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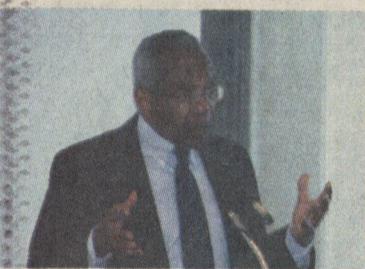
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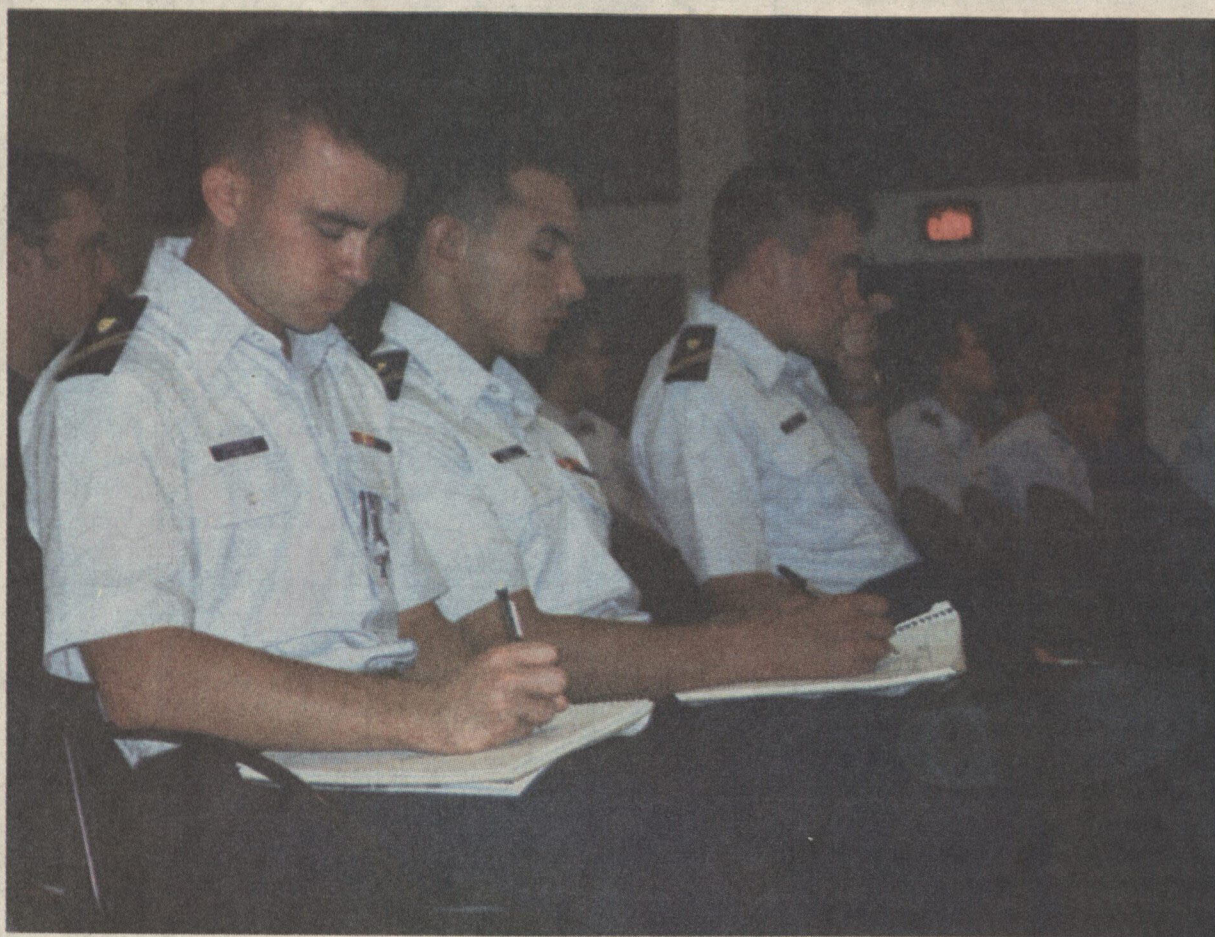
## A&E

Emily Morse's pilot column, Jump Off the Bandwagon, on music you probably haven't heard



## SPORTS

After a rough weekend, field hockey looks to rebound.



Tuesday's panel was attended by both Camels and Cadets (Bruce).

## War on Terror Debate Continues

By TRAYAN TRAYANOV  
STAFF WRITER

In a rare public address, President Fainstein gave a campus-wide announcement on Tuesday morning encouraging students to attend the Panel Discussion entitled: Reacting to Terrorist Threats.

Held in a timely fashion between two cheerless anniversaries – of the hijackers' attacks on September 11th and the declaration of war on terrorism – the much advertised panel discussion was the next in a series of commemorative events jointly sponsored by Connecticut College and

the US Coast Guard Academy.

Four distinguished speakers addressed the audience of students, cadets, faculty, and general public, providing different perspectives on the events shaping the post-9/11 world and stirring the hall in a lively discussion.

The discussion began with Dr. Martha Crenshaw, professor at Wesleyan University. An expert on political terrorism and author of numerous articles and books, Professor Crenshaw worked for the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress and presided over the International

Society of Political Psychology, where she now serves as a Councilor. She is also a member of the Executive Board of Women in International Security.

In her overview of "360 Days at War: An Update and Perspective," Professor Crenshaw stated that September 11th has resulted in "profound" policy changes. For the first time in decades the American public was willing to risk casualties and support active participation of ground troops in Afghanistan.

"We see a much wider engage-

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## Conn Falls in US News Rankings

By JAMIE ROGERS  
NEWS EDITOR

The September 23rd issue of the US News and World Report featured its 2003 ranking of what it calls America's Best Colleges, a numerical system that ranks the top 200 colleges and institutions in the country. Connecticut College, which three years ago ranked in the top 25 liberal arts institutions in the country, has fallen to 29th.

The college now shares the rank with six other institutions including Bucknell University, University of the South, Colorado, Kenyon, Lafayette, and Scripps Colleges. Last year the college shared 26th with Macalester College, with an overall ranking of 82.

Conn fell seven points in overall score and plummeted from 53rd to 88th in Faculty Resources, while Macalester, which retained its ranking as 26th, fell from 27th to Conn's place at 53rd in the same category.

According to the Report, "the ranking system rests on two pillars. It relies on quantitative measures that education experts have proposed as reliable indicators of academic quality, and it is based on our non-partisan view of what matters in education."

The report relies heavily on peer assessment of colleges (as much as 25% of a college's ranking can be affected by college presidents and provosts from competing schools).

Additionally the Report uses retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, grad-

uation rate performance and alumni giving rate to assess a college's performance relative to other institutions.

Recently, however, claims have been made that the Report's methodology is flawed and according to some sources, "arbitrary." David Lesesne, Dean of Admissions at the University of the South, which rivals Conn at 29th, believes that the Report "must be taken with a grain of salt."

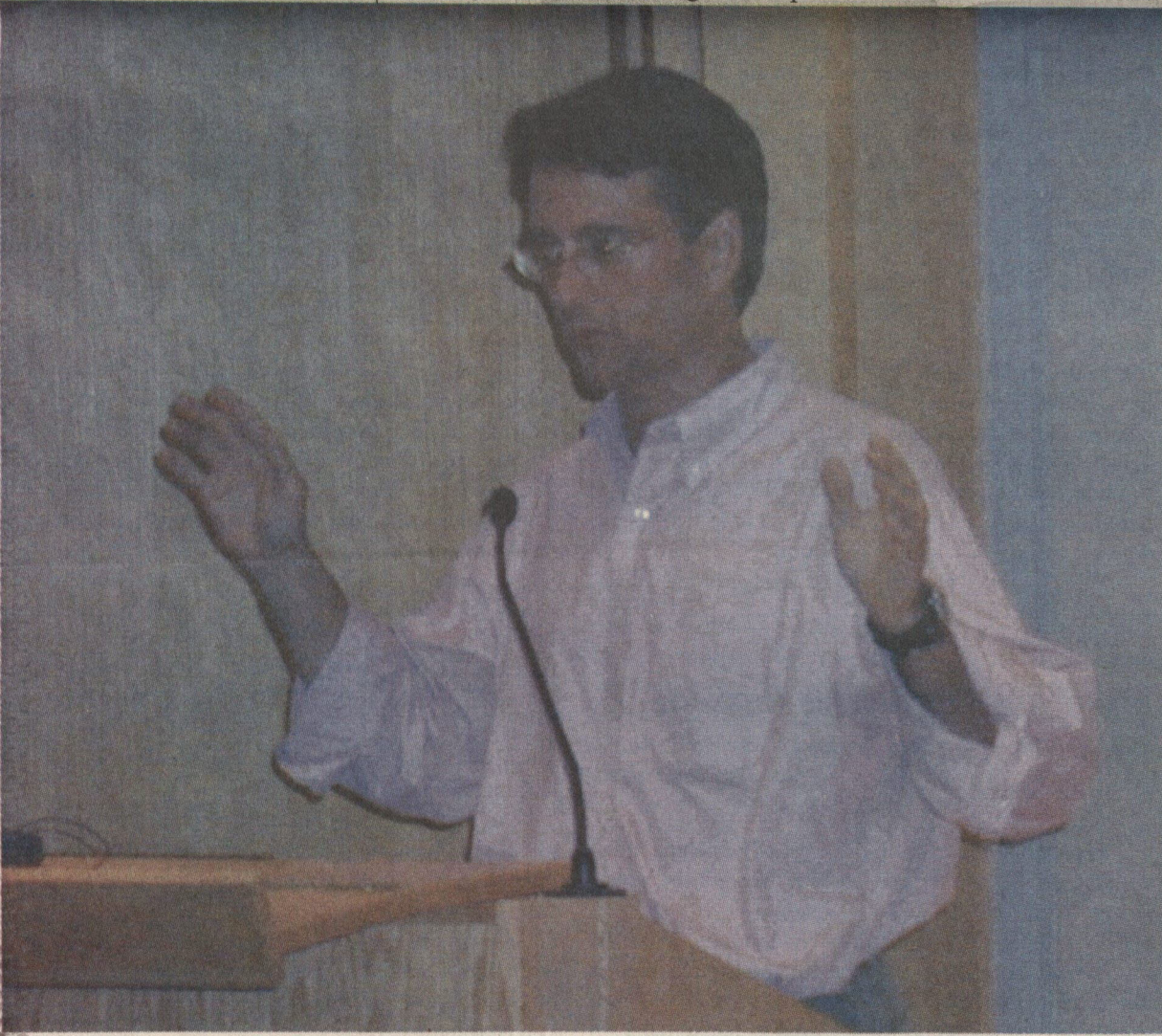
"It's a measuring stick," he stated, "but the methodology doesn't necessarily measure the value of the institution." The University of the South, or Sewanee, enrolls 1300 undergrad and is 3rd in the nation for faculty resources, but 75th in overall selectivity. "Unfortunately," said Lesesne, "we are located on a mountaintop in Tennessee, in a rural setting, and that affects how many apply to Sewanee."

"I would like US news survey, if it could better measure academic experience," he conceded, alluding to other surveys, such as the National Survey for Student Engagement.

The NSSE, is a service that examines "aspects of the undergraduate experience inside and outside the classroom that can be improved through changes in policies and practices more consistent with good practices in undergraduate education." The survey is student oriented rather than administrative.

While the US News and World

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Internet guru Ned Taylor '84 returns to Conn to give students insight into the dot.com world (Faries).

## Alum Rises to Top of Internet Industry

By DANIEL JARCHO  
STAFF WRITER

Ned Taylor, a 1984 graduate of Connecticut College and current Director of Business Development at internet powerhouse Yahoo! Inc., returned to his alma mater Wednesday evening to present the second lecture in this year's Distinguished Speaker Series. In his lecture entitled "How to Take a Liberal Arts Education and Use It To Burrow Your Way Into the Internet Industry," Taylor stressed the importance of the foundations of the liberal education as great preparation for business and life in the real world.

Long before coming into his position at Yahoo! Inc., Taylor was already very active in many leadership roles. In addition to double majoring in Economics and history at Conn, he was a member of the Student Government Association, the Housefellow program, community service programs, and was also an active member of both the lacrosse and sailing teams. After graduation, he volunteered as alumni Class Agent Chair. From there he worked several small jobs, received his MBA from Babson College in 1993, worked at the Boston Globe, as

a real estate broker, and finally broke into the internet business with a short stint at The Excite Network Inc.

Just prior to Taylor's lecture, President of the College Norman Fainstein gave a few opening remarks. He pointed out that in the past two decades, America's top liberal arts colleges "have made a push to stress the importance of information technology as a resource to keep us at the forefront of college education in the United States." In a statement from the summer 2001 edition of CC Magazine, Fainstein wrote, "[The liberal arts colleges] are, in fact, the model of how our society could function if people from different backgrounds learned to live together, to work together, and to reason together."

Taylor's experiences leading up to and at Yahoo! have taught him the undeniable truth in these words. He said, "The experimentation available to liberal arts students helps people come out of college with many different viewpoints and approaches to problems. One of the most important things that Conn taught me was to think way outside the box. At Yahoo!, anything is a possibility and anything can be debated."

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## Bookstore Challenged by Online Competitors

By MARIE GRANT  
STAFF WRITER

At the start of any semester, it is a given that the majority of students will leave the bookstore questioning how and why the textbooks required for class can cost so much, for often what is only one semester's worth of use.

This has led students to explore options beyond those presented in the campus bookstore. Utilizing the technology now available, the best deal in textbooks is no longer necessarily finding that one student who has yet to sell back his or her Introduction to Mathematical Thought book. As some students are discovering, the most affordable and convenient option is right in their own dorm rooms.

The internet now offers a veritable cornucopia of cheap, new and used books. For example, the textbook *Single Variable Calculus: Early Transcendentals fourth edition* by James Stewart is \$108.50 for a new book and \$81.50 for a used book at the school bookstore. However, at barnesandnoble.com a new copy of the same book is available at \$89.95. At Amazon.com a new copy is \$98.95 while a used copy in relatively good condition can be purchased for \$53.95. At Abebooks.com, an online used book distributor, a used copy in decent conditions is as low as \$58.00.

When asked how books are priced, an employee from Conn's bookstore was reluctant to answer questions or reveal her identity. In the end, she merely stated "Well I really can't get into this too much but we order books from different publishing companies and not every company prints the same books." She also stated that they cannot get all used books and they do not know the details on how books are priced.

The prices of sixteen different books from a range of subject that are available at Conn's bookstore were compared at different sources. The costs were significantly lower at sources online than in the bookstore.

Although Barnes and Noble and

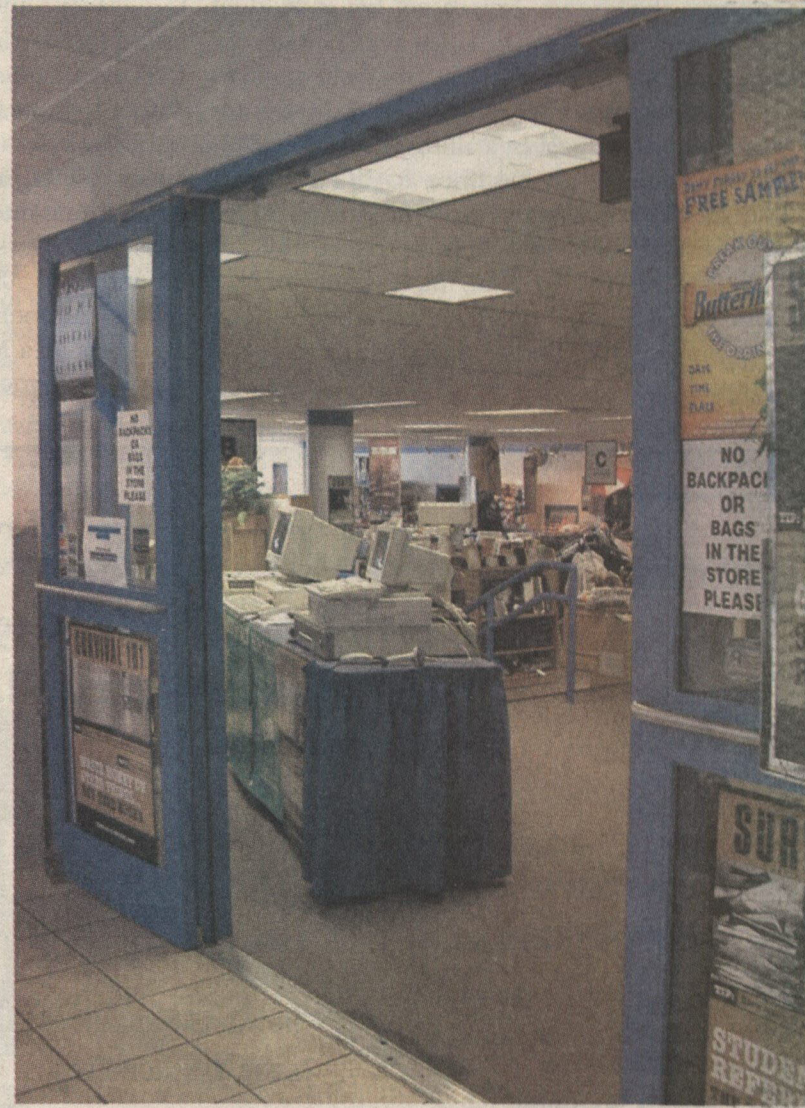
a representative of Amazon.com could not explain the pricing of textbooks, at Abebooks.com, a representative revealed the way she prices books is by "...looking at the quality of the book and look at prices of the same book on bookstore websites." This allows for more flexibility in pricing as books can be judged on an individual basis.

For many used bookstores, however, acquiring the specific books

for classes is becoming easier.

Many students, especially upperclassmen, have said they had stopped buying books at the school and have ordered their books online through sites that can ship within 24 hours. Many of these upperclassmen sell their textbooks to other students who use them in following semesters.

Speculation has arisen among students who believe that the book-



More and more students are looking beyond the bookstore as their only source for acquiring the textbooks necessary for class (Gordon).

required for a class syllabus can be difficult. According to Spivey's, a used bookstore in Kansas City, MO, "books just walk in the door." But with massive online used bookstore sites such as Abebooks.com or Alibris.com, finding specific books

store is part of a company in which profits are gained from the high price of books with little attention paid to students' budgets.

Unfortunately the College's bookstore refused to comment on the subject.

# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## Conn's New "U.S." Rating: Harbringer of Doom or Merely a Trick of Statistics?

According to this year's "U.S. News and World Report's" "America's Best Colleges" feature, Connecticut College's rank among all liberal arts colleges in the nation has fallen from 26 to 29, sharing this position with a few other colleges. Does the mere fact that the college's rank has fallen based on this annual edition of "U.S. News and World Report" indicate that its academic quality is falling? The answer to this question lies in how much relevance one sees in the magazine's means of determining an institution's academic reputation.

The "America's Best Colleges" feature of "U.S. News and World Report" is without doubt its most anticipated issue. Nevertheless, ever since "U.S. News and World Report" began ranking schools in 1983, more and more debates have formed over its accuracy. For instance, unrest occurred when the 1999 edition moved the California Institute of Technology's rank from nine to one for the nation's top doctoral universities, over some of the most prestigious Ivy League schools. But claims against the magazine's system of evaluating schools cannot be made without knowing its ranking methodology.

Unfortunately, "U.S. News" places a college's overall academic reputation on merely figures. Specifically, it judges statistics from factors such as peer assessment, student selectivity, graduation and retention rate, and numerous other criteria. Then, a school is given a "score" based on the sum of its values for each of these criteria to arrive at a final rank. "U.S. News", however, has never set foot inside a classroom, or talked face to face with a notable professor, or observed how student-faculty research (if any) is conducted at a particular school. These are some of the key components of a college's academic experience that are missing from the magazine's popular issue and are undoubtedly more important factors in a school's reputation than are alumni giving and financial resource ranks.

There will always be those die-hard loyalists of "U.S. News" college ranking reports as well as high school seniors that have no experience whatsoever in the college selection process who will view the magazine's ranks as the unquestionable source for which school is best over another. These are the individuals who will pick up a copy of this year's issue of "America's Best Colleges" and think that Connecticut College is not as reputable as it was last year simply because its rank went down three places. Therefore, what can be said to these individuals who will overlook Connecticut College for a higher ranked one? Firstly, look at its academic status. Conn remains a highly selective school admitting only 34% of all applicants, 90% of which ranked in the top 20% of their graduating high school class, and maintaining an average SAT I score in the 1300's. More importantly, however, come visit Connecticut College and see first-hand the academic quality, the dedication of professors and staff, and the importance of the Honor Code, which shapes the academic and social elements of the school. Trish Brink, spokeswoman for Conn, stated in last week's issue of "The Day", "While we don't place undue weight on these rankings, we are pleased that we continue to be ranked among the nation's top liberal arts colleges. We can credit the excellence of our academic programs and faculty, while we continue to attract high numbers of excellent students. Some of these include our interdisciplinary studies, our nationally recognized certificate programs and our opportunities for student-faculty research."

Although many liberal arts colleges share many similar traits with Connecticut College, numbers alone cannot sum up a college's overall academic experience. "U.S. News and World Report's" annual ranking of national colleges and universities may provide informative statistics on a school's selectivity and other administrative data, but the true quality of a school's academic and social environment can only be judged by seeing it in person.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Hedda Gabler Does Not Equal Courtney Love

To the editors:

I want to alert the school of something abhorrent, offensive and thoroughly blasphemous that is going to be performed this spring at Connecticut College. The details are sketchy, so I'll relay what information I have acquired.

This spring, the theater department is doing a production of Ibsen's immortal play, Hedda Gabler. If you don't know this beautiful story, it is about an aggressive, head-strong woman, Hedda, who is married to George Tesman, a bumbling and naive, but well-intentioned man. Hedda soon discovers that her estranged love, the

handsome, struggling writer, Eilert Lovborg, has returned to town. Then she finds out that her old schoolmate, Mrs. Elvsted, has been collaborating with Lovborg on his latest novel. Consumed with jealousy, Hedda burns the only copy of Lovborg's manuscript. In the end, both Lovborg and Hedda commit suicide. Lovborg attempts to shoot himself in the heart and Hedda shoots herself in the head.

This play has held its own for over one hundred years. It still drives any audience to tears. The person directing the Conn College version, however, is giving the play a Courtney Love/Kurt Cobain theme. Apparently some paper-thin parallel was found between the two stories (???). The new Conn College Hedda is now "Courtney" and the new Lovborg is now "Kurt." Actors are apparently bleaching their hair blond. The

entire play is to be underscored with Nirvana music. Instead of Hedda (Courtney) shooting herself in the head, she overdoses on heroin. Rumor has it, everyone's going to wear a lot of black. College Professor, if I got something wrong, please write to the Voice and explain yourself.

No one is allowed to take liberties like this. Anyone with any knowledge and respect for the theater would never, in his or her wildest dreams, ever think to produce something this disgusting.

Technically it doesn't work, morally it is reprehensible and historically it is inaccurate. If this is College Professor's attempt to get in cool with the older students, it's not working. This is blasphemy against Courtney Love, Kurt Cobain and Henrik Ibsen. Many people, myself included, hold the memory of Kurt Cobain very dear to their hearts. Courtney and Kurt are and were actual people, not to be exploited as gimmicks for some school play.

What burns me the most is the way that College Professor is slapping Henrik Ibsen's face. Is Hedda Gabler not good enough the way it is? I have devoted my life to the theater. It is next to religion for me. What I have heard is physically hurting me. It simply cannot happen. Not at my college, at least. Hedda Gabler is universal. No one's intelligence level is so dull that in order to understand a play written in the late 19th century, it has to somehow relate to Nirvana. I know two people who are rolling their graves right now.

If this angers you as much as it angers me, please write back to The Voice.

—Anonymous

#### Attacking Iraq Leaves Hussein With Nothing to Lose

To the editors:

The United States is on the edge of launching a war without regard to international law. We are the superpower of the world, and as such we have a duty to behave with the deepest integrity and morality. We must follow international law to the letter, and act in a manner that benefits the global community, rather than our own selfish interests. The administration is capitalizing on the horrific events of September 11th to settle an old

score.

Saddam Hussein is a despicable man, but it is not our place to remove him from power without provocation. The administration wants permission to make the first offensive attack (on no one's behalf but our own) in our history. It is asking Congress to send our young men to battle—to their deaths—in order to remove a thorn in the administration's claw.

At the moment, Saddam Hussein has something to lose. He has a strong sense of self-preservation, and recognizes that if he attacks us, he will lose his power and probably his life. But he hasn't attacked us! He has a reason to avoid blatant provocation of the United States. If we take that away from him, if we attack him first, he'll be a man with nothing to lose. A heartless man with nothing to lose is the scariest of them all. I have no doubt that if we go to war with Iraq, the results to the civilians of the United States will be catastrophic.

The administration has made the tenuous connection between Saddam and the "war on terror." I believe Saddam is a horrific dictator, but the President is using anything he can to justify attacking Iraq. As a superpower, we, in particular, have to follow the international guidelines of conduct. If we ignore them, how can we expect anyone to take them seriously?

We have to analyze the situation in a realistic manner. We can't simply split the world into good and evil. The administration has painted a complex issue in colors of black and white: you're either with us or against us; you're either one of us or one of them. The President would have the world believe that every American is a bloodthirsty war-monger, but I assure you that is not the case. I am not with him, and I am not a terrorist, and I want my voice heard. Let's not send Americans into the Iraqi desert just because the President wants to start a war. Let's not turn Saddam Hussein into a man with nothing to lose.

Our legislators will be deciding on whether or not we go to war with Iraq soon. They base their decisions largely on whether or not it will get them reelected. Let them know where you stand. If you disagree with the President, don't allow him to speak for you. Call or write your legislators. Senate and House directories can be found at <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

—Rachael Reavis '04

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## OPINION

## A GREATER EVIL

KIP LYALL • VIEWPOINT

George Bush's National Energy Policy report, which has anticipated that by 2020 the United States will import 2/3 of its oil, "recommends that the President make energy security a priority of our trade and foreign policy," and that "Middle East oil producers will remain central to world oil security." Or in his words, "it is clear our nation is reliant upon big foreign oil. More and more of our imports come from overseas." Placing a regime in Iraq sympathetic to the U.S.'s need to control "big foreign oil" - and therefore those who depend on it - is a top priority for Washington as a means of extending our country's imperialist supremacy while claiming a stronghold on world energy sources.

The U.S. supported Iraq throughout the 1980s, including its invasion of Iran in which over 1 million people were killed, through loans and aid in gaining access to "weapons of mass destruction." The U.S. opposed U.N. action when it was confirmed in 1984 that Iraq was using nerve gasses against Iranian attacks and denied the existence of a chemical and biological weapons site that produced weapons enabling Hussein to kill 5,000 Kurds in Northern Iraq in 1988, the peak year of U.S. military aid to Iraq. After determining Kuwait was overproducing its oil quota, slant drilling into Iraqi territory and warning the U.S. Ambassador that Iraq would be forced to protect its interests, Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990. The U.S. altered its stance on Iraq as quickly as the American public should have deeply questioned its government's role in the world after the 9/11 attacks. The aim of the war went far beyond forcing Iraqi troops from Kuwait to completely demolishing Iraq's status as a power in the region.

By 1991, the U.N. gained access to Iraqi factories, laboratories, military areas, documents and scientists in Iraq's weapons programs. Upon adherence with the U.N. authorized sanctions Iraq was to "feel no further force or effect" of the sanctions, but the U.S. failed to ease up even as the U.N. reported completing 95% of their work. The inspections lost a lot of international support when they were revealed in the late 1990s as being used as a means to gather intelligence and information for assassination attempts and ended in 1998 when Clinton told them to leave so that he could resume bombing. In that same year, a strategy for the removal of Saddam Hussein from power was proposed by ex-government officials; Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is among the 10 endorsers who now hold senior positions in the Bush Administration. These officials, told as they came into power by Clinton's Defense Secretary that "Iraq no longer poses a military threat", have duped Americans into believing their "get Iraq" policy is legitimate. This continues despite serious worldwide opposition and U.N. officials' statements that 98% of Iraq's weapons had been destroyed by as early as 1995 and that "all the conjectures about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq lack evidence."

Meanwhile the U.S. media has downplayed significantly the effects the sanctions and relentless bombing have had on the people of Iraq. The bombing, an embargo and the destruction of their water infrastructure has delivered Iraq back into the 3rd World and leaves 5,000 children under the age of 5 dead every month. We think of Iraq as if Saddam Hussein were its sole occupant. When asked on '60 Minutes' about the death toll in Iraq, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright declared, "We think the price is worth it." As a result of U.S. bombings and sanctions over the past decade, well over a million Iraqis have died.

Since the WTC attack in 1993, government officials have been trying, with no definitive results, to establish a link between bin Laden and Iraq simply because such a link, as the Wall Street Journal reported, "would endanger the years of effort Iraq has made to restore foreign commerce, air routes, investment in oil production, relations with its neighbors, its much damaged infrastructure and its military capability." Bush had to wait for 9/11 to provide a basis for his "war on terrorism" - merely an open-ended war on countries that operate against the marked interests of the United States. The Defense Policy Board met on September 19-20 for 19 hours to discuss 9/11. They agreed it was necessary, after they had gone after Afghanistan, to go after Iraq - a significantly weakened country - with oil reserves in size and of likely profitability second only to those of Saudi Arabia. As Madeleine Albright put it, "what's the use of this superb military...if we can't use it?"

And so an "axis of evil" has been established, though the three nations have little in common besides being the current focus of America's wrath. Washington has employed a strategy of deception along with excuses of "collateral damage" to hide its crimes. Guilty of supplying Iraq with biological agents, while refusing to have its own chemical weapons facilities inspected, the United States pursues a global agenda that in just one country causes the deaths of children on the scale of a September 11th every month. This is the same country which had the highest standard of living of any Arab country before the Gulf War. We have become the largest "rogue" state in history, with the means but not the will to aid a starving and suffering global population.

The Iraq debate is a result of the events of last September, which had nothing to do with Iraq. If we had significant evidence that Saddam has nuclear weapons we would have no trouble getting international support for action. War would create greater instability and increase the danger of biological or chemical attacks. Unfortunately the U.S. is bent on gaining greater access to Middle East oil while demonstrating a willingness to restrain those countries that would challenge its superiority; make weapons of mass destruction and we'll destroy you with our weapons of mass destruction. What if other nations asserted the same right? The world is no longer fearful of what terrorists will do, but of what the United States will do.

"Collateral damage" occurred long before September 11th and will continue to on a global scale until the American people demand otherwise. Iraq has earned its standing as a terrorist state, but historical selectivity has prevented Americans from considering the United State's state-sanctioned terrorism as just that. For a country for political purposes to assume a policy that puts millions of innocent civilians at risk is terrorism on a massive scale.

## TEACH FOR AMERICA: ANYONE CAN DO IT!

BRADLEY KREIT • CONNECTICUT IDOL



Have I got good news for all you women and pansies out there!

Now, don't get me wrong when I use the word "pansies." I just mean you limp-wristed folk who belong nowhere near my foxhole.

Anyway, women and pansies: you can be patriots too. With just a bachelor's degree, you can Teach for America. Don't worry about training. This is for America. No credential required.

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Yes. Teach for America. The popular non-profit that sends otherwise unemployed college graduates out into poor urban and rural schools for two years of being kind to the underprivileged.

This program has many advantages to traditional educational approaches. With only two years at the job, teachers won't be bored by the same job they have had for years. Granted, they'll be burnt out because they don't know what they're doing, but that's okay. Every member of my generation knows that boredom is the real devil.

And so what if these new teachers receive no training? No new teacher knows what they're doing anyway.

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Okay. When I said that Teach for America provides no training, that was really just a load of poppycock. These teachers "attend a rigorous pre-service summer training program for five weeks..." according to their view-book/application.

Poppycock indeed!

Who needs more than five weeks to learn how to do something as simple as teaching kids?

Not me, for one. Give me five hours and I'll give you a year's worth of lessons.

I really feel genuinely sorry for these college students who study "edu-

cation" (a phony subject if I've ever heard one) and then do student-teaching before they graduate. Clearly, they are just too lazy to study a real subject. Or at least basket weaving.

Because education is so easy, Teach for America doesn't require background training in the field. No, they just need to see a sample "five-minute lesson appropriate for one grade level" to decide who can and can't teach. Let's be honest: five minutes, an entire year. It's the same thing.

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A friend of mine, Sara, recently became a real teacher, you know, the kind that commits to actually spending more than two years to the profession. The kind who took education courses in college and student taught. The kind who really wants to help children, and wants to spend her working life doing it. You know, that kind of teacher.

She had to spend a year working at a law office because she couldn't get a job teaching in Washington. When I asked her about why she didn't enroll in a program like Teach for America, she said: "I asked a few of my education profs about it and discovered that TFA discourages people who are certified to teach from joining. DC Teaching Fellows [a similar program, run only in Washington, D.C.] specifically prohibits certified teachers from joining the program."

When my mom started teaching, she used to take her students on weekend field trips and visit her students' houses. In other words, she was part of their lives. She was part of their communities.

Doing good for a couple years is a nice concept. Certainly, there is nothing wrong with trying to help. But a couple of hopefully competent years teaching is no solution to any educational problem.

I, for one, know that I am a successful student because I had parents who paid attention to me and who sat and read to me every night.

And I'll admit something that my parents probably don't want me to say: they didn't read to me because of America. They read to me because they care.

## THE TERRITORIES

YONI FREEMAN • VIEWPOINT

"Israel isn't acting against Arafat; it's acting for security. We have no choice. Even if it was not always him who ordered the terror, he didn't use his forces to stop it." Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres

On Sept. 19 a suicide terrorist struck a public bus in Tel-Aviv opposite the Great Synagogue. Six people died and 70 were wounded. On Sept. 23 a terrorist shot at a father and his children near the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron where they had come to celebrate the Sukkot holiday. The father was killed and three of his children were injured, including a nine-year-old who was injured seriously.

Following the Sept. 19 terrorist attack, on Sept. 21, the Israeli Cabinet voted to undertake a military operation in aims of destroying terrorist targets in the territories, confiscating weapons, and arresting wanted terrorists. Currently it has been operating in various Palestinian towns and has also started an operation in Gaza in hopes of destroying the infrastructure of the terrorist group Hamas, which has been allowed to exist under Arafat's shadow. One must understand that Israel is doing this in self-defense. It does not want to reoccupy the territories. It must operate there to prevent terrorists from attacking its citizens, just as the US has been doing.

The sad part about it is that while most of the world blindly supports the US war on terrorism, it has refused to see Israel's fight against terrorism similarly. Some simply tell Israel to restrain itself, while others refuse to recognize Palestinians blowing themselves up and killing civilians as terrorists as well. This can be seen in their reactions to the Sept. 19 terrorist attack. When it occurred you heard various voices in small tone quietly condemning the violence. But when ISRAEL RESPONDED TO THE ATTACK everyone woke up, but in a biased way. They started crying out against Israel and its actions. It started saying that Israel's actions were an obstacle to peace. Various individuals said that this was a blow to the peace process, overlooking the fact that the real blow was the terrorist attack not the acts of self-defense the Israeli government, like any other democracy, took and is taking. The world simply worried about the Israel response and not to the fact terrorists have struck again.

The United Nations also responded in a bias and anti-Israeli way. A member of the Security Council, Syria, called for an emergency meeting of the council FOLLOWING the Israeli actions, not BEFORE THEM. Meaning, the Security Council convened only when Israel acted in self-defense, they didn't think on convening when the terrorists struck. It is not surprising that Syria, a long supporter of terrorism (see the State Dept. list of sponsors of terrorism if you don't believe me), and a supporter of the Palestinians, called for the meeting. But the outrageous fact is that none of the Security Council members thought of convening a so-called Emergency session following the terrorist attack on Israel.

In a strange and hypocritical move the US has called the Israeli actions in the Palestinian territories, specifically its actions against Arafat's compound, obstacles to Palestinian leadership reforms. Let me tell you something: the actions that Israel is taking in the territories aren't an obstacle but a productive move of flushing out the terrorist infestation in the PLO which this organization refuses to do itself. If the US is so into reforming leader-

ships which harbor terrorists why is it that they didn't initiate moves that called for reforms in the Taliban? Why did they simply go after them killing them off? Why does the US keep telling Israel to do one thing while themselves they are doing the opposite? What gives the US government that right? Now if the current reason they are doing this is because many of the countries the US is trying to bring into their camp regarding an attack on Iraq are the very supporters of the Palestinians, my advise to them is don't betray your friend. If the US really wants to build an anti-terrorist coalition it must do so without the help of those Arab states which do not condemn the terrorist killing in Israel.

The Israeli army is currently surrounding Arafat's compound not because they want him but because they want the approximately 30-50 wanted terrorists that are in his compound as well. The reason I say approximately is because Arafat has refused to provide a list of all the people who are with him. Doesn't this tell you he is hiding something? Of course it does. He is acting as a voluntary human shield in front of the terrorists. What does that tell you about Arafat if he harbors terrorists? If we look at the description Bush gave weeks after Sept. 11 last year we can see that he is a terrorist by bases of him harboring them, although there is other evidence to further this claim as well. Furthermore it is laughable for the media to be stating that Arafat is under house arrest. The IDF (Israel Defense Force) doesn't care about Arafat. In fact it would be much better if Arafat left the building so that the Israeli Army could deal with the terrorists without the possibility of harming the great Palestinian leader the world is so scared about losing. Arafat is not a target. He will not be hurt, killed, nor expelled even tough most readers would agree either one would be justice to the terrorist entity he represents.

The Israeli Government's position on what the Palestinian Authority must do is clear. It must act positively and decisively to fight Palestinian terrorism. It must end the economic, logistical and moral support it has provided to terrorist organizations. It must take apart the infrastructure upon which Palestinian terrorists depend. It must seize their weapons, capture their leaders, shut down their offices, and cut off their sources of financial support. It must end the persistent encouragement to violence in the official PA-controlled media. It must stop the praise of violence and martyrdom in Palestinian schools. It must stop hanging portraits of terrorists from buildings, naming streets after them, and holding them up as role models for other Palestinians to follow. In short, it must thoroughly de-legitimize terrorism and suicide bombing in the eyes of its people. The current terrorist activities of this past month further reinforce the fact that the Palestinian leadership is not doing this. On the other hand, it shows that the Palestinian leadership not only supports terrorism but also takes part in them. It is therefore that the Israeli government has a rightful and just reason to operate in the territories under the Palestinian Authority and do their job for them. The Israeli forces will leave when the job is done. After all, the Israeli people are not just fighting a war against terrorism, they are also fighting a war for their survival.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Caricurist Shares Talent and Stories With Students

BY RACHEL CASADO-ALBA  
STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday, Waterford, CT native Robert de Michiell, a caricaturist whose work has appeared in "The New Yorker" and "Entertainment Weekly," visited Conn for a slideshow and lecture entitled, "Face Value: An Artistic Odyssey through 20th Century Celebrity Culture" in the Charles Chu Asian Art Reading Room. After an introduction by W. Lee Hisle, the Vice President of Information Services, Mr. de Michiell addressed a small audience of Conn students, professors, and residents of New London.

After a few quips on the current Wall Street scandals ("I'd much rather draw a celebrity than a CEO, unless that CEO were Martha Stewart" and "All I ask of my politicians is that they be easy to draw"), Mr. de Michiell (pronounced de-Michael) discussed his influences, ranging from Picasso during his cubist period to Golden Books artist and Disney's "Alice in Wonderland" illustrator Mary Blair. He credited graphic artist Richard Amsel (designer of the poster for the 1969 Barbra Streisand movie "Hello,

Dolly!" and various TV Guide covers) for teaching him about a "sense of proportion and style."

Famed caricaturist Al Hirschfeld is also an inspiration of Mr. de Michiell's. Mr. Hirschfeld has, according to Mr. de Michiell, "a wonderful sense of how to take small graphic elements and turn them into more than you expect them to be." While their subjects differ, Mr. de Michiell's work shows distinct traces of Mr. Hirschfeld's influence, apparent in his slides of Mr. Hirschfeld's version of 1920's sex symbol Josephine Baker and his own version of RuPaul.

According to Mr. de Michiell, one challenging part about caricature is, "How far do you go when you're drawing someone who looks like a cartoon already?" (in reference to comedian Carol Channing). A subversive streak runs through many of Mr. de Michiell's pieces, such as one entitled "Madonna and Child," which features the pop icon with a cigarette in one hand and TV Chef Julia Child perched on her lap.

In producing caricatures Mr. de Michiell said that "simplicity and instant readability" are key. While his caricatures of celebrities for magazines such as "EW" and "Premiere" are his most widely seen, Mr. de Michiell has

done a variety of adaptations of classic cartoon characters, from the Jetsons and the Flintstones (lithographs of which were released in a limited edition of 150) to the villains of Disney movies. On working for Disney, Mr. de Michiell said "get your money upfront!" He has also produced paintings celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Beatles' "Yellow Submarine."

In addition to his work for "The New Yorker," Mr. de Michiell presented a few exclusive, unpublished drawings such as "A Day of Beauty" which showed a New York socialite receiving spa treatments and a tattoo simultaneously and "The Punchline." While speaking about the stress of four-day deadlines, Mr. de Michiell regaled the audience with stories about bartering art for invitations to the Oscars.

Mr. de Michiell, a graduate of Waterford High School and a BFA recipient from the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), has had lithographs of his work displayed in Los Angeles and Seattle galleries. He has also won the Design Achievement Award from the Society of Publication Designers for a caricature of Pablo Picasso featured in Boston Magazine.



## Jump Off the Bandwagon



EMILY MORSE  
Jump Off the Bandwagon

THALIA - "THALIA"

A few years ago the so-called "Latin Craze" began. Radio bombarded us with more bon-bon shaking than the average individual can be expected to handle. When asked, "Who's ready to hear the next cross-over act?" I imagine the American public will look to the person on their right, then to the person on their left, and then join their fellow patriots in a nation-wide chuckle. But wait! There's hope for those with more against Enrique than his mole (translate: one more whiney rendition of "Hero" and the radio flies out the window onto an unsuspecting skunk). Hope? Why

yes! Her name is Thalia, and while perhaps she's not the next Shakira (those are some pretty big ahem boots to fill...), but there's something to be said for her latest effort. The self-titled album spans many sounds and rhythms within Latin music and shows off the Spanish language in a way that draws in those of us who only wish were cultured - I have no idea what she's saying, but it certainly sounds sexy. Thalia couldn't possibly be a stranger to busting a movie, either as this album could definitely spark creativity in the tamest of feet. Yes, come to think of it, I might drop some hints to the dance club. One of the highlights of the album is Thalia's duet with Marc Anthony, "The Mexican 2002," for which she wrote the lyrics. It's intense - close your eyes and you're on a beach somewhere with the lust object of your choice. And if for no other reason, you should check this album out for Thalia's cover of "You Spin Me Round (Like A Record)," because, hot dog and damn, who doesn't love 80's covers?

Genre: Latin Pop You're Not Sick Of  
Try it if you dig: Shakira, Marc Anthony, Ricky Martin

LIVEONRELEASE - "Seeing Red"

Teen pop is good for something...I'll get back to you when I figure out what that is. In the mean time, there's the genre I'd like to call "teen rock." We all remember the big deal about Silverchair when they first popped up, and recently there's been The Calling, fronted by a good, old-fashioned seventeen-year-old posterchild for eyecandy (please note, the Voice does not support cradle robbing). But where's the chicks? Apparently in Canada. That's right, kids - our friends up north are keeping some of their best musicians a secret, but I'm going to make them known. LiveonRelease is a band comprised of four girls aged sixteen to eighteen. When they recorded their first album, "Seeing Red," they were even younger. This is pretty impressive considering the fact that all of the songs were written by the band - and they're even good! The album opens up with the energetic "Don't Leave Me Alone" and progresses through some surprisingly angst-free punk-inspired rock 'n roll. Noteworthy is the song "Emotional Griptape" which was written with and features the vocals of Bif Naked, their boss (LiveonRelease is signed to Bif's label) and fellow Canadian rocker. If these chicks sound a little familiar to you, it's not because they're ripping someone off. Check your CD collection. Do you have the "Dude, Where's My Car?" soundtrack? Their single "I'm Afraid of Britney Spears" is on that album, and was a pretty big hit in their home country. Also a good idea to check out is the song "Get With It" which was also released as a single north of the border. Its lyrics express that today's youth is far too full of anger as a trend, and it's an overall brilliant, if simple, piece of work. Honestly, the album itself exudes energy that only happy girls could bring to music, and this certainly fills a void in today's hateful music culture. And one last thing - these chicks aren't too girly for a little taboo language. Don't let your mom hear this record!

Genre: Teen Rock à la Chick  
Try it if you dig: Eve6, Bif Naked, Letters To Cleo

ELLIS PAUL - "Translucent Soul"

Going to bed at night sometimes you just can't fall asleep, and while the other night I was fortunate enough to have my friends come tuck me in and turn off my light, this is quite the inconvenience for the average individual. So, where can grown-ups aching for a bedtime story turn? Folk music of course! The folk genre lacks big noise, but makes up for it in good stories. Boston folk man Ellis Paul is a musician whose lyrics are as gorgeous as they come, and while it is fairly impossible to go wrong when choosing an Ellis Paul album to listen to "Translucent Soul" is certainly a good place to start. This album is an eleven-layer painting, with each track opening a window into this songwriter's heart. The sound is peaceful guitar that sets a mood akin to a calm lake in the woods of Maine or a dark summer evening on the back porch of your grandmother's cabin. Songs like "Take Me Down" and "Did I Ever Know You" illustrate emotion too real for fiction. One of the most touching songs on "Translucent Soul" is "She Loves A Girl" - a tale about a family's disapproval if a homosexual marriage. Also worth hearing is "Angel In Manhattan," a pretty story touching upon faith and humanity. Ellis Paul has carried on in the tradition of some of the best songwriters of our time - and he certainly knows how to tell a good bedtime story.

Genre: Acoustic Campfire Stories  
Try it if you dig: James Taylor, John Mayer, happy Ani DiFranco

## 'The Banger Sisters' is Mindless Fun

### The Banger Sisters



Rated: R  
Length: 97 minutes  
Starring: Goldie Hawn, Susan Sarandon, Geoffrey Rush, Erika Christensen, Eva Amurri, Robin Thomas  
Directed by: Bob Dolman  
Summary: Suzette, a still wild former groupie, reunites with her reformed best friend, Lavinia, and teaches her how to have fun again, while learning a few life lessons herself.

BY NANCY DINSMORE  
ASSOCIATE A&E EDITOR

In her mid-fifties, Goldie Hawn still looks almost as good as she did when she was younger, and this movie makes no secret of that. "The Banger Sisters" gives her plenty of opportunities to act silly, which is what she does best, and to wear revealing outfits. The movie starts out at a bar in Hollywood, where Hawn's character Suzette has been working for years. She's still living it up, having a rollicking good time, but her manager is sick of her partying ways and fires her. Distraught at losing this part of her life, Suzette proceeds to humiliate herself by attempting to pick up a young musician, only to discover that he is already with a young groupie.

Feeling upset and nostalgic, Suzette remembers the days when she herself was a young and wild groupie. She decides not to let losing her job ruin her life and instead decides to find her old best friend Vinnie, played by Susan Sarandon, who has moved on from being a groupie and married a wealthy lawyer in Arizona. Scheming to borrow money, Suzette sets off on a road trip, with the top down and music blaring. Nothing will stop her - until she runs out of gas and money in the middle of the



desert. Luckily, a bus full of yuppie tourists stops as well, and a neurotic writer (Geoffrey Rush) offers to pay for her gas if she'll drive him the rest of the way. Rush does a hilarious job playing the blocked writer Harry, and provides some of the movie's funniest moments, as he grows increasingly attracted to Suzette and her unconventional ways. Although Rush's character and acting are a delight, the subplot involving his scheme to get revenge on his father is disconnected from the other plot and feels mainly like an afterthought, thrown in to give him something else to do other than admire Suzette.

When Suzette and Harry arrive in Arizona, Suzette realizes that Vinnie has changed more than she thought possible. She now lives in a beige-colored world of fancy pools and faceless maids. Vinnie has shed all evidence of her past, and she is now Lavinia Kingsley, the uptight mother of two bratty daughters (played by Erika Christensen and Sarandon's real-life daughter Eva Amurri). Suzette becomes increasingly involved in Vinnie's life, but instead of ruining her reputation as Vinnie fears, Suzette reminds Lavinia of just how much fun it was to be Vinnie.

Although the movie has many humorous scenes, especially when the two women are alone and reminding each other that it can be just as much fun to be fifty as it can to be twenty, you walk away from the theater feeling like the movie could have been so much more than it was. The two women, christened "the banger sisters" by the rock stars whose careers they "aided," do a good acting job, but the script doesn't provide them with enough substance to last the full movie. Instead of exploring the deeper issues behind their exploitation as groupies and Vinnie's radical change, the script reduces them to stereotypes whose motives and thoughts are never fully developed. Christensen and Amurri, as the spoiled daughters, aren't given much to do besides whine and gawk at the mother they never really knew. And despite the fuzzy ending, one feels as though not as much has changed in the end as the screenwriters would have you believe. Nevertheless, "The Banger Sisters" has its entertaining moments and is good for a laugh, if nothing else.

## Bombay Spice A Nice Escape From Harris

BY PRIYANKA GUPTA  
STAFF WRITER

Sick of Harris food? Craving to get off-campus? Why not try something Indian?

Just a 15-minute drive from campus, lies a true delight for lovers of Indian food! Yes, I am talking about the authentic Indian restaurant Bombay Grill and Spice in the quaint town of Mystic. To start with, it has a very reasonably priced lunch buffet on Wednesdays and Sundays. The lunch hours are 11 A.M. through 3 P.M. The buffet offers a great variety with all four courses. You can choose from four vegetables to go with bread (Naan) and another three to go with your rice (Pulao). And there are the

mouth-watering Pakodas for starters and sugar-syrup Gulab Jamuns for desserts! The food is truly Indian. And by that I mean very spicy! The vegetables are all prepared in the authentic style, using the typical North Indian gravies. And for an international student like me (from India!) nothing can be more satisfying than a plate full of classic Basmati rice. Together with delicious Palak Paneer and Aloo Mutter, it definitely turns into an unbeatable meal, and hence an ideal outing.

There is a very strong advantage to the buffet. If you order directly off the menu, you can have a maximum of two different entrees. However, that is not how a typical

Indian meal is eaten.

A regular Indian meal contains two different vegetables, a lentil, rice and bread. A single vegetable is not eaten by itself. Usually bread

(Roti) accompanies a vegetable and lentil (Dal) goes with rice. One can truly enjoy an Indian meal only when following the correct conventions. And such an ideal combination turns out to be very reasonable at the buffet.

But for people not used to oily food, the lunch buffet at Bombay Grill and Spice could seem like a rather heavy meal. Dave Kahn ('06) says, "I really enjoyed the food at Bombay Grill and Spice, but I found the Naan to be very greasy. It seemed to be different from the

kind of bread I have eaten at other Indian Restaurants." The deep-frying in desi oil does help bring the taste out but it also adds calories that can equal those you gain from a lunch and dinner at Harris, put together. The ambience of the restaurant is pleasant. It has a very quiet and homely setting. There is also smooth Indian music in the background that provides a sense of completion to the entire atmosphere. The restaurant is a major attraction for tourists who visit Mystic and is generally filled with people belonging to different cultures. All in all, the restaurant is definitely an asset for all of us at Connecticut College and is worth a visit. So go for it!




Jeanne Stern, Sept. 2002

## OP-ED

## THE WHORING OF A NATIONAL TREASURE

TIM STEVENS • COMPLAINT OF THE WEEK



I don't normally like to run two columns so close together that deal with essentially similar topics, in this case show business, but I feel this is an issue that is sorely need of addressing. Someone has to mention the elephant in the room, and if it is me, than so be it.

Robert De Niro is a whore.

There, I have said it.

Yes, the same Robert De Niro that has been described by Leonard Maltin as "arguably the most impressive actor working in films today." The same Robert De Niro who has been quoting as saying, "The talent is in the choices." That Robert De Niro will make essentially any movie at any time for you provided the script is followed up promptly by what Banky would refer to as that "proverbial movie cash."

From the years 1973 to 1983 De Niro starred in 11 theatrical movies, including such genius works as "Mean Streets", "Godfather Part II", "Taxi Driver", "The Deer Hunter", "Raging Bull", and "The King of Comedy." In the past five years, De Niro has starred in 15 movies, an average pace of three movies a year. In those 15 we find such works as "Analyze This", "Analyze That", "Showtime", "Meet the Parents", "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle", and "Flawless." In those 15 films he played either a criminal or a cop in 11 of them. If we extend "cop" to "government official in charge of protecting people" the number jumps to 14, with the lone exception being his portrayal of Arthur Lustig in the bad and entirely green (for some reason) updating of "Great Expectations."

Still not convinced? Perhaps it will help if I mention again that he starred

in "Showtime."

The good news is that all hope is not lost. We have not lost yet another brilliant method actor to a disposition that causes him to view a craft he excels at with disdain and as means only to find his or her bizarre behavior. In other words, Robert De Niro is still, thankfully, not Marlon Brando.

Thus, here are my recommendations, submitted very, very respectfully (he is still the guy who played Travis Bickle, after all):

If he continues to insist upon making comedies, he should make good ones like "Meet the Parents" not live action versions of cartoons ("Rocky and Bullwinkle") or poison ingested through the eyes ("Showtime").

He can play angry/scary people well, we get that. He can also play desperate, sad, helpless, funny, and intelligent people well too. Watch "Awakening" and tell me that his performance does not just tear you apart inside, I dare you. It has been too long since he acted in a movie that has challenged him. The reason De Niro seems so flat as of late is because he is being given roles he can do in his sleep and has evidently elected to do so.

He can play cops and criminals well, we know that too. De Niro can also play bus drivers, priests, patients, fathers, etc. In other words, he can play people, not just occupations. There is nothing inherently wrong with De Niro playing cops or mobsters, provided they are more than just that. As of late, they have not.

That is it. That is how Mr. De Niro can get back on track. However, it is not his job alone. Hollywood owes it to this natural treasure to challenge him, offer him variation, and projects worthy of "arguably the most impressive actor working in films today," and then we owe it to ourselves to support those efforts. Sure, De Niro the whore might be good for a few laughs in a column, but De Niro the actor is infinitely more interesting.

## GENETIC ENGINEERING: OPENING PANDORA'S BOX

MARINA IVANOVA • VIEWPOINT

In early August 2002, the Bush administration announced a new proposal for regulation of genetically engineered crops (GE). Under the administration's corporate-friendly "laws" (non-binding proposals that even if enacted would be voluntary), the biotechnology companies will be allowed to market new GE crops, regardless of whether they have been safety tested. The majority of the genetically modified crops have not been approved for human consumption and the administration itself has openly admitted that GE crops could easily contaminate the food supply, yet the government is blindly permitting such foods to be sold to the American consumer. Chances are, you have already eaten genetically modified foods. You have unknowingly participated in a dangerous experiment to further the interests of corporations and put enormous amounts of money in the pockets of CEOs. What is the apparent threat posed by GE foods, you might ask? The overwhelming majority of foods sold in supermarkets contains GE ingredients' food from crops not grown in any natural environment, from crops that have never been part of the human diet. Crops such as corn, soy, canola, or cottonseed oil come from plants that have been genetically altered and grown on millions of acres in the US. Genetic engineering differs from traditional crop and animal breeding in that it enables scientists to cross genes from bacteria, viruses, and even humans into plants and animals. The genes of strawberries are mixed with fish, peanuts with tomatoes. There has not yet been a study of the long-term effects of genetic engineering on the environment, let alone on human beings. Yet, scientists are clearly finding some serious problems caused by the new technology. Genetically engineered organisms reproduce by themselves and spread uncontrollably with little possibility of control or clean-up. Almost all GE crops have been injected with a gene that enables them to withstand herbicides. Studies have clearly shown that farmers who grow GE crops use 2 to 5 times more pesticides than farmers who grow natural varieties. GE crops have been known to cross-pollinate with related weeds, causing the emergence of (superweeds, (weeds that become resistant to Round-Up and other commonly known pesticides), forcing farmers to use more potent toxic herbicides. GE insect resistant crops also create (superbugs, who will become tolerant to the basic pest control used by organic farmers. Thus, genetic engineering might devastate the safest, most environmentally friendly food production we have. Doctors and scientists warn that there is not enough evidence to prove that these foods are safe. But there is strong evidence that speaks to the apparent threat that GE foods pose. By injecting foreign DNA into common foods, without any safety testing, the biotech industry is carelessly introducing new food allergens. As we all know, the increase of new diseases resistant to antibiotic treatment is already a huge problem. The widely used antibiotic resistant genes in GE foods will undoubtedly add to the problem. Surprisingly, you will not find "genetically engineered" on the label of the food you buy. As a consumer, do you not have the right to know what you are eating? Spokesmen for the biotech companies claim that the food they produce is safe, yet they refuse to label it. Why? The Environmental Protection Agency finds that 90% of all fungicides, 60% of all herbicides, and 30% of all insecticides may cause cancer. Persistent, synthetic pesticides contaminate ground water in 38 states, polluting the principle source of drinking for more than half the US population. As many as two-thirds of the foods on supermarket shelves contain genetically-modified organisms. Recent research points indubitably to the nutritional benefits of organically-grown foods on healthy, naturally enriched soils. As a consumer, you still have the choice to buy organic foods. Three national chains in the US, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, and Wild Oats have already committed to eliminating GE ingredients from their store brand products. Take action and call, fax, or write to your local supermarket manager or CEO and demand that they remove all GE foods from their store. You have every right to do so! (If you are interested in learning more about GE and the terrible threats that it poses to you and the environment, visit [www.truefoodnow.org](http://www.truefoodnow.org))

## ACADEMIC FREEDOM: WHAT I EXPECT FROM CONN'S PRESIDENT

USMAN SHEIKH • VIEWPOINT

I had the pleasure today of attending the 39th T.B. Davie Memorial Lecture hosted by the University of Cape Town, where I'm taking a semester away as part of SATA South Africa. The speaker was Professor Kader Asmal, MP, who is the Minister of Education, Government of RSA. The talk centered around the issue of academic freedom and the title was "Thinking Freedom: breaking with the past, planning for the future." Professor Asmal stressed the importance of academic freedom, especially in the South African context, and highlighted the role played by Dr. Davie - after whom the lecture series has been named - in the struggle towards the so-called "open" universities, which were being forced to "close" down by outside interference.

According to the UCT website, Thomas Benjamin Davie was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town from 1948 until his untimely death in December 1955. Dr. Davie courageously championed the cause of academic freedom and university autonomy. The policy of successive South African governments since 1948 had been to attempt to entrench segregation in education through legislation, in order to regulate 'who was taught what and by whom' in the universities. Dr. Davie vehemently opposed the introduction of the Extension of University Education Act in order "to maintain our established rights to determine who shall teach, what shall be taught and how it shall be taught in this university" without regard to any criterion except academic merit. Closed universities, he argued, lead to closed minds, and that outside interference was not acceptable under any circumstances.

Thanks to Dr. Davie's vision, the offending clause in the Universities' Act was repealed in 1991. Earlier, in 1959, the UCT community established the T.B. Davie Memorial Lecture to commemorate the work of this distinguished vice-chancellor. It keeps before the university "a reminder of its ethical duty to defend and to seek to extend academic freedom."

So why am I telling you all this and how does it relate to us at Conn? In February this year, somewhere in these very pages of The College Voice, I referred to a report entitled "Defending Civilization: How Our Universities Are Failing America and What Can Be Done About It" published by one American Council of Trustees and Alumni. The same ACTA came up with yet another masterpiece in recent weeks: "Restoring America's Legacy: The Challenge of Historical Literacy in the 21st Century." Another similar group with the name of Campus Watch surfaced on the horizon last week with an aim "to address the

root of the problem: the professorate." The core message of all such pressure groups and their reports is as follows: all North-American college administrators and professors are guilty of being unpatriotic for acting "neutral in the current war."

"The bias [i.e. being "neutral in the current war" I assume] results from two main causes," announces the Campus Watch website. "First, academics seem generally to dislike their own country and think even less of American allies abroad." Campus Watch, however, does not feel the need to shed any light on why all American academics would fundamentally dislike their own country. "Second, Middle East studies in the United States has become the preserve of Middle Eastern Arabs, who have brought their views with them. Membership in the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), the main scholarly association, is now 50 percent of Middle Eastern origin." An equal membership of Mid-Easterners and Americans in MESA is obviously a cause of the "bias." If, however, there was a 100% American membership, there would no bias, of course. Campus Watch is apparently not a big fan of President John F. Kennedy, whose insightful words have been lost somewhere in the waves of history: "We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people."

Thus, the strategy to "reverse the damage caused by the activist/scholars on American campuses" is to create an "enemy list" of "key faculty who teach and write about contemporary affairs at university Middle East Studies departments" and to monitor "course syllabi, memos, debates over appointments and funding, etc." Under the guise of being "committed to academic freedom, excellence and accountability on college and university campuses," these groups are not only interfering in the affairs of the academy but are also, in my humble opinion, constantly poisoning the minds of average Americans by inciting them against the academia.

Instead of questioning these groups as to who has given them the right to monitor the academics and exert influence in setting course syllabi and appropriation of funds on campuses, "President Bush cited information in the [latest ACTA] report when he announced his national history and civics initiative in the Rose Garden on Constitution Day, September 17, 2002" proudly declares the ACTA website. Fascinating, isn't it? Indeed, an interesting pattern emerges within a few clicks if you research this over

the Internet.

The 'who is taught what and by whom' will in the near future be determined, not by the colleges themselves, but by the likes of ACTA, Campus Watch etc. These dummy organizations are run by larger groups; for instance, ACTA's website lists two people in its leadership section: President Jerry L. Martin, who from 1988 to 1995 "held senior positions at the National Endowment for the Humanities, including Acting Chairman in 1993," and Executive Director Anne D. Neal, who from 1990 to 1992 "served as General Counsel and Congressional Liaison of the National Endowment for the Humanities." In turn, NEH claims to be an "independent" grant-making agency of the United States government and the 'national history and civics' - or more formally 'We the People' - initiative that President Bush launched last week is a NEH initiative. Similarly, Campus Watch is a project of the Middle East Forum (MEF), and the director of MEF is none other than Connecticut College's "distinguished speaker" of two weeks ago, Mr. Daniel Pipes. He serves on the 'Special Task Force on Terrorism and Technology' at the Department of Defense. In addition, Mr. Pipes "has testified before many congressional committees, and worked on four presidential campaigns." In short, he is on Washington's payroll.

Thus, long story short, the point is that "independent" groups like ACTA and MEF have strong links with different government agencies and this pattern can apparently be explained in one of the two ways; either, the reports that they come up with are so ground breaking and earth shattering that the White House rushes to incorporate them in its educational policy. Or, the other justification, which sounds more plausible to me, is that Mr. Bush has a few mouthpieces here and there that are used to throw around ideas before they are forced down our throats in form of different "initiatives".

In a time when the White House is bent upon implementing the "apartheid" educational policies of pre-1994 South Africa, it is a real possibility that our course syllabi over the coming semesters will be set, not by our distinguished professors but by Mr. Cheney and Mr. Rumsfeld. In fact, with "enemy lists" being prepared, we might only see those of our professors on campuses that are pre-approved by Washington. Already, I know so many of the many hundreds in other countries, who are qualified enough to get into Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia and the like; with acceptance letters in their drawers but no visas in their passports, they could only shed tears as they watched the

live coverage of the 9/11 commemoration events.

As I came out of the lecture hall today, I was wondering - regulating 'who is taught what and by whom' - do we live in the 'land of the free' or is this pre-apartheid South Africa? Are we talking about the greatest democracy on earth here, or some repressive dictatorship of the third world? Is this the same country that stood for "freedom and justice for all," or a different one, which has just adopted a new motto: "you're either with us, or against us." Thomas Benjamin Davie - an Afrikaner - stood up against his own people to fight for principles. They say, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em." But then again, some are all of the three. No doubt, Dr. Davie will be remembered for a long time to come - especially in times like these, when we're in dire need of somebody like him, somebody who can stand up for academic freedom - "academic freedom as a university's right to determine who shall be taught, who shall teach, what shall be taught and how it shall be taught, without regard to any criterion except academic merit." One certainly hopes that once we're done honoring promoters of "apartheid" policies as our "distinguished speakers", we as a campus would perhaps also pay some heed to lesser important issues like academic freedom. That's not a lot to ask for... or, on a second thought, may be that's too much to ask for!

Tailpiece: In a column in The Day last week, entitled "At Conn, fear muffles the debate," Steven Slosberg questions "If not at a liberal arts college touting itself as one of the nation's select campuses, then where should an attentive public look for informed debate on issues that matter?" According to the dictionary, the word 'debate' is defined as "A formal contest of argumentation in which two [that's right, one plus one equals TWO] opposing teams defend and attack a given proposition." I hope Mr. Slosberg gets the point. Agreed "With Pipes, though, the college did not just play safe. It played dumb." However, I feel it played dumb not when it muffled the debate but - to quote from Mr. Pipes' last week's article regarding Ashrawi at Colorado College - when Conn "made the morally idiotic choice of honoring an apologist for terrorism." Efforts aimed at damage control must be applauded, but I hope we've learnt that before throwing an invitation to just about anyone with a big mouth, we should perhaps also consider what's coming out of that mouth.

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## Bush, Democrats at Odds on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic leaders in Congress, angered by President Bush's criticism, said Thursday that lawmakers may not be ready to vote next week on a resolution authorizing war against Iraq.

Bush struck a more conciliatory stance and said, "Soon we will speak with one voice," as he stressed the dangers of delay in reaching a unified approach on Iraq.

"Each passing day could be one on which the Iraqi regime gives anthrax or VX nerve gas or someday a nuclear weapon to a terrorist ally," Bush said.

The president also sought to defuse the anger of Democrats who contend that Bush and other Republicans are using the crisis with Iraq for

authority.

"We're near an agreement. And soon we will speak with one voice," he said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he hoped the congressional debate on the resolution was "not too prolonged." He said he strongly believed that "our diplomatic efforts at the U.N. will be helped enormously by a strong congressional resolution."

Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., said the original White House proposal gives the president the authority to use armed force in response to any Iraqi violation of U.N. resolutions, including illegal trade and failure to return Kuwaiti prisoners. Powell insisted that Iraq's weapons of mass

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., joining Daschle, said a vote in the House next week was also now in doubt. Putting politics into the debate over Iraq, he said, "will destroy our ability to get a consensus about these important issues."

In a heated speech on the Senate floor Wednesday, Daschle demanded that Bush apologize for comments he made earlier this week in which he said that the Democratic-controlled Senate, in failing to pass legislation to create a Homeland Security Department, was "not interested in the security of the American people."

Gephardt said a number of House Democrats would prefer to delay the Iraq vote until after the elections. But he noted that it was Democrats who in August asked the president to present an Iraq resolution to Congress. "He's done that and I'm glad he did that," Gephardt said. "So we're trying to respond to that."

Reps. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, and Ellen Tauscher, D-Calif., were circulating a letter urging a postponement of the Iraq vote until after the Nov. 5 elections.

"It is not in the best interests of our nation, nor is it in the best interests of either party, for us to challenge each other's patriotism or our devotion to duty," during the run-up to the elections, they wrote.

Bush, however, urged speed: "The danger to our country is grave." He said Iraq has biological and chemical weapons and is building the facilities necessary to increase those stockpiles.

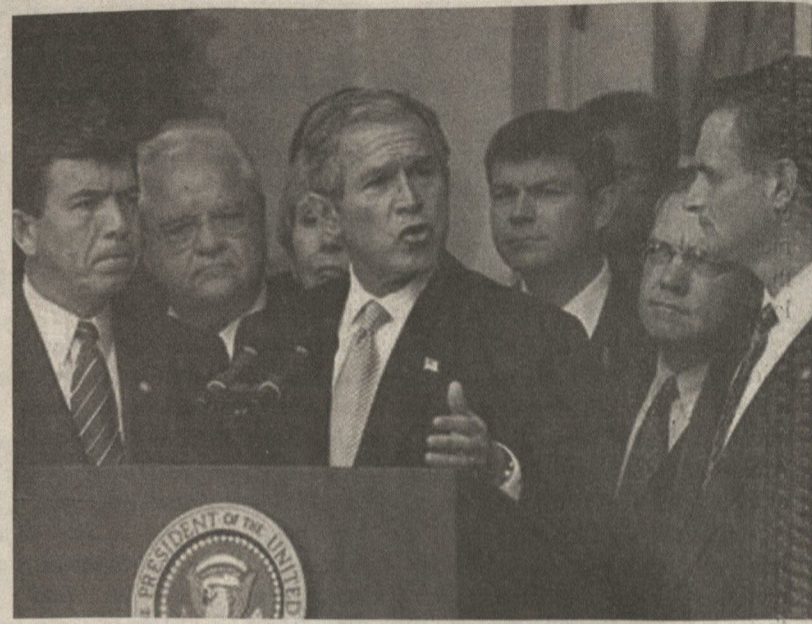
He also repeated Wednesday statements by Condoleezza Rice, his national security adviser, that the Iraqi regime "has long-standing and continuing ties to terrorist organizations, and there are al-Qaida terrorists inside Iraq."

"We know that the Iraqi regime is led by a dangerous and brutal man. We know he's actively seeking the destructive technologies to match his hatred. And we know he must be stopped," he said.

Daschle said the administration had not told him about an Iraq-Al-Qaida link.

"It is a reversal of the information the administration shared with us earlier this year," the Senate leader said.

Meanwhile, three House Democrats — Reps. David Bonior of Michigan, Jim McDermott of Washington and Mike Thompson of California — were leaving Thursday for Baghdad. They said they hoped to gain insight into the effects another war would have on the Iraqi people and the "dangerous implications of a unilateral, pre-emptive strike on U.S. national security."



Despite Senator Tom Daschle's request for an apology on the Senate floor, President Bush insists that an agreement between the White House and the Congress on Iraq is eminent (AP-Doug Mills)

## Bush, Congress Close to Deal on Iraq

By JIM ABRAMS

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Thursday he is close to an agreement with Congress to "speak with one voice" against Saddam Hussein, even as Democrats accused him of making the nation's security a political issue.

"Democrats and Republicans refuse to live in a future of fear," Bush said in the Rose Garden, flanked by Democratic and Republican lawmakers who support his plans to oust Saddam — with military force if necessary.

Bush made the remarks amid a backdrop of fingerprinting and name-calling as both the White House and congressional Democrats accused each other of playing politics with Iraq.

Bush's remarks — though far short of an apology sought by Democrats — were meant to return civility to the debate and erase any doubts Democrats and the general public might have about his motives, White House officials said.

"We're near an agreement soon and we will speak with one voice," Bush said.

As the bitter back and forth threatened negotiations over a resolution giving Bush power to wage war, he said, "We are engaged in a deliberate and civil and thorough discussion. We are moving toward a strong resolution. All of us, and many others in Congress, are united in our determination to confront an urgent threat to America."

His appearance, organized at the last minute by the White House, came at the same time as a news conference that Democratic leaders had planned with live TV coverage.

Bush spoke shortly after House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt said the administration must "take security out of politics," saying a bitter partisan fight complicates efforts to find unity on Iraq.

Meanwhile, a senior administration official said Thursday the Pentagon is preparing to train at least 1,000 Iraqi opponents of Saddam to assist U.S. troops in the event of an Iraqi assault.

The Pentagon is waiting for Bush to sign a directive that would authorize the training under the 1998 Iraq Liberation Act. The official said Bush was expected to sign it, but not Thursday.

The Defense Department is compiling a list of recruits and looking at how much training they would get, who would do it and other details, said a Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Bush painted a grim portrait of Saddam's regime, and its threat to the United States. He restated his belief that Saddam has stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons, and could soon develop a nuclear weapon.

"We know he must be stopped," Bush said.

"To ignore these threats is to encourage them, and when they're fully materialized it may be too late to protect ourselves and our friends and our allies," the president said. "By then, the Iraqi dictator would have the means to terrorize and dominate the region. Each passing day could be the one which the Iraq

regime gives anthrax or VX nerve gas or some day a nuclear weapon to a terrorist ally."

Bush also accused the Iraq government — led by a "dangerous and brutal man" — of using rape to intimidate women and torturing its dissenters.

The planning of aid Iraqi dissenters is under way so that the military doesn't have to start from scratch when Bush signs an expected directive ordering the expanded training.

During the Clinton administration, some 140 Iraqis received limited military training in such areas as logistics, warehouse management, the laws on war crimes, public relations and so on at military schools in Texas, Rhode Island and elsewhere.

An Iraqi opposition leader, Francis Brooke, said earlier that the Pentagon had "dramatically intensified" planning for the training of opponents of Saddam. Brooke is the Washington representative of the Iraqi National Congress.

Speaking a day after Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle publicly chastised Bush for statements Bush made, Gephardt said Democrats share Republicans' concern about security even if differences arise over the details of the U.S. response to terrorism.

Daschle went to the Senate floor Wednesday to assail Bush's statement earlier in the week which suggested that Democrats were putting politics ahead of the nation's security. That ignited a fierce response from Republicans.

Daschle said Bush should "apologize to every veteran who has fought in every war who is a Democrat in the Senate. He ought to apologize to the American people. We ought not politicize this war."

The White House said Daschle misstated remarks the president made when Bush said the Democratic-controlled Senate, in failing to pass legislation creating a Homeland Security Department, was "not interested in the security of the American people."

When asked if Bush stood by that statement, spokesman Ari Fleischer said the president believes that if the Senate does not pass the homeland security bill, "the security of our country will not have been protected."

Appearing Thursday on CBS' "The Early Show," Gephardt said he understood that Bush had been referring to the homeland security bill, but said, "This is a security issue. Homeland security is in the same club of issues as what to do about Iraq. We're going to have some differences on details in the bill. ... Why that is attacking the bill itself or why we're against homeland security, is ridiculous."

Hours after Daschle spoke, Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, said in a television interview that the Baghdad regime was sheltering al-Qaida terrorists, increasing the stakes in the president's campaign to drive Saddam from power.

There is evidence of "contacts between senior Iraqi officials and members of al-Qaida going back for actually quite a long time," Rice said on PBS' "The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer" program.



Former Secretaries of State Madeline Albright and Henry Kissinger address the Senate Foreign Relations Committee about Iraq (AP-Terry Ashe)

political advantage, saying, "The security of our country is the commitment of both political parties and the responsibility of both elected branches of government."

Bush did make progress Thursday on the diplomatic front, reaching agreement with Britain on a tough U.N. resolution on Iraq that will be presented to the other three permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — France, China and Russia.

The proposed text would declare Iraq in violation of past U.N. resolutions on disarmament, lay out a path for Iraq to meet its disarmament obligations and say there will be consequences if Iraq does not comply.

Bush, speaking in the Rose Garden with a group of Democratic and Republican lawmakers who want to give him the authority to use military force against Saddam Hussein's government, said they were making headway on writing a resolution under which Congress would give him that

destruction would be the compelling reason for going to war.

Under a White House proposal circulating on Capitol Hill and obtained by The Associated Press, the president could use military force against Iraq to defend U.S. national security interests. The president must tell Congress — before or after the use of force — why diplomatic means were not adequate to protect those interests. It removes a phrase from the White House's original proposal, which Democrats said was too broad, that extended the authority to the region around Iraq.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., holding a news conference at the same time on Capitol Hill, was less sanguine than Bush on prospects for agreement. He said Republicans had "made it much more difficult" to reach a consensus by politicizing the Iraqi issue and he was now unsure the resolution could reach the Senate floor by next week as planned.

## Top Hamas Bombmaker May Be Dead

By IBRAHIM BARZAK

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel tried to kill the mastermind of the Hamas bombing campaign Thursday, firing two missiles from a helicopter into a car in crowded Gaza City and killing two bodyguards. Thirty-five bystanders were wounded but the fate of the Palestinian militant remained uncertain.

A senior Palestinian security official said Israel's target, 37-year-old Mohammed Deif, escaped with moderate injuries. Israeli police sources said the Israeli military told them Deif — atop Israel's wanted list for years — was killed. The military had no comment.

Hamas official Abdel Aziz Rantisi said Deif was not even in the car. But he said the group would avenge the attack nevertheless. "We will hit Tel Aviv. We will hit everywhere."

Hamas and the Palestinian Authority are rivals, possibly explaining the different versions of Deif's fate.

In other violence, four Palestinians — including two gunmen, a civilian and a baby — and

one Israeli were reported killed. Israel maintained its stranglehold on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah in defiance of Tuesday's U.N. Security Council resolution to end the siege.

Two helicopters appeared in the sky over Gaza just after 1:30 p.m., firing missiles that blew apart a green Mercedes sedan and sent a plume of white smoke over the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood.

"Suddenly we heard the sound of a big explosion," said Mohammed Hajar, a hairdresser working in the area. "When I ran out, a second explosion took place."

Blood, body parts and shrapnel were strewn across a wide area and nearby windows were shattered. A large crowd, confused and angry, gathered as rescue workers led the wounded to ambulances.

One man leapt on a car and shouted, "God is great."

Hamas sources identified the two dead men as members of Hamas, Abdel Rahim Hamdan, 27, and Issa Abu Ajra, 29. Rantisi said they were Deif's bodyguards.

More than a dozen children were wounded in the attack, the latest in a series of assaults the Israeli military

calls "targeted killings" of Palestinians.

The most controversial, a strike in Gaza that killed Hamas militant Salah Shehadeh, also killed nine children and five adult civilians.

In the past two years, at least 78 wanted Palestinians and 52 bystanders have been killed in such attacks, which the Palestinians deride as a policy of assassination. Human rights groups have condemned the policy.

"Today's attack is another example that shows clearly that the Israeli army doesn't care about the life of the innocent Palestinian victims," said Samieh Mouhsen of the Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights. "It constitutes a policy of lawless disregard for the most fundamental human rights, the right to life."

Israel says the targeted killings are its best means of preventing terror attacks, and accuses Arafat's Palestinian Authority of doing nothing against the radical groups and even encouraging them. Palestinians argue Israel's travel restrictions and military strikes have left their security services powerless.

Israelis accuse Deif of having a role in dozens of suicide attacks over

the past six years. He survived an Israeli airstrike earlier this year.

Earlier strikes on top Hamas figures have led to increased violence. When Israel killed Deif's mentor Yehiyeh Ayyash in 1996, Hamas responded with four suicide bombings that killed dozens of Israelis.

An Israeli security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Deif had served as head of Hamas military wing after the killing of Ayyash. He surrendered the position after the more charismatic and ideological Shehadeh was released from a Palestinian jail in mid-2000. Deif took over again three days after Shehadeh's killing, he said.

Israel has long pressed Palestinians to seize Deif, and accused Arafat of sheltering him. Hamas, however, often has been at odds with Arafat.

Palestinian officials arrested and held Deif for several months until December 2000. The Palestinians said he escaped. Israeli officials said his jailers set him free.

Late Thursday, about 3,000 Hamas supporters demonstrated near the site of the attack. Organizers said the purpose was to give thanks for Deif's safety.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

# Small Problems Plague Protesters

By ELIZABETH WOLFE

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many of the protesters swamping Washington for the world finance meetings have little use for the material world, but they've got a mountain of practical matters to look after before they can raise their banners high.

Locating "anti-authoritarian" child care is one priority. So is finding vegetarian eats. Housing is a headache for the anarchists. "We're all pretty maxed out on housing," said Andrew Willis, an American University student and representative of the anarchist faction.

To the protesters, the weekend meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank reek of money — ill-gotten money, they say. For that reason alone, even some demonstrators with enough cash of their own are reluctant to spend it.

Protesters squatting in an abandoned building or using a park bench for a bed might be able to afford better, but will give up a pillow for their ideals.

"Some people might be from well-off backgrounds but choose to live a life for political reasons that's not, you know, it doesn't rely on public consumption and all those other material things we're bombarded with," said Rami El Amine, an organizer with Anti-Capitalist Convergence. That anarchist group has converted a Methodist church near downtown into a welcome center.

The group hoped to shut down much of Washington on Friday by snarling traffic with a march and mass bicycle ride.

But before all that happened, there were a

thousand practicalities to attend to. One was finding a place for young children to go to while their parents were on the streets. Many were steered to the Anti-Authoritarian Babysitters Club, described as "anarchists watching kids."

Activist Web sites list campgrounds, youth hostels and offers for free room and board. A row house for five turns into an overnight home for 16, and dorm rooms at local universities can look like slumber parties.

For some, how they live when not chanting slogans reflects the causes they espouse.

Local activist Kate Loewe persuaded her mother's neighbors to shelter visitors. While feeding an out-of-towner may not reduce the debt in a third-world country, "we want to model the world we want to see," she said.

Modes of transportation to Washington have been as varied as activists' hairstyles. Some younger cash-strapped protesters hopped trains to cross the country, while others flew in from Seattle. Greyhound has been getting a lot of business.

Southwest Airlines was the choice for self-proclaimed Marxist-humanist Tom Rainey from Berkeley, Calif., because "they treat their workers better."

Organizations also distribute a list of area vegetarian restaurants, though not everyone will pay for a meal out.

"They come down here on a shoestring budget and they expect us to feed them and we will," said Lou, 28, who would not give his last name. Working for Food Not Bombs, a group that started in Cambridge, Mass., he was dishing out a medley of vegetables and potatoes to anyone ask-

ing during a rally across from the World Bank on Thursday afternoon.

The support network extends to medical services. Trained medics roam the crowds with bandages and water ready to flush tear gas out of eyes. A group called the Pagan Cluster offers massages to help people unwind.

Activists teeter between practicality and correctness. They need to be properly outfitted for a long day on the streets but also want to avoid using brands, companies and products that allegedly exploit workers or are otherwise out of step with their campaigns.

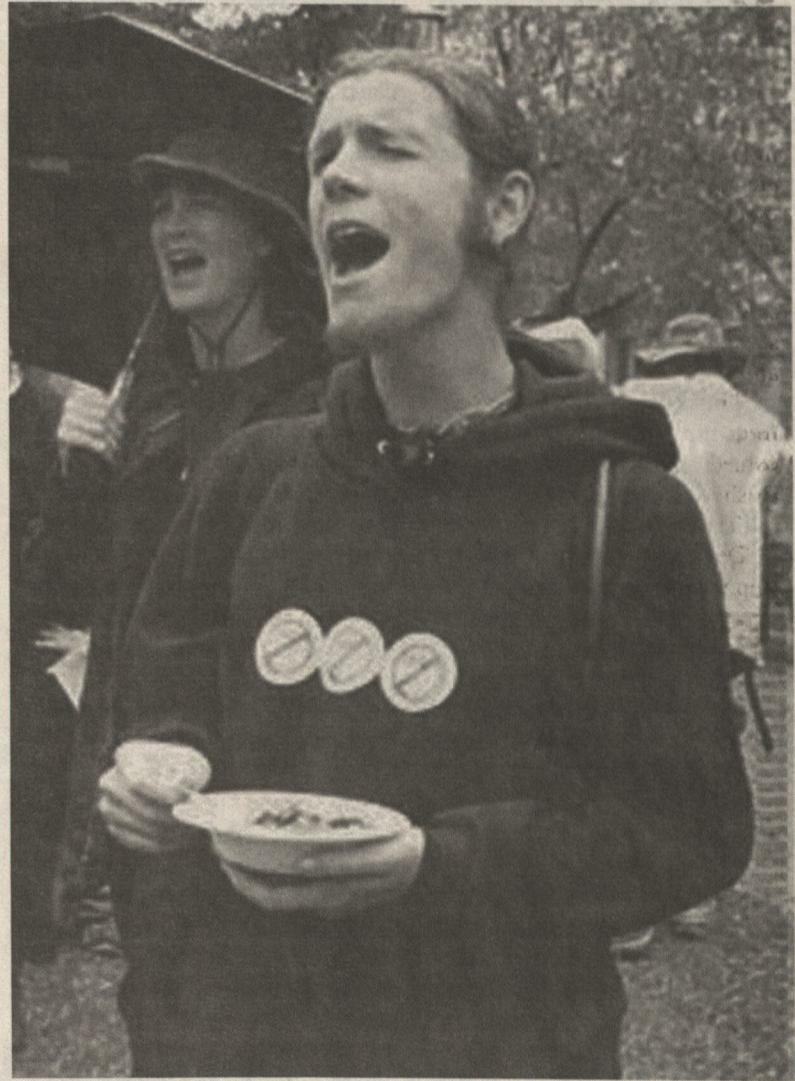
David Levy of Virginia, a 44-year-old organizer with Mobilization for Global Justice, carries a Palm Pilot and a cell phone and jokes that he packs deodorant for media interviews.

Robin Tala, 18, who drove from Bloomington, Ind., doesn't have a cell phone but concedes they have their place in a crowd of demonstrators. "Although I'm sort of against them, they can be very helpful," he said.

Between the protests, the hours don't go wasted. A couple from Sarasota, Fla., planned to go sightseeing in their downtime, while others had scheduled meetings with their members of Congress.

Many were just hanging out with like-minded people while others found a challenge in sizing up the striking diversity of the crowd.

"Some of our church people are not going to be comfortable with the green-haired vegans," said Mara Vanderslice of Washington-based Jubilee USA, a mainly religious consortium of groups that advocates debt cancellation for poor countries. "There's some differences."



Robin Tala takes part in a protest against the International Monetary Fund (AP-Elizabeth Wolfe)

## Ex-WorldCom Executive Pleads Guilty

By DEVLIN BARRETT

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — The former controller of WorldCom Inc. pleaded guilty to securities fraud charges Thursday, saying he was instructed by "senior management" to falsify records in what became the largest corporate accounting scandal in U.S. history.

It was the first admission of guilt in the multibillion dollar scandal. David Myers, 44, entered the plea in U.S. District Court in Manhattan after telling Judge Richard Casey that he wanted to waive his right to be indicted on the charges.

"I was instructed on a quarterly basis by senior management to ensure that entries were made to falsify WorldCom's books to reduce WorldCom's reported actual costs and therefore to increase WorldCom's reported earnings," Myers told the judge.

"I combined with others ... to assist in the commission of fraud," said the former executive.

Casey asked the defendant if he had committed the three crimes spelled out in court papers: conspiracy, securities fraud, and making false filings to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Yes, sir, I did," Myers answered.

Outside court, Myers' lawyer Richard Janis called his client "a reluctant participant" who had "expressed his discomfort and displeasure with the actions being undertaken by WorldCom." WorldCom, which owns the nation's No. 2 long-distance telephone com-



Former WorldCom controller David Myers plead guilty to two felony counts in connection with his role in hiding millions of WorldCom's expenses (AP-Ed Betz).

pany MCI, became the biggest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history on July 21.

In June, Myers told WorldCom accountants that the company "could not continue with the cost structure at the current levels and that if the cost structure did not change, the company 'might as well shut the doors,'" prosecutors said in court papers.

Myers and Scott Sullivan, the former chief financial officer at WorldCom, were arrested in August. Myers has been free on \$2 million bond; Sullivan signed a \$10 million bond.

Prosecutors say they directed employees to falsify balance sheets to hide more than \$3.8 billion in expenses, causing WorldCom earnings to be overstated by an even greater amount.

The deception enabled WorldCom to report a profit when it was actually losing money, according to regulators.

Myers is now cooperating with the authorities against his former bosses, and has also agreed to plead guilty in Mississippi as early as next week to a single charge stemming from the same corporate swindle, Janis said.

His client was also negotiating with the SEC to resolve civil charges filed Thursday, the lawyer said. The SEC alleged that Myers "participated in a massive fraud that inflated the company's earnings at the direction and with the knowledge of WorldCom's senior management." The agency is seeking a permanent injunction against Myers as well as civil money penalties, repayment of allegedly ill-gotten gains and an

order barring him from serving as an officer or director of a publicly traded company.

Prosecutors say the massive fraud began when Myers and Sullivan ordered WorldCom accounting executives Buford Yates, Betty Vinson and Troy Normand to record billions in operating expenses as capital expenses.

Myers faces up to 10 years on the most serious charge of filing false reports with the SEC. Vinson and Normand are also expected to plead guilty as part of cooperation agreements with prosecutors, according to court papers filed earlier. They have yet to appear in court.

Sullivan was indicted in late August along with Yates on securities fraud charges. At their arraignment, prosecutors said they would seek additional charges and may name new suspects in the case. The cooperation of Myers and others increases the pressure on Sullivan to strike a deal with prosecutors and tell them what, if anything, former WorldCom CEO Bernard Ebbers knew about the alleged accounting crimes. Sullivan's lawyer, Irv Nathan, has said his client is "an honorable and honest man" victimized by a rush to judgment.

Ebbers' lawyer has said he knew nothing about any misreporting. Since the fraud first came to light, WorldCom officials have revised the amount of accounting improprieties up to \$7.1 billion, and recent reports said the final total may reach \$9 billion.

## Isidore Storms Way Into Gulf Coast

By DOUG SIMPSON

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DELACROIX, La. (AP) — Tropical Storm Isidore blew ashore Thursday with near hurricane-force wind, spinning off tornadoes, swamping the Gulf Coast with 15 inches of rain and knocking out power to more than 200,000 homes and businesses.

Thousands fled their homes in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama before the storm reached land at 3 a.m. Floodwaters swept through houses in communities across the region and rose to the windshields of cars in low-lying New Orleans.

"I don't know whose they are, but I've got three recliner chairs in my yard," Susan Serpas said in Delacroix, a fishing town east of New Orleans, where screen doors, mailboxes and furniture bobbed in 3 feet of water.

Gov. Mike Foster said the storm did at least \$18 million in damage in Louisiana, including \$3.7 million in lost sugar cane. Foster said the damage estimate will grow, and he was seeking a federal disaster declaration.

Isidore was packing wind up to 65 mph when it arrived, below the 74 mph threshold of a hurricane. The storm lost its punch and was downgraded to a tropical depression as it moved past Jackson, Miss., in late afternoon.

Forecasters said the storm would slide into the Ohio Valley by the weekend, bringing heavy rain to the Midwest and the Northeast. Up to 8 inches of rain were forecast in Tennessee.

Several tornadoes spun out of the storm and touched down in the Florida Panhandle. One hit a barn near Graceville, Fla., injuring a farmer, while another damaged more than 20 homes in Santa Rosa Beach.

Mississippi officials also said floodwaters also kept them from reaching a 67-year-old man who died of cardiac arrest early Thursday.

The wind toppled trees in Alabama and gusts of 40 mph hit Birmingham, more than 200 miles from the coast. Most schools in the region were closed.

Mississippi kept its floating casinos shuttered. One, the Treasure Bay in Biloxi, sustained a 12-foot gash when the surging sea drove its entrance ramp deep into one of its walls. Backup security cables were the only thing keeping the casino barge from floating away.

"This was totally unexpected, this much water," Bernard Carlson, 71, said as he watched the swollen Tchoutacabouffa River from the upstairs porch of his flooded home near Biloxi. City officials estimated 50 to 75 homes were damaged by floodwaters.

Foster said Port Fourchon appeared to be hit hard by surging tides. The huge oil terminal on the Gulf Coast is a clearinghouse for about 13 percent of the nation's crude.

"Fourchon, I am told, is a lake right now," Foster said.

More than 200,000 customers lost power during the storm, including 87,000 in Louisiana (half of them in greater New Orleans), 50,000 in Florida, 47,000 in Alabama and more than 20,000 in Mississippi.

As the storm passed over Houma, La., tree limbs fell on utility lines and power went out throughout the town. Before daylight, rescue crews were out taking people from a public housing project.

"We woke up and found 2 feet of water in our apartment," said Laquincy Nixon as he walked out with his son and daughter in his arms. "I lost everything — everything."

Isidore was far weaker than it was when it hit Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula as a hurricane over the weekend, killing at least two people. Officials in New Orleans and Mobile, Ala., said their cities weathered the storm well.

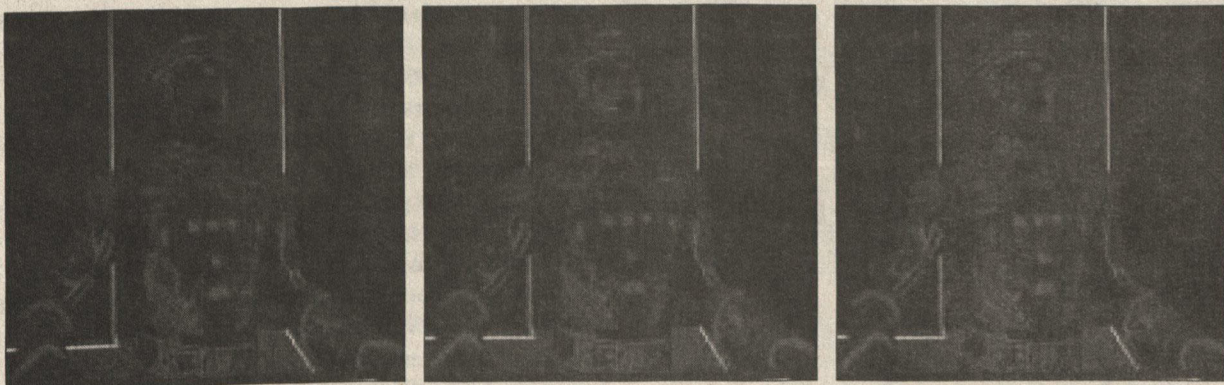
Florida officials were watching another storm in the Caribbean. Tropical Storm Lili was downgraded Thursday to a tropical depression, but was expected to soak Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica by the weekend. The storm could strengthen by the weekend and was moving to the northwest, toward Cuba.

Auburn University soils expert James Hairston said Isidore's rains, while welcome, will not pull the South out of its five-year drought. Only extended rains over the next several months will do that.

Except for swamped and abandoned cars, New Orleans streets were largely empty Thursday. In the French Quarter, a dozen people were holed up in Molly's at the Market bar.

"The owner specifically said we don't close — ever — unless they make us," bartender Jolie Meaux said. "Better to be stuck in a bar than at home watching TV."

## The College Voice: Cooler than Tron...



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# Controversial Law Professor Speaks on College Diversity

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STAFF WRITER

The first of a series of speakers presented by Connecticut College's Multiculturalism and Diversity Committee, Derrick Bell addressed the College community last Thursday and Friday afternoons about "Why Diversity Programs Are Not the Answer".

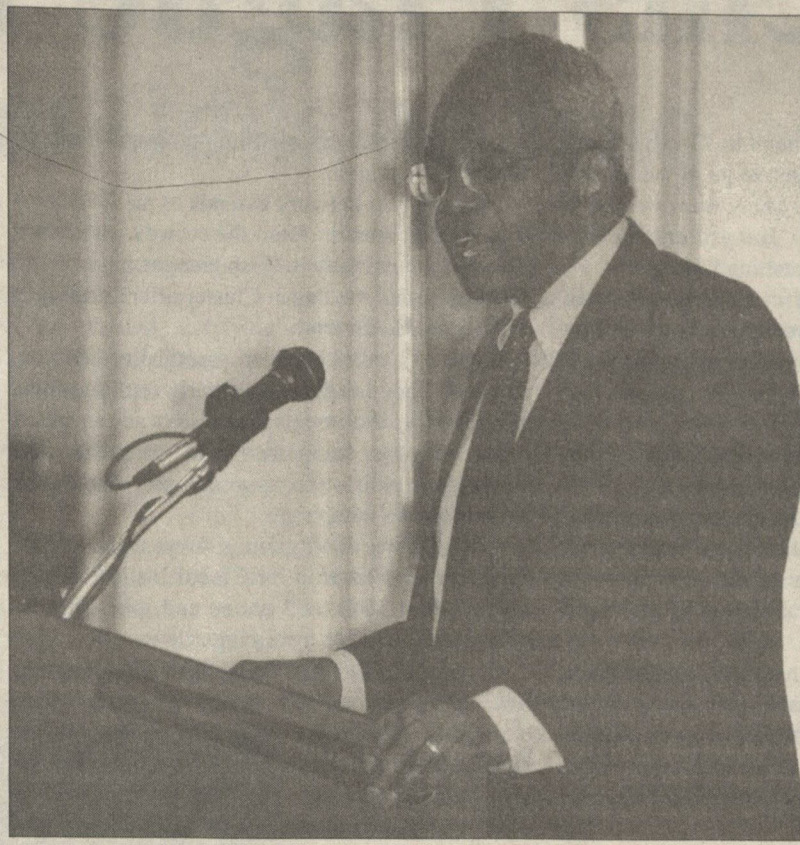
Bell is currently teaching at the NYU Law School as a visiting professor, a position he has held since 1991, although he is best known as Harvard Law School's first tenured black professor. Bell also served as dean at the Oregon Law School, a post he accepted in 1980. He left both Harvard and Oregon as a way of protesting issues of racial and gender discrimination in the hiring faculty members. In addition, Bell held the position of Executive Director of the Western Center on Law and Poverty at the University of Southern California Law School, Counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and Deputy Director of the Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

In addition, Bell has written a number of books and has published several articles in journals, newspapers, and national magazines, he

most recent, *Afrolantica Legacies*, was published in 1998.

In the lecture, Bell discussed how learning is enhanced by the presence of a diverse student body and faculty. Furthermore, he advocated that students who study in a more diverse environment are far more prepared for the real world than their peers, who are exposed to a more homogeneous learning environment. He claimed that nearly everyone would agree that these points are worthy goals, goals towards which most institutions strive; yet, Bell pointed out, why must we need a committee to continue "advocating that which we all agree is valuable?"

Bell then went on to speak of the college admission process, boldly stating, "not all the priorities [of these institutions] are out in the open." Every school is in search of an incoming freshman class possessing both a high GPA and high SAT scores; yet, such numbers often "more accurately measure the wealth of the parents" than the achievements of the students. Furthermore, Bell discussed how applicants with outstanding athletic abilities or musical talents, as well as children of alumni are given priority in admission. No one considers this to be "evil" or "illegal" in



Derrick Bell gave up his tenure at Harvard and Oregon Law Schools in protest of hiring policies marked by racial discrimination (Matison).

any way, while giving priority to black students is deemed "suspect," and is not considered a priority of the institution.

However, Bell asserted that diversity programs are not the answer in terms of diversifying a

college or university's student body, as they raise problems similar to those raised by Affirmative Action. He claimed that instead of advocating Affirmative Action, Civil Rights campaigns would be more successful were they to raise the unfairness

of the traditional admission process and call attention to the inaccuracies of standardized tests, which affect all students, regardless of race.

Bell discussed his "interest convergence principles," stressing that blacks will only receive racial equality when the opinion of white people and black people converge, and when white people abandon the need to obtain a status superior to those of black people.

Although Bell does not believe these programs to be the answer in obtaining this much needed racial diversity on our college campuses, he does consider them to be a way towards achieving this goal. He spoke about "understanding morality" and recognizing that there is always more work to be done than there is time and energy to complete it. It is important to acknowledge our "infinite interconnectedness" to future generations and to be aware that what we do directly affects the lives of those who come after us. Individuals must learn to be flexible, must be willing to deal with issues as they arise, and must realize that some policies are accepted, while some are not. Bell asserted there is no failure in rising to challenges and reminded his audience of the words of W.E.B. DuBois: "Never hesitate, never falter."

Reggie Flood, Professor of English at Connecticut College and a member of the Multiculturalism and Diversity Committee strongly believes that there is a "direct connection between the lack of [Conn's] curriculum and the demographics of the faculty." He believes that a racially and ethnically diverse faculty will succeed in bringing an important and essential dimension into classrooms at Conn.

Yet, in terms of making moves towards taking advantage of the dimensions that a diverse faculty fosters, some think that Connecticut College still has much ground to cover in order to better align the racial and ethnic demographics of its faculty with its peer institutions. According to Leslie Williams, director of the Multicultural Center and Unity House, Conn began its attempt to diversify the faculty a mere five years ago, "thirty years after it started in other places."

It is the hope of the Multiculturalism and Diversity Committee that this series of speakers will encourage the Connecticut College community to more deeply examine the many positive and essential outcomes that emerge from a diverse faculty and student body.

## Panelists Bring Perspective to War on Terrorism

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ment in civil conflicts around the world after September 11th than we saw before," she said, citing Iraq as the most eminent example.

According to Crenshaw the US' new anti-terrorism campaign has "a way, a dividing the world along the lines of being for us or against us," paralleling "the Cold War in which you were either for us or against us in terms of the rivalry with the Soviet Union."

"We perhaps had lost sight of the fact that how other peoples regarded the US was extremely important, not just to our reputation but to our own security."

Following Crenshaw, Professor Robert Turner, a co-founder and associate director of the Center for National Security Law at the University of Virginia delivered a presentation titled "Prosecuting The International War on Terror: An International Law Perspective." Professor Turner, a veteran from the Vietnam War, has held various positions in different private and national institutions, including Stanford's Hoover Institution of War, Revolution and Peace, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Pentagon, the White House, the State Department and United States Institute of Peace. The panelist took upon himself to prove that going to war against Iraq is not a question of breaking the international law but actually of enforcing it.

"The threat from Saddam is real - there is not a great deal of disagreement on this among the major players in the world community," Professor Turner argued, citing 17 violations of U Security Council resolutions by the Iraqi dictator, including efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction and support terrorism.

Professor Turner disavowed the critiques and misgiving of those who oppose President Bush's decision to go to war in Iraq. "The Security Council simply won't do the job," he claimed. It failed many times during the Cold War, and it will probably

fail now, as at least three members - Russia, China, and France - have interest to veto American decision, and favor appeasement over action.

A contemporary equivalent of the policy of appeasement that was sought against Hitler would only "send signals to potential aggressors that the US is not serious about maintaining peace."

Professor Turner's perspective was challenged by George Lopez, senior researcher at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame and at the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs. Lopez claimed that he is a believer of disarming Iraq without going to war. He challenged the audience to reconcile the war on terrorism with the issue of human rights.

The idea of upholding freedom and never compromising it for security is deeply rooted in our culture, Professor Lopez claimed. Yet, the unprecedented violence on American soil induced a sense of fear and insecurity, leaving Americans "much the same way as Latin Americans felt after massive acts of repression."

According to Lopez, the topics of combating terror and enhancing human rights should be juxtaposed and demand "coordinated strategy in the next decade."

Lopez asserted that although improvements have been made in "enhancement, fortification, development, codification and implementation of human rights," issues such as the status of refugees and minorities, exploitation by corrupt elites, and the plight of civil strife remain the unresolved roots of the problem. The roots of terrorism stem namely from these instances of infringement upon fundamental human rights. Al Qaeda draws its numbers from either "failed" states or states with "generalized conditions of repression."

What distinguishes modern terrorists from their counterparts from twenty years ago, Lopez claims, is

that they are trans-nationally rather than intra-nationally based. Their "first order of business is political change at their own country," but, having been denied the right of participation and being forced in exile, "have hell-bent on themselves a social-change system of attacking the West at its source."

To fight terrorism at its roots then, Professor Lopez argued, means essentially to engage in a battle for promoting human rights and conflict management. America should also abstain from "revisionist historical explanations" for unilateral action and instead embrace and take the lead in a multilateral collaborative effort.

The final speaker, Roxanne Euben, an Associate Professor of Political Science at Wellesley College and a Ph.D. in Politics and Near Eastern Studies from Princeton, shifted the discussion from American foreign policy considerations to the opposite camp talking about "Militant Islam: Legitimate Religion or Rationale for Terrorism?"

"Islam is no more inherently violent than Christianity is inherently peaceful," she reminded the audience.

Her "New Manichaeism" has dichotomized the world, in an attempt to understand the Other by dividing the world in "black and white, friends and enemies, good and evil." This idea has been seen in Islamic fundamentalists who consider the West corrupt and profligate, as well as in those forms of American nationalism that define Muslim countries as harbors of medieval ignorance.

This new Manichaeism "distorts more than illuminates the world we live in," said Professor Euben. It obscures the "crosspollination" between the two civilizations and fails to acknowledge the permeable line between them in the post-colonial world.

Militant Islam has "hijacked" the meaning of jihad to justify acts of violence not only against the West,

but against dissenting Muslim voices as well, she suggested.

"Jihad, like Islam, has rather different meanings, embraced by people with different engagements," claimed Professor Euben. "Our political, strategic, indeed our ethical task is to identify aspects of Islam and even jihad, conducive to the cause of democracy."

Her commentary was similar to that of Daniel Pipes, Columnist for the New York Post who spoke at the College the week before.

The final minutes were devoted to student questions, which gravitated around the possibility of a double standard in the way America handles international challenges. All four of the speakers, however, were firm in their conviction that the ongoing war on terrorism and a potential war against Iraq have nothing to do with geopolitical and resource considerations.

The audience remained satisfied with the range of views and ideas that were presented. "Today everybody seems to be so concerned with disagreeing on Bush's policy on Iraq. It's good to hear some of the other perspective too," commented Sam Howe '05. Another Conn student, Luke Wanami '04, was glad to see so many cadets and military men in the 1962 room and to hear them ask questions and speak about their concerns. "After all, they are the people who would be there fighting the war that we talk about."

On the contrary, Carl Prather '04 was upset by the small attendance by Conn students. "This indicates that people are getting tired of discussing the subject. Many feel that we have exhausted the issue and try to put it behind."

Another panel discussion, titled "A Year at War: The Domestic Front" is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st at the Coast Guard Academy.

## Alum Speaks on Internet Jobs

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Taylor also pointed out the ways in which a liberal arts institution helps students to establish a strong network. He said, "Most of the jobs I have had since college I have gotten simply because I followed my friends around, or one of my friends knew someone in an industry that sounded interesting. Then it's just a matter of maybe writing a letter, pushing the buttons, and digging and digging. The most important thing is to be relentless. Once you get there, emulate someone high in the company and strive to reach their position."

In terms of looking for jobs or careers after college, Taylor again found connections to his liberal arts background. He said, "If you're like me and you don't really know

where you're going, take your list of elective courses, in the job world and go through them quickly. Move on if things don't work out. If you want to take the ladder approach to business, make a mental checklist, have a specific endpoint in mind, and be very methodical. Also, you have to play the way the people in the business play. Again, find a superstar in the company and attach yourself to that person."

He added, "When looking for jobs, make sure you are interviewing the company just as they interview you. Find out the vision of a company, get to know the people in charge, and make sure they're focussed. If everyone in the company is on the same page and is saying the same things, you're in the right place."

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## SGA Minutes

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Freshman Class Executive Board Election will take place next Thursday and Friday. For freshman who are interested in this, there is still time from now on until Tuesday Oct. 1st to self-nominate. Call Aim Sinpeng ext. 4505 for more details.

The Assembly passed the constitution for two clubs: Expose and Habitat for Humanity.

Rick Gropper announced SAC would be selling Fall Concert tickets outside of Harris on 9/25, 9/26, 9/29 and 9/30. He also announced the Harvestfest booths were chosen and that on Saturday September 21 and 28 SAC is hosting a 70,s and 80,s dance respectively.

Laurie Goglia announced she questioned Conway Campbell regarding the piano in Freeman that requires tuning. Conway responded to her declaring there are no funds available for the tuning but suggested if Freeman is seriously interested in having it done, the house could fundraise. Laurie also announced the Campus Safety Committee would be bringing back the issue of poor lighting on campus for discussion.

Eve Southworth, Senator of Smith, questioned who students could go to to confidentially report issues they may have with members of the staff specifically with members of the staff that students interact with on a regular basis (i.e. Disability Services).

Sarah Schlessinger, Senator of Abbey, made it known to the assembly that there had been a fire in the Abbey House oven and as a result the oven is not working properly. She also mentioned that three of the eight burners on the stove are broken as well.

## Fall Weekend Schedule of Events

### Friday, October 4

4:00 p.m. **Demonstration** "Integrating Technology into Curricula", by art, music and media teachers from local middle schools and high schools. Cummings, Room 305.

5:30 p.m. **Naming Ceremony.** The Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology will be formally named for trustee Judith Ammerman '60. Evans Hall, followed by a reception in Cummings.

5:30 p.m. **Shabbat Dinner** Freeman Dining Room

### Saturday, October 5

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Registration** College Center at Crozier-Williams.  
8:30 a.m. **Religion and Terrorism** Eugene Gallagher, Rosemary Park Professor of Religious Studies and expert on the history of religion as well as new religious movements will focus this class on how terrorism and religion overlap. Blaustein, Room 210

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Annual Landscape Plant Sale** Chapel Green

9:30 a.m. **Saving the Nut Museum** Christopher Steiner, Lucy C. McDannel '22 Associate Professor of Art History and Director of Museum Studies will talk about how he rescued the collections and papers from a very unique museum and how he and his students have begun the challenging task of sifting through all these materials. Blaustein, Room 203

9:30 a.m. **Russian and Eastern European Studies TRIP Roundtable Discussion:** "What We Learned, What We Saw, While in Russia" Blaustein, Room 201

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Lyman Allyn Art Museum** Free admission all day

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Admission Tours** Tours will take place at 10:30, 11:30, 12:30 with a group information session at 11:30. Admission House

10:30 a.m. **Discovering Vietnam: Student and Faculty Research in Hanoi**, Don Peppard, Professor of Economics will talk about his trips to Vietnam with students and the research that they conducted while there. Blaustein, Room 201

10:30 a.m. "Stages of Growth Through Academic and Experimental Learning" Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy Blaustein, Room 210

11:00 a.m. **Women's Soccer vs. Trinity** Harkness Green

11:00 a.m. **Field Hockey vs. Trinity** Lyn & David Silfen Track and Field

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Brunch for Current Legacy Families and Alumni Volunteers** By invitation. 1941 Room, College Center

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Harvestfest** Crafts, food and camel-related gifts to purchase. Knowlton Green

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **All campus picnic** Knowlton Green

12:00 p.m. **Men's Cross Country Invitational**

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. **Art Department Faculty Exhibition** Cummings

1:00 p.m. **Dedication of Freeman Field** Patio of Cummings

1:00 p.m. **Women's Cross Country Invitational**

1:30 p.m. **President's Address** Evans Hall, Cummings

2:00 p.m. **Men's Soccer vs. Trinity.** Harkness Green

3:00 p.m. **Discussion and Celebration "Protecting Biological Diversity Across the Globe,"** a program of the Goodwin Niering Center for Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies. Evans Hall, Cummings

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Is the West Winning the War on Terrorism?**

# Camel Cross Country Off and Running It's Funny How Quickly Things Can Change

By BONNIE PROKESCH  
STAFF WRITER

This year the Running Camels have started off on the right foot, and they aren't looking back. Both the women's and men's cross country teams ran "extremely well" in the UMass-Dartmouth Invitational last Saturday, placing 3rd and 4th respectively in the varsity races and 6th and 2nd respectively in the junior varsity races.

Overall, the season could not have started better for the young women's team, who won their first meet of the season at the Roger Williams Invitational, in Bristol, Rhode Island on September 14. Kirsti Fitzgerald '04 broke the course record in her first-ever cross country race. Kirsti continued to lead the Lady Camels to their fourth place finish out of 37 total teams last Saturday by running the 3.1 miles course in a time of 18:15, placing 6th overall. Following closely behind her were Mary McCudden '06, who placed 20th overall with a time of 18:49, and Sally Girouard '06, 23rd in 19:02. These two freshmen placed the highest of any freshmen running in the meet, putting Conn in a good position for upcoming races this season and for seasons to come. Placing three runners in the top 25 merited the Camels a spot on the all-invitational team.

While the women were a bit skeptical of their potential this season at the beginning of the year, due to the graduation of school-record holder Maura Danahay '02 last spring, the team has been pleasantly surprised. The Lady Camels lost nine seniors last year, and this year's team is young, as the number of freshmen nearly equals the number of upperclassmen. However, the youth on the team has rejuvenated, not hindered the team's success. As Elinor Pisano '04 explained, "With so many incoming freshmen, I think we were worried about making ourselves a unified team. But we work together, we encourage each other, and we enjoy each other. It makes for a pretty amazing team dynamic."

As co-captain Sarah Morgan '03, who held the fourth spot on the team last Saturday with a time of 19:06 and placed 27th, commented, "I think we probably surprised a lot of people at UMass-Dartmouth having the only two freshmen in the top 25, Mary and Sally, and our secret weapon, unknown, soccer player turned cross country runner, Kirsti."

When asked about her decision to run this season instead of playing soccer, Fitzgerald remarked, "Choosing to run cross country this year was a big and difficult decision for me. Of course there are things I miss about soccer, but I think I made a good decision, not only because of my race results so far, but mostly because I am having a great time doing something I love. It's really exciting to try something new. I love the team, and I can't wait to see how we are going to do this season."

## At 'the Razor' With the 'Rents and the Old Roomie

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neath the Explorer's canopy, and we began tossing the football around while the grill warmed up. When it did, the Mothership whipped up a mean steak and potatoes combination that, quite frankly, I didn't know she had in her. Apparently (and she won't disagree with me here) all it takes is some Pigskin and pavement to turn my mom into Emeril.

Needless to say the food was good, but more surprisingly, so was the drink. To help us really get into the atmosphere of what tailgating and pre-gaming is all about, my father picked up a six-pack of cold ones for us. And when I say cold ones I don't mean sodas; we're talking straight-up premium malt beverage brewed by Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis, MO... we're talking O'Doul's: What beer drinkers drink when their not drinking beer, and what sober college kids drink when they want to be cool. Mostly for the photo opportunities and stories to tell we enjoyed our brewskis, tossed

the football around some more, and then headed in to find our seats.

After a fair amount of exploring the Patriots' new digs, Foxboro Stadium, CMGi Field, Gillette Stadium, we found our seats way up at the top, with an incredible view looking down on the field. And because we were in the top tier of the stadium in New England, our sectionmates, of course were of the finest breed: straight-up 'New Englanders.'

Shirts were off to display back hair proudly, farts were ceremoniously claimed ("hey buddy," I was tapped on the back, "Just so ya' know I just passed gas."), head coaches and players were second-guessed on every down, and the best part, it was all done loud, slurred, and as though the letter "R" (pronounced "Ah" fah you outsiders) did not exist.

The sun beat on, the game clock ticked down slowly and the score jumped up rapidly. The sun's position, roughly a thirty-degree angle to our left in a cloudless sky was dead-

Fitzgerald is not alone in her sentiments regarding the team. "I think that this year's team has a lot of potential. Even though we have a lot of newcomers, everyone is bonding really well. I think that everyone ran really well at UMass-Dartmouth, and if we can build on that race we will have a great season," McCudden added.

Currently ranked 8th in the New England poll, the women are focused and determined at moving their way up the list. Although some girls are missing for various reasons, the running ladies are not in need of talent. As Girouard proclaimed, "I personally think we have Olympic potential."

While the Olympics may be an unreasonable goal, the NCAA Division III Championships could become a possibility if the women continue to improve at the current rate. This team is one of the most talented teams Conn has seen in a long time, and since it is a fairly young team, its future, both immediate and long term, looks extremely promising.

The UMass-Dartmouth meet was also the second one of the season for the men, who placed 2nd overall at their first meet of the season, the Middlebury Invitational on September 14. Coming into last weekend's meet with confidence, the men were prepared to gain respect from competitors and move up from their 9th place ranking in the NESCAC. Placing 3rd overall out of 31 teams in the varsity race, the boys ran with experience, as the top four finishers for the men's team were all seniors. Co-captain Adam Fitzgerald '03 came in first for the men in a time of 25:55 for the 8K course, placing him 10th overall. Fellow captain, David Clayman '03, a two-time national qualifier, placed 15th overall in 26:09, with Alex Roe '03 just behind him, placing 20th with a time of 26:20. The fourth and fifth finishers for the team, Matt Buchholz and John Ridyard '06 respectively placed in the top 35 runners and ran under 27 minutes.

Speaking of the 4th and 5th runners on the team, Jared Lamb '03 proclaimed, "So far, Buchholz is without a doubt this year's most improved runner. He's going about racing with the same intensity he uses to pick up freshmen girls, and its paying dividends... Ridyard is showing the world that he is ready to run with the big boys. We don't like to give freshmen big heads, but without him, we wouldn't be ranked in New England's."

Lamb also stresses that the top "five guys have been the core nucleus of this team. These 4 men and a baby have carried the men's cross country team for the last two Saturdays and have no intention of slowing down."

While the "core nucleus" seems to be comprised mainly of seniors, the freshmen are working their way into the group, and the team has begun to unify. Commenting on the makeup of the team, Fitzgerald, who has consistently been the team's number one runner this season,

remarked, "We have a very odd mixture of people on the team this year, with seven seniors, one junior, one sophomore, and seven freshmen, but so far the team chemistry has been great. We were fortunate to get a couple of talented freshmen in John Ridyard and Kai Kleinbard who have made an immediate impact on the team by running in the top 7 for the first two meets of the season. The freshmen definitely understand that this team is serious about achieving its goal of qualifying for the NCAA Championships, and they are working hard to do their part."

Freshman Kai Kleinbard '06 agreed with Fitzgerald, stating, "I think that the team has a really nice chemistry. The older guys train hard and care a lot about cross country. We [the freshmen] learn about college cross country from them and their example. They treat us as equals."

At UMass-Dartmouth, the men proved that they are a force to be reckoned with. Fitzgerald himself embodied the Camel's determination to never give in by placing 10th after losing his shoe in the first seconds of the race. "No runner in recent years has had a harder work ethic than Fitz," remarked Lamb on Fitzgerald's will. "He was running 100 miles per week this summer while the rest of Conn College was at the beach eating nachos. In addition to his hardcore training, he's determined. Give me a break, the guy loses his shoe and gets trampled last week, finds his shoe, puts it back on, and gets up and finished in the top ten. That's gutsy."

This week the men's team will not be racing, as they have cut down the number of meets in their schedule this season. Clayman explains, "We have decreased the number of meets this season so that we have two solid weeks of training, and we expect huge advances after these two weeks." "We haven't hit our full potential. We are focusing mainly on the championship races," added Kleinbard.

Each member of the men's team seems to agree with Fitzgerald when he states that "Placing 3rd behind Coast Guard and Trinity will hopefully improve our New England ranking and serve as a springboard to great performances during the championship section of the season."

All in all, this year's men's team, with a great number of experienced runners as well as talented freshmen, is definitely destined for greatness.

The camels are off and running. With both Fitzgeralds (no relation) leading the way, they are ready to push their potential to the extreme and set their sites on qualifying for nationals. The strength and unity of both the teams is phenomenal and inspirational. They run until they beat their opponents and the clock. Yeah, they're different, as the Adidas adds proclaims, but they're also dedicated, determined, and having fun. With their drive and compassion, no one should be surprised if both teams find themselves out in the Midwest sometime late in November.

Your still-plucky sport's Editor managed to receive a fake Oakley tan-line that even the finest of sailors would have been proud of, except for the fact that it was only on the left side of his face. Luckily for me I had the best, or worst depending on how you look at it, sunscreen known to man: a portly mustached gentleman in the seat beside me. This gentleman who closely resembled Vernon Dursely of the Harry Potter books was kind enough to hang on the edge of his seat cheering positively every play, and coincidentally keeping my UV intake to a minimum.

And as the sun made its way closer to the horizon the scoreboard inched closer to three zeros. When the fourth quarter began the score was tied 17-17. Many fans got restless as they felt that their Patriots should be destroying these bums from Kansas City, but one fan in the row behind me remained cool and levelheaded through it all. Loosely translated to real English he stated as I would have thought that only John

Madden could, "Its tied up still, though... So whoever can score more points between now and the end will win."

The sheer genius and power of his speech forced a tear of beauty to form in my right eye. Such profundities made me sit back in my seat, let the game slip by, and ponder my very existence. The game ended, and the Nostradamus behind me was correct: The defending Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots had done both, score more points than their opponents, and win.

The tear made its maiden voyage down my right cheek and my mind floated out to the proverbial left field. A quick stop in the bathroom, a two hour car-nap home, and I was back in the real world, left with nothing but the memories of a good game and thoughts spurred by an unknown man who may well be the second clearest thinker of our time (the first being the man who after three-plus minutes at a urinal pompously claimed "You really don't buy the beer here, you rent it!").

## Conn Falls in US News Ranks

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Report remains a premier in collegiate ranking, Tim Cheney, Associate Director of Admissions at Conn, believes that in terms of college selection "US News is virtually a non-factor." According to Cheney the College has conducted numerous studies on the prevalence of rankings and guidebooks in students decision-making and concluded that the influences are minimal. "An arbitrary number attached to our college doesn't alter the fundamental experience that students have on our campus."

But for some international students, whose only impressions are through secondary information such as the US News Report, the ranking has more bearing. According to Priyanka Gupta, a freshman from India, "all we can do is trust the US News Ranking so it's really seriously taken."

Norman Fainstein, President of the College, affirms that the College will continue to devote its attention to being a leading academic institution, and not use the ranking as a gauge for its performance.

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# It's Funny How Quickly Things Can Change

Who ever thought that one game could drastically change the fortunes of two football teams? But, to no avail, 60 simple minutes of football seems to have done just that.

Last February, the St. Louis Rams and New England Patriots took the field for Super Bowl XXXVI. The Rams were supposed to be there from the beginning, being the favorites to go to New Orleans at the start of the season. They were the "Greatest Show on Turf," and, once they learned who they were to face for the title, they became the most favored team in Super Bowl



Matt Preston  
Presto's Perspective

history. The Patriots, on the other hand, were a team riding a prayer. They played well beyond anyone expectations all season, sneaking into the playoffs. They caught a "lucky break" in the snow (no matter what you say, it was the right call) to get to the Big Game, and only the diehards felt they had a chance to win it all.

The game was sensational as the Rams, team that had been able to put up points with the greatest of ease the past three seasons, was shut down, putting up only three points in the first three quarters. Despite their attempt at a late comeback, the Rams fell short of their second Super Bowl title in three years as the Pats charged down the field and kicked the game-winner as time expired.

After the game, Patriot fans rejoiced, the football world was in a daze, but the Rams seemed unfazed. In a post game interview, QB Kurt Warner was noted as saying that it was not the Patriots that won the game, but the Rams that lost the game. Even though they had the rings, the Patriots were in for a summer of disrespect, while the Rams once again became the smart pick to go back to the Super Bowl.

Fast-forward to Week 3 of the 2002 NFL season, and it is easy to see how that one game changed these two franchises.

Even though they lost, the Rams still thought they were on top of the world. They thought one team got lucky, one Sunday, and it was just one of those things. They had nothing to worry about, they would just do it all again next season. They were still the best team in the game, no questions asked, and no one could beat them.

Well, including the preseason, the Rams have not won a game since they beat the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC Championship game a week before their loss to the Patriots. They currently post a disgusting 0-3 record, and look more like the Rams of the 90's when Tony Banks was at the helm, than the well oiled machine they've had on the field the past three years. Their cocky, "the only team that can beat the Rams is the Rams" swagger is just about gone. Teams no longer have anything to fear from St. Louis as Bill

Belichick's defensive scheme from the Super Bowl has shown how to throw a monkey wrench into the Ram Machine.

Nothing shows this collapse more than Rams' drive as last Monday night's game was coming to a close. The Rams, down by five,

had the ball back with under two minutes, plenty of time for their quick air attack to grab the lead. With 0:59 left, Warner drops back to pass, rolls left, throws an interception to Tampa Bay LB Derrick Brooks, and then get absolutely drilled on a key block by DT Warren Sapp, which sprung Brooks for the touchdown, sealing the win for the Bucs.

While, yes, the Rams can still be explosive, and have the ability to blow up and go back to they team they used to be, the dynasty is slowly crumbling, and they are the ones that are going to need the "lucky breaks" if they hope to rebound.

The Patriots on the other hand, after about nine months of being bad mouthed by the entire football community about how their triumph over the Rams was a fluke, and how they would be lucky if they made it back to the playoffs this season, are currently the most dominant team in the NFL. They are 3-0, and have been picking apart opponents the last three weeks on the both sides of the ball. In Week 1, the Patriots defense made Kordell Stewart and the Steelers look absolutely silly, beating them in a 30-14 route (though Kordell's less than a yard TD run as time expired shouldn't really count). In Week 2, the defending champs got it done on both sides as the picked apart the New York Jets in a monsoon at the Meadowlands 44-7 (note: Jets leading rusher on the day was punter Matt Turk with 14 yards).

As close as the game was, however, Week 3 when the Pats proved they belong at the top. The old adage goes "good teams win when they are not supposed to", and the Patriots did just this. When all hope seemed lost and momentum working against them as the Patriots squandered a 14 point lead late in the fourth quarter, Tom Brady and the offense lit up the Chiefs D as they marched down the field to win 41-38 in overtime.

Whoever thought that one game could have such ramifications. With that win by the Patriots, the two franchises seemingly have changed rolls. Before February 3, the Rams were the best the NFL had to offer, while the Patriots were a team that got a few timely bounces. Now, the Rams are tied for the worst record in the NFL, and the Patriots are finally beginning to get respect for their recent winnings, and validating last year's championship. I'd love to ask Warner if he still thinks Rams are beating themselves, or they're just yesterday's news?

## Rams Tough No Longer?

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longed funk. The defense has played well enough to keep the team competitive, and the special teams will once again be special, as they continue to compensate for the loss of ace Az-Zahir Hakim. You could easily be right. I would even be willing to bet the Rams put up 30 points this week at home against the Cowboys. However, the staple of the Rams is its dynamic offensive attack, and the player most responsible for its success is the only player that touches the ball on every play, that being the quarterback. If Kurt Warner cannot take a five or seven step drop, plant his feet, and look downfield without being instantly forced to run for his life as a 300-plus pound defensive lineman with a ferocious appetite for quarterbacks comes barreling full speed at his chest, the offense cannot be effective, no matter how many highly-skilled receivers find an open area of the field. The same goes for the running game and Faulk.

If the Rams are once again to be known as the greatest show on turf, a title they rightfully owned just last year, their offensive line absolutely must improve in a big hurry. The answer ultimately will not be a change in play-calling, or more "hot" routes, but a change in philosophy, as blocking schemes that involve keeping more players in the backfield to protect Warner will limit his options downfield. Either that will happen, or the Rams off-season will begin a whole lot earlier than anyone ever expected, and Kurt Warner will spend the large part of the that time in the ice bath.

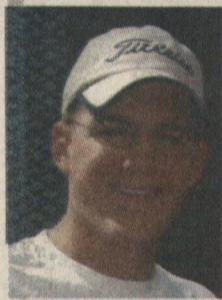
### Fall Weekend Schedule of Events, continued

- Presentation by Jose Alberto Lemos. Oliva Hall, Cummings
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Dorm Open House for students and families.
- 5:00 p.m. Roman Catholic Mass Harkness Chapel
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Class of 2003 Reception for seniors and their families Tent on Knowlton Green.
- 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. CISLA Senior Banquet By invitation. 1962 Room.
- 5:30 p.m. Athletic Hall of Fame Unveiling of the Plaques Hall of Fame, Field House. 6:30 p.m. Induction Dinner 1941 Room.
- 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Stargazing -Open Observatory at the F.W. Olin Science Center
- 8:00 p.m. onStage Noche Flamenca,
- 9:00 p.m. Annual a capella Fall Concert Harkness Chapel
- 10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Dance the Night Away Under the Stars Tent on Knowlton Green
- Midnight Late Night Comedy Club- Improv Asylum 1962 Room
- Sunday, October 6
- 8:00 a.m. Bird Walk with Professor Robert Askins Meet at the front gates to the Arboretum
- 9:30 a.m. Protestant Service Harkness Chapel
- Noon Hillel Brunch Ernst Common Room, Blaustein Humanities Center
- 2:00 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Colby College South Courts
- 2:00 p.m. onStage Noche Flamenca, a Spanish Flamenco dance company. Palmer Auditorium. For tickets, call 860-439 ARTS (2787).

## SPORTS

## A Day at 'the Razor' With the 'Rents and the Old Roomie

For many of you (your studious narrator not included), college may at times seem to be a seven-day weekend with a few pages to read mixed in here and there. But boy can it be stressful. This is where Sundays come into play: There is no better day of the week to sleep in late, wake up, throw on Saturday's pants and the funniest T-shirt you have, only to barely make it to Harris before they stop serving the scrambled eggs and French toast that you down quicker than you could have ever thought, just so you can be back in your sweat-pants in front of a TV for the 1:15 kickoff.



**RYAN WOODWARD**  
Reading the Break

For me, this Sunday featured a different sort of rush to make the 1:15 kickoff.

It began when my alarm clock greeted me happily at an hour that I forgot existed, 8:00 a.m. I hopped a quick shower, got dressed, and gathered a few valuables (folding chair, Frisbee, and car keys, and your ever-plucky sports Editor, M.W. Preston.) because we were going to the Patriots game!

We rushed to Harris to grab a quick bagel and drink, but to no avail. They were closed, and would remain that way for at least another hour; apparently the 8:45 crowd on Sunday mornings is not large enough to warrant service. Bellies empty, we were off.

We popped in some cruising music and rode free for the first hour. After a brief pit stop at home, the back of the Explorer was now filled with more stuff, and the tickets were in hand. The sun was shining and we were on the road again, being chauffeured by our mid-ride acquisitions, Mama and Papa Woodward. It was going to be a good day.

We pulled into the parking lot a little more than two hours before kickoff and found a nice spot between an elderly couple and a guy with two young boys. Safe to say the parking lot looked more like a Patriots' merchandise store than a place to park cars. Banners flew proudly in the wind, T-shirts and jerseys were worn, and faces were painted to support your Super Bowl Champs. Outside of every car a campsite was set up: chairs and tables and coolers and grills firing up burgers that went well with beer, lots of beer. For most it did not matter that the sun was yet to reach its highest point, their internal sundials still told them to drink.

Although our group consisted of virgin tailgaters, we quickly joined the festivities recognizing the one main rule: Enjoy. Your editor and I set up our brand new grill, while Dad set up the new 4-inch black and white TV purchased specifically for pre-game coverage. Meanwhile, Mom sat back in a folding chair absorbing the sun, unaware of how much more of that she'd be getting throughout the day.

In no time flat we gentlemen had each fulfilled our duties and Mom took over as our outdoor hostess. She laid shrimp cocktail out under-

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## Field Hockey Suffers Rough Weekend

By SILVIE SNOW-THOMAS  
STAFF WRITER

Two games in two days would be a difficult, daunting task for any team; whether it is comprised of little leaguers or pros. So, inevitably it would be difficult for the Connecticut College varsity field hockey team. The Camels were forced to pull the double last week, playing games Friday afternoon and then at mid-day on Saturday. And to make matters worse, both games were played on the road.

This past weekend, the girls first played at Springfield College and lost 3-2 on Friday, only to travel to Medford, MA on Saturday to take on Tufts University, and were subject to a 1-0 defeat.

One would like to sympathize with our field hockey team for having to play on such little rest, but co-captain Eleni Kotsonis '03, will have none of that. She wants everyone to know that she thinks having two games in two days is no excuse for losing. "The game against Springfield was a well fought battle as we played on turf and yet still played really well," said Kotsonis, "but on Saturday, we just came out flat and that's all there is to it."

She exemplifies the tough, focused attitude of this year's team: not playing hard day in and day out is simply unacceptable.

The weekend was not a complete letdown though, as the team played 12th ranked Springfield close the entire game. The game was back and forth with the Camels



Captain Eleni Kotsonis and the Women's Field Hockey Team are still trying to turn things around after early season slide. (Savage)

keeping their heads up and playing with skill and drive for the whole game, only to be rewarded for their valiant efforts with the referee making a questionable call late in the second half with only seven min-

utes left to play. The ref claimed that there was a foul in the goal area and Springfield took advantage scoring on the penalty stroke and holding on to their one goal lead until the end. Twice Freshman

Caitlin Connolly, who is currently tied for the lead in points with forward Emily Huffman '04 at six points apiece, put the Camels on the board.

The positive aspects and enthu-

siasm of the game on Friday unfortunately were not carried over into the game against Tufts on Saturday.

"Tufts came out to play and we just couldn't get into the game," said Kotsonis of the contest. The one spark in the game came from the Camels' two freshmen goalies who split the game in the goal. Ashley Kenerson played the first 35 minutes and making eight saves, while Kate Reardon followed suit in the second half chipping in with five saves, but they couldn't hold off the constant pressure from the Jumbos. Conn only managed to get off five shots the entire game, and they still only lost the game 1-0.

The team is trying to put their rough weekend behind them as they look forward to their game on Tuesday, September 24 against Clark here at home, as well as, this coming Saturday when they take on Wesleyan in their next important NESCAC game.

"We're on the up and up," Kotsonis insisted.

Along with winning their two upcoming games, the Camels are looking to regain the positive attitude that they brought in with them at the beginning of the season. There is little doubt that that the team will rebound as this weekend was only a small setback in their season. And even though the girls won't tell you that it is unfair for them to have two away games in two days, we all hope for their sake that they don't have to deal with such conditions again.

## After Slow Start, Women's Soccer on a Roll

By CAITLIN CALLAGHAN  
STAFF WRITER

The soccer ball soars mere inches over the goalie's outstretched hands and into the net. The crowd erupts and the Camels rush the field in excitement. The goal clinched the first NESCAC victory for Women's soccer versus Tufts Saturday afternoon 1-0 in Medford, Massachusetts. "This game was really huge for us," said co-captain Lauren Luciano '03. "We played solid defense and came out on top."

Tufts, a very physical team, came into the game having won nine out of their previous ten home games. Yet, the Camels were far from intimidated, as they began to take over the game toward the end of the first half when Brianna Balboni '04 kicked her first goal of the season right over the head of Tuft goalie Meg McCourt 40 minutes into play.

"Brianna is a great, solid defender for us this year," commented Co-captain Lesley Gerberding '03.

Defense played a huge role in the Camels' victory since their offense was struggling with just 7 shots to Tufts fifteen. Goalkeeper Paige Diamond '05 added to the Camel's defensive effort with 5 saves for the game and her third shutout of the season.

Tufts was not the only opponent that the Camels blanked this past week. The Camels demolished Western New England College 2-0 Wednesday afternoon on Harkness Green.

Midfielder Christa Thoeresz '05 sparked the Camels with a penalty kick score in the 50th minute of play after WNEC was called for a handball.

"After Christa's goal, we really took over the game. This game really helped prepare us for our division match versus Tufts on Saturday," said Luciano.

The Camels momentum did not stop there. Christine Culver '04 added to the Camels' tally with a header off of a corner kick by Luciano in the eighty-sixth minute of play.

Although the second half was full of excitement, the first half of play was far from uneventful. The Camels had many close calls as Caite McNeil '06 hit the left post at 33 minutes and Becca Arnold '04



Midfielder Christa Thoeresz sparks Camels with a late goal versus WNEC in the team's second win of the season. (Savage)

smacked the cross-bar late into the first half.

The Camels dominated both offensively and defensively with nineteen shots to WNEC's 1. Diamond had 4 saves.

Both captains hope that these two victories will spark their close-knit team for the remainder of the season. "We all get along very well and the freshmen class really stepped it up for us these past couple of games," commented Gerberding.

Luciano added, "Our extraordinary chemistry both on and off the field really helped us perform to our full potential."

The Camels hope to continue their winning streak and make a name for themselves in the NESCAC. Luciano said, "We are on a 2-0 streak and I hope to keep it going Wednesday against Mt. Holyoke and especially on Saturday against NESCAC opponent Wesleyan."

## Rams Tough No Longer?

The Greatest Show on Turf is quickly being defined by the Greatest Sieve on Earth, an offensive line that looks as if it will cause star quarterback Kurt Warner to retire after week seven this season due to the number of hits he is taking. An 0-3 start, coinciding an increasingly dreadful showing each successive week, was not the way most experts predicted the St. Louis Rams would start the 2002 NFL campaign. Once again the odds on Super Bowl favorite, with apologies to the fans here on campus of the

defending Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots, who look virtually unstoppable on offense led by poster-boy quarterback Tom Brady (insert girls screaming), the Rams look nothing like their former selves. Barely a shell of the offensive juggernaut and vastly improved defense so evident throughout last season remains.

This past week's Monday Night Football showing in Tampa Bay, against an underwhelming Buccaneers team, was, in all honesty, difficult to watch. Mr. All-Universe, Marshall Faulk, was forced to leave before halftime with a neck strain. Yes, I did just say neck strain. Warner's pre-game Campbell's Chunky Soup, Hearty Vegetables and Beef this week, certainly didn't fill him up right. He looked old and beaten, similar to a prizefighter who took one too many, or in his case, ten too many shots to the body. While still surrounded by an abundance of talent, including Faulk, Isaac Bruce, Torry

Holt and the ageless Ricky Proehl, the key component missing can be found in the trenches, where games are won and lost. While it is more than reasonable to believe the skill players will pick up their games in the coming weeks, and the defense will straighten out what currently ails them, the offensive line could ultimately lead to the Rams fall from NFC dominance.

With the exception of left tackle Orlando Pace, who has his own zip code, the Rams offense has been stagnant because the line has failed to provide

Warner with adequate time to find his downfield threats. John St. Clair would be better suited acting as a French gourmet chef than a right tackle at this point. One prominent analyst even commented during preseason that he doubted St. Clair would even make it through training camp, much less start. Perhaps Head Coach Mike Martz, the label of offensive genius previously bestowed upon him now very much in doubt, underestimated the importance of Warner's protectors, blinded by an unusually heavy share of skill-position players and praise heaped upon his team during their 0-4 preseason.

I know what you're thinking. The season is just three games old, and the Rams have plenty of time to right their sinking ship before the playoffs. Everyone is simply over-reacting. The offense has faced three tough defensive teams, in the Broncos, Giants and Bucs, and has too much talent to remain in a pro-

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## Camel Scoreboard

## Women's Soccer:

-9/21, at Tufts, 1-0  
-9/25, at Mt. Holyoke, 4:00 p.m.  
-9/28, at Wesleyan, 11:00 a.m.

## Men's Soccer:

-9/21, at Tufts, 1-2  
-9/25, vs. Coast Guard, 4:00 p.m.  
-9/28, at Wesleyan, 2:00 p.m.

## Field Hockey:

-9/21, at Tufts, 0-1  
-9/24, vs. Clark, 0-1  
-9/28, at Wesleyan, 11:00 a.m.

## Men's Cross Country:

-9/21, UMass Dartmouth Invitational, 3<sup>rd</sup> overall

-10/5, Connecticut College Invitational, 12:00 p.m.

## Women's Cross Country:

-9/21, UMass Dartmouth Invitational, 4<sup>th</sup> overall  
-9/28 Bates College Invitational, 2:00 p.m.

## Women's Tennis:

-9/20, vs. Brandies, 1-8  
-9/24, vs. Mt. Holyoke, 7-2  
-9/26-9/29, at Rolex New England Tournament