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## SPECIAL

Students dressed up in a variety of costumes at this year's annual Halloween festivities. To see some of the fantastic costumes, see page 7.

## SPORTS

The women's soccer team looks to make history by advancing to the NESCAC finals. First, they'll have to get through #1 Middlebury on Saturday.

## A&E

CCASA, Conn's Asian Student Association, will present its 9th annual Diwali Dinner on November 13th to celebrate the traditional Hindu Festival of Lights.



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The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (pictured above) were not the only superheroes, celebrities, and undead creatures populating Cro on Saturday night. Both the campus bar and Student Activities Council hosted events and costume contests in celebration of Halloween. A variety of costumes filled the 1941 Room at the annual Halloween dance, but creatively-garbed students were found all throughout Cro as well as all over campus taking advantage of the spirit of this holiday. Even dining was a spooky experience, as Harris and other dining facilities served dishes such as Goblin's Eggs and Witch's Brew while dressed up students filled the tables. For more post-Halloween fun, see page 7. (Holi)

## Investment Club Funds Scholarships

By THOMAS McEVROY  
NEWS EDITOR

In memory of his wife, Peggotty Namm Doran, a Connecticut College alumnus, James Doran donated \$50,000 to the college through the Dornam Foundation. The gift stipulated that the money be used towards a student investment club, which was subsequently named the Peggotty Investment Club.

The foundation enables students in the club to invest money in the stock market, giving them first-hand experience of managing an investment portfolio. In the club's press release, Doran stated, "A lot of Connecticut College students are planning for careers on Wall Street, and this is a great opportunity for hands-on experience."

Paul Maroni, Vice President for Finance of the College and an advisor to the club, said in the press release, "It's educational for them, the donor is pleased with the group's work, and obviously, they've made impressive financial gains for the College."

Over the past two years, the fund has grown approximately 28 percent, giving it a market value near \$64,000. The money is stipulated

help fund financial aid. "As the fund grows, the work of the club contributes additional dollars to scholarships each year," Maroni added.

The club meets every Monday night at 10:30 to discuss potential stock purchases and sells. At the end of the meeting, each member is given a list of stocks to research for the following meeting. The club uses various resources for consultation, including individual investment bank sites, Yahoo! Finance, CBS Marketwatch, The Wall Street Journal, and finally personal contacts, including parents.

Partly because a number of the club's members are international students, the focus this year is on internationalization, according to Ben Griffith, a junior who joined the group last year. "The club has excellent resources with which to explore the world economy," he said.

Aside from Honda and Toyota, the group plans to research international companies such as Independence Air (FLYI), National Telefonos de Venezuela (VNT), Satyam Computers Services Ltd. (SAY), and Banco Itau Holding Financeira (ITU).

The club's advisors have created a set of guidelines for buying stocks

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## Ex-Terrorist Shares His Experiences College Constituencies Organize Efforts in Preparation of Elections

By JIAN PAULUCCI  
STAFF WRITER

Walid Shoebat, a one time Palestinian terrorist, was invited on November 3rd 2004 by the Zionist Organization of America at Connecticut College (ZOACC). His talk was titled, "Palestinian Speaks Out on Peace." He discussed his desire for peace in Israel, and the means in which he believed such peace could be achieved. The event was well attended in Oliva Hall, with over 150 people.

Walid Shoebat was born in Judea, and his grandfather, Muslim Mukhtar was a chieftain associated with the grand mufti of Jerusalem, along with famous friends of Adolph Hitler. While living in Jericho, Walid Shoebat, himself, was a witness to the Six Day War. As a teenager, he joined the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and became a local activist. "My whole dream was to die as a shaheed [martyr]. At demonstrations I would open my shirt hoping to be shot- but the Israelis would never shoot at the body, so I never succeeded," he said.

Later in his life he was imprisoned in the Russian Compound, Jerusalem's central prison, for his actions. He was quickly released, however, and returned to his violent past. His parents, in hope for a better education, eventually sent Mr. Shoebat to the United States.

There, he worked with the Arab Student Organization at Loop College, engaging in various anti-Israeli activities. He became the president of the PLO and spent much time raising funds and recruiting volunteers to fight in Lebanon. The turning point in his life, he said, was when he moved to California in 1993, where he met his future wife. As he began laboriously studying the Tannach, in hopes of convincing his wife to convert

to his faith, he began to notice that everything he had been taught as a Palestinian about the Jewish had been false. "I wanted to convert her to Islam... I told her the Jews had corrupted the Bible and he asked me to show her some examples of this corruption. At this point I had to go buy a Bible and I started reading it and I saw the word 'Israeli' all over it. I had to be brutally honest. The very word I hated the most was throughout this book!" He continued by saying, "How do you explain this?"

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Former terrorist Shoebat spoke in Oliva on Wednesday. (Freeman)

By MAUREEN DURKIN  
STAFF WRITER

Connecticut College students were awaiting the Presidential Election that occurred this past Tuesday. The campus was covered with posters by both Republicans and Democrats, the sidewalks were chalked with political slogans, and various student groups were using any means necessary to get students to vote, some specifically in support for Bush or Kerry.

The biggest message that students received was simply that they need to be politically involved. The Office of Volunteer and Community Service (OVCS) and The Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy was working hard since the beginning of the school year to get students excited about voting and to encourage them to be active in democracy. "We believe the voices of all citizens, including the 18 to 24 year olds, are essential for moving our communities forward. Data from the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau show that 18 to 24 year olds

have the lowest percentage of voting. OVCS and the Holleran Center support education and activism that increase students' knowledge about the issues and the candidates and facilitates the process to register and get to the polls," said Tracee Reiser, Director of OVCS.

OVCS helped students register to vote in either New London or their home state. They also called every registered voter on campus to remind them to vote and ran shuttles all day on Tuesday to take students to the polls in New London.

Students on campus appeared to be getting the College's message to vote, as demonstrated by Freshman Tyler Silverman, who said, "I feel very encouraged by this campus to go out and vote and be involved."

The Student Government Association wrapped up its effort to get students to the polls by holding an Election Party in the 1962 room in Cro on Tuesday Night. There was free food and drinks for everyone, and students could watch the election on a large-screen T.V. and see

the states turn red and blue on a map of the United States as the electoral votes came in.

President of the SGA, Pete Lelek, said, "The festivities on Tuesday night provide an opportunity where we can come together as a community and watch the outcome. We are extremely privileged to live in a free and democratic society, but with our freedom and democracy comes a responsibility to be active, informed citizens who vote."

Students had varying opinions about the candidates and the election itself in the days leading up to November 2. Many students did not feel particularly strong about either of the candidates but felt that they were forced to pick the less incompetent candidate. Freshman Eric Plapper said, "Even though I have significant philosophical differences from John Kerry, I will be voting for him tomorrow. As an economic conservative, I thought was bad economic policy to increase government spending while decreasing

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## Gov Dept Hosts Panel on 'Other' Elections

By KAITLYN O'NEIL  
STAFF WRITER

On Monday November 1 at 4:30 p.m., the Government Department hosted a panel discussion concerning the other elections that were occurring in the House, Senate, and the state. With all the publicity about the presidential election, the lecture attempted to educate students about the other elections taking place in the country as well as to offer some insight as to the outcome of particular elections. Moderated by Professor of Government Dorothy James, the lecture was a three panel discussion with Professor of Government, William Frasure, Associate Professor of Government, MaryAnne Borelli, and Dr. John Nugent, an institutional research associate.

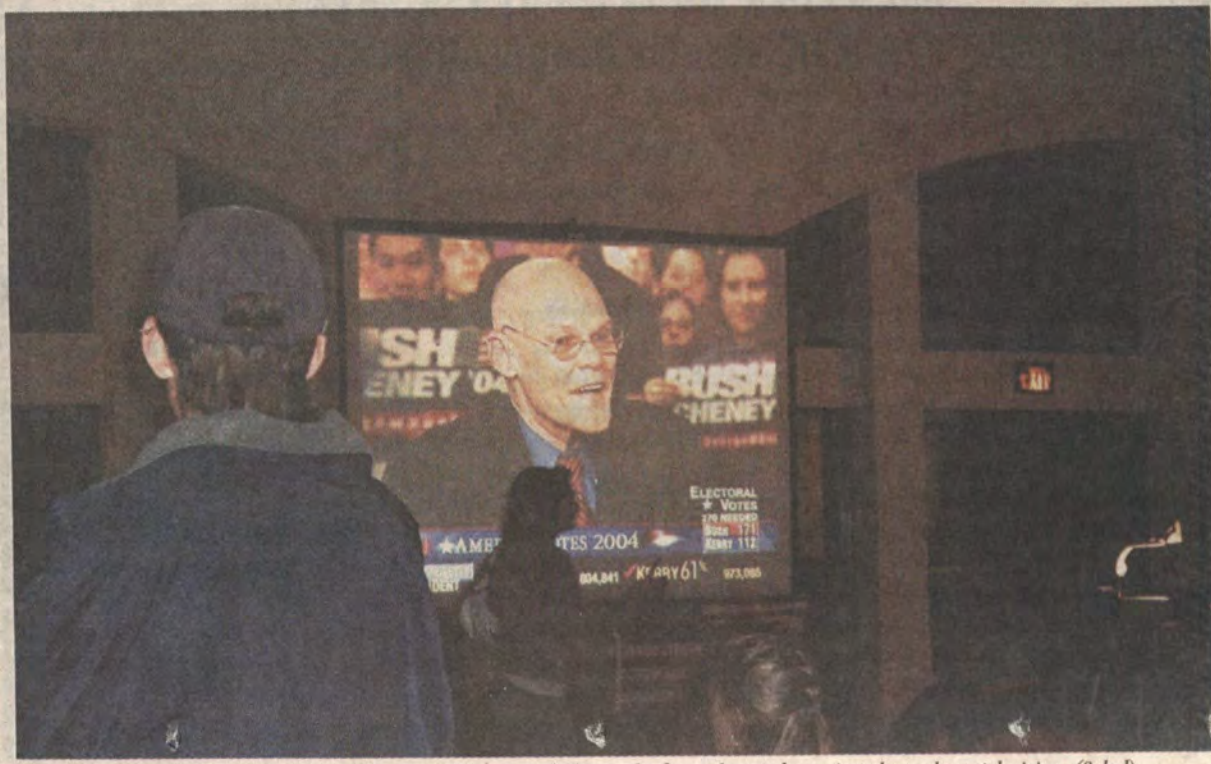
Our country has a long history of a two party political system consisting of the Republicans and Democrats. However, Professor James began the lecture with an interesting point noting that the number of voters registered as independent has drastically increased in recent

years. Every two years, approximately one-third of the Senate seats are contested through elections throughout the country. Professor Frasure began with acknowledging the fact that a large number of incumbents are expected to win re-election this year. He discussed though eleven hotly contested seats in the Senate. A few of the states that Professor Frasure discussed were Alaska, South Dakota, Florida, and Colorado.

Prior to the election on Tuesday, the Republicans controlled the Senate, but only by a margin of fifty-one seats to the Democrats' forty-eight and one independent seat held by a Senator from Vermont.

After Professor Frasure finished speaking, Professor Borelli spoke about the House of Representatives. In the House there are four hundred and thirty five seats. The representatives have a two-year term. As a result of this term limit, Professor Borelli noted that the House is extremely partisan and members are on a constant cycle

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Students gathered in the 1962 Room on Election Night to watch the results for each state be projected on a large television. (Solod)

# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## US Elections bring the best out of students

This past week the campus witnessed the 2004 United States elections. Anticipation for this event, however, began far before November 2. Efforts by groups such as the College Democrats, the College Republicans, the Holleran Center, and OVCS, as well as lectures provided by College faculty and staff, all helped foster an atmosphere of political awareness.

People often criticize Conn students as apathetic and out-of-touch with current events. This election, however, proved otherwise. Since this semester has begun, it appears as if the campus has draped itself in red and blue. Walking past Cro on many days, the campus community saw large banners promoting Congress candidates, Rob Simmons and Jim Sullivan. Advertisements scrawled out in chalk on the sidewalks called out to students to various political events, including lectures and "Hump the Vote". These measures all helped contribute to an atmosphere of political attentiveness.

On the evening of November 2, hundreds of students gathered in the 1962 Room to see the results of the election. The scene was calm and of interest. There was no apparent hostility, despite strong partisanship by members of the College community. Even after the election was definitive by Wednesday afternoon, there were no rallies or riots in front of Cro, as when the Red Sox won the World Series. The campus community seemed to accept the results with an air of maturity and intellectualism, which speaks highly to the attitudes of those deeply indebted to the campaigns.

Members of the College community were right on target in realizing the election was an event in which students are interested. They should be complemented for their efforts in taking the appropriate measures to foster a climate of political interest and understanding. Ironically, Tuesday night proved to be a unifying event for the campus community on such a dividing issue.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Proportional Representation Can Maintain High Voter Turnout Levels

Although the Democratic and Republican parties succeeded in coaxing more Americans to the polls this election, it is unclear whether this will be a continuing trend. It is imperative that the new interest in politics be captured and maintained for future elections. Most political scientists blame disappointing voter turnout on political alienation, a decline in partisan affiliation, and a decrease in patronage jobs. They also view low voter turnout as a sign of waning confidence in government. However, low voter turnout results from our winner-takes-all electoral system.

The United States' voter turnout routinely falls well below many other nations. In a comparison of voter participation rates of the voting age population among the 21 democracies in Western Europe and North America, the United States ranks 20th. There is another viable electoral system, used by most other democracies that would assist in correcting many of the injustices that contribute to lower voter turnout. The general premise of proportional representation (PR) is that parties or voting groups should win seats in elected bodies in proportion to the share of the popular vote that they received. A major difference in a PR system is that it uses multi-member districts, meaning that several people are elected from each district, based on the proportion of votes that each party or group running receives.

Proportional representation is believed to increase voter turnout for several reasons. A PR electoral system greatly reduces the amount of "wasted votes." These are the votes cast for a candidate belonging to the non-dominant party within the state or district. In the United States, extra votes that are cast for the winning candidate as well as votes for third party candidates do not impact the outcome of the election, and thus are "wasted votes." If citizens knew that their vote could actually affect the outcome of the election, it would hopefully motivate them to prioritize electoral participation.

PR electoral systems increase the number of candidates and parties taking part in elections since third party candidates have a greater opportunity to be elected into government. More choices are offered to voters, who can elect their favorite candidates to office. This produces a higher rate of voter satisfaction, making it more likely for an individual to return to the polls next election. The increased competitiveness resulting from a PR system also encourages both political parties and interest groups to devote more resources to get out the vote

efforts by increasing the number of parties and candidates vying for the same number of votes.

The positive effects on voter turnout in a PR system have already been demonstrated in the U.S. Cambridge, Massachusetts uses proportional representation to elect their local government. Voter turnout has been consistently higher under this PR system than in other areas with similar demographics and governmental forms. A switch to a proportional representation electoral system may be the incentive Americans need to continue to participate in our democracy and strengthen our government.

-Lauren Dunton '05

#### What I'd Vote For

Every 4 years, millions of college students bandy about Democratic paraphernalia. Every 4 years, young men and women, who were college students four years earlier, sway towards the Republican side. I think the government should just pick our candidates and presidents for us so we can sit home and watch reality television. We are really far too ignorant to be in possession of such important power. If you want to vote tonight, vote someone off the island and not into the White House. Because let's be honest, when the slogan targeted at young Americans is vote or die and our political role models play superheroes in cinema or punk these very same superheroes, something has gone extremely awry. At least, if we allow our totally unbiased and patriotic politicians to choose our next president, we can be sure that the fate of our country LIES in perfect harmony and unison. And please, if we are going to let citizens vote for presidents, give them a receipt. I'd like it if we could all present printed proof of who our vote went to.

Of course, if we begin with receipts, polls will begin to offer sales such as 50% off if you vote for Bush or Kerry (depending on the state and its political persuasion). And yes, I know voting is free of charge, but it doesn't have to be...Anyone who decides to read this is probably flummoxed by my contradictory and often inane views on the election. I will state this succinctly: if I was provided with the opportunity to vote on our political process, I'd vote for the circus that was 2000's election, but with twice the drama, twice the lies and twice the political documentaries. Why stop with Michael Moore? I believe his last name is also his persuasion with regards to the number of politically oriented films that need to be produced.

-Daniel Ehrlich '06

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OPINION

OF THE STUPID, BY THE STUPID, FOR THE STUPID

ZACH WEST • GO WEST, YOUNG MAN!

The American people, a truly misguided bunch of cretins, have re-elected George W. Bush for a second term as president. Americans did so



despite knowing about – and having experienced – Bush's illustrious first term. For in these past four years, Bush has demonstrated his considerable talents for occupying office: he's skilled at bungling international relations, he's brilliant at running up a national deficit, and he's got a natural ability for conflating religious faith with good governance. Oh, and let's not forget his exceptional gift for leaving children behind.

The President's prodigious level of incompetence begs a depressing question: how, in a society of supposedly rational human beings, could he be re-elected at all? The answer to this question is long, confusing, and dismal, and my present state of weary apathy prevents me from embarking on a substantive response. In this article, however, I'll summarize one of the big factors: due to intellectual laziness and/or lack of education, many Americans vote according to arbitrary and obtuse criteria. Their votes usually end up helping to elect someone like George W. Bush.

For instance, many who live in this Great Republic are simply too lazy to think, so they practice either straight-ticket or one-issue voting. Straight-ticket voting is voting according to party alone, and neglecting to evaluate each candidate individually. Thus, rather than taking the trouble to fire any neurons themselves, the straight-ticket voters would rather let a given party do the thinking for them. Both democrats and republicans are guilty of this, though republicans tend to be more rabid in their party allegiances. One-issue voting, on the other hand, is even worse than straight ticket voting. It means evaluating and supporting candidates based on one issue alone, e.g., "Well, as long as the candidate will let me keep my gun/won't let homos marry/is a good, God fearing Christian/will chase those squirrely Arabs out of their caves, then he's got my vote!" This is just another form of intellectual laziness. The voter, instead of letting the party do the thinking for him, will actually consider candidates himself; but he doesn't want to think too much, so he latches on to one important topic (usually a moral one) that will act as a representative issue, and he votes according to that. One-issue voting and straight-ticket voting are two sides of the same intellectually destitute coin, and they usually end up supporting conservative republicans. Why? Because

conservatives these days have a monopoly on the moral values upon which such voting is based.

Indeed, conservatives have been successfully playing the morals card since the Reagan administration, and it's worked wonders for the re-election of Mr. Bush. Bush is not only a Christian, but a born-again one; he displays his faith publicly and uses it as a weapon against such vile evils as terrorism, abortion and homosexuality. Contrasted with Bush's conservative, black-and-white way of looking at the world, liberal democratic values end up looking relativistic and morally atrophied. Thus, the Republican party becomes the party of moral values, while the democrats are perceived as being in opposition to the party of moral values, and it becomes clear to the uneducated, god-fearing masses which way they should cast their vote.

Some voters, rather than voting according to ticket or morals, vote according to what other people think. They also are too lazy to use their brains, so they let not only their party or religion think for them, but also their friends and fellow Americans. This slavish approach to voting becomes exponentially worse once CNN and other news sources start publishing their "polls". It's a favorite election game the media plays: sample about 1000 people, pretend it's a representative sample of the American public, and publish a poll of Americans' election leanings with an ostensible 2% margin of error. (Whenever you see a poll like this, saying that a certain percent support candidate X, know that it's a load of BS. If you've ever taken statistics, you'll know that in order to get a representative sample group of Americans, a media source would have to sample hundreds of thousands of people in order to get a meaningful statistic. The numbers they publish might as well be made up.) The problem is that these numbers influence people, rather than the people influencing the numbers. People see that "52% of Americans support Bush" and, consciously or not, they feel that they want to side with the majority. In this race, most of the schlock numbers that the media published had Bush in the lead. Many Americans probably thought to themselves, "well, the majority can't be wrong!" and were thus reinforced in their already hare-brained convictions.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that /all/ of Bush's support was based on intellectual laziness. I'm just arguing that there are many people in this country who are too lazy to think, and that the asinine and myopic ways in which they end up voting are usually in harmony with conservative platforms. Thus, if you don't like Bush and are looking for someone on whom to blame this year's election, blame the stupid people.

YONI FREEMAN • OCCUPIED TERRITORY



"Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein; and he that rolleth a stone, it shall return upon him." Proverbs, 26:27

Hours before the American presidential election was held, there were supporters of President Bush's reelection bid who said they believed Senator Kerry was going to come out on top in the end. Indeed, I had such partial thoughts as well. But, thankfully, we were wrong and the elections resulted with President Bush being given a mandate by the American people for four more years, though for some hours it would seem it was a Florida all over again, with the Democrats crying wolf, however, this time in Ohio.

In this election, President Bush received almost four million more votes than Senator Kerry, and he broke a record by attaining the most popular votes in US history. Indeed with 51% of the popular vote, coupled with the necessary electoral votes for winning, President Bush brought smiles to those who supported him, and tears to those who supported Senator Kerry. The Republican Party made inroads as well, increasing their hold in Congress.

I do not intend on going through why President Bush had a better platform than Senator Kerry had. I wouldn't agree that President Bush had a necessarily great campaign, but it is hard to deny the horrendous and immature campaign by many Kerry supporters trying to get people to vote for their candidate.

It is no secret that the United States is a much divided country and that most of the time Americans usually know which party's candidate they are going to vote for, leaving a percentage of the US population who is undecided. In theory, both campaigns seek to attract that undecided vote. George Bush's campaign did so successfully, Kerry's failed miserably, even alienating Democrats themselves.

The Democrat Party did a terrible job with their campaign. Their campaign staff and major supporters gave a childish nature to the election. The party was led by a mantra which was basically, "We hate Bush - vote for us." It wasn't about ideas, or a vision. It wasn't a campaign looking at the future and about policy. It was a campaign based on attacking a person, and painting the United States as some dictatorship under George Bush. They were just anti-republican and anti-Bush. They forgot that they should have pre-

sented a side that was pro-Democrat and pro-Kerry. They hated Bush more than they supported Kerry.

You could hear them before the elections saying this country was under fascism, and now you can hear them saying that there was a fix, Kerry really won, and that it was a whole conspiracy. These people can't even decide what they believe. On the one hand they say elections are rigged in the US, and on the other hand before elections are held they get involved in trying to get their candidates elected. Why did they involve themselves in activities to get Bush out, if they knew it all along that Bush was going to win, because after all he controls the elections, the electronic voting machines, etc. as they all claim? And if Kerry won, would you say the election was fair? Bush won fair and square. Turning on radio networks like Air America makes me feel like Hitler just gained power. This leftist motto which finds elections valid when they like the results, sounds like the leftist motto which says people should have free speech as long as they like what is coming out of the people's mouths.

And how much did leftist groups spend to try to get Bush out of the White House you ask? Newsmax.com reported on a fact aired today on Fox News which said \$400 million was spent by 527s. And what did they achieve? They barely gave New Hampshire to Kerry and they lost Iowa and New Mexico to Bush.

The Democrat Party and Senator Kerry were being led around by radical leftists, who in reality make up just 10% of the US population. For some weird reason, the campaign integrated their mottos and looked to attracting their support. These were the type of people who said things like "anybody but Bush," were communists, and followed some fridge political thought - people who could care less about Senator Kerry or the Democrat Party. They just wanted Bush to lose. This was a strategy which was not going to bring a wide range of voters to their side.

These were also the same people who before and after the elections were heard saying things like "We are going to move Canada or Australia," as if the United States was doomed with a Bush election. Look how far the US has come since 9/11/01 under Bush. Bush's leadership has not been perfect, but it should come as a marvel to everyone here in America due to the fact his administration has been able to keep America running in the face of militant Islam during dire times. People just didn't get it, and they still don't get it after this election. It's pathetic.

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CAMELS, EAT YOUR HEART OUT

NICK IYENGAR • OUT IN RIGHT FIELD



The anger displayed by liberals at Conn College in the aftermath of President Bush's resounding victory over Senator Kerry was illustrative of the fact that liberals at this college and around the country are out of touch with the American mainstream. On Tuesday night, anyone taking a quick look at his buddy list was sure to find numerous away messages denouncing the reelection of President Bush. Liberals were not just saddened that their man had been defeated, but expressed hate towards President Bush and denounced America. "I want to move to Canada" and "How can Americans be so stupid?" were two of the most ringing refrains, while some went so far as to declare, "I hope George Bush dies."

Extreme liberals, ironically, are like the religious fanatics they are so quick to condemn. The leftists are utterly sure that they are right, but at the same time so insecure that they resist when those with other opinions try to speak out. For an on-campus example, look at what happened when the College Republicans placed an ad supporting President Bush in the Conntact. The editors, not secure enough in their own opinions about Bush, felt compelled to provide a disclaimer on the front of the Conntact, lest anyone think that they would actually (gasp) support the President. However, when a full page ad containing Senator Kerry's concession speech was run, no disclaimer was attached. Additionally, when ads from Michael Moore, Not In Our Name and MoveOn.org appeared in the Conntact, no disclaimer was apparently appropriate.

Because extreme liberals in America and at Conn College are so closed-minded, when over 59 million Americans vote against two very liberal senators, these Americans are denounced as stupid, ignorant, simple, unsophisticated, etc. Instead of denigrating tens of millions of Americans, the extreme left should take a step out of their isolated, elitist bubble and realize the fact that they are completely out of touch with the great American center. This probably will not happen, as it would be uncomfortable and disturbing for the far left to come to grips with this obvious truth.

Admittedly, John Kerry is no extremist. He is though, among the most liberal members (as was John Edwards) of the United States Senate. One

could not argue that Kerry is as out of touch with America as Conn's liberals are, but Kerry demonstrated time and again throughout his campaign that he has grave misconceptions about what America really is.

For example, when a gang of Hollywood celebrities and entertainers held a fundraiser for the Kerry-Edwards campaign earlier this year, the event turned into a hateful, Bush-bashing extravaganza. One after another, these singers and actors delivered profanity-laced diatribes against President Bush, while Whoopi Goldberg made hilarious sexual jokes about Bush and his running mate. It was all too typical of the far left's mouthpieces, perfectly representative of their behavior throughout Bush's presidency.

In the aftermath, some people complained, saying that criticism of the President was one thing, but hate-filled rants crossed the line of decency and decorum. It would have been easy for Senator Kerry to handle this situation. He could have come out and agreed with the general public's reaction, and said that he appreciated the celebrities' frustration but did not appreciate their tone. Instead, he inexplicably declared that this gaggle of Hollywood characters represented the "heart and soul" of America. Gaffes like this certainly did not help Kerry among social conservatives in Ohio.

Looking forward to 2008, many have predicted that Hillary Clinton will get the nomination (coronation?) as the Democratic candidate. This move could be disastrous for the Democratic Party. The Democrats should learn from this election and realize that social liberals like Kerry and Hillary are not electable when it comes to the Presidency. Don't take my word for it; on Tuesday, 12 states defined marriage as being between one man and one woman. Gay marriage is not a winning issue in America today. Maybe by 2008 America will be willing to accept it, but a candidate who espouses gay marriage is going to hurt his chances more than he will help himself.

The Democratic Party has to come back to the center if they want to be successful once again. By allowing the party to be hijacked by Howard Dean, Michael Moore and that crowd, the party has lost touch with the American people, and as a result has lost the White House again. It now faces a 45-55 minority in the Senate and is going to have to accept much of President Bush's agenda for the next four years. I am very much looking forward to this. Camels, eat your heart out!

I WAS CLIFFORD FOR HALLOWEEN

ANDREW MEYER • I HAVE ADD

Well, this is one week where there has actually been big news. You'd probably expect a column poking fun at the election process from me right around now. However, that's the easy way out, and I am not one to take the easy road. I am willing to work hard and not take cheap shots at the election and the hype surrounding it.

Well, let's be honest. I was going to write about it, but realized I hadn't actually watched any of it. That's right folks...while you were watching all the states change colors, I was watching the Lakers-Nuggets game.

I know what you're all thinking. "But Andrew! Don't you care about the fate of our country!?!? How could you ignore such a monumental moment in our nation's history!?!? And OMG, did you see the O.C. this week!?!?"

Don't get me wrong, I care about our country. I actually took the time to learn about the candidates (a big surprise when you look at the history of my work ethic, which is usually lower than Civic that was just featured on Pimp My Ride). I voted for the candidate who I thought would do the best job. But c'mon...if I really wanted to watch the states change colors, I could go buy a coloring book and do it myself in 10 minutes instead of watching (insert your favorite news network here) spend 10 hours doing the same. And for those of you still asking how I could think that a game of BASKETBALL is more important than an election, I respond with the following question: How could YOU think that the Lakers first game without the most dominant big man of our generation is not a bigger deal than the election?

Right around now I'll stop talking about the election, because I feel like I'm leaning towards a column that might steal some of Iyengar's weekly "fan" mail.

With all the election hype, several big news stories were overlooked this week. I'd tell you what they were, but I don't watch the news. So I guess we're both out of luck.

I hope you all had fun on Halloween. From my observations, the most

popular costume was "drunk college student with a cheap costume budget," followed closely by "slutty girl." I was going to change my picture this week to this year's costume (Clifford the Big Red Dog), but sadly, my computer has decided to pull a Billy Joel and won't stop crashing, so I can't get any pictures off it.

I don't know how Yoni writes those 7.3 million word columns. I just reached 428, and I'm struggling to reach my 500 required word minimum.

In other news, apparently there was an organic chemistry test this week, although I'm not quite sure because people have only mentioned it 17 times an hour, and I need to hear things at least 19 times each hour before I am positive that they happened. People seemed to have a very wide variety of opinions on the difficulty of it, ranging from "brutal" to "holy crap my GPA just dropped 17 points."

Willie Randolph was recently named the new manager of the Mets. This gives them a 1.3% chance of not sucking next year, which if you're looking at the odds of how likely things are to happen, places "Mets make playoffs" just between "Conn celebrates Bush's victory" and "housing lottery receives zero complaints."

Going back to politics, I have devised a brilliant system that would increase voter turnout. Except by "brilliant", I really mean "takes up enough space for me to finish this column." What's the best part of voting? If you're like me, you answered that question with "pulling the lever!" And what's even more fun than pulling a lever on a voting machine? Pulling a lever on a slot machine! What if we replaced the current voting machines with ones that made lots of noise and had flashing lights, along with reels that moved every time you pulled the lever? Even better, have certain lucky voters actually win money. The amount of winners in each state could correspond to the amount of electoral votes that the state has. To fund this project, we would incorporate a new "Collar-Popper Tax."

This tax brings me to my final point. Hmmm... perhaps that's a bad description, as it implies that I actually made some points already. Oh well. The following is an excerpt from Confucian's ancient writings.

"The wise ruler is benevolent and kind towards all his subjects. The unwise ruler plops his collar."

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## CCASA's Annual Diwali Dinner will be a De-light-ful Show

By GOZDE ERDENIZ  
STAFF WRITER

Nobody can say that they haven't been warned. Since the end of September, CCASA (Connecticut College Asian/Asian American Student Association) has been advertising its 9th annual Diwali Dinner. CCASA members have been spreading the word that tickets sell like hot cakes, encouraging all interested students to reserve their seats as soon as possible. And they were right: every one of this year's four hundred and fifty Diwali tickets sold out in less than two days. Many people who really wanted to attend the show were unpleasantly surprised when they discovered that getting on a long waiting list was all they could do.

What made the Connecticut College community so eager to attend Diwali? Why did the tickets sell out so fast? The answer is simple: over the past nine years, the annual Diwali Dinner has made a very good reputation for itself. Everyone knows that missing out on Diwali is like missing out on Floralia (for still clueless freshmen: it's a



Members of CCASA (Connecticut College Asian/Asian American Student Association) rehearse a dance number for the highly anticipated annual Diwali Dinner, scheduled for November 13. (Holt)

day during spring semester just devoted to drinking and being lazy!). People start talking about Diwali two months before the actual event takes

place! Here's a little history on the cultural tradition that lies behind CCASA's annual dinner: Diwali is the Hindu

Festival of Lights and is celebrated in India, Nepal, Pakistan, and a few other countries in various forms. The first Diwali Dinner, which

took place nine years ago, had a small audience of about fifty people. This year's Diwali theme is enticingly titled "East Meets West." There are rough-

ly 70 performers, including students from all class years, faculty and staff, and house fellows. The dances in the show, a fusion of traditional

and western movements and music, have been coordinated by Priyanka Gupta '06, chair of CCASA. There will, of course, be amazing food, catered from Haveli India in Middletown, CT.

It is important to recognize the hard work that goes into being a part of Diwali. Dancers have spent many hours rehearsing complex and beautiful dances with exotic names like *Jindagani Darpan Chhaya* and *Dhoom Machale*. CCASA's public relations representative David Owyang '07 is confident that the organization will retain widespread support and that Diwali will continue to be a huge on-campus event—"I really believe that CCASA has, and will continue to have, active involvement from the majority of students, faculty, and staff on campus (and by majority, I mean Caucasian). Diwali, along with its standing as a cultural event, is truly representative of Unity House because it brings together the entire campus community!"

Diwali Dinner will take place on November 13th at 5.30 pm in the 1962 room at Crozier-Williams Center.



## An Almost Appealing Invitation

By SHONA SEQUEIRA  
A&E EDITOR

**Starring:** Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon, Jennifer Lopez  
**Directed by:** Peter Chelsom  
**Running Time:** 106 minutes  
**Rating:** PG-13 for some sexual references and brief language

Picture this: John Clark (Richard Gere) has everything a man could want: a beautiful wife (Susan Sarandon), nice children (actually, creepily polite and annoyingly good children), a comfortable home, and a promising career (he's a lawyer). Yet, there is something missing in his life. He decides to seize the moment and follow a beautiful woman, Paulina (Jennifer Lopez), to Miss Mitzi's humble Chicago dance studio, where he secretly takes up ballroom dancing lessons. You may say, "Aha! His motives are purely sex!" But, believe it or not, John's real intention is to dance, and he is confident that the tango and the fox-trot will jolt him out of his midlife crisis. To complicate matters, the missus thinks John is cheating on her and hires an investigator to track

his activities, while John has to continuously convince Paulina that, ravishing as she is, he has not joined the classes just to get with her (No, no: moral John would never sweat at the sight of Paulina's swaying behind).

On a first viewing, *Shall We Dance?*, a Hollywood remake of the 1996 runaway Japanese hit, appears to have several things working against it. Seeing the film with my friend Ryoko, who complained for the entire 106 minute running time that it could not hold a candle to the original (which I have not seen), did not help matters much. The biggest problem with the film was inducting big name stars into such a small, sweet project. Second to that was woefully miscasting the lead actors. Having the charismatic Gere play a nobody was almost as bad as casting Julia Roberts as the plain Jane sister in *America's Sweethearts*. It just doesn't work, but perhaps Gere is finally getting what he deserves after a career of playing men half his age and romancing perky starlets like Ms. Roberts (excuse me, Mrs. Danny Moder) and Winona Ryder. Sexy Susan Sarandon is also miscast as a dowdy, neglected wife, while

super-diva J. Lo looks painfully out of place as a sulky teaching assistant who must live with a broken heart and shattered dreams (boohoo, someone please hand me a box of Kleenex).

Yet, all is not lost. Gere is as charming as ever and appears to rise above his boring, depressing role. He is also a graceful and appealing dancer (and very, very delicious, I might add). Comic relief is brilliantly provided by Stanley Tucci, who almost steals Gere's thunder as a flamboyant, wig-wearing hip-jiggler.

While Susan Sarandon's talents are mostly wasted in *Shall We Dance?*, the ever exquisite J. Lo finally appears to have reconciled herself to her one true talent: she may not be able to act or sing, but by Jove, the girl can move her ass! While the tired, sappy script will disappoint, *Shall We Dance?*, like other dancing films before it, has that feel-good quality guaranteed to put a smile on your face, and enough energetic ballroom sequences to impart a spring in your step and some shake in your booty.

## Jump Off the Bandwagon!

So Halloween was Sunday. But that doesn't stop the College Voice from dragging out my favorite holiday and keeping things crazy for a whole week. In honor of Halloween, here's a good old-fashioned *Bandwagon* top ten: the top ten supposedly bad movies that scare the hell outta me.



EMILY MORSE  
Jump Off the Bandwagon!

**10. *Scream*:** I think *Scream* came out when I was in eighth grade. A bunch of my friends rented it and I called my mom to come get me because I was too scared to watch it. Eventually I sucked it up – and the horror movie about horror movie lovers definitely freaked me out. I would laugh at myself looking back, but I know that I'll shriek just as loud if I were to watch this cheesy fright-fest today...but at least I'd be watching Matthew Lillard.

**9. *Urban Legend*:** I was really intrigued by this movie – pretty much every kill in the plot happens around an urban legend (i.e., someone's cousin knows someone who heard that a friend's friend flashed his headlights at someone on a dark road and was then tracked down and killed by the driver of the other car). So basically, being terribly paranoid and superstitious, this one had me scared for weeks. Whatever happened to Rebecca Gayheart, anyway?

**8. *The Faculty*:** So, aliens take over the teachers at a high school attended by Josh Hartnett and Usher...and the only way to kill them? Dope. That's enough to get me watchin'...and hiding behind my knees. Highschool feels like a giant conspiracy anyway – extra-terrestrial involvement in said conspiracy adds all the sci-fi needed for a super-scary. I was



## If it Didn't Scare You, it Probably Scared Me

really excited when Jon Stewart's character – a chemistry teacher – lends the students a hand. Then he, too, turned into an alien and had to be stabbed in the eye with a pen.



**7. *Disturbing Behavior*:** Here's a little more conspiracy theory – the new kid at school (James Marsden) discovers that his entire town is involved in brainwashing teenagers into becoming perfect citizens. So maybe it doesn't sound that scary, but something about this movie had me not sleeping at night. Maybe it was the zombie-jocks or the crazy machine that plants technology right in your eyeball. But hey, Katie Holmes is in this on, so it can't be all bad, right?

**6. *Ghosts of Mars*:** This is one of John Carpenter's gems, and every time I see it I'm truly frightened. It takes place in the future when Mars has been colonized. Police officers involved in a prisoner transport arrive at the station to discover an entire colony abandoned and most of those remaining acting very bizarre. There are no ghosts in *Ghosts of Mars*, but there's plenty of possession, and the graphic nature of the never-ending battle scenes not only keeps you on the edge of your seat but also fairly grossed out.

**5. *Deep Blue Sea*:** Alzheimer's research gone wrong turns your average mako sharks into giant, super-mart killing machines – and it all takes place in a laboratory that is not only located out in the middle of the ocean, but is also deep under water. So this is good for all your phobias – mad scientists, drowning, wild animals gone...well...wild. Early in the plot, someone loses an arm. And it's all down hill from there.



**4. *The Haunting*:** People keep telling me that *The Haunting* isn't scary, but three insomniacs locked in a house haunted by creepy children and a

murdered couple was enough to make an insomniac out of me.

**3. *Stepmonster*:** I think I first saw this on the Disney Channel when I was about eight. They showed *Stepmonster* every Halloween for years, and after the first viewing, I forbade myself to ever watch it again. The movie is about a boy who believes that his dad's fiancé is actually a monster, but since he has such a comic-book-influenced imagination, no one believes him. Then the neighbors start dying, and the kid has to pretty much take out the "stepmonster" on his own before she marries his dad. So maybe it doesn't sound that bad, but from when I was eight to when I was twelve I had nightmares just from seeing the previews on Disney. That lady was one scary bitch!



**2. *Evil Dead*:** I watched this with a couple of friends freshman year and I keep hearing that it's more funny than scary, but seriously, it had me mortified. That scene where they have the one undead girl locked in the basement and she keeps scratching her way out...that had me not sleeping for at least three days. So I guess I'm the one person that is affected by *Evil Dead*'s intention: FEAR!

**1. *Resident Evil*:** Word on the street is that this is a horrible, horrible movie. I don't care. When I watched this (alone in my room on a rainy afternoon sophomore year), I had to pause it in the middle so that I could breathe. Something about military zombies and bioengineered, manhunting freaks of nature chasing and eating people just doesn't sit well with me. I was terrified. And, since everytime I watch this movie I hold my breath a little. *Resident Evil* is the number one bad movie that scares the hell outta me.



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Abbey House Restaurant Night: An Offer You Can't Refuse

By RACHEL GAINES  
A&E EDITOR

Just as the Harris salad bar is starting to look a little old and the appeal of Mr. G's is beginning to fade, Abbey House has come to the rescue with their annual restaurant night fundraiser.

Similar to Earth House's recent dinner night, restaurant night is a chance for residents of Abbey to give something back to the campus.

While Abbey isn't on this side of Rt. 32, it still plays a major part in the community at Conn. It's "the cooperative dorm, which means that we cook and clean for ourselves," says Housefellow Emily Huebscher. "Living here teaches responsibility and gives residents a greater respect for the community in which they live. Each resident brings something unique to this home; we have musicians, dancers, scientists, chefs, activists, philosophers, and poets, and everyone works together to make Abbey house wonderful." And it's those amazing residents who will be cooking, cleaning, serving, and bussing the tables come this Saturday.

Every year the residents choose a theme for the night and decorate and cook accordingly. "It's a Godfather movie theme,"

explains Huebscher. "It's gonna be a lot of fun."

In terms of specific décor she's sworn to secrecy, but is able to say that there will be tons of influences from "The Godfather" and other box office mafia hits (no pun intended).

The menu, like the ambiance, is Italian to fit with the theme. It's a four course meal with both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options, including (a Conn favorite) chicken parm or eggplant parm, a pasta and risotto dish, and fruity gelato, but those are just some of the options offered up in this authentic restaurant experience.

The event will take place this Saturday night in the Abbey House common room. There are two seatings, one at 6 and another at 8 in order to allow as many people as possible to enjoy the experience. It's smart to reserve tickets ahead of time, because frankly, it's a small common room and a popular event. Tickets will be on sale in Cro on Friday, the 5th. Tickets are \$7 and selling fast.

To get to Abbey, cross the bridge by the AC and head right (straight as you get off the stairs) past the CELS office. Abbey is the first big, white house after the office and the door will be open all night.



## Leo and the Pharmacists Offer Up a Good Dose of Politics Nothing Unusual in Providence at Ultra

By PAUL DRYDEN  
ASSOCIATE A&E EDITOR

Following 9/11, punk rocker Ted Leo wanted to reconnect with his adopted city of New York and so took up a job as a dockworker. But he still felt politically dissatisfied as he watched the world spin out of control around him. Last year, in response, he released *Heart of Oak* to highly positive reviews everywhere from Spin to The New Yorker and Alternative Press. Two weeks ago, Leo and his band, the Pharmacists, released *Shake the Sheets*, which is yet another solid, politically smart, and socially charged album.

A Notre Dame literature major, Ted Leo is known for playing "intellectually crafted thinking-man's punk." In essence, he draws as much from Van Morrison as he does from the Ramones. *Shake the Sheets* displays true passion, attitude, and hope (pre-George W. Bush's re-election) for what is to come.

"Political things are the easiest things to write about," Leo once said in response to his work. "Unfortunately, those problems are the hardest thing to get to go away. It's kind of a forever-replenishing well of subject matter."

The album begins with "Me and Mia" and a classic opening line. Leo croons, "As I was walking through a life one morning/The sun was out/The air was warm/But, oh, I was cold." This track sets the pace for the rest of the disc with jumpy bass lines, fast power chord riffs, and upbeat percussion. It keeps you from sitting still throughout each and every song. By the second track, "The Angels' Share," you will be humming along to the catchy melody and wordplay.

In the title track, Leo writes a song that could have easily been written in reaction to the most recent presidential election. He sings, "I want to take it to the president, him and all the cabinet, with a broom/I want to sweep the halls of arrogance/Sweep the walls of the excrement of these baboons/But I respect and prize the covenant/I

While it may seem that the album is preachy, it really is not. It is simply showing indignation and resignation to what is happening in the US. But still, one can easily just ignore the lyrics and still enjoy the tunes and the beats/melodies. Each hook is catchy as hell. It is one of those albums that you can listen to on multiple occasions without ever getting bored: a great pump-you-up disc. However, if you feel like paying attention to what Leo is saying, the songs are quite powerful too. The now-DC resident's strong sense of conviction is portrayed well through each song.

*Shake the Sheets* is produced by Chris Shaw, known for his work with a wide range of talent, from Dashboard Confessional to Public Enemy's classic *It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back*. Shaw's work makes for the cleanest Leo disc to date, effectively layering the trio's sound of only guitars and drums. It is his fourth solo album, following stints with multiple bands throughout the 1980s and 1990s, including the hardcore group, Citizens Arrest, and the mod-rock band, Chisel.

Ted Leo has been around the independent music scene since before we were born and *Shake the Sheets*, released on the classic Lookout Records label, is yet another one of his great solo albums. Give it a chance; you will be hooked straight from the start. It may even help you survive the next four years with optimism of good times that must eventually come.

## Nothing Unusual in Providence at Ultra

LIZ BRADLEY  
Trailblazer

Are you tired of dancing at TNE's? Do you crave the flashing lights and pulsating beats associated with clubbing? Well look no further than Ultra – a techno and hip hop themed night club located on Friendship St in Providence. Only forty minutes away, it's a convenient escape from the New London bubble.

What I like about Ultra is the fact that it has options: You can flow between rooms as your mood changes. The hip hop room in the front of the club offers three bars, a generous dance floor, and an upper level in case you need a break from the the main floor. The techno room also has three bars and a smaller dance floor with some seating. On the other hand, if attention is what you crave, then take your pick of three dancing platforms.

Clubs draw all sorts of people who want to catch the eyes of experienced people watchers. The crowd at Ultra is completely different from what you would typically find at Conn. This could be considered a plus or a minus depending on your perspective. But let me put it to you this way: if you're planning on spending a night at Ultra, leave your pink polo shirt at home – preppy is not part of the dress code. The club has a Euro vibe from the ways the guys dress to the clean lines and architecture of the rooms, offering a contrast to the traditional New England scene on campus.

One thing I did not like about Ultra was how distracting the lighting became. Long periods of bright flashing light can make your head spin. At some level it's to be expected, but it can become nauseating when you add in the poor air circulation on the dance floor. This club is not for the claustrophobic, because it gets pretty packed by the time the night picks up.

The bottom line: if you enjoy going clubbing, you'll probably like Ultra. It's fairly typical and is relatively low on the scale of club sleaziness, which in my opinion tends to be inescapable.

Clubs and bars in Providence close at 2 a.m. I would recommend leaving a little early to avoid the late night bar traffic. It's a bizarre rush hour that puts streets in certain districts in near gridlock conditions. Hondas with three girls out of the same sunroof and SUVs loaded with guys looking for the next place to cruise are the usual and drunk drivers are a serious concern. It may sound motherly, but trust me on this one.

Cover charges vary from night to night, but Saturday nights before midnight ladies get in free. Check out their website for directions and details at [www.ultrathenightclub.com](http://www.ultrathenightclub.com).



respect the process, I respect the rules/When will we find a chord as resonant as to shake the sheets to move?" With "The One Who Got Us Out," Leo laments the Iraq War. He sings, "But I'll put it to you plain and bluntly/I'm worried for my tired country."

label, is yet another one of his great solo albums. Give it a chance; you will be hooked straight from the start. It may even help you survive the next four years with optimism of good times that must eventually come.

## Shopaholic Still Addictive This Kind of Fat Good For Dance Fans

By SOPHIE FITZGERALD  
STAFF WRITER

Sophie Kinsella has done it again. She has written another book to the *Shopaholic* series featuring the shopping pro, Becky Bloomwood Brandon. After following her through her shopping woes in England and the U.S., the fourth book, *Shopaholic & Sister*, takes Becky back to England. Becky, now happily married for just under a year, comes back from a prolonged honeymoon of world travel (and therefore world shopping) to face a few surprises. She comes home to discover that she has a half-sister, who her complete opposite. She also must admit that her shopping habit will test her marriage, no matter how healthy she thinks it is.

As the three previous *Shopaholics* and *Can You Keep a Secret?* show, Kinsella has a knack for capturing the contemporary flaky woman. Although Becky infuriates the reader as she constantly spends money without thinking, or having a sufficient bank account, there is something that keeps the reader loving her every step of the way. I was rolling my eyes constantly in the beginning of the novel and at one point wondered why I had made it so far in the series. Becky has not changed a bit since the first one and what is so interesting about that?

Kinsella succeeds in keeping the reader from bailing out though. As the novel progresses, Becky's optimism is what drives the reader to continue turning the pages. Becky sees the good in everything; a quality that's so refreshing to see in a world where cynicism often dominates. Here is a piece of pop culture that satirizes the modern woman as Becky yields her credit card again and again, but also stays by Becky until she proves to the readers that she's got more brains than they originally

thought. It is Becky's optimism and love for other people that ultimately makes her character so endearing, and therefore so easy to follow.

*Shopaholic & Sister* is the fourth in a series of books that has made its own unique addicts. I thought I was done with Becky and her shopaholism after the third book, but the series is my guilty pleasure. The book is an easy read and a guaranteed amusement. After finishing the novel, I realized I shouldn't be so hard on Becky and her shopping problem, for she could say the same about me and my Kinsella-novel addiction.



By ANDREA RODESCHENI  
STAFF WRITER

Noted choreographers Jeremy Nelson and Luis Lara Malvacias will bring their Full Fat Dance Company to the Martha Myers Studio in Cro next Thursday, November 11 and Friday, November 12. The performance will feature Francis Stansky, a 2002 graduate of Connecticut College. The pieces selected will include two works by Jeremy Nelson: "Bridge of Fools," a trio between Nelson, Malvacias, and Stansky, and "Accent Elimination," his newest piece that features five dancers and premiered at the Danspace Project this month. Malvacias's "NoN" features a quartet of dancers.

Jeremy Nelson and Luis Lara Malvacias have forged a successful working relationship over the past ten years. Nelson earned the New York Dance and Performance "Bessie" Award for his exceptional creativity in and dedication to the The Stephen Petronio Dance Company in

New York City. Jeremy Nelson also has choreographed pieces for students at Connecticut College and the Gotham Group. Luis Lara Malvacias designed all of the costumes for this performance in addition to choreographing, dancing, and designing the program. His accomplishments include full recitals of his work at Joyce SoHo and Williamsburg Arts Nexus in NYC as well as commissioning from The Gotham Group and students at Stephens College in Missouri.

The Full Fat Dance Company has already received rave reviews from the national media. Jonathan David Jackson of *Citypaper* in Philadelphia praised them for "an exciting tapestry of abstract yet dramatic vignettes motivated by the powerful ingenuity of their dancing." The performance will take place at 8pm on both nights (November 11 and 12). Tickets are priced at \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. For ticket information, call 860-439-ARTS. This is one concert sure to leave you feeling satisfied and satiated.

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and other funds. Furthermore, all stock purchases must be first approved by the College administration. The club's press release notes that the administration only once

denied a buy request from the club for an international fund which did not appear to be as diversified as it could have been.

The club's portfolio holdings include more than 30 large-to small-cap securities, plus one bond fund

and an international stock fund. According to financial analysts, their portfolio would be considered moderately aggressive, holding approximately 70 percent in equities, 25 percent in fixed income, and 5 percent in cash.

## College Events Publicize Elections

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government income through tax breaks. As a social liberal, I am disturbed that George Bush has taken measures to erode civil liberties and has let the religious right take over the white house. He may be a flip-flopper, but of the two choices I feel John Kerry is the lesser of two evils."

Other students supported President Bush. One anonymous voter said, "I voted for Bush, because although I don't necessarily agree with everything he does, I honestly feel safer in this country with George W. Bush as our president. I think that if the terrorists could choose a President, they would choose Kerry."

Another anonymous Republican said, "I feel that John Kerry is a flip-flopper, and his record in the Senate shows this. I believe that he tailors his answers to important issues depending on who he is speaking to at the time."

A great number of Conn students were also supporters of John Kerry. Senior Joel Malenbranche got straight

to the point by saying, "I'm voting for Kerry because I don't want my President to be a cowboy."

Other students felt even more strongly about making sure that Bush did not become President. "I voted via absentee ballot for John Kerry, hopefully soon to be President Kerry. I'm basically fearing for my life, for the lives of the citizens of the United States, and for citizens of the world. I really hope Bush doesn't win," said Freshman Bethany Boles.

Finally, there were students who did not vote in the Presidential Elections. Sophomore Robbie Abrams was among them. He said, "I can't vote because I registered a day too late, and I feel like that system has deprived me of my voice. But that's okay, because I'm using my voice right now."

Students at Connecticut College have been encouraged for the past few months to vote and thus become active in democracy by doing so. Most students seemed to have responded to this message because many students at Conn had something to say about the election.

## Gov Dept Hosts Panel on 'Other' Elections

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of campaigning. Before Tuesday's election there were two hundred and five democrats, two-hundred and twenty-nine republicans, and one independent in the Congress. Of the Congressional elections that occurred on Tuesday, Professor Borelli discussed that thirty-four of the races were considered open. Of those thirty-four, nineteen were held by Republicans and fifteen were held by Democrats. Professor Borelli discussed that some of the interesting races to look at would be Arizona, Louisiana, and Texas.

Dr. Nugent was the last panelist to speak. He focused on the state in terms of legislature, governorships, initiatives and referendums, and their elections. While often overlooked, Nugent stated that state legislation is important because some of the key policies it passes concern issues such as education, social services, and environmental protection. Also, it is the state legislature's job to draw district lines for the House legislature.

A particular topic Dr. Nugent touched upon was the issue of certain states having term elections for members of the state Congress and how these term limits are beginning to come in to play this election and in upcoming years.

Dr. Nugent also touched upon the fact that four out of the eleven governor races occurring in the country were for open seats. He also mentioned the fact that controversial citizen initiatives, as well as legislature referenda concerning various issues, were on ballots this election.

The lecture was an informative and interesting way for students to gain information concerning the elections that occurred in the United States on Tuesday. While the "other" elections that occur in the United States may not be as well as publicized as the presidential race, the panelists illustrated how important it is to be well informed about the candidates and situations surrounding the particular elections.

## SMELLING THE COFFEE

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And now there are reports of protests occurring and being planned against the election of Bush. The only protests that should be logical are protests by Democrats like Joe Lieberman against their party which lost not because their message was not liked, but because they had none which sought to attract Americans or a message which understood the realities America was facing. Their message was juvenile and uninformed.

Bush's campaign was able to attract many voters. Matthew Dowd, the Bush-Cheney chief strategist, noted on CNSNews.com that in this election 42% of Hispanics (up from 35 in 200), 11% of African

Americans (up from 9 in 2000), 24% of Jews (up from 19 in 2000) and 47% of women (up from 43%) voted for George Bush. I was distraught to see that the Jewish vote did not increase much in support of Bush this time around, though it did increase by a number of percentage points. This shows how ill-informed the pro-Israel Jews of America are about who they should be voting for if they want a president with a pro-Israel support base, like Bush does with the Evangelical Christians. There was also little change when it came to the youth vote as well.

Now that Bush has been re-elected, I expect this Bush hating crowd to wither away. It will be further pointless in the 2008 election because George Bush will not run

again (unless some of you think Bush will change the constitution to make it possible for him to run again). The centrists in the Democrat Party would be wise to get rid of them and begin to formulate a message for adoption in 2006 and 2008, aiming to make it in support of their candidate, rather than in hatred to their opponent. It should be a message which understands reality and the world America lives in.

I am glad George Bush has been reelected. The US can look to continue to maintain its position in the world and remain a stable state actor within the world system. I advise the other party to get back to reality, if they want their existence in the voter's mind to be as such in the future.

## Ex-Terrorist Shares His Experiences

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Then I started thinking, really the Jews didn't do us any harm but we hated them and accused them of all this horrible stuff. I began to think more openly."

In an attempt to rectify his wrongdoings and "convinced he was on the side of evil," he became an advocate for those Jews that for many years he had fought against. He converted to Christianity soon after and led a life renouncing all forms of violence. This action, however, led to countless threats, and even family abandonment. Viewing this hatred and in the Middle East, he knew, however, that it was an action that must be taken. In response to a question from the audience, he stated that the solution to the conflict was for Israel to extend its sovereignty over Judea, Samaria and Gaza. He then said that after the hatred was uprooted from the minds of the Arabs in those areas, they could receive some autonomy. Additionally he noted, "Most Jews believe in a two-state solution. I do not believe in this. A Palestinian state will concoct its own rules and laws to continue the killing of Jews."

Shoebat went on to propose that Israel needs to, "Wake up and smell the Hummus. We must return to the

status quo - the 'occupation.' There were jobs, people went to work and supported their families, and whoever got involved with terrorism was exiled or imprisoned - like any modern country in the world. I think Israel should stand strong and fight - dismantle Hamas and take away all the weapons, the way it used to be. The introduction of weapons into Palestinian society by Israel was a disaster and they must be confiscated."

Yoni Freeman, Founder and President of the ZOACC remarked, "I was happy with the large crowd and even happier that his message of truth was broadcast to such a large gathering." Freeman made clear that, "This issue of Israel and the Islamic world is something which everybody should keep on top of, because the same evil that Israel faces is the same evil the United States faces."

Shoebat now spends his time traveling to synagogues, churches, radio stations and universities telling his story to hundreds of people all around the United States. For more information on Walid Shoebat and his foundation, the public can visit his website at [www.shoebat.com](http://www.shoebat.com).

The Zionist Organization intends on bringing another speaker to the campus later on this month.

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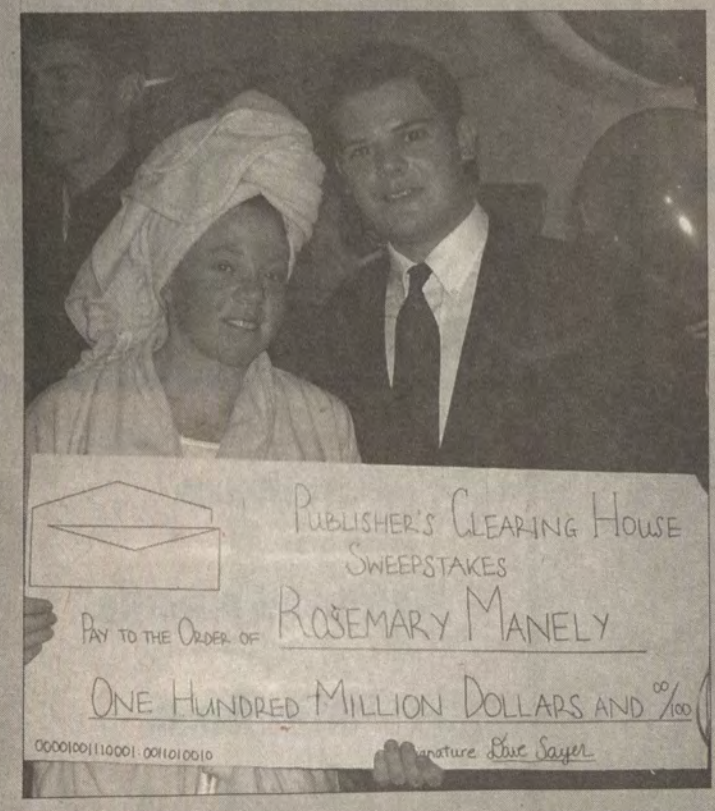
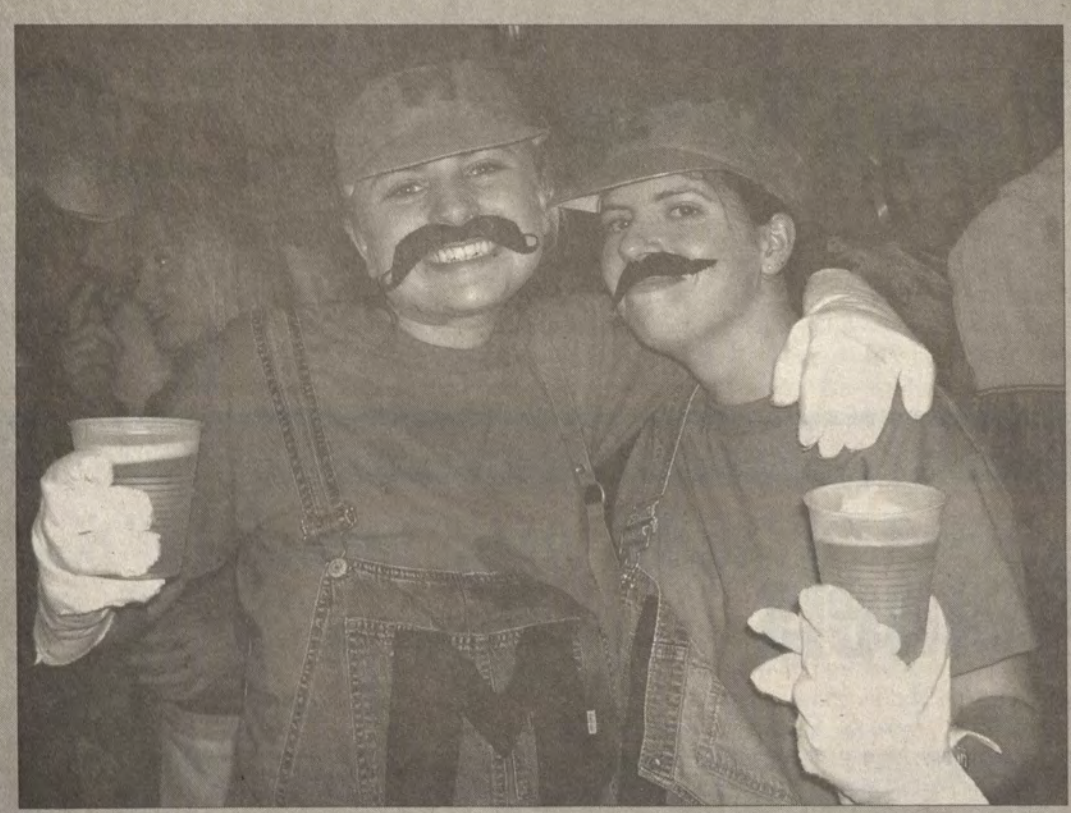
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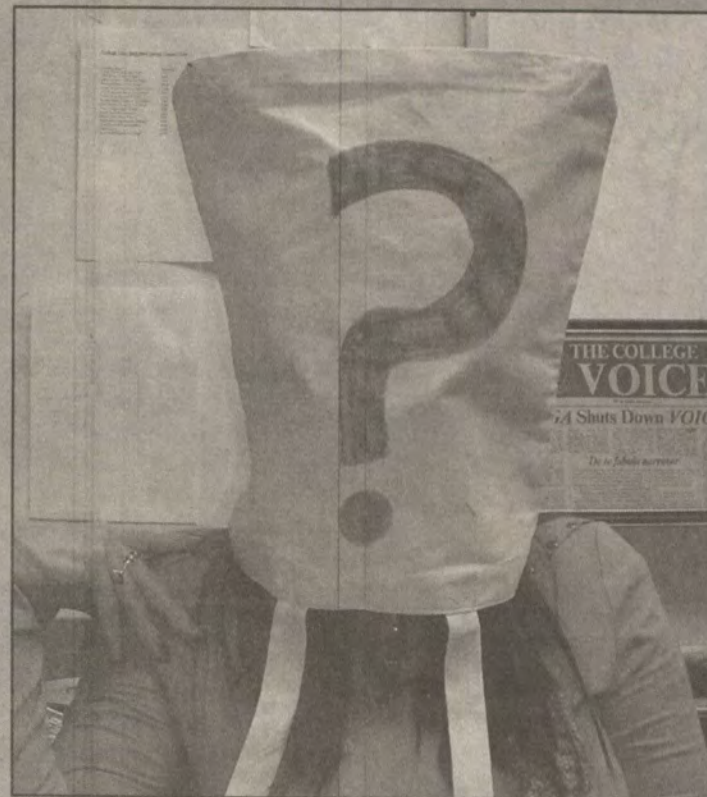
# CAMEL FUN PAGE!

## 20 Halloween variations on "The Skank"

(Note: All of the following costumes were actually observed in Gro last weekend)

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| Naughty Nurse         | Coastie Gone Wild        |
| Sexy Secretary        | Paris Hilton             |
| Flirtatious Fairy     | French Maid              |
| Kinky Kitty           | Gyrating Gypsy           |
| Playboy Bunny         | Tantalizing Toga Girl    |
| Hula Dancer           | Britney/XXX-tina/Jessica |
| Horny Lil' Devil      | Ridin' Cowgirl           |
| Not-so-Heavenly Angel | 80's Skank               |
| Lusty Lifeguard       | Dirrrrty Hippie          |
| Wonder(bra) Woman     | Prostitute/Dominatrix    |

## Guess That Voice Staffer!



Alright Conn Kids, welcome to Name That Voice Staff Member!!! The photo staff has decided that this will temporarily replace the camel close-up. Can you guess who that is under our famous question mark bag? Here is a hint: she's a sexy Sagittarius who likes long walks on the beach and promptness. Email your responses to [ccvoice@conncoll.edu](mailto:ccvoice@conncoll.edu). Last week's camel close-up was the democratic donkey. Our lucky winner was senior Mary Scott. Enjoy your new shirt Mary! Mary Scott. Congratulations Mary!

## Camel Curiosities

**A camel can drink 27 gallons of water in 10 minutes.**

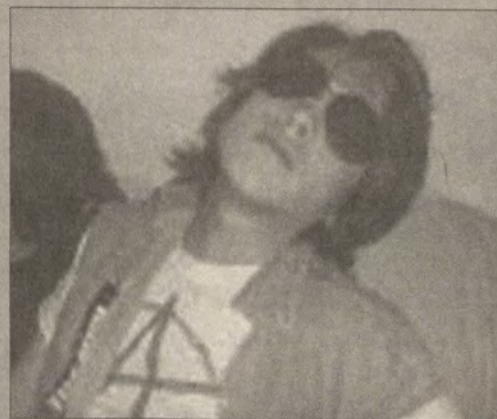
Source: Anthony from Mrs. Habib's second grade class in Jordan

## Quotable Camels

### Senior:

"When you're in an unfamiliar shower that really doesn't have a curtain, and you turn around and see yourself all naked in a full length mirror looking like a really awkward wet rat."

-Brett Spigelman



### Sophomore:

"Stairmasters! You could die!"

-Sara Jayanthi



### Junior:

"I run away from girls"

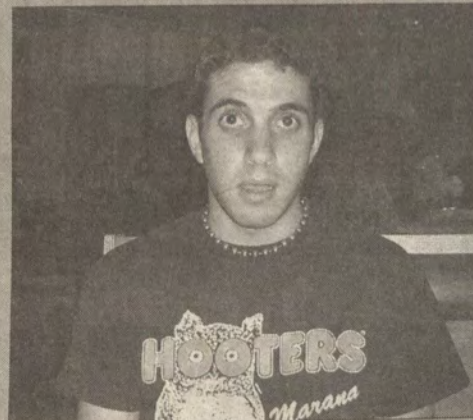
-Jonny Fong



### Freshman:

"The moral majority."

-Steve Kamin



Not fun enough? Send YOUR ideas for the Camel Fun Page to [ccvoice@conncoll.edu](mailto:ccvoice@conncoll.edu). Because seriously, this page needs more aliteration.

# Rowers Turn In Strong Performance Camel Of The Week: Christa Thoeresz

By YONI FREEMAN  
MANAGING EDITOR

Conn's women's rowing team completed last week's regatta at the Head of the Fish Regatta. The squad traveled to Saratoga Springs in New York for the clash. On Saturday, October 30th, the 19th annual regatta was held on a two and a half mile course, and co-hosted by the Saratoga Springs Rowing Club and the Saratoga Rowing Association. Excellent rowing conditions prevailed.

In the varsity eight race (out of 31 boats), the Camels came out 12th

(13:20.18) and 19th (14:01.36), while the varsity four concluded the race in the 18th and 22nd position (out of 46 boats) at the times of 16:02.17 and 15:07.66.

The novice crew also made their mark in the regatta. The Camel eight boat made 7th place out of 15 boats with a respectable time of 15:07.66. The novice four race had Conn placing two boats in the top 10 out of 43 boats, their times being 15:20.94 (4th place) and 15:54.10 (9th place). Alyson Ridgway '08, who was on the novice eight and four boats, remarked on her team's accomplish-

ments, "I think we did very well. We worked very hard and did our best."

The women's rowing team is currently being coached by Eva Kovach, who is assisted by Sarah Cannon. Kovach is in her 4th season. Her arrival at Connecticut College resulted in her novice crew attaining a silver medal in the spring of 2001, along with the varsity four finishing sixth.

Conn's women's crew team is now in winter training mode and will resume competition in the spring.

By PETER STERLING  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Christa Thoeresz has been a major contributor to the Conn women's soccer program throughout her four years. Thoeresz, a senior co-captain along with classmate Mary Bushnell, has had a celebrated career as a Camel. Thoeresz earned All-NESCAC and All-Region recognition three times, as well as having been a constant figure in the Camel's starting lineup in the Camel's last season. In 2002, Thoeresz was voted NESCAC Player of the year as a sophomore, after an outstanding season. Thus far this year Thoeresz has notched four goals for eight points, leading her team to another successful season in NESCAC competition. The Camels recently defeated Amherst 1-0 to reach the conference semifinals against Middlebury this upcoming Saturday. When asked about her most notable athletic moments while at Conn, Thoeresz did not have to go far back in time.

"Beating Amherst this year to reach the semi's of the NESCAC tournament, a feat we accomplished against the same team in 2002, is definitely a highlight," she noted.

Besides her many accomplishments on the field, Thoeresz finds time in a busy schedule for work on campus, as well as volunteering with children in the New London area.



Christa Thoeresz, former NESCAC player of the year, also finds time to chip in off the field. (Web)

While soccer has certainly been a priority for her, Thoeresz has exemplified the true nature of a student-athlete throughout her time at Conn. The College Voice would like to congratulate Christa Thoeresz for her many accomplishments on and off the athletic field.

## Carter: The Burden Of A Superstar

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based on profit margins and how fans can be most entertained. In the case of a marriage, it's not like the husband works for the wife, or vice versa. It is an equal partnership. Playing for a professional team however, is not.

When you step out on to the court, you are being paid to provide a service. If a general manager or owner feels they can get a better service they'll do it. In the case of Mobley, it may mean you being traded so that the team can acquire a better player. It's a part of the game that every athlete, from the last player on the bench to the star of the franchise is aware of. What's more, a rumor of such a deal had circulated for quite some time before it actually went down. Wouldn't that eliminate the "cheating" aspect of the whole thing? So what if he chose not to read the headlines for their best interests in mind. Rest assured, it's not easy for me to grant that kind of grace to athletes making millions and millions of dollars, (and still demanding

threatening to holdout until he received a contract extension, which would enable him to "feed" his family, and I couldn't help but fall over laughing. I think there is a commercial out about that sort of thing with some superstar saying how he's got to take up another sport because "20 million just ain't what it used to be." Is he serious?? An eight figure salary can't feed his family while many make it on two or only some four figure salaries? I could go on criticizing such a foolish statement based on that argument alone, or the fact that no wise businessman would invest more money into an aging 34 year old with declining skills, but I'll let you decide.

Let me first make the following point: any employee, regardless of their profession, whether it pays a little or a lot, is entitled to going about things with their best interests in mind. Rest assured, it's not easy for me to grant that kind of grace to athletes making millions and millions of dollars, (and still demanding

more) but they are people with needs, albeit expensive ones, too. However, I think both these cases are examples of where reality should take precedence over the individual needs of a player. Basketball, like its other major professional sport counterparts, is an entertainment business where pieces are moved, sometimes without regard for feelings.

While this might be something I don't necessarily condone, it sometimes is the right decision to be made. Not to bash on athletes any more than necessary, but the current state of hockey is a prime example of how increasing player salaries can cause serious problems. Though both the owners and players are right now out of work, it is the people who work the arenas, and other related business who are really suffering in all of this. Coincidentally, they are the people with the 5 and 4 figured salaries who will now have to find a way to survive. If they can make it, can't the Mobley's and the Sprewell's of the world make it too?

## Field Hockey Wraps Up Tough Season

By STEVE STRAUSS  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After a disappointing 0-5 start, the Conn field hockey team rallied, winning five of their final nine games. The late surge brought their final record to 5-9 (2-7). In the final game of the season, the Camels upset Tufts by a score of 3-1. The Jumbos were then ranked #3 in the NESCAC.

Ending on a high note had long been high on the list of priorities for a field hockey program that went into the season with extremely high hopes. A strong returning cast of savvy veterans and a promising freshman class looked to be the recipe for a standout season. There is a reason, however, that they play the games. Conn sputtered at the beginning of the season and it looked as if team chemistry might remain absent throughout the schedule. In the end, the Camels persevered; though they failed to garner any post-season berths, they nevertheless brought us many great moments. A somber Katie Williams '07 noted, "It took us a really long time to mesh as a team. We were definitely not cohesive at first and our record showed that. As we came together later in the season we became more competitive, and it

was a lot more fun." Last Saturday, at Tufts, the wild ride of a season came to its final stop. The Camels struck first, as Jill Mauer '08 beat the Jumbo defense with dazzling stick work and scored just six minutes into the contest. Mauer's goal stood as the only score in the first half. Tufts struck back early in the second half, and it looked as if the game was headed for overtime. As the clock wound down and the Conn faithful huddled in the chill late-October air, the Conn attack spun its final magic of the season.

With only eight minutes left Williams forwarded a corner strike to Katie Roe '05 who hammered it home for the game winner. Williams tacked on an insurance goal in the waning minutes when she put back a centering pass in front of the Tufts net. The 3-1 score stood, thanks in no small part to Ashley Kenerson '06, who made three saves in net for the Camels and was a constant, looming presence.

Though the 2004 field hockey record will not impress many, none can study the season closely without being taken aback at the grit and perseverance that the players showed. With hopes of post-season

play thoroughly dashed by the 0-5 start, the players kept their noses to the grindstone and wound up with a few big victories. At season's end, the Camels were in many ways the hottest team in the NESCAC. In the final three contests, Conn went 2-1, winning two road games against NESCAC opponents. The only loss came against Amherst in a rescheduled match that fell less than 24 hours after an exhausting road victory over Colby. In this case, Conn was victim not to its adversary, but to the monster of the schedule.

Finishing their field hockey careers at Conn are Mary Scott '05, Corey McAuliffe '05, Hillary Rader '05, Amy Phelan '05, Katie Roe '05 and Stephanie Cole '05. These seniors led the program all season, and their dedication is to be admired. Williams said, "The seniors are going to be missed a lot...it's tough to see the season end, but even tougher to know that some of your friends won't be back next year." The Voice would like to congratulate these seniors not only on their season at the helm, but for brilliant careers over the past four years. The program will continue to thrive, but the seniors will be missed.

## Widdoes: Contender Or Pretender

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tender in an NFC with only one dominant team, the undefeated Philadelphia Eagles.

Two other teams in the NFC East, the Minnesota Vikings and the New York football Giants, have shown that they are good, but both have shown weaknesses that can be exposed. The Vikings struggled without their star, Randy Moss, and the Giants rely very heavily on their running game and Tiki Barber, and haven't had much success passing (four TD's and 26 sacks allowed.) Considered a preseason favorite to contend for the NFC championship, the Seattle Seahawks have faltered of late after a hot start, losing to bad teams like the Cardinals and the one-win Carolina Panthers, and it looks like they have yet to reach the level of play necessary to challenge the Eagles for the NFC crown, not to mention the Super Bowl.

In the stronger and deeper AFC, representatives from the South Conference, the Jaguars and Colts, have shown that they can win games. The Colts do it with their high-powered offense, and the Jags have shown an uncanny knack for winning games in the last two minutes, including a big win over their division rival Colts in Week 7. Of course, the most important revelation of

Week 8 is the continuing emergence of "Big Ben" Roethlisberger, and the Steelers dominant performance over the Patriots who hadn't lost in 22 straight games. Patriots' fans will undoubtedly point to the injuries from which they were suffering to RB Corey Dillon and CB Ty Law, but they would be ignorant to realize that the Steelers were missing pro-bowlers Casey Hampton and Kendrell Bell, as well as their top cornerback, Chad Scott. While the game was completely one-sided (the Steelers held the Pats to five rushing yards on six carries), both teams should be considered legitimate Super Bowl contenders. In breaking the Pats' winning streak, the Steelers not only climbed to 6-1, but they gained momentum going into Week 9.

For the second week of the season, the most important game of the week will be played at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh, between the undefeated Eagles and the Steelers. This in-state battle between the league's two top teams will feature two of the top defenses in football, something that the Steelers will need to contain Terrell Owens. The game is too close to call, the line is even, but don't be surprised to see the Steelers end another undefeated streak if their defense puts as much pressure on Donovan McNabb as they did on Tom Brady and keep their turnovers to a minimum.

## Women's Soccer Into NESCAC Semis

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in regulation. Strong's goal was her third game-winning tally of the season, and the most important. The goal took the wind out of Amherst's sails, and gave the Camels the momentum they needed to close out the home team. In the 85th minute, co-captain Christa Thoeresz '05 sent a long cross towards the net, and Strong suddenly found herself in a position to gain possession near the goal line, well inside the six-yard box. Amherst keeper Piper Crowell battled to gain control, but Strong was able to slide the ball into the open corner of the net, giving Conn

a 1-0 lead with little time remaining, and ending a six game win streak for the Jeffs.

"It was great beating them again," stated senior co-captain Christa Thoeresz. "We've had some tough breaks this season so it was nice to get a win we felt we deserved. I'm proud of how our team has done so far but I know we have the potential to accomplish a lot more."

The game proved that despite the Camels' low ranking in the tournament, they are, and have been, a team to be reckoned with. Conn has played to many narrow decisions

this season against NESCAC foes, with both positive and negative outcomes. Anything can happen in the tournament, however. The team is confident that their upcoming contest against Middlebury in VT this weekend will be just as hard fought as when the two teams met earlier in the year. The Panthers left New London that day with a narrow 2-1 decision, gaining the lead and eventual win with just 24 seconds remaining. Since then, Middlebury has garnered the top ranking in the tournament and will have the comfort of playing at home in a few days.

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# SPORTS

## A Real "Tiger Trap"

Is it just me or has the lure of the Red Sox winning the World Series died off /really/ quickly? I guess a highly-touted election immediately following doesn't give a fan much time to celebrate. The sad thing is that this great achievement of the Red Sox ending 86 years of suffering is being replaced with articles titled "Now what?", "What's Next", and "The Rivalry Is Dead." Pardon me, but I thought the goal of every team



**PAUL CARTER**  
Viewpoint

was to win a championship, not finish in second place to a rival over and over again. While I understand that for every fan, from the most downtrodden to the most upbeat, the anticipation of winning, the feeling of sitting right on the cusp of success is what fuels our passion, but winning is nice too. In my opinion, a true fan is one who has experienced balance during his or her time spent rooting for his respective team. Constant winning provides ample success but doesn't allow a person to deal with losing and failure, an important lesson in life that needs to be learned. (Hear that Yankee fans??) At the same time, constant losing breeds an atmosphere of despair or, worse yet, a relationship in which your heart bleeds every time your team lets you down. As much as I hate to say this, I don't think this World Series victory was appreciated enough for what it actually was. Why is this the case? Because for many Red Sox fans they have nothing to compare it to. Unless you were alive during 1918, I don't think one can quite appreciate this victory. As they always say, "you can't truly appreciate something until you've lost it." With that being said, I want to move on to what I really want to talk about, the "plight" of today's NBA superstars.

As far as I'm concerned, some athletes just shouldn't speak to the media. After reading recently about sports superstars demanding trades, claiming unfair pay, being upset over lack of control, or generally unhappy over how they have been treated I have decided it's time to rant back. During the off-season, Orlando Magic star Cuttino Mobley spoke of his trade from the Rockets to the Magic as if he had been "cheated on by his wife." My response to this was "Are you kidding me?" When you marry your husband or wife you expect, you hope, and you believe that the two of you will be together forever. However, things may come up, or the situation may never have been ideal in the first place. In any event, if nothing can be done to reconcile the relationship, it makes sense for one side to seek a change of scenery.

Playing for an NBA team however should in /no/ way be associated with marriage. Never. First of all, most players don't play their entire careers with just one team. Furthermore, a career in the NBA, regardless of how short or how long, usually comes to an end around age 35 or 40. Those other 35 or 40 years that you live must be spent doing something else. One could even argue that when a player retires, he has effectively ended the "marriage." While it may be a livelihood for 700 or so players, the NBA has been, and will always be, an entertainment business. Team owners make moves

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## Women's Soccer Into NESCAC Semis Contender Or Pretender

By PETER STERLING  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Conn women's soccer team had an exciting Halloween weekend. On Saturday, the team traveled to Medford, MA for their final regular season game against Tufts University. Tufts pulled out a 2-0 win over the Camels to close out the regular season at home on a cold, wet autumn day. Conn battled to a scoreless first half behind solid defense and the goalkeeping of Kate Simmons '06. Unfortunately, an early goal in the second half by Tufts' Ariel Samuelson would prove to be the eventual game winner. While the Camels battled back valiantly, Samuelson would score again to seal the victory for the home team. Although the season did not end the way they had hoped, Conn quickly regrouped for their first playoff game the following day against Amherst. For the second time in three years, Conn found themselves in the NESCAC Tournament playing against Amherst College. Ironically, the Camels topped the Jeffs 2-1 in November of 2002 to advance to the semifinal round. And, as events unfolded on a beautiful fall day in Massachusetts, history repeated itself.

The Camels reached the NESCAC tournament as the 7th seeded team. Their first hurdle was the game at second ranked Amherst College. No team with a 7th place ranking had ever beaten a #2 seed to advance in the history of the tourna-



Caeli Rubens '07 and the Camels will travel to Middlebury Saturday for a semifinal showdown against the top seeded Panthers (Archive).

ment format- that was, until Halloween day this past Sunday. Conn needed almost all 90 minutes to tally a goal, but found it with less than 10 minutes remaining; the goal gave a confident Amherst side the loss and elimination from the tournament. It was undoubtedly one of

the finest games Conn has played all season, and revenge was sweet for a team that had fallen to the Jeffs earlier in the year.

Although Conn was out shot 15-3 in the first half, the Camels displayed solid defense and refused to let up. From the goal out, the

Camels played remarkably. Paige Diamond '05 stopped 12 shots to keep Conn in the game, and Lucy Strong '08 came through when her team needed her most, notching the lone goal in the game with 5:08 left

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With Week 8 in the books, it is becoming clear in the NFL which teams are for real and which need to start thinking about next year. In my version of "Contender or Pretender," I am going to discuss the points of significance from the last week, highlight the important games that the upcoming week will offer, and determine which teams are serious threats to contend for a Super Bowl ring.

Before I delve into the teams with a chance of winning, I must first take a moment to acknowledge the most pathetic team in the NFL. Of



**CHARLIE WIDDOWES**  
Viewpoint

course, I am making a reference to the catastrophic decline of the "Raider Nation." It seems like ages since they were in the Super Bowl and I was listening to the endless bragging of countless friends from California. It is with joy that I can point to last Sunday as an indication of how far they have fallen, and proof of how long it will be before they get back to any level of respectability. In sports, aside from watching my favorite teams win, nothing makes me happier than watching ignorant, spoiled, loud-mouthed athletes make fools of themselves on national television. I don't like to hate, but nothing frustrates me more than people supporting stars who act like children. Warren Sapp gave me that pleasure on Sunday, showing his true colors when he went on a tirade in the face of his coach, Norv Turner, on the sideline for everyone to see. Turner should be the one yelling at Sapp, and he should suggest that Sapp could benefit from spending less time making asinine comments during interviews and more time getting in shape and winning football games.

One of the biggest stories of the week comes from the team responsible for wailing on the Raiders, the San Diego Chargers. At 4-3, they have a chance at making the playoffs, something that no one would have believed after their dismal season last year. LaDainian Tomlinson has been spectacular, as always, so the biggest surprise has been Drew Brees, who is playing the way everyone hoped he would when they drafted him out of Purdue, something that will certainly increase his value on the free-agent market this off-season. The popular sentiment around the league is that the Chargers plan to give control of the team to Philip Rivers next year, so Brees is essentially using this season to audition for his potential suitors. The likelihood of the Chargers making the playoffs is marginal, with the Broncos standing at 5-3 and the ever-dangerous Chiefs surging. The aforementioned Chiefs, who have scored 101 points in the past two games, are looking just as potent offensively as the team that started last year winning their first ten games.

My prediction in the AFC West is that the Chiefs (3-4), only two games behind the Broncos, will win the division, while both Denver and San Diego have a shot at the wild card. The Falcons, who gave up 56 points to Kansas City in Week 7, rebounded with a strong showing at Denver. Michael Vick played spectacularly in an offense that previously had him looking confused. It is impossible not to consider the Falcons as a con-

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## Volleyball Ends Season On Seven Game Slide

By GERALD WOLS  
STAFF WRITER

The Connecticut College volleyball squad finished the season in disappointing style with a 10-game losing streak. The Camels managed to only win four of their 15 games in the month of October, finishing with a disappointing 10-17 record for the season. It was a slump of which the Camels could not get out, try as they might. They managed to win only seven sets in their last 10 matches. However disappointing these statistics may seem, the Camels still have a lot to be proud of from their 2004 season.

In the ten games that the Camels won, they only conceded four sets to the opposition, and dominated their opponents with the combination of lethal shots and awesome defense. This year's team roster sports only 11 names on it, three less than on last year's roster; however, sophomore Kara Sprague took the season off after three games, and Allyson Borgelt '06 missed the whole season while studying abroad. The team is a young one and there are high expectations for next season, when the Camels will hopefully be less short handed than they were this year.

Over the past weekend, the Camels lost the final three games of their season. Conn traveled to Maine to complete their season on the road. Three tough games awaited them in Maine and they proved to be too much to handle for the Camels.

Conn took on the Colby Mules, the Bates Bobcats and the Bowdoin Polar Bears, and unfortunately lost all three games. They lost to Bates and Colby by 3-1, with game scores against Bowdoin 17-30, 30-28, 17-30, and 23-30.



The Camels started hot but faded down the stretch with a 10 game losing streak (Archive).

The Game scores against Bates were 18-30, 10-30, 30-23, and 20-30.

"It was a very hard weekend for us," noted Jen Romanelli '07. "We were missing Molly Kawachi and she is our only setter on the team." Missing a key member of the team did not make things any easier for the Camels. Kawachi '06 was unable to play due to a wrist

injury. The injury to Kawachi meant the reshuffling of the team. Freshman Courtney Hambleton had to play setter and this change meant that the Camel defense would suffer. Hambleton had not practiced much in the setting position and this hindered the passing game of the Camels.

Junior Cynthia Whitman tallied eight kills and two blocks

against Bowdoin. Romanelli amassed seven kills along with 11 digs for the Camels. Hambleton dished out 23 assists. Freshman Maria McGinness chipped in with six kills and Meryl Yoches added five blocks. Against the Bates Bobcats, Cynthia Whitman tallied 11 kills and three blocks. Romanelli chipped in with nine kills and five digs, while Hambleton notched 24 assists. McGinness finished with 11 digs and three kills.

Overall, the season was fairly successful. The team is young and has a lot to learn, but by next season the team will hopefully come together, and with five seniors next year and no graduating seniors this year, things are looking good for the Camels.

This season has been a good experience, and the Camels showed what they could do before entering the tailspin that wrecked their season. The Camels went 4-2 at home, with the two losses coming against Eastern Connecticut State and Rhode Island College, the latter being a team the Camels lost to twice this season.

The Camels dropped a close 3-2 match to Rhode Island College (17-15) Wednesday night, the final game of the 2004 campaign. Game scores were 21-30, 30-21, 30-24, 26-30, and 16-18. The two hour battle went back and forth, going down to the final point. The game was an exciting and a fitting way to end the season at home despite the fact the Camels lost the game.

"This has been the best year in a while; we have been athletically much stronger and been able to compete against the best teams in the NESCAC. Next year will be fun," said Romanelli. The College Voice looks forward to seeing the 2005 edition of the volleyball squad in action.

## Camel Scoreboard

### Men's Soccer: 3-11

- 10/20, @ Amherst, 0-3
- 10/23, @ Colby, 1-0
- 10/30, @ Tufts, 1-3

### Women's Soccer: 9-6

- 10/30, Tufts, 0-2
- 10/31, NESCAC Quarterfinal @ Amherst College, 1-0
- 11/6, NESCAC Semifinal @ Middlebury College, 11:00 am

### Women's Tennis: 5-1

- 9/30, @ Wesleyan, 8-1
- 10/3, Holy Cross, 9-0
- 10/15-17, New England's at Amherst (9th of 22)

### Mens's Tennis: 0-1

- 10/7, Trinity, 0-9
- 10/9-10, Bates College Invitational

### Volleyball: 10-17

- 10/29, Colby @ Bates, 0-3 (11-30, 11-30, 22-30)
- 10/30, Bowdoin @ Bates, 1-3 (17-30, 30-28, 17-30, 23-30)
- 10/30, @ Bates, 1-3 (18-30, 10-30, 30-23, 20-30)

### Field Hockey: 5-9

- 10/23, @ Colby, 2-1
- 10/24, Amherst, 0-1
- 10/30, @ Tufts, 3-1