurds in neighboring is not much improved, although next to the example of Iraq, all comparable conditions may fade only in degree, not in kind. In Turkey, which shares a border with Iraq and contains twelve to fourteen million Kurds, the use of the Kurdish language was forbidden until recently, and similar violence to that which has been described against the Kurds in Iraq has taken place, but to a far lesser degree, because the Turkish state has chosen to try to assimilate the Kurdish people into the Turkish

culture, to the extent that the Turkish government denied the existence of the Kurds as a people for decades. These policies of Turkey are descended from a man named Mustafa Kemal (later Ataturk), who forged the modern Turkish state. The unratified treaty of Sevres in 1920 would have left Turkey as a small parcel of land around Istanbul, with the rest divided between England, France, Greece, Armenia, an independent Kurdistan, and Italy. Ataturk launched a campaign of war to dispute this treaty, and by 1923 had defeated the Allied forces so soundly that they were forced to sign the treaty of Lausanne, which recognized the Turkish republic. Ataturk, having achieved his goal of reconstituting the Turkish state, then went on to redefine practically every aspect of the new republic. One of these concepts was the idea of Ataturkist thought, which held that the possibility that the republic might contain people who were not ethnically Turks was a threat to the very essence of the state. Although Turkey's response to this "problem" has been more oriented towards forced assimilation than violence (although violence on both sides of this dispute

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IN THE STARS...

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're personality-plus this week, but it's best to follow up on your independent urges. Business deals are pulled off only if you can utilize tact, not an easy task for you. An intriguing weekend invitation comes your way.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A close relative brightens your week with some welcome news. Before making any major purchases, be sure that you and your mate are in sync about how much to spend. Sometimes, you have a tendency to just go ahead willy-nilly without thinking.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You and a loved one have a minor falling out about a money matter early in the week. However, don't allow it to escalate or last longer than it should. The weekend favors get-togethers with friends.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Couples enjoy some special time together this week. However, be sure that all tasks are completed before going off for any romantic outings. Events that occur in a child's life are very favorable for the entire family.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need to take some time out early in the week to meditate and get some answers. Sometimes, others distract you from your primary goals. The weekend is best for completing a project.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Finances are looking up. Keep on this track for additional success. Your personality comes to your aid while negotiating a business deal. Research and cerebral activities are favored for the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Anything you do as a group activity is favored. The accent is heavily placed

on teamwork this week. If you've been waiting for financial backing for a project, this is the time to attain it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What occurs behind the scenes benefits you greatly financially. However, don't rush out later in the week on that tempting shopping expedition. This weekend, keep certain personal plans private.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Be sure to take advantage of that special opportunity that comes your way early in the week. Something occurs at work that surprises you. However, this ultimately develops into future gains or a possible promotion.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Self-confidence is the key to help you achieve what you want at work. Later in the week, news you receive about a family matter cheers you up. This weekend, communicative skills come to the fore.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Try not to be put out when someone shows up at your door unexpectedly sometime this week. This person has an interesting revelation. Be patient over the weekend with a cantankerous loved one who may not be feeling well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your bookkeeping has been a bit sloppy lately, unlike you, and needs to be corrected. If out shopping, something very unusual captures your imagination. This weekend, singles find dating very rewarding.

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ACROSS

1 Pyramid scheme, e.g.
 5 Go after an apple?
 8 Impale
 12 Sailor's saint
 13 Crew need
 14 Shakespearean villain
 15 Sports fans' party spot
 17 God, in Grenoble
 18 Binge
 19 Pickpocket's goal
 21 Unescorted
 24 Basketball's Unseld
 25 Wouldn't relinquish
 28 Bring up
 30 Sunday seat
 33 Berlin's "What'll —?"
 34 Liberty-or-death speaker
 35 It might be dry
 36 Musical Fogelberg
 37 Well-spun tale
 38 Uppity sort
 39 Sweet potato
 41 Slithery
 43 Morning prayers
 46 — World Turns
 50 Composer Khachaturian
 51 Bar concoction
 54 — Nastase
 55 — pro nobis
 56 First name in scat

DOWN

1 Stage
 2 Put your hands together
 3 Turkish official
 4 Harass
 5 Feathery
 6 Bran source
 7 Steep
 8 Inch along laterally
 9 Sudden collapse
 10 Author/critic
 11 Session in the ring
 16 Comprehend
 20 Wrong
 22 Geometry find
 23 Literature class?
 25 Josh
 26 Writer Le Shan
 27 Dangling coiffure
 29 "Rule Britannia" composer
 31 "Foucault's Pendulum" author
 32 Symbol of intrigue
 34 Praiseful
 38 Gambler's dream find
 40 Picked a target
 42 "Mighty — a Rose"
 43 Injure severely
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 48 Sword handle
 49 Greek underground
 52 Stick figure?
 53 Low island

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"Now, I'm not a novice when it comes to male genitalia..."
 -Female biology professor discussing fruit fly DNA
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 -overheard in Hamilton

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has frequently darkened the soil of that land), it is driven by the same force motivating Iraq's attacks on the Kurds: the

concept of the fictional ethnic state. Although pan-Turkism does not play as great a role in Ataturkist thought as pan-Arabism plays a role in Ba'thist thought, the fundamental precept of ethnic "purity" remains the same, and as manifested in both the nations of Turkey and Iraq, bears a strong resemblance to the learning of the thousand year state, and its Fuehrer.

Therefore, it may be seen that the fundamental cause of the strife seen in the Middle East today and back through history is this concept of the fictional ethnic state, which predicates itself upon allowing no citizen to belong to a group other than what is defined as the norm, be that norm cultural, religious, ethnic, or a combination of the three. Given that

Turkey and Iraq are enemies, due to Turkey's siding against Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War, the stress upon this fictional ethnic state as the cause of the type of wide unrest and brutality

described is further strengthened. This fictional ethnic state is an unreality, because it is the natural tendency of all people to mingle, as is predicted by L. Boltzmann's assertion that, in all things, the universe tends towards disorder rather than order. This complex, unpredictable chaos is what offends the planners of such states. Their policies, which in Iraq manifest themselves in murder, and in Turkey manifest themselves mainly in forced assimilation, do not escape the reality that the end they are intended to achieve is neither attainable nor sustainable. To further demonstrate why this ethnic state concept is at the root of all major political upheavals in the Middle East, I will make a prediction. The Israeli land for peace plan will fail. It will fail because it creates what amounts to a new ethnic state: the Palestinian Authority. Although I do not know whether the Palestinian Authority is now a fictional ethnic state, that is, one which would consider the presence of any "improperly" ethnically oriented residents to be a political threat, I am convinced that, based upon history, if it is not a fictional ethnic state now, that it will evolve into one as time passes, assuming that it is allowed to survive. If my conception of the turmoil in the

Middle East is valid, then the current situation in regard to the previously mentioned lands will most likely not remain stable, but fall to the advantage of either one or the other. The only solution for a viable peace in that region of the world, and indeed, in all such "trouble spots", both near and distant, is the overthrow of the concept of the fictional ethnic state, in all of its various forms. This can only be done

through a paradigm shift in the concerned areas.

In a sense, it is done by writing editorials.

Rudolf B. Radna
Class of 1998

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John Hirsch '97

Sports Quiz by Larry Duncan

1. Who was the first golfer to win \$100,000 in one year?
2. What New York Yankee was known as "The Iron Horse"?
3. What was Mark Johnson talking about when he said, "I still can't believe it — we beat the Russians"?
4. What country is considered the cradle of horse racing?
5. In what sport did Juan Fangio win five world championships?
6. What combat sport was devised by Dr. Jigoro Kano in Japan in 1882?
7. Who was the first to win five straight Wimbledon singles tennis titles without a defending champion's bye to the final?
8. What former baseball player was a pitchman for Mr. Coffee?

Sports Quiz Answers

1. Arnold Palmer; 2. Lou Gehrig; 3. a 1980 Olympic hockey victory; 4. England; 5. Grand Prix auto racing; 6. Judo; 7. Bjorn Borg; 8. Joe DiMaggio

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SPORTS

Women's cross country off to a fast start

by Todd Klarin
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Usually Division III schools don't run against Division I schools, and usually freshmen don't place number one for a college in their first meet, but no one told Conn College this when they went to the Fordham Invitational to run in their first meet this year. Running against 17 other schools, many of whom are Division I, Conn was able to place eleventh in last Saturday's meet, first amongst Division III schools and higher than Division I schools, Iona and Farleigh Dickinson. "In the beginning it was a little overwhelming [to run against Division I schools], but in the end it pushed us to go faster and do our best," said sophomore Kristie Alcock, who placed fourth for Conn.

The Camels lose some speed this year with the departure of last year's top runners, graduates Meghan Clay and Hannah Copp, who placed tenth and sixteenth in last year's NESCAC championships. But women's coach Ned Bishop is looking to Senior Sherri Schultz and Juniors Latoya Marsh and Maya Falck for leadership this year, and all have stepped up. Marsh ran a 22:10 in Saturday's race, placing second for the college, 84th overall. Schultz's and Falck's times were able to place in the top ten for Conn as well.

This year's team adds quite a bit

of new firepower, the team is joined by speedy freshmen Emily Thomas, Ann Kohlman, and Danica Kubick. Thomas finished first for Conn with a time of 21:23, with Kohlman and Kubick finishing third and sixth for the team respectively. Freshman Katheryn McCandless also looks to be a major factor for Conn this year but did not run in Saturday's race due to injury.

This year's team is captained by Senior Karen Norenberg who finished eighth for the team last Saturday. "I'd really like to see us grow as a team. We're really small in size, and over half of the team is made up of freshmen," said Norenberg. Coach Bishop agreed, adding "We're very young in our top group. Latoya Marsh is our only returning runner from the top group last year."

Last year's team finished sixteenth in the division, and this year's group is determined to improve on that. "We don't have quite the firepower at the top we had last year, but we'll have a lot better depth this year," said Coach Bishop.

The team has been practicing hard so far this year, logging 30 to 50 miles a week in their first three weeks, and practices only get tougher as the season progresses.

This week the women traveled to the UMASS/Dartmouth Invitational, and will host at the Connecticut College Invitational on October 5.

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women's soccer history. In later action against Mount Holyoke, Woods scored her 21st career goal tying Katie Bing '90's school record. The senior captain modestly refused comment on her achievements.

The Salve Regina game itself was hardly a nail-biter. It did, however, allow many Conn women a chance to play. One pleasant surprise was the play of freshman Meghan Welch. Welch netted career goals number one and two. Freshman Anna Wilson also scored her first career goal. The Camels most recent game against Mount Holyoke produced a carbon copy 4-0 win on Tuesday. Mount

Holyoke, like Salve, offered little challenge. Woods netted her record tying goal while Rebecca Applebee scored her first of the season, but the star of the game was Kim-An Fernandez who added two.

More difficult NESCAC opponents lie ahead for the Camels including away games against Trinity on Wednesday the 25th, and Colby on Saturday the 28th. Conn's next home game is against Wesleyan on the 5th of next month.

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The team is solid and only intends to better itself as the year goes on. The sailing team competes in both the fall and spring seasons. With such a strong early start, it can be anticipated that the Camels could finish with the strongest record ever. With a good young contingent, this year will not be the end of the sailing dynasty. The fall season concludes with the Atlantic Coast Championships in the middle of November. The team will host the Invite at Connecticut College on October 5.

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CAMEL SPORTS

Athlete of the Week

This week the Athletes of the Week are the members of the Conn Coed Varsity and Women's Sailing teams. This week in the National Rankings they were 10th and 5th, respectively. Congratulations to Camel Sailing!



Photo by Adrienne Rumble/The College Voice

Jane Loutrel '99, skipper, and Pilar Vahey '98 are two of the many members of the Conn sailing team that helped push it into the national ranks.

Conn sailing races ahead

by Jenny Marchick and
Jessica Bell
SPORTS EDITOR AND
ASSOCIATE SPORTS
EDITOR

Connecticut College sailing is definitely not the most talked about or watched sport on campus, but the team is the most accomplished one the college has ever had on its roster. Conn sailing is the only Division I team held by Conn. This month the US Collegiate Team rankings were released, the coed team placed tenth and the women's team was fifth in the nation. These tremendous accomplishments are, unfortunately, often overlooked by a school preoccupied with more spectator-oriented sports.

The activity that so many people associate with leisure and a relaxing weekend on the water is actually a mentally and physically exhausting sport which pushes the

athletes to think and then act in a matter of split seconds. For the Conn sailors, Saturday starts with a 6:30 a.m. wake up call. They sail from 10 to 5 p.m., and arrive back at Conn at 8 or 9 p.m. For the varsity team, this routine is usually also repeated on Sunday. There are about four different regattas going on per weekend: one women's event, one varsity event, a jv event, and a freshman event. To be able to compete in all of the contests, the team needs a substantial roster. There are 40 members of Camel sailing, but Conn only has eight Flying Junior (FJ) boats. To allow all members to sail, a partnership has been established with the United States Coast Guard Academy, which has one of the best facilities in the country, boasting 30 FJs and 20 420s. The team uses all resources available to make themselves the best they can be.

The captain of this year's team is Dave Strothman '98, and the co-captains are Tara Davigon '98, Molly Carrott '98, and Drew Buttner '98. The women's team is skippered by Ery Largay '98 and Jane Loutrel '99; their crews are Karen Renzulli '99 and Pilar Vahey '98, respectively. On September 14 at the Man-Labs they finished in an impressive second place. The rest of the varsity team did well also at the Hurst Bowl, with Pete Strothman '99/Tara Davigon '97 and Tracey Hayley '97/Justin Smith '00 finishing fourth; and at the Great Herring Pond Regatta, Dave Strothman/Jill Gardner '97 and Brian Hill '98/Joanna Montague '98 finishing second overall. Hayley is a member of the United States Sailing Team, narrowly missing the 1996 Olympic Team with a third place finish in the women's 470s at the trials.

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Conn women start strong, Woods makes history

by Tim Sheflin
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As the saying goes, "Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose," and so goes life in the NESCAC for the Connecticut College women's soccer team. The Camels dropped their first conference game of the season to a strong Tufts team, 1-0. The loss was hardly negative, however. The team played at the same level as Tufts, and outplayed the Jumbos for most of the second half. Coach Ken Kline described Tufts as "a team on a mission." Tufts is returning with a strong core of senior starters and appears to be one of the strongest teams in the NESCAC. Conn team captain Betsy Woods summed up team sentiment commenting, "Even though we lost, it was a good start."

Woods was also encouraged by the team's strong play late in the game. "We really stepped it up in the second half." The team walked off Harkness green confident that they could play with anyone in the league. Coach Kline describes the NESCAC as "very strong, its probably the strongest league in Division III." If the tight loss to the Jumbos showed anything, it showed that Conn was ready for another exciting and competitive year.

There were some unanswered questions for the Camels as they entered the game. Coach Kline said, "The big question mark for our team this year was our defense," a defense that lost three of four starters to graduation. Sarah Feinberg '98, Christine Seta '98, Sarah Dorion '97, and Caroline Davis '99 make up

Conn's new defense, and the four entered the season untried as a unit. So far, the group has passed all tests, allowing only one goal in the first three games. It would be unfair, however, not to mention that the new D is backed by one of the best goalies in the league, senior captain Holly Doyle.

The Camels dominated Salve Regina in the season opener, shutting them out 4-0. The win, however, may have been overshadowed by the individual achievements of senior captain Betsy Woods. At 18:22 in the first half, Woods netted her 20th career goal and 56th career point. With that point, Woods became the all-time leading scorer in Conn

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Sophomore Kim-An Hernandez stays afoot after an unsuccessful slide tackle by her Tufts opponent.