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Study Abroad Numbers Move Towards Balance

By MELISSA QUICK
STAFF WRITER

The Connecticut College Office of National and International Programs is committed to the philosophy that "a student's education is enriched by spending one or two semesters in another country." As shown by the large number of students studying off-campus this semester, Conn students enthusiastically respond to this attitude toward foreign study.

The ONIP boasts that 50 percent of the student body studies abroad at some point during their four years, eagerly travelling around the globe in search of new experiences by residing and studying in a new environment.

While junior year is the most popular time for students to go abroad, many second semester sophomores and first semester seniors also study away. This year, 146 Conn students are studying around the world, experiencing new ways of living and learning in various countries.

Unfortunately, this embrasure of the program leads to problems when students return from their time abroad. In the past, more students

have studied away in the fall semester than the spring, leading to housing crunches for returning students. In order to minimize the housing problems that result from this imbalance, the ONIP has instituted a cap on the numbers of students who will study away in each semester in the future.

According to Dean Frances Hoffman, Dean of the College, this new limit on study away numbers "helps in planning. It is a more effective use of our space not to have wildly unbalanced numbers of students. It makes it easier to plan course coverage because it stabilizes

the enrollment from one semester to the next. It's more effective and efficient use of our staffing and facilities."

According to Shirley Parsons, Associate Director of National and International Programs, these numbers were determined by Senior Administration during the 2000-2001 school year. The new cap allows 160 students to study away during the fall and 110 during the spring.

The new cap does not mean, however, that the staff in ONIP will be limiting students interested in

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Students gather in Unity House Wednesday, September 12, for a candlelight vigil. The mourners continued to the chapel, where a prayer service was held in remembrance of those who died in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. The Student Government Association planned several events and activities to honor the recent tragedy. The campus participated in a moment of silence, a banner was hung on the crosswalk, and a mural was erected in the student center. (Lisa Brownell, College Relations)

SURVEY SHOWS FRIENDSHIPS COME BEFORE CONSCIENCE

By BRADLEY KREIT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The results from the Student Government Association's Identifying Honor survey revealed that while students, for the most part, agree on the substance of social honor, they are reluctant to implicate friends for breaking rules.

Dean of the College Frances Hoffmann indicated that the greatest tension came from question number 5, in which 43.8% of students felt that it was more honorable to be loyal to a friend, while 38.4% of students felt that turning in that friend was more honorable.

"Most notably," Hoffmann said,

the issues surrounding students perceived tensions between honor code commitment and friendship [should be discussed]."

Other questions presented similar problems. While 86.3% of students felt that bringing notes to an unproctored exam was dishonorable, when further asked whether or not they would turn in a friend for cheating, only 20.9% of students said that they would.

Oslec Villegas '03 echoed Dean Hoffmann's comments.

"My honest opinion is that it depends on what the situation is [as to whether or not I would turn in a friend]. If I feel that the action was truly wrong, then I would have no qualms about reporting the individ-

ual." The results will now be referred to the Identifying Honor Issues Project Committee.

SGA President Anne Baker '02 said, "The committee wanted to know what the opinions of the students were so that they could use that information for background."

While the survey will be referred to the SGA's Identifying Honor committee, there is no current plan to use this survey to help direct campus policy.

SGA Parliamentarian Sarah Willcox '03 said that the survey was, "Truly informational and educational."

The SGA hopes that the results will impact the social atmosphere on

campus. "If we can make vandalism socially unacceptable," Student Activities Council Chair Lyman Smith '02 said, "We have a chance at curbing it and creating a safer, more healthy environment."

Social honor questions yielded more consistent results. Of the 967 students who responded to the survey, 962, or 99.4%, felt that theft was dishonorable. More than 90 percent of students also agreed that vandalism and assault are dishonorable.

There is no current plan to publish the results of the survey, though the data will more than likely be referenced in future efforts to combat dorm damage.

CC Addresses Negative Credit Outlook

By COLEY WARD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Last November, Moody's Investors Service assigned Connecticut College an A2 credit rating but revised the college's outlook from stable to negative. Moody's sighted the presidential transition and a recent history of operating deficits as reasons for the adjusted outlook.

This year, the College is still struggling to protect the status of its credit rating. Vice President of Finance Paul Maroni feels positively that the school has done its best to assuage Moody's concerns, but he is realistic about future financial growth.

"If you read the review, what you'll find is basically a very positive review, but they're concerned about a few things - the presidential search and the state of the economy," said Maroni. "We've hired a new president, but it's very hard to address the issue of the capital market. We've clearly introduced a better budget process, but we've also been in a year where markets have basically gone downward."

The slumping economy has had a negative effect on most schools. Lehigh University lost \$46 million on the value of its endowment in the fiscal year that ended June 30, a decline of just under 6 percent, to \$746 million. Drexel University lost about \$20 million, an 8 percent drop to \$233 million, after yearly gains averaging 22 percent.

Connecticut College has experienced similar difficulties with its investments, but has managed to curb budget excesses that plagued it in the past. The college ended the 2000-01

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Men's soccer will be one of the many teams under review in department evaluation. (Barco)

Task Force on Athletics Formed

By DANIEL JARCHO
STAFF WRITER

Connecticut College administration and the Priority Planning and Budget Committee are in the process of forming a Presidential Task Force on Athletics and Physical Education to re-examine the mission of the athletic department in the new century.

Acting Provost and Dean of the Faculty Helen Regan, who is organizing the project, said the committee is almost completely assembled, but she would not reveal the names of the participants.

"We have about 85 percent of the task force assembled," said Regan. "Dean of the College Frances Hoffmann will act as the chair of the Task Force."

The College has been motivated by financial shortcomings to re-evaluate athletics. Several coaching staffs were consolidated last year, leaving fewer assistant coaches in the varsity programs. After considering cutting an entire athletic team, it was determined that a more thorough investigation needed to be done before taking further action.

For these reasons, the Senior Administrators of the College and the PPBC aim to reexamine the mission of athletics and physical educa-

tion.

In addition to the need for changes due to financial constraints, the College is concerned with the statistics revealed in James Shulman's and William Bowen's The Game of Life. The book, released in January of 2001, is an examination of data pertaining to all aspects of athletics at 30 highly selective colleges and universities around the country. The book addresses issues including how athletics influence class composition, the messages that these institutions send to prospective students, parents, and society, how and why athletics alters admissions, and also the alumni giving of student-athletes in comparison to non-athletes.

One trend that The Game of Life reveals is the lowering of admissions standards in order to field competitive athletic teams. The publication of these studies and statistics has caught the attention of Connecticut College and the NESCAC, which prides itself on the production of true scholar athletes.

The Presidential Task Force at Connecticut College is still not completely formed, but will be in place in the coming weeks along with the arrival of President-elect Fainstein.

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Islamic Center Looks to Educate New London Following Tragedy

By COLEY WARD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Islamic Center of New London held a forum in the Garde Arts Center on Sunday to answer questions from the community about Islam and its relationship to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

With the US government targeting Osama bin Laden, a Saudi-born Islamic extremist, as the prime suspect in last week's terrorist acts, local Muslim-Americans have been trying to ward off backlash directed at them by educating the community that the attacks contradict their religion. There have been instances in New London County, where there are nearly 250 Muslim residents, in which Muslim-Americans have been threatened because of the terrorist attacks.

The forum was sponsored by

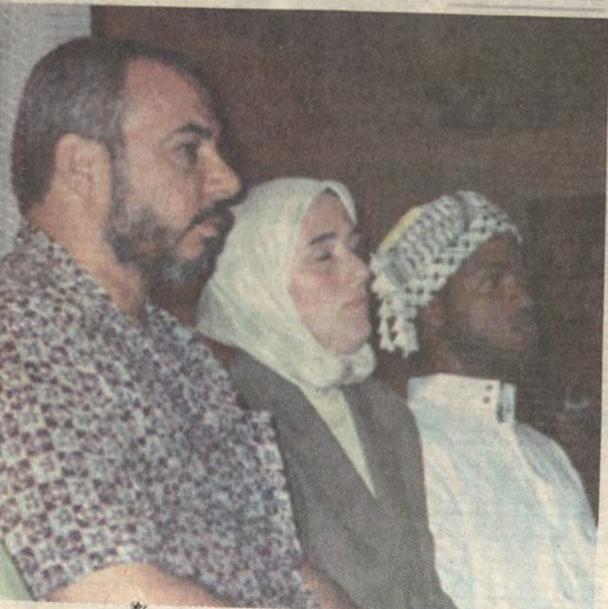
Connecticut College and moderated by Professor of Religious Studies Patrice Brodeur. Roughly 200 people turned out to learn more about the eastern religion.

Carolyn D'Alessio '02, who assisted with the event, was encouraged by the large community response.

"I think it offered a lot of hope," said D'Alessio. "It gave people an opportunity to gain a local perspective on Islam and its relation to the terrorist attacks. I thought the panelists gave an educational and also personal response to the questions."

The first hour of the two-hour event was dedicated to group discussion and formulation of questions for the seven representatives from the Islamic Center. During the second hour, panelists took turns addressing questions. In between the two sessions, the Muslims in atten-

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Three members of the Islamic Center serve as panelists at Sunday's forum (Ward)

EDITORIAL & OPINION

Study Abroad Cap is Quick Fix for Larger Enrollment Problem

Connecticut College's decision to balance study abroad numbers was, at first glance, wise. In past fall semesters, students went abroad in disproportionately large numbers, leading to housing crunches when these students returned in the spring semester.

Equalizing the numbers provides several of benefits. Departments will be able to better manage staffing. Currently, departments are forced to hire temporary faculty for fall semester only to cut back in the spring.

Disparate numbers cause problems in more than just academic departments. Offices like Careers Services and Health Services must scramble to provide adequately for increased numbers of students. Lines in the dining hall get longer. The college bureaucracy moves more slowly.

Most seriously, the office of student life must work to find "creative" solutions to house returning students. In recent years these have included cramming students into living rooms and undersized multiples. This is a real quality of life issue for the students involved.

Imposing a cap on number of fall-semester study abroad students goes along way toward provide immediate relief. Unfortunately, the inability of the college to handle the imbalance of study away students is a symptom of a larger problem. Enrollment, targeted at 1600, has increased steadily in recent years to near 1700 students.

With enrollment nearing its maximum, the college simply lacks the flexibility it once had. Conn. can not grow any more without building more housing, hiring more staff and building new facilities.

Sadly, the financial challenge facing the college also contributes to the rationale behind the cap. Connecticut College can no longer afford to spend the extra money so that students can study abroad during the semester of their choice. The number of students studying abroad each semester must be evened so that the college can fill the campus to capacity, maximizing tuition revenue.

Leveling study abroad numbers is an acceptable short-term solution to maximizing revenue, but the long-term solution must be lowering enrollment. Unless the college can find enough money to build a new dorm and hire more faculty, it is not feasible to bring in any more students. Instead, lowering enrollment will restore a decent quality of life to a campus that has been putting its students' comfort on hold for too long.

Therefore, the study away cap only serves as a quick fix for greater problems which the college must still address.

No News is Not Good News - Papers Should be More Accessible on Campus

Professors at Conn have long complained that despite our fine academic reputation, Connecticut College students are grossly uninformed about the world outside our own hilltop bubble.

In the wake of last week's tragedy, student interest in news has skyrocketed. At the same time, newspapers have been decreasingly available on campus throughout the semester.

Recently, a new candy display replaced the rack of newspapers and magazines in the Convenience Store, and the papers were bumped to the Bookstore. While this does not make papers inaccessible, the hours of the Bookstore are limited to Monday through Saturday during business hours.

The bookstore is closed all Sunday, making it all but impossible for a student without a car to buy a Sunday newspaper.

Although newspapers are available in the library, students should not be forced to share the scant copies of major newspapers in the library.

Compounding this problem is that there is no student subscription service to any major newspaper. In the past, subscriptions to The New York Times were offered to students at an affordable rate. This year, students do not have this option.

Providing students with a viable option to subscribe to The New York Times, The Boston Globe, or another major newspaper is a minimal expense, but provides the campus with an important service.

With the current need for information, Conn should resume putting The New York Times in dining halls and around campus, and provide subscription services that give students the option of subscribing to other major newspapers.

Correction: Last week's article profiling SGA President Anne Baker was written by staff writer Jeanine Millard.

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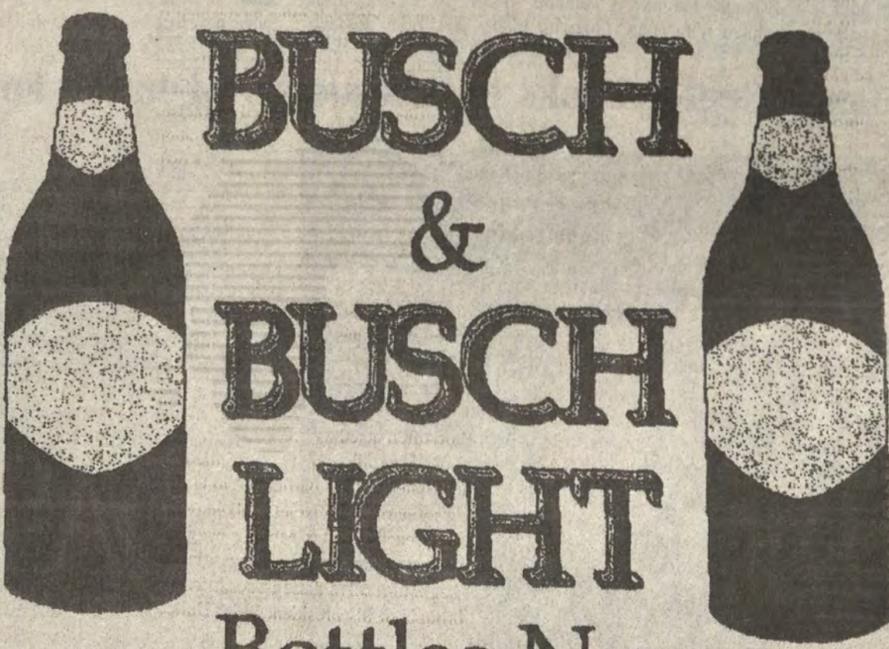
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OPINION

IN DESPERATE TIMES, BEWARE OF DESPERATE MEASURES

SARAH GREEN • VIEWPOINT



For the first three days, all I could think was, "They had to be crazy." To attack the world's sole superpower, a vast nation with nuclear weapons, a leader in the world economy. To train and coordinate and strategize for years, hoping to achieve... what, exactly? Not only have the terror-mongers refrained from making any demands, they refuse to even admit their guilt. So, what could they possibly hope to gain?

I realize that the United States is, to some people, "The Great Satan." Granted, we're not exactly sweeping popularity contests across the Middle East. But there's more than hatred for all things American driving these men; Professor Gallagher suggested to me at last week's panel discussion that the terrorists may see this violence, which to us seems to be a senseless attack, as a "spasm of defensive violence" against an incredibly powerful nation that has taken over their way of life. In essence, they felt invaded, so they fought back.

Then I stopped thinking, "How crazy were they?" and began to wonder, "How desperate?" Desperation is dangerous. A desperate Timothy McVeigh killed innocent people in Oklahoma City, and two desperate boys shot their own classmates in Littleton, Colorado. What does it say about the modern world, a largely American world, that makes people feel so trapped? Terrorists have families. They have parents, and favorite foods, and senses of humor. How desperate does one son have to be to kill another?

I mentioned Timothy McVeigh, and in a Voice article last year, I wrote that I did not support his execution under the death penalty. I still stand by that belief. But I know also that the beliefs I have always held closest to my heart, beliefs nurtured by growing up in a sleepy town in a safe country, have been submitted to a kind of trial by fire. I have spent much of the last week trying to reconcile my abhorrence for murder in any guise with a burning desire for vengeance in the guise of justice.

Mingled in with that rage is fear. Just as last spring I feared that the execution of Tim McVeigh would make him a martyr, now I worry that killing Osama bin Laden will only bring more zealots to his cause. We have seen, replayed in every news broadcast since September 11, the atrocities that desperate men are willing to commit. Part of me wonders if military action by the United States will only render more men more desperate.

But it's not just my own personal beliefs that have been tested. As a nation, we have been forced to scrutinize rights and ideals that define America. The true test of our country and of our generation is whether, in the face of such sorrow, we will stand by our values of freedom and tolerance. Already, Muslims and Arab-Americans conceal their heritage, fearing misdirected violence. Already, the leaders of this country are calling for changes in such protocols as the ban on assassinations (which applies only to the leaders of countries, not terrorists) and the admittance of so-called "unsavory characters" (such as former terrorists) into the CIA. I will be interested to see what impact the events of last week will have on issues like gun control and privacy rights.

We are facing these conflicts—between the ideals we held on September 10 and the reality we woke up to on September 11—because of violence born out of blind hatred and desperation. The terrorists have made no demands. They have even refused to admit their identity. All the same, I know what they want from the way I have felt for the past 10 days—they want us to feel desperate. They want desperation to destroy us.

I believe that our principles are stronger than the steel and concrete of our skyscrapers. Our ideals have carried us this far; whatever action we take now, and we must take action, I can only hope it will live up to those ideals. They may destroy our buildings, but they cannot destroy our convictions.

MARCHING OFF TO WAR

ERIC SEVERSON • ... AND JUSTICE FOR ALL



When the Constitution was established as the law of the land over two centuries ago, the military and political situation that now confronts our nation would have been beyond the wildest dreams of the American people. As a nation bordered by allies to the North and South and two vast oceans to the East and West, we have always been relatively sheltered from military threats. This way of thinking now seems outmoded in light of last Tuesday's tragic assault on America. Bearing this in mind, we must take another look at the power of the President and the Congress to deal with military threats.

One particularly relevant law is the War Powers Resolution of 1973, which was passed over President Nixon's veto during the twilight of the catastrophic Vietnam Conflict. The intent of this resolution was to reign in the President's ability to send troops to foreign lands without the approval of Congress, potentially dragging the nation into "undeclared wars" and military quagmires. The War Powers Resolution mandates that the President consult Congress before sending American troops into a conflict whenever practicable. It stipulates that Congress should be informed as to the justifications for military action, and the potential duration and costs of U.S. involvement.

This act has come under fire by those who believe that it undermines the ability of our President to deal with potential threats quickly and efficiently. This issue has come to the forefront with regards to U.S. involvement in Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, and post-war Iraq, and almost certainly will be discussed and debated in light of the eminent war on terrorism.

To be honest, my feelings on this matter are very mixed. The Constitution seems to divide authority fairly evenly between the President and Congress. Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution gives Congress the power to declare war and appropriate funds for war, while Article II, Section 2 makes the President commander-in-chief of all armed forces during times of conflict. On a theoretical level, it seems obvious to me that the President's military actions should be held in check by the Congress. It seems that no one person, even the Chief Executive, should have the power to put American troops in harm's way without consulting and informing Congress first.

However, on a practical level, this may not even be realistic in today's world. For example, let's imagine that tomorrow the CIA was able to determine the location of several terrorist cells which could be knocked out by timely missile strikes. To allow the President to order attacks without Congressional approval seems to violate the very principle of checks and balances on which our government was founded. However, by the time the President has informed and consulted Congress about the opportunity, it may be too late to take advantage.

Right away, one can see that this is a complex issue that will play a vital role in the days ahead. We are charged with defeating an enemy who may have branches in as many as one-third of the world's nations, including this one. This is the sort of crisis which tests the strength and will of nations, from which the United States has always emerged successfully in the past. As much as I would love to see this conflict resolved peacefully and bloodlessly, I have my doubts as to whether that is realistic, or even possible. I urge all who read these words to give some serious consideration to how far you will let Congress and the President go to bring this conflict to its conclusion.

RUNNING AWAY FROM DURBAN AND THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM

ADAM BOROS AND JOSHUA KATZ • INTO AFRICA

Within minutes of what award-winning author and columnist Thomas Friedman deemed the beginning of World War III, racially charged rhetoric began to characterize media coverage of the "Attack on America." Although it now appears that the attackers were indeed Islamic Fundamentalists, the assumption that the perpetrators were Arab is a glaring example of the profound racism that dominates the global community. Ironically, just two days before the tragedies in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania, the controversial World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance concluded in Durban, South Africa.

The Conference, which began on August 31, was opened by the bleak remarks of host President Thabo Mbeki. He declared: "It became necessary that we convene... because, together, we recognized the fact there are many in our common world who suffer indignity and humiliation because they are not white. Their cultures and traditions are despised as savage and primitive and their identities denied. They are not white and are deeply immersed in poverty. Of them it is said that they are human but black [in South African society, the term "black" often refers to any person who is not of pure European descent], whereas others are described as human and white."

While Mbeki's opinions may be largely true in his own country, it must be debated if this is also the case worldwide. In short, we ask the question: "Does Mbeki's approach widen or narrow the chasm that separates the races?" (Although Mbeki speaks of all races across the globe, we will examine his statement only as it pertains to the United States' relationship with Africa.)

We believe that although Mbeki's words are overstated, they are certainly beneficial. Put bluntly, the United States' foreign policy approach towards the continent of Africa is strongly influenced by racist convictions:

- In 1994, approximately 800,000 Rwandans were slaughtered in 100 days, yet our country did virtually nothing in response (although our response to the Kosovo crisis just four years later was swift and forceful).
- The head of USAID, Andrew Natsios, recently discouraged giving HIV/AIDS funding to Africa because Africans "do not use Western means to tell time. They use the sun. These drugs have to be administered in certain sequences, at certain times during the day. You say, take it at 10 o'clock, during the day. You say, take it at 10 o'clock, they say, what do you mean, 10 o'clock?"
- Aid for development has continually declined over the past decade even though the need for it has not.
- The largest recipient of aid from the U.S. is Israel, which has a GDP per capita that is five times greater than the richest African country.
- These facts indisputably show that there is a bias against Africa... a bias that Thabo Mbeki was trying to highlight.

Since the Civil Rights Movement, the U.S. has too often acted as if its battle against racism is effectively over. The Racism Conference was convened because people from all over the world agreed that this is far from the truth, either within U.S. borders or without. Unfortunately, the United States did not participate long enough to hear what the world had to say.

On the first day of the Conference, the U.S., citing solidarity with Israel, walked out, unwilling to engage in any sort of dialogue. In light of this event, one is faced with the question: "Which approach is better, Mbeki's exaggeration or the United States' avoidance?" We answer unequivocally that following Mbeki's lead is the only way to generate more discussion and greater understanding between races. Conversely, to walk away from an unprecedented opportunity to begin to resolve these issues is irresponsible and cowardly. Unless we begin to confront our society's racism head-on, as Mbeki has done throughout his presidency, the United States' mistreatment of Africa, let alone its own Black, Asian, and Arab citizens, will not cease.

The first meeting of "Into Africa" will be held on September 25, 2001, at Professor Burton's house. There will be free dinner, and five students who recently studied or worked in Africa will speak about their experiences. Anyone interested in studying in Africa in the future or simply wants to participate in the discussion should RSVP Adam Boros at akbor@conncoll.edu. He will provide you with directions and try to help with transportation. The first on-campus meeting will be held on October 9, 2001, where we will be discussing the validity of slave reparations.

A JIHAD BY ANY OTHER NAME

BRAD KREIT • LEFT OF MARX



This week, Americans are ignoring acts of terror. In places from Ohio to San Francisco, Americans attacked Sikhs, Hindus, Muslims — anyone resembling the pictures of Osama Bin Laden we've all grown to fear. According to the New York Times, more than 200 Sikhs reported incidents to an anti-defamation group as of Tuesday afternoon.

A murder suspect in Mesa, Arizona, charged with murdering a Sikh gas station owner, and attempting to kill a Lebanese man and an Afghan family told police as he was arrested, "I'm a patriot. I'm a damn American all the way."

Meanwhile, Muslims and Hindus have discussed changing their traditional dress so that they won't be such obvious targets of retaliatory attacks.

Changing religious tradition isn't like changing toothpaste. Imagine the outcry if violent thugs had forced Christians to give up wearing the cross when Timothy McVeigh drove a Ryder truck to a federal building in Oklahoma.

A Jihad by any other name...

"God bless America," "Allah will protect Afghanistan" — I'm sorry that I fail to see the difference. They are both rallying cries of nations to justify one of the few things that I think is true heresy: killing lots of people.

Whatever any God up there might be doing with his time, I'm pretty sure it's something more interesting than protecting my country's constitution.

But America is sure that it was blessed, and that it is right to declare war on terrorism.

America ordered "Operation Infinite Justice," an ironically titled operation to further destroy Afghanistan, a country that worries Donald Rumsfeld because there are a lack of military targets. It seems others have been destroying Afghanistan for two decades now, and they are running low on things to destroy.

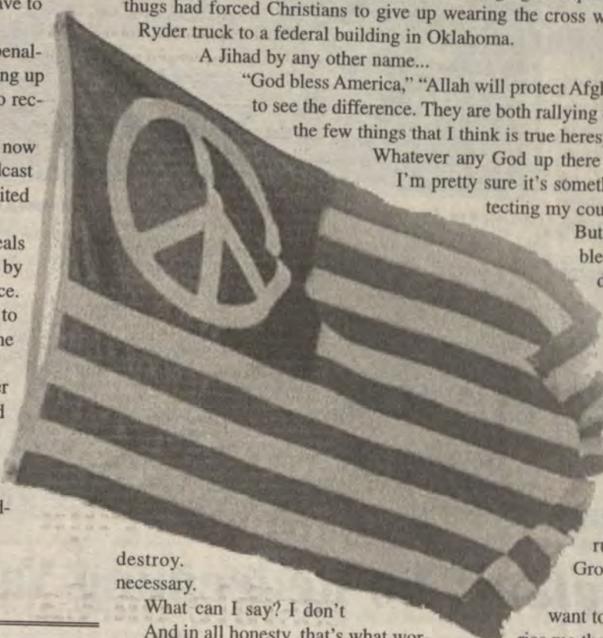
Running low on things to destroy, therefore, might be

want to see my friends die in war. I don't want to see people shipped to Afghanistan in green costumes only to be shipped back in flag covered boxes a few months later. I don't want to attend the funerals tomorrow of the people I attend classes with today.

I don't want murder. I don't want death. I don't want war. I've never been really close to anyone who has died, and I've certainly never known any one who died under the terrible circumstances of September 11. I'm not going to pretend that I have anything at all profound to say to someone who lost a family member.

What I do know is this: the day of the attack was the single most depressing day I have ever lived — and the attacks affected me indirectly, and took place in two cities I've barely visited. I don't want to live, repeating the events of that day, or worse, waiting for infinite justice.

I wore an American flag pin today in honor of the college sponsored Remembrance Day. It was the first, and probably last patriotic thing I'll ever do in my life. More than anything I felt silly wearing that pin. I didn't learn "God bless America" the day the Pentagon was attacked. I learned the value of peace.



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What can I say? I don't And in all honesty, that's what worries me the most. I don't want to see people I've known and cared about for years shipped to Afghanistan in green costumes only to be shipped back in flag covered boxes a few months later. I don't want to attend the funerals tomorrow of the people I attend classes with today.

I don't want murder. I don't want death. I don't want war. I've never been really close to anyone who has died, and I've certainly never known any one who died under the terrible circumstances of September 11. I'm not going to pretend that I have anything at all profound to say to someone who lost a family member.

What I do know is this: the day of the attack was the single most depressing day I have ever lived — and the attacks affected me indirectly, and took place in two cities I've barely visited. I don't want to live, repeating the events of that day, or worse, waiting for infinite justice.

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GAINING SIGHT

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"An eye for an eye makes the world blind," said Ghandi, and in this time of surreal sun shine it seems we lose sight of abounding Life. Because when President Bush uses the words "hunt down and punish," the pendulum of human nature swings from the land of grieving into the realm of hate, the realm of terrorists. Sun falls on American flags dug from the basement, dug out because there was no need for a division of humanity until there was a desire for blame and retribution.

The estimated thousands dead will never be more than the hundreds of thousands killed in our government's pursuit of "liberty" and "democracy," those ambiguous egalitarian terms we slurp like comforting soup. Poisonous words for government directed shooting, bombing, starving, and raping in Iraq, Yugoslavia, Sudan, Rwanda, Palestine, Lebanon, Qana, and, yes, even Afghanistan. If this is a battle between good and evil, as Super DUBYA charges, the line is so hazy it could not be defined with a magnifying glass.

The haze extends deeply into our lives for it is not the government, but we, who demand 25% of the world's oil for our SUVs, plastic bags, stereo systems, and beer fridges. 88,000 those flying American flags were bought at Wal-Mart in towns like New London, whose only privately owned businesses are shops for the tourists and bars for the bored. In January, 69-cent bananas, in January, and supermodel clothes at a beggar costs. Teak from the rainforest makes beautiful decks; our college rings must be made of gold.

Free trade is the diminishment of economic barriers, but what about freedom? Freedom does not equal capitalism. Freedom is not being a slave. To the IMF, to corporate sold seed and fertilizers, to the pharmaceutical company patenting AIDS drugs. To the United States government, that uses words like "henchmen" and increases the budget for a multi-billion dollar missile shield when there are frequent flier terrorists. To the government that discourages increase of gasoline prices and tells its citizens not to worry, the Middle East oil field will remain open despite decades of conflict- if they don't, there's thousands of American willing to drill the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and national parks. Freedom means ending enslavement from all these and your car, Calvin Klein ads, the mall, the television.

When reflecting on the horrors that have passed in our lives, when the swell of anger begins, open your two eyes and remember Ghandi: "We must be the change we wish to see in the world."



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Photography Exhibit Probes into NL Community

BY DEBORAH BLOCK
STAFF WRITER



A photograph on display at CC Downtown as part of Smith's "Displaced" exhibit (Marwell)

The senior project for Connecticut College alumnus Michael Smith '01 independent study of photography, "Displaced", is currently on display at Connecticut College Downtown on State Street in New London.

The 15 photographs on exhibit depict the unpleasant side of New London life as seen in the block enclosed by Trumbell, East, Walbach and Smith Streets, which is one of the last remaining blocks in the Fort Trumbell area. The 8x10 black and white photographs show the effects Pfizer has had on the people's lives in this block.

The New London Development Committee (NLDC), headed by former Connecticut College President Claire Gaudiani, convinced Pfizer to build the plant that now resides in New London in order to improve the New London community. Instead, these photographs portray Pfizer's affect on the community as nearly disastrous.

Smith uses sarcasm to express

this irony in the titles of his work. For example, the photograph entitled "Saviors" shows a sign stating, "Institute for Justice." Another photograph, entitled "Dedication to the Community," shows a Pfizer sign about just that, though it looks out of place aside the other photographs of destruction.

The pictures were taken at angles that make the images shadowy, and the lighting is dark, which

makes the images appear bleak. All of the photographs are silver gelatin prints.

Two photographs, "Matt Dery's Old Garage" and "Garage Reduced to Rubble" use photography as a means to show change. The former is of a picture of the garage now taken from behind a fence, which the house next door fell upon and destroyed, and the image also contains the same picture of the garage

before the accident. The latter is of negatives of pictures of the destroyed garage, and the photograph itself is exposed in such a way that one can see the edge of the negative framing the photograph. These photographs add a hint of playfulness to the otherwise depressing images.

Some of the photographs contain portraits of the people who live on the block and their expressions represent how their environment affects them. The photograph "Bill Von Winkle Next to His Deli" is a picture that would normally display a proud face, while Mr. Von Winkle is frowning. The lack of what one may expect in the composition of many of the photographs is one of the factors that makes the photographs more powerful.

The exhibit shows the artist's concern for the citizens, while also being true to their lives. Through multiple perspectives he gives a well-rounded example of how NLDC and Pfizer changed the community. The exhibit is on display until September 23, 2001.

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BY SHERYL LINSKY AND LUKE JOHNSON
LAYOUT EDITOR AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF EMERITUS

In Eastern Connecticut, where fried fish and Subway rank among the most popular culinary options, it is possible to find good ethnic food. One just has to know where to look. The Indian cuisine to be found at Gateway to India, while farther than Mystic's Bombay Spice and Grill and Taste of India, is well worth the drive to Old Saybrook.

Old Saybrook, known for its New England charm, seems an incongruous place for the best Indian food around. The smell of eastern spices draw you into the restaurant that could be home to an English teahouse and was most likely home to a fisherman and his wife.

Gateway's ambiance is a bit lacking; the wall hangings are sparse and generic, but clean and well lit. The service was, if not expert, friendly. Although there were some delays in the kitchen, the service is usually much more prompt. In any case, we were appeased with free bread and apologies.

While we waited, we snacked on pappadams, spicy fried crackers and a starter platter of Pakora, a large variety of fried vegetable goodies. The rounds of conet and other imaginative shapes were fried crisp on the outside and held within a delightful mix of savory vegetables.

When the entrees finally arrived, they were well worth the wait. The presentation was particularly attractive, with each delicacy presented in ornately chased brass serving dishes. Our selections included: Saag Paneer, a dish of sautéed spinach and fresh mild Indian cheese, which is a perfect choice both for the diner looking for a well-balanced vegetarian dish, and one seeking a variety of ingredients, textures and flavors as part of a family-style meal.

The Chicken Tikka Masala was set off perfectly by the Saag. In contrast to the mild cheese and spinach, the chicken was dressed in a vibrant orange curry. The spicy sauce was well flavored - intense but not hot - and was great on the Paratha, a round of flaky layered flatbread.

The Aloo Gobi, a robust potato and cauliflower dish, is another flavorful and substantial vegetarian selection. Large vegetable pieces were served in a light, tomato-based sauce tossed with fresh coriander and spices.

Gateway to India is an excellent choice for a relaxing meal out with a group of friends. If one is looking for something more authentic than Margaritas and a bit more exotic than Dominos, head to Old Saybrook.

The Musketeer: No Redeeming Value Whatsoever

The Musketeer



Rated: PG-13
Length: 105 Minutes (it felt like 12 hours)
Starring: Justin Chambers, Mena Suvari, Catherine Deneuve, Tim Roth, Stephen Rea
Directed by: Peter Hyams
Summary: Orphan son of musketeer avenges childhood tragedy.

BY BRAD KRIET
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Peter Hyams' *The Musketeer* has taken the art of adapting a classic Alexandre Dumas novel to new lows. Yes, *The Man in the Iron Mask*, *The Last Musketeer*, and the 1993 version of the *Three Musketeers* were unpleasant. Where these movies were run-of-the-mill feats of boredom, however, *The Musketeer* is impressively bad and lacking in any redeeming quality.

The film is set in seventeenth century France, where the crown is being threatened by Cardinal Richelieu's (Stephen Rea) private army, as well as a possible Spanish attack, while the king's army of Musketeers is barely functional. D'Artagnan (Justin Chambers), brutally orphaned by Febre (Tim Roth), returns to Paris to fight for the

Musketeers, revive the army, save the French crown, fall in love with a woman, and engage in other typical action hero business.

This all takes place in roughly the first five minutes of the movie. It is also about as far into the film's story as I could get before confusion, then boredom, set in.

The confusion began with the first elaborate fight scene, which seemed to be concocted based on the following dramatic subtext: "It would look really cool if we had people beat each other up, like in *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, you know?"

In *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, however, the actors were actually martial artists. In *The Musketeers* the actors were most definitely relying on stunt doubles, as every action scene was "strategically" shot to avoid actually showing the actors faces.

Although the action itself was mildly interesting, every fight lacked a proper lead-in. Most took place in whatever setting seemed a good place for a fight to occur, regardless of how little sense the setting made. Why, for example, would there be a room full of ladders, fully lit by torches, on a night of a big battle when no one could care less about lighting the room? Why, for that matter, would there be a room full of ladders?

The answer is: There are a lot of balancing tricks that can be choreo-



graphed in a fight on ladders, of course.

Unfortunately, the action sequences, as mediocre as they were, were far and away the shining spots of *The Musketeer*. Chambers, on screen for more than 90 percent of the movie, would have serious difficulty getting a bit part in a high school play if he wasn't attractive. Tim Roth, Catherine Deneuve, and Mena Suvari, usually considered actors of some renown, are about as emotional as the Muzak version of "Ebony and Ivory."

Beyond being ordinarily bad, this movie couldn't even get simple things right. D'Artagnan's name receives at least three different pronunciations. There are a good six

different accents from different characters, despite the fact they all of the characters are French or Spanish. One would expect two accents, one Spanish, one French, not the multiple attempts at some faux-European sounding cadence.

All in all, on a scale of things I like to do with my evenings, watching this movie fell somewhere in between breaking my ankle and giving myself an additional just-for-fun income tax audit. So, if either of those activities is your idea of a good time, then I whole-heartedly recommend this movie. Otherwise, do yourself the favor and do something else with your time.

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Friday, Sept. 21 - Sunday, Sept. 23

FALL WEEKEND '01
A Capella Concert (Saturday, Sept. 23)--
Harkness Chapel

Tuesday, Sept. 25

"A Closer Look At Thomas Nason" - docent led discussion at Lyman Allyn Art Museum with docent Rosina Longo

Friday, Sept. 28

Lecture with Dava Sobel author of *Galileo's Daughter*
12:30-1:30 pm Oliva Hall

Sunday, Sept. 30

Galeforce Dance Theatrical performance "considered equal to Riverdance"
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Thursday, Oct. 4 - Saturday, Oct. 6

Theater Department's production of "Spinning Into Butter" Tansill Theater, 8:00pm 439-ARTS

Saturday, Oct. 20

"Mercy" - Theatrical performance by Meredith Monk and Ann Hamilton 8:00pm Palmer Auditorium 439-ARTS

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Be Kind, Rewind: A Look At Films for Family Weekend Festivities

BY BEN MORSE
STAFF WRITER

Family Weekend got you down? Worried that family is going to show up at your dorm and you'll have nothing planned and end up having to watch your mother rearrange your clothes...over and over again? Chin up, fellow Camels, for I have the solution to nipping any Family Weekend problems in the bud. The answer is simple: sitting down in front of the television with the entire family and enjoying a nice, wholesome movie just like when you were a kid. So without further ado...the top three family movies of all time:

3. THE SANDLOT (Whole buncha unknown kids)

I'm not generally a fan of the generic "a bunch of ragtag kids get together and form a sports team" Disney movie, but "The Sandlot" was a departure from the formula. It still had, of course, the regular type-cast roles, but the outsider's perspective of the "normal" kid that the movie uses is incredibly effective, and the child actors are far more distinctive than some of their counterparts. Plus, it has classic scenes such as the kid faking drowning just to get CPR from the lifeguard girl of his dreams, and concludes with the touching final scene of the "normal" kid and his step-Dad playing catch. Great underrated movie that you should be able to find pretty easily.

2. HOOK (Robin Williams & Dustin Hoffman)

One of the most original takes on a classic tale you will ever see. A film the whole family can enjoy which features the incredible comedic talent of both Robin Williams and Dustin Hoffman (who turns in one of his best performances since "Tootsie" here); great special effects and visuals, plus a feel-good storyline help to make this one a keeper, even with Julia Roberts as Tinkerbell.

1. THE LITTLE MERMAID (Ariel & her fishy friends)

The movie that kicked off a new era for Disney and brought them back into the big time cartoon movie



world after having laid dormant for decades. This was the first original Disney movie since Fantasia and

established the 1990s and beyond Disney themes of great music and talented voice actors. I have fond memories of watching this in the theater with my entire family as my artist mother pointed out how amazing it was that the animators would take the time to draw "all those bubbles;" and it will always hold a special place in my heart.

So, now then...Sunday night rolls around and Family Weekend is over. You're

exhausted, you want some time to yourself, what do you do now? Don't bother thinking about it, I've got your answer: you rent another

and Dad to watch with you...So now, the top three movies to see when your parents aren't around:

3. BODYSHOTS (Jerry O'Connell, Tara Reid)

A movie that you may have heard about but never seen; definitely take the time to give it a look. It weaves between the actual story and "real" interviews with the characters in faux documentary style that has become quite popular of late, jumping between present and past and telling the story of four men, four women, and one wild night. A great look at sex and love that everybody from the "nice guy who finishes last" to the "bad girl" will be able to relate to. Probably one of the most realistic yet entertaining looks at sex I've ever seen in the medium.

2. DAZED & CONFUSED (Jason London, Matthew McConaughey, Joey Lauren Adams, Milla Jovovich, Parker Posey and more!)

This is the seminal movie for high school seniors and anybody who missed out on the sixties and seventies. Awesome ensemble cast including breakout performances from the always underrated Jason London as well as the usually disappointing Matthew McConaughey; plus, Joey Lauren Adams and Renee Zellweger in the same movie (they actually are two separate people)! The reason not to watch this with parents is not because of all the references to drinking and drugs



(c'mon, you're in college); rather, it's that after seeing this they might get nostalgic for their wild youths and decide to make Family Weekend into "Dad or Mom Become Your New Roommate Month."

1. DA HIP HOP WITCH (Eminem, Vanilla Ice, Ja Rule)

Over two hours of 120 rappers (from a few big names to lots and lots of no names) giving essentially the same soundbites promoting themselves and telling whoever's watching to "avoid the Hip Hop Witch." The subplots, involving five kids from Salem, MA (including "Shaggy" and "Rave Girl") as well as a mailroom girl with aspirations of being a reporter trying to track down the truth behind "Da Hip Hop Witch" fail to captivate. I advise that you watch the semi-cool opening sequence and then press stop on this one ASAP. To quote every rapper in this movie: "Stay away from Da Hip

Hop Witch!" Why then is this the number one movie to not see with your parents? Because this is the number one movie not to see with anybody.

Well, hopefully this column will help you enjoy Family Weekend and make it more than just an opportunity to get a free dinner. Maybe after seeing Simba become king or Peter Pan reclaim his mantle you'll be able to look again upon your parents with the eyes of a child and go play catch with Dad on the green or have a nice lunch with Mom; or at the very least you can look forward to seeing Hot Rod kick some ass at the end of the weekend. Regardless, remember the words of "Da Hip Hop Witch" Vanilla Ice: "ICE ICE BABY! YOU ARE MY DESTINY! I WILL DESTROY YOU!!!" Happy Family Weekend, everybody.

Students Form Artistic Network with Group Art Attack

NANCY DINSMORE

STAFF WRITER

You may have noticed signs around campus advertising a new group called "Group Art Attack" and wondered what exactly it was all about. An attack on Group Art? Or, perhaps Group Art attacking? "Group Art Attack" is actually a new performing arts group that has recently formed on campus to provide a forum for artists of any discipline to come together for work and support.

Ideally, the major goal of the group is to form a base of people who can be contacted whenever a new project comes up or when a member has an idea for a project. There would be a network within the group so that students could come to the group with ideas, and if they had no one to produce a project with, the group would be able to contact the network and find out who would be interested in participating. Likewise, if a student comes to the group with a project and interested people, but no space to do it in, the group will help them find a location on campus, or even off-campus, if they have the resources.

Gina Gargone '01, one of the co-producers of the group, summed up the goals and purpose of the group when she commented, "Basically, we're not interested in running a program that puts on plays or sponsors concerts. We want to provide support and create a

community of working artists who rely on each other for feedback and resources."

Mary Ellen Osborne, currently studying in London, co-produces the group, along with Gargone. The president of the group is Deven Sisler '01. "Group Art Attack" is currently looking for two freshmen representatives, and other students interested in joining are encouraged to contact one of the officers.

The group is eager to start forming their network of working artists, and they already have a variety of projects planned for this semester. Upcoming projects for "Group Art Attack" include sponsoring a night of one-act plays in October. The auditions are tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 21 after 6:00pm.

The group also plans to sponsor two additional projects this semester. Senior theater major Kimberleigh Weiss's independent study project is an ensemble piece that transforms the short story "The Yellow Wallpaper" into a theatrical-based piece that focuses on ensemble work. A workshop production of "Stop Kiss," by Diana Son, will be directed by senior theater major Nelleke Morse later in the semester. Those with ideas for other projects from any artistic discipline are encouraged to seek out the group with their ideas. Interested students may contact either Gargone at x4487 or Sisler at x7714.

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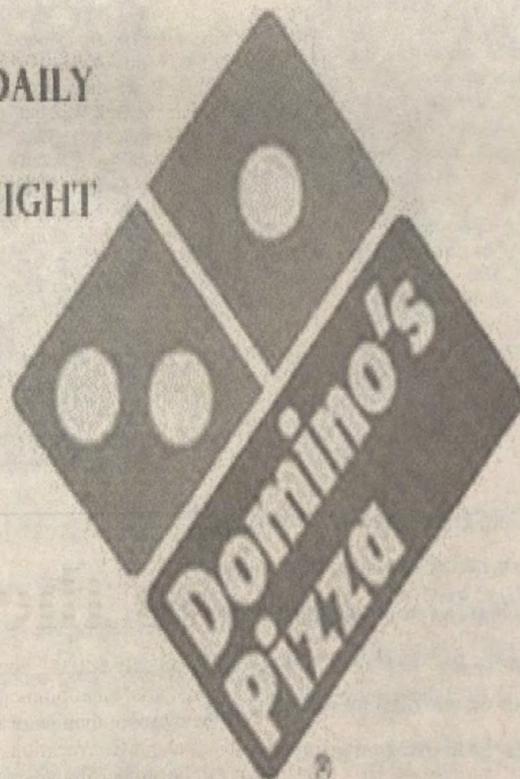
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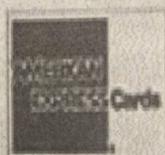


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Former Assistant Secretary of State Harold Koh to Speak at Conn

Harold Hongju Koh, international human rights advocate, legal scholar and former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, in response to recent events, will speak on September 22 in a lecture titled "The September 11 Tragedy and the Rule of Law." At the event, the college will confer on Mr. Koh an honorary doctorate of laws in recognition of his accomplishments as a legal scholar and as an advocate for international human rights.

The lecture and honorary degree ceremony will take place in Evans Hall at 2:30 p.m. on September 22 and is sponsored by the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts as part of the College's Fall Weekend (September 21-23) festivities.

For information on other Fall Weekend activities, please visit the Fall Weekend web page.

Mr. Koh is the Gerard C. and Bernice Latrobe Smith Professor of International Law and Director of the Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights at Yale. Before beginning his professorship at Yale in 1985, Mr. Koh clerked for both Judge Malcolm Richard Wilkey of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit and Justice Harry A.

Blackmun of the United States Supreme Court. He worked in private practice in Washington, DC and as an attorney at the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Koh has authored more than 70 articles on international law, human rights, constitutional law, and international business transactions and trade, and is author or editor of several books on international relations, law and human rights. He is the winner of the 1991 Richard E. Neustadt Award from the American Political Science Association for the best book on the American Presidency and a 1996 Guggenheim Fellowship. He has received numerous honors for his human rights work, including an Honorary Doctor of Laws from City University of New York Law School, the Asian American Bar Association of New York's 1997 Outstanding Lawyer of the Year Award and recognition by American Lawyer magazine in 1997 as one of the country's 45 leading public sector lawyers under the age of 45. He earned a B.A. from Harvard University, an honors B.A. from Magdalen College at Oxford University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Field Hockey Falls to Clark, Two Game Win Streak Ends

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units in New England.

The new communicating Camels put in a good effort to try and crack the defense, but only had one goal to show for it. Clark went up 3-0 before Huffman found the back of the net for her team, her leading fourth goal of the season. Huffman's eight points currently lead the team.

"They are scrappy," said Christy Bassett '03 of the Clark team, "but they are also good at finding the net. Unfortunately yesterday we had

more skill than they, but the 'umph' just wasn't there. We felt a bit flat for some reason."

The Camels prefer to prepare for the future rather than dwell on the game against Clark. The team has an important game this coming Saturday against Amherst, a NESCAC foe consistently ranked around the top of the league. However, the Camels will look to make good use of their home field advantage because Amherst is a team that is notorious for being tough at home.

Athletic Department Review

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President-elect Norman Fainstein has already expressed great interest in the project. Fainstein will be in an excellent position to address the concerns that the Task Force brings up when he assumes a leadership role among the administration of the New England Small College Athletic Association (NESCAC) for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Leadership among the NESCAC rotates through the Presidents of each of the participating institutions and next year will be Connecticut College's turn. In May of 2002, President-elect Fainstein will bring a document to the NESCAC that addresses the concerns and proposed changes brought up by the Task

Force.

In the early 1970's, when the college made the transition to co-educational status, one conscious goal of the institution was to create an expansive athletic department to encourage male students to attend the College.

The mission of the athletic department evolved into essentially what it is today by the mid-1980's, when former Athletic Director and Chairman of the Department of Physical Education Charles Luce arrived at Connecticut College. Luce was instrumental in articulating his mission, which emphasized the integration of intercollegiate and club athletics, recreational and intramural programs, and instructional physical education courses into the lives of students.

Moody's Says Credit Rating Stable, Outlook Negative

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fiscal year with a cash operating surplus of \$47,000 on total spending of \$83 million.

What will continue to plague Conn, regardless of its budgeting successes, is a smaller than average endowment that forces the school to pursue gifts more aggressively than its peer schools.

"[Moody's] issue with us is that we have less of a cushion than other people," said Maroni.

Maroni explained that the College's negative outlook does not mean it has a poor credit rating. He described the outlook as an indicator that, were the school's rating to be reassessed today, it might be down-

graded.

"Here's an institution, as they say about Connecticut College, that's done extremely well; but, if we have a downturn in the market or a prolonged presidential search, that could effect the value of that institution's bonds," he said.

In a November letter to the College Moody's expected Conn would not borrow much more than \$7-10 million over the next several years. That projected money would be spent on dorm renovations.

We probably will either borrow money for dorm renovations or to pay for a new information system. Neither one of those things by itself are outside of Moody's expectations. If we were to do both of them, one

of the factors would be what effect it would have on our credit rating. If we were to do both I think we would have to go back and talk to Moody's.

Seven colleges in the NESCAC have higher credit ratings than Connecticut College.

Amherst and Williams are rated Aa1, the highest possible credit rating. Bowdoin and Wesleyan are two spots down at Aa2. Middlebury and Tufts are next at Aa3. Trinity follows at A1. Moody's lists no credit rating for Colby, Bates, and Hamilton.

Connecticut College's credit rating is A2, which, according to Maroni places it in a mid-level investment grade category.

"Anything rated Baa and above is considered investment grade," he

said. "Ba and below is considered speculative, like junk bonds."

"I think it is critically important to understand that Moody's didn't tell us anything that we didn't already know," said Maroni. "By the time [the credit rating was announced] the college had already begun to address its financial situation."

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Study Abroad Numbers are Approaching Equality

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studying abroad. When deciding which students will study away in the fall or spring, the student's first choice will still be the ONIP's priority, and the staff will continue to do their best to arrange the numbers so study away will be possible for many applicants.

Otherwise, the requirements for study away will mostly remain the same. A Study Abroad Committee

made up of both faculty and students will continue to examine each application ensuring that each student is capable of going abroad. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is still required of all students applying to study abroad.

As well as conforming to a minimum GPA, students are required to state their reasons for going abroad. The Connecticut College Catalog states that, "it is the responsibility of every applicant to present a persuasive case as to why she or he should

be allowed to study abroad." Therefore, those students who wish to seriously pursue their studies abroad must have a legitimate and convincing reason to do so. Students who have a specific reason for preferring study in one semester or the other must state these reasons in this statement.

Some students that have been refused from studying abroad in a chosen semester disagree with the cap. Jim Quinn '03 was told rejected from going abroad the first semester.

"My plans got messed up because they wanted to have one or two more people on campus and make that much more money," said Quinn.

This year Conn students are dispersed throughout the world, with the majority of students studying in Australia, England, Italy, Scotland, and Spain. There are also ten students who are currently studying off campus at colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Islamic Center Looks to Educate Locals on Muslims

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dance adjourned for a period of prayer.

Questions ranged from uncertainties about the nature of Islam to queries on the religion's position on the attack. Many people wanted to know whether Islam justified such an action.

"What they have done is not approved by Islam and does not follow Islamic teachings," said

Mahmoud Mansour, Imam of the Mosque. "This is not a war, army vs. army, so the answer is very clearly that they are not following Islam."

"They're feeling just as vulnerable and confused as we are, but they're also feeling the backlash of hate crimes," said D'Alessio. "It's important to remember that they lost family and friends in the attack too and that everybody in America is grieving right now, not just Christians."

Sr. Nada Awwa warned the audience to be careful of believing everything they heard in the media.

"I saw a lady on CNN the other day say that she thought Muslims hated Americans because they are rich, powerful, modern, and because they are good Christians," said Awwa. "Amazingly enough, nobody contested that. They honestly believed that Muslims hated Americans for those reasons."

Jason Huot, Director of

Community Relations for the Islamic Center, said that part of the problem with Islam is that there is no hierarchy or executive figure, like the pope, to condemn terrorist actions.

"The truth is, nobody [leads Islam]," said Huot. "At the time of the Prophet, 680 A.D., there was the Caliph. He was run out by the Colonialists and hasn't been replaced since. [Islam] is like a ship adrift."

'God Bless America' Takes on Whole New Meaning in Sports

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be assumed from generation to generation as if no one in the world could take away that freedom under any condition. Loved ones would no longer put off a simple "I love you" or "I miss you" or "I am sorry" for another day, another time. No longer would the players take for granted coming to the ballpark each day to play a game that they love in plush, luxurious stadiums (Veterans stadium excluded) for millions of dollars each year.

Suddenly, each and every word

of 'God Bless America' took on a whole new meaning, as if no one had ever heard the words of the song before. A Super Bowl may have been played during the Gulf War, but no American lives were lost. This was different. Civilians were killed in the middle of the greatest city in the world and capitol of the United States while working, while living just the way they had everyday before the morning of September 11.

The singing of 'God Bless America' was no longer a mere prelude to the main event, but on that night at the Vet, along with the other

five stadiums in operation, the song had become the event. The entire event. The game was merely an afterthought. The players were more emotionally drained following the singing of 'God Bless America' and then the Star Spangled Banner then they had ever been after playing a day-night doubleheader in the dead heat of summer.

People have only now come to realize that 'God Bless America' shouldn't be just a song sung prior to sporting events or on July 4, but more of a standard everyday thought of every American. The words of the

song should echo in Americans minds forever, not just for the mere minute in between the completion of the song and the ceremonial first pitch, drop of the puck or kickoff of the ball.

As for those Broad Street Bullies of the 70s and their loyal fans and Kate Smith lovers, here is a little thought to ponder: perhaps it wasn't who sang the song after all; perhaps it was the song itself that was most important. Just a thought.

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NESCAC Meetings Uphold Playoffs Status Quo

By MATTHEW B. KESSLER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A committee composed of NESCAC Presidents approved a proposal by the schools athletic directors to keep the number of postseason NESCAC tournament entries at seven teams per sport.

The committee considered reducing the number of playoff teams to four. President-elect Norman Fainstein and Athletic Director Kenneth McBryde represented Conn at meetings on Thursday.

One new provision to be implemented this year is the elimination of all Wednesday playoff games, due to academic and travel concerns. Men's basketball is an exception to this rule for the upcoming season due to scheduling conflicts.

Wednesday playoff games, specifically during the spring semester, often forced student athletes to miss significant amounts of class time due to the need to travel great distances for games in midweek.

Dean Hoffmann approved of the new

provision and lauded President-elect Fainstein for his work on the committee.

"I am happy their will no longer be mid-week games to keep the academic integrity of the college intact." She continued, "The President did a good job of balancing academic commitments with student-athlete interest in postseason play."

The other significant development to come out of Thursday's presidential meetings was the temporary suspension for this academic year of a rule that had banned all NESCAC teams from receiving at-large bids into any NCAA tournaments. This rule was put into effect two years ago to limit the number of NESCAC teams participating in NCAA tournaments to only the league tournament champion. This one-year suspension of the rule is pending the development of a reform agenda, which will take place over the course of the academic year.

A petition in favor of keeping the number of NESCAC playoff teams at seven and overturning the ban of at-large NESCAC entries into NCAA tournaments was distributed to all Housefellows this past week to

have signed by all students who supported the petition. Many students supported the petition and the results were passed along to President-elect Fainstein prior to Thursday's meetings.

Commented Dean Hoffmann, "President-elect Fainstein paid close attention to what students had to say and was happy to represent the student perspective in his representation in the meetings."

SGA President Anne Baker '02 was particularly happy to hear that President-elect Fainstein used student input during the meetings.

"The decision of the President-elect Fainstein reflects an openness to student opinion which suggests that their future decision regarding the bids for NESCAC will be an informed one with the feelings of students in mind."

She added that the results of Thursday's NESCAC Presidents meetings were, "a really positive development. It signifies a positive change from last year."

New Name for Career Services

By ELIZABETH KNORR
STAFF WRITER

The Office of Career Services is a standard feature on college campuses, but as of last spring, Connecticut College no longer has one. What used to be Career Services now goes by the name of Career Enhancing Life Skills, indicating its function as a type of Career Services Plus.

The name change has come as a result of four years of evolution within the Office of Career Services. The name change itself does not correspond with any specific changes in the services offered to students.

CELS began as a pilot program implemented in 1997 by former President Claire Gaudiani '66 and Deborah Saunders, Director of CELS. The program was designed by Saunders as a four-year career advising program to integrate academic planning so as Saunders intends, "students would begin to develop very early the language and skills that they would need as a whole."

Traditionally, Career Services is viewed as a last step on the way out of college. Now, students can get involved in the office as freshman for help in planning their four years, rather than waiting until senior year to go ask for a job placement.

CELS services go beyond job research to provide help for students interested in attaining funded and non-funded internships, as well as advice on academic and career e-portfolio development. "We really wanted to set a new precedent for career services," Saunders said, "and create an innovative way to prepare students for life beyond col-

lege." Associate Director of CELS Cynthia Love, explained, "Over the course of four years we've totally changed over to CELS. The name change came last."

Last spring, the name change became official. Along with the new name came a new director. The Director of the former Office of Career Services Jack Tinker asked Deborah Saunders to take over as Director of the new Career Enhancing Life Skills Office, since she had had initiated the program. Tinker is now Director of Recruiting and Graduate School Advising.

Students can begin their involvement with the CELS office at any point in their college career, but are urged to set up an appointment with a counselor as soon as possible in their freshman year. Saunders stressed that "The CELS program is for every student on this campus." For those students considering doing a funded internship during the summer after junior year, involvement with the office is required. Group sessions begin for these students in the sophomore year. One of the ways students can establish a relationship with CELS is through e-portfolios, which can be constructed over the Internet. Freshmen may find it helpful to attend an instructional session, typically offered during orientation or at the beginning of the academic year.

Since the CELS program has been implemented the number of students involved with the office has risen. About 76% of the class of 2001 took advantage of the office's resources, and Saunders anticipates that 90% of the class of 2005 will become thoroughly acquainted with CELS.

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Cross Country Teams Prepare for Home Invitational with Strong Finishes at UMass

By MATT PRESTON
STAFF WRITER

Coming off strong finishes at last Saturday's University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Invitational, both the Connecticut College Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams are primed to blow away the competition at this weekend's Connecticut College Invitational.

After an exceptional first meet in which the team took first at the Tufts University Invitational, placing five runners in the top ten at the event, the Lady Camels ran extremely well on Saturday taking third place out of 27 teams, including a first place overall finish, for the second straight meet, by All-American, tri-captain, Maura Danahy '01, at a personal best time of 17:25 for the 3.1 mile course. Danahy was followed by Erin Walworth '01, who finished 15 overall at a personal best 18:37, and tri-captain Michelle Miller '01, who finished 21 at a time of 18:48. The team's third captain, Melissa Minehan '01 said of the team's performance at UMass, "Overall the team ran exceptionally well, all of our times were the best the team has ever run at that meet." Conn finished the contest with a score of 92 points, getting edged out by New England Small Conference Athletic Conference (NESCAC) rival Trinity College by a mere

six points (86 points), and Brandeis College, who took first with a score of 61 points. Trinity and Brandeis are the teams directly ahead of the Lady Camels in the New England Division III Rankings (Conn fell from fourth to sixth after the UMass Dartmouth Invitational).

The squad's performance leads Captain Danahy to believe that this is possibly that best women's team assembled in the history of the program. "We are the most successful cross country team that Conn has ever produced, and also the fastest," said Danahy. "There have been considerable improvements from everyone... I really like the fact that we don't seem intimidated by any other team. We are very confident, and we want to show it to everyone else." With a third place finish at UMass to go along with their first place finish at Tufts, the Connecticut College Women's Cross Country Team is on their way to accomplishing their realistic goal of being amongst the teams selected to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III National Championship. Said Miller about the teams chances of going to the Nationals, which are going to be held in Rock Island, Illinois this November: "If we stay strong it could be that we are making a trip to Illinois... We have the talent to do it, and the drive to do it."

Following an eighth place finish at the teams first event of the year, the September 8 Fordham Invitational, a contest in which the Camels faced off against 16 Division I teams, Conn's male harriers finished fourth out of 32 teams last Saturday at UMass. A meet where Conn "[demolished] other NESCAC rivals" such as Wesleyan University, Bates College, and Colby College, according to senior co-captain Tim Host. Conn ran a tight race on Saturday, with the top five runners, paced by sophomore Jesse Efron, who has been Conn's fastest runner this fall, finishing within 38 seconds of each other. Efron started off the scoring at UMass for the Camels by finishing 14, at a time of 25:46 over the five-mile track. The 2000 All-NESCAC runner David Claymore '02 trailed Efron by just one second to come in 15, and was followed by the team's other captain, Darren Dluogo '01, in 19 place at a time of 25:52. Adam Fitzgerald '03 and Matt Lunt '02 completed the Conn scoring, finishing 29 and 40, respectively, giving the team a total of 117 points. It was this finish that helped the Camels climb from an eighth-place tie with the Coast Guard Academy to seventh in this week's New England Division III Rankings.

The 2001 men's cross country team has done nothing but impressed people this season, especially the core runners of Efron,

Claymore, Dluogo, Fitzgerald, and Lunt who have been by far the standouts of the season for the Camels. "Besides being the most handsome runner on the team, Jesse Efron is also running the fastest," raved Host. He continued by saying: "Dave Clayman is running like he has a monkey powered, jet propelled rocket on his back, Darren Dluogo is chasing the Durkhemian dream, Adam Fitzgerald is coasting his way past the competition and Matt Lunt is rocking the courses and the karaoke mike stand."

After last weekend's meet, Fitzgerald spoke of how impressed he was that nearly every Conn runner at the event was able to break the 30 minute barrier, but also "More impressive, however, was the way in which our top five ran together." Both of these have been themes for the entire season up to this point, and will be necessary trends for the Camels if they are to have a shot at going to Rock Island in November, the teams ultimate goal. "Our top five finished within 38 seconds of one another," continued Fitzgerald, "which is something we will have to keep up if we are to have a shot at Nationals." Assuming that the team stays focused on their goal, and they continue running like they have in their past two races, a trip to the NCAA Division III National Championships should become a reality. Jared Lamb '02 said, "Our goal this season

is to be wearing spikes and our skimpy shorts in Rock Island, Illinois on November 17. We're all concentrated on the goal and we feed off each other. We just need to stay focused and look to the future."

The 2001 season has been nothing but high notes for both the Connecticut College Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams. As both teams are poised and ready to make their moves to vying for a bid to the National Championship, they are focused and ready for what should prove to be an exciting and competitive meet on the very rigorous home course. "It's going to be exciting," said Miller, while Host declared: "Seniors Jeff Oviedo and Jeff Burke have been warning the team not to take the competition lightly this weekend. Giants in the running world like Gordon College and Mass Maritime will be returning this year... Emotions are running high..."

Camel Cross Country is prepared to continue their winning ways this Saturday, September 22, as they compete in the Connecticut College Invitational, a meet in which the Camels will face the likes of Pace University, Alberta Magnus College, and St. Joseph's of Hartford, to name a few. Both races will kick off from the start/finish line on Dawley Field, with the women's tilt beginning at 12:00pm, and the men at 1:00pm.

Ginsberg, Loveless Lead Women's Tennis to Bright Future

By BANKS MACDOUGAL
FEATURES EDITOR

Lady Camels Tennis played their biggest match of the season, thus far. It was not so much that Salve Regina is considered an archrival, but the young team needed a win to boost their confidence. With this in mind, on Wednesday the Camels responded with a 9-0 sweep of their opponent and did not even drop a set in the process. "This is a huge win," said co-captain Shauna Ginsberg '01, "we needed this today. Hopefully this will keep our confidence high as we go into the next match."

Confidence and a strong sense of teamwork are concepts co-captains Amy Loveless and Ginsberg have tried to instill in the team from day one. "It's our job" they both agreed, "to give 110% in practices and matches, to stay focused, to bring the team together and have fun both off and on the court."

Loveless is a junior, double majoring in Psychology and Philosophy and is occupying the number two singles position on the team. Ginsberg, meanwhile, is one of the few seniors on the team. She is an economics major and is minoring in Political Science. She plays number four singles for the team. She is very excited about the "positive vibe" that she feels is a key ingredient to the success of the season.

Emily Sedlis '03, who plays number 1 singles and number 1 doubles said that "none of us really knew each other before this year—we all hung out in different groups, but we have all definitely come together and everybody gets along." Despite having had limited practice and just a few matches, the team seems to realize that teamwork and commitment will be the focus of the year. "There are no superstars here," said Ginsberg, "so we have to get wins in doubles and the lower players have to step it up, but everyone's into it and I am surrounded by awesome teammates."

Although the Camels have had a rough

start to the season, first year coach Paul Huch, who coaches both the men's and women's teams, has his players very excited about the possibilities for the rest of the season. Says Loveless: "This is a rebuilding year in the sense that we have a new coach and a young team, but we have high expectations as well. There is no reason to think that we can't win any match on any given day." Ginsberg, echoing Loveless' thoughts added that "there is a really positive vibe about this team, I think we have a shot at winning every match."

One reason for this confidence is the attitude Huch brings to his team. His practices are generally intense but fun. He uses different drills to focus on strategy and what he calls "streetsmarts." The team, Huch explains, "needs to learn streetsmarts in terms of tennis. We need to learn how to win ugly and I am trying to teach them strategies to do just that. These women work hard. They are out there giving 100% effort everyday and that is going to help make us better." He feels that besides winning ugly, moving on the court and the continued hard work of his players is the key to their improvement.

When asked about the new coach, the players seem to agree he is a major reason that the excitement for the year has been building after each practice. The players describe him as caring but tough at the same time. He asks about their lives off the courts and is quick to compliment them on the court, but he does not hesitate to let them know if they make a mistake. Ginsberg, who was a member of the committee that helped select Huch as the new coach said that she has "no regrets about the coach and the choice we made. Everything he does is so positive. This has definitely turned out even better than I could have imagined."

The team has not solidified its lineup completely and may change, but Huch has an idea of where each player will be playing. Most players will play twice in a day due to the format of the competitions. When com-

peting against other schools, the team plays six singles matches, in which the player must win two out of three sets, in addition to three doubles matches in which the doubles team must win an 8-game proset. Sedlis will be in charge of the number one spot. Loveless will hold down the team's number two singles position. At number three singles is Chrissy Nevins-Herbert '04. Another sophomore, Cat Campbell, will hold down the number four spot, while Ginsberg will anchor the number five position Laura Demoreuille '05 follows her at number six. Margaret Minnick '04 will play at number seven and three more players: Allison Herren '02, Liz Gallagher '03, and Allison Read '05 are competing for the number eight position. The doubles teams are not completely certain yet, but Huch believes that Nevins-Herbert and Sedlis will play at number one, Ginsberg and Campbell will be at number two, Loveless and Herren at three, and Demoreuille and Minnick will have the fourth position.

The Lady Camels have already had three matches this season. Holy Cross, a Division I school, overwhelmed them but they still managed to pull out one match—a 6-4, 6-3 victory by Sedlis. Last Tuesday's match against Trinity was postponed and will be made up later in the season. On Sunday the Lady Camels fell to Brandeis 3-6 in a tough away match. Sedlis improved to 2-0 in singles with a win, as well as a double victory with her partner Nevins-Herbert. Loveless and Herren pulled out the other win to finish out the scoring, and of course they took their first win of the year against Salve Regina.

Other home matches will be on October 9 versus UMass Dartmouth, Sunday October 14 the Camels battle Wheaton and their final home match is on October 17, when Wesleyan comes to town.

Look for the Lady Camels to be a fun and exciting team to watch this year. With their confidence and teamwork, these women should be able to push the Camels deep into the postseason.

Women's Volleyball Maintains Positive Attitude Despite Losses

By BONNIE PROKESCH
STAFF WRITER

Although the Connecticut College Women's volleyball team continues to lose games, the players refuse to lose determination and spirit. Last weekend, in a tournament at Bates College, the women lost two games on Friday night, one against Bowdoin (in 4 games) and another against Bates (in 3 games), and lost their third and final match of the weekend on Sunday against Colby (in 3 games).

Nevertheless, the women returned from Maine with more confidence and determination than ever. Tri-captain Misha Body '02 explained, "We played incredibly well against some of the strongest NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) teams. We proved to be more competitive than they thought we'd be. We made them work for their victories."

Tri-captain Caitlin Sirico '04 agreed, stating, "We played to their level. A lot of people stepped up this weekend."

Thus, although the team did not return from Bates victorious over the other teams, they came back victorious in what they set out to accomplish. As Body remarked, "We played smarter volleyball and the team really showed intensity and heart on the court."

These women are not giving up easily

and continue to improve dramatically from one game to the next. Body explained the drastic improvement after each game stating, "Because we have such a small squad, it's hard to mimic games in practices. Therefore, when we actually play in games, we get better as a team. With every match we play, we grow stronger."

The women are hoping that their improvement will lead to a win over Coast Guard this Saturday at home. Before the official season began, the Camels lost in a tight match to Coast Guard during a scrimmage. The women are ready to win now that it counts.

As Sirico enthusiastically exclaimed, "Last week we gained confidence, knowing that we could play against three of the hardest teams in NESCAC. Now that we've got confidence, we are ready to face Coast Guard." Body added, "We are absolutely looking forward to beating Coast Guard and surprising them with killer volleyball."

When asked if the team was getting discouraged by their losing record, Body said "Not at all. While our record is 0-5 right now, we are happy with our performance. We've been playing to the best of our ability." Nevertheless, Sirico speaks for the team, as well as Camels in general, when she says, "I can't wait to win a game. It's about time."

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tough team, scored a beautiful goal, and held them scoreless. We were all proud of our performance today and I feel like we are back on track." The fact that Conn held the Bears scoreless continues a streak that started in the mid-90s. The Coast Guard has not scored a goal against Conn's men's soccer team since 1994. Tuesday night's blanking of the Bears allowed goalkeeper Sean LaBrie '03 to record his first shutout of the season.

However, even with the win injuries seemed to be the word to describe Tuesday night's game. It seemed that every player on both teams, at some point in the game, went down clutching his leg or foot. The Camels had a scary moment when Stone had his legs wrenched out from under him and went down with a scream. He did get up and played on. Defender Nate Appel '04 also hit the ground with an injury in the first half, but managed to come back for the second half. The mammoth sized Obeng collapsed in the second half and limped off the field; he did not return and his status is unknown for Saturday's game against NESCAC opponent Amherst. That game kicks off at 11 am.

The Coast Guard had their share of injuries, too, with most of their players making their way back into the game. But one player, Peter Lubrano '04 fell to the field in the second half and did not return.

The men's soccer team seems to be back on track after the loss to Trinity last week. The game against the Coast Guard was a physical one, and the Camels showed that they cannot and will not be pushed around. Archer summed up the feelings of the team, sending similar messages that Dee and Randall have proclaimed, saying "This team is going to do some serious damage this year. We all believe in ourselves and refuse to let what happened against Trinity happen again."

After the game, Archer proudly stated that, "Everybody was ready to play today and it showed. We played hard against a

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fired off nine shots in their unsuccessful effort.

The win moves the Jumbos, now 3-1 on the season and undefeated in NESCAC play, into first place with Amherst College, the Camel's next opponents. Conn will challenge the Fighting Jeffs to a 2:00pm duel on Harkness Green this Saturday as part of the Fall Weekend festivities.

Despite their record now falling to 1-2 in NESCAC play and with a difficult match-up approaching, Culver and the rest of the squad remain optimistic, especially when compared with last season's struggles:

"Last year we were getting outplayed

and losing. But this year, we are out-playing our opponents and just not getting the breaks that lead to the wins. It's okay though. Give it time."

The Jeffs should put up a good fight, but aiding the Camels' cause is the illness of Amherst's starting goalkeeper Brooke Diamond, which may open the door wide enough for the offensive-minded Camels to slide through to victory. Despite this interesting situation Christine Culver says, "We can't go in thinking about it. We need to go in, and play our game in order to win."

Head coach Ken Kline offered similar sentiment saying, "Every player on the field has a role that needs to be fulfilled in order

for us to play at our best. Thanks to the efforts of each member of the team in practice and games we seem to be getting better with each game."

The Camels look to carry their new experience into the rest of their NESCAC schedule as they fight to ensure a spot in post-season play. Although the team has suffered early losses, they have come at the hands of two of the deadliest opponents in the nation, Tufts and Middlebury College, and could prove to help Conn learn and grow as a team. As coach Kline also stated, "How much we will improve from game to game will determine how far we can go as a team."

Field Hockey Proves Triumphant Against Former Coach

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leaving."

This day showed that the Camels have already rallied around Humpage. She may be ninety-six Conn victories behind Parmenter, but has already left her mark.

Despite a bumpy 6-1 loss in the opener to Middlebury, Humpage has quickly turned the Camels into a potential NESCAC leader.

"In a way this win was for Debbie," McAuliffe said. "This is her team now. It was our way of showing her what an excel-

lent job she has done with us in such a short amount of time."

Thus far McAuliffe, along with many other of the team's key ingredients, have thrived under the direction of Humpage.

Huffman is one of those players. She spent her rookie year under Parmenter but is prepared to play for Humpage for the next three.

"Debbie is going to bring a lot more to this team than Anne did," she said. "This is Debbie's time now and I'm excited to see what she is going to bring to this program."

Humpage brought plenty with her in her suitcase. For one, she spent her playing days on a top-notch division one program. She is younger than Parmenter which possibly allows her to relate better to the players.

"They (Humpage and new assistant coach Anne Crosby) have both done such a great job coming into the program and giving it new life and energy," Peters added. "We all realize how lucky we are to have such a knowledgeable coaching staff."

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SPORTS

'God Bless America' Gains New Meaning

Kate Smith always sang 'God Bless America' before every Philadelphia Flyers home game at the Old Spectrum during the Broad Street Bullies incredible run through the 1970s, which included two Stanley Cup Championships. Many loyal fans believed the Flyers success was in part due to Kate Smith's singing. If she didn't sing it (either live or previously taped), the Flyers were in trouble. She had to sing it.

Let us not forget that most of the Flyers during the 1970s were actually Canadian, and to them singing 'Oh Canada' whenever Canadian teams visited the Spectrum was probably just as important and meaningful, if not more meaningful, than dear old Kate Smith singing 'God Bless America.' Either way, the singing of 'God Bless America'



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probably wasn't all that important back when the Flyers would mutilate any visiting team that dared to step on the Spectrum's ice with them. The song probably didn't carry much meaning to the Canadian players, and

even to the fans, who were really there to see their team kick the living daylight out of the opposition. The fans respected the song, and if Kate Smith didn't sing it each fan's heart would drop into the pit of his and her stomach due to the superstition associated with Smith, but the actual song certainly wasn't what was most important. It was the person singing the song.

Now let's fast-forward to this last week, as Major League Baseball resumed play after a one-week layoff due to the most cowardly and deadly terrorist attack this country has ever experienced. Six ballparks reopened their security-laden parking lots and police patrolled gates Monday evening, September 17. Philadelphia reopened Veterans Stadium, a soon to be replaced 1970s relic, for the start of a pivotal four-game series with the NL East leading Atlanta Braves, then 3 and a half games ahead of the Phillies in the standings.

Mini American flags on sticks were handed out to those that attended the game. Several thousand tickets were given away for free so that more people would attend the game. The mayor even went to the radio waves to urge Philadelphians to attend the game that evening.

A pre-game ceremony took place to honor America and the victims of last week's horrific tragedy, including a very well-prepared video tribute to the American way of life, with baseball prominently featured throughout, all to the tune of an all-American song.

Once the ceremony had concluded, both the Phillies and Braves emptied from their own dugouts and stood on the first and third base lines, respectively. Public address announcer Dan Baker, with a patriotic zest in his voice never heard before, asked the Philly faithful, which would turn out to be over 33,000 people, to please rise for the singing of 'God Bless America.' With their hats removed and their patriotic signs and flags in their hands, the crowd rose to honor America. But this singing of 'God Bless America' would not be like any of the other renditions that had come before it at any other sporting event.

No one famous sung the song, just a local choir group made up of older women. The tune wasn't particularly creative or unique, simply the standard tune with the usual rhythm. But as the choir began to sing, and as mothers and fathers held their infant children tight to their chest and kissed their foreheads, one could immediately tell that as the singing of 'God Bless America' took place on that night, something was very different. As a tear streamed down the left cheek of Phillies manager Larry Bowa, one of the toughest sports personalities around, it became apparent that something was drastically different. As the players standing shoulder to shoulder on each baseline, composed of all different ethnicities, many hailing from the Dominican Republic, sang each word of the song proudly with tears welling in every eye, everyone could tell this was something much different.

From that night forward, no longer would the singing of 'God Bless America' before a sporting contest be taken for granted. No longer would the freedom Americans have come to expect and predicate their lives on

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Field Hockey Skids Into Fall Weekend at .500

Clark Snaps Two Game Win Streak

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Last Saturday's game proved exciting both on the sidelines and on the field. Above, former Coach Anne Paramenter instructs one of her new Trinity Bantam Players. Paramenter took over the job in Hartford after spending 13 seasons as the Head Coach of the Camels. (Thomson)

It's been a roller coaster ride the past week for the Field Hockey team.

The Camels brought their win streak to two after an overtime victory against former Conn field hockey coach Anne Paramenter's Trinity team.

Then suddenly they seemed to forget that momentum in their next game against Clark. But the Trinity game will not be one that is soon forgotten. It outweighs the Clark match because of its NESCAC status.

"The Trinity game was an amazing game to play in. Our whole team was really pumped and we walked out onto the field with the attitude of there is no way we are going to lose this game," said Emily Huffman '04 who scored the winning goal.

Huffman said, "We were talking and our passes were on. We really played like a team."

The team showed that they have moved on and that their former coach is in the past. "This is Debbie's time now and I think she is going to do a great job. She has a lot of new ideas to bring to the team and we are doing stuff that we have never done before. I do not think we could have done it with out her," said Huffman.

The score does not reflect the fact that Conn dominated most of the game against Trinity. Trinity had a few chances to score but the defense, including goalie Anna Trafton '02, stepped up a notch for the big game.

"Trafton has really stepped up and taken control of the goal cage," remarked Huffman. "The team respects her for all that she has done and is impressed by her work ethic. Trafton also has a young, but talented and improving defense to support her."

"It is always great to beat a NESCAC team and to do so in overtime is even more exciting. The team played really well. Everyone wanted the win and you could feel it on the field. As a team I think we are gaining confidence with every win," said tri-captain Patty Peters '02.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Camels lost to Clark, 4-1. Clark was undefeated coming into the game, and is predicted to go far in the NCAA D3 playoffs later this month. They possess one of the strongest defensive

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Field Hockey Defeats Former Coach Paramenter, Trinity

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Connecticut College 1, Anne Paramenter 0.

Silfen Field was a different kind of battleground last Saturday. It didn't just pit Trinity against Connecticut College.

There was more to it. It was team versus former mentor, new coach against old coach, a program against the long-time director that departed in May.

Last fall Anne Paramenter was clad in Camel blue and white on the sidelines of Silfen Field. Saturday she was the head coach of the rival Trinity Bantams.

And when all was said and done, an overtime winning goal by Emily Huffman '04 sealed one of the most exciting and

anticipated athletic contests in Connecticut College history. When the dust settled, it's fair to say that the Debbie Humpage era is officially rolling along. The Camels' new coach defeated her predecessor.

"Emotional" is arguably the proper word that would describe the mood during this early afternoon game. Paramenter coached the Field Hockey program at Connecticut College for thirteen years. In that time she collected an impressive ninety-eight wins while guiding the Camels to six ECAC post-season tournaments.

"It was difficult to see and hear her voice on the sidelines," Patty Peters '02 said. Peters was a three-year product of Paramenter.

In an ironic twist of fate, Paramenter was looking for career win 100 on Saturday (98

wins with the Camels, 1 with Trinity). But the team she had taken through the trenches so many times was not in a giving mood.

Ignoring the big story of the day and concentrating on the actual game was no easy task for the veterans of the team that had trained under Paramenter for so long.

"We tried to treat it like any other game," Molly McAuliffe '02, who also had trained under Paramenter for three years, said. "But we did know their coach pretty well."

McAuliffe said that during the game, the Camels played with a certain level of resiliency.

"All of the returning players played with such conviction," she said. "Everyone refused to lose. I think that we wanted to play the best we could to show Anne that we going to have a successful season despite her

Men's Soccer Defeats Coast Guard and boosts record to 2-2

BY MAIT DIAPPELLA

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Last Saturday the Connecticut College Men's Soccer team suffered another set back when they were downed by Trinity by a score of 3-0.

While Trinity played well, the Camels could have and should have played much better. The Trinity Bantams came into last Saturday's game with a 0-2 record, but walked out with their first win of the season. They pinned Conn down, out-shooting them 20 to 13. To make matters worse, the Camels lost backs James Palten '04 to an ankle injury and Aaron Schuman '04 was

sidelined as well.

A disgruntled Coach Lessig said, "I was disappointed at the lack of focus and intensity of play last Saturday - didn't seem to be individualized, but substandard throughout the team."

Forward Erich Archer '03 agreed, saying, "After the Trinity game we were extremely discouraged because we knew that the loss wasn't due to them being a better team. They snuck in a goal in the first minute of the game and that really threw us off."

The loss pushed the men's soccer record to 1-2; and even more importantly, to 0-2 against NESCAC teams. The team then had to look forward to a game against the Coast

Guard Academy on Tuesday night. The Coast Guard had beaten Trinity by a score of 3-2 last week, so the Camels were going to have their work cut out for them.

Conn spent the practices between the two games changing some things in their play that Trinity took advantage of. Coach Lessig stated that, "We have changed our tactical configuration with additional numbers in the mid-field and running with two instead of three upfront. We need to settle the sweeper position now that Palten has sustained another leg injury - Co-captain Joe Randall '03 has gotten the nod."

The Camels were also optimistic that leading scorer from last year, Darrel Comrie

'04, would be back for the Coast Guard game. However, Philip Paule-Charles '05 is still out of the lineup with a muscle pull.

In regards to the practices following the Trinity game, Archer said, "At practice coach worked us hard and explained to us that we shouldn't get down about the loss. We knew that the Coast Guard had beaten Trinity the week before and we saw the game as a chance to let Trinity and the rest of NESCAC know that our loss to Trinity was a fluke." Coach Lessig also affirmed that, "You will see a more focused team [Tuesday] and I expect Co-captain P.J. Dee

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Women's Soccer Splits Versus Trinity and Tufts, Looks Ahead to Fall Weekend Showdown With Amherst

BY RYAN WOODWARD

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With a 2-1 overtime victory versus the Trinity Bantams last Saturday, and a 3-1 defeat at the hands of Tufts University on Wednesday, the Connecticut College women's soccer team split their two games this past week.

The Lady Camels finished off the Bantams when senior tri-captain Lena Eckhoff slipped one past the Trinity goalkeeper in the 104th minute of play, ending a 55-minute scoring drought. Trinity's Courtney Doyle scored a goal in the 49th minute of play, matching the earlier effort of Conn's Lauren Luciano '03. Luciano modestly offered this of her second goal of the season: "[Christine] Culver '04 headed [the corner-kick] off of the crossbar, and I just beat the Trinity defender to it. It certainly wasn't elegant, it was just there."

With the ball continually bouncing in their favor, the Camels notched their first NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) win of the season, and looked to carry this momentum into their Wednesday afternoon battle with the Tufts Jumbos. The Division III National Runner-



Women's soccer, following a 1-1 week, is prepared for their Fall Weekend matchup with NESCAC rival Amherst. (Barco)

up proved to be too strong for the ailing Camels who ventured into Medford, Massachusetts without Luciano's offense, after she was sidelined with an ankle injury late in the Trinity affair.

Tufts's Lynne Cooper and Alle Sharlip each scored goals in the first ten minutes of play, putting the Camels at an early disadvantage. Down, but not out yet, the Camels made a strong come back effort throughout the rest of the first half, led by Christa Thoresz's '05 first collegiate goal, an unas-

sisted tally 25 minutes in.

The surreal atmosphere of scoring her first goal in a close game versus last year's national runner-up left the freshman somewhat speechless: "Really, I just kicked it. I don't even remember where I was, but it sailed into the top-right corner."

This goal sparked a dramatic change of events as the Camels continued on, dominating play the rest of the first half. The Camels' late charge was stifled at the break however. Sophomore offensive-sorceress Christine Culver felt that, "the first half we possessed the ball well, but in the second half things got away from us a bit, and they were all over our mistakes." The injured Luciano added, "It was just very frustrating to watch. They made some good adjustments at the half, we aren't even sure what they were, but when they came back out, they were really able to hold us back."

The Jumbos controlled the second half of play turning it into a defensive battle. The teams combined for 14 shots in the first half, and only six in the second. Goalkeeper and tri-captain Laura Knisely '02 notched four saves on 11 Tufts shots while the Camels

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FALL WEEKEND 2001 SCHEDULE

Men's Soccer

vs. Amherst, 11 am, Harkness Green

Women's Soccer

vs. Amherst, 2:30 pm, Harkness Green

Field Hockey

Vs. Amherst, 11 am, Silfen Field

Women's Volleyball

vs. Coast Guard, 12 pm, Athletic Center

Men's Water Polo

vs. Iona, 10 am
Brown, 2:30 pm
Kings Point 8:30 pm, Gordon Natatorium

Men's and Women's Cross-Country

Connecticut College Invitational