INSPECTING CONNECTICUT COLLEGE’S ENDOWMENT
Finding the real cost of a Connecticut College education

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staff writer

As college students, most worries likely focus on upcoming midterm exams, sports practices, club fundraising events, or even just getting enough time to do homework. Unfortunately for parents however, the focus while students are away will likely be of the tuition bills that, in every sense of the expression, “hit home.”

The price tag attached to a quality education is not easy to swallow, especially if it is unknown where exactly your tuition is going. For this reason, The Voice felt it is a good idea to take a look at some facts to start answering these questions.

Let’s start with a number. $1,113 million. That’s how much tuition for the school year 2008-2009. Countless students have expressed a desire to know exactly what this significant sum of money is going towards, and although a precise breakdown might be expected, Paul Maroni, the Vice President for Finance at Connecticut College explained, “It’s not that simple.”

Knowing that the operating budget for the school in a given year is $113 million, the school can determine how much student tuition will cover. Keeping in mind that Conn’s enrollment roughly includes 1,850 students, multiplying the tuition sum equates to a significant amount of $201,942,750, or roughly 80 percent of Conn’s operating budget.

“People assume the student tuition is the only thing that is going to our endowment, but there are many millions of dollars that are going into the endowment on a monthly basis,” Maroni stated.

At Conn, the endowment is a huge monolith that, when added up, equals a $400 million dollar package that may be spent directly on campus services. Some might be surprised to know that the $200 million endowment is actually small in comparison to other peer liberal arts schools in the New England area, such as Wesleyan, Trinity, Amherst or Bates, all with endowments upwards of $400 million.

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So at 1:30 PM this Saturday, join the rest of the College community in welcoming Steve Kroft to Conn.
Letter From The President

To The Editor,

Kudos to the editors and staff of The Voice for the work you're doing to take this newspaper to a new level. I look forward to reading it every week, and have noted your efforts and the very positive results.

As we began Spirit Week and head into Fall Weekend and the public launch of our Campaign for Connecticut College, I wanted to write and encourage all students to take advantage of the broad scope of special activities and events planned throughout the coming week.

This Campaign is about you, the students. It's about the future of Connecticut College. And it's about our extended community of alumni, parents and friends who have already given so much to support this very special kind of education we provide.

Over the course of the Campaign, we will continue to enhance this College in a number of ways, including support for faculty and students, new programs, the continued renewal of our beautiful campus, and several additional key initiatives.

I look forward to seeing students at events throughout Spirit Week and Fall Weekend. And I will definitely be cheering on our athletes in all of their games and competitions. Go Camels!

Sincerely,

President Lee Higdon

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Letter From The Editor

What took them so long? The band Clap Your Hands Say Yeah all graduated from Connecticut College between the year 2000 and 2002. Though they didn't exactly form within the bowels of Connecticut College, an old CC magazine story details the impact Conn had on the warbling quintet. "Conn was definitely the incubator for Clap Your Hands, even though we didn't come together until later," drummer, Sean Greenhalgh said.

If Conn set up the conditions that allowed Clap Your Hands to prosper (and they have prospered, their first album is brilliantly catchy, yet distinct), other hands give back to their institutions all the time. Flash for example, all attended UVM. They have given countless shows there, and guess where their first show in five years is: UVM.

Did the band know about the Kick-Off Weekend? Were they saving their appearance for the College Voice magazine story details the impact Conn had on the warbling quintet. "Conn was definitely the incubator for Clap Your Hands, even though we didn't come together until later," drummer, Sean Greenhalgh said.

"It's almost a waste of ink to complain, now that Clap Your Hands will be making hands clap this Fall Weekend," drummer, Sean Greenhalgh said. "If you need proof that Friends of Conn are good for Conn, well...you can see for yourself."

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The seniors involved in CISLA (the Course Concentration in International Studies and the Liberal Arts) have a lot to be proud of. This past summer, the 22 students from PM will be honored for their achievements and on Saturday, October 25 at 5:00 PM, will be honored for their achievements at the annual CISLA Fall Banquet, to be held in a tent on the tennis courts behind Crozier-Wilkins. CISLA aims to build cultural sensitivity, political and social motivation as well as intellectual engagement in its students. Founded in 1989, the program gives students the chance to put an international spin on their major with intensive language study and a funded international internship. Students are also required to take a Senior Integrative Project, which is similar to a thesis, but is not limited to writing a paper. Upon completion of the program, students receive a special certificate, in addition to the incomparable learning experiences that come with being part of CISLA.

At Saturday’s reception and banquet, the seniors will divide into groups based on their internship topics and deliver presentations on their internships and Senior Integrative Projects. The internship topics span a wide range, including The Globalization of Business, The Dynamics of International Conflict, Political Economy of Environmental Justice, Real Estate Development in Modern China, The Psychological Repercussions of Terrorism and Justice and More in Senegal and the United States.

The seniors involved in the program study languages including Spanish, French, Italian, Russian and Mandarin, and they major in everything from Anthropology to Mathematics. Through their work with organizations such as the Latin American Federation, the Russian News and Information Agency and various divisions of the United Nations, they have explored cultural and social issues in parts of the world that are very different from the United States, thus broadening their own perceptions. CISLA Dinner will give these students the opportunity to share their experiences, not only with their peers, but with their friends, advisors and families.

"Parents sometimes don’t really understand the whole picture until they come to this banquet," says Andrew Barrow, whose Senior Integrated Project is on The Globalization of Dance and will include a dance component in addition to a paper. On Saturday, the families of these 22 seniors will hopefully get a better understanding of what their children, as well as the other members of the program, have been so devoted to over the past few years.

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Did You Know

Cons used to be known as CoCoReVo (Connecticut College for Women), and when it became coed, it was known as CoCoReVo & Beatz.

Bluestein used to be the college's library, you can still see the sign "Palmer Library" at the front entrance.

There used to be a bathroom and hotel on campus, it's now Knowlton.

We became the Camels when Conn went coed in 1969. The men's basketball team coach used to be a Navy officer, and remembered a team called the "Camels" in Pakistan. He suggested it, and the rest is history.

Cro used to be a gym, and there was a pool where Cro's Nest is currently.

Parents of Prince Buck '32 gave her $2,000 as a reward for quitting smoking. She donated the money to the College to erect the Great Hall Theater in the auditorium, and her husband was so happy he gave additional funds to build the Buck Lodge.

A Conn overwatcher was featured on the O.C. Vinal Cottage used to be an "experiment in cooperative living," while health economics majors did their own cooking and cleaning, and split the costs. They lived with a resident instructor.

Our first mascot was a submarine (1918)! Before men attended Conn, mascots were inexpensive objects with some symbolic significance, and they changed often, even looked like "towels." They were kept secret, so the authorities were challenged to discover the identity of the new mascot. These challenges became known as "Mascot Hunts" which continued until the 1960s. These mascots eventually merged with class gifts.

Beer used to be allowed in classrooms in the 1950s.

In the 1940's there was a "Sundays Support," where students tried professors dressed and acted like Shakespearean characters and other Elizabethan figures. This was part of a week-long celebration of Shakespeare’s death.

Before spirit week begins, each student will receive a passport with four circles on it. During the week, an SGA member at each event will stamp the passport. If a student is able to collect stamps from all four events, they will be eligible to win an iPod Touch!

-Sarah Kosofsky

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What Is Spirit?

Spirit leaders tell you why they love Connecticut College

Khana Riley '09

My name is Khana. I'm from Florida, and I have spirit because: WHAT OTHER SCHOOL, MASCOT IS A CAM- ELS! WE GOTTA REPRESENT!

Grace Astrove '10

I love this school and have so much camels spirit that I will make other stu- dent to their core. As a former cheer- leader and all around very loud and exuberant person I know how to get a crowd up and ready with pep and fun! As a member of the SAC exec board I am always trying to get students on this campus to be less apathetic and really get involved and more enthused about the amazing school we go to. As a Spirit Kid I would give 1,911% of my energy to make spirit week en- joyable for all and to get as much of the campus to participate as possible.

Blake Marcus '10

I obviously have the most Connec- ticut College spirit because I would happily trade internal organs to pro- tect the well being of my fellow cam- els. I also would risk life and limb in- volving Chuck Norris in defense of my classmates. I am kid spirit because the world is a crossroad and Conn is that no-stickly glittery island in the mid- dle, I would do anything to stay here. I have no qualms at using external mili- tary force to eradicate all superhomo- two humped camels that are the infec- tions of this planet, GO (one humped) CAMELS!

Kiefer Roberts '11

My God! How is it hu- manly possible to have as much SCHOOL SPIRIT as KIEFER? Well... it isn't easy, but I try. I ac- tually bleed blue and white. Little known fact, but true story. WHOOP!

Alex Shapiro '11

Some thing you learn growing up in Texas is spirit! To me spirit is some- thing that brings people together and gives them an identity. I have the best spirit because I go to as many activi- ties as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow Camels whether that involves as much spirit as I can to support my friends and fellow CAMELS, GO CAMELS!

Shani Brown '12

I have the best CC spirit because I came in with both guns blazing, set the standards of enthusiasm for my class by winning a spot on SAC, rock the field in Club Soccer, bounce to the beats with the Camelsback team, help the community learn about animals that range from upside-down jellyfish to moneky sharks, and am an all around participator in CC every- thing!!! I AM CC SPIRIT!!
Internationalism On Campus

Photo courtesy of Web

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Connecticut College prides itself as a liberal arts institution that consistently encourages students to express their diverse opinions and ideas no matter how much one student's viewpoint differs from another's. The variety of these ideas stems from the diverse backgrounds of students on campus. We all come from different upbringing, economic backgrounds and experiences as well as locations all across the globe. But how internationally diverse is Connecticut College?

According to information provided by Scott Alexander, the Associate Director and Coordinator of the International Admission, there are seven countries represented on campus. But how internationally diverse is Connecticut College?

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Director and Coordinator of the International Admission, there are seventy countries represented on campus by students of international backgrounds. Forty-eight of these countries are represented by students with complete international backgrounds while the other 22 countries represent dual citizens, non-U.S. citizens, permanent residents and Americans who attended high school abroad. For a point of reference as to just how vast this amount of students is there are currently 192 member states of the United Nations. In total there are 222 students of international background representing 12 percent of the student body at Connecticut College.

To some this may seem like a very small percentage of the student body. Carmela Patton, the International Student Advisor at Connecticut College admits that the student body “is not as diverse as I would like” and that she “wishes we could have more international students.” This, however, can all be traced back to funding. “The college cannot afford to fund so many international students,” she said. According to Patton currently the class of 2011 has the fewest students of international background (25) while the class of 2009 has the most (70).

Iraz Korezlioglu, a sophomore at Connecticut College and secretary of ATLAS, the international student organization on campus, is herself an international student. Originally from Turkey, Korezlioglu came to Connecticut College for the liberal arts education because at many European universities you must know your way of study immediately. When asked about her observation of international diversity on campus, Korezlioglu said she doesn’t think that the campus comes off as “very diverse” but admits that, “this year there are many more international students.”

People need to be exposed to the international world more to be prepared for the business world when they leave school,” Korezlioglu said. She thinks that Connecticut College would benefit greatly if students appreciated the international diversity on campus more and encourages all students to attend ATLAS sponsored events.

Then and Now

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houseoffellow her senior year who graduated with a degree in history. She also worked at Time magazine in marketing and public relations, and then became a broker at Smith Barney.

The third panelist is F. Wisner Murray ‘79 and father of current student Francis Murray. He majored in sociology and was involved in intercollegiate sailing and rowing, as well as club ice hockey.

Ben-Yosef sees this as a rare opportunity and an event worth attending. “I think it’s a great way for Conn students to learn about our history and for the panelists to bear about their legacy.”

The Cost Of A Connecticut College Education

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pounding interest and a growing stock portfolio. Connecticut College is still working its way up each year. Therefore, tuition does cover the majority of Connecticut College’s operation, but technically students at Connecticut College are being helped out by the state government.

Some students have questioned why Connecticut College’s tuition is higher than some other schools in the area, if even by only a few thousand dollars. Maroni explained, “At Conn, we operate in a very people-intensive environment. A nine to one student-faculty ratio is a typical ratio of a school full of qualified professors is atypical, and costs money.” But also, not having state government support, and a smaller pool of alumni to draw on for donations, the costs of maintaining a competitive institution like Connecticut College will fall on current students.

Concerns of increasingly rising tuition in the future are likely unavoidable. Comparing Conn to a small city, Maroni explained that when it comes to tuition, the outside economy is a factor. “It would be nice to have a flat tuition, but when food, utilities, and so many other costs impact the school, it’s just not possible.” So the reality of the situation is, in order to continue Connecticut College’s quality, life on many students and parents have come to expect of Connecticut College, the price will have to increase in order to meet the challenge.

As far as the declining economy and stock market, Maroni assured that Conn has diversified its funds, not placing too much of any of its money in one single type of fund or stock. And though last year the endowment returned a 3.76% loss, its performance was significantly better than that of certain benchmarks due to its diversification (the S&P 500, for example lost over 13% for the year). On a last note, when asked if there was any possibility of slowing the rate of tuition increase through student activism, Maroni simply offered this advice, “Small things students do throughout their days could help. Utilities are expensive.” So students should work or conserve not only for the sake of the environment, but for the sake of tuition. “Maintenance and landscaping our campus is a big factor,” so the more students work or conserve the more they can help. This will also help our operating budget.

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Below are some highlights of what the SGA has done for you, the students of Connecticut College. SGA has:

- Passed legislation to fund a new camell card swipe access system. The SGA Educational Residence and Living Advisory Committee researched and proposed a swipe card system. A swipe card system was installed shortly after spring of 2008.
- Passed legislation to give off-campus students access to residential houses. Additional access cards for off-campus students will cost $133.00 because the College has to purchase access cards in units of 1,000. However, a compromise between administration and SGA was reached on Friday. Access cards to off-campus students will be available at the gatehouse until more cards can be purchased.
- Passed legislation to purchase and install house emblems for each residential house. House emblems will add charm, spirit, and will increase residential house unity. SGA in collaboration with senior administrators are currently researching the house emblems and relevant expenses.
- Passed legislation to create the Commission on Student Academic and Social Spaces “to create a strategic plan, follow action steps, and execute designs to help implement existing or create new student spaces on campus”. We are currently looking for two students at large to participate in this commission, email tga@conncoll.edu if you are interested.
- Organizes Blood Drives- In 2008, Connecticut College was ranked #1 among colleges located in CT; beating Yale, Trinity, Wesleyan, Mitchell, and UConn for the most productive units of blood for Connecticut hospitals.
- Organizes Debate nights- First debate held on October 3rd on the U.S. presidential elections. Student and faculty debated and informed the audience (150 students in attendance) on each party’s initiating and look out for future SGA’s weekly debate night in November.
- Co-organizes the yearly New London 10K trip for the freshman class in collaboration with LINC. New London 10K is a walking tour of downtown New London and lunch at Ocean Beach. The program’s goal is to strengthen the College’s relationship with New London and invites freshmen to get off campus by providing alternative activity options.
- Organizes RecycleMania. Connecticut College is top of 400 competing schools.
- Approves allocations for student clubs and organizations ($120,000).
- Planned Spirit Week to increase Camel Pride and Connecticut College appreciation. Events for students, faculty, and staff include special dinner, student performances, alumni panel discussions, and Spirit Rally with t-shirts and prizes.
- Organizes annual spring diversity and inclusion summit with guest speakers and peer to peer discussions.
- Currently evaluates the Covenant on Shared Governance to assess student responsibility for shared governance on campus.
- SGA has a new and improved website (sga.conncoll.edu).
- Provides student representation on 28 standing college committees which are comprised of SGA assembly members, students at large, faculty, and/or staff. These committees ensure that student voices are present when discussing issues such as curricular development, resource allocation, parking appeals, support for CC athletics, planning the academic calendar, campus wellness, issues of diversity, suggestions for improving students’ dining experience, and monitoring the College’s progress towards sustainability. For a complete list of committees check out Section F, Commission’s the C-Book at tga.conncoll.edu
- Plans and organizes “Invite your Professor to Lunch” campaign (November 3-7).
- Publishes a new and improved weekly SGA On the Car to improve campus communication and collaborations
- Proposed and helped design the new and improved Cro’s Nest and Coffee Grounds.

There are just some highlights of services that the SGA provides to the campus. Have any concerns or suggestions on how to improve the school? Want to learn how to write a proposal or resolution? Come visit Gen 223! The SGA executive board provides 20 office hours every week to give students more opportunities to express concerns, issues, and to actively engage students in improving their own academic and social college experience.

The Student Government Association operates under the guidelines of the Student Handbook, which is available online on Camell Web and in print.

The Student Government Association will strive to strengthen the Connecticut College community by fostering greater student, faculty, and staff involvement, by improving campus-wide communication, and by providing diverse academic and social events.

Student Government Association’s Goals:

1. To encourage greater student, faculty, and staff involvement, the SGA will:
   a. Invite faculty, staff, and senior administrators to present their initiatives at SGA assembly meetings
   b. Promote committee elections to increase student participation
   c. Employ various mediums to publicize the “Invite Your Professor to Lunch” campaign
   d. Develop innovative ways to improve upon the relation between campus safety and students

2. To improve communication campus-wide, the SGA will:
   a. Assess and evaluate The Covenant
   b. Provide continuity and accessibility to students by promoting open forums and offering office hours
   c. Create student awareness of SGA, campus-wide events, and relevant information
   d. Develop an interactive SGA website
   e. Cultivate and maintain a productive, goal oriented, and focused Assembly

3. To provide diverse academic and social events, the SGA will:
   a. Invite guest speakers with expertise on topics related to the College’s core values
   b. Host debate nights to spark a more intellectual campus atmosphere
   c. Sponsor campus-wide social events (e.g. Conn Spirit Week, SGA sponsored groups’ dodge ball, Presidential Hour)
   d. Host community service projects

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
October 20, 2008
JAZMIN HUGHES '12

columnist

Make up your bed, butt out the Lysol, blame the mess on your roommate: Fall Weekend is swiftly approaching, and you know it’ll take you a while to make your room parent-friendly again. With the falling of leaves comes the arrival of parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, or whoever had a hand in raising you—basically, all those weird relatives that you thought that you finally rid yourself of once you sent that thank-you note for the graduation card and the twenty- five dollar Staples gift card you got in June. With fall break just ending, many students are even more anxious than usual about their parents coming to campus because they just saw them! Can still smell their mother’s perfume head: “MY BABY’S HOME!”? For the lucky few who didn’t go home, it’s about time to get that reality check of wet kisses on the cheek, childish nicknames, and the even frightening “Is there anybody that you ought to meet?” From the freshman perspective, we arrived at Conn too short a while ago, working hard to establish ourselves as genuine [almost] adults. Fall Weekend, among other things, could serve as a de-legitimizing trip back into juvenility. Whoopie.

With the disappointment of Camelot fresh on our minds, many freshmen are tentative about the next all-school, all-weekend activity fanfare shahking jamboree super-extravaganza, for we have no previous standards to hold it to. It’s possible that many freshmen aren’t completely sure what goes on during Fall Weekend, knowing that there’s some kind of Harvest Fest with tables, alumni gathering, and of course, the omnious invasion of parents upon our campus.

I was one of them, so I asked senior Khara Riley to give me a synopsis of what happens. She said “this Fall Weekend is different from last year, it’s the kickoff for the Capital Campaign, which is a campaign initiated by the president to instate for the college, trying to bring in alumni to give money and to excite big donors to give to the college. We’re trying to show them that Conn can compete with a lot of the other NESCAC schools. Fall Weekend is Swiftly advancing, it’s about time to get that reality check of wet kisses on the cheek, childish nicknames, and the even frightening “Is there anybody that you ought to meet?” From the freshman perspective, we arrived at Conn too short a while ago, working hard to establish ourselves as genuine [almost] adults. Fall Weekend, among other things, could serve as a de-legitimizing trip back into juvenility. Whoopie.

While it sounds like a good time, many freshmen don’t know anything about Fall Weekend. To help us out, Fall Weekend has a logical and easy-to-find schedule located on the Connecticut College website. Jam-packed with activities, Fall Weekend manages to combine concerts, various sports games, picnics, comedy acts, and an opportunity to take a picture with a camel—a real one—all in two and a half days. The schedule rarely leaves time to breathe, but alone find yourself bored, thus there’s nothing to worry about vis-a-vis filling in time between various events. After receiving an explanation such as Khana’s or checking out the website, they expressed excitement for the unknown. Freshman SAC representative Diamond Howell is “excited for it because I don’t know what to expect, and I’m eager to see what the weekend brings.” Hopefully Fall Weekend is an event we can add to our repertoire of things that we love about Conn.

BEN EAGLE '09

editor-in-chief

My parents are coming to Connecticut College for Fall Weekend. While they have been here before, this time is completely different. Let me give some background. In real life (as an important distinction when telling people on campus where you “live”), I live an hour and a half from London. This proximity has allowed my parents to make trips to our lovely campus for a myriad of significant reasons: move-in freshman year, my 20th birthday, frisbee tournaments, and forgotten nail clippers. This fall, they are making the same trek that so many other parent pers. This fall, they are making the same trek that so many other parent pers.

While I may not have sufficient Fall Weekend experience, I have been here for four years, and for parents and students of all ages, I want to give some recommendations:

First, start in the arboretum. And I don’t mean the finely groomed piece of land directly behind the campus. While this area is beautiful, it is a small cross-section of our ecological offerings. The arboretum is a cross-section of our campus, referring to is further down along Williams Street (to the right), you can get there by walking past the empty theatre. Once there, you and your parents can discuss college life amongst the birds and the bunk. You don’t want your parents asking you in Harris whether you’ve controlled your bed wetting problem, do you?

After a little hike, you will surely work up a bit of an appetite. Skip the dining hall tour. Although your parents would love to see where you eat your meals everyday, I don’t think they’d love eating like you do every week. Rather, take them to one of the area’s delicious lunch places. In the mood for sandwiches? Go to Grampys. Want some barbecue? Go to Chester’s on Bank Street. More of a pizza person? Head to Ciro’s. Take them to one of the area’s delicious lunch places. In the mood for sandwiches? Go to Grampys. Want some barbecue? Go to Chester’s on Bank Street. More of a pizza person? Head to Ciro’s. Take them to one of the area’s delicious lunch places.

A senior perspective

AVOID THE CROWDS

With the disappointment of Camelot fresh on our minds, many freshmen are tentative about the next all-school, all-weekend activity fanfare shahking jamboree super-extravaganza, for we have no previous standards to hold it to. It’s possible that many freshmen aren’t completely sure what goes on during Fall Weekend, knowing that there’s some kind of Harvest Fest with tables, alumni gathering, and of course, the omnious invasion of parents upon our campus. The arboretum I am referring to is further down along Williams Street (to the right). You among the birds and the bark. You don’t want your parents asking you in Harris whether you’ve controlled your bed wetting problem, do you?

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The day will be winding down now, and after eating a bit and attending some of the scheduled events, you’ll probably need to take a breather. Rush and grab one of the tables outside the library. It may seem like an obvious choice, but when the sun is slowly slipping behind the cloud cover, there is no better place to be than there. The twilight paints every academic building in a beautiful light that is hard to see in another place on campus. And personally, there is no better place to people watch. There will be many events planned this weekend, and most parents will want to indulge in those seemingly unlimited options. While I respect this impulse, consider this convince your parents otherwise. Show your parents what its really like to go to Conn, not what it’s like to go here when Conn is dressed to impress. I may have never experienced Fall Weekend with my parents before, but I have been here for four years. If I have learned nothing else, it is that you must appreciate the beauty that is around you. And truly, stop to smell the flowers before you leave.

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FALL WEEKEND

Students reflect on where they live, learn, and play

A Trip Back Into Juvenility

A Freshman Perspective

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DONALD BUDGE '10

At Least the Library Looks Nice

Renovation money is going into all the wrong places.

GOT OPINIONS? COME TO OUR WEEKLY VOICE MEETINGS 9 PM MONDAYS CRO 215 OR EMAIL: CCVOICE@CONNEDU

Sullivan’s Dangerous Naval Strategy To The War On Terror

ANDREW IRWIN ’10

Before I left for Norway two months ago for a semester abroad I, like everyone else, had a capital list of expectations about my host country: tall blondes, spotless streets, and hand-knit sweaters. Above all, like everyone else, I had a list of extra-curricular activities that would have improved life for me. After all, why would any student come to a school that would have two different kinds of potatoes?

"They have a potato bar now..." Why?" "What do they make out of that." "They have a potato bar now..." "Already they have potatoes..." "They didn’t have a potato bar..." "Why?" "Already they have potatoes..."

There were claims that some of the $11 million going into improving social spaces on campus such as Common Rooms, stairs on Can- nus that the Common room was "too faint paint." Last time I checked, the student population was pretty low on people’s list of things that could be improved. But, hey, remember Coffee Grill? If you can argue that renovations are confused, we can use coffee there. Right. Coffee shop that had board games, homey atmosphere, dark night and quirky decorations like an old bar dying. Imagine a con- versation between an Alumni returning and a current student. "Want to go to Harris? It’s cool and cheese night." "Actually they got rid of that." "Ok, what did they replace it with?"

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Sullivan’s Dangerous Naval Strategy To The War On Terror

Two weeks ago, New London’s newspaper The Day and the League of Women Voters sponsored a debate at the Yale Art Theatre in New London between the two major party candidates vying to become the next Congressman of the Second District of Connecticut (our district): incumbent Democrat Joe Courtney and Republican challenger Sean Sullivan, a former Groton Sub Base commander.

During the debate, Sullivan argued that we need to reevaluate our strategy with regard to the war on terrorism. On this narrow point, I agree. Our government is fighting a war against terrorism with military as a hast in- stument when it should be engaging in a global counterterrorism effort or- ented toward supporting policing op- erations at an individual level. For a coun- try so rich and so ecologically con- scious, there appeared to be a great failure in personal responsibility. But perhaps I was overlooking “green” because it’s already what most of us do. Norway does. Household clean- ing products and packaging in the most conventional sense trumps anything considered green in the States. Most goods are held to a su- perior ecological standard, eliminating the need for green labeling. I soon got to the bottom of this strange shade of green. After some time around town, I come to the conclusion that this dif- ference in individual attitude is large. It’s a product of the culture fostered by the social welfare state. Just like development, health care and education, if an environmental problem is not recognized as the government’s responsibility, individuals tend to assume that the government will take care of it. Because Norway’s government takes care of environmental policies, Norwegians do not feel the same guilty obligation to take personal responsibility for their carbon foot- print. The higher taxes they pay stand as evidence of comprehensive environmental policies. The past five years in the United States have shown us the other side of the coin: individual action without comprehen- sive state action to support it. A middle ground between the U.S. and Norway is essen- tial to successfully solving this crisis. It is often said there will be no silver bullet for solving the climate crisis. In the same breath, solu- tions must come from all levels. It is about electing Barack Obama President, who will push the United States to act in concert with the rest of the world. Norway and the United States are not alone in facing this crisis. The climate movement does not happen in isolation. For example, it is no coincidence that only the richerNorwegians do. Household clean- ing products and packaging in the most conventional sense trumps anything considered green in the States. Most goods are held to a su- perior ecological standard, eliminating the need for green labeling. I soon got to the bottom of this strange shade of green. After some time around town, I come to the conclusion that this dif- ference in individual attitude is large. It’s a product of the culture fostered by the social welfare state. Just like development, health care and education, if an environmental problem is not recognized as the government’s responsibility, individuals tend to assume that the government will take care of it. Because Norway’s government takes care of environmental policies, Norwegians do not feel the same guilty obligation to take personal responsibility for their carbon foot- print. The higher taxes they pay stand as evidence of comprehensive environmental policies. The past five years in the United States have shown us the other side of the coin: individual action without comprehen- sive state action to support it. A middle ground between the U.S. and Norway is essen- tial to successfully solving this crisis. It is often said there will be no silver bullet for solving the climate crisis. In the same breath, solu- tions must come from all levels. It is about electing Barack Obama President, who will push the United States to act in concert with the rest of the world. Norway and the United States are not alone in facing this crisis. The climate movement does not happen in isolation. For example, it is no coincidence that only the richer
Harvestfest

A preview of the items that clubs will be selling:

- Tervis Tumblers
- Not UConn Shirts
- Sweatshirts and T-shirts from various clubs
- Wine glasses
- Pint glasses
- Wine openers
- SIGG bottles
- A Cappella CDs
- Cartoonist Drawings
- Used Books for Vets

Camel Discount Cards
- Beach Towels
- Lounge Chairs
- Baked Goods
- Caramel Apples
- Beakers
- Wine glasses
- Pint glasses
- Smoothies
- Notepads
- Jewelry
- Tiger Tail Jewelry

Can You Tell Where At Conn This Picture Was Taken

See the answer below:

The photo was taken in the Learning Network building.
Conn Alum Mariano Rodriguez Returns, This Time With More Laughs

JONATHON MARKSON '12

staff writer

This Friday, October 24, comedian Mariano Rodriguez will perform at 11 PM in the 1962 Room at Cro. Hailing from Chile and moving to the US at age 3 after his mother got accepted into the University of Arizona in Tucson, Rodriguez comedically approaches the cultural implications of social and political issues such as Latin American immigration and same-sex marriage. Rodriguez is a regular at "The Improv" in L.A., has been featured at college campuses across the nation and performed on both The Inside Joke and Latino Laugh Festival on SFTV. NBC has also hired his sets. Of course, it can’t hurt that he earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science as a member of the

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Connection College Class of 1997:

But how did Rodriguez make the transition from Conn student to established and successful stand-up comedian? In fact, he was not involved in any sort of comedy scene at the College. It wasn’t until a year after graduation when he attended a college amateur night at the DC Improv comedy club that he actually tried stand-up.

While having not yet realized his inclination towards an occupation in the entertainment, Rodriguez majored in Political Science with a minor in Psychology. This combination of studies proved to set the perfect precedent for his later career.

"While my major includes a lot of politics and social commentary, I also like to do a ground work and have fun with the audience" said Rodriguez of his routine. "I think my Connecticut College experience was the perfect background for what I’m doing now."

Rodriguez’s time spent studying in New London, Connecticut has done far more than solely benefit his comedy career. Rodriguez notes that above all, Connecticut College encouraged him to think critically. He remarked that "the professors I had always demanded that you really think about what you’re saying, and be able to logically defend any point you make."

Regardless of his overtly positive experience at Connecticut College Rodriguez hasn’t made his way back to campus since he graduated in 1997. "I’m looking forward to seeing what the campus looks like now. I’m also curious to see if the food has gotten any better!" So like the fellow Camels feel right at home when he performs his set at 11 PM in the 1962 Room at Cro. You can find further information on Mariano Rodriguez and clips of his past performances at his website, www.comedystyle.com

Conn Alum Mariano Rodriguez Returns, This Time With More Laughs

SATAN SAYS DANCE THIS FRIDAY!
Conn’s Indie Darlings Clap Your Hands Say Yeah Return for Fall Weekend

RACINE OXTOBY ’11

staff writer

Because of their success and increasing popularity, the Connecticut College community always hoped and speculated that the band Clap Your Hands Say Yeah might perform on-campus, where all five members – Alec Ounsworth ’00, Robbie Guertin ’02, Lee Santus ’00, Dylan Mondello ’00 and Sean Greenhalgh ’01 – graduated. Now, for Fall Weekend 2008, they will perform in a free concert on the green this coming Friday night.

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah have hit big in the indie music world, and frankly, they were getting so much buzz in their early days on the charts that it started to get repetitive. They are the living definition of independent music as opposed to through a record label, although they are currently signed with Wichita. Nowadays, you see them everywhere. You can read about them in Spin or Blender, or watch them as musical guests on a late-night talk show. Their self-titled album released in 2005 was called it a “modem indie-pop classic.”

Because of their success and increasing popularity, the band Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, the music of Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, the band is a warm and fuzzy mix of fast-paced guitars, unusual percussion, tongue-twister professions, while Lead singer Alec Ounsworth’s distinctive, drunken vocals have drawn considerable attention to the band; his shouted warbles and usually yelps have been compared to the likes of Jeff Mangum or Thom Yorke. It’s impossible to discern their songs, but you know the band is having a good time performing them. Their music is playful, energetic and eccentric. Lyrics are ambiguous and tantalizing. "The Skin Of MY'Yellow Country Teeth," from the band’s self-titled debut, ends on such a high note – particularly, Ounsworth’s waveling scream, mixed with a ferocious drumbeat and finger-blistering guitar licks – that one might be pleasantly surprised to learn that there is more to come on the album. "Is This Love?" features a swarming wave of back-up singers mixed with Ounsworth’s tongue-twister professions, while meanwhile, "Gimme Some Salt" is a sweaty song that goes off with a hint of danger in its crashing guitar riffs. Even with its multiplied sounds and alternating tempos, the album remains cohesive in its mood.

Their second album, "Some Loud Thunder," was released last year to less than spectacular reviews but solid record sales. The highlight off the album, "Satan Said Dance," was chosen as the number 95 selection on Rolling Stone magazine’s list of 100 best songs of 2007. The band has garnered a lot of comparisons to Talking Heads, and it is no more obvious than on this track with its heavy, monotonous beat thumping away in your chest. “Emily Jean Stock” is another key track, quite the opposite from "Satan Said Dance," both musically and lyrically. Here, we get a seemingly straightforward love song about a man pining for his girl, but it is the crashing, lively music that makes the song especially memorable. While not necessarily as fun or merry as the first album, “Some Loud Thunder" still manages to sound fresh and complex. Why the album was criticized so heavily might only be blamed on the media’s over hype of their debut, followed by boards of curious new listeners who found themselves confused by the abstract lyrics and distorted melodies found within the new track.

Many believe this Fall Weekend looks incredibly promising, especially given the Clap Your Hands Say Yeah concert. Not only will there be a concert from a well-respected indie band, but the fact that members of Clap Your Hands Say Yeah are returning to their college roots by performing at Conn this Friday, get ready to clap your hands (because Satan says so) for an interview with the members of Clap Your Hands Say Yeah.

Stay tuned to the Voice next week for an interview with the members of Clap Your Hands Say Yeah.
**The Hungry Camel:**
**Blue & White Dinner**

**The Best of What Harris Has To Offer**

**SOPHIE MAGUIRE '10**

**Staff Writer**

The liberal arts education is about creating well-rounded individuals through unique approaches to learning, including interdisciplinary methods. On campus, the four centers provide students with an infinite amount of opportunities to pursue self proclaimed interests and projects. Although the Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology provides artists with the chance to pursue technologically based projects, there is no-established collaborative foundation for all art departments. That raises the question: do students need a formal collaborative system? This system is that students have to decide to participate in them as early as freshman or sophomore year, which discourages latecomers from becoming involved. Building the inclusive community of artists on campus would allow all students from all classes to share and cover their creative intentions. The CONNcerto piece performed during Spirit Week may inspire other students to initiate collaborative projects which involve more than one department on campus. CONN provides students with many resources, now students have the opportunity to take advantage of these resources and create an environment that fosters the studying of academic, social, and creative thought. By including David Dorfman Dance, CONNcerto may also serve as an illustration of how students can work with guest artists and professionals in an artistic, rather than classroom atmosphere. Spirit Week is the opportunity to revitalize the student body's interest and much is based in Cruz. It seems as though Conn artists are invested so heavily in their own medium, that they do not realize other mediums. A monthly gathering of all art majors might prove to be beneficial for the evolution of the creative community on campus. This type of organization would allow students from all classes to share and explore ideas with artists with different ideas and approaches. The downfall of the interdisciplinary system is that students have to decide to participate in them as early as freshman or sophomore year, which discourages latecomers from becoming involved. Building the inclusive community of artists on campus would allow all students from all classes to become involved, regardless of when students discover their creative intentions. The CONNcerto piece performed during Spirit Week may inspire other students to initiate collaborative projects which involve more than one department on campus. Previous students have to de-

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**Favorite Foods Dinner**

To be served at the Main Line (there will be 2 main lines for this night)
- Chicken Parmesan
- Carla's Meatballs
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Sparer, and Vegetable Lasagna
- The broccoli may sound more combative than delicious, the greenery will be a welcome reprieve from the carbohydrate-dairy-heavy menu.

One complaint many have lodged, including myself, is the absence of pizza from the dinner menu. I am not alone in wondering where those cheesy flattbreads were when I am forced to decide between a ham or a tuna fish sandwich for dinner. Well, wonder no longer. Harris will be featuring a standard cheese and pepporino pizza in addition to their creatively delectable Buffalo Chicken and Spinach, Tomato, and Feta pizza. The last two are godsend at lunch. The Buffalo Chicken has a spicy, deflant kick and the Spinach and Feta pizza is one of the few white pizzas Harris offers. Both will be on my plate. Also on my plate will be some of the offerings from the Vegetarian Line. In times of food sorrow (see Sunday evening) no place offers more consistently good dishes than the vegetarian line. Bean dishes, curry rice, and sautéed green beans are just a few of the dishes that can normally spice up a mundane plate. For the Blue and White dinner, the veggie line will be serving Sesame Nuggets, a vegetarian version of "Carla's Meatballs," and spaghetti with marinara. While the spread may seem small, the staff has been careful to sprinkle vegetarian options throughout the other lines as well. In addition to the Vegetarian Lasagna, the Sto-Fry bar will feature in addition to a Chicken Pad Thai, a Vegetable Pad Thai. While those vegetarians may find their specific line looking sparse, they should find more than enough sustenance throughout Harris. Sustenance aside, Harris will be also putting out its best desserts. When you finish those favorite entrees, you're encouraged to wash it down with the peerless Tollhouse Pie. It, like all the options offered, will put you in a near com fortless small things other than food can

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**The Beginnings Of The Collaborative Experience**

**Ben Eagle '09**

**Editor-in-Chief**

When I was a child, my favorite food was mashed potatoes. If anything other than mashed potatoes is placed on my plate, I would launch into hissy fits of epic proportions (we're talking Chernobyl-levels). While I have grown up and limited my hasty fits to family weddings, one thing remains: there is nothing quite as comforting as a plate of your favorite foods.

While few people would consider the treats at Harris among their favorites, everyone has a night that gets them excited: a night even those who live off-campus will willingly spend one of their five or seven weekly meals. For some, that night is chicken parmesan; for others it is the lasagna. Whatever your Harris preference may be, the brain trust there has organized a night for everyone—a Blue and White dinner of all-you-can-eat-favorites.

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were able to defeat the Trinity Buttons. Like Middlebury, Trinity was a NESCAC heavyweight. Their record currently stands at 9-2. Also like Middlebury, Trinity only played in front of away crowds averaging 171 people. Head Coach Lestig asks, "Will a huge and loud crowd give the Camels an advantage versus Middlebury?" While no one can predict the future, fan attendance might truly make the difference.

Matt Hula will look to build on his team leading goals against Middlebury. He is pictured here dribbling past the Coast Guard Academy. Photo Courtesy of Hannah Spree.

**Women's Soccer**

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**NESCAC Player Of The Week**

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freeshot, Brigi Palatinis is the team's second leading scorer, falling just behind Sharon Katz '10, who currently has four goals of her own. The Camels have collectively scored a total of eleven goals. Seniors Sarah Allen and Sophia Board, sophomores Candice Clark, and freshmen Katelyn Driscoll have each contributed a goal apiece. The girls also depend on the collegiate athletic experience of assistant coach, Erin Kwiatkowski. Bailey Andrews '10 commented on Kwiatkowski's major contribution to the team. She stated, "Erin has a much bigger voice this year. She has many valuable things to say. Now that she's a seasoned veteran, she's contributing a lot to the program." Kwiatkowski graduated in 2006 from Aurora University in Aurora Illinois, where she played varsity soccer. Although the Camels have had several tough breaks, including an overtime loss to Amherst College, they feel that they're only just beginning to gain the team's most valuable forward. Ten games into the current season, Hines has already matched that previous total and seems poised to surpass it. Her contributions are not only in the box score either. During Hines' hot streak, the Camels have won four of their last six, and seem to be riding a large wave of momentum. Off the field, Hines also excels. She is a Dean's List Student majoring in Human Development. The Voice congratulates Hines for her achievement.