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Associated Press

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Yasir Arafat at the White House with Clinton after the signing of the peace accord on Sept. 13, 1993.

*A nation in mourning:*

## Israeli Prime Minister assassinated at peace rally

*Reverberations felt in New London, as campus and community respond*

BY JENNY BARRON  
News Editor

After striving to bring peace to the land of milk and honey, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was killed at a peace rally in Tel Aviv on Saturday. Now a nation teetering on the brink of peace has been plunged into mourning.

Rabin was shot in the arm and back as he got into his car following the rally. He was rushed to a nearby hospital for emergency surgery but died on the operating table.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has stepped up to the position of acting Prime Minister.

Hundreds of thousands of Israelis have already filed past the flag-draped coffin as it lies in state. Israel has declared a state of mourning for the next seven days.

Over 200 dignitaries from the United States alone attended today's funeral including Presi-

dent Clinton, Connecticut senator Joseph Lieberman, and New York mayor Rudolf Giuliani.

What has made the assassination even more difficult for the nation to digest is that it came from within. Immediately following the shooting, a 27-year-old law student was arrested by

Israeli security. Igor Amir was not a Palestinian fundamentalist. He was not sent by a hostile government. Igor Amir was an Israeli Jew.

After being taken into custody, Amir confessed to the shooting saying God told him to kill

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MICHELLE RONAYNE  
Editor in Chief

The proposed changes to the academic calendar have met with concern from SGA. The calendar was a topic of discussion at last Thursday's meeting.

Arthur Ferrari, dean of the college, spoke to the Assembly about problems with the process of sharing information about these changes with the students. "I was shocked to discover students haven't been part of discussion [about changes to

the calendar]," said Ferrari.

Ferrari explained that they have a process for fixing the process. He believes that a dialogue between himself and SGA will allow them to backtrack and fix the process to address student concerns.

According to a member of the Academic and Administrative Planning Committee (AAPC), John Burton professor of anthropology and associate dean of the faculty was responsible for drawing up the academic calendar. Burton was asked to do so

*Campus passes budget:*

## Off-campus students not included in budget vote

BY JENNY BARRON  
News Editor

According to the "C" Book, every off-campus student must receive a ballot and a letter of explanation so they can participate in the budget vote. Due to an oversight, these students did not receive ballots and therefore were not able to cast their votes.

Jesse Roberts, public relations director, is responsible for running campus elections. In the "C" Book, under the section on Budget Presentation and Votes, it states: "Students not living in dormitories will be sent ballots a minimum of four days prior to the dorm meetings."

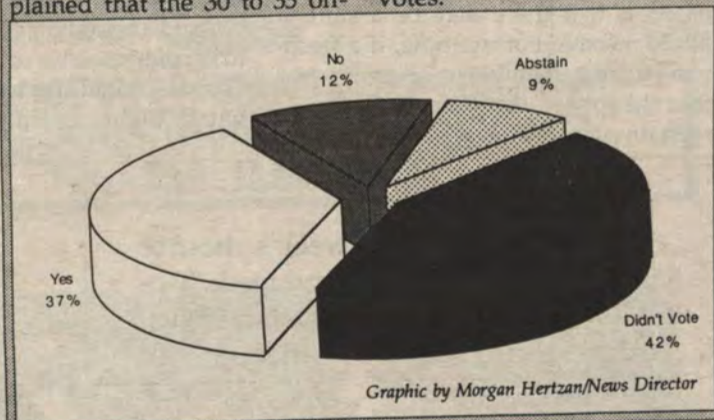
Instead of invalidating the vote, Roberts, public and his committee decided to use tonight's results. Roberts explained that the 30 to 35 off-

campus votes would not affect the overall outcome.

"We felt that this would be the most ethical and honorable way to go about this without further violating policy," said Roberts. "Obviously the Public Relations Committee has taken policy very seriously in the past few weeks." He said that they had already postponed the vote twice to avoid violating policy.

Roberts added that this was the best decision he and his committee could have made given the situation. He added that it would be improper for anyone to attempt to invalidate the vote.

They decided before they began counting the ballots that they would invalidate the vote if the margin came down to a number that was anywhere near the number of off-campus votes.



## SGA expresses concern over next year's academic calendar

in his capacity as associate dean.

According to Ferrari, the faculty assumed that students were going through a similar process.

The students, however, were not aware of changes to the calendar. Only in recent weeks have members of Assembly been made aware of the differences in next year's calendar.

The main differences are the elimination of fall break and the reduction of the number of days for finals from nine and one-third to five and one-third. The calendar also cuts off a day from

freshmen orientation.

Fall break as it has been known will be eliminated. There will be a one day fall break that will take place during Yom Kippur.

"The thinking in the calendar is that Yom Kippur is fall break," said Ferrari.

According to Ferrari, these changes were made in a somewhat arbitrary attempt to raise the number of days in class from 67 to 70. Ferrari said that this was primarily to meet the needs of parents. "Many parents have

See Calendar Changes page 3

# Federal cuts threaten Conn financial aid

BY JENNIFER GREENFIELD  
The College Voice

All of us here at Connecticut College remember the agony of the college application process. A good portion of students remember filling out financial aid applications and will continue to do so each year. But what happens to your financial aid applications once they are in the hands of the school?

Students must fill out two applications. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be filled out to receive government aid. The college also has an institutional form. The three components of aid given through filling out the school's application are grants, loans and work-study programs. When the financial aid office receives a form, they place the information into a computer to determine the student's financial need.

Many schools across the nation give merit scholarships. This is money given for outstanding academics, sports, musical talents, etc. According to Mark Putnam, dean of planning and enrollment management, Connecticut College believes financial aid should give equal opportunities to students from all socioeconomic levels. In the past, Conn has resisted giving scholarships based solely on merit.

But the college does give some merit aid. Included in the capital campaign is approximately 35 million dollars for the accumulation of scholarship money alone. Each million would be the equivalent of \$50,000 in funding of merit awards. According to Claire Gaudiani, president of the college, this is a very important element of the campaign.

Each year students must fill out the institutional financial aid form, and they may have different packages awarded to them each year. Mark Putnam gave various reasons for this occurrence. One such reason is that there may be a shift in family income. For example, if a freshman has one unemployed parent when he or she applies, the student will receive a certain package. If that parent becomes

employed before the student's sophomore year, the financial aid awarded is less. The same situation will occur if a sibling graduates or if a parent receives a raise in income. However, by the same token, if a parent loses a job, or if a sibling enters school, the financial aid package will increase. Another factor is the parents' willingness to meet their contribu-

said this commitment forces the college to reduce costs and keep tuition down, even in the face of federal aid cuts.

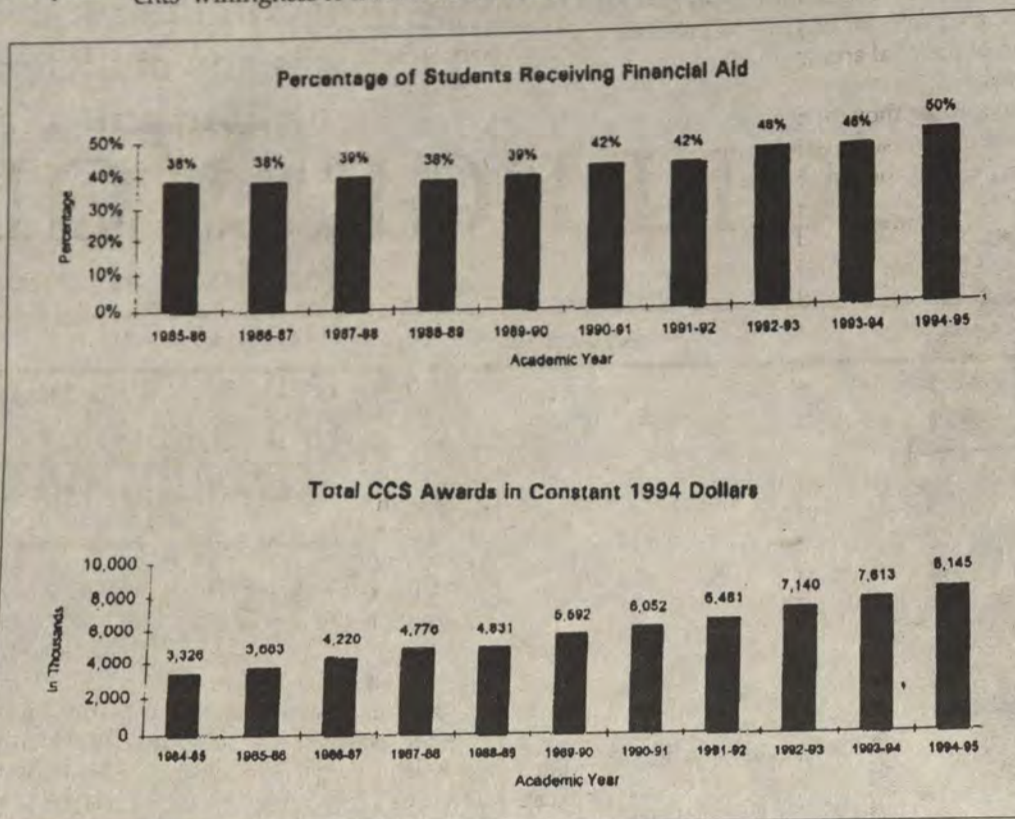
"Each year we're on a balancing act trying not to slam into the water where the sharks are," explained Gaudiani.

As you may have read in last week's *College Voice*, the government is imple-

including \$12,207 in the form of a grant. Once her freshman year was over, she received a financial aid statement stating that she would only be receiving \$9,896 in aid from the school while her grant would be cut to \$5,296. Seaborg called to appeal the statement because she couldn't understand why her aid had been cut. Seaborg realized that her sister had graduated, but her parents didn't pay to put her sister through college. In fact, her sister was not even listed as a dependent on her parent's income tax form. Further, her mother's salary was cut in half that year. Because Seaborg's financial aid decreased so severely, she could not return for her sophomore year.

Heather Grover, a junior, couldn't have come to Connecticut College without the aid package she was given. Like Seaborg, her package was excellent her freshman year. Grover received a grant near \$2,000, a government subsidized loan, and work-study. For reasons of which she is not aware, her grant was completely taken away in her sophomore year. As far as she knew, there had been no income change and no sibling had graduated. And now, in her junior year, all her aid has been taken away, mainly because her sibling graduated. However, the money that had gone toward her sibling's college was not enough to pay for Grover's tuition bills. Grover is now taking out non-government subsidized loans which she will be paying back with interest after she graduates. Her family is also struggling so she can finish her education at Connecticut College.

If the government passes the new budget proposals, there will be many changes in the financial aid packages that are given by schools throughout the nation, including Connecticut College. According to Elaine Solinga, Conn will not be in direct lending, which is a program that places less burden on students. About 30 students will not be able to receive the Pell grant, which is a federal grant set up for economically disadvantaged students. The six-month grace period after graduation to pay back loans will be eliminated. There will also be a raise in the interest on PLUS loans. However, Solinga hopes that President Clinton will realize that "the future of our society is in our educational system," and veto the proposals.



tion level.

With every passing year the amount of money spent per family rises. As family costs increase, so do the school's. As a result, 52 percent of the students at Connecticut College receive financial aid as opposed to 36 percent in the mid-1980s. The money that the school puts toward financial aid comes from gifts, grants and endowments made by alumni, parents and other sources. According to Elaine Solinga, the director of financial aid, in comparison with the state and federal government, private schools such as ours are the biggest contributors to financial aid. This puts a great deal of pressure on the school.

Gaudiani said that Conn is committed to keeping the level of aid high enough to "retain a broad spectrum of highly motivated, highly qualified students." She

menting huge cutbacks in the new budget plan. Elaine Solinga feels that many students don't truly understand what the sources of their financial aid are. She also thinks that students don't have enough strong lobbyists in government to vocalize their concerns. These and many other factors contribute to the fact that less money is given to the schools by the government, which makes the parameters for student aid packages become stricter. However, Putnam stated that only a "handful" of students could not return because of financial reasons. However, what if you are a student among this "handful?"

Sarah Seaborg was a freshman last year and received the best financial aid package from Connecticut College out of all the schools to which she applied. The aid she was given by the college was \$15,881,

## Correction:

The caption under last week's photo of "Going to Quiet" should have read: "Going to Quiet," directed by Diann Sichel, visiting instructor, in cooperation with the Dance Department. The piece was performed by Conn students.



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# Rabin assassination —

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Rabin. He said that he acted alone, though a far-right religious group called an Israeli radio station to claim responsibility.

Ian Shrallow, the chairman of Conn's chapter of Hillel, expressed disbelief at the shooting.

"It is unbelievable, even for Jewish extremists, to stoop down to that level...to shoot their own people," said Shrallow. He attended a memorial service Saturday night at a local temple to say a prayer for the fallen leader.

Estie Malismalov, an Israeli living in New London, said she was shocked by the assassination. Malismalov is a former right-wing activist who is now an advocate of the peace process.

"It's a double shock because we lost a great leader and by an Israeli," she explained. She spoke to her parents in Israel when she found out about the shooting.

"Israel has never had a history of assassinations and people are in total shock," said Malismalov.

His voice shaking with emotion, President Clinton addressed the press shortly after Rabin was declared dead.

"The world has lost one of its greatest men, a warrior for his nation's freedom and now a martyr for his nation's peace," Clinton said.

He recalled the Prime Minister's words during his last visit to the White House.

"I want the world to remember what Prime Minister Rabin said at the White House barely one month ago. 'We should not let the land flowing with milk and honey become a land flowing with blood and tears. Don't let it happen.'" Clinton said fighting back tears. He called Rabin a great man and a close friend.

Rabin has been at the center of the major events of his country for five decades. From the siege of Jerusalem in the war for independence, to the defeat of

three Arab armies during the six day war, to the signing of the peace accord on the White House lawn he has long been seen as a single-mindedly devoted to the good of Israel.

Given his obvious presence over the years, what will Rabin's assassination do to the already fragile peace process? No one is sure.

"In a strange way it's going to have a positive effect," conjectured Alex Hybel, associate professor of government and dean of national and international programs.

He said he thought the assassination would put pressure on right-wing groups to repudiate the act. He further com-

mented that the death of such a strong advocate of the peace process would generate additional support for negotiations within Israel.

Hybel added that Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has been the real architect of the recent peace agreement.

John McFadden, professor of government, agreed.

"There's reason to be optimistic," said McFadden.

"I've often believed that he thought down deep in his heart that his single goal in life was to have Israel at peace with its neighbors upon his death," commented McFadden.

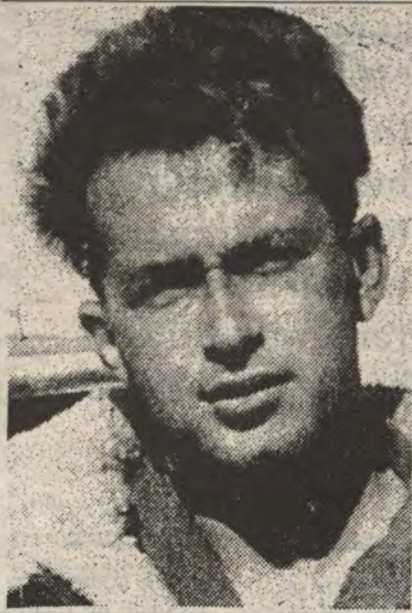
But he said that Peres is even more disposed to the peace process than Rabin was.

"It will never be the same, but what comes out of it we can't know," said McFadden.

But as Israel and the rest of the world struggles to deal with the loss of a strong and influential leader, the peace process that Rabin gave his life to will go on.

In a fragile region so beset by war, yet so close to peace, Rabin's absence will be keenly felt.

But as Clinton put it, "Peace must be and peace will be Prime Minister Rabin's lasting legacy."



Courtesy of The New York Times/ November 5, 1995

Yitzhak Rabin in the 1940's

# Calendar changes —

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expressed displeasure at how little we have you in class," said Ferrari.

"I don't think there was any malicious intent to pull a fast one. The administration had certain goals and I think this is indicative of why this campus has

shared governance," said William Intner, senior class president. "Each branch of the school, administration, faculty and students alike, can not necessarily be cognizant of what the other is doing."

Assembly members were in agreement that fall break was necessary and that there needed to be more days in the final exam period.

"In talking with members of the Board of Advisory Chairs (BAC) there is a general feeling that two days are really needed for fall break.

There is overwhelming concern for more time for finals. They felt fine about starting the semester a day or two earlier," said Kristin Paige, SGA chair of academic affairs.

Some Assembly members expressed concern for a one day fall break feeling that would be hard for freshmen.

"It's really important to get a break, especially for freshmen. Two days are really needed because you can get burnt out after taking midterms. Conn is a work hard, play hard school... we need

to rest hard too," said Ted Svehlik, SGA student activities chair.

There was also feeling that it is very difficult to go home or get away when there is only one day fall break.

"Fall break is a breather for everyone.

It was very tough this year for people not from around here," said Rudi Riet, housesenator of Warnshius.

There was also concern that students were not aware at the time that Yom Kippur would replace fall break.

"Was it made clear that Yom Kippur would take away from Fall break? I think students here are more

mature than this... but I hope students don't resent this," said Daniel Horwood, house senator of Hamilton.

There was also discussion of how Yom Kippur is not a vacation day for those of the Jewish faith. Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year, is a day of prayer and atonement.

"I think it is great to have no classes on Yom Kippur. However, it is a day of atonement, a day filled with temple not a vacation day. It is also dangerous to implement these changes at the same time because it could foster some anti-semitism on campus," said freshmen Kristin Helz.

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HUNGER'S HOPE

The campus and beyond:

## OVCS recognizes students and community members

BY YUNG KIM  
Features Editor

"Eighty-five percent of the people I know are one check away from the downward spiral."

I want to commend Connecticut College and the OVCS students who have helped support these agencies," said Jane Glover, a New London councilwoman. Glover addressed the audience at the Tenth Annual Hunger and Homeless Project Presentation at Conn last Friday.

Conn students donated \$3,000 to eight community organizations at the presentation. The eight organizations were Adopt-a-Match, in which students invite community youths to socialize and have meals with them, the Winthrop Family Support Center, the Community Services Soup Kitchen, Covenant Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, the New London Area Food Coalition, the Salvation Army Meals Program and the Women's Center's Genesis House and Phoenix House, two area shelters for battered women and their children. Each organization received a check for \$400.

Glover, a Democrat currently seeking re-election, acknowledged that hunger and homelessness were not "sexy issues," but are significant nonetheless.

The event was hosted by the Office of Volunteers for Community Service and students Kristin Smith, senior class volunteer coordinator, and Patrick Welch, a freshman.

Welch got involved in community services as soon as he got to Conn. He went to meet with OVCS and discovered that he was qualified for the position of Winthrop intern. As an intern he works with Judy George, administrative secretary for OVCS, and is responsible primarily for setting up students to work at the Winthrop Highrise. His other responsibilities include running Habitat for Humanity and setting up students to work at local soup kitchens.

"We have a student who is teaching the kids to juggle at the Winthrop Highrise and a couple of varsity basketball players who are working with the kids," said Welch.

The luncheon on Friday was a day of recognition for those who work in the community. According to Welch, the money that went to each organization was raised last year through funds from spring claud day and the day of fasting when all the dining halls close.

"We picked the organizations that we felt had shown excellence to issues of hunger and homelessness," said Welch.

The issue of hunger was addressed at the luncheon by serving just soup and bread.

People in attendance at the recognition luncheon included college administrators, members from service organizations and students who volunteer in the community. Last year Connecticut College students gave 22,000 hours of volunteer service through OVCS.

On Monday November 6th:

## Black Solidarity Day: A day of absence

BY MICHELLE RONAYNE  
Editor in Chief

Can you imagine a world with no people of color? How many contributions would be lost? What would the world be today if no one had ever performed the first open-heart surgery or if no one had invented the technique for separating blood plasma or even without street lights?

Black Solidarity Day strives to emphasize the impact that would be felt if there were no people of color. It is based on a play called *A Day of Absence*, which takes place in the late 50s, early 60s. The play examined what would happen if black people were no longer there to provide the services that they did to society. The play was intended to let politicians know what the impact that black people have on the community. When the day originated African-Americans wore black and would a take time off from work to emphasize the importance of the day.

Today, UMOJA celebrates Black Solidarity Day. "It takes place the Monday before elections to send a message to politicians reminding them of the importance of blacks in the community," said Kareema Scott, political chair of UMOJA.

In observance of the day the entire campus has been encouraged to wear black all day. The candlelight vigil this evening will go from Unity to Cro and Amoke Adams, chair of UMOJA will speak about the day once they reach Cro. They will sing the "Negro Anthem." Throughout the day bins will be available outside of Unity and the plex for a clothes drive and red and green pins in support of the day will be available as well.

"There will be facts up about what blacks have contributed to the United States put up around campus in bathrooms," said Adams. "It is very important to remem-

ber that African-Americans make many positive contributions."

Adams said, part of the importance of the day is to stress the importance of Unity with all people not just with African-Americans.

This past weekend the executive board of UMOJA went to Yale for a conference on Black Solidarity. They listened to

speaker Lawrence Otis Graham, who spoke here at Conn last year of his experience pretending that he was not a lawyer and attempting to get a job at an elite country club.

"He said he thought the whole racism thing wasn't alive in the 90s but realized decisions were made on the basis of his color and that his Princeton education didn't matter once they saw the color of his skin, he still couldn't get a job," explained Adams.

The conference had workshops that focused on relationships with the community and giving back to your home community. Graham emphasized that African Americans need to stick together, so they do not slip through the cracks.

"The workshop stressed that you should give to your community, don't just leave [instead] come back and give to it and even if you leave, still make sure you are giving in some way to the place you came from," said Adams.

In recognizing this day of absence, remember that the world would not be as rich without them and perhaps many important discoveries such as the blood plasma separating technique and open-heart surgery might never have happened.

This is the day to remember the importance of the contributions of African Americans to society everyday. Let this not be one day for reflection but the beginning of recognition that what we must strive for as Adams said, is unity with all people.

## Racism suspected in Wesleyan incident

BY JENNY BARRON  
News Editor

WITH REPORTING BY JONAH SACHS  
Sports Editor  
The Wesleyan Argus

A recent incident involving four black students and a local police officer has the Wesleyan campus talking about racism.

On Tuesday at about 1:15 am, four black Wesleyan students were walking across campus on a town road when they were stopped by a local police officer. There are disputed reports that the students were walking down the middle of the street and that they accosted the officer.

The officer asked for some identification, but the students did not have any on them. He then radioed for backup. When the two other officers ar-

rived, the driver of the campus shuttle bus identified the four as students. But the officers took them to the police station for lack of photo identification. The students were handcuffed to a railing or post in the station.

The students were released soon after, and a Lieutenant immediately came to the campus to do some damage control and apologize for the incident. But that did not stop the special interest house for student of color from organizing a meeting to discuss the issue.

According to *The Wesleyan Argus*, the four students are not talking. The NAACP approached them to offer their legal services, but the students said they already had one.

There has been no positive word yet as to whether the students will press charges.

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# Human Endowment helps provide institutional pride

BY JENNY BARRON  
News Editor

"I'm assuming that people who are upset about the budget will be coming to their senators and this is something you can tell them about," said Emily Strause '95, the administrative officer of the Human Endowment Committee (HEC).

At last week's SGA meeting, Strause, encouraged House Senators to inform the campus about the Human Endowment program. "I've been working on a Human Endowment project for the past six months. I very much encourage you [SGA] to promote this and get involved yourself," said Jesse Roberts, SGA public relations director.

The Human Endowment Program provides all members of the Conn college community, including students, with the opportunity to receive initial funding for projects which will strengthen involvement in the college and thereby bolster institutional pride and school spirit. It also works to improve internship and

post-graduate opportunities for current students by creating connections between Conn alumni and students.

The program was developed from research conducted by Mr. Charles Luce, former Athletic Director, who found that recent alumni lacked a strong connection to the college. Luce is currently a member of the HEC which is comprised of faculty, staff, administration, and student members. The HEC is currently reviewing proposals and will be voting on and ranking them in Mid-February.

has already begun to make a difference on campus. Some Human Endowment projects include Residential Olympics and the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Those who have received funding and those who are entering the process are encouraged.

"We want to do something positive for the campus," said senior Lou Carter in describing the motivation behind his groups proposal. Carter is heading the Conn Review, a group currently going through the process.

Roberts is currently working on an approved proposal called the Legacy Project. His project qualifies for the Human Endowment Fund because of its purpose.

"No one knows the history of the college, so I felt it was important to draw the connection from then and now and through creating institutional ownership, create institutional pride," said Roberts.

"Without Human Endowment I wouldn't have been able to execute my project. It's a very strong program which needs campus support in order to continue."

**The Human Endowment Program provides all members of Conn college community with the opportunity to receive initial funding for projects which will strengthen involvement in the college**

The funds for the proposals come from the President's Discretionary Fund.

The three-year-old program which is run from the Alumni Association Office

## Students to sit on Study Away Committee

BY JENNY BARRON  
News Editor

At the request of students, the faculty voted at their last meeting to add three student members to the Study Away Committee.

The change to the standing committee of the faculty was made with two provisos: students will participate in deliberations about policy and procedures only, not in those regarding student study away applications, and at least one student will have studied away prior to serving on the committee.

The Study Away Committee currently includes six faculty members including the Dean of National and International Programs, the Associate Director of National and International Programs, the Registrar, and the Controller.

According to Alex Hybel, dean of national and international programs, this move was made in order to further shared governance. He added that students sit on many of the other faculty committees.

He said a student went to the faculty and requested that students be added to the committee. The faculty vote was unanimous.

Explaining why the student members will not participate in deliberations regarding student applications, Hybel said, "That is mostly because there is a lot of confidential information."

Ryan Eschauzier sits on the committee currently. He said that Hybel and Arthur Ferarri, dean of the college, are working to combine the student and faculty committees into to one official college committee.

The students will be elected by the SGA Assembly and serve a term from September to May.

## This Week in SGA...

Stacie French, parliamentarian, said that the Assembly will vote on making the decision on the Oasis/Bar changes a campus wide referendum or an Assembly vote next week. There are currently two options for changes to the bar. One option is to move the bar upstairs into the old Coffee Grounds space. The other is to renovate the existing space.

Dan Shedd, president, said that the space in Larrabee would be used for an all-night study room. It should happen pretty quickly and he asked for thoughts on changes and decorations for the space.

Damon Krieger, house senator of K.B., said that Dean's Term (aka ISD) applications are now available. If there are any questions those interested can contact Dan Traum, chair of the committee, at extension 3965.

Theresa Ammiratti, interim dean of freshmen, said that she was not in favor of moving the freshmen elections to an earlier date. She believes that this year they had a large turnout because the freshmen were able to feel connected to the school. She hoped that Assembly would keep elections at the current date. The proposal to move freshmen elections to an earlier date was tabled several weeks ago. Assembly will address the situation in the next few weeks now that the freshmen class president has been elected and can offer her input.

Emily Strauss, intern for Human Endowment, said that the Human Endowment Fund is accepting applications and wanted to really get the word out. She urged anyone who has a proposal that they feel would really bolster institutional pride to apply. She said that it might also be a good way for those who did not receive all the funding they needed through the budget process to receive some funding.

Assembly discussed the calendar for next year. They discussed the problems in communication between the faculty and students as well as the hazards of reducing fall break and cutting the number of days for finals. Dean Ferrari explained the changes made and said he would relay concerns to the faculty. For more information see story p. ???

There was a proposal to increase the number of students on the Campus Safety Committee. The proposal wanted to include a freshmen representative on the committee. A friendly amendment changed that to the freshmen class president. The proposal passed and the freshmen class president will sit on the committee or send a designee of her choice.

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# John brings smiles to his new parents

BY YUNG KIM  
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Seventeen months is barely enough time to make an indelible impression on anyone. John Secor has only been alive for 17 months but he has made his mark with his smile.

## Frustration in the process

Professor Julia Kushigan wanted a child, and her husband Charles Secor wanted an entire softball team. They are unable to have children, so like many people they chose to adopt. They attempted to adopt through an agency in Colorado, but the process was long and ultimately very disappointing. "We were on a waiting list in Colorado for three years when we finally got a child. But then at the last minute the birth mother changed her mind. It was disappointing, and very draining," she said.

The loss of a child has always been known as the most pain a person can feel. The loss of a baby that you never really had can also be painful and very frustrating. After their experience in Colorado, Professor Kushigan and her husband decided to try to adopt a foreign born baby. Being a professor of Hispanic studies and a fluent speaker of Spanish, Professor Kushigan figured it would be a perfect match.

The couple joined a group of parents that had adopted children from foreign countries. The other parents helped advise the couple about which countries were best for adoption, and how the process works.

The process of adopting a child is not something people can just jump into. After their disappointment in Colorado, the couple was determined to get it right.

## New Hope

First the couple looked to Chile, but there they faced disappointment yet again. Then they set their sights on Paraguay. The process was long and arduous.

No country just hands their children away like they trade their wheat. "We had to fill out stacks of papers and have them ready by a certain date," said Kushigan. "We went through an agency in Florida and had to retain a lawyer."

Fortunately for the couple, and little John, this time things actually began to click. "In three weeks we had an identification of a child, and then I saw pictures of him. I cried because I knew the [situation] was right."

The plans were finalized on a

Friday in mid-August, and the couple was told that they had to be on a plane by the following Tuesday. Most people do not have the freedom to leave on a moment's notice. The couple had responsibilities, and only had a few days to work everything out. Professor Kushigan had classes to teach in a matter of weeks, and she was not quite sure how long it would all take.

Kushigan thought that by leaving she would be putting a very prosperous career in jeopardy. She was wrong. "I received enormous support from the department, the school, and even my students."

So with the blessing and backing of an entire campus community, the couple flew to Paraguay to meet the boy that would drastically change their lives. They were told that they would have the chance to meet their son the day they got to their hotel room in Paraguay. They checked into their hotel without word from their attorney about their meeting. Instead of sitting around their room nervously waiting, they hit the town and began exploring. They returned later on that evening, but there

was still no word from their attorney. They figured the meeting would have to be delayed a day, and eagerly anticipated waking up the next morning. Instead, just like the rest of their journey, things did not go exactly the way they planned. This time however, it was in a good way. "At 9 o'clock there was a knock on the door and there was the foster mother holding my John. I smiled, I cried. I can't explain how exactly I felt."

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The placing of John was to be a permanent placing, but until the paperwork is all filed and approved it is still only temporary.

After Kushigan held John in her arms just once, however, she knew she could not ever be without him. "People see me now and they say I have 10,000 new smiles."

The Paraguay courts must approve every adoption case. With over 25,000 cases and only 13 judges assigned to those cases, it doesn't take a math major to

## New baby brings joy to Professor Kushigan's life

figure out that it can be a very rough period, especially for people like Professor Kushigan and her husband who have come so close. "I was always in fear of the legal process. I had no control of the legal system."

The adoption process in every country has received some negative press in the last few years. The process itself has all the markings of a corrupt system waiting to blow up. The process Kushigan experienced, however, was nothing but professional, if not a tad too long. "I wasn't allowed to ever see or speak to the birth mother. The lawyers told me that it could be considered coercion. The birth mother had to go to the court and ratify the adoption by standing in front of the judge and the lawyers, say that she was giving up her child, and give her reasons."

The first time she did it she cried so the judge was not con-

vinced. They made her do it a second time just so they could be sure. The second time she did it right, but because she cried the first time, they wanted her to do it a third

time. The birth mother is a 20-year old-mother from a poor family. She was already supporting six brothers and sisters and she didn't have the support of a husband.

She knew she could not give her child the life she dreamed for him. "I have enormous respect for [birth mother]," said Kushigan. "She said she knew what was right."

## Becoming a family

While the whole process was taking place Kushigan sat in her hotel room in total bliss. She had her son, and she was doing all the motherly things she had dreamed about, including worrying. "John would take naps and I would sit and read a book. Sometimes we would take walks through the park, or would go

to museums or take trips to all the sites. Paraguay is a very beautiful place, and all the people are very friendly."

There was a slight hitch that no one could really see coming. For some reason John wasn't gaining weight and he began to look pale. Like any mother, especially a new mother, Professor Kushigan began to stress. She took John to the best doctor in the area to have him examined. "We just walked into the doctor's office and he had all the time in the world for us. It turned out that John was lactose intolerant, and all we had to do was adjust his formula."

According to the rules, Kushigan was supposed to return to her home and wait for the adoption to be finalized. But with her son recovering, and after having spent two weeks with the new love of her life she realized that going home without her child would be an impossibility. Classes had begun, she was supposed to be the acting chair of the department, and she was starting a new position in the CISLA office. "I thought I was making a career decision. I was with a couple other moms who had made the same decision. I called the school to tell them that I couldn't leave. I received enormous support from the school."

John recovered quickly, and he began to put on the pounds. Like every mother, Kushigan was very pleased to see her son gaining the weight.

She stayed in Paraguay for five weeks, often fussing over her child, but mostly learning about him. "John and I developed a real bond there in Paraguay. With no outside interruptions, we were together for those seven weeks. I put him in a snugly and we would just be together everywhere."

John was not just handed over to the couple. The birth mother did give her third statement, and she did it perfectly enough for the courts to finally ratify the adoption.

The couple did an interview with the judge, which was not the easiest of hurdles. "I think being able to speak fluent Spanish made the judge a little more comfortable. They made me promise to teach John of Paraguay and his language. Being a professor of Hispanic studies I think it helped a lot."

## Back Home

For the next four years Professor Kushigan must file a quarterly report to Paraguay, a requirement she is more than happy to fulfill. After the long struggle, the couple were finally able to take their child home. When they arrived, the family was flooded with well-wishers and support from every corner. "We were given enormous support from everybody. We were given everything we needed for the baby. We were given bags of clothes, diapers, paraphernalia, chairs. When I got back to work I was given a baby shower by the Hispanic studies department."

Being a mother has not been all that easy. Or to be exact, Kushigan has had a bigger problem when she can't be. "Dropping John off at day care that first day was very difficult. I trusted the person I was leaving him with, but that separation was tough to handle, I began to cry when I got there. It was very hard to let go of him. The day care is run by a friend of the family and she just took John and told me to just leave. But after a long day of work, I can just go back home and he will lift my spirits."

John has proven himself to be quite a prodigy. At 17 months he already speaks baby talk in two languages.

Of course, these are descriptions given by not only a mom, but a new one that is just completely overdosed on enthusiasm and joy; excuse them if they seem even a wee bit biased. "John absorbed everything around him. He has the potential to be anything he wants. He is smart, personable, warm, friendly, he is open to every person he meets."

So in the end, this is only the beginning. John Secor is but 17 months and has barely begun to live his life, and it is already a new one with an endless amount of potential. As for the parenting duties, it is a sure bet that while Kushigan and Secor may be inexperienced, they will surely make up for it with love, support, and a real joy. "You never know how your going to feel until you become a parent. I have questions, like, 'Am I going to be a good parent?' We'll just wait and see, but I have already fallen in love, and am very anxious to add to our family."



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# J-BOARD LOG

## Case #1

September 4, 1995

accused: Student A

accuser: Campus Safety

charges: (1) underage drinking (2) violation of a college regulation (3) destruction of college property

evidence: Campus Safety saw Student A staggering as he walked, and Student A admitted freely that he had been drinking while under the age of twenty-one. Student was seen on campus at the senior party (during senior week) by campus safety and other conn students. The broken window in Student A's room was seen by campus safety.

discussion: There was no discussion over the charge of drinking under age since the accused admitted he had been. The charge of destruction of college property was dismissed, since the window had been broken previous to the night in question. All members agreed Student A had violated a college regulated.

decision:

for: 6 against: 0 abstain: 0  
guilty of drinking underage  
for: 6 against: 0 abstain: 0  
guilty of a college regulation  
for: 6 against: 0 abstain: 0  
not guilty of destruction of college property

reasons: The events of the evening were made quite clear by the campus safety report and Student A's letter. Student A admitted to the two charges freely.

recommendations: Student A will be sent a letter of censure from J-board. Student A must work one shift (three hours) in dinning services before October 19, 1995. (The board also wanted to charge him the sixty dollars required to be on campus during senior week but the school has already done so).

for: 5 against: 0 abstain: 1

Rick Stratton abstained because he did not feel work hours

were an appropriate solution.

attendance: All board members were present.

## Case #2

September 10, 1995

accused: Student A

accuser: Campus Safety

charges: (1) underage drinking (2) unauthorized keg (3) belligerence

evidence: Student A was found around the room with the keg, he said he had been drinking out of the keg, and he went to the gate house to retrieve the keg and tap.

discussion: Student A was obviously drinking while under the legal age, he said he had put money in to help pay for the keg and he did go to the gate house hoping to retrieve the keg, showing he does feel some responsibility for it. The board decided belligerence was a pretty severe term to put on the conversation between Student A and the campus safety officer.

decision:

for: 6 against: 0 abstain: 0  
guilty for underage drinking  
for: 6 against: 0 abstain: 0  
guilty for unauthorized keg

reason: The campus safety report was really the only evidence to go on because Student A remembers very little of the event. According to the report Student A did have an unauthorized keg and was drinking under the age of twenty-one.

recommendation: A letter of censure will be written to Student A and Student A will have to complete one work shift (3 hours) in dinning services before October 19, 1995.

for: 6 against: 0 abstain: 0

attendance: All of members were present.

## Case #3

September 10, 1995

accused: Student A

accuser: A professor

charges: plagiarism

evidence: Numerous passages

in Student A's paper are wither direct quotes, paraphrases, or mis-cited quotes from the resources used by Student A.

discussion: The board discussed if Student A simply does not know how to cite research papers or if the Student A had mis-cited on purpose.

decision:

for: 6 against: 0 abstain: 0  
guilty of plagiarism

reason: The professor supplied ample proof in clearly marking the sections of Student A's paper that were false and Student A freely admitted to the charge.

recommendation: The board chose to give Student A a failing grade (F) on her paper. Student A is to have an initial meeting with staff of the writing center to familiarize her with the proper citing in research papers. Student A must also bring her first paper to the writing center. From this point on Student A should take papers to the writing center as Student A and the writing center feel it is necessary.

for: 5 against: 0 abstain: 1  
Vin Talamo '97 abstained from voting because he does not feel comfortable giving a student a grade.

attendance: All members were present.

## Case #4

September 13, 1995

accused: Student A and Student B

accuser: A professor

charges: cheating

evidence: In the essay section of the final exam there were similarities between Student A's answers and Student B's answers. Both sets of answers were also very similar to the course's text book and lab manual.

discussion: The evidence that was given seemed believable until hearing Student A's and B's statements. The studying techniques they used explains why their answers are so simi-

lar to each other and to the texts. The two accused took the exam during different exam periods.

decision:

for: 6 against: 0 abstain: 0  
not guilty

reason: There was not enough evidence to find the Students A and B guilty.

attendance: All members were present.

## Case #5

September 17, 1995

accused: Student A

accuser: Dinning services

charges: Tampering with college identification

evidence: The birth date of the accuse was changed on the ID. The type face of the new date is different than that of the school's and additional lamination was placed over the ID.

discussion: Student A freely admitted that she/he was guilty of the charges.

decision:

for: 5 against: 0 abstain: 0  
guilty

reasons: There was adequate evidence and Student A admitted he/she was guilty.

recommendation: A letter of censure and one work shift (3 hours) in dinning services to be completed by October 19, 1995.

for: 5 against: 0 abstain: 0  
attendance: Rick Stratton '96 stepped down.

## Case #6

September 18, 1995

accused: Student A

accuser: Campus Safety

charges: Possession of illegal substances

evidence: A water pipe was found in Student A's room with residue left inside.

discussion: none

decision:

for: 6 against: 0 abstain: 0  
guilty of possession of illegal substances

reason: There was sufficient

evidence. Also, Student A, under the social host clause, admitted responsibility.

recommendation: A letter of censure and two shifts (6 hours) in dinning services by October 19, 1995.

for: 6 against: 0 abstain: 0

attendance: All members were present.

## Case #7

September 25, 1995

accused: Student A

accuser: Campus Safety

charges: (1) Destruction of college property and (2) endangerment

evidence: Student A was seen rough-housing and then pushing a fellow student who went through the 4x5 window.

discussion: It is questionable if Student A purposely broke the window or meant to hurt the other student involved. Although Student A may not have meant to break the window and endanger other students, he did so, and must take responsibility for it.

decision:

for: 3 against: 1 abstain: 0  
guilty of endangerment

for: 4 against: 0 abstain: 0  
guilty of destruction of college property

Rachel DeCost '97 feels that endangerment does not fit the definition of his actions.

reasons: The accused may not have meant to break anything or hurt any fellow students, but by the actions he chose to take he did break the window and could have hurt someone. The board feels Student A must take responsibility for his actions.

recommendation: The board feels that Student A should receive a letter of censure and should be fined for the broken window.

for: 4 against: 0 abstain: 0

attendance: Rick Stratton '96 and Vin Talamo '97 stepped down.

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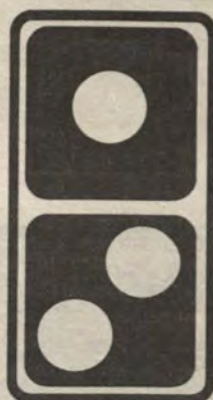
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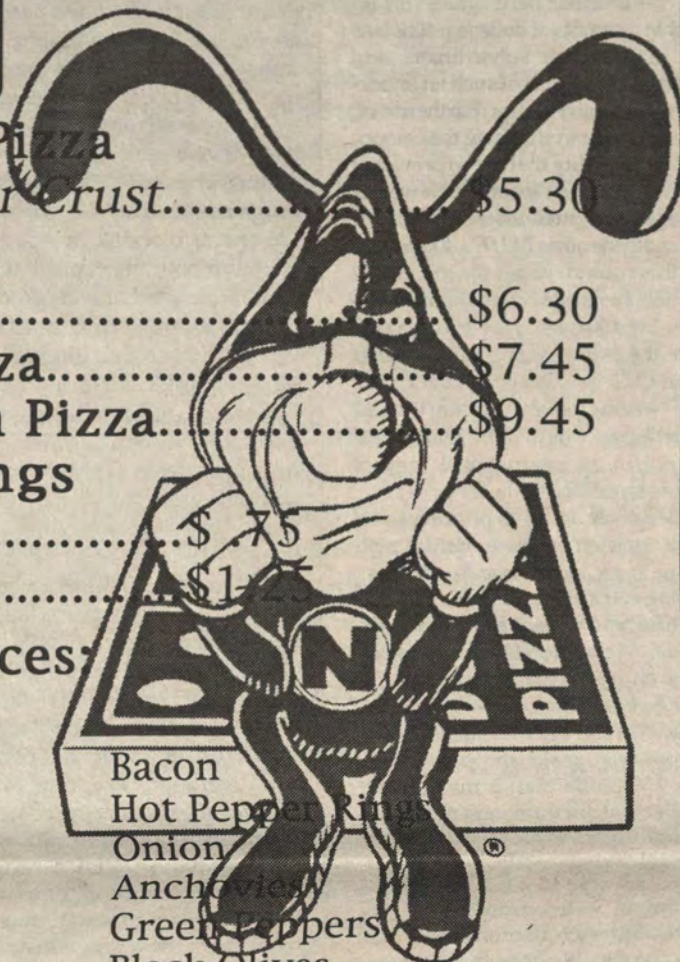
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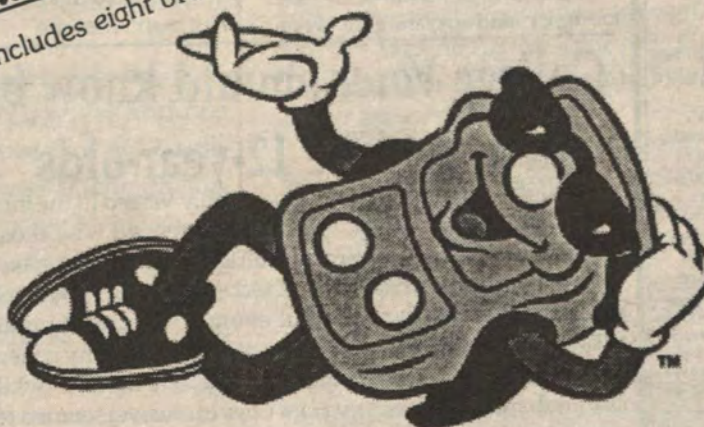
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Special thanks this week goes to Alge. You are not only good at PageMaker but you always roll with the punches. You're GREAT! Thanks for always smiling, even at 5 a.m. And another pat on the back to Dan Traum from the Editor in Chief. Dan, you make a terrific correspondent. Thanks Broomstick, you went above and beyond this weekend and last. We like you! We really like you! Robyn, congrats on your 1st week.

## Schmoozing unplugged:

### Model of a Civil Society? Are you (sexual expletive deleted) kidding?

Stop the presses! Stop the presses! We've got a note! We've got a note! Just think of the subscription-selling headlines! : "Levan Sneaks Out Note in 'Fawn Hall-ian' Fashion"! "Cote Does the Old Thames Two-Step"! "Honor Code in Peril"! "Cote Claims President to Have Spontaneous Orgasm in Her Calvin Klein's"! "Dan Shedd to Take Pictures"! "Model of Civil Society Threatened"!

Washington Post, here we come!!! The College Voice has once again proven themselves to be "the watchdog that never sleeps." From their tireless efforts in revealing the Brendan "the wiener king" Gilmartin VCR- purchasing scandal, to their keen investigative sense in handling the multi-layered "Office of Career Services move to Vinal Cottage" fiasco, the Voice has shown that they've got the guts and know-how to cash in on America's insatiable desire for examples of people in power acting just the way the rest of us do. Illuminating articles like "Sophomore class and note raise ethical questions" that was published last week show that the College Voice and Jen Levan have got the school by the crotch, and they just ain't lettin' go.

The Voice's publication of Cote's and Shedd's comments have sent the Con College political machine reeling. As Shedd's damage-control experts and seasoned spin doctors work around the clock, the Voice digs deeper, displaying the journalistic acumen that has made Con's beloved paper the "Milli-Vanilli" of news reporting. Our Voice sources tell us that an examination of Cote's diary has revealed that Pinnocchio was his "favorite movie", and that he had an elaborate plan to funnel the money in question to a group of subversives planning to quash the "Machiavellian tyranny" of the Intner regime. Another source, known to us only as "Deep Throat II", claims that on the night of the alleged incident, Shedd and Cote were seen practicing their dastardly deed by passing salt to each other at the snack bar in Cro. We questioned several anonymous dining service employees who were on duty that night, all of whom responded "I didn't see nothin'." A campus safety informant tells us that officers are trying to break Shedd's spirit by repeatedly ticketing his car, and by locking him out of his room every time he takes a shower. Shedd responded to this by saying, "I don't have a car, and I don't bathe." We guess he's one up on them.

LeVan has gone into hiding since the incident, but is reportedly attempting to construct a model of civil society in her room using only toothpicks and airplane glue. When

she comes down off the euphoric buzz caused by the fumes, we hope she will speak out and tell us what it was like during the tense, eleventh-hour negotiations with the editorial board, and whether or not she plans to continue her fight against the ignoble attempts of college politicians to malign their subordinates and side-step the rules of such an important legislative body. Furthermore, we want her to elucidate the components of civility that are so prevalent on this campus, from which we derive a self-righteous sense of duty to educate the other 249,998,400 people in this country about the manner in which a refined society should operate. Lord knows, if we could translate the values of our indoctrinated Con College existence to the rest of the world, we are certain that all earthlings would join hands and dance in an international orgy of acceptance. (Sha-la-la-la)

Seriously, folks. In printing an article that embraces a virtual non-issue as a scandalous and earth-shattering event (that is neither), the Voice reinforces its place as a virtual non-issue. We understand how much time and effort that you put into this thing, but stories like "Sophomore class...", soap opera updates, horoscopes, etc., make the paper more like TV Guide than a medium for intellectual discourse and newsworthy reporting. As for this load about a model of civil society, we ask, "are we on our way to a B.A., or are we becoming well-versed in bs." We have no greater claim on civility than anyone else. We hope that everyone here will start to park their pretension at matriculation, and realize that higher education does not necessarily place us on a higher moral and social ground. Along these lines, we believe that the administration should shift its philosophy from that of protection and pampering to that of preparation. Whatever model that we feel we are constructing here, there are a lot of people in this world who just aren't paying attention. Turn on the T.V., or read a newspaper, and you'll discover that the insulation we've built around us is both unwise and unnecessary. This is not to say that we should rejoice in all that is wrong with the world and accept it the way it is. We just believe that when you fill yourself with hot air, you are that much easier to pop. As Mark Hoffman said at last year's conference on political correctness, "I think that sometimes we do a disservice to students when we say, 'you can come to Conn College and not have to deal with that,' because I don't think that that's the reality." Amen, brother.

by Jay Jaroch and Matt "The Mailman" Malone

### College Voice should know better than to act like 12-year-olds

Though I do not claim to be thoroughly versed in the intricacies of investigative journalism, I fail to comprehend why those responsible for the article cryptically entitled "Sophomore class and note raise ethical questions" in the Oct. 31st issue would consider a sarcastic scrawling meaningful enough to warrant publication. It was an arduous task to attempt to piece together any coherent series of events from the article's meanderings, and the note (while graphically enhanced to rival any *Hard Copy* exclusive) seemed to lack any genuine relevance to whatever issues were ostensibly being dis-

## For want of civility, the polity was lost

The assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin this Saturday was a tragedy of many kinds. Within Israel, there has been much disagreement about the peace process in which Rabin engaged his government. Many oppose the concept of trading land for peace, fearing that Israel will give away too many of its gains, losing security without substantial guarantees of a lasting peace. Resistance to the peace process reached a height with the agreement between Rabin and Yasir Arafat in September to transfer authority over the West Bank to the PLO. By its very nature, the policy dispute was a political disagreement.

So why was it not solved by political means? Some have blamed the vitriolic opposition of the right wing. The discourse about Rabin's changing attitude toward traditionally hostile governments has been heated, with fiercely nationalist settlers and other opponents blocking intersections, jeering Rabin as a traitor, and even symbolically representing him in Nazi dress. It is possible the climate was hot enough to fuel the acts of a would-be assassin.

Whatever the cause, one thing is certain: for at least one individual, neither civil liberties nor the electoral process were perceived as sufficient (or perhaps efficient) means to effect change. With Israeli national elections a year away, an armed gunman took the life of his legitimately elected leader. How easy it is to see from the events of the past week the limitations of democracy; without agreement on the right of everyone to make decisions, the actions of a single individual can become all-powerfully destructive.

Are political risk-takers in jeopardy everywhere? The peace accords were not easy for Rabin as a soldier, or as a politician—he knew that the Israeli people, who have lost loved ones as a result of decades of continued fighting, would be reluctant to trust in the potential of negotiations—he persevered despite such division to fulfill his duty to the best of his ability.

Civility, the granting of personal respect and tolerance for those of a divergent viewpoint, is at the core of a civil society. This requires the implicit agreement of all citizens that the expression of genuine philosophical divergences will not be met with personal attacks of any kind—they must be met with countervailing arguments. Free and open exchange, unfettered by considerations of personal safety, must obtain. One elected to serve who is willing to act courageously to bring about the good must be assured that he will be able to walk away when his service is done. Public policy must be shaped by our intellects, not our passions.

Another leader left us with this thought shortly before he was martyred for his cause: "We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majesty heights of meeting physical force with soul force."—Martin Luther King, "I Have a Dream"

cussed. If the aim was to "raise ethical questions" about the new budget process, wouldn't focusing with some semblance of clarity on the budget process itself be more effective than shrieking and moaning over the personal sentiments of a few committee members?

I have a friend who, in a particularly hostile period of her adolescence, amused herself by snatching vapid correspondence passed between her classmates, making mountains of copies, and distributing them in the hallway. She, however, was about twelve at the time and never bothered to slap a headline across the top and call it news.

Kate Manning '96

## Response to Rudolf Radna's letter

Last week Rudolf B. Radna published his editorial condemning the Million Man March. A decision he called a "difficult one." A decision to call over a million black men who marched on the nation's capitol "fools". I was a participant in that march, by no means was I fool, and this show of people to address economic and social problems by no means is a "folly". The march was not to support Farrakhan, but to address problems in the black community, specifically with black males. How dare you condemn me as a participant and me as a black male. The march was not only sponsored by Nation of Islam, sponsors included the National Bar Association, The National Christian Leadership Foundation, The Clinton Administration, The Urban League, The National Association of the Church of God and Christ, and many influential blacks such as Rosa Parks, Jesse Jackson, Kwame Mfume and Maya Angelou, all you dismissed as fools. I took it very personal and I condemn you Rudolf B. Radna, for your ignorance, haste judgment, and label you as the biggest bigot of all!

Waverly Duck '99

# OPINIONS/EDITORIALS

## Get involved to change SGA in the future

Two weeks ago I gave a note to *The College Voice* which was passed from Alex Cote, vice president of SGA and chair of the Finance Committee, to Dan Shedd, president of SGA, during SGA Assembly on Thursday night. These meetings are open forums, and the members of the Assembly are "elected officials." I was acting as the Presidential Associate, although I had resigned a week before and was at the meeting because a replacement had not yet been found.

I fundamentally believe that I did right by the community in letting them know how their elected officials are doing their jobs. I believe that when someone is doing something wrong that affects the community, as did the mistake in cutting the sophomore class budget, for instance, it should not be taken lightly. The note which was passed took this issue lightly in my opinion. I intended my coming forward with this information to make the Assembly think twice before acting unethically in the future. After speaking at Assembly last week, I am confident that they will do that. I do believe that they are all good people at heart who want to serve the community and I think that they will rise above this unfortunate incident to do their jobs well.

I do want to address why I brought the note to the *Voice* and some important issues and misconceptions which came out of the article and its reception by the community. In our society we base many of our electoral decisions on character. Many politicians are judged by their character, as people think it indicates how they do their job. Take, for example, the Gary Hart scandal, Clinton's pot smoking, or the Gennifer Flowers incident. I have always firmly believed that people can separate their personal characters from their public performances, but now I'm beginning to think twice about it. Maybe that separation is something you attain after years of being in office, and most of the elected student officials in college have not gained the occupational maturity to make that separation yet. Lying or aiming to lie in the future, circumventing the Honor Code, and manipulating the speaking list, (indirectly silencing other Assembly members), are all issues of character because they are decisions based on ethics and personal standards. It is these issues that I am most concerned about, and my ethics and personal standards prompted me to take the note to the *Voice*.

**Some people have expressed, after reading or hearing about the article, untruths about my actions and the actions of the staff of *The College Voice*. I would like to set the record straight in the following statements:**

1. The note I gave to the *Voice* was placed on top of the official minutes of the meeting, which I write up and distribute to all Assembly members, which are then placed on dorm bulletin boards. I honestly believe that since the note was open in front of me on a table at a public forum, it was public information. If Cote and Shedd didn't want anyone to know about it, they should have been more careful, since they are public officials.

2. There was no scheming between April Ondis, the publisher of the *Voice*, and myself. I have been Editor in Chief of two *Voice* Media Group publications, but my experiences with journalism simply enhanced my feelings of responsibility in bringing forth something which the public should know about.

3. *The College Voice* is not a tabloid newspaper. If it was the headline might have read: "Vice President Alex Cote fathered Claire's love child," or "President Dan has mistress from Mars." The point is that I gave the *Voice* concrete evidence and personal quotes which implicated SGA in many ways they would not like to be implicated. This does not mean that the *Voice* is printing false evidence or "tabloid" news, it just printed news that some people didn't want to hear. The staff members of the *Voice* are tremendously hardworking people who give up substantial amounts of their time in the effort of putting out a newspaper. They were just doing their job as journalists when they printed the story.

I have no personal hard feelings against any members of SGA. From this incident I have had disparaging remarks made to me in person as well as in the Daily CONNtact, and many of my former friends are no longer speaking to me. The staff members of the *Voice* have also been personally and professionally attacked. The choice to give the *Voice* the note was not an easy one to make, but I would rather face the personal repercussions of my choice than let unethical practices continue behind closed doors.

If we have adopted a policy of shared governance among students, faculty, and administrators, why can't we carry out shared governance among ourselves and not resort to manipulation or keeping secrets from one another? I believe that SGA will rise to the occasion and undergo positive change. Increased students participation will aid them in improving their communication and consideration of ethical issues. Therefore, I urge all students not to look down upon SGA as a morally corrupt institution, but to get involved in making SGA the best it can possibly be. This is your school and you can make a difference by participating Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in the 1941 Room.

Jen LeVan '96

## EARTH HOUSE COLUMN

Recycling. We've all said and heard enough about it already. If you're going to recycle, you already are. If you don't care, that's too bad and you don't recycle. I think its about time we quit wasting our time on those who won't and talk about the other two "R's".

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More important than recycling, which is simply a diversion and delay from the landfill or incinerator, is reduction. Basically, everything we use can unfortunately be seen as potential waste. So, if we don't use it or create it, it won't end up as waste. That is the principle of reduction. Everything we use or make is a derivative of natural resources. In our society of excessive consumerism and disposability, resources are extracted from the Earth faster than it can regenerate itself. This practice logically cannot continue. In different terms, it is like maintaining a bank account. If you want sustainable resources, you would only spend the interest, not the capital. This concept of sustainability applies to our existence on Earth. We, at the most, should only use resources as fast as the Earth can renew them. Our resource base is depleting quickly and when it's gone ... go figure.

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# OPINIONS/EDITORIALS

## The Voice fulfills its responsibility to inform

The College Voice was not only right, it was obligated to print the note that appeared on the front page of the October 31 publication. As elected representatives of the college community, Dan Shedd (SGA President) and Alex Cote (SGA Vice President) expose themselves to public scrutiny. Anything they say or do—especially when it occurs during a public forum such as the SGA budget meeting—is subject to becoming public knowledge, regardless of how private and insignificant it may seem. The responsibility of elected leaders is to conduct themselves at all times as they wish to be seen by the public.

The note that appeared on the front page of the Voice may seem to be a private issue. Unfortunately, as Senator Packwood is finding out, such seemingly private issues reflect on a person's morals and their ability to represent the public. Granted the note by itself does not deserve to be published, but the larger issue that it supports—the issue that many people seem to have overlooked—is that there is a problem with the Finance Committee and the allocation of money to the sophomore class. This is the primary issue addressed by the article; the note appears only as evidence.

The question of whether or not Jen LeVan's decision to turn over the note was a good one is irrelevant. There is absolutely nothing wrong with submitting this sort of information to a media group. The decision to print the note and, therefore, the responsibility for its publication, rests solely upon The College Voice. This is not to say, however, that the individuals who work for the Voice nor the Voice itself deserve to be attacked.

As a small campus, we have a tendency to reduce things to a personal level and perhaps this is why, without the support of the majority, we have trouble being honest with one another. Given the size of our community, it would be much easier to only print articles that are agreeable and non-threatening, but as an institution we do not exist above the reality of conflict. This is not about friends, it is not about personal affronts. The Voice group and Jen LeVan should be applauded for their willingness to expose controversial evidence at the risk of hurting somebody's feelings. They were able to overlook the possible negative ramifications of speaking out on a small campus in the interest of providing information and fulfilling our right to know. Isn't this the reason media groups exist? It is not to prove how many friends we can make or how many nice things we can say about people, but to provide the community with information, agreeable or not.

Heather Grover '97

## Voice makes poor decision in printing note

I am sure that The Voice has received many letters expressing various viewpoints on last week's front page story. I do not wish to address the question about the ethics of the Finance committee or the SGA Vice President, that in itself is something I do not proclaim to have knowledge about. I simply wonder how it can be that the college newspaper, along with the former Presidential Associate can raise questions about ethics, while obviously working together to print a front page story so completely biased, never mind the fact that it based on a note stolen by the presidential associate. No one, except the Vice President himself, can honestly know in what context that note was written and what he meant by it, if anything at all. To take this note and make front page "news" out of it is simply absurd. I am still struggling to understand what may have gone through the heads of the authors of that article as well as Jen LeVan. What were you all hoping to accomplish in your Enquirer-like actions? Do you not think that printing an article centered around a private note, which was stolen by LeVan, in which LeVan is quoted as questioning the adherence to the Honor Code by the Exec board is slightly ironic. If LeVan does truly "take the Honor Code seriously", then WHY did she take this note and give it to the Voice knowing that it would be used out of context and printed in a story which for the most part, offers only one-side. Does the Honor Code support actions like this? I'm sorry, I thought the Honor Code was about respect for other people. Deliberately scheming to make one group of people look bad does not seem like an action of respect. Perhaps the allegations that LeVan raised need to be looked into, however, I would hope in the future, Conn College students might consider more appropriate and less sensationalist approaches to airing their complaints.

Rachelle DeCoste '97

## Response to Janis L. Solomon's letter

We would like to begin by thanking you for creating a dialogue on this campus, regarding the topic of neo-nazism in present-day Germany. The purpose of our response is not aimed at debating your opinion of our speaker, but instead at challenging your comments regarding

our organization. The mission of SOAR at Connecticut College is to be a catalyst for intellectual discussion concerning issues of oppression. As evidenced by your letter (and this response) we have certainly succeeded. The intention of our Social Awareness Week was to bring worldwide issues of injustice to our microcosmic "global community." Our purpose in bringing Yaron Svoray to Connecticut College was not to engage in German-bashing but rather to create discussion on one individual's interpretation of the present neo-nazi organization in Germany. We apologize if you were offended by his comments and opinions regarding the German people. We cannot, however, censor his views for he has the absolute freedom to articulate them. We will have no part in denying his right to free speech.

In one of your remarks you expressed your dissatisfaction with our choice of topic. You stated that we "would have been better advised to spend Mr. Svoray's portion of the \$8,500 in expenses [we] incurred for the week's two speakers to foster awareness of our own problems with racist and extreme right-wing political movements and further understanding of the underlying causes of the world-wide polarization among racial, ethnic, and religious groups." We question your implicit definition of "our own problems." As part of a college community which consistently harps upon the connectedness of today's global society we feel that the threatening presence of neo-nazism anywhere in the world indeed becomes "our own problem." Regarding your comment on our expenditures that week, our purpose was to bring awareness to the community with the aid of co-sponsorships given to us from several campus clubs and departments. We also feel that cost is not the issue at hand and therefore discussion of our financial affairs was unnecessary.

Finally, although your point is valid that "World War II ended 50 years ago," and that the Germany of today is not that of the Third Reich, the memory of that time is still very fresh in the eyes of the world. Indeed, Germany still feels its repercussions. Once again, we thank you and also urge you to accept our invitation to continue this discussion at a campus-wide forum.

### SOAR Executive Board:

Heather Pinkett '97

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## Students deserve options in zoology labs

As students, we have many options in college with regard to our classes. However, we do have general education requirements as well as major requirements. Zoology 112 is required for environmental studies majors and zoology majors, and some take it to fulfill their science requirement. Students should be allowed to choose if we want to dissect animals or use an alternative in this entry level class. This choice will encourage learning, and be more environmentally sound.

Biological supply companies create many environmental problems. Dissection produces hazardous wastes requiring extensive handling and costly disposal. Ecosystem depletion occurs when animals are removed from their natural habitats for the supply companies. Frogs, for example, are continually taken from their habitats because they cannot survive for long in breeding pools. They consume large numbers of insects responsible for crop destruction and disease proliferation. Pesticide usage is increasing as the number of frogs decrease. Workers in biological supply companies also harm the environment, often dumping toxic chemicals onto the ground and into open drains, polluting ground water and endangering wildlife. If we limit our patronage to these companies, environmental degradation will decrease.

Biological suppliers contradict many students' ethical beliefs as well. Pets have been stolen from their homes for these companies. They often gas animals in chambers too small to kill all of them, leaving live animals when preservation begins. This process is extremely painful, similar to injecting boiling water into a person's veins. Live frogs, stuck into burlap bags and put into a cooler overnight, are then drowned in drums of alcohol.

Models and computer simulations are available which offer the same educational value. Having options will enhance our education since we will not be distracted by ethical and environmental issues. It should be our choice whether we study an animal or a model for a subject in which we may never continue. Please sign the petition outside the post office next week, November 13 to November 17, asking for options. Thank you.

Brigitte O'Donoghue '96

# BEYOND THE HILL

### Violent protests break out in South Korea

Thousands of protesters took to the streets of the South Korean capital Saturday, demanding an investigation into a growing slush fund scandal that could involve current President Kim Young-sam.

Over 10,000 protesters, mostly students, battled riot police in a Central Seoul park. Witnesses said that dozens of the demonstrators, many brandishing iron bars and tossing bricks, were arrested, and that police used tear gas to disperse the crowd.

Protests in Seoul and other parts of the country began Friday in response to last week's tearful confession by former President Roh Tae-woo that he accumulated a more than \$650 million slush fund while in office. Roh has been accused of using some of that money to help his ally Kim win election in 1992, but the current president has denied taking "a single penny."

Demonstrators want a thorough investigation into Roh's slush fund and its ties with Kim, and they are also continu-

ing a call for criminal charges against Roh and his presidential predecessor Chun Doo-hwan for their part in smashing a 1980 pro-democracy movement in the city of Kwangju.

### Republicans appear split on Powell candidacy

Even as Colin Powell remains silent on whether he will seek the Republican presidential nomination, some members of the GOP are loudly contesting any bid that he might make. To some, like Family Research Council's Gary Bauer, Powell stands too much in the "mushy middle." Others, like American Conservative Union's David Keene, believe Powell will get slender support from the conservatives, and that, he says, could cost him the presidency.

While Keene's prediction might have something to do with the fact that he works for Bob Dole, some more prominent conservatives think a Powell candidacy is fine for the party.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle shares that sentiment. "I want him in the Republican Party," he said. "I think he'd

be good for the Republican Party."

But that's not what Oliver North thinks. A cluster of arch-conservatives Thursday even attacked Powell's military record, maintaining that "a critical examination would diminish rather quickly the near-mythic reputation he now enjoys."

This circus of conflicting opinions causes some consternation for Republican Party Chairman Haley Barbour, who seeks to inject some moderation into the debate. "This is the party of the open door," he said. "I am very glad Colin Powell is interested in getting involved with the Republican party whether he runs for the President or not."

### Shuttle Columbia returns home

The space shuttle Columbia ended NASA's second longest shuttle mission with a smooth landing Sunday morning at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. NASA mission control said Columbia's mission from launch to landing lasted 15 days, 21 hours, 53 minutes and 16 seconds. That is 17 hours short of Endeavour's operation last March.

Columbia touched down in clear weather after gliding toward earth at an angle seven times steeper than a commercial airliner would take upon landing. An hour before touchdown, commander Kenneth Bowersox fired the braking rockets for the orbiter's freefall out of space.

The shuttle's crew of seven astronauts worked in split shifts to conduct scientific experiments around the clock. They are bringing back about 1,500 protein and semiconductor crystals and five marble-sized potatoes, all grown in weightlessness. The work mimicked that which could be conducted on a future space station.

With Columbia's landing, NASA prepares to start the countdown on Wednesday for the next mission of Atlantis, which is to take off next Saturday. The schedule for Atlantis calls for it to rendezvous and dock on November 14 with the Russian space station Mir for a second time. The six-day turnaround between the missions of Columbia and Atlantis would be the shortest in NASA's shuttle history.

### Typhoon death toll nears 500 in Philippines

Typhoon Angela, the strongest storm to hit the Philippines in a decade, has left at least 476 people dead. The clean-up has begun in the wake of the killer storm, which also left hundreds of thousands of people homeless and caused millions of dollars in crop and property damage.

The typhoon flattened unharvested fields of crops as well as storage warehouses when it blew ashore Friday. The extensive damage left officials fearing food shortages unless relief supplies reach the hardest-hit areas quickly.

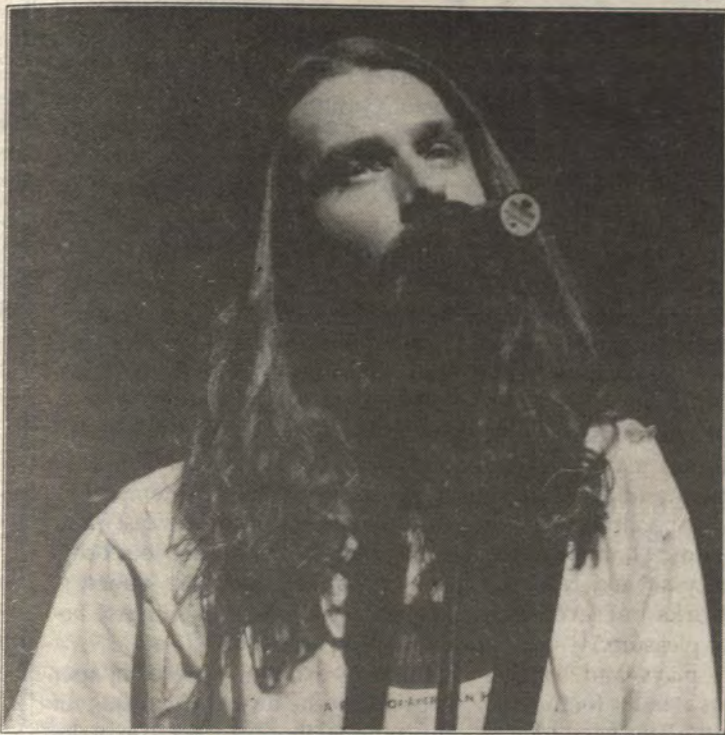
Thousands were forced from their homes by flood waters and mud from landslides triggered by rain and winds that gusted up to 150 mph.

Officials expect the death toll to rise as communications are restored and the emergency workers are able to reach some remote areas.

Angela was speeding across the South China Sea Saturday morning, and is expected to reach Vietnam by Monday.

Compiled by Jenny Barron by CNN Newswire

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Supervillains performed in Palmer 202

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# Supervillains infiltrate Conn

BY CHRISTY WHITE  
The College Voice

I am sure many of you were not aware of the fact that Connecticut College was home to six thieves and murderers. These villains were the characters in Tal Aviezer's play *Supervillains* that appeared on the stage in Palmer 202 last Thursday and Friday evening. Tal, a Conn student, not only wrote the play but directed and starred in it as well. Even with the director wearing multiple hats, the play was refreshingly new and unique.

At 7:15, the people filed into the small room, and soon the only open space to sit upon was the floor. While we waited for the show to begin, I was painfully aware of the fact that we were sitting in a classroom. I was skeptical that any play would be able to transform this



Supervillains

Evan Coppola/Photography Editor

small room into a theatre. Once the lights dimmed, the actors and the story pulled me into the setting of the villain's motel room. From that moment on, the play moved along like a bullet whizzing through the air as the contrasting moments of humor and sincerity propelled the story forward.

The character of Twister, a female supervillain, played by Carolyn Fuchs, gave the audience insight into the minds of these devious creatures. Carolyn was successful in portraying Twister in a state of torment. It was clear from the beginning that Twister was different from the other villains. Carolyn's ease and comfort with speaking her monologues directly to the audience allowed the audience to feel actively engaged in her actions and choices. We became a part of this supervillain gang.

Lou the Saint, portrayed by Tal Aviezer, provided a great deal of the play's humor. The character is an assumed English psychic supervillain. Tal's English accent was good, and his focus and concentration brought this unique character to life. It is a remarkable accomplishment for any actor to successfully direct themselves.

The other three members of the gang all provided different insights into the supervillain mentality. Bullseye, played by Malik Burke, portrays the calm killer. The Big Thinker, played by Baniel Weinreich, is a preppy, genius villain, and the Silver Gremlin, played by Joseph Jules Dubb, is the idiot of the gang. Together they created a great ensemble.

## Making Music

BY DAMON KRIEGER  
A&E Editor

Composing music is probably the most frustrating and stressful task on Earth. All semester long, I had a mental block preventing me from producing any worthwhile musical material; recently, however, the wall preventing me from composing finally came tumbling down. Why was I all of a sudden able to compose again? Well, two weeks ago, I began thinking about this guy...ummmm, maybe you've heard of him, named William Shakespeare. (I happen to be a major Shakespearean addict; I am proud to say that I actually sit and read my "Complete Works of William Shakespeare" for pleasure.)

Shakespeare's plays and sonnets have been used as a source for musical inspiration since the Bard passed away almost 400 years ago. The most notable compositions include: Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Berlioz's *Romeo and Juliet* and *King Lear*, Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet*, Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*, and the work that you are most likely to be familiar with, Bernstein's *West Side Story*. Inspiration, however, is only one facet of the compositional process. Mostly, composing music entails long hours of working and reworking musical material until it develops into something that the composer considers satisfactory.

How does a composer compose? Tough question. Every composer has their own unique approach to filling an empty staff with something that resembles music. I know, for me, the method I use to compose changes everytime I start a new composition. I usually begin by plotting a basic sketch of what I would like to see occur in a particular work and defining my goals/objectives.

The form that the composition will adhere to is one of the first items to consider; however, as Beethoven so poignantly put it: the form should be constructed to fit the music; the music should not be forced to fit a rigid form. The form of a piece of music can take many shapes. A few traditional forms include: sonata-allegro form [Exposition-Development-Recapitulation-(Coda)], binary or "a two-part form", ternary or "a three-part form", rondo form (a form that has a recurring section amidst "episodic" sections), and a theme and variation form. This, however, is only a partial list. Forms are basic guidelines; the true musician adapts the form to his music and changes it accordingly to fit the nature of the ideas which he or she wishes to convey.

Still, a composer must make some decisions at the onset of the composition. A very important decision for a

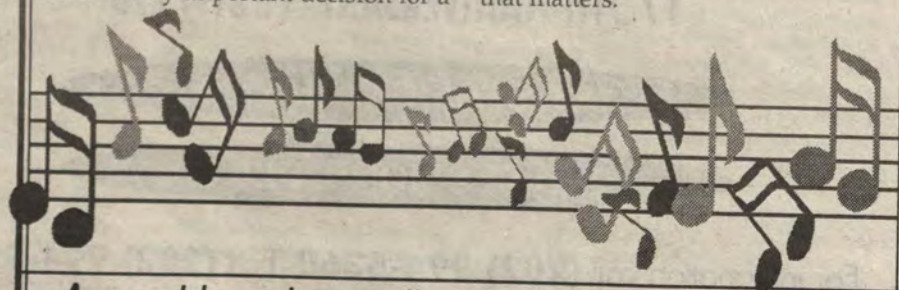
"tonal" composition is determining what key the work will be rooted in: D major, G minor, Bb major, etc. The key of a composition is basically a large scale reference point; it's a "home" where everything ultimately has to return. Some works, particularly those composed during the 20th century, don't have a "home" or traditional key; these are what we musicians call "atonal" works. Atonality places less constraints on the composer and provides him with many more compositional tools that were non-existent prior to the 20th century. Finally, the composer must choose a tempo [ex. Largo (slow) or Presto (very fast)] and a meter (ex. 4/4; there are four beats per measure, and the quarter-note=one beat). Now, it's time to begin writing notes!

Placing pitches on a piece of paper is probably the most difficult step of the compositional process to explain. I usually sit down in front of a piano and start banging, an exercise that always changes into me improving on random themes that divert me from my composition. The method which works best for me is simply sitting down with a piece of staff paper and writing after I get a reference pitch (any pitch) in my head. Once material starts to flow, things usually work themselves out; however, the problem is getting that initial burst of creative juices to start you rolling.

The special "extra-musical" element, something most people call inspiration, is difficult to place a finger on...sometimes it's there, and sometimes it's just not. Shakespeare has been my inspiration over the past couple weeks. I don't believe that my current composition is telling a tale from one of Shakespeare's plays; rather, the emotions invoked when I started thinking of a few of Shakespeare's works somehow sparked something in me that enabled me to generate a few musical ideas. Why? How? I can't answer those questions; the "divine-guidance" aspect to music is why "inspiration" is so special to a musician. Some things you just simply can't explain.

Finally, you just sit back and pray that someone else understands your piece...that is, someone enjoys listening to it.

On a personal note (not like this whole column isn't personal), there is nothing more special than composing. Music is a language just like English; it's a means for communicating ideas to other people. Whether it's a symphony or a rock song, the composer is trying to express himself through a medium that goes beyond the need for words. Try it sometime....just whistle an original melody. It may not be Beethoven, but it's still music; that's the only thing that matters.



A weekly column discussing music related topics will be appearing in the College Voice

# Shedding light on a shady problem

BY JASON SALTER  
The College Voice

Some unusual statistics: the longest noodle ever made was 939 ft. 11 in. in length, the biggest seismic seawave ever recorded was 278 ft. high, and every 102 seconds the light in front of Shain Library flickers off.

If you have ever walked the Connecticut College campus at night, your path has undoubtedly been lit by a series of fluorescent lights. These lights are for your personal safety and to protect the "disoriented" student from running into various obstacles: trees, trash cans, people, etc. The lights in front of the library serve as beacons attracting studious individuals to a place where they can work in utter silence amidst volumes of books; it amazes me that these people can work in such a tranquil environment while chaos ensues outside.

What causes this light to turn on and off at such a regular, yet peculiar rate? Is it due to bad wiring? Is there a person playing a cruel practical joke on us all? Is it possessed by the devil? Does it affect

the tides? Does it really matter in the large scheme of things?

The answer to the above questions is a resounding "yes." Actually, we're not quite sure why the light has such an odd cycle, however, its strange luminescent pattern could one day place it on the "wonders of the world" list. As of now, the light is only on the "wonders of Connecticut College" list, a smaller and more obscure version of the aforementioned list. The light in front of Shain Library is also believed to be a major contributor to global warming on Earth; environmentalists are still divided as to whether having "light" is more important than preserving the planet.

In order to solve this dilemma, we must call in some higher powers. Perhaps we could call in Chaplain Steve to come and exorcise the demon that has possessed this poor lamp and irradiate it from the campus.

What adds to the confusion is that this light always seems to act up whenever someone leaves the library. This momentary lapse of darkness could frighten the unsuspecting passer-by and send them

dazed and spinning until the light appears again roughly 56 seconds later. I am merely looking out for the liability of the school in case, God forbid, someone were to injure themselves in the somewhat dark area around the light.

The librarians must have witnessed this bizarre phenomenon; however, they denied any knowledge of the light in question and actually were quite worked-up about the entire situation.

This problem isn't just isolated to the library; there appears to be a campus wide light epidemic. An old wise man once told me that trolls come around to each of the lights and quickly turn them on and off as people walk by. If you ever come across one of these trolls, do not be frightened. Make a lot of noise and remember that they are probably more scared than you.

Next time you are heading to the library at night, in addition to your textbooks and ear plugs, be sure to bring a flashlight. Those 102 seconds can seem like an eternity to those who are unaccustomed to the strange light-trolls of the campus.

## Close encounters of the literary kind

BY MIKE MCKINNEY  
The College Voice

Aliens are coming to Connecticut College, but not "from a galaxy far, far away." All that is required to contact them is freshman status, a sincere desire to learn, and an open imagination; the required destination: Blaustein Humanities Center. Probably the most unique course being offered next semester, English 100J,

"Alien Beings: Figures of Nonhuman Diversity," offers a truly fresh approach to literature that is flexible enough to accommodate both freshman English majors and budding inter-disciplinarians. The course is one of the "Freshmen Seminars in Literature and Culture"; it will be taught by Dean Ray.

The concept for this new offering comes solely from Ray who explains that the inspiration for this new course "came

from a friend who teaches a course in 'animal-rights.'"

A sampling of some of the literature that will be studied includes: *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hide*, *The Invisible Man*, *Dracula*, *The Puppet Masters*, *The Chrysalids* (by John Windam), *Interview with the Vampire*, and *Android's Dream of Electric Sheep*, the novel upon which the movie *Blade Runner* is based. Ray envisions that this course will "shed a new light" on studies in diversity because these novels deal with human problems of diversity by presenting a model "in which the diverse beings are non-existent monsters, robots and creatures from space." The nature of this course allows for extra-literary sources that can be utilized as compliments to the syllabus. Ray foresees the possibility of using *Blade Runner* or other visual aids in conjunction with the literature.

Dean Ray believes that his class will create a new and important branch to the college's philosophy on diversity: "The deeper you delve into the problems of imaginary diverse beings, the more you will answer problems about real diverse beings."

The course is divided into various sections that deal with particular types of "imaginary diverse beings" and the particular problems they face in their respective situations. Ray plans to open the course with *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hide* and *The Invisible Man*, two novels that describe a dramatic transformation of a human being into a "monster." A particularly fascinating comparison will be drawn between two novels of the vampire-genre: *Dracula* and *Interview with the Vampire*. Bram Stoker's novel portrays vampires as creatures with one blood-thirsty obsession while Anne Rice develops vampires that are multi-faceted; nevertheless, both types of vampires are "aliens" to society. *The Puppet Masters* will be the first of the novels to present aliens in the literal context of "invaders from outer space"; also, numerous novels in the course will deal with the difficulties in assessing the rights of a robot once it has attained the status of a "rational thinker."

The scuttlebutt has it that this course is "selling fast"; therefore, prompt inquiry is recommended. The course is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning this Spring.



## November Calendar

**Thurs. NOV 9:**  
**Slant Fin**  
(From Conn College)

**Fri. NOV 10:**  
**Pacing Jane**

**Sat. NOV 11:**  
**Savage Biscuit**  
**Varicos Brains**  
**Flesh Hammer**

**Thurs. NOV 16:**  
**Martha's Diary**  
(From Conn College)

**Fri. NOV 17:**  
**Bugge**

**Sat. NOV 18:**  
**Ian Charles Band**

**Thurs. NOV 22:**  
**Ruler Sun**  
**CD Release Party**

**Fri. NOV 23:**  
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**Sat. NOV 24:**  
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### Now through November 10

Art Exhibit featuring:  
Tom Savage, Jill Slosburg-Ackerman,  
and Anne Connell  
Connecticut College  
Cummings Arts Gallery  
Mon.-Fri. 9-5 & Sat. 1-4

### Thursday, November 9

Schubert's Winterreise and Pink  
Floyd's The Wall  
a lecture by Prof. Michael Adelson  
Oliva Hall, Cummings Arts Center  
7 pm (GE EVENT)



### November 9, 10, & 11

Dance Club Fall Performance  
Meyers Studio, College Center  
8 pm

### Friday, November 10

Faculty Chamber Music Recital  
Connecticut College  
Dana Concert Hall, Cummings  
8:00 pm



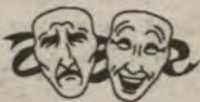
The Good the Bad and the Ugly  
Presented by Film Society  
Oliva Hall, Cummings  
8:00 & 11:00 pm

### Monday, November 13

Maria Irene Fornes, Playwright  
Connecticut College  
210 Blaustein  
7-9 pm

### Wednesday, November 15

Artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude  
Connecticut College  
Dana Hall, Cummings Arts Center  
6:30 pm



### November 16, 17, & 18

"Some Americans Abroad"  
Connecticut College  
Palmer Auditorium (GE Event)  
8:00 pm 439-ARTS

### Sunday, November 19

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Harkness Chapel  
8:00 pm

### Saturday, November 18

Eastern Connecticut Orchestra  
Garde Arts Center, New London  
8:00 pm 443-287



Senior Recital: Tamara Scheinfeld  
Connecticut College  
Dana Concert Hall, Cummings  
3 pm

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## CONCERT WATCH

### November 9

- Max Creek, Paradise Club, Boston, MA.

### November 11

- Cyndi Lauper, Foxwoods Casino, CT.
- Shaggy, El 'n' Gee Club, New London, CT.

### November 12

- Cyndi Lauper, Foxwoods Casino, CT.
- Jethro Tull, Palace Theater, New Haven, CT.

### November 14

- Collective Soul, Avalon, Boston, MA.

### November 17

- Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Globe Theatre, Norwalk, CT.
- KORN, Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel, Providence, RI.

### November 22

- Candlebox, New Haven Coliseum, New Haven, CT.
- KORN, Avalon, Boston, MA.

### November 24

- JODECI, Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT.

### November 30

- Arlo Guthrie, Toad's Place, New Haven, CT.

### December 2

- PHISH, New Haven Coliseum, New Haven, CT.
- White Zombie, Meadows Music Theater, Hartford, CT.

### December 4

- Red Hot Chili Peppers, Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT.

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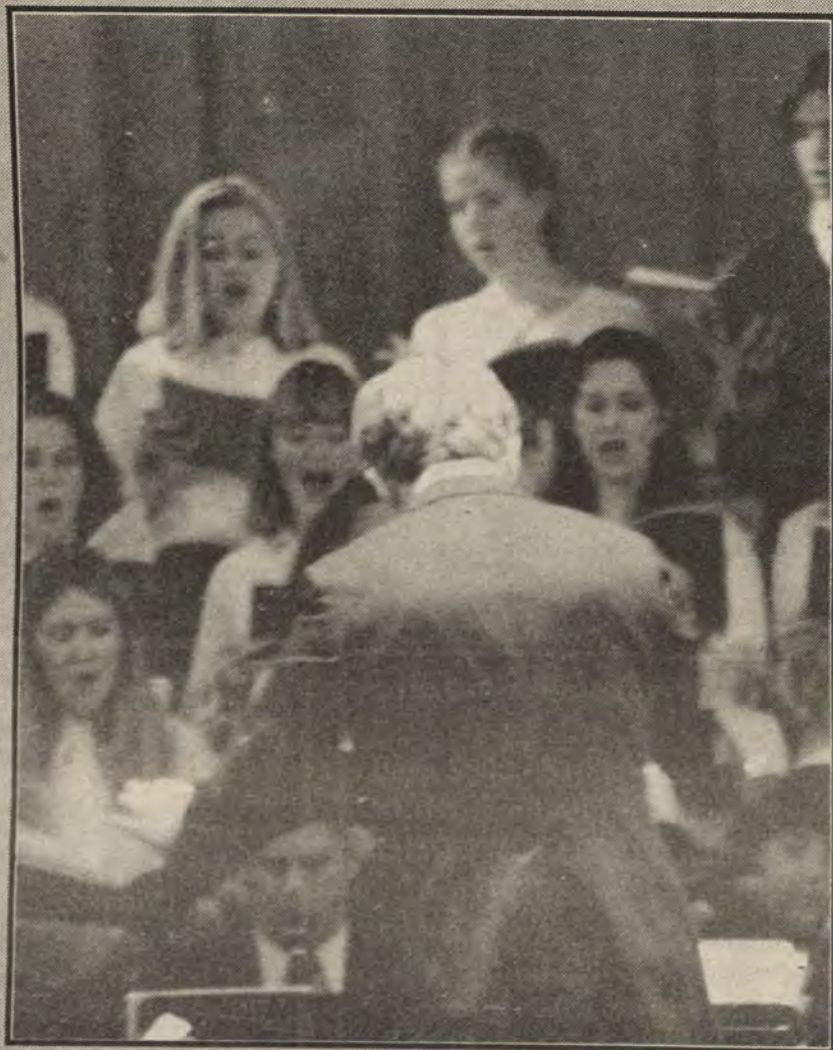
Big E: 413-737-2443

New Haven Coliseum: 203-772-4200

El 'n' Gee Club: 203-437-3800

Foxwoods Resort Casino: 203-885-3352

New Haven Coliseum: 203-772-4200



## The Connecticut College Chamber Choir's Fall concert

Connecticut College was blessed with "a little bit of heaven" last Friday evening when the Connecticut College Chamber Choir presented their fall concert to members of the college community. The program featured Mozart's *Requiem*, but also included *Ave Maria* (c.1500) by Josquin des Pres and *Hymn to St. Cecilia* by Benjamin Britten. Choir members performed with expression and grace, and Mozart himself would have been proud to have attended the performance. Aaron Guckian '98, tenor, was one among many talented soloists who highlighted the evening. The Confutatis section of the *Requiem*, so eloquently portrayed in the Academy Award winning movie, *Amadeus*, was eloquently captured by the Chamber Choir and accompanying orchestra. Professor Paul Althouse, the director of the Connecticut College Chamber Choir, deserves much praise for his hard work in preparing students to perform this difficult work.

# THE CAMEL PAGE

## Shelling It Out with Michelle

In the past I have shared my views on love and written extensively on the art of "stalking." I have also shared my woes and discussed the romantic trials and tribulations that result in my wearing purple sweatpants.

For those of you who were not here last year or those of you who do not read regularly, the term "stalking" is meant in jest. It is when you hopelessly follow someone and call his or her voicemail just to listen to the message, relatively harmless activities. Personally, it is an activity I no longer choose to practice... too much risk of breaking your heart. I now wear my sweatpants just because they are comfortable and appease me in any bad mood.

I know that last year many of you tired of my talking about my family and sharing their views. I pretty much ran out of my father's top ten maxims and don't have any more parental advice to share. At any rate, I am moving on to other peoples families. So now I'll talk about April's family

So with that in mind I dedicate this column to April's sister, Alexis. She shared a pretty interesting take on romance with me this weekend. She has a rather funny story of the trials and tribulations of being young and falling in love.

See, Alexis, she just started college. This always changes the dynamic of relationships. She meets this guy, spends 24/7 with him and then one day poof... he's gone.

Now she is wondering and so am I, what the hell is that? WHO KNEW that anything was wrong- only the guy... but did he say anything- oh, no... he just stopped calling or coming to see her. This, of course, left poor Lexi completely confused.

Three weeks pass, she runs into him maybe twice on campus and that's it. So she makes the gutsy move that many of us are afraid to make and decides to write. She knows he checks e-mail everyday but being the honorary camel that she is, has trouble sending the e-mail. As she goes to send it she hits some mysterious key and the whole thing disappears. She is stupefied but tries once more- this is one of those long just-who-do-you-think-you-are-anyway kinds of notes- so it takes a while to type it again. As she gets to the last paragraph the same thing happens again.

Rather than run around ranting and raving as I might have done, Lexi calmly decides to rely on the mail. Now of course, as we have noted, this guy is a little quirky. He checks his mail once a week, maybe even once every two weeks. But the letter is sent.

Finally, he calls. He wants to get together for dinner, so Lexi accepts because as she put it... she wants some answers!! They stumble around the topic and finally Lexi CAN TAKE NO MORE. Point blank she asks, "Did you get my letter?" He says, "Yes, I read it." That's all he says. So Lexi is extremely frustrated and says, "Well..." To which this guy replies, "I READ IT TWICE."

Even if this relationship works out well, there is no doubt that moment will be permanently etched in her mind. It etched in mine forever and I wasn't there. But at least now I know what to expect if I write a letter.

Lexi explained to me that relationships are really only great in the very beginning. Too true, that's when we all have blinders on. But why when it gets so hard do we still go back? Because as her very wise sister always tells me- the heart is dumb. Plus, we like them.

The truth of it is — relationships between any two people take work and nurturing. Who knows why men react as they do? I am confident if this column were written by a man he would say the same thing about women. I am not intending to be harsh on men — rather, I am just providing the perspective of a heterosexual female.

In our minds men run away rather than confront you and tell you why they are leaving. The truth of it is relationships are tenuous at best. If you are lucky you can count on one hand the people whom you can truly count on. When we get hurt in a relationship or are afraid we will get hurt- sometimes silence seems like the best option.

What we need to do and what everyone we care about deserves is honest communication. We can never be in the other person's head. There is no way to know if something is wrong unless you talk. Love of any kind is scary- our heart is not only dumb but tender. When you start to fall in love, remember this- the heart also has a tremendous capacity to heal and forgive and move on and love again. Don't build walls for yourself or you might miss out.

And to all the female readers, if you send him a letter, make sure he reads it twice.

## Weekly Horoscopes

**SCORPIO (OCTOBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 21)** IT'S NECESSARY FOR YOU TO BE A BIT MORE FLEXIBLE THIS WEEK AS UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS CROP UP BOTH AT HOME AND AT WORK. HOWEVER, YOU TACKLE THESE WITH SELF-CONFIDENCE AND ASSURANCE. RELY ON YOUR COMMON SENSE AND INTUITION.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** The watchword of the week is compromise. Listen carefully to those who have a different viewpoint and then look to see how you can integrate it with your own. Ultimately success is achieved by doing this.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** You must avoid a tendency early in the week to be too self-insistent. Stamping your feet and going off half-cocked isn't in your best interest. Later in the week, you tackle tasks with alacrity.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A negotiation of a financial nature doesn't go your way early in the week. However, this later reverses itself. Don't be afraid to change a travel plan made sometime ago. This trip isn't in your best interest.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Meetings and appointments should be followed up on since they can lead to bigger and better things for you. A major decision needs to be made on the home front. Seek input from family members on this dilemma.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Your social life really picks up now as you swing into gear for the coming holidays. Singles find a new romance just waiting in the wings. However, don't let all this frivolity distract you from work to be done.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** It's time to spiff up your home for the company you expect to show up in a few weeks. However, your major focus early in the week should be on your career. A friend's advice arrives in the nick of time this weekend.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You're here, there and everywhere as you tackle what needs to be done in a blaze of activity. Your energy is enviable now. A nasty co-worker has nothing much to contribute, so steer clear. The weekend accents quiet times.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Start making social plans now for how you want to spend the upcoming holidays. Don't be afraid to do something out of the ordinary and non-traditional. A vexing problem at work has you upset later in the week.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You and your significant other find yourself in total agreement now over mutual concerns. However, this doesn't extend itself into the financial area as you feel this person has been spending too much.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Surprises and mysteries dominate this week. However, what ultimately results is to your benefit. A child needs some tender, loving care and comes to you to fulfill this. Your attention turns to work this weekend.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You finally learn the meaning of the saying, "It's not what you know but whom you know." Don't let this go to your head. Remember, true achievement and hard work are what bring personal satisfaction.

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### Top Video Rentals

1. Pulp Fiction starring - John Travolta
2. Don Juan Demarco - Johnny Depp
3. Outbreak - Dustin Hoffman
4. Kiss of Death - Nicolas Cage
5. Just Cause - Sean Connery
6. The Basketball Diaries - Leonard Dicaprio
7. Major Payne - Damon Wayans
8. The Quick and the Dead - Sharon Stone
9. Circle of Friends - Chris O'Donnell
10. Nobody's Fool - Paul Newman
11. The Madness of King George - Nigel Hawthorne
12. Losing Isaiah - Jessica Lange
13. Billy Madison - Adam Sandler
14. A Goofy Movie
15. New Jersey Drive - Sharon Corley
16. French Kiss - Meg Ryan
17. Roommates - Peter Falk
18. Hideaway - Jeff Goldblum
19. Once We Were Warriors - Rena Owens
20. A Little Princess - Liesel Matthews

### Top 10 Movies

1. Seven - starring Brad Pitt
2. Assassins - Sly Stallone
3. Dead Presidents - Larenz Tate
4. How To Make An American Quilt - Winona Ryder
5. Jade - Linda Fiorentino
6. The Scarlet Letter - Demi Moore
7. To Die For - Nicole Kidman
8. Big Green
9. Strange Days - Ralph Fiennes
10. Devil in the Blue Dress - Denzel Washington

# THE VOICE SCORECARD

## CONN SPORTS:



### Men's Soccer:

NCAA Metro Conference  
Semi Finals  
Saturday November 4  
Trenton State 4 - Conn 0

### Women's Soccer:

Colby 3 - Conn 1

### Women's Volleyball:

NESCAC Championships  
@ Conn College  
Semi-Finals  
Colby 2 - Conn 1

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					EASTERN CONFERENCE				
EAST					Northeastern Division				
TEAM	W	L	T	Sunday's Results	TEAM	W	L	T	Points
Miami	5	3	0		Pittsburgh	6	2	3	15
Buffalo	5	3	0		Montreal	7	6	0	14
Indianapolis	5	3	0		Ottawa	6	6	0	12
New England	3	6	0	defeated Jets	Hartford	5	5	1	11
N.Y. Jets	2	7	0	lost to New England	Buffalo	4	7	1	9
CENTRAL					Boston	3	7	2	8
Cleveland	4	4	0	lost to Houston	Atlantic Division				
Pittsburgh	4	4	0		Florida	9	4	0	18
Cincinnati	3	5	0	lost to Oakland	Washington	9	4	0	18
Houston	3	5	0	defeated Cleveland	Philadelphia	7	3	3	17
Jacksonville	3	6	0		New Jersey	7	4	1	15
WEST					NY Rangers	7	5	1	15
Kansas City	8	1	0	defeated Washington	Tampa Bay	3	5	4	10
Oakland	7	2	0	defeated Cincinnati	NY Islanders	2	8	2	6
Denver	4	4	0						
San Diego	4	4	0						
Seattle	2	6	0						

NATIONAL CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
EAST					Central Division				
TEAM	W	L	T	Sunday's Results	TEAM	W	L	T	Points
Dallas	7	1	0		Detroit	7	5	2	16
Philadelphia	5	3	0		Chicago	6	5	2	14
Giants	3	5	0		Winnipeg	6	6	2	14
Arizona	3	5	0		Dallas	5	5	2	12
Washington	3	6	0	lost to Kansas City	Toronto	5	5	3	13
CENTRAL					St. Louis	5	7	1	11
Chicago	6	2	0		Pacific Division				
Green Bay	5	3	0	lost to Minnesota	Colorado	9	3	1	19
Tampa Bay	5	4	0		Los Angeles	5	4	4	14
Minnesota	3	5	0	defeated Green Bay	Vancouver	4	4	5	13
Detroit	3	5	0		Edmonton	4	5	3	11
WEST					Anaheim	5	8	0	10
Atlanta	6	3	0	defeated Detroit	San Jose	1	7	4	6
San Francisco	5	3	0		Calgary	1	8	4	6
St. Louis	5	3	0	lost to New Orleans					
Carolina	3	5	0						
New Orleans	2	6	0	defeated St. Louis					

Men's Cross Country  
ECAC Championships  
@ Williams  
Conn placed 7th of 34

Conn Results  
7. Matt Santo 27:15  
26. Zandy Mangold 28:05  
64. Aaron Kleinman 29:16  
92. Alex Brown 30:05  
93. Rick Gelinas 30:09  
106. Ben Link 30:39  
115. Josh Wilson 30:59

Bowe vs. Holyfield  
Bowe def. Holyfield in 8th

Former heavyweight champ  
Ridick Bowe recovered from a 6th  
round knockdown to score an 8th  
round technical knockout of  
Evander Holyfield on Saturday  
night.

Associated Press  
Top Twenty College Football

1. Nebraska 9-0
2. Ohio State 9-0
3. Florida 8-0
4. Tennessee 8-1
5. Northwestern 8-1
6. Florida State 7-1
7. Kansas State 8-1
8. Notre Dame 8-2
9. Colorado 7-2
10. Kansas 8-1
11. Texas 6-1-1
12. So. California 7-1-1
13. Michigan 7-2
14. Virginia 7-3
15. Arkansas 7-2
16. Alabama 7-2
17. Oregon 7-2
18. Texas A&M 5-2
19. Penn State 6-3
20. Auburn 6-3

## IM Update: Playoff action is underway

BY TOM RYAN  
Assistant IM Director

The first round of the flag football post season kicked off this past week as number five ranked Pool Hand Luke's traveled to Chapel Green on Thursday to square off against the number four seed Girls in the Bathroom. Jesse Evans opened the scoring at 5:13 of the first quarter with a 17 yard TD reception from Tony Silvestro.

Pool Hand Luke's responded with 2 TD's from their Junior "tight end" Chris Davis making the score 14-7 at the half. In the third quarter Pool Hand's and Girls in the Bathroom swapped TD's. Silvestro and Jason Moore hooked up for G.I.T.B. while Tim Knaver found the endzone for Luke's. Akida Bailey was 13 for 21 with 297 yards and 3 TD passes on the day. Rinny's crew

finished on top with a 21-14 final.

In the final regular season game of the year, Young Guns plus Pete scored with 15 seconds left in regulation to make the score 6-7 in favor of Omansiek's Marauders. Electing to go for the two point conversion, recently engaged quarterback Pete Bergstrom galloped into the endzone untouched making the score 8-7 Gunners. This win was a huge confidence booster for Bergstrom's squad, which they hope to take with them into the play-offs.

In first round 6-A-Side Soccer play-off action, Guster posted a commanding 7-0 win over Serial Killers. Rick Johanson tallied the hat trick while Rob Hunder Scored a goal and passed for five assists. Justin Burke (2 goals, 1 assist) and TJ Green (1 goal) helped to put the final nail in the Serial Killers' coffin.

## NBA Action

### Saturday's games:

Seattle 103, L.A. Lakers 89

San Antonio 116, Denver 108

New York 84, Milwaukee 71

Dallas 99, Golden State 84

Chicago 107, Boston 85

Washington 100, Detroit 89

Miami 85, Cleveland 71

Indiana 97, Toronto 89

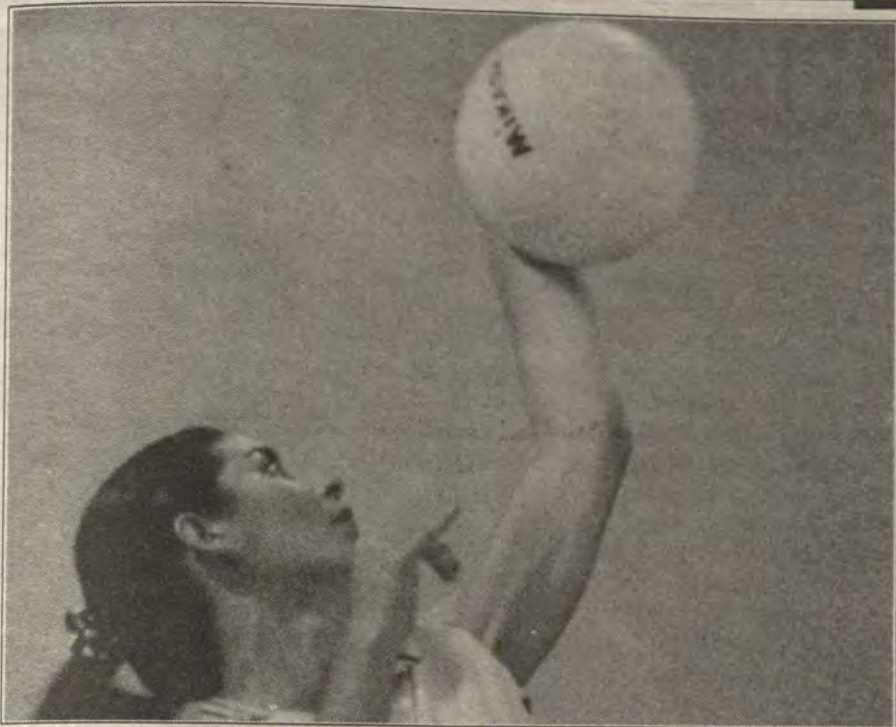
Charlotte 119, Philadelphia 108

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Volleyball made it to the NESCAC Tournament

Dave and Al's Totally Biased Football Column:

## Dave and Al caught in note-passing scandal

BY DAVE KETTNER & ALEX KATZ  
The College Voice

This is a note that Greg Poole found in the Smith first-floor recycling bin while looking for a bite to eat. We can neither confirm nor deny the authenticity of the following, but we are sure that this is a vain attempt for Mr. Poole to regain lost popularity.

With another week comes another article in a newspaper that will most likely contain some idiotic psycho-babble from a member of our community. We would love to dive headfirst into football, but there are a few issues that are more worthy of our ire.

First of all, even more disturbing than receiving enemy helmets via machine at Toys'R'Us, was the front page article in last week's Voice, volume XIX number 8. Miss LeVan, before we get into the particulars of your courageous act, we want to commend you on unmasking this horrific scandal. What would we do without you? Note-passing has been the scourge of educational institutions since the dawn of time. Those guys have some nerve, trying to pass such a serious crime off as a joke. It's a shame no one like you was around to expose Hitler to the Germans. Dave and Al are proud to be printed in the same paper as such a chilling exposé, though glad that they are as far away as possible on the back page. We suggest that Messieurs Cote and Shedd should be strip-searched to find any more subversive material, before this issue can be safely put to rest. Screw the Jets and Pats; Miss LeVan, you are our hero.

On to more important things, namely football. The Patriots and Jets square off in a battle of Carolina's whipping boys. Before we preview this week's game, we would like to tell you about a most exciting event. Last week, roving Dave and

Al reporter Curran Ford packed up the wife and kids and went to Stop and Shop, where on the first try he received a Patriots helmet from the machine outside. Al and Dave see this as an omen. We are so sure of this sign from above that we will GUARANTEE a Patriots victory. Fans, it's official; Dave has reached the point in the football season where the general public turns back the clock, and he turns his tortured eyes from his hapless football team to his incompetent hockey team.

Al has received no Mountain Dew, so either we have no readers or they are all on welfare. We don't blame you; we blame Congress. Speaking of the world outside Conn College (It does, in fact, exist.), it has been brought to our attention that the Robert McNeil part of the McNeil-Lehrer report is retiring this year. If the producers of that new hour should happen to be reading, Dave and Al will be graduating this year and feel ready to take over for the country's number one newscasters.

Enough about this. In case any of you was clinging to the faint hope of hearing anything resembling football news, pick up a USA Today. Al and Dave feel that the gray in Al's luscious locks can be traced to that game. By the way, we are honored to be named by Schmoozing as one of the myriad things that suck. We accept the view that men, women, and everything else suck, but we take exception to Arbor Day.

On to this week's picks. Even though 360 Mohegan doesn't receive a single copy of the Voice, (much like half of this campus), our friends there still express a desire to see their names in print. We can only refer to those residents as a single unit, because, much like Miss LeVan, we believe in the right to privacy. That's why their picks are none of your damn business. We leave you with a quote from the Doors: "This is the end."

## Volleyball hosts NESCACs and makes it to semi-finals

BY SUE ERB  
Associate Sports Editor

This past weekend, the women's volleyball team competed in the NESCAC Tournament. Conn had the honor of hosting the women's volleyball NESCAC Tournament this past Friday and Saturday. This was a first for Conn, and there was much excitement in the air.

In the pool play held on Friday in the AC, Conn lost to Tufts in their first game of the tournament by a score of 2 to 1. Conn lost their first set 8 to 5, but came back during their second to win it 15 to 5. In the final set, however, Conn was winning 13 to 8 but could not hold off Tufts.

On the bright side for Conn, the women beat Hamilton in their second game of pool play by a score of 2 to 0. Conn defeated them in the first set 15 to 10 and in the second 15 to 11, pretty sound victories for the team.

Saturday afternoon brought more excitement for the women as the second round of pool play produced a semi-final qualification.

Conn lost to Williams in two for their first game on Saturday. Williams had gone into the tournament as the number one seed. In the first set, Conn was beaten soundly 15 to 4. However, by the

second set Conn was showing a lot of muscle and lost to Williams by only a few points 15-11. Conn proceeded to defeat Middlebury in two, 15-2 and 15-3. This win qualified the team to go onto the semi-finals where they faced Colby.

In the semi-finals, Conn lost to Colby in three, but Coach Steve Bosco felt that the team could have pulled off the win. Conn won the first set 15-12, but lost a close second set 16-14. In the third, Conn lost 15-13. Williams went on to win the tournament, having survived the day undefeated.

This could explain their ranking in the top ten Division III New England for volleyball.

Conn senior Megan Hanselman made first team All NESCAC Volleyball. Special congratulations to Hanselman who performed well along with senior co-captain Lauren Shropshire.

"The women showed a lot of character and poise," said coach Steve Bosco. "We barely lost to Tufts and managed to make it to the semis which was good. We expected to do well, but not to go that far." The team finished the season with a record of 15 and 13. "The tournament went well, and thanks goes to all those who kept score, did lines, and helped out," said Bosco.

## Sailing team gearing up for Atlantic Coast Championships next weekend

BY SUE ERB  
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The College Voice

The Conn sailing team has had a busy last couple of weekends in preparation for the Atlantic Coast Championships on November 11-12. Two weekends ago, the team separated into three groups for qualifiers for the Atlantic Coast Championship.

The coed group took sixth behind the strong sailing of Morgan Connor, Drew Buttner, and Alex Gross. The race was held in Boston, and the home team of Boston College placed first. This qualified the coed team for the Atlantic Coast Championships to be held in Boston this weekend. The coed team now ranks 14th nationally. However, theirs is not the only success to be noted.

The consistent freshmen team finished fourth at Yale with strong performances by Peter Strothman and James O'Malley. Tufts took the gold. While the Conn team was not in qualifying position on the first day of racing, they were able to come back on the second and secure a place in the AC Championships.

At the URM race sponsored by Harvard, Tracy Hayley and Jane Loutrel had a strong showing, finishing second behind rival Coast Guard Academy. Although CGA won in the end, the weather seemed to determine the outcome. Due to high winds, one of the races could not be counted. Unfortunately, this led to the cancellation of the B division race. If the race had qualified, Conn would most

likely have claimed first. Nevertheless, the women qualified for the AC Championships as well. The women are doing so well that they are currently ranked 8th nationally.

This weekend, the team got some competition from team members of the past, with five returning alumni. Connor and Tara Davignon finished first, followed by alum Ben Marden (class of '93). This is the third year for the race, and according to Buttner, the team hopes to make it an annual event.

Expectations for the championships next week run high, with the women's team "probably doing the best," according to captain Seth Wilkinson. "The freshman team will also be strong. The coed team's goal is to finish in the top five." The Atlantic Coast is made up of one of the most competitive districts in the entire country and because of this said Wilkinson: "no team is a front runner, and any team would be happy to finish in the top five."

Pretty powerful winds typical of this time of year create varied conditions on the water. The co-ed race to be held at MIT is going to be particularly difficult due to these bad conditions. "The Charles River is located right in the city," said Wilkinson, "and this changes the conditions even more."

Hopefully this will cause the team to have "a high level of concentration," said Wilkinson and pull together to do well.

The freshmen team will be at home next weekend and the women will be journeying seven hours to Hobart in Rochester.

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# SPORTS

## Women's soccer falls in ECAC semi-finals

BY DANA CURRAN  
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Last Saturday, Conn's women's soccer team was defeated by Colby in the ECAC semi-final round by a score of 3-1. This completed their season with a record of 8 wins, 6 losses, and two tie games. Regardless of the loss, senior captains Karen Mallegol and Lisa Peraner feel that they "finished strong, [despite] a slow start. Overall, we reached our goals by making the ECAC tournament, but it was a disappointing way to end it all".

The quarter-final game of the tournament was an exciting victory for Conn, with a final score of 2-1 in overtime. Sophomore Christine Seta scored off a corner from freshmen Caroline Davis, followed by Betsey Wood's overtime goal, set up by junior Sarah Dorion. Unfortunately, a different team showed up for Saturday's contest against Colby. "We just came out flat, and our heads weren't in the game," said senior tri-captain Karen Mallegol. "We played one of our worst games, and Colby played one of their best." By

halftime, Colby led 3-0. Betsey Woods scored the lone goal for Conn in the second half, assisted by Amy Byrd. "The loss was especially frustrating because we played badly," commented senior Tara Sorensen. "We were definitely psyched, but we hadn't thought enough about what it took to win."

Mallegol and Peraner reflected on the season positively, stating that "it was a lot of fun, we finished strong and reached our goals as a team. Saturday's disappointment doesn't take away from that." Betsey Woods was the team's leading scorer this season with 6 goals and 5 assists. Her contributions in the tournament were crucial to the team. The five seniors, Tara Sorensen, Lisa Peraner, Karen Mallegol, Jen Eisenberg, and Meg Gaillard all pulled their weight and carried the team with experience. The seniors are the first to have played in four consecutive ECAC tournaments, and their leadership contributed to the cohesiveness of this year's team. Conn's team had a wealth of talent and upcoming seasons look promising.

## Men's cross country races to the top of the ECAC

BY SUE ERB  
Associate Sports Editor

Men's Cross Country had a great weekend. Conn's men's team traveled to Williams College to literally blow past the competition. Conn pulled off a seventh place finish of 34 teams in the ECAC Championships. Winning the Championship race was RIT with a score of 34. Teams from up and down the east coast such as Middlebury and Frostburg State (MD) converged on Williams to compete this past Saturday.

Conn placed seventh in a field of 34 teams. The men managed to slide just past Vassar with a score of 275 to Vassar's 276 points. Conn defeated other top ten teams such as Middlebury, WPI, and our friendly rival from across the street, the CGA. Middlebury had crushed Conn at our own invitational earlier in the year. However, Middlebury then took ninth in the ECACs, which was quite the turn around for Conn.

The first runner to cross for Conn was sophomore co-captain Matt Santo with a time of 27:15 for the 8 km run. This finish garnered him All ECAC Honors. Santo was the first New England runner to cross the finish line; the previous finishers all had been from New York. "It

was definitely a good day," said Coach Jim Butler. "Last year he placed 111th in the field for this race. I'm pretty impressed at his improvement."

Senior co-captain Zandy Mangold was the next to cross for Conn.

With a time of 28:05, Mangold took twenty-sixth. Mangold was followed by freshmen runners Aaron Kleinman (64th), Alex Brown (92nd), and Rick Gelinas (93rd). "All the runners improved this season," said Butler. "They are a great bunch of guys to coach."

"It's always great for a coach to see his team peak at the end of the season," said Butler. "The team definitely stepped up to the challenge."

They ran with a lot of heart and courage. This was a good warm-up for next week's New England's. Butler will allow the team to rest this week so that they will really be able to "run well" next week.

The New England Championships will be held Saturday at the University of Southern Maine. Hopefully, the team's "heart and courage" will pull the team together for a strong finish in USM.

The women's team did not compete in this last week's ECAC run. However, they will compete in Maine this Saturday.



Men's Soccer made the NCAA for the first time in Conn's history.

File Photo/The College Voice

## Men's soccer ends a triumphant season in NCAA Championships

BY ROBYN MANCUSO  
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team spent an exciting weekend in Glassboro, New Jersey, after qualifying for the NCAA tournament for the first time in Conn's men's soccer history. The team played Saturday night under harsh conditions, having to endure cold temperatures accompanied by strong winds. Unfortunately, they lost 0-4 in the first round against Trenton State, which was seeded second in the Metro Conference and ranked eleventh nationally for Division III. The Metro Conference was made up of teams from Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island. This was Trenton's seventh consecutive appearance in the tournament and eleventh appearance in total. Furthermore, in 1991, the Trenton team was runner up. Conn definitely had a great challenge ahead of them.

According to captain Matt Raynor, the team had a "surprising season." After being down 1-3 in the beginning of the season, they pulled out of their slump and won nine consecutive games. Although they lost their final game to Williams, the team gained a lot of confidence after qualifying for the NESCAC Championships and had high expectations for the coming weekend.

Despite their high expectations, the team felt they did not play up to their potential. The competition was especially tough considering one of Trenton's forwards was recently named Metro Conference Player of the Year. "The score was not indicative of the play," said captain Chris Quercia.

Within the first twenty-five minutes, Conn was playing really well and had three opportunities to score. Unfortunately, Trenton's goalie saved a breakaway and thereafter the

team strengthened their game considerably. They proceeded to score their first goal by the end of the first half. "By the second half, the other team really began to dictate the play," said sophomore Scott Devlin. The players also felt that some of the calls were not properly judged. In the first half of the game, the referee missed an obvious penalty which Quercia, who was involved in the play, felt was a critical error. Despite this disappointing loss, the team is proud to have played such a successful season. Several players improved greatly over the season, such as sweeper Jamie Gordon and striker Doug Haas. Because of an injury, Haas was not able to play last season, so the team was glad to welcome him back this fall. Conn's men's soccer team has made great strides this year and hopes to continue to achieve their goals next season despite the loss of several vital senior players.

## Crew team finishes fall season with impressive performances

BY ROBYN MANCUSO  
Sports Editor

Two weekends ago, the men's varsity crew team headed the Schuylkill in Philadelphia. The team was pleased with their performance even though they were racing in a higher division against much larger schools such as Navy and Georgetown. Faced with such a challenge, they came in fourteenth out of twenty-two boats. Meanwhile, the first freshman boat gave an amazing exhibition, coming in second place at the Wesleyan Invitational. More recently, the second freshman boat placed fifteenth at the

Yale Invitational this weekend despite windy conditions and powerful currents (with freshman Sarah Weir as cox). Also racing this weekend was the varsity team, which headed the Charles in Boston. After placing fifteenth out of sixty-five boats (twenty-two seconds behind the leading time!), Conn's crew team was guaranteed a spot in next year's race because of their impressive time.

Needless to say, they were extremely pleased with their efforts.

A special recognition for juniors Phil Bowen and Scott Williams, and seniors Corey Cowels,

Chris Kelley, and captain John Lusins for their particular efforts this weekend. According to Williams, "the seniors provided [the] leadership [necessary] for upcoming seasons." The team expects to practice hard to prepare for the spring season, which they are looking forward to with great confidence. Fortunately, said Williams, their strong "mentality will help [them] through the spring season." Overall Conn's men's crew team has had a successful fall season, but it is not over yet. They are no longer in season but will be racing again in the spring.

## Athlete of the Week

The College Voice picks senior Megan Hanselman for the Athlete of the Week. Hanselman deserves this weeks award for making first team All NESCAC Volleyball team. Congratulations, Megan, on a job well done.