"Alcohol, The Honor Code, and Self-Governance"

SARAH KOSOFSKY '12

In early 2000, the Federal Reserve had set very low interest rates because the economy was doing well and there had been very low inflation. The Federal Reserve had set very low interest rates because they had been trying to sell Treasury bills, which is essentially the purchase of government debt by investors. Because the Federal Reserve was buying Treasury bills, it was effectively lending money to the government, which then spent the money on things like infrastructure projects or social programs.

In effect, the Federal Reserve was creating new money by buying Treasury bills, which is why it is called "quantitative easing". The problem with quantitative easing is that it can lead to inflation if the Federal Reserve buys too many Treasury bills, which is what happened in 2008 when the Federal Reserve bought over $3 trillion in Treasury bills to stimulate the economy.

Another aspect of the financial crisis is the mortgage crisis. Many banks were selling sub-prime mortgages to people who were unable to pay their mortgage payments. When homeowners default on their mortgage payments, the bank repossesses the home and sells it at auction. This is how the sub-prime mortgage crisis started.

In summary, the financial crisis was caused by a combination of factors including quantitative easing, the mortgage crisis, and other factors. It was a complex and interconnected set of events that led to the financial crisis of 2008.
October 8, 2008

How things have deteriorated. The financial system is crumbling before our eyes, our government is showing frightful inefficiency, and suddenly, Connecticut College has a full-fledged drinking problem. But are any of the above a surprise to anyone who has had their ear to the ground?

The financial system's collapse (as Miriam Wasser outlines in "Financial Crisis") was a long overdue repercussion for the greed and lack of regulations that became the norm on Wall Street. The government's delayed response has put the crisis in walking distance anytime soon; Campus Safety will not "lighten up" anytime soon either, but others of them can.

Many people complained about the lack of events. Perhaps it is not the lack of events, but rather the diversity of events that is the problem. This is something that has always been the main draw on weekend nights. If people are not satisfied with the SAC events, organize other events. We are an institution that prides itself on the wealth and diversity of clubs on campus. But what are those clubs really doing? Stop complaining, and start planning.

Others complained about the health center being closed on the weekends. This again, is nothing new. Unfortunately, because of the recent influx of hospital visits that the government during the Bailout Plan) was an opportunity to take a good hard look at our system. Yes, there are flaws. But for the most part we are a campus of responsible people. Maybe it is time for those responsible people to attempt to bailout those who aren't.

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**Political Apparel Banned At Some Election Sites**

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For weeks, citizens around the nation have been filled with e-mails waiting people not to wear Barack Obama paraphernalia to the polls on Election Day. Campaigning with a certain distance of a voting space is against the law, and some are banning wearing political apparel at election sites electronically (senate.gov). Although many argue that people already know who they are going to vote for, by appearing neutral at the polls, and seeing a pin or "T-shirt" will not sway these decisions, select parts of the country are instituting obscure, rarely-enforced regulation. Full officials ultimately decide whether or not a law such as this will be put into effect, and while it is expected that people will be permitted to wear whatever they choose at most voting locations, some are planning to sternly implement the regulation.

In Pennsylvania, where the ACLU was planning to file a federal civil rights lawsuit to prevent this kind of ban, they took issue with the ban.

"...it is easy as possible for students to Tuesday, October 14, at 8 PM at the Huntington Post, New York, says that voters will be asked to remove any pins or shirts that include candidate slogans, and this will likely be the case for most sites throughout the nation. Many of the Dilks that people are concerned about are staunch Obama supporters, and it is not rare to see someone on campus wearing an Obama pin, for example, just beforehand. An anonymous Conn student agrees that the law is unnecessary.

"If you are still undecided on Election Day, then you don't deserve to vote," he says.

Although Pennsylvania has not been mentioned among the states that will be banning voting apparel, those in the area are much more this law like a swing state might, with students voting away for sporting political wear, it may be best to avoid doing so on November 4. It is important to remember that friends and families of this ambiguous issue, because many of them may be voting for the opposite candidate. So tell those you love to think twice before putting on that Barack "Roll" t-shirt (or two-piece skirt set, with Palin's face stitched to the back), on October 14.

At Conn College, the Campus Safety was also a topic at the LGBTQ Center that occurred on October 8, 2008. The most famed hate crime against homosexuals is the Matthew Shepard Act, which was passed after the 10th anniversary is Sunday, October 12, 2008. In remembrance of this horrible event, Spectrum, a student organization through the LGBT Center that works toward ending homophobia, is holding an evening vigil on Tuesday, October 14, to draw attention to such occurrences that unfortunately still continue in present society and the change that has to be made in order to give such violence the justice it deserves. Matthew Shepard was an openly gay student at the University of Wyoming when he was brutally killed, tied to a fence post, and left to die by two men he met at a bar earlier that night of October 7, 1998. When found the next day, he was bloody and bruised that the cyclist who came across his body at first thought he was a car crash. Shepard suffered a badly fractured skull, lacerations all over his body, and a national head damage from the beating. He never woke from his coma and died five days later. His murderers were tried and found guilty, but not convicted for a legal hate crime, as Wyoming law at the time did not include gays and lesbians in the list of social groups affected by such atrocity.

As of today, only 32 states classify violence against homosexuals as a valid hate crime
After the recent housing crisis, the US government decided to implement a bailout plan to support the financial sector. One of the key components of this bailout was to provide loan insurance to banks, especially those facing difficulties in repaying their debts. This loan insurance was provided by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and Freddie Mac. However, this bailout plan has faced criticism and scrutiny from various parties, including some who believe it is not enough to address the root causes of the crisis.

The bailout plan was designed to ensure that banks could continue to lend money to borrowers, even those who were struggling to make their payments. This was intended to stabilize the housing market and prevent a further deterioration of the economy. However, some argue that the bailout did not address the fundamental issues that led to the crisis, such as the overvalued housing market and the lack of regulation in the financial sector.

The impact of the housing crisis was a direct result of the bailout plan. The government's intervention in the market has had a significant impact on the economy, including the housing market. The bailout plan was intended to prevent a recession, but it has also been criticized for creating moral hazard and leading to further instability in the financial sector.

The bailout plan has been controversial, with some arguing that it is not enough to prevent a recession, while others believe that it has exacerbated the problems in the financial sector. Regardless of the merits of the bailout plan, it is clear that the housing crisis has had a significant impact on the economy, and that further steps will be needed to address the root causes of the crisis and prevent a future recession.
A Summary Of The Alcohol Talks By SGA Senators

Abbey: We decided it's not about drinking itself, but binge drinking. Policies somewhat encourage binge drinking in rooms. Blackstone: New London closes very early (around 9 PM), and the closest city is New Haven. We, the seniors, believe it's a shuttle from here to New Haven would get people off campus and give them somewhere else to do, instead of drinking.

Bradford: We should be aware of the fact that it is primarily a freshmen issue, and alcohol comes from upperclassmen. As upperclassmen we need to be more mindful of those who need more responsible.

Byrdick: We spoke about community and personal responsibility. One idea was to have a one credit class for freshmen, to discuss the social part of the honor code.

Earth: We spoke about changing the drinking age from 21 to 18, because no one is open about binge drinking. We need to be more open about understanding issues.

Handy: Because you can't transport anything with big bags, backpacks... people are pounding drinks in their room because they can't move themselves by moving it around campus. Also students thought there were too many restrictions on kegs.

JA: Our culture of binge drinking is based on the anonymity of the freshman seminar taught by seniors, instead of waiting for events, try to discuss the issue. We said we should be speaking about it.

Johnson: We spoke in circles for a while, about common rooms as classroom, because it meant fewer spaces. We need to not accept binge drinking, and we should encourage it.

Wright: Most are singles on campus, so don't drink you don't have a partner, that's not acceptable, and we should remind people of that.

Smith: We spoke a lot about spaces to socialize other than for drinking, like more games or spaces in Coo, or Harness dining hall to be changed into a hangout spot. We also discussed Coffee Grounds not being used.

Harkness: Because we can't transport this every day, so late, so don't have to drink for 5 hours before a class, because you know no one will go for the first hour anyway.

Wright: Most are singles on campus, and you can't find that many people who are thirsty, and it almost encourages binge drinking because you have to hurry and drink then before moving on to other rooms.

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3. At the end
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**Reading, 'Riting, And Relationships:**

**Love and sex in a college community**

**JAZMINE HUGHES '12**

Conversing with a classmate the other day, the topic of relationships came up. This is a common occurrence among college students; we've all experienced it. It's one of the things we discuss most often, and it's definitely a topic that is quite the buzz in our community.

When we arrived here, it's possible that some of us had been in committed relationships, had childhood friends or romantic partners. Now, we're in college, and many of us are trying new things and meeting new people. It's only natural that this leads to conversations about relationships.

I, for one, have not seen influxes of relationships with the same intensity as the last semester. While this may help solve the energy crisis, there is lower-hanging fruit to this new kind of environmental discourse. Some of us are finding other ways to save money. They can also use less energy cooking at home. Home vegetable gardens have also been increasing in demand.

While some may say that going green has been an exogenous association with driving a Prius, installing solar panels, and shopping at Whole Foods (more affectionately known as "Whole Paycheck"), others have found other ways to "go green" into play. For example, many have found that washing their clothes at home, instead of bringing them to the laundromat, is more cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

Green With Schadenfreude

**ANDREW IRWIN '10**

Too often, going green has been exogenously associated with driving a Prius, installing solar panels, and shopping at Whole Foods (more affectionately known as "Whole Paycheck"). Recently however, rising energy prices and increased consciousness has brought a whole different kind of "going green" into play.

Gasoline prices dropped a piece from last spring that sought to look on the bright side of what was then a high price for a barrel of oil, $100. Since then, gasoline prices have skyrocketed causing drastic lifestyle changes and demand destruction. The mainstream media poured on this and an hour didn't go by on CNN when Blitzer wasn't talking about how real Americans are dealing with this "energy crisis." When the President is on the front page of the New York Times or the Wall Street Journal, you know something is going to happen.

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Perspectives: Alcohol Awareness

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Speaking with friends Thursday evening, the ending of the day, a jarring question was raised: If we are truly in crisis, then why are students behaving with less regard for our campus community? What were the experts, specially trained to facilitate this debate, doing to come up with solutions? Where were those academically and professionally qualified to handle a topic that didn't seem right about this objection, build up, or unmask the experts, specially trained to handle such a dire topic? Something didn't seem right about this objection, building up, and unmasking the experts, specially trained to handle such a dire topic.

I was simply Pilate, crucifying it as the charlatan it really is.

IAN BARNES '10
staff writer

According to this college, its students have developed through doing our rounds on the weekends. Our motions for change are not speculative, are not supported by re- search conducted at the University of Michigan or Sarah Lawrence. They are clear causes of action.

We want divine intervention; they certainly don't want to fix the problem. As students, we know that kegs are not where binge drinking occurs – you're too young to get even a Charles Gable for that. It doesn't make it that much harder for our officers to attain the proximity and trust needed to do their work.

A real magician takes every opportunity to assess, to influence the community to use our students and significant others. Posing this to Dean Bengochea, he didn't come back for the Black Death, the crusades, or the holocaust. Our economic plight; we can forgive them.

The administration believes in changing behaviors through changing norms of what's acceptable and what's not. The official rules can be expanded and contracted – but students will still drink. What will make a difference is the transmission and diffusion throughout the community of the message that drinking to nauseated excess is unhealthy, irresponsible, and stupid. This message cannot simply become an idle mantra, repeated aloud aimlessly. It must be conveyed by example and delivered with compassion.

The One-Step Program

which would be wonderful except that it is erroneous. Our police, doesn't policing itself. We can forgive them for that. But now that we have a real problem on our hands, he's deficit, we're not going to be put out of work. We're not done water into wise, how can we push up the opportunity to do the reverse? The question becomes, is it practical to practice his craft. Maybe he can bring the Wizard of Oz with him.

And yet, just like the miracles of the last century, the common community day is nothing but a dream of hand. It's a cheap trick, a facade designed to fool outsiders into believing that the problem has been addressed. But if this administration thinks a community day constitutes a miracle, I'm simply Pilate, crucifying it as the charlatan it really is.

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DANIEL O'KEEFE '09
columnist

Few informed observers neg-
gate what will become the long-last-
ing event that I decided to participate
in provided me with opportunities for
self-improvement and self-righting. It is
certain at the event was progressing much differ-
ently than I thought it would. When I originally
reasoned that the rules of the competition bothered
me. However, she left after twenty
minutes flight, except that it takes place
outside in the rain, you cannot leave to
just leave at once, then after failing to
inform the competitors were going to try to
those who felt very strongly about the
camels. I felt that had been there for a few
hours, said that he felt, "Somewhat annoyed but deter-
ment was going to get some type of rec-
Camelympics 2008: A Disappointment

KATHERINE SARTO "12

The Camelympics are generally a
time for fun and excitement, however
the competitors in the Cranium word spelling
event, I often read and used my cell
phone to listen to and from other
camels. The competitors present for at least the first
few hours. All of the competitors found various ways
to occupy their time, such as talk-
ing to people who passed by, listening
music, watching movies, reading,
and calling friends.

"Things made it go by fast," said
Anil, who stopped by to keep me company or
even better was the kid who won an hour
for those who put in the
time. Even though the time passed quickly,
the competition was still torturous at times. At
times the competition became incredibly
heavy, which made it sometimes dif-
ficult to wake up from my sleep. My
back and legs both became completely
numb after the first hour, the desire
to stick it out was always on my mind, and I couldn't
help but think that just moving would aid
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Language Of Angels Proves To Be A Chilling Performance
At Tansill Theater

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Language of Angels, by Naomi Foner, is a chilling play from the very moment of entering the theater where the dark, edgy setting of caves and steep rocks looks threatening. With the set design setting up a story of tragedy, hauntings, and what happens in a group of caves when tragedy strikes, Language of Angels had a very intricate plot, while at many times hard to decipher, it kept the audience captive with its unspooling twists and turns. The play was much like a linear narrative and somber to vague and shady, leaving the audience wondering how much each character knew about what happened "that night." Language of Angels commenced with the darkening of the theater and the sound of breathing following by the wavelike glow of flashlight. Soon, Seth (Loban Keeler) came into spotlight on the peak of the caves, setting the scene by explaining that teenagers love these caves because they are so far out in the woods that one can get away with anything, like drinking, smoking, and having sex. Kendra (Brianna Bloomfield) appears on stage and with an eerie tone of voice, tells everyone that she signifies "that night" and what happened to Celie (Melanie Knight). The tell that Celie was seated, she always had posters in her room of boys with angel wings and that she always said it was language of angels... how it burns. JB (Kyle Yager) climbs the stage and tells everyone how mended up Celie's family was and how very God-stricken they were. JB doesn't remember anything about "that night," either, he thought maybe Celie had not disappeared, but gone to sleep off the alcohol somewhere.

The play turns back to Seth, who begins to tell the audience the fate of many yet seen characters, "Celley died in her sleep..." Tommy fell off a cliff, Billy killed someone... Allison died in a car crash, Shawna died in a hunting accident, Danielle lived but shots were up in a trailer... This proclamation of the downfall of so many people was unnerving, but not wondering that after Celie's disappearance, terrible things started happening to her friends. As the play progressed, Celie makes shadowy appearances in the background of many scenes, the audience gets a clear view of her bruised face and look of desperation. If Celie did not make so many unnerving background appearances, the reflections of the other characters would not have been nearly as terrifying. Celie was a necessary component in portraying the audience that what happened to her was tragic and grotesque. At one point, Celie enters the stage, as a ghost, to tell all that JB lived to a ripe old age and died in his sleep, screaming, "It burns." Later, his daughter from his back emerged in deep burn, some saying, "Remember me forever and ever." Then, it was entirely possible that JB was the only one who killed the cell.

The play changed settings to a scene where Allison (Elly Berke) is riding with an unknown boy, talking about the beauty of the stars. Scenes quickly change again and Allison is in a bar with this same boy, Michael (Charles Cochran), but she doesn't even seem to know him from the past. Danielle (Sarah Hombach) does an excellent job playing the trebly, hardened girl in her part as Danielle. The next part of the play was vague, and most confusing; however, it came to light through a series of past and present conversations between these characters; as well as with Allison's boyfriend, Billy (Kenneth Rivera), that Michael might really be Tommy from the past. Michael might be the same Tommy that Danielle dated, and the one that fell off a cliff. However, in the bar scene Billy shows "Michael" alluding to the fact that Michael ended up in jail due to a shooting. Basically, the scene uncovers some of the deaths of the friends that Seth listed. This particular part of the play could have been clearer to better understand it; however the characters did an excellent job in each of their parts, portraying their emotions very well. At the end of the play, an older JB (Quanis Kegor) who is now in much better shape. It seemed that he might want to confess to something, such as the disappearance, but he2 leaves, confessing to anything. As soon as JB leaves, Celie, in her ghost form, enters Danielle's cabin, setting the scene by explaining that Celie is more of a ghost sparking the deaths of her friends, or angel, like the way she worshipped as a child.

The student cast was beyond excellent; each character performs the scenes for their hard work in performing. The tech crew who designed the set also is full of talent, as the setting worked perfectly with the reflections of the characters. Language of Angels was ultimately a "must see" play.

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Conncoll College's Music Department:
The Genius of Professor Kreiger

SOPHIE MAGUIRE '10

If you walk through the music department hallway in Cummings, on your way to any of the music rooms, you are likely to hear an array of eclectic sounds emanating from office number 217. Students may know him as 217. Students may know him as 217. Students may know him as 217. Students may know him as 217. Students may know him as.
Athlete Of The Week
ELLEN CAVANAUGH '10
staff writer
Sarah Allen, originally from Holden, Massachusets, is the senior re- cipient of the women's soccer team. Allen plays defense for the Blue- elbs and when she's not tackling or stepping breakaways, she maintains order as the Housefellow of K.B. Cer when I was 5 I wanted to pay the late fee. But, I became around and try your best not to get

beginning my career at Connecticut College. I looked up to them. They
ters (Janet and Jennifer) played soc-

Peter Heinz '09
staff writer

My two favorite babysit-

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One columnist's view on putting the "spirit" back in Sport Week

Sports Perspective
If One Person Chants in Hassocks Green and There Is No One There to Hear, Does It Still Make a Sound?

SARAH KOSOFSKY '12
staff writer

One thing that I noticed when ap- pleying to Connecticut College was that there were no varsity football, baseball, or softball teams in the ath-letics department and it was looking around to find the reason and I finally got an answer.

The mission of CCs spirit week is
to ignite our passion for Connecticut College and remind people what it means to be a Camels. This college is sadly in need of some passion.

I sincerely hope that Spirit Week does “ignite our passion.” I’m sure that none of us care to be reminded of our school staying all women, all white, and all protestant. The school to become so intense that it

takes a village. Unless we do what we are supposed to do and stand by our school. What some people don’t know is that our school has a team because they are the best!

Our students need to realize that they are “capital-C” Camels and stop giving a damn about Spirit Week, showing spirit, dressing funny etc. At one point, teams joined playing football and softball. It was because of the fans. At one point, this school had a vicious home-field advantage— we need to get it back. If you’re too cool to care about our teams, get your filthy 80’s off my field.

Where’s Our Football?
One writer out finds why we don’t have varsity football, baseball, or softball

Sarah Kosofsky, Athletic of Conn, Fr. Shields. What I learned was pretty surprising. My father put in a master plan of the school’s layout from 1999.

This map displayed some possible ad- ditions and changes to the expansion that may or may not occur in the future. One of these possibilities: a softball field and a badminton court. The map also showed that the two would be placed closely together on the spot of land on which the new tennis courts and physical plant currently stand. south of Tempel Green. So although this space can no longer be converted into fields, the idea of softball and baseball and softball are an impossibility.

Mr. Shields said that if the school had the fields to use at their disposal, there would be a good chance the two sports could become varsity. As for football, Mr. Shields said that if this could be worked out the Connecticut College doesn’t exist itself with a football team from the start, it is in-credibly difficult to introduce it to the school. In terms of construction, stu- dents need more space than baseball or softball fields. So what would the school have to do? build another football field? So it looks like we need at least two million dollars to build the fields. The next step would be to find a piece of Conn College property on which to build the fields.

Mr. Shields said that if given the funds one would have to add love to baseball and softball to the athletic program here at Connecticut College.
FIELD HOCKEY
Breaking Tradition

Camel Field Hockey ends losing ways

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On September 23, the Connecticut College Field Hockey Team beat Eastern Connecticut State University, 2-0, putting an end to their four game losing streak. Freshman Sierra Olney and senior Lynne Stillings scored a goal each. The Camels had not defeated the NESCAC powerhouse since 1998, three years before Debbie Lavigne assumed her position as head coach.

On Wednesday, October 1st, the team added another victory to their streak. The Camels beat Wellesley College 3-2 for the first time in three years without heading into overtime play. On the offensive end, sophomore Abby Hine collected a hat-trick for the offensive force.

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cut College Sailing Team's pattern of success so far this season continued over the past two weekends. Along with rejoicing over team accomplishments, the Camels can now add a team-member's individual success to their list of races to celebrate.

Over the weekend of September 27 and 28, Conn sent their coed team to Medford, MA for the Hood Tournament, while the Women stayed in New London to compete in the New England Singlehanded Championship. The co-ed Camels went into the Hood Tournament ranked 14th in the country, but many of them felt as though they deserved to be higher.

There was reason to believe that the Camels were better than their rank implied. The team took 1st place out of 15 schools in the previous weekend at Lake Champlain and took 2nd place out of 17 schools the weekend before at the Penobscot Bay Open.

Conn furthered that point by performing well once again. This time, the Camels took 3rd place out of 24 teams, finishing behind only #3 Yale and Salve Regina. Matt Sterret '10 and Liz Pollock '11 sailed to a 2nd place finish in the B-division, while Bob Willis '10, Marisa Gluckman '12, and Sarah Shera '09 earned a 3rd place finish in the Women's A-division. Now add a team-member's individual success to their list of races to celebrate.

When the new national rankings come out in October, the Camels should receive the respect they deserve and hopefully jump up in the ranks. On the Women's side, team goals were put aside for the weekend as the ladies were able to compete individually in the New England Singlehanded Championship. Out of the weekend came great success: Maggie Shea '11 took 3rd overall and qualified for Nationals in October. After the final race, Conn head coach Jeff Bresalov was very proud of Shea, saying, "Out plan was to finish in the top five in the [final] race and she stuck to our plan and sailed a great race."

Shea is the most recent woman to join an elite class of Conn sailors who have had terrific success in the Singlehanded Class. Amanda Clark '05, who sailed for US Olympic team this past summer in Beijing, won the North American Singlehanded Championship back in 2001.

The National Singlehanded Championship will take place at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York on October 24 and 25. This past weekend, both squads travelled up to Boston to compete in separate events. The co-ed Camels sailed in the Smith Trophy at MIT, while the Women sailed at Boston University in the Regis Bowl.