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Rash of Fire Alarms Plagues South Campus

By RACHEL CASADO-ALBA
STAFF WRITER

Recently, the sight of groggy-eyed, pajama-clad Conn students waiting outside of JA and Freeman

at 3:00 AM has become routine. This past weekend these two South Campus dorms experienced approximately fifteen fire alarms between Friday night and Saturday morning.

According to the official count there have been 23 alarms in those two dorms since the beginning of school. Some students dispute those claims, counting over thirty.

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Fainstein Promises Community Involvement

By JAMIE ROGERS
NEWS EDITOR

This summer Joshua Duclous ('04) began working on an academic journal for the school. He wrote a proposal and sent it to fellow students, faculty and administration. To his surprise, his first response was from Norman Fainstein, President of the College.

After a year since Dr. Fainstein's inauguration as President, students have been wondering where the President has been. People have sighted him on the stairs of Fanning, in cap and gown on the stage of Palmer or occasionally walking his dog Wilson near his

house on Williams Street, but few have seen him in an academic or social context.

In an interview conducted with the Voice, President Fainstein divulged several proposals he has for the up-coming year to become more involved in college life. In addition to increasing his availability, the President plans to return to teaching and focus on the community and academic goals of the college through the formation of multiple committees.

One of the first things on his agenda, he said, "is getting to know

the students better." He proposed holding four dessert and dialogues throughout the year (the first of which will be in KB living room on October 29th) in an effort to provide an informal forum for students to discuss pertinent issues on campus.

Previous students have voiced concerns over the President's infre-



President Fainstein desires better personal relationships with students and plans on teaching again (Kreit).

quent office hours, which are held approximately once a month. But conversely student attendance at Presidential office hours is slim. The reason, Fainstein believed, is that "It's daunting to go see the president unless you have some very specific issue on your plate."

Students who have tried to see the President on informal matters have been turned away at the door and told to come during office hours.

To make himself more accessible the President also plans to eat in some of the smaller dining halls by

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Peer Educator Program Shows Potential

By JENNIE BARGMAN
STAFF WRITER

Peer: a person who is the equal of another in abilities, social status, etc. Educator: a person who provides with training, knowledge, or information.

It can be deduced from these definitions that a Peer Educator would be a fellow student who serves to supply the student body with information about a subject he/she has been previously informed.

The Peer Educator program began when Connecticut College received a grant from the Government Prevention Partnership to fund three paid interns to promote

a healthy lifestyle and prevent abusive behavior on campus. One of the paid interns was designated to build a peer education program.

The program was born a year ago this October, the brain child of Ashley Zucker (03), now Housefellow of Burdick, and Alex Mroszczyk-McDonald (03), who is currently in charge of the program as well as intern for the school's Health Promotion Risk Reduction group.

After its first year at the College, the Peer Educator program is still relatively unknown on campus. According to the Peer Educator staff coordinator, Associate Dean of Student Life, Anne Hopkins Gross, "It is a program in its infancy, but

with great potential."

The main purpose of the program is to promote awareness of healthy behavior and raise consciousness about unhealthy behavior. The program is divided into five sub-categories; each led by a different peer educator volunteer.

The Passive Campaign committee deals with supplying posters and information to locations on campus regarding topics discussed among the peer educators. They are also in charge of sending out birthday cards to each student on his/her 21st birthday. Inside the card there is a story about a student who took 21 shots on

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Final 9/11 Discussion Held at Coast Guard

By EMILY GOLDBERG
STAFF WRITER

A panel discussion, entitled "A Year at War: The Domestic Front," was held at the Coast Guard Academy Tuesday evening. It was the last event in a series jointly sponsored by Connecticut College and the Coast Guard Academy commemorating the tragedies of September 11th.

The panel of speakers addressed the audience of Academy cadets, Connecticut College students, faculty members, and the general public on issues related to the protection of the domestic front.

Keynote speaker Dr. Stephen E. Flynn and Jeanne J. Kirkpatrick, Senior Fellow of the National Security Studies Council on Foreign Relations, served as the panel's moderator. Dr. Flynn's areas of expertise include homeland security, border control, global logistics, and maritime and transportation security.

In his discussion entitled "360 Days at War: An Update and Perspective," Flynn commented that a year after September 11th, the United States is utterly "unprepared" and "unprotected" to prevent against attack. Flynn stated that he would award the government a grade

of a "D" in terms of its preparation against future attacks. According to Flynn, national security system was built for "low cost and efficiency, not for security."

He advocates that citizens must be most concerned with the security of the homeland. Flynn informed his audience that between eight and twelve million people live in the United States without any form of documentation, making it difficult to protect against an enemy.

Robert Levy, Esq. discussed "Homeland Security and Freedom." He earned his Ph.D in business from American University in 1966 and his J.D. from George Mason University in 1994. His current posts include Senior Fellow in Constitutional Studies of the CATO Institute, an Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center, a director of the Institute for Justice, and a trustee of The Objectivist Center.

Levy felt it to be the responsibility of the government to ensure the protection of the nation. He spoke about the Patriot Act; a bill passed that awarded domestic law enforcement and international intelligence agencies an unprecedented amount of power, eliminating the system of checks and balances that discour-

aged branches from abusing their power.

Levy discussed how the government should not give too much check authority to one branch. In doing so, the other two branches will erode. Furthermore, Levy spoke of another policy of the Bush Administration that more often grants court rights to noncitizens than to U.S. citizens.

Dr. Harold C. Relyea then spoke on "Searching for Security: the Restructuring of the Federal Government and the War on Terrorism." Relyea received his doctoral degree in government and now serves as a specialist in American Government for the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress.

Relyea also fears that many of the plans and bills of the Bush Administration may "enhance the authority of the executive to the detriment of Congress." The bills continue to lack any aspect of homeland security and focus primarily on the issue of power. Relyea commented that the government needs to begin creating bills that will help the Department of Homeland Security.

Dr. Sonia L. Dillon, President

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After an extended sabbatical from teaching, Professor Segrest is enthusiastic to return to the classroom (Matison).

Professor's Pursuits Land Her On Conn's Shores

By LAUREN MATISON
STAFF WRITER

Sitting in her office, Visiting Professor of Gender Women's Studies Mab Segrest grins through her glasses. Her smile seems perennial and rarely ever hides during class. Professor Segrest is an intriguing person of great proportions. According to one of her students, "you can't wait to hear the next story to come out of her mouth about her life, and as you're about to find out, she has led quite a fascinating one."

Segrest grew up in Tuskegee, Alabama during the civil rights movement, surrounded by the violence and injustices of the Ku Klux Klan. Seeing the inequity around her as a child seems to have given Segrest a strength and a determination to enlighten the world around

her. Segrest became an activist and an advocate for change wherever she went. "These experiences have helped locate me," she said.

She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Huntington College in 1971 and received her Ph.D in English from Duke University, which opened the doors to seven years of teaching as a Professor of English and Literature at Campbell University in North Carolina where she and her family live today. Throughout her early teaching career, Segrest continued to engage in intellectual work outside the university. She remained an ardent influential political activist.

In 1983 Segrest founded Director of Research and Publications for North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence. She worked with the

organization to rally citizens of the state against a prevailing Ku Klux Klan movement she knew from her childhood until 1990. Segrest's goals have always been linked back to her childhood that inspired the "life pursuit" for "pressing diversity." She is relentless in this pursuit of her passion for human rights. After a great deal of writing; three autobiographical books and several essays, Segrest still finds it difficult to understand the hatred and prejudice that prevails in so much of our society.

When asked how she wound up at Connecticut College so far from her southern home, and a teacher again after an extended period of activist work throughout the country, she leaned back in her chair, simply saying, "Well, I like Connecticut

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

Fostering Presidential Relationship Two Way Street Fake Fire Alarms Threaten Students' Safety

There is an endangered species on our campus: those who remember Claire Gaudiani. For those who do she has come to symbolize any number of things. She was hated by some, respected by others and was both famous and infamous on campus and in New London. Her departure left a publicity void, and the College wisely chose to select a mild-mannered dean from Vassar to succeed her.

What is now most important about that history is that she is gone and Fainstein is the President of Connecticut College. With him comes the opportunity for the campus to reexamine itself and finally move beyond all that Claire brought to this school, both good and bad. With this fresh start comes the question: what will President Fainstein do to set himself and Conn apart?

Fainstein made it clear in his recent interview that this is an undergraduate academic institution, and according to his new initiatives, we will continue to thrive as one.

This month marks the one-year anniversary of his appointment to the office of the President, and now it's time he got his feet wet on this campus. His new plans to reexamine general education and pluralism on campus are good starts, but these issues are common to most liberal arts colleges.

What we need right now, as one of six 29th best schools in the country, are programs and ideas that set us apart from American academia. This does not necessarily mean radical changes in campus lifestyle or academics, which has potential to hurt or hinder our prestige. Similarly it is too much fiction to hope for a magical cure-all, namely a big fat anonymous donation (which hasn't materialized since that mysterious \$10 million that appear on our doorstep 3 years ago). What we need is a collective effort by students, faculty and administration to show our commitment to this thing we call a college education.

The choice of Fainstein to teach a class is a phenomenal means to this end. What better way to show his commitment to education than to teach?

However, the fear for several for the past year has been, "Where is Norm?" There certainly have been missteps along the way. Last year, Fainstein was rarely seen on campus. For the first time in years the President of the College did not directly address the Freshman class during Orientation.

Fortunately steps are being taken to alleviate this fear. The President's plan to sponsor Dessert and Dialogues is a step in the right direction, as is his offering of consistent open office hours.

It is here that the students must meet the President halfway. It is well enough to request he offer more of a presence on our campus, but we must also take advantage of the opportunities when we are given them. In order to maintain a relationship with our President, we must prove through our actions that we are truly invested.

Four years of College flies by in a heartbeat, as we've all realized, and during that brief span of time the President must make himself accessible to the most amount of students possible.

Ultimately as a small liberal arts college our distinction is our size and that means the unique opportunity to attend Dessert and Dialogues with our President, to sit down in a cafeteria and share a meal with him, and to visit him in his own office. With the President just beginning his tenure it is now that the structure of a healthy Student-President relationship can most effectively be formed.

Everyone knows that college students do not get nearly enough sleep on their "normal" schedules, but with alarms going off at all hours of the night, a healthy lifestyle is impossible.

No, we are not talking about your annoying next door neighbor's snooze alarm, but the fire alarms in Jane Addams and Harrison Freeman houses. In the five weeks since students have been on campus this semester, there have been 25 fire alarms in the connected south campus dorms—and zero fires (okay, so there was one bag of burned popcorn...).

Popcorn have been told by a variety of sources that the causes of these false alarms range from spiders to dirt to humidity. Is it really so much more humid in JA than the Plex, or Harkness for that matter?

We should also wonder why the majority of the alarms occur in the cold wee hours of the morning, while during the day it is more humid. However, the main concern of students is admittedly not the cause of the alarms, but why after five weeks the problem—whatever it may be—remains unsolved.

This problem is not unknown to the residents of South Campus. Last year JA/Freeman experienced similar alarm problems, which were temporarily fixed after two weeks of repeated tests.

The climax of the faulty fire alarm disturbances this semester was last Friday night, or Saturday morning we should say, when fifteen fire alarms went off sporadically throughout the night, starting a little after midnight and ending around 10 am.

Doctors claim it takes at least four hours uninterrupted hours for a person to reach the "deep sleep" necessary for good health. According to *Connecticut College Rights and Responsibilities of Roommates*, "as a valued member of this residential community, you have the right to...sleep without undue disturbance from noise of other distractions." In South Campus last Friday night, students were lucky if they got one hour of uninterrupted sleep.

According to the Student Handbook, disruption is considered to be among the "social infractions of the honor code." How else does one view the constant barrage of fire alarms these dorms have been forced to endure.

Even after apologies from Student Life, Campus Safety and Housefellows, students are still being woken up at 4:30 AM, only an hour before Crew practice and 4 hours before the academic day begins.

But lack of sleep is a trivial grievance for an editorial. Occasional fire alarms, both scheduled and unscheduled are a healthy and necessary inconvenience. The real danger of repeated false alarms is the normalcy of their frequency.

Every time the alarm rings, the students' sense of immediacy of evacuation is lessened.

One student in JA stated, "I'm never leaving my bed for another fire alarm." Another said, "I'd rather burn in my bed."

While these remarks are sarcastic, there is an element of dangerous truth in them. Fewer students are congregating outside with every passing fire alarm.

This situation needs to be handled with the seriousness it deserves both for health and safety reasons. The use of the honor code implies a certain shared respect between administration and students. However, by not fixing the fire alarms the administration, in common ways, violates the spirit of mutual respect.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campus Watch's Call to "Monitor" is Unacceptable

To the editors:
On September 10, the Connecticut College Alumni Relations Office invited Daniel Pipes to initiate its 2002-03 Distinguished Speakers Series, despite the fact that Pipes is not a CC alum, as every other advertised speaker for this year is and as every speaker since 1999 has been. Pipes is, however, the director of the Middle East Forum, which sponsors a website called Campus Watch (<http://www.campus-watch.org/>). This website alleges that "American scholars of the Middle East, to varying degrees, reject the views of most Americans and the enduring policies of the U.S. government about the Middle East." Specifically, these university scholars are taken to task for teaching their students that there might be something wrong with America's strong support for the policies of the current government of Israel. The site states that these professors "seem generally to dislike

their own country and think even less of American allies abroad" and that "Middle East studies in the United States has become the preserve of Middle Eastern Arabs, who have brought their views with them."

The Campus Watch website has displayed "dossiers" that list and quote the published research of eight Middle East scholars (at last count) whose work is critical of Israel. (In response to public outcry, the "dossier" feature of the site was reconfigured on Sept. 30.) The site also invites students around the country to "keep us informed" of events or professors on their campuses who might similarly question Israel's actions or American support for Israel, noting that "Campus Watch will henceforth monitor and gather information on professors who fan the flames of disinformation, incitement and ignorance. Campus Watch will critique these specialists, and make available its findings on the internet and in the media."

Certainly there is nothing wrong with scholars and activists trying to identify people who disagree with their beliefs in order to refute them with logic and evi-

dence. This is what academics do. However, the Campus Watch site is far more than a good-faith effort to answer critics of America's foreign policies towards the Middle East. The site ought to be seen for what it is: an attempt to intimidate, blacklist, and discredit scholars who dare to exercise their academic freedom. Good-faith differences of opinion do not exist in the world of Campus Watch; if you're not with them, you're against them. You're not just wrong, you're dangerous. If you are a professor who dares to question American foreign policy towards the Middle East, you are biased, you are a "problem," you are doing "damage," and you are spreading "disinformation, incitement and ignorance." Middle East studies as a whole is a "failing field," due in part to an "intolerance of alternative viewpoints."

Campus Watch ought to be condemned for at least two reasons. First, it exemplifies the ignoble practice of compiling condemnatory lists of people with disagreeable ideas: McCarthy-era blacklists of Washington politicians and the "Hollywood Ten"; Richard Nixon's enemies list; and the "Nuremberg Files" website that listed the names and addresses of abortion doctors, compared them to Nuremberg defendants, and listed (approvingly) the names of those who had been murdered. For those who think we are long past the days when something like the House Committee on Un-American Activities could exist, Campus Watch should give pause. Whether they are government-sanctioned or privately compiled, we should all reject blacklists, witch hunts, enemies lists, and other similar efforts.

Second, while the Campus Watch site does not explicitly call for action to be taken against the scholars on its list, the site's implied call to arms is hard to miss. History Professor Juan Cole of the University of Michigan, who is targeted by Campus Watch, writes that "the Pipes watch list has resulted in massive repetitive spamming of the email addresses of all the scholars on it, as well as of many others. In one instance one of the academics received repeated telephone death threats. In today's world, singling someone out for opprobrium and monitoring has immediate effects in cyberspace, which a reasonable person could have foreseen. Obviously, denying academics use of their email facilities is a key interference with their research, scholarly communication, and career effectiveness." Cole has also stated that "hacker tools are being used to spoof our emails, sending out things under our names that are not from us."

We don't know exactly what Pipes was paid to speak at Connecticut College, because his appearance was funded by an alum and the amount paid has not been made public by the Alumni Office. However, Pipes received \$2,500 in November 2001 to speak at Rutgers University and presumably received at least that much to speak here. Students, faculty, staff, and administrators should be fully aware of what they were getting for the money that was spent on Daniel Pipes. By inviting him to speak here, Connecticut College was implicitly and publicly signaling that it supports his views and tactics, those of the Middle East Forum, and those of Campus Watch.

People of goodwill can certainly disagree on Pipes' views of the Middle East, but everyone on every college campus should be concerned when the call goes out for professors (particularly those explicitly singled out as non-Americans) to be "monitored" and for students to report any deviations from or criticisms of the U.S. gov-

ernment's official doctrines. Campus Watch is a threat to intellectual freedom, political freedom, and the mission of higher education to expose students to challenging ideas.

-Tristan Anne Borer
Associate Professor of Government

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"Pianos Ain't Furniture"

To the editors:
I got real uppity when I read in the last issue about Laura Goglia's request to have the Freeman piano tuned. It was a smart and reasonable request, and one that should have resonated more than it did with the Office of Student Life. You see, pianos ain't furniture. If the purpose of the pianos in living rooms in many residence halls and above Harris is to add an air of hominess or impress prospective students, then they might as well be made of cardboard, y'hear? If money is so very tight that not even the paltry sum required to tune a piano – and I'm sure the many tuned pianos in Cummings didn't tune themselves – can be afforded, then Student Life ought to consider selling them to lumberyards and spending the difference on important things like water-guns. No one benefits from an untuned piano: not the shmoe who tries to play it anyway, the people who have to hear him, or the disappointed students who have to vie for one of two or three free pianos on campus just to practice. It isn't fair. Honestly, no one's so thick as to derive some sort of hollow aesthetic pleasure from the poorly maintained, out of tune shitpiles [*can I say this?] that litter the living rooms.

What's more, as a liberal arts institution we make certain promises, through our brochures, tours, credos, literature, etc. about a standard of education and intellectual life here. Pianos, as I will say at least twice more, are not furniture. Never were. They are musical instruments, and judging from the multi-million dollar facilities and departmental programs devoted to the arts (and heavily advertised), the faculty and administration of the school consider music to be a legitimate intellectual activity. It makes your brain grow. I don't get it: a piano is a serious instrument, a devotion, a passion – a major(!) – as long as its in Cummings. In a dorm common room, it's a joke, furniture(#1), and unimportant.

The problem can be solved, and the expense is not great: I'm sure some sort of discount could be worked out with the guy who tunes the 'prioritized' Cummings pianos. Certainly Conway Campbell's 'fundraiser' suggestion is like having a bake sale or carwash to buy new telephones or handrails for the dorms. There are certain things that wear out and need to be replaced, and not everything is an esoteric grassroots cause undeserving of attention from the guys in charge. Pianos are amazing, entertaining, and beautiful. Having pianos that don't play is a sham: it looks bad and sends bad vibes about the condition of our dormitories, when they could be made livelier, more comfortable, and more honest by the presence of legitimate musical instruments – not sham furniture(#2).

-Jan Christopher Abrams '03
w/support from Ezra Rashkow '03

Clarification

There has been some questioning in reference to the letter "Hedda Gabler Does Not Equal Courtney Love" printed last week and whether or not it represents a violation of the College Voice's policies in reference to printing unsigned letters. The letter was in fact signed, but the writer requested that we withhold his or her name. As described in our policies, "No unsigned or anonymous letters will be published. However names may be withheld upon the author's request" and thusly we were acting in complete accordance with our own policies. It was an error to have a signature of "Anonymous" at the conclusion of the letter as it should have been "Name Withheld Upon Request," but in all other ways, this was consistent with our policy in regards to Letters to the Editor. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

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OPINION

THE DUEL SCHOOL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS

TIM STEVENS • COMPLAINT OF THE WEEK



I have heretofore avoiding writing a column on the Iraq issue. For me it was something of a public service. It seemed unnecessary to me that every column in the newspaper forced the common reader to come to grips with his or her morality as it becomes increasingly clear that the Apocalypse is hustling down the tracks quickly to meet us. Sure, it was all very funny, but only in that "my god, we are all going to die" sort of way rather than in the "that rather rotund fellow fell and broke a table" manner.

But then, perhaps sensing my reluctance to write a column on the subject Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan decided to make the issue impossible to ignore. How did he do it? Well, he proposed a duel. Yes, as in twelve paces at dawn and all that. Not just a single duel, but rather a double feature. On the undercard, Vice President Dick Cheney faces off against an Iraqi Vice President to be named. As Iraq has two so one assumes that Saddam will be placed in that awkward situation of choosing his favorite, while the other bitterly mutters, "He gets to do everything cool."

Honestly though, no one ever really cares about the opening act. We all want to see the real show and this one duel that promises to deliver. In one corner, the Dictator Supreme Saddam Hussein, hungry to avenge his 1994 trouncing at the hands of the United States military machine. In the other, President George W. Bush looks to succeed where his father failed and wipe out the Butcher from Baghdad (I made that up myself) once and for all. As a side benefit for both, it will distract their people from the real problems, like a crippling food storage (Iraq), a burning desire to kill many of the country's residents (Iraq), the fact that this is not really about terrorism (U.S.), and rampant corporate corruption (U.S.).

Sure, it all sounds ridiculous, but perhaps Ramadan has a point. If you think about it, no soldiers from the United States or Iraq need be sacrificed. America can avoid having to deal with reports of collateral damage or coordinating the big battles for prime time coverage on CNN. Iraq does not have to deal with being humiliated on their home turf after makes ridiculous claims of military superiority yet again.

Oh, and the marketing potential. T-shirts, hats, buttons, pay-per-view, network rebroadcast rights, video and DVD release rights. It is a cash crop just waiting to explode. Who won't want a part of this moneymaking monolith? And what self-respecting patriotic American or Iraqi could afford not to own at least one piece of the Duel of 2002 memorabilia?

However, what is truly important is the practical application of the "duel school of foreign policy" in the future. Our world is overrun with conflicts, Pakistan vs. India, South Korea vs. North Korea, America vs. Canada (okay, not yet. But soon, soon. We're coming for you Canada). Yet, with several strategically timed duels (for maximum profitability), nearly all the conflicts could be solved within a years time. The winner gets bragging rights and permission to kick around the country for the next five years. The loser, well he or she dies, but her country gets to take. Then, in five years, the losing country can re-challenge the winner.

Can you imagine? No more war, no more nuclear arms, no concerns about biological weapons. Just an old fashioned set of silver dueling pistols held onto by the United Nations. Utopia would be inevitable. All brought to you by Ramadan and, of course, Tim Stevens.

Nobel Peace Prize, hear I come.

JERRY FALWELL: LIKE HEAD LICE IN HIS OWN DECREPIT WAY

BRADLEY KREIT • CONNECTICUT IDOL



Ordinarily, we don't make a practice of listening to idiots.

Recently, a man in Madison, Wisconsin soaked a rag in gasoline, placed it on his head, and lit the rag on fire. He was trying to cure himself of head lice.

Nobody listens to this man for direction. He won't get interviewed for Meet the Press or 60 Minutes, and when he says something, the Associated Press won't cover it.

Yet, for some reason, I just read a newspaper article about Jerry Falwell. I mean, is he really any smarter?

According to the good people at the Associated Press, Falwell recently said on 60 Minutes, "Jesus set the example for love, as did Moses, I think Muhammad set an opposite example."

Not that I am any sort of theologian or anything, but didn't Moses (well, as God's messenger, technically) rain down plagues on the Egyptians? I guess frogs aren't that bad, but killing all of Egypt's first born children?

Okay, the opposite. It's really not that bad to be the opposite of the guy who sends locusts out on Egypt, even if you don't set the example of love.

But remember: Falwell was being negative. So, to clarify, "I think Muhammad was a terrorist," he said.

A well-thought statement if I've ever heard one. Falwell clearly knew what he was saying here. He was increasing his celebrity.

Really, people only listen to Falwell when he says something offensive. I will never read a news story that says, "Falwell gave a brilliant sermon today." Granted, it's probably because he doesn't have the mental capacity to give a brilliant sermon, but that's not the point exactly.

The truth is, people really listen to something offensive, regardless of whether or not it makes any sense. I bet people would listen to me if I were more offensive.

So beat up women! Hit your professors with snow shovels!

Then again, people do seem to listen to me every now and again even though they often don't like what I say.

This week, I've been stopped a number of times by people who disagreed with my column about Teach for America, which is all fine and dandy. Unlike the president of the United States, I can accept it when people disagree with me.

But here's the deal. If you're going to disagree with me, think things through. Decide on what you're going to say, and then approach me. If you disagree the right way, you might approach me like, "Brad, I think you are the sexiest man alive, but I felt that you're column was wrong in this critical way..."

A less appropriate way to argue is: "Brad, I think your column was wrong."

Me: "Oh, why was that?"

You: "I just disagree with it, but I don't really want to argue."

Keep that in mind the next time you wish to pull me into a discussion, because both have happened to me recently.

In any event, Teach for America is still a pretty silly organization. It has its heart in the right place, but that doesn't make an organization effective, just better than Jerry Falwell.

PARENTS COME TO CONN FOR HARVESTING OF THEIR 'CROP': US

NATALIE BOLCH • DROMEDARY DRIVEL

Webster defines harvest as "the act or process of gathering in a crop." Fest is deemed a "meeting or occasion marked by (such) activity." HarvestFest, therefore, must be a meeting or occasion marked by the process of gathering a crop. But what does this imply?

As I'm sure most of you know, Connecticut College parents' weekend is more commonly referred to as HarvestFest because we, Connecticut College Camels, are our parents' crop. With the help of this institution, we rapidly grow and mature until we bloom into voluptuous flowers ready to absorb both the sunlight and rain present in the "real world." This weekend is our chance to gather, to share with our parents the lives we have acquired here at Conn, a garden separate from that which we left behind.

The most amusing part of parents' weekend is the routine reaction among college students to their parents' arrival. Prior to the initial encounter, students frantically clean their dorm rooms; they make their beds for the first time in four weeks, put away the clothes that have suffocated the carpet since move-in day, and dispose of all traces of alcohol so well that even their father, who thirty years out of college is still devoted to the Greek system, couldn't begin to detect an ounce of illegal liquid. And why do we do this? Why does every student attempt to perfect their living conditions at the mere thought of their parents entering their room? Because they taught us well, kids. All those days your mother wasted screaming at you to clean up or eat right or calm down paid off in the long run...because you are becoming her.

It's scary to think about sometimes. Standing in the lunch line I find myself starting conversations with complete strangers, blabbing about my day or my test or their weekend, attributes that constantly frustrate me about

IRAQ IS PLAYING GAMES

YONI FREEMAN • VIEWPOINT



Note: I would just like to make an addition to my last column. The picture of the weapons was a picture of arms the IDF captured in its search around Arafat's compound.

Many people have come up to me and said that I didn't understand the conflict that is occurring between Israel and the Palestinians. They said that the conflict is rooted in history many hundreds of years back and simply going after the terrorist groups will not work as these groups are made up of

people who want to fight against Israeli occupation and get its land back, etc. etc.

I agree that there is a long stemming conflict. Of course there is. But this conflict many people talk about is not the conflict Israel is a player in solely. Israel is involved in TWO CONFLICTS. The first is with the Palestinians on the issue of statehood, Jerusalem, etc. The second is a conflict with the terrorists.

The reason many people believe that the second conflict is tied to the first is very foolish. They have fallen for propaganda these terrorist groups have been spreading in the media. They know they will be seen more warmly if they keep saying that the reason they are doing this or that is because they are fighting Israeli „occupation% and they are simply Palestinian partisans. They always say they are fighting for their brothers and sisters because they have no choice. They always bring up such comments and therefore way in some parts of the world they are not seen as terrorist entities but as partisans.

Let me respond to this. The first comment many say is that they are doing this because they were kicked out of their homes when Israel was created. What a joke. The reason most if not all Arabs living in Israel were gone when Israel was created was because THEY WERE TOLD TO LEAVE. Arab nations surrounding Israel told their Muslim „brothers% that they should get out of Israel fast as they were going to attack it and destroy it. The Arabs that were there were welcome to stay (they would even have had more rights then living in, for example, Jordan). But they all left. That is why Arab population declined when Israel was created. Israel didn't kill them, massacre them, or expel them. They simply exited Israel willfully.

Now in response to all those allegations that the terrorist groups put fourth that they are fighting for the Palestinian people I say that it is a lie. They use those terms of „partisanism% and „nationalism% as a pretext for not only getting better attention around the world but also for using it as an excuse for their terrorism. They simply use the contentious points from the first conflict to justify their attacks. They are so stupid. If that really was true what do you say to the terrorist attacks that occurred before the so-called „occupation%? Why were there terrorist attacks against Israel when Palestinians were under Egyptian and Jordanian rule? Why? I'll tell you why. Cause the real reason terrorist attacks occur is not because these organizations want a state, not because they want to „help% their brothers (ironically they kill them by strapping bombs to their chests), not because they are pissed off because they lost their land, but because they simply want to destroy Israel. All these excuses and claims are lies spread to get more positive attention worldwide and to attract more followers at home. That is the reason they are committing terrorist attacks. It is therefore that Israel must

A HOUSE OF CONTRADICTIONS

DAN CAYER • VIEWPOINT

Earth House occupies a special place in my heart. After a long day of composting pigeon feces and manually straining the river, I return home and sit in the dark, pedaling a bicycle that stirs our toilet water. After a few hours of pedaling, the stink has usually subsided enough for me to start dinner. Cooking is a time-consuming activity as I typically sustain serious knife wounds on account of the total darkness. Overall though, Earth House is great fun. Last week for instance, we stayed up until 3 in the morning trying to usher a moth out of the living room. Have you ever heard of String Cheese Incident? We love them!

Wow, stereotypes are fun, aren't they? The disappointing truth is that Earth House is not as singularly earthy as one might imagine. We are not all environmentalists and we are not moralists either. We are rarely „-ists% of any kind. Our house is full of contradictions. Some of us labor tirelessly for renewable energy, some smoke cigarettes and eat meat, most do both. Everything is more muddled than we think.

my mother. I continue through the line at Harkness and begin to make a sandwich, insisting that I toast my bread and making sure to leave all traces of mayonnaise and mustard as far away from my plate as possible, also eating habits my mom instilled in me. I compliment the cute earrings my friend is wearing once I sit down, hearing the habitual response, "Thanks, my mom gave them to me," and eat leisurely despite the fact that I have class in fifteen minutes because somehow I have convinced myself that I am capable of consuming my food at a steady pace while concurrently arriving to class on time. And, as I finish my daily routine and attempt to examine my behavior from an outsider's perspective, I realize I am turning into my mother!

As scary as this statement is, I am not the only college student that has come to this realization since leaving home. In fact, most all of us can identify shared attributes between our parents and ourselves. So while parents look forward to attending HarvestFest to catch even a glimpse of the life their child is leading here at Conn, and maybe even a flicker of their own college memories, and we students look forward to demonstrating our new independence while simultaneously basking in a Saturday filled with the wrapped attention of our parents, in reality we are presenting our parents with a more fully harvested crop. Watch out moms and dads! As students, our most stressful problem may involve extra hours of toil and doing laundry. What lies ahead for you at HarvestFest, however, is the frightening fact that when you're reunited with your son or daughter this weekend, you will be forced to confront the true meaning in the old adage "you reap what you sew."

use force to end the second conflict, between the terrorists, in its back yard. After the first, „real% conflict has been untangled from the second one literally and physically, it will then be possible to get down to real discussion and peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Discussion is not possible now as long as terrorism reigns and as long as terrorism calls the plays for the PLO. The PLO must go down along with the terrorist groups on the bases that they are harboring them.

The issue of Iraq is also a paramount news issue on television. Unlike the 1991 Gulf War when Israel bowed down to American pressure not to break up the international coalition lined up against Saddam by responding to Iraq's missiles, Israel's policy has now changed, rightfully so. Israel would now take action to defend itself if Iraq launches unconventional missiles or sends suicide planes at Israel. This is a right move in my opinion. Israel should show the world it will not sit with his hands crossed if it is attacked. This will be in line to the operations taken against terrorists in the territories when Palestinian terrorists strike. The US should strike now, not later, the Iraqi dictatorial state. It should overthrow the terrorist nation. I must object to the current Democratic Party policy, which is a first, in regards to an attack on Iraq. Most of the democrats claim that they need more evidence that Iraq is a threat and that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. My opinion on that is that there is already proof. Saddam Hussein is the only president in the world who has used chemical weapons on his own citizens. He represses them. He starves them. He also has links to the Palestinian terrorist groups. Did you know that he pays every suicide terrorists family \$20,000 in thanks that their son or daughter killed some Jews? These are not speculation or opinions; these are facts which the Democratic Party should accept. I know that because they are the opposite party they always lean to oppose Bush. I oppose Bush in most of his policies. But this policy is right. I would like to say again that the US should not sell out its ally Israel. If it really wants a coalition of anti-terrorist nations it should support Israel's war against terrorism so that the US can finally see which countries are really on their side. Which countries are simply saying that they are anti-terrorist but are not. When this happens the US Government will see their real anti-terrorist coalition. The current policies the US government is following do nothing but hide the possibility that many of the countries on board are faking it and are really there to spare themselves the possibility of being next.

Now on a different subject I would just like to mention some developments in the Korean Peninsula. The North and South have started to move towards reconciliation. They are currently working to reestablish railroad lines. They are now clearing land mines in the specific patch of land which the line will run through. The North has sent a soccer delegation to the 14th Asian Games in South Korea which has already begun. Furthermore the Stalinist regime has begun to show signs of modernization when it last week declared the border town of Sinuiju a Special Administrative Region, where a Chinese-born business tycoon has been hired to run this „capitalist experiment,% although politically it will still be under the direct authority of the Central Government of the DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea). I commend the South Korean government for working to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula. I also believe that the US should play a larger public role in supporting these initiatives.

Until next time,

Morality is not a duality, it's not a team one plays for. Our morality is redefined at every choice we encounter. Decisions are what give us glimpses of one's character. Many shaping decisions have been made in our past, but the most important ones are what we will make in the future. We cannot afford to think of ourselves or others in such sloppy, sweeping ideological terms. Don't confuse people with ideologies, people get tired and feel emotions, ideas never grow weak. Everything is more muddled than we think.

Don't give so-called environmentalists too much credit, we are nothing but what we do. And please, don't simplify yourself out of the picture. Just because you hold no status with an activist organization doesn't mean that you aren't affecting change with every action. Everyone is an activist, most of us though, lack the bumper sticker. Everything is more muddled than we think. Let thoughtfulness direct the ripples of your actions to their thankful destinations. There are doors to greatness in us all.



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Punk, Silliness, and Alt-Pop



YELLOWCARD - "One For The Kids"
 These days you can't say punk rock without having to duck. Who we can thank for this, I'm not entirely positive, but I'm thinking Tiger Beat and MTV are in cahoots with someone. In any case, I want to say punk rock. So I will: PUNK ROCK. There, I did it, it's done, and you all are wondering what the big deal is. Well, ever since Blink-182 went insanely mainstream with their "Enema Of The State" record, pop punk has been popping up everywhere. At this point, many music lovers, punk fans and non, want to beat

this phenomenon with a stick, tie it in a canvas bag, whack it against a brick wall, and throw it in the silverware bin in Harris to be forked for eternity. So what good could possibly come of the pop punk trend? Yellowcard. Yes, kids, it's more than just halfway to getting kicked out of a soccer match. It's a pop punk band with a violin player and originality coming out of their ears. While so many bands seem to mimic their idols, Yellowcard seems to have taken the best of Blink, the best of Green Day, the best of Sunny Day Real Estate, and a little je ne sais quoi and created something all their own. Come on, folks, how many punk rock violin players are there? The album is absolutely rich, with catchy, infectious tunes such as "Struck" with the chorus "But I grew up wishing on a star/You think I won't ever get too far." The album presents a wide variety of styles and sounds, using both acoustic and electric guitars, and expressing ideas of both hope and sadness. It doesn't take long at all to understand that this isn't your typical trendy punk album, it's something else altogether. The song "October Nights," which might be confused for an emo song if it were a bit more angsty, is decorated with lush string composition layered over electric guitar. This album is full of so much energy you sing along even when you haven't learned the words yet, jumping around and playing air guitar/drums/bass (pick your poison - you could even do violin...). So please be warned, while I know you are ready to book it to Strawberries and pick this one up so you can play it at full blast, please let it be known that your roommates might not appreciate your skills as much as you do.
 Genre: Pop Punk Not Gone Sour
 Try It If You Dig: Saves The Day, Green Day, American Hi-Fi

THE AQUABATS - "The Fury Of The Aquabats!"

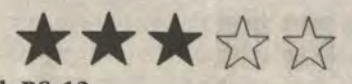
We all need heroes. Superheroes, in fact, are in high demand right now, with the world's state of affairs and all. Such individuals are becoming harder and harder to find, and it's no news to anyone that small children are losing faith in the tooth fairy. So where can we turn? Superheroes of ska, the Aquabats are here to save us from.....something. While their entire purpose has yet to be discovered, the Aquabats are certainly musically and comedically entertaining. A young and uneducated bat-fan might want to start out with the album "The Fury Of The Aquabats!" upon which every song title ends with an exclamation point. This must mean excitement! And in fact it does! One can't go wrong with song that oh-so-romantically proclaims "You're my girl/I'm your man/I don't care if we live in a garbage can!" In fact, by the time you get to the third track ("Magic Chicken!") you've started bopping around in rhythm with the horns and that skatastic upstroke. There's no doubt that these guys are absolutely silly, as well as a cure for the ills that are presented to music by bands like Slipknot, who feel that talent is represented by calling up your eight friends and saying, "I'm starting a band, wanna bang on a trash can for me?" and screaming inaudible profanities. Negativity has its place; we all have a little angst, but the world truly needs something angst-free, which the Aquabats are. The closest thing to angst I've heard from our heroes is "Cat With 2 Heads!" So do yourself a favor. Check out the Aquabats, and understand exactly why each song on "The Fury Of The Aquabats!" has an exclamation point in the title. Don't forget, we all get a little weird sometimes.
 Genre: Skatacular Silliness
 Try It If You Dig: The Pietasters, Reel Big Fish, old No Doubt

THE SUNDAYS - "Blind"

It's hard to find anything that's a perfect medium. Everything is either loud or soft, heavy or mellow, sleepy or energetic, happy or sad - particularly with respect to music. And in recent times there's definitely a dearth of bands that want to embrace the challenge that is finding that happy medium. One band that has successfully done so, and thus should serve as an example to those wishing to do so, is The Sundays, a female-fronted band that is absolutely gorgeous without putting you to sleep. Their album "Blind" is perfect for just about any weather, from a delightfully sunny day to the thundriest of showers. The moods are melodically expressed so richly and yet so simply, it's a delicate piece of art that you so much want to squeeze and yet are afraid to touch for fear it might crumble. Each song has a hint of melancholy and a hint of joy, and it's hard to decipher exactly where one emotion ends and the other begins. If for no other reason, you should pick up this album to hear their cover of the Rolling Stones' "Wild Horses." Covers are tricky business. You have three choices: you can make a complete mockery of the original, imitate the original, or modify the original to the point where you've made it your own. If you fail to do one of the above, the world hates you, your career is over, and you may as well throw in the towel and step down gracefully before someone forcefully removes you from your position in the music industry. Now, what the Sundays have done with "Wild Horses" is truly amazing. I have yet to hear a Stones fan complain about this cover (and Stones fans are hard to please...can't get no satisfaction and all...har, har). In any case, if you're looking for something for those times where you just can't decide what mood you're in, or you just want to hear how good music is done, or you're bored out of your skull and you'll do anything, I say check out this album. You can send me hate mail if you don't like it.
 Genre: Peaceful, Melodic Alt-Pop
 Try It If You Dig: Natalie Imbruglia, Texas, Jewel's "This Way"

Fluff Buoyed By Excellent Witherspoon

SWEET HOME ALABAMA



Rated: PG-13
Length: 105 minutes
Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas, Patrick Dempsey, Candace Bergen, Ethan Embry, Mary Kay Place, Fred Ward
Directed by: Andy Tenant
Summary: Predictable piece of fluff, with sugary dialogue and sticky humor, yet Witherspoon is unquestionably the cherry on top!

By SHONA SEQUEIRA
 STAFF WRITER

Forget Improv. The real place to be last Friday night was the Hoyts Waterford where, as any good chick flick fan worth her (or his!) salt would tell you, the premiere of "Sweet Home Alabama" was screened. Crammed inside the movie hall were hoards of teenage and twenty-something girls (we spotted more than a few Camels there!) plus a few sheepish looking boyfriends, eagerly awaiting fall's new romantic comedy. So what was all the fuss about?
 Reese Witherspoon plays Melanie Carmichael, an up-and-coming New York fashion designer who finds herself engaged to the adoring and affluent Andrew (Dempsey). He's (predictably) every girl's dream, but of course, how difficult could it be to refuse a man who proposes right in the middle of Tiffany's?! Not even a domineering, prospective mother-in-law (Bergen), who also happens to be the Mayor of New York City, can put a damper on Melanie's high spirits. But Mel has a couple of skeletons tucked



away in that designer closet of hers, and we are talking husbands here! Melanie makes the trip down South to Alabama with divorce papers in hand, only to find herself falling for hubby Jake (Lucas), the first boy she ever kissed (at the tender age of ten- this gets better all the time). So will it be the rich guy or the first love? Decisions, decisions. What's a girl to do? Warning: this is the major dilemma of the film.
 At first, Melanie comes off as obnoxious, putting on her big city airs and belittling her Southern brethren ("You need a passport to come to this place!") but soon discovers that you can take the girl out of the South, but not the South out of the girl. She is forced to confront her past and to carefully consider her future. Am I going to spoil the ending for you? "As if!" (to quote from that other great film about tricky romances). But it doesn't take an Einstein to figure out how this flick will turn out.
 Critiques? Well, the first half of the film really drags, the script is often clichéd and some of the humor falls flat on its face. However, as if by magic, the final half really redeems the film.

Initially, Melanie and Jake have virtually no chemistry, yet by the end of the film they become a really cute couple. The wedding (not a spoiler) was definitely a highlight, though I'm a self-confessed sucker for weddings anyway!
 Reese Witherspoon radiates more than enough onscreen charisma (love the hair, girlfriend!), yet lacks the ability of established veterans of the genre like Julia Roberts to carry off an entire film on those svelte shoulders. You can't place all the blame on Witherspoon, though. She gets little help from the supporting cast, and often has to juggle corny lines and weak physical comedy, not the most appealing combination.
 "Sweet Home Alabama" is a cute film with potential but at times it fails to hold audience interest, and is, frankly, unoriginal. If you liked "Legally Blonde" you will probably love this film, though I found the former a lot slicker than the latter. "Sweet Home Alabama" has its moments, but it would be hard to label it as truly memorable. If films may be likened to desserts, then the bottom line is that "Alabama" just isn't sweet enough.

Dance Troupe Brings Flamenco to Conn

By CHRISTINE DiCOMO
 STAFF WRITER

Family Weekend - the perfect time to go shopping, catch up with Mom and Dad, and head out for a nice, expensive meal. But once you've had your fill of non-Harris food and shown your family your newly-decorated dorm room, you may find yourself wondering just what to do with the parental units on a Saturday night. Luckily, this weekend, you can head to Palmer Auditorium for an entertaining evening, and show them some Spanish culture as well.
 Noche Flamenca, a renowned Spanish dance troupe, will be bringing their acclaimed repertoire of flamenco dance to Connecticut College this weekend. The group, which has received rave reviews from "The New York Times," "The Washington Post," and "The Village Voice," among others, will be performing in Palmer Auditorium on October 5th and 6th as part of their American tour. Noche Flamenca is known for the

passion and intensity they bring to this traditional Spanish dance form, as well as for their focus on the relationship between the music and the dance. In addition to a small cast of dancers, the troupe also includes two guitarists and two singers, all of whom perform together on stage.
 Noche Flamenca was founded in Madrid by Martin Santangelo and his wife, Soledad Barrioin, in 1993. Under Santangelo's artistic direction, it has since developed into one of Spain's most successful flamenco companies. Noche Flamenca works to get back to the basics of flamenco dance, "without gimmicks," and to give both music and dancing equal weight in their performances. Their goal is "to maintain the essence, purity, and integrity of one of the world's most complicated and mysterious art forms," and from their reviews, they appear to be succeeding. Their show has been described as "a soul-stirring tour-de-force of theater" by "The New York Times," and "The Boston Globe" describes their dancing as "boiled down to an almost fearful

intensity."
 In addition to being one of Noche Flamenca's founding members, Soledad Barrio is currently the troupe's principal dancer. In 2001, Barrio received the New York Dance and Performance Award, also known as the "Bessie," for Outstanding Creative Achievement for her work with Noche Flamenca. Barrio, like the rest of Noche Flamenca's dancers, has been trained from a very young age in traditional Spanish dance, and has often been cited for the passion and artistry she brings to the stage.
 Noche Flamenca will be performing in Palmer Auditorium at 8pm on Saturday, October 5, and at 2pm on Sunday, October 6. This is the first in a series of OnStage performances sponsored by Connecticut College. Tickets are available to students at a discounted price with the OnStage student discount book and can be purchased at the Box Office in Palmer or by calling 860-439-ARTS.

Lauryn Hill's Voice Calls to UConn

By ABIGAIL KUCH
 STAFF WRITER

"Have y'all been going to your classes cuz you really need to start. Y'all a ghetto audience," said a blunt Lauryn Hill as she perched herself on a stool with her guitar, bottle of water, and microphone. Lauryn Hill began her concert tour in the spring of 2002, promoting her new unplugged album released April 30. She embarked to a semi-full arena at the University of Connecticut on Saturday, September 21. The eclectic audience appreciated Bob Marley's spiritual presence as his music echoed in Jorgenson Arena for an hour before Lauryn Hill casually strutted on stage.
 Her presence was somewhat disappointing to an audience that focused on trendy hits such as, "Doo Wop (That Thing)" and "Killing Me Softly," and belted out requests over the soothing duo of her voice and guitar. A somewhat perturbed Lauryn Hill concentrated on draining out their voices and snapped in with an occasional comment, pleading with the audience to appreciate her new promotions. The entire facility was otherwise silent except for Hill's occasional laughter. Lauryn focused on her new album and image, singing either entirely a



capella or with the help of her guitar. Her shift reflects a noticeable change from a pop or R & B sound towards a concoction of acoustic melodies and thought-provoking lyrics.
 Hill was deeply involved in conveying the power and soul behind every word sung and swung her whole body into the rhythm. The concert's new approach highlighted Hill's skills as her noticeable dedication and vocal talent illuminated the small auditorium.
 The new two-disc CD is quite distinct from "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," an album that brought Hill a strong fan base building on her stint with The Fugees.
 Hill's new style is more peaceful and accentuates a mellow side of her personality. The only disappointment at the concert came from the ignorant fans that were unsupportive of the risky career shift upon which Hill is embarking, not her change of style. If Lauryn Hill's amazing voice can fill an entire arena on its own, her talent alone enough should carry her.

MOVIE TIMES

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Attack of the Singer-Songwriters

By RACHEL CASADO-ALBA

STAFF WRITER

Lisbeth Scott
3 stars



Venice, CA singer/songwriter Lisbeth Scott has established a career for herself providing background vocals on tracks for movies like "Shrek," "The Sixth Sense," "Spy Game," and "Forces of Nature," and the TV shows "Felicity" and "Party of Five." On her third release, "Dove," Ms. Scott's classical training (she studied at the New England Conservatory, Conn and the University of London for a career as a classical pianist) is apparent and provides a beautiful backdrop for her voice.

Many of Ms. Scott's songs explore typical themes of love and loss. While she tries to convey emotional distress in songs like "Beg" and "Train," her lyrics sometimes become obscured by her vocal style. Her blend of both Enya and Sarah McLachlan-esque styles produces mixed results. Although the album is well put together, Scott released it three years too late for the Lilith fair phenomena that she would have fit into perfectly.

Although a few tracks are reminiscent of that late '90's trend, Ms. Scott does have some standouts. "Smokehouse" and "Clear" are successful hybrids of pop and folk ("Clear" is perfect for VH1). In "Push the River," Ms. Scott sounds like a hybrid of Sarah McLachlan and Patty Griffin, and it works. The most immediately accessible song is "You," with its beautiful melody and catchy chorus.

While the album seems a bit too contrived at certain points (including the minute long spoken word intro), it is still a pleasure to listen to. Ms. Scott's music tends to fade into the background, until you notice yourself humming along.

Rhett Miller
"The Instigator"
4 1/2 stars

Most likely, none of you have heard of Rhett Miller. Well, I am here to enlighten you. Much like fellow "alt-country" wunderkind Ryan Adams, Mr. Miller fronted a much-acclaimed band (Old 97's) and released his first solo album to much anticipation from fans. If you enjoy delicately-crafted pop songs that make you weepy, this is the album for you. "The Instigator" is full of high-energy, self-deprecating love songs. Produced by Jon Brion (who has also worked with Fiona Apple and Aimee Mann), Miller's album proves he's not just some guy in a band.

Among the many standouts are "Point Shirley" (inspired by a Sylvia Plath poem), "This Is What I Do," "The El" (a homage to Chicago) and the rocking opener "Our Love" (which drops the names of Franz Kafka and composer Richard Wagner).



When Miller asks if he's "gonna be lonely for the rest of my life" in "Come Around," you can't stop listening because it just sounds so good. A sample lyric is, "I try to make your world a better place/ I'd smother you in kisses, I'd give you outer space/ But you're terrified and it's tearing me apart/ Can I kiss your furrowed brow and calm your nervous heart" (from "Your Nervous Heart").

This fall, Miller is touring with "Dashboard Confessional," but don't pinhole him as "emo" or "alt-country." This guy is very talented and transcends genres. Remember, a year ago no one knew who John Mayer was, and two years ago no one knew who Pete Dinklage was. Be cool- buy "The Instigator." You will not be disappointed.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Bush Prods U.N. on Iraq Policy

By JIM ABRAMS

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, nearing congressional approval to wage war, said Thursday the United Nations must stand with the United States to disarm Saddam Hussein — or stand aside.

Congressional leaders predicted Bush would get the authority he is seeking by next week. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said the Senate remains divided over the wording of the resolution. "But at the end of the day, we're going to be able to develop a broad bipartisan consensus," he said.

Democratic leaders said that momentum clearly was in favor of a deal worked out on Wednesday between Bush and House leaders. Daschle said he expected to take up the measure on the Senate floor later Thursday.

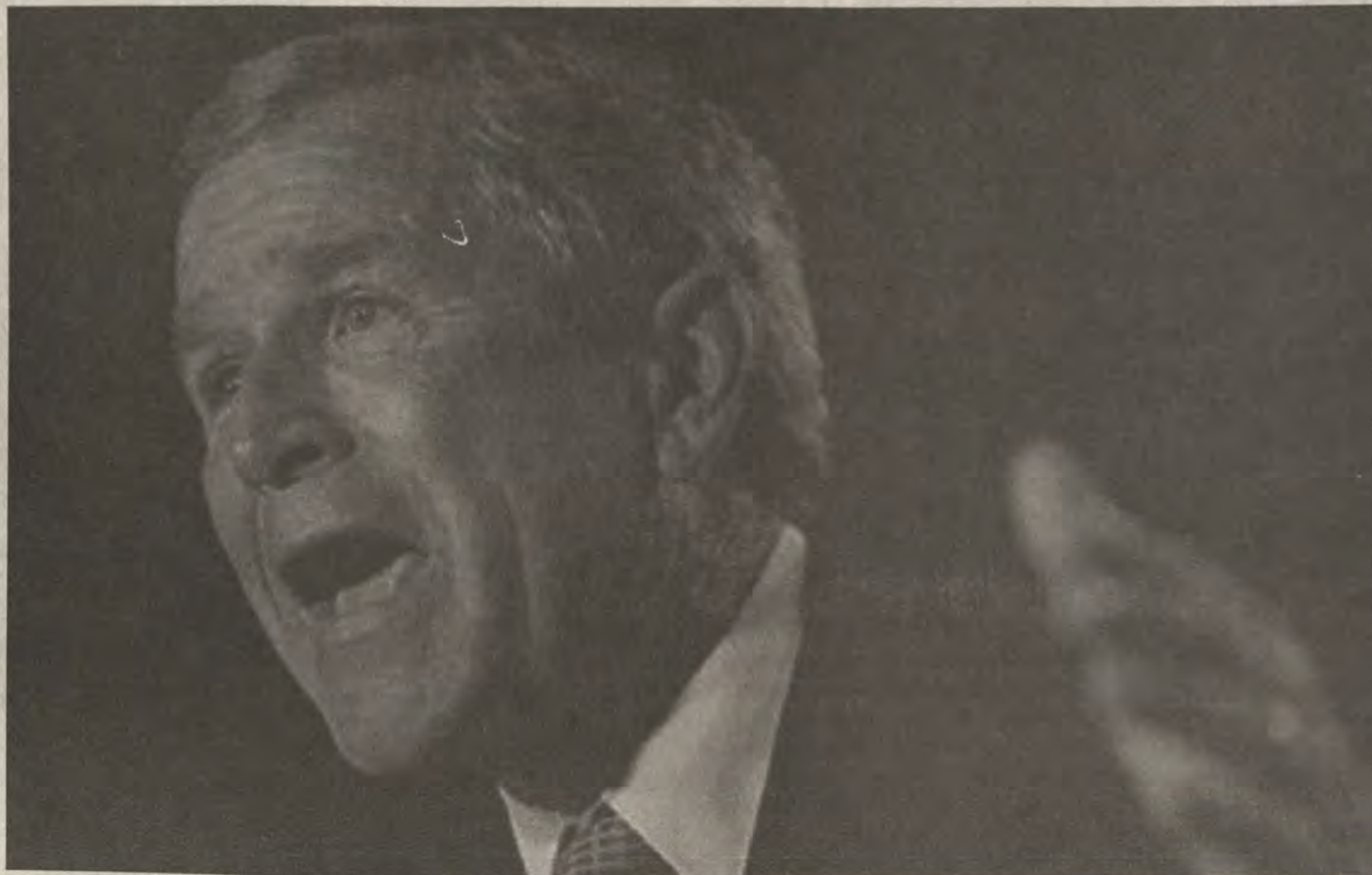
The president was having less success, however, in lining up members of the U.N. Security Council behind a strong resolution to disarm Saddam Hussein, as Russia criticized a tough U.S.-sponsored U.N. resolution on Iraq.

"When it comes to defending our freedom, the United States of America will stand united and stand strong," Bush told Hispanic leaders in Washington.

"The choice is up (to) the United Nations to show its resolve. The choice is up to Saddam Hussein to fulfill his word," Bush said. "And if neither of them acts, the United States in deliberate fashion will lead a coalition to take away the world's worst weapons from one of the world's worst leader."

To keep the pressure on Congress and the U.N., Bush planned to outline the threats posed by Saddam in an address Monday in Ohio, senior White House officials said.

Debate on the congressional resolution begins next Tuesday in the House. The Senate, while still wrestling over the language of that resolution, also is taking up the issue.



House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said he expected the resolution, the product of several weeks of negotiations with the White House, to be approved with a strong bipartisan vote next Wednesday or Thursday.

"The moment of truth has arrived for Saddam Hussein," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., at a White House Rose Garden event Wednesday to mark agreement on the resolution.

With the support of Congress, Bush said Wednesday, Iraq "will know that full compliance with all U.N. security demands is the only choice, and the time remaining for that choice is limited."

America's willingness to use force, he

said, is the "best way to ensure compliance and avoid conflict." But if Saddam "persists in his defiance, the use of force may become unavoidable."

As Congress prepared for what Hastert said would be one of the "most somber and important" debates of this decade, U.S. intelligence was providing lawmakers with a formal assessment of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

The classified National Intelligence Estimate was delivered on Tuesday, and intelligence officials are preparing a second estimate examining Iraq's capabilities in conventional warfare.

Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., had asked CIA Director George Tenet for a reporting

outlining a consensus of intelligence agencies about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. "If we are about to make a decision that could risk American lives, we need full and accurate information on which to base that decision," Durbin wrote.

Congressional action on the resolution cleared Bush to concentrate on the second front — persuading members of the U.N. Security Council to accept a U.S.-British proposal for a tough new resolution forcing Iraq to comply with inspections and disarm or face military consequences. France, Russia and China, which have veto power on the Security Council, have balked at approving a new resolution authorizing military action against Iraq.

Russia on Thursday criticized the resolution as an unnecessary delay on the return of inspectors to Iraq. "It's not going to surprise anybody that from day to day you're going to see different statements from different leaders," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said of the Russian stance.

Also on Thursday, allied forces dropped thousands of leaflets over southern Iraq, warning forces of Saddam Hussein against firing on British and U.S. planes that have been patrolling the no-fly zone. They noted that Iraqi air defenses had been attacked for firing on allied warplanes and "you could be next."

The agreement on the congressional resolution, worked out over several weeks, answers several congressional concerns that the powers originally sought by the president were too open-ended and that not enough weight was given to the importance of pursuing diplomatic solutions.

It supports the president's efforts to seek Iraqi compliance through the United Nations. It requires that the president to report to Congress within 48 hours of commencing an attack, that further diplomatic means would not protect U.S. security interests and that military action against Iraq would not detract from the war on terrorism. It specifies that authorization applies only to relevant U.N. resolutions regarding Iraq and not to establishing regional security.

The House International Relations Committee opened debate on the resolution Wednesday, with the intent of approving it Thursday so the House can vote on it next week. Protesters urging Congress to give inspections a chance and to avoid war interrupted the debate several times at the outset.

"We have no choice but to act as a sovereign country prepared to defend ourselves with our friends and allies if possible, but alone if necessary," committee chairman Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said at the opening of the meeting.

Homeland Security Bill at Logjam

By CURT ANDERSON

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The House may stay in session indefinitely this year in order to increase pressure on Senate Democrats to reach compromise with President Bush on a new Homeland Security Department, Speaker Dennis Hastert said Thursday.

"It's very tough for us not to have that bill, and go home," Hastert, R-Ill., told reporters. "We'll be here until they get their work done ... in some way."

The speaker raised the possibility that the House would not adjourn for good prior to the Nov. 5 elections, instead holding sessions one day a week to allow time for nego-

tiations to continue on one of Bush's top priorities.

Bush also sought to give the talks a push Thursday, telling a group of Hispanic leaders that he will not accept a Senate proposal that would limit his authority to exempt the agency's 170,000 workers from union bargaining agreements for reasons of national security. That power originated with President Kennedy and has been set in law since the Carter administration.

"I will not accept a rollback in the authority that other presidents have had," Bush said. "If it's good enough for the Department of Agriculture ... it certainly should be good enough for the Department of Homeland Security."

In the Senate, moderates remain unable

to bridge the chasm separating Republicans and Democrats over labor rights in the proposed department.

Democrats John Breaux of Louisiana and Ben Nelson of Nebraska, joined by Republican Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, could not win agreement Wednesday on their latest attempt at compromise, which moved closer to the White House position. As a result, the Senate logjam continues after almost five weeks.

A spokeswoman for Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., repeated his pledge that the Senate would keep trying for a deal even as it moves on to other issues, such as use of force against Iraq.

"We're continuing to talk about ways to thread the needle," said spokeswoman Ranit

Schmelzer.

Bush has threatened to veto the homeland security legislation unless it gives him greater power to hire, fire and move around the proposed agency's 170,000 workers. Bush also objects to Democratic versions of the bill that he says would strip away his current authority to exempt workers from union bargaining agreements for reasons of national security.

Democrats, backed by their labor union allies, contend that Bush's proposals would undermine the civil service system and threaten collective bargaining rights.

The newest offer from Breaux, Nelson and Chafee would leave in place new conditions on the president's union waiver authority but would let the president determine

when those conditions are met. The offer would expand the president's flexibility over personnel management, compared with earlier versions of their bill.

Aides for the moderates said it became clear during the day that Democratic leaders were cool to the offer and it was uncertain if it would pass muster with the White House. The White House officials said the president was willing to negotiate on all personnel issues as long as the waiver remained intact.

Many senators say that without one side giving in, the work of the three moderates represents the best hope of a compromise.

"I'm not sure how we can make this happen," said Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

GOP Tries to Stop N.J. Ballot Switch

By KATHY HENNESSY

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Republicans are looking to the U.S. Supreme Court after New Jersey's top court ruled that Democrats can replace Sen. Robert Torricelli with Sen. Frank Lautenberg on the November ballot.

The New Jersey Supreme Court 7-0 ruling came Wednesday, two days after Torricelli ended his reelection bid amid questions about his ethics and Democratic fears that a loss could cost the party its one-seat majority in the Senate.

But a lawyer for the National Republican Senatorial Committee said GOP nominee Douglas Forrester planned to ask the U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday to delay the New Jersey high court ruling.

The lawyer, Alex Vogel, also said a separate lawsuit would be filed in U.S. District Court on behalf of overseas military personnel who have requested absentee ballots. "Federal law requires they should already have gone out," Vogel said.

He added that the ruling by the New Jersey Supreme Court is unclear about when these ballots would eventually be distributed.

He said the GOP would ask the Justice Department to "force New Jersey to mail the ballots immediately."

Republicans raised some of the issues that figured prominently in the 2000 presidential election.

Vogel said the petition to the U.S. Supreme Court, whose landmark ruling in 2000 settled the U.S. presidential race, will cite a provision in the Constitution that says "state legislators have to decide the

possibility of a vacant candidacy within 51 days of the election.

Lautenberg, 78, who was chosen Tuesday by party leaders to replace Torricelli, greeted commuters Thursday morning in Hoboken. He was expected to go to Washington later in the day to meet with Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle. New Jersey Democrats wasted no time Wednesday getting core Democratic supporters energized about Lautenberg.



Former Democratic Senator Frank Lautenberg was allowed to replace resigning Senator Robert Torricelli in a ruling handed down by the New Jersey Supreme Court (AP-Rich Schultz)

time, place and manner of elections, not state supreme courts." He said the request for a delay would be filed with Justice David Souter.

Republicans argue it's too close to Election Day to replace Torricelli and that Democrats should not be allowed to dump a candidate because he was trailing in the polls. New Jersey law bars replacement of candidates less than 51 days before an election, the GOP said. Torricelli

withdrew 36 days before Election Day.

But the New Jersey court — composed of four Democrats, two Republicans and an independent — said it was more important to have a ballot "bearing the names of candidates of both major political parties" and that state law didn't rule out the

possibility of a vacant candidacy within 51 days of the election. Lautenberg, 78, who was chosen Tuesday by party leaders to replace Torricelli, greeted commuters Thursday morning in Hoboken. He was expected to go to Washington later in the day to meet with Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle. New Jersey Democrats wasted no time Wednesday getting core Democratic supporters energized about Lautenberg.

Iraq Promises Neighbors' Safety

By YONI FREEMAN

STAFF WRITER

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister is brushing aside US demands that his country should accept a new decision in the UN Security Council concerning the inspections of his country's weapons.

In his words, "Iraq is defiant and experienced in armed conflict. It is very possible that there will be large losses in a war against the US, but we are strong."

Deputy Iraqi Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz, said on Wednesday that Iraq has no plans to attack its neighbors including Turkey, in an event of a US attack. "We are not going to attack any country in this situation," saying those words in Ankara.

However, Aziz criticized Turkey for letting US planes use a base on its soil. He added that Iraq did not have in its possession any long-range missiles that could hit strategic targets in Turkey. Aziz also pointed out that there was no need for a new decision in the UN concerning arms inspections in his country, as the US demanded.

The US proposal is unacceptable, not just by Iraq but by the Security Council, he said. He added that "the current policy of the body is enough for inspections to occur."

Aziz said that the real intentions of the United States and Britain were to wage a war against Iraq and that is why they are trying to obstruct the

decisions of the United Nations. "I have always said that the question of whether we have weapons of mass destruction propagated by the US and Britain is just an excuse used to justify the attacks against us."

In an interview to Turkish Television he added that "Iraq is defiant and experienced in war after the Gulf War," in his words, "it is very possible that there will be heavy losses in a war. Iraq is strong, and even if the Americans attack us, we will fight in a very effective way."

Aziz denied that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. He said the words one day after Iraq agreed to a program that will return the arms inspectors for the first time in four years.

Secretary of State, Colin Powell, said Tuesday that the US continues to demand the Security Council come up with a "new and aggressive" agreement concerning Iraq. In his words, we shouldn't be sending inspectors as long as "Iraq is putting forward preconditions."

Powell said in a press conference that the head of the UN weapons inspectors, team, Hans Blix, has to receive new guidelines from the Security Council before he returns to Baghdad. "The passed decisions and the old inspection regime were the ones which brought us this current crisis in the first place," said Powell.

NATIONAL NEWS

Senators Say CIA Withholding Info

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee said Thursday the CIA has not provided information sought by the panel on Iraq, impeding Congress' ability to consider the need for military action.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., said lawmakers were dissatisfied with an intelligence report they received Wednesday, which failed to address key questions, including what the effect of a military campaign would be for Iraq's neighbors.

Graham told reporters he would raise the concerns in a meeting with CIA Director George Tenet. The committee is expected to meet with Tenet on Friday.

"This was unacceptable," he said. "We're trying to carry out a very important responsibility and given the nature of this classified information, we are the only means by which the intelligence community can communicate to the legislative branch of government."

"If they refuse to do so to us, then they are effectively shutting down the people the Constitution says have the responsibility to declare war and support wars," he said.

CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said, "Director Tenet values the role of oversight and believes our relationship with Congress is extremely important."

"We are looking forward to continuing to cooperate with the committee, and respond to their ques-

tions and concerns," he said.

The panel's top Republican, Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, said CIA cooperation on Iraq "has been pretty good."

"Now is it perfect? Have they been timely about everything? Have they told us everything we want to know? I'm not sure about that," said Shelby, a frequent critic of the CIA.

The questions about CIA cooperation on Iraq comes as the House and Senate are working out a resolution backing the use of military force in Iraq if President Bush deems that necessary.

It is also the latest conflict between intelligence agencies and the committees that oversee them. The panel and its House counterpart are conducting a joint inquiry examining intelligence failures leading to

the Sept. 11 attacks.

Inquiry staff have pointed to a series of missed clues which, if taken together, might have pointed to the attacks. CIA officials have suggested those clues became obvious only with the benefit of hindsight and say their personnel did the best they could with the limited resources provided by Congress.

Last week, Tenet sent an angry letter to leaders of the committees after a senator revealed that a briefing book prepared by inquiry staff suggested that a CIA official would "dissemble" — give misleading responses — if asked certain questions.

Graham said he doesn't believe the question of cooperation is related to that letter.

Tenet had expected to attend

Wednesday's briefing, but was summoned to meet with President Bush, said a U.S. intelligence official, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Tenet informed the committee several days ago he would not attend. Instead senators heard from John McLaughlin, the CIA's deputy director, and Robert Walpole, the national intelligence officer for strategic and nuclear programs.

The disputes center on two classified National Intelligence Estimates requested by Congress. The estimates are prepared by the National Intelligence Council, a group of senior analysts who report to Tenet.

A request from a lawmaker for the intelligence community to perform a similar estimate on its own clandestine operations in Iraq had

been declined by the CIA. Such estimates are performed to assess foreign nations' and groups' capabilities, not American operations.

Late Tuesday, the CIA gave lawmakers a National Intelligence Estimate requested by lawmakers, dealing in part with Iraq's weapons of mass destruction capabilities. Graham said that estimate was presented too late to allow senators to read it before the Wednesday morning briefing.

Graham said that "several of the questions we asked were purposely omitted," including the effect of military action on neighboring states.

Graham said he asked officials at Wednesday's meeting why they omitted the details. Their response "was unsatisfactory," he said.

Iraqi Official Suggests a Duel

BY SAMEER N. YACOB
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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An Iraqi vice president offered a unique solution to the U.S.-Iraq standoff: a duel between George W. Bush and Saddam Hussein.

Taha Yassin Ramadan said the duel could be held at a neutral site and with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan as the referee.

Ramadan, wearing a green uniform and a black beret, made his remarks without giving any outward sign that he was joking although reporters who were present detected a note of irony in his voice.

"A president against a president and vice president against a vice president and a duel takes place, if they are serious, and in this way we are saving the American and the Iraqi people," Ramadan told the Associated Press Television Network.

Iraq has two vice presidents, and Ramadan did not say whether he or Taha Muhie-eldin Marouf would take on Dick Cheney.

Ramadan also said that his government was not concerned by U.S. lawmakers' support of a congressional resolution that would authorize President Bush to use military force against Iraq.

"We pay no attention to this issue," he said, adding that approving such a resolution "makes no difference" to Iraq.

Ramadan criticized U.S. efforts to delay the return of U.N. weapons inspectors to Iraq until the Security Council adopts tougher measures that would give the inspectors broad new powers to hunt for weapons of mass destruction and provide them with military backing.

He said such efforts were aimed at "hampering the inspection process."

"They (the Americans) were surprised by the agreement reached by Iraq and the United Nations. So their reaction was unbalanced," he said, referring to the deal in Vienna on Tuesday between Iraq and chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix.

Under the agreement, Iraq agreed to an unconditional return of the



Children in front of one of the many Hussein murals in Baghdad (AP-Jassim Mohammed).

inspectors under the existing U.N. Security Council resolutions and a 1998 agreement that put the so-called presidential sites — including Saddam's palaces — off-limits to surprise visits.

At the United Nations, the United States was pursuing a tough resolution that would end the exemption for those sites, give Iraq 30 days to compile an "accurate, full

and complete" inventory of all aspects of its weapons programs — and provide U.N. inspectors military backing to carry out their search. But the three other veto-wielding members of the Security Council — Russia, China and France — have said they are not ready to authorize force before inspectors have time to test Iraq's willingness to comply.

A Weakened Lili Pounds Louisiana

BY CAIN BURDEAU
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NEW IBERIA, La. (AP) — Less powerful but still dangerous, Hurricane Lili pounded low-lying Louisiana coastal towns with heavy wind and rain Thursday as it washed inland. Nearly a half-million people had been urged to flee.

The storm shut down the region's resort towns, all 12 of Mississippi's Gulf Coast casinos, NASA's Mission Control in Houston and the nation's biggest oil import terminal.

By daybreak, Lili had surprisingly weakened to become a Category 2 storm, with winds of 100 mph. That was a big relief to forecasters and Gulf Coast residents who had braced themselves at nightfall for a Category 4 storm.

"I'm the happiest person on the face of the earth to see this go down from a very powerful category 4 hurricane with sustained winds of over 140 mph," said Max Mayfield, director of the Hurricane Center in Miami. "It's nowhere near where it was."

The storm moved over Marsh Island about 8 a.m., then pressed northward onto the mainland. Mayfield said it would be into northwest Mississippi by Friday morning.

Shortly after 9 a.m., the eye passed over New Iberia, about 140 miles from New Orleans. Taylor Jackson, 19, a University of Louisiana-Monroe meteorology student, and three friends had driven down to New Iberia overnight in hopes of seeing the eye pass over.

"Actually, I was kind of hoping for the 145 miles per hour," said Jackson, standing with his arms outstretched and letting the gusts catch his green windbreaker.

Hurricane winds extend about 60 miles from the eye and were predicted to stay that strong up to 100 miles inland. The entire area also was under tornado warning.

If it had been a Category 4, he had said, it could have been the worst hurricane to hit the Louisiana coast since at least the mid-1940s, officials had said.

"It looks like we were lucky," said Gov. Mike Foster. He said he already has sent a letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, asking for government assistance.

Scattered power failures, affecting an estimated 127,000 utility customers, were reported across the coast as the wind and rain increased.

Officials had said that a Category 4 storm could have created a life-threatening storm surge

of up to 25 feet. Such a surge could have put 15 feet of water in some coastal towns and up to 8 feet of water in Abbeville, 20 miles inland.

Lili headed for Louisiana less than a week after Tropical Storm Isidore dumped more than 20 inches of rain and caused \$100 million in flood damage. While Isidore did its damage with rain, Lili's wind and storm surge were the major threats.

About 143,000 people in Louisiana and 330,000 in Texas had been advised to leave, some for the second time in days after Isidore washed past New Orleans last week. Thursday morning, the evacuation advisory was lifted for the 250,000 residents of in one the two affected Texas coun-



Scott Mareno walks through flooding caused by Hurricane Lili in Gulfport, Mississippi (AP-Rogelio Solis).

ties, Jefferson.

Officials in 44 Louisiana parishes declared emergencies, with mandatory evacuations in 11 of them. Nearly 1,500 National Guardsmen were being deployed.

It was impossible to estimate the actual number who fled inland. Many hurricane veterans take refuge with friends and relatives, bypassing the evacuation centers. In Louisiana, 13,000 people spent the night in the state's 71 shelters.

Mayfield said it was difficult to analyze why

the storm strengthened during the night but then weakened before landfall, but dry air from the west and cooler water near the shore were factors.

"A lot of Ph.Ds will be written about this," Mayfield said.

While Louisiana-plated cars streamed north and east, long lines of utility bucket trucks headed in the other direction to begin work once the hurricane passes. Utilities in 18 states, from Delaware to Indiana, sent more than 14,000 workers to Louisiana, a spokesman for the utility company Entergy said.

Some residents stayed. Steve Petty, 45, taped the windows of his Lake Charles home but did not board them up. Late Wednesday, he was watching baseball playoffs in one of the few open businesses — a bar and pool hall.

"I've been through Audrey and several others I can't remember the names of. I'm not freaking out, I'm not leaving town. I been through a lot worse," Petty said.

Others who stayed had no basis for comparison. David Westover, 27, a student from Ohio, was excited.

"I just think a hurricane would be a great thing to live through and write about," he said.

The storm sideswiped New Orleans with sporadic squalls. In the French Quarter early Thursday, Russell McCarey, also known as Banjo the Clown, was wearing a multicolored fright wig, taking refuge from the rain under a iron-lace balcony. McCarey and others like him are known to tourists for blowing up balloons and twisting them into animal shapes for tips.

"It'll clear up," he said. "It don't rain that long in New Orleans. Otherwise, this place wouldn't be here. It would be Atlantis."

In Texas, Gov. Rick Perry signed a disaster declaration and corrections officials moved more than 3,000 inmates to inland lockups.

Mission Control's shutdown meant nearly a week's delay in the shuttle launch that had been scheduled for Wednesday at Cape Canaveral, Fla. It was the first time in 41 years of manned spaceflight that the threat of bad weather in Houston delayed a Florida launch.

A hurricane warning remained in effect from just east of High Island, Texas, to the mouth of the Mississippi River in Louisiana, and a tropical storm warning east of that to the Florida-Alabama line.

Earlier this week, Lili barreled through the Caribbean, killing eight people and driving tens of thousands of Cubans from their homes.

Russia Blasts U.S. Iraq Resolution

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Russia issued its first response Thursday to the draft U.S. resolution on Iraq, criticizing the document as an unnecessary delay in the return of weapons inspectors. British Prime Minister Tony Blair said there was no point sending inspectors without access to Saddam Hussein's palaces.

The comments reflected the sharp differences among members of the U.N. Security Council on how to proceed after Iraq agreed earlier this week to a plan for the return of weapons inspectors after nearly four years.

Russian officials had studied the American draft, which "only strengthened our belief in the correctness of our position in favor of the soonest resumption of inspection activities in Iraq," Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Saltanov said, according to the Interfax news agency.

"We believe that a sufficient legal base already exists for the resumption of the U.N. inspections," Saltanov said in criticizing the need for the U.S. draft that significantly toughens the inspection regime.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer played down Russia's reaction. "It's not going to surprise anybody that from day to day you're going to see different statements from different leaders."

The British leader, whose diplomats helped draft the U.S. resolution, maintained that U.N. weapons inspectors must have "unfettered, unobstructed access to Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs."

"The access we require must include the presidential palaces. It is not good allowing inspectors access to 99 percent of Iraq, if the weapons of mass destruction are actually located and stored and worked on in the remaining 1 percent of Iraq," Blair said at a news conference after his Labor Party's annual gathering in Blackpool, England.

Under the agreement reached Tuesday in Vienna, Austria, U.N. weapons inspectors would return, but under conditions unacceptable to Washington and London. The current deal leaves Saddam's palaces and other so-called presidential sites off-limits to surprise visits.

U.N. chief weapons inspector Hans Blix will report to the divided U.N. Security Council on Thursday on the agreement he reach with Iraq. The closed-door meeting will be the first opportunity for all 15 council members to discuss the deal and the next steps for the inspection program.

While the United States and Britain will demand that no advance party leave for Iraq until the Security Council agrees on a new resolution governing inspections, other council members — including Syria, Mexico and Mauritius — believe the inspectors can start work now under existing resolutions.

Russia opposes a military operation in Iraq and had insisted that no new Security Council resolution was needed. But Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said Wednesday that Moscow was willing to consider whether a new resolution was necessary "for the efficient work of the inspectors."

On Thursday, however, Ivanov returned to previous formulations, saying he favored a quick return of inspectors to "answer the question whether Iraq has or has not mass-destruction weapons."

The United States and Britain are demanding a nearly total revamping of the rules under which the inspections would be carried out.

"A new resolution is absolutely essential," Blair told the British Broadcasting Corp. on Thursday. "The harder the international community is, the clearer the message we send, the greater the likelihood of avoiding conflict."

The toughly worded U.S. draft resolution, obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, would give U.N. inspectors broad new powers to hunt for weapons of mass destruction and provide them with military backing to carry out the search.

Under the proposal, the Security Council would give Iraq 30 days to compile a "complete declaration of all aspects of its program to develop chemical, biological and nuclear weapons." False statements or omissions would allow members of the council to authorized "use all necessary means to restore international peace and security in the area" — diplomatic language permitting military force.

Blix said last week he could have an advance team of inspectors on the ground Oct. 15 if everything went well at the Vienna talks. U.N. diplomats said Blix was proceeding with that plan and expects to arrive in Bahrain Oct. 17 and Baghdad Oct. 19.

Blix is in charge of dismantling any chemical and biological weapons and long-range missiles Iraq possesses. Mohamed ElBaradei, director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is responsible for nuclear inspections, also will brief the Security Council on Thursday.

A U.S. official said the United States would make "perfectly clear" Thursday that Blix needs a new resolution to begin inspections. Blix also has been invited to Washington Friday to meet senior U.S. officials, diplomats said.

The U.S. proposal has not been submitted formally to the Security Council or even been shown to the majority of its 15 members.

The five veto-holding council members — the United States, Britain, China, France and Russia — have held discussions, diplomats said. Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday.

Russia, China and France say they are not ready to authorize force before inspectors have time to test Iraq's willingness to comply.

France has offered a counterproposal giving Iraq a chance to cooperate but warns that "any serious failure by Iraq" would lead to an immediate Security Council meeting to "consider any measure to ensure full compliance." Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji supports the French proposal and on Thursday his foreign ministry said: "It is the pressing matter of the moment to let U.N. weapons inspection personnel come back to Iraq as soon as possible and to start their work smoothly."

Leadership Development Committee Reaffirms Mission at CC

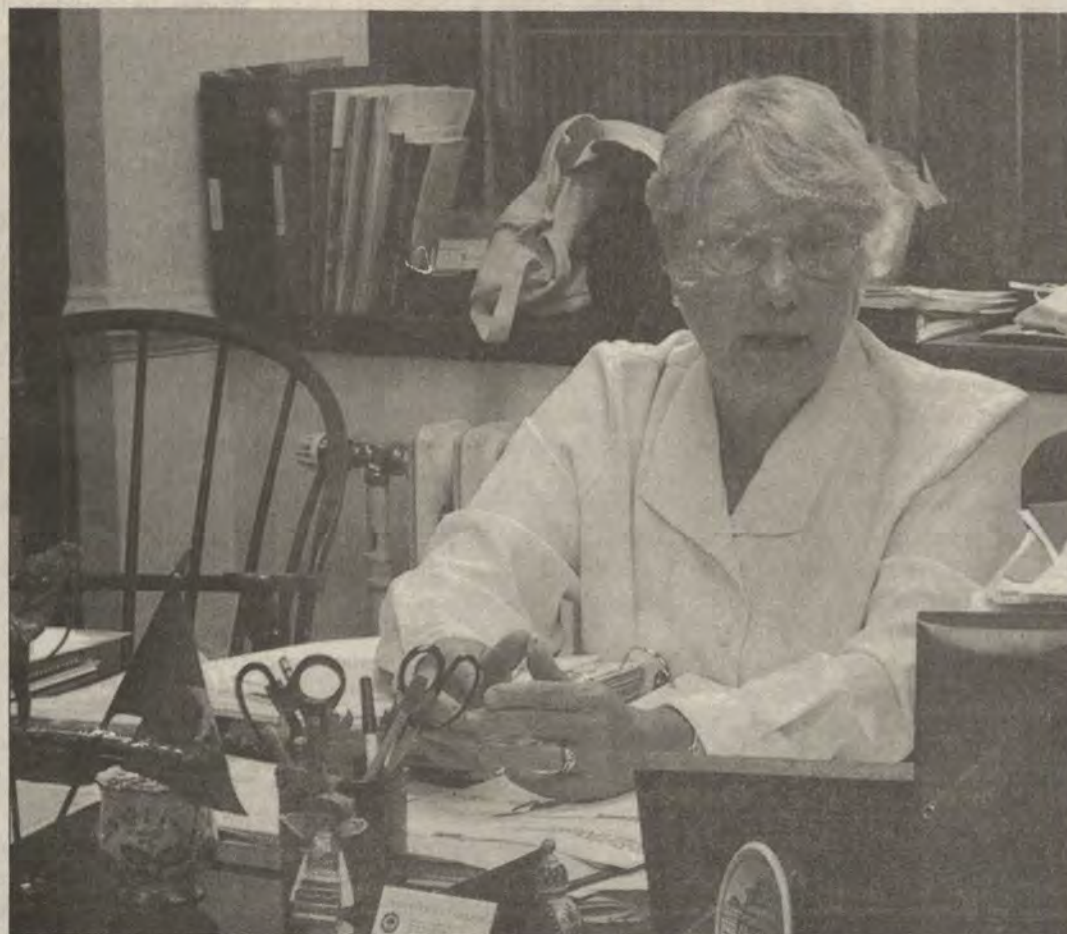
By NATALIE BOLCH
STAFF WRITER

The Leadership Development Committee, a team comprised of both faculty and students, desires to further develop the leadership skills of students at Connecticut College. The mission of the committee is: "To foster, enhance and deepen all students' leadership abilities." Currently, there are four active students on the committee, but according to Associate Dean Beverly Kowal, "Anyone and everyone is welcome to join. We are interested in all the support we can get!"

The LDC, which was formed two years ago by Dean Kowal and four students, meets periodically throughout the year to discuss ways to build leadership skills among students at Conn. According to Jason Allababidi ('04), one of the founding members, they "talk about everything from bringing in speakers to how to change the way people are taught at Conn." He expressed the committee's primary goal of helping the entire student body become leaders in the outside world as well as in college.

Committee members are optimistic in believing that they can incorporate leadership classes into our academic curriculum at Connecticut College. In order to do so, Dean Kowal has suggested the addition of "speaking across the curriculum," a general education requirement similar to writing intensive courses but focused on public speaking skills instead of composition. By combining leadership initiative in students' classes as well as their extracurricular activities, members of the Leadership Development Committee plan to expand students' potential and, in the process, as Allababidi stated, "help instruct students in any and all majors." It is Kowal's belief that a program like this will truly augment the education of the Connecticut College student.

In past years, various speakers have visited the campus as guests of the Leadership Development Committee including Tamara Burk of the Weissman Leadership Center at Mount Holyoke College, an expert in the area of public speaking. Burk spoke separately to both faculty and students regarding the importance of speaking, arguing, and writing on the college campus as well as



Leadership Development Committee will promote leadership in student activities as well as academics (Chen).

in the outside world. "We are hoping that speakers like Tamara Burk will help inspire students and motivate them to become a member of the Leadership Committee themselves," said founding member Kate Benard ('04).

There has been a substantial amount of student turnout at the lectures proving that student interest is apparent and, additionally, 82% of students who attended Berk's workshop expressed a desire to have follow-up speakers. Lack of funding, however, has prevented the committee from introducing speakers to the campus community more frequently.

The committee has become more focused this year, and has acquired a vast number of new members. While, in the past, the group has consisted of a skewed ratio of faculty to students, the

gap is closing and more insight is becoming available to the committee from the students' perspective.

Dean Kowal emphasized the potential for student-leaders on campus and, therefore, is "really just calling attention to the extraordinary leadership that goes on here already." With the help of David Milstone, the Dean of Student Life, the committee is hoping to incorporate students already in leadership positions at Conn into the program. However, it is certainly not limited to students presently in positions of authority. All students are encouraged to attend the meetings, for further input will only enhance this productive process.

Peer Educators Hope to Increase Student Awareness

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his 21st birthday and died as a result. The Peer Educators hope that the card will serve as a friendly reminder to be responsible.

Events: This group is in charge of organizing and promoting speakers on campus who come to discuss certain issues that are related to topics dealt with by the peer educators.

Judiciary: This part helps with the judicial process on campus. Mostly violations that deal with alcohol abuse. Peer Educators will be examining the College's new policy in online alcohol education, to be conducted on the for-profit website: www.alcohol.edu

Smoking Education: This is a program directed toward smoking education in middle schools.

A group of peer educators are working on raising awareness about smoking in the local school district.

The last sub-committee is in the works and will be up and running shortly.

The Peer Educators are also associated with several upcoming events such as the Great American Smoke Out on November 21st, Depression Screening Day on October 10th and National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week from October 20th-26th.

Although this group is dealing with alcohol issues and how to make healthy choices to reduce risky behavior, Hopkins-Gross mentioned that they are not prohibitionists.

This is not a group organized by campus safe-

ty or a police department sponsored D.A.R.E. program. These are students who have been devoting time to raising awareness on campus so that the student body is at least informed about how to stay healthy and reduce unnecessary harm to themselves.

According to Mroszczyk-McDonald, "It is a growing group, whoever wants to do it can get going and get on board." The program welcomes volunteers at anytime, and there is no application process.

If you are interested in learning more about the Peer Educator program or how to get involved please contact Alex Mroszczyk-McDonald at Ext: 3144 or e-mail him at amro@conncoll.edu.

Faulty Fire Alarms Attributed to Humidity

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The alarms have prevented many students, who have early morning classes and practices, from getting an adequate night's sleep.

One Student gave the drastic ultimatum: "If the next fire alarm we have is false, I'm going to burn this dorm down myself." While arson is not a solution to the problem, many students have resorted to staying in friend's dorms on nights they can't risk being awakened.

The official reason for the large number of alarms, according to Jim Miner, Director of Campus Safety, was that they were a "reaction to the humidity that was in the air that particular night." While some students ridiculed that reason, Mr. Miner claimed "we want to have the system as sensitive as we can to protect the students."

According to Conway Campbell, Director of Residential Life, all of the effected alarms were in the hallways near windows and were affected by Friday night's heavy humidity and fog.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration the average humidity remained at 83% from Friday until Tuesday climbing as high as 95% during the day.

By protocol, there are usually three to four Campus Safety officers patrolling campus at night, making sure there is enough coverage on campus. After the third alarm Campus Safety called a technician from Physical Plant to fix the malfunction. After one of the malfunctioning alarms was replaced, and alarms continued to go off, the supervisor at Physical Plant was called in to examine the remaining alarms.

Mr. Miner apologized for the inconvenience caused by the system, but urged students to listen to the alarms and follow evacuation procedure. "Student safety is the most important thing and if you ignore the alarm, we don't know, the student doesn't know, the alarm doesn't know whether it's a real alarm or not. If you want to be safe, you should leave [the dorm]."

According to Mr. Miner, the Simplex fire alarm system used by the college is the same system that is used across the country in many colleges and the Foxwoods casino. It was also installed in the Philadelphia Zoo after a 1995 fire that destroyed its primate habitat.

No other dorms have experienced this problem and when asked if there was any reason JA and Freeman were singled out, Miner stated, "it was due to circumstance, fortunate or unfortunate, depending on how you look at it."

In a message to residents of JA and Freeman Mr. Campbell apologized for the "level and the number" of alarms. While claiming that bulk of the alarms were caused by humidity, the last alarm on Saturday morning was due to an "alarm that was dirty" and has since been removed.

Although Mr. Campbell stated in his message that "we don't anticipate it happening again," alarms rang again through JA and Freeman at 4:30 and 10:30 in the morning of Thursday the 3rd.

According to NOAA the humidity at the time of the last two alarms was 6% lower than it had been at any other time during that night.

Panel at USCG Concludes Debate on Terrorism

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and CEO of the Homeland Security Foundation, addressed the audience concerning "The Importance of Private/Public Partnerships in the War on Terrorism," and compared pre and post 9/11 America.

She pointed out that the enemy may easily learn about the citizens' way of life through attending America's schools, working in workplaces, or even playing with their children. In conjunction with her fellow panelists' views, Dillon believes that the attacks have proven that the security of the homeland must be the government's greatest concern.

The final speaker, Dr. Ruth David, President and CEO of Analytic Services, Inc. addressed the audience about "Looking to the Future: Can Technology Win the War on Terrorism?"

Prior to beginning her discussion, David informed her audience that the opinions she planned to present were strictly her own. In short, David does not believe that

technology is capable of winning the war on terrorism. She stated that military superpower status is inadequate, as power often lies in the hands of small groups (i.e., Al Qaeda). She spoke of the country's need to reduce vulnerabilities through the "woefully inadequate" surveillance systems, creating better vaccines, and identifying and admitting the United States' attack. Technology, David explained, "is not a silver bullet. It is an enabler" and is helpful with "strategic objectives," but it is not the answer to prevention.

Yevgeniy Tsifrinovich ('03) addressed the panel, stating that the "barbarity of September 11th was exactly in its simplicity." It was the lack of technology that struck him most.

David concluded on a positive note stating that the U.S. "is working diligently [toward] building security" and therefore will be far better prepared to protect and prevent against an attack in the future.

President Returns to Teaching

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October 14th.

The President said he realized that students generally do not talk with faculty or staff unless they are involved in a class. For this reason President Fainstein also plans to teach an upper level seminar course entitled "Social Theory and the City." The course, which will fall under the rubric of the Sociology Department, will meet on Tuesday nights and will be limited to fifteen upperclassmen students with backgrounds in the social sciences. "I've decided to teach," said Fainstein. "It's the best way to get to know students."

Robert Gay, Chair of the Sociology Department, said he was thrilled about the class. "It's great to have a president who's interested in what the department does," he stated and added jokingly, "It's great that the sociology department is taking over Fanning Hall. Students often ask me what you can do with a degree in sociology and I tell them you can become Dean of the College or President of the College."

During his tenure at the College, the President hopes to re-focus the

College's position academic and community life. He recently proposed forming a committee on Pluralism at the College, which he hopes will "build consensus on what kind of community we want to have."

The Committee, which will be comprised of faculty, staff and students, will assess the College's position on diversity and discuss the multiplicity of values, beliefs and ideas on campus.

In addition, the President hopes to form a committee assessing the importance of the General Education requirements. Frances Hoffmann, Dean of the College and another Professor of Sociology, believed that one of the most important things about interdisciplinary study is the potential for "a common experience among students." In addition to GE requirements, the Freshman Focus program was cited as another area of "shared learning."

President Fainstein asserted that "In every instance my role is academic. We are an educational institution. That's what our mission is, that's what we know how to do best."

Professor's Pursuits Land Her On Conn's Shores

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College. I appreciate the focus on transnational feminism of the Gender and Women's Studies Department here, which my friend Jacqui Alexander helped to establish when she was Chair of the Department."

Before the interview continued, she jolted upright with a familiar glowing smile and said, "I just enjoy teaching so much. I wanted to get back full time. This generation is more open today to thinking about issues of power and difference."

The next question stumped her: "Did anything surprise you?"

After a pause, she responded, "Well, nothing really surprised me. I'm just having a great time. I really like the students." Staring pensively out the window towards Long Island Sound she concluded, "And I love the ocean."

Upon her office wall is a quote, which may poignantly sum up her life: "When I dare to be powerful - to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid." This quote was said by one of Segrest's idols, Audre Lorde. "Do you have any role models?" She flashed my now favorite grin, "Yes, I am teaching them: Adrienne Rich and Audre Lorde."

Her ambition and enthusiasm for her passion about work is noticeable in the way she teaches her class. Mab Segrest will spend the rest of her life educating people about human rights and the callous world of sexism and racism that still exists today.

For more information refer to this website: http://www.conncoll.edu/academics/web_profiles/segrest.html.

Men's Soccer Unable to Break Through Wesleyan's Stone Wall

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Wednesday afternoon, hosting Western Connecticut State. Yet, as hard as their start has been rough, and though they may feel like banging their heads against Wesleyan's cinderblock walls, they have a number of reasons to remain positive as their skill more than rivals any

NESCAC team, or any of the other teams they have played thus far. Coupled with their drive, continued enthusiasm, and that skill, the team has the whole month of October to bring home the wins. And we all expect they will, as long as those same cinderblock walls aren't placed in front of the other team's goal.

Campus Safety Incident Log

9/23 to 9/29

9/23	1:05 PM	Larceny from motor vehicle
9/23	4:09 PM	Illegal vendor
9/23	4:40 PM	Illegal vendor
9/24	4:39 AM	Injured employee
9/24	8:30 AM	Suspicious person
9/24	5:05 PM	Injured student
9/25	3:05 AM	Medical emergency - student - ambulance called
9/26	11:45 PM	Underage drinking
9/27	1:04 AM	Vandalism
9/27	2:03 AM	Underage drinking
9/27	9:35 AM	Lost property
9/27	10:47 AM	Vandalism
9/27	1:10 AM	Motor vehicle accident
9/28	1:21 AM	Vandalism
9/28	1:21 AM	Underage drinking
9/28	1:28 AM	Fire alarm
9/28	1:29 AM	Fire alarm violation
9/28	3:29 AM	Vandalism
9/28	8:30 AM	Vandalism
9/28	10:34 PM	Intoxicated student - ambulance called
9/28	11:05 PM	Underage drinking
9/28	11:35 PM	Underage drinking
9/28	11:57 PM	Fire alarm/alcohol violation
9/29	12:30 AM	Underage drinking
9/29	12:33 AM	Intoxicated student - ambulance called
9/29	12:58 AM	Underage drinking
9/29	3:05 AM	Intoxicated student - ambulance called
9/29	4:09 AM	Vandalism
9/29	4:10 AM	Underage drinking

SPORTS

Is V-Ball on the Verge of Dominance?

By M.W. PRESTON
SPORTS EDITOR

To the common folk of Camel Country, a 1-6 start might look like the makings of just another Conn team amidst a down season. But, those who truly follow Camel Volleyball know that this is not just another rebuilding year.

"People that haven't seen us look at our record and say, '1-6? They are having a tough year,'" said first-year head coach Joshua Edmed of the 2002 Camels. "But people that are involved in the program know that every single time we step on the court we are a better team."

Said tri-captain Caitlin Sirico '04 of the team's sluggish start: "I don't want to repeat what I said last year about it being a rebuilding year. But, the truth is NESCAC competition is getting better, and although we are coming together, we have a brand new team from last year, brand new coach, it is inevitable that not all the pieces are going to fall together until the end of the season."

The 2001 season was disastrous for Camel Volleyball; one that saw the team go 2-20, with the sole wins not coming until the closing week of the season. But this season has a bit of a different look.

Said Edmed about the team's daunting history: "We are looking to the future, not worrying about what happened in the past. We are focusing on our abilities this year, comparing ourselves today to where we were yesterday... We are a different team than we were last year."

Just six of the 13 players on the roster have ever spent time in the Connecticut College Volleyball program. So, it is a lineup that brings raw, fresh talent to the sport. But, most importantly, it is the team's attitude that will be their saving grace in 2002. Everyday the team is looking to improve on the court, and while they lack the size, speed, and jumping ability of their opponents, they are beginning to grab hold of the intangibles that they need to put them over the top.

"The intangibles are the things we work on: coming together as a team, working on team unity and communication, effort," said Edmed. "Those are the things that are going to help us compete this year."

And while the team has found itself on the wrong side of the win-loss column more often than not, they have been holding tough against their superior opponents. Of the 18 games the Camels have lost,

they have fallen by an average of 7.2 points per game, and in 11 of those games they lost by six points or less.

"We are losing by three or four points each game," said Sirico of the team's ability to hold games close. "So we do have the potential to get there, we just have to get over the hump."

And, according to Sirico and Edmed, the one thing holding the Camels back is a slight lack in confidence and experience. But, despite those things, it is not yet time to worry about this season. With seven games over the next week and a half and the team finally starting to gel, there is plenty of time for Camel Volleyball to get right back into the thick of things.

"It's been great that we're at the level now where we are competing with teams that we haven't competed well against in the past," said Edmed of the team's being on the threshold of dominance. "We are close. As we continue to go through close matches we'll learn how to win those tough ones... We'll have our opportunities to be there in the future."

First on the agenda is this Saturday's match against Route 32 rival Coast Guard. The highly skilled Cadets will provide the

biggest challenge for the Camels to date. They bolster a more experienced lineup than the Camels, which is also an average of two inches taller, and contains the best player the Camels will see all season in outside-setter Nikea McNeill.

"Coast Guard is a very talented team and will be the strongest team we've played to date, and they will have the best player that we'll see all year," said Edmed of Saturday's contest. "They are defiantly going to challenge us, but we are going to continue to be scrappy on defense, keep the ball in play, and push them to win the match."

"Make them earn it." Despite all this, the Camels have not cashed in, still having hopes to continue their winning ways.

"They are a very physical team, so that is a little scary," said Sirico. "But, at the same time we've been preparing for the last week and a half, hardcore everyday, adjusting to what we thing Coast Guard is going to give us."

The world finds out Saturday at 1:00 p.m. if the Camels can keep on winning, and really were just waiting for things to come together, or they really are just another rebuilding team.



Despite broken hearts after sixth straight loss, Camel Field Hockey still has hope (Jackson).

Field Hockey Down, Not Out

By BONNIE PROKESH
STAFF WRITER

Losing their last two games against Wesleyan (2-1) and Wellesley (6-0), members of the Connecticut College Field Hockey team are down, but are still clinging to a glimmer of hope sparkling in the wet grass. The women have been searching for a win since their first game (in which they beat Smith 3-0) nearly a month ago. Since that game things have progressed in a downward spiral.

With a complete record of 1-6, 0-3 in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) play, the women have been questioning their strategies and chemistry, yet they refuse to question their ability and talent. When asked about the string of losses, Corey McAuliffe '05 said: "It is really frustrating because we are a strong team. Teams often say that they are having a building year when times are tough, but we are not a building team. Everyday we sit down and look at each other and say 'what's going on'. No one has any idea what the problem is or how to fix it."

Attempting to "fix" the unknown problem, head Coach Debbie Lavigne changed the line up for Tuesday's game versus Wellesley. As co-captain Christy Bassett '03 explained, "We switched our line up around completely, removing Eleni Kotsonis from midfield & placing her at right wing; moving myself from right wing to left wing; and moving Ashly Coltin from the back to midfield. We have made some major adjustments, which might have lead to a lack of confidence in Wednesday's game. But, that is something that we can work on and fix."

McAuliffe agreed with Bassett, saying: "We were excited about changing the line up. It gave us a solution to try. It didn't work perfectly, but with practice it could work out."

Unable to decipher what to do in order to prove their ability and show their opponents and fans that they are indeed a force to be reckoned with, the women have no where to turn.

"We've had talk after talk after talk," said McAuliffe. However, as Kate Reardon '06 commented, perhaps the talking is more problematic than helpful. "I feel like our team needs to stop talking about it," stated the freshman goalie. "As one of the girls said, we need to just stop talking and just play and have fun. Maybe if we stop thinking and start having fun, we'll start winning."

The women are hurting mentally, but they have not lost all hope. As Bassett proclaimed, "We have been losing the past few games, and we are down right now but we are not out. It is the beauty of the NESCAC league, that on any given day, any team can come out of its shell and blow the rest of the league away. Williams did it last year - they started off with a real rocky record and came back to win the whole thing. We are a very good team, although our record does not reflect that right now. We must look up and ahead right now. We have nothing left to lose. And if we keep reminding ourselves of this, the big W is going to come."

The women are hoping to put the doubt in their own minds and the minds of fellow Camels to rest this weekend when they take on Trinity at home this Saturday.

Kline Wins 145th as Camels Roll On

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Yet Luciano attributes the four-game winning streak to added confidence.

"In years past, we haven't seemed to have the confidence that we have this year. We finally realized that we can compete with the better teams and come out on top. We know that we are just as good as anyone else in our league."

Kline, who recorded his 145th career win Saturday, said, "I am proud of the winning record here at Connecticut College, but I am just one person standing on the sidelines. I attribute the wins to the talented players that Connecticut College has had over the years, including 7 All-Americans and nineteen All-New England players. Talented players make coaching even easier."

"Ken would rather see our success over his," said Luciano in reference to Klein's winning record. "We have a great coaching staff. Both Ken and Winnie [Assistant Coach Winnie Gnazzo] are very knowledgeable when it comes to the game of soccer."

The Camels face Queens College away Wednesday afternoon. Queens is a Division II team and a new addition to the Camels schedule this season after dropping Wheaton. Connecticut College has never played Queens in the history of the school.

"Queens is quite a mystery to us," Kline said. "They do not play and have never played any of the same opponents as us, so we have nothing to compare them to. From what I have heard, they are not recognized as an extremely strong Division II team, and they have not played as many games as us this season. I consider us to be a high level Division III team, so it should be an interesting game."

The Camels are far from intimidated as they prepare to face Queens Wednesday. Luciano mentioned, "We will approach this game like any other, just as if they were a team in the NESCAC, and hopefully we will come out on top and continue our streak."

My (un)Questionable Love of Sports

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NBA, like Allen Iverson, who throws his wife out of the house so much he could replace Mike Piazza as the Mets catcher for purely defensive purposes.

No matter how bad things may currently appear to be in the world of sports, I can't help but admit that, despite the bad seeds (and there are many) I still love sports about as much as life itself. The passion I have for my Philadelphia teams is stronger than ever, and I have even found a place in my heart for Iverson, even if it closely borders the exit where such traders as Eric Lindros and Scott Rolen have slid out of and into my compartment of deep hatred located just below the small of my back.

These personal issues, however, can be discussed at a later date.

The truth is that sports can bring families, cities, and nations together in such a way that all of the problems in life cease to exist for some duration of time. It truly is a beautiful thing. The excitement of seeing a contest in person at a stadium or arena for the very first time is second to none, and that even includes a night with Britany Spears (for all you old-timers, replace her with Bo Derek) after she has had one to many drinks and looks deep into your eyes and says, "Take me, you sexy man. I'm yours!"

Most of all, up to a certain age, sports are

pure. When we were children playing little league, we didn't worry about college scouts coming to games, or agents prostituting themselves to represent the next Darryl Strawberry, or the line in Vegas on the Little Bears sponsored by Sal's Pharmacy vs. the Tiger Cubs sponsored by Frank's Wholesale Distributor. We played the game because we loved the smell of the grass, the sound of the ball coming off the aluminum bat, and the unlimited amount of ice cream after games no matter the result (for us benchwarmers, the ice cream started by the 4th inning).

Just as I was beginning to forget what makes sports so great, amid the onslaught of headlines previously described, I came across an obscure bit of contract information found within the transactions section of ESPN.com (yes, as widely rumored, I now officially confirm that I do read every piece of sports information available to the public). Montreal Canadians right winger Richard Zednik, who was a restricted free agent, re-signed with the team for two years on September 18. He will have base salaries of \$1.7 million this season, and \$1.8 million next season.

What makes this contract any different than all of the others, you ask? Zednik agreed to the deal only after the Canadians included a \$50,000 bonus if Zednik appeared in just ten games this season. The catch is that bonus money will immediately be donated to the Montreal Canadians

Children's Foundation, which will allow underprivileged kids to attend home games, an opportunity they would otherwise never have. Two other NHL players have similar clauses in their contracts. This further confirms my belief, or hope that professional athletes remember what it was like to be a kid, remember that without the fans they would play in empty arena's and make pocket change, and remember without the dreams and aspirations of future generations, the game that represents their livelihood would cease to exist for years to come.

Maybe the real problem is that the media spends too much time focusing the spotlight on all of the bad actions of professional athletes and not enough time exploring what they do in their community. So the next time an exclusive interview with the latest athlete put behind bars for beating his wife or benched for flipping off his coach is on television, pick up the clicker and turn off the TV. Call a few of your buddies and attend the closest minor-league baseball game. Better yet, when you have kids, take your children to the nearest batting cage, basketball court, roller rink, or dirt field, and watch them run around, as you did not so long ago. If you're lucky, there may even be those blond twins from the Coors Light commercials around. Just be sure to tell the kids not to tell mom.

The's End

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"Sort of like Communism?" He shot back in a manner that neither of us knew existed in him.

Posters promoting recycling and renewable energy dripped from two walls and an enormous white board displaying this week's assignments covered another. They too were tired from our countless minutes of bantering. Sweat was dripping from my forehead as I started to realize that maybe, just maybe, he would not back down. My pitcher of water was now empty because I had continually nursed it to keep my mouth fresh as I made my cutting-edge points. There was plenty of water left in His.

He read my eyes as they glazed at my empty pitcher and then His

full one. He poured himself a fresh glass and then took one deliberately long sip. He knew that I liked to be hydrated and was capitalizing on my weakness.

As I tried to think less of delicious, cooling, refreshing tastes, thoughts of water, and water alone, sprouted up in my head. I forced my eyes shut and shook my head to erase bad thoughts. When I opened them again they immediately fell into focus upon three small drops that clung to His chin, small splashes that had escaped His sip of torture. True pain hit me like a slug to a crucial body part when He smiled at me and wiped those drops out of existence, nonchalantly using a sleeve of His Tuesday shirt.

He unloaded His heaviest artillery here, sensing my weakness:

"If you write for me, and I mean without a limited vocabulary, I'll see to it that you always get claim to cherished back-page real estate."

It was 11:59 p.m. and I was losing both my cool and my focus. "Those Major Leaguers settled before a strike," I thought to myself, "Why can't I?"

"NO!" I interrupted myself with new thoughts. "You can't let Him win... remember what you came here for: to abolish singularity and all notions of self importance. And also, don't let Him lure you with silly offerings like 'back-page space or...'"

"Pictures... lets talk pictures." It was as though He was in my thoughts. He had now struck my biggest weakness, vanity.

"Use that word and I'll guaran-

tee you an updated photo were you look like a real college guy. We can lose that silly high school thing you had before."

"Where could you possibly find a photo where I look cool?" I questioned excitedly.

"OK, so you called my bluff, but I'll do my best."

And with that I was lost. "Hmm..." I thought to myself, "with an updated photo everyone would surely know who was writing this work I so enjoy. And back-page every week... that would be nice. I would be so recognizable! Everyone would know it was I, and I alone! If I just shook his hand and settled, I suppose I... I suppose I... I suppose I would be THE man."

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The's End

On behalf of the Columnists of the Connecticut College Voice (the Local 313 chapter), I was making a stand; I was demanding equality. I agreed to meet with Him, your pusillanimous Sports editor M. Billy Preston on a Tuesday night at 11:45 p.m. in the Voice Office. Normally, I would not have agreed to meet with the other side on their turf, but this time I made an exception; for it was my supposition, and more or less my general point, that the Voice Office is as much a place for the writers as it is for the editor.

Before entering the meeting I had conversed briefly with my fellow Union members, the Major League Baseball Players Association. Just one month ago they were in a situation similar to mine. They felt under-appreciated by an owners group that only existed because of the players' services. On the flip side, the owners group felt they deserved more respect because without owners, there would be no teams for the players to play for.

Having viewed these negotiations from a very remote and somewhat unbiased standpoint (the nightly, 1 a.m. SportsCenter), I feel as though I have solved the problem. Actually, "the" is the problem. While arguments were kicked around over money, salary caps, and revenue sharing, the obvious problem was overlooked: singularity. Both sides in the Bigs felt as though they were irreplaceable. They felt as though they alone could do what they can do, and the other side was to blame.

To solve this problem, and my own feelings of being under-appreciated, I chose to go straight for the root. The root of all singularity, of course, being "The." That's right, "The."

I stared at a pair of dark beady eyes, and they stared back at me coldly in a poorly lit room. We sat at opposite sides of a table cleared of everything except for our empty briefcases. Neither side was going to budge as we rapidly approached our 12 a.m. deadline. It was only fifteen minutes until an extremely popular word would be eradicated from my columns, then our school newspaper, and ultimately English altogether.

I gained an edge in our negotiations by beginning my boycott early. Carefully selecting my words, thoughts and propositions to show Him that, not only did I mean business, but that this idea had some merit. I wanted to show Him that my way would work, and more importantly, that His way was not always supreme.

Naturally He did not see my way of solving a grander issue as having anything to do with His sports section. He felt that by boycotting a word that is crucial to our language no article could be written coherently. He did not trust me, but I knew that it could, should, and would be done.

"Who is going to even notice that it is missing?" I questioned. "And more importantly, who is going to care?" But with each point that I raised He tried to shoot me back down, much like an old woman who raises arguments with her husband of many years; strictly to create tension. It would not work on me though. I would not succumb to His small games, because I was too strong; He would succumb to mine.

Minute hands on watches everywhere seemed to be spinning out of control as our deadline approached like a fastball hurled by your favorite major-leaguer. I was doing my best to make sure that that fastball was going at His head, but He proved to be a worthy opponent: "Trust me on this one," I said, "it's a no-brainer."

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RYAN WOODWARD
Reading the Break

Men's Soccer Team Unable to Break Through Wesleyan's Stone Wall

By SILVIE SNOW-THOMAS
STAFF WRITER

When you walk in through the gate of the chain-link fence that surrounds the Wesleyan soccer field, the first thing you notice are the stark, ugly, gray cinderblock structures that are only about ten feet away from the sidelines on the entire right end of the pitch. But, for Conn's men's soccer team this past Saturday afternoon, it seemed as though these huge walls were situated directly in front of the Wesleyan goal. Saturday's game marked yet another in which the Camels won many individual battles as they fought hard for almost the entire game, but in the end, they just could not win the war, as they dropped a 2-0 decision to the tenacious Cardinals of Wesleyan.

The sequence of events in Saturday's game closely resembled the patterns of the Camels' previous games this season. For the first ten minutes their opponents seemed to dominate play, then the Camels settled in and played well until those last ten minutes when they got burned by late goals and could not recover.

Wesleyan came out strong with a lot of pressure early on, earning a corner kick and a dangerous free kick right off the bat. They used the ever-popular traditional English kick and run game of football where they slammed the ball down field to their sprinting forwards. It was clear right away that while they were scrappy, Conn had much more skill. But, unfortunately, skill isn't always what wins games, and Conn just could not seem to get their system to work.

The Camels, however, got their chances as the game went on.

Conn forced Wesleyan keeper Dan Penrod to make five quality saves, and they also sent numerous chances sailing over the bar, miss-



The offensive woes continue for men's soccer, as they have been held scoreless in five of seven contests this season. Most recently a 0-2 loss at the hands of Wesleyan (Nuess).

ing by inches. With five minutes left in the first half, lone forward Tim Walker '03 sent a 30-yard curling free kick dipping just over the

bar for the Camel's best chance to date. The game was back and forth throughout the first half as each team possessed the ball

about 50 percent of the time, and just as Conn had, Wesleyan had some good attempts at goal. They broke through the Camel defense twice in the half, but Jon Knights '05 would not be beat. Knights weathered the storm for as much of the game as he could, making 4 big saves. The half ended in a stalemate with Conn getting off seven shots to Wesleyan's 10.

The second half carried on like the first. Conn had a decent passing game going on and with about 13 minutes left, they had another great opportunity when Walker went up for an air ball, challenging the Cardinals' goalkeeper, forcing him to misjudge the ball and drop it right into the path of outside midfielder Sean Hamill '03. With a wide open net, but a difficult bouncing ball, Hamill shot the ball way over the crossbar. Shortly after, defender Jimmy Palten '04 got off a rocket of a left-footed volley, but the Wesleyan keeper would have none of it.

Wesleyan seemed to be buoyed by their growing crowd support of fans leaving their football game to come across the street to watch real football. The Conn cheering section, which was surprisingly large for an away game, was overpowered by silly fight songs, which paid off in those last ten minutes as Wesleyan scored twice in a 90 second span to secure the happiness of their singing supporters. The goals were similar in nature, as both Wesleyan players broke in uncontested in the middle of the 18-yard box. On the first, scored 79:51 in, Knights got his fingertips to it, but it dribbled into the lower left corner. On the second, finished in the 82nd minute, the ball barely eluded the Knights' grasp once again.

The Camels, now with a record of 0-5-1, will try to break into the win column on

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Conn's Lady Booters have shaken off their rough start and now find themselves in the midst of a five game winning streak (Savage).

Kline Wins 145th as Camels Roll On

By CAITLIN CALLAGHAN
STAFF WRITER

Third time's the charm! This proves especially true for the Camels who scored three first half goals to secure a 3-1 victory over Wesleyan University Saturday morning. The victory is the fourth consecutive win for the Camels this season.

Abbie Houghton '04 scored off a pass by Kelly Roman '04 within the first seven minutes of the game. Co-captain Lauren Luciano '03 followed up about two minutes later with a goal of her own. Maggie Driscoll '06, with the assistance of Christa Thoresz '05, topped off the run with another score 40 minutes into the half.

"We really demoralized the other team with our outburst of goals in the first half. They didn't know what hit them," said Head Coach Ken Kline.

Wesleyan went into the half down by 3 goals and was unable to make a comeback in the second half of play with their lone goal at seventy minutes.

Goalie Paige Diamond '05 had 2 saves on the game.

The Camels have really turned their season around after starting out the year with two NESCAC defeats against Amherst and Williams. Kline attributes the Camels' slow start to having to face difficult teams early on; both Amherst and Williams are ranked in the top five teams in New England.

"It was just a tough group of teams we had to face early on this year," Kline commented. "I don't think there has been anything in particular that we have changed since the beginning of the season that has resulted in our recent winning streak."

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My (un)Questionable Love of Sports

It is very easy to look at the state of professional sports today and be thoroughly disgusted. Men with talent most of us can only dream about, backed by contracts that end with eight zeroes, are making headlines more often for their behavior off the field rather than their accomplishments on it.

Randy Moss, for example, the most physically gifted wide receiver in NFL history, was arrested just last week for hitting a traffic officer in downtown Minneapolis with his brand new Lexus, and escorting her on his car's hood for half a block. I'm not convinced she had requested the impromptu ride. Moss, mandated to take part in the NFL's substance abuse program due to previous transgressions, was found to have marijuana residue in his car. I can't tell you how much it pleases me to see throngs of kids wearing number 84 Vikings jerseys at home games. It brings a tear to my eye.

Former NBA player Bison Dele, once known as Brian Williams, who starred for the Detroit Pistons and won a championship with the Chicago Bulls, is missing and presumed dead somewhere off the coast of Tahiti, along with his girlfriend and the captain

of his boat, the Hakuna Matata. They were reportedly killed by Dele's brother, who fell into a deep coma and died just over a week ago, but not before being arrested for attempting to purchase gold bullion using his missing brother's identity. A touching family story, don't you think?



Matthew Kessler
Kessler's Korner

I can save you the trouble of watching playoff baseball every other night for the next month by telling you right now the Yankees are going to win the pennant. Period.

A quick note to all the fans of New York's other baseball team, the biggest underachievers in the league this past season: the entire Mets team played high every game. That's why they struck out so much. I thought you knew. And in case you may have missed it, your starting shortstop just called you all stupid.

There is no such thing as defense in the NFL anymore. The objective now is to let the other team score as quickly as possible so that your offense gets the ball back.

In the NBA, Michael Jordan is returning to play one more season for the Washington Wizards, further delaying the so-called "passing of the torch" to the new stars of the

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Camel Scoreboard

Women's Soccer:
-9/28, at Wesleyan, 3-1
-10/2, at Queens, 8-0
-10/5, vs. Trinity, 11:00 a.m.

Men's Soccer:
-9/28, at Wesleyan, 0-2

-10/2, vs. Western Connecticut State, 0-1
-10/5, vs. Trinity, 2:00 p.m.

Field Hockey:
-9/28, at Wesleyan, 1-2
-10/1, at Wellesley, 0-6
-10/5, vs. Trinity, 11:00 p.m.

Men's Cross Country:
-10/5, Connecticut College Invitational, 12:00 p.m.

Women's Cross Country:
-9/28 Bates College Invitational, 3rd overall

-10/5, Connecticut College Invitational, 1:00 p.m.

Men's Water Polo:
-9/21, vs. Iona, 4-13
-9/21, vs. Queens, 3-16
-10, at Brown, 4:30 p.m.