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College Plans For Library Overhaul

By DAN JARCHO

staff writer

Students and faculty of Connecticut College met in four separate sessions with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Library Planning Consultant Jay Lucker to discuss suggestions for the improvement of Shain Library, marking the beginning stages in the library renovation and expansion project that will hopefully take shape during the next few years. Mr. Jay Lucker, a library planning consultant from MIT, has previously been a part of the planning for library projects at universities and colleges all around the United States. In four meetings last week, Mr. Lucker met with students, faculty and staff to discuss his experiences and to add insight to suggestions brought up at the meetings. Some of the major topics that were discussed included questions about which direction to extend the library addition, the possibility of creating specialized areas in the library for quiet reading, group study, etc., reordering of the alphanumeric filing and Dewey decimal filing systems, and the possibility of a small coffee shop/refreshment area. Mr. Lucker said, "The goal is to design a library that will be functional and up to date throughout the next 20-25 years."

One major concern among students raised at the meetings was the possibility that the expansion of the library may cut into the space between the library and Cro. This space has traditionally been used for the activities of Floralia, and seems to hold high sentimental value in the eyes of students. The other possible option would be to expand out into the green between the library and dormitories Plant and Branford.

All attendants of the meetings seemed to favor the idea of segregating the library into several purpose-

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photo by Trevor Brown

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Dispatch plays AIDS benefit concert at Conn

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Head of Presidential Search Committee, Consultant Named

By COLEY WARD

news editor

Chair of the Board of Trustees Duncan Dayton announced on Thursday, November 9, in a letter to the campus community that Barbara Zaccheo Shattuck Dubow '72 will chair the college's presidential search committee. Judith McLaughlin, a professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, has been hired as a consultant to the search process. The two women will be part of the effort to find a replacement for current college president Claire Gaudiani '66, who recently announced her resignation.

Dean of Student Life Catherine WoodBrooks approved of the choice, saying, "I think this is an excellent way to proceed. I think you have a highly regarded scholar in Judith McLaughlin guiding the process of selecting a new president. And, you have a highly respected trustee and alumna chairing the search committee."

Dubow has been a trustee of the college since 1996, and serves as the chair of the Development and Alumni Relations Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee, the Committee on trustees, and the Building and Grounds Committee. She is the Managing Director of Shattuck Hammond Partners, one of the largest health care investment banking companies in the US, which she founded in 1983. McLaughlin is a scholar on the American college presidency, with a special emphasis on presidential searches and transitions at institutions of higher education.

Dayton commented on the appointment of the new head of the selection committee, saying, "[She] will help us to understand what the appropriate procedures and processes are for conducting a state of the art search for the president."

"The search process is just beginning," Duncan continued, "but it's fair to say that we will make every endeavor to insure that the process includes the faculty and students and staff and we want to have as broad support as possible for the new president."

He explained that the manner that students and faculty would be included in the search was yet to be determined, saying, "It will be up to the committee to decide the appropriate manner in which that will be forthcoming, but we take very seriously the students and faculty and staff concerns regarding the selection of the new president and we will make every effort to make sure that those concerns are heard."

The other members of the committee will be announced by the December board meeting. Said Dayton, "Certainly within the next six weeks to eight weeks."

Other steps have been taken by the Board of Trustees to ensure that the presidential search will be as thorough as possible. Said Dayton, "There's all kinds of information that's available from the association of governing boards, which is a group that helps not-for-profit boards conduct searches and whatnot, and we've requested and received their guidelines and we will use their expert council to our advantage."

Coffin Takes on New Responsibilities as VP

By KATIE HANDWERGER

staff writer

Lee Coffin, formerly Connecticut College's Dean of Admissions, has taken on a new role as Vice President of Enrollment, Public Affairs, and Admissions. Coffin has assumed some of the responsibilities of former Vice President of Community and Public Affairs, Don Filer, who resigned from his position at the end of last spring semester. The duties once performed by Filer have been split up, and Coffin has taken over the aspects of the job that deal with public affairs. The community-relations portion of Filer's job has yet to be assigned.

In terms of how much extra work Coffin has undertaken, he estimates that the admissions aspect of his job still constitutes a good 45-50%. Although Coffin did receive a raise for taking on the extra workload, splitting up the work was still more economical for the college than hiring someone to replace Filer.

Filer left the college after many years of service to work closer to home and to be with his family. After leaving Connecticut College he undertook a position as associate secretary of Yale College. Due to con-

cerns about an excess of Vice Presidents in selective areas, the college decided that some restructuring was needed following his departure. Coffin was seen as a logical choice to handle issues dealing with public relations. His position as an admissions officer and recruiter was regarded as sufficient training for a job in marketing and public relations. As for Coffin's opinion on the addition to his already large workload, he stated, "It's a lot of work, and I'm still getting used to it, but I think I'm pretty lucky." Coffin believes that the admissions, financial aid, and registrar's offices all have very strong senior leadership that helps him incredibly.

As for the work needing to be completed in the area of community issues, the College considered turning it over to the Holleran Center; however, they have since reconsidered. Coffin is planning on meeting with the Provost sometime this week to work on an alternate plan.

Coffin also shared his insight on issues such as strategic planning and President Gaudiani's resignation in terms of how they connect with upcoming admissions levels. Coffin

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Ralph Nader speaks out against big business in politics (courtesy)

Strong Support for Nader in New London

By TIM STEVENS

associate news editor

Amongst all the noise of this year's presidential election, Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader has essentially been phased out of the news. Nader's results fell short of 5% of the popular vote, the magic number needed to receive matching federal funds, with only 2.6% of the nation choosing the consumer rights crusader. Connecticut proved to be slightly more supportive—4.4% of voters pulled the lever for Nader. Despite his candidate's failure to reach the 5% plateau, Green Party member Jason Hamilton '01 was pleased. "I think he did well. A lot of people, with knowing how close the election was going to be, got concerned. He [Nader] was polling at 7%, so I think people got jittery at the polling booth."

In New London, however, jitters seemed to present no problem. Nader exceeded many people's expectations in pulling down 496 votes, about 14.6% of the votes cast in the small city. Hamilton attributed the huge percentage difference to the efforts of Green Party members in the city. "I think it really speaks to the people in New London working on the ground. That coupled with dissatisfaction with particularly the Democratic Party's direction led a lot of people here in New London to choose the Green Party." SG/ President Scott

"No, I don't think he [Nader] is going away," - Jason Hamilton '01

Montemerlo felt some of the credit for the difference in Nader's showing in New London as opposed to the rest of the country rested with Conn students. "Students at the College voted in record number this year...I don't think that it is a stretch to suggest that that is one reason for Nader's high percentage in New London."

Nader was able to effectively appeal to the left-wing liberals the democrats had depended on for so long. He presented a continuing problem for Gore during his campaign by attracting those liberals that felt

Gore had sold out and moved to the center in order to attract independent voters. In fact, when Nader visited the Conn College campus in early October, his message seemed to concentrate on his frustration with the entire Democratic Party, led by Al Gore, for abandoning the liberal agenda the democrats had successfully established and run on in the past. He stated that the bumbling Democrats and even worse Republicans have sold their souls to corporate America for money, and in turn, votes.

When asked if this would be the last time we will see a Nader presidential bid due to his inability to reach 5% of the popular, Jason Hamilton was skeptical. "No, I don't think he [Nader] is going away," he said, going on to cite that the concerns that Nader represents will still exist in four years and therefore it would be reasonable to expect that Nader will make another bid for the presidency.

Conn College Honored for Environmental Achievement

By CAT CAMPBELL

staff writer

On Tuesday October 24, Connecticut College was honored by the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection with a Green Circle Award. Each year, 35 Green Circle awards are given out to deserving industries, community organizations, schools, individuals, and government agencies that contribute to improving the quality of the environment in Connecticut.

Governor Rowland introduced the Green Circle Program in 1998. Since its inception, the program has honored more than 300 deserving groups, including Connecticut College this year.

Connecticut College was given this honor for three of its programs: food recycling, chipping organic waste, and the college's involvement with "Reforest the Tropics". In addition to these programs, the Department of Environmental Protection

noted that Conn exceeded mandatory recycling requirements and created an especially innovative technique for recycling the large organic waste.

All the food scraps from the seven dining halls on campus are donated for animal feed. The campus produces roughly 1600 pounds of food waste, which now benefits a local pig farm.

Partnered with SCRAA, Connecticut College was also able to purchase a tub grinder with the capability to chip 200 cubic yards of organic waste per hour. This bulky wood waste is chopped finely to be used for landscaping and gardening. By reusing the waste, Conn is preventing further pollution of this area.

The third program, "Reforest the Tropics," is a program that was developed to balance out carbon emissions due to the burning of fossil fuels. Conn purchased 37 acres of land

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Community Science Center is Local Treasure

By ERIC SCHLUSSEL

staff writer

Take a walk down Williams Street, past the Arboretum's gates and left onto Gallows Lane. Down this twisty New England road cutting through the thick of the Arbo, you will find, secreted away to your right, the unassuming brick building that houses the Science Center of Eastern Connecticut. The small parking lot is quiet and simple. In warmer seasons, there would be flowers growing in the small garden and birds whistling in the surrounding trees.

The modesty surrounding the Center is also present within its walls, beyond the heavy glass doors; there are no flashy 3-D displays, no long lines for a gigantic theater, and no talking dinosaurs. Instead, the Science Center is dominated by small, interactive exhibits designed to give growing minds a new fascination with the world around them. The facility includes a marine-life area with a tank of sea creatures such as crabs and snails, a "science theater," and a room filled with science-oriented games. In fact, there is nothing which one cannot manipulate, though it may be too much to handle; on the day of my visit, a four-year-old ran ahead of



A brightly colored rooms at Eastern Connecticut Science Center. (Brown)

his mother as he gazed in wonderment at the exhibits and, of course, put his hands in the glass cases marked "Please Touch!" One volunteer, Michelle, described the way "their faces lit up" when she told a school group of small children that they could touch whatever they pleased.

They seem to have found the way to tap into a child's curiosity. These

tidbits and sound bytes, however, are just what seem to be making American attention spans shorter and shorter. What about making the lessons stick? To this end, the Center provides classes, projects, and presentations to groups all the way from pre-Kindergarten through adulthood. Their most juvenile class, "Creepy Crawlers / Creepy Critters," gives children up through the second grade

a chance to find, handle, and compare various invertebrates — perfect for that six-year-old obsessed with worms and slime. Most classes, all of which have an ecological focus, are available until the end of the twelfth grade. After all, what college student would be caught dead learning "Kitchen Chemistry?" However, the Science Center has even had success with its pre-K-through-adult "Water is Weird" program.

The Science Center of Eastern Connecticut is where scientists are born. Children whose minds are just beginning to blossom can experience physics, lasers, biology, and even simple computer science. It is designed to be accessible to anyone, especially to the handicapped, for whom access is placed throughout the building. Though it is primarily a children's museum, the displays and activities are intelligent enough to be interesting to older visitors. Admission is relatively inexpensive; it and the educational books and toys in the gift shop supplement the funding received from Connecticut College, of which the Center is a division. The Science Center is open from 10-6:00 on Tuesday through Saturday and from 1-5:00 on Sundays and can be reached at (860) 442-0391 or on the Web at www.sccc.conncoll.edu.

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Should Palm Beach Vote Again?

Point

Rarely does a U.S. citizen get to feel that his or her vote matters. Most voters feel that election outcomes are predetermined, and that their vote is worthless. However, in this election, every vote matters, and our next president will be decided by a few hundred votes in Florida.

That is, assuming three thousand Pat Buchanan votes, as well as nineteen thousand disqualified votes from Palm Beach are not counted. These votes could prove to be crucial for either George W. Bush, or more likely, Al Gore. But regardless of their impact, each voter deserves to be able to exercise his/her right to vote. Therefore, people deserve to have their vote count towards the person who they intended to choose. The only way to ensure that in Palm Beach County is to hold a revote. This is not an issue of Democrats vs. Republicans. Simply put, there have been mistakes made that must be mended.

The problems with the Palm Beach ballots are twofold. In the first place, they are not even legal. The ballot should be arranged with the Republican Party being first on the ballot and the Democratic Party second. Instead, while Gore did indeed appear second on the ballot, the space to punch out in order to vote for him was third, behind Buchanan of the Reform Party. Yes, both parties and the State of Florida approved the ballot. This matters little. Illegal is illegal, regardless of whether or not officials paid enough attention to notice it, and steps need to be taken to rectify the problem. A revote is an important part of that process.

The second problem with the ballots is far more important—they were difficult to understand. It can and has been pointed out that Iowa uses a similar ballot that did not cause problems. Regardless of whether or not it confused the voters of Iowa, it did confuse those voters in Palm Beach County. Voting in America is for all people and thus a ballot must be able to be understood by all people.

Plain and simple, Palm Beach County is in error. They owe it to their residents and the American people to fix that error. The election officials of Palm Beach must act immediately or the next President of the United States will find most of his term mired in this controversy. Nothing short of a revote will maintain the American democratic process.

Counterpoint

The confusion and disqualification in Palm Beach County is undeniably a problem, one that is only magnified by the closeness of this election. Florida should not have allowed this to occur. In the future, they must do everything within their power to prevent a repeat performance. New ballots, ones that are in line with the state standards, need to be drawn up and better explanations should be offered. The solution, however, is not a revote. We cannot retroactively "fix" the problems of this election.

A new vote in Florida, or even in Palm Beach County will present a variety of problems. This vote will create a dangerous legal precedent for any person who happens to be displeased with the results of any election at any time. Anyone can claim to be confused by a ballot, and, with enough backing, cause a new vote. This will then directly cause further problems in future elections.

The ballots in question were approved by both political parties, as well as municipal officials, prior to being mailed to voters. Voters then had ample time to read the ballots, mark them, and think about their choices for elected officials. In fact, Iowa had similar ballot issues, but no one in Iowa has demanded a new vote. Iowa voters accepted the ballot, read it carefully, and voted. They are not demanding a new vote, nor did they complain about it at all.

Beyond that, a new vote would pose an even more dangerous issue: voters of Palm Beach Florida would be able to vote, knowing the results of the vote of the rest of the country. Who in Palm Beach would pick Ralph Nader, Pat Buchanan, or any other minor party candidate, knowing full well that their votes could decide the election? No one. This is an incredible burden to be put on the shoulders of citizens. Voters would have the advantage of knowing which votes were wasted votes, and which votes counted.

The Florida election results are clearly problematic. It's unfortunate that the election results were so muddled, especially in such a close race. But a new vote will create a multitude of problems, both for this election and in the future, which will throw the country into a much more dangerous situation than a few people who were angry that they couldn't figure out a ballot.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Conn Students: It's Time to Watch Your Waste

To the Editor:

On Thursday, October 19, 2000, with the help of Custodial Services, the Grounds Department, Students Against Violence to the Environment (SAVE), House Environmental Representatives (HERs) and many other volunteers, I sorted through 57 bags of the college's trash for C-Green's annual Trash Composition Study. Why on Earth?

On Wednesday morning, I went around with a member of the Grounds staff and picked up no less than two bags of trash from each dorm and two or three from each of the ten academic buildings. The bags were labeled with their pick-up location and dumped on Larrabee Green Thursday morning. The bags were then sorted into four categories: North, Central, and South campus and Academic. Then the fun started.

Wearing gloves, we sorted through the trash, bag-by-bag, and separated the stuff that could have been recycled from the stuff that cannot be recycled. You probably saw us when you went to Cro. The bags we took from the buildings would have been hauled to the landfill/incinerator as is, but a lot of the stuff could have been recycled or reused in some way.

We found about ten pairs of shoes, shirts, pants, half-used rolls of toilet paper, new bars of soap, cardboard, bottles, cans, newspapers, office paper, pizza boxes, plastic bags, art, photographs, books, magazines, CDs, plates, bowls, cups, printer cartridges... you name it, we probably picked through it. All of the things I just mentioned could have been recycled or reused in some way (in fact, I brought the clothes to Goodwill and some of the art was taken by the volunteers), but would have been buried underground or burned had we not sorted it out.

Of the 329 pounds of trash through which we sorted, 130 pounds could have been recycled or reused. That's 39.5%! That's way too much! The college is charged for disposal of waste by weight. So just imagine how much money the college could save if people sorted their waste properly. Based on these numbers, the college could save about 39.5% a year! Not only that, but the money the college gets from the sale of its collected paper would increase if more was properly sorted and sold. Plus, a lot of the bottles and cans are taken by members of the college community to redeem them for their deposit. Imagine the money that is generated there.

North campus could have recycled 39% of its waste, Central 29%, South 52% and Academic 37%. These numbers are certainly nothing of which to be proud. In fact, I think we should all be ashamed. The figures are down from last year, when it was found that 47% of the collected trash could have been recycled, but I think that number is not very accurate because the sample taken last year was too small.

Recycling information was given to all students, faculty and staff at the beginning of the year and was quite clear as to what the college can and can not recycle. We also have a Recycling Hotline (x2696) that details the recycling program, as does our website (<http://cgreen.conncoll.edu>). If you have any questions, both of those resources are helpful. And of course, I'm always open to suggestions, ideas or just to help out (x5218).

I was raised having waste as an enemy (I can still hear my parents yelling at me to turn the lights off and to finish what was on my plate). Waste is filthy. I admit that I am not always the best at conservation at times, but I make a conscious effort. These numbers, however, indicate that not too many people on this campus make the effort. The college practically hand-feeds its members with regards to recycling: each dorm room and office has the blue and gray bins, bottle and can bins are everywhere, as are recycling stations. It's so terribly simple and one of the best and easiest ways you can do your part.

We should not have to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle because somebody forces us. Rather, we should do it because we want to and because it is good to do so. And because it is the right thing to do.

Daniel Leptuck
Environmental Coordinator

Bush Will Scare the Sense back into Liberals

To the Editor:

At the time I began to write this our presidential election had yet to produce definitive results. One thing is for certain; the American public does not want either candidate as president. U.S. political rhetoric has moved so close to the center that there are no tangible ideological differences between the candidates; neither of the major parties have a vision. Exit polls have indicated that most voters describe themselves as moderates. When the dust settles Americans must realize that with our first election of the millennium the U.S. has no vision or direction.

I love America and feel lucky to be an American, but this is the first time I have been excited to be an American. Our political system right now is floundering and has a good chance of experiencing a constitutional crisis. Anarchy is overrated, fascism is dead, and communism has no credence, but the time is ripe to push our country in a new direction.

Change is not going to come from the top down. If you want to know why the entrenched powers hug the center and hold on to their jobs, read a Ralph Nader speech. Dissent must come from the grass roots on either side of the political spectrum. Who is going to deny that there is going to be a great deal of backlash against either president, the standard bearer of our political system?

America has not been provided with leadership in this election and now Americans must take an interest in politics. Ideally, I would like to see an entire Republican administration and legislature for personal reasons. I believe that if this happens, George W. and Trent Lott will screw up and put the country in dire straits.

I am banking on this screw up and hope to ride the liberal/left backlash. Vocal leaders will arise and the people will be motivated. Soon after, I hope, in this scenario, there will be universal healthcare, pro-life will be dead, campaign finance will be reformed, there will be a huge redistribution of wealth and the Green party will replace the democratic. Then America will have a representative and vibrant political system.

Charles Olsher 2001

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OPINION

There's Something Rotten in the State of American Politics

SARA KELLEY-MUDIE **Deja Vuing**

The only reason I got out of bed this morning was to get an update on election results. It's also the reason I've gotten absolutely no work done the past few days. Every ten minutes I'm in my living room watching CNN, only to find out that nothing's really changed, nobody has any concrete answers, and we might not know anything until the sun is a dying ember. I have, however, learned more about the history of American politics than I ever thought possible, and know the intricacies of this race like the back of my hand. I am going insane and I am taking all my friends and neighbors with me.

What I find most frustrating are the people who say that this election doesn't matter, that there is no real difference between the candidates. These people are, for lack of a better term, wrong. Really, really wrong. There are major, discernible differences between the candidates on just about every issue. There's the question of whether both the legislative and executive branches will be Republican controlled. There's the Supreme Court justices that might retire in the next four years. There's the fact that Bush is an idiot and a puppet.

Regardless of all these things, and how each voter feels about the issues, there is the major question of why this election is so close, and what exactly voters want. Even without the question of election fraud (which I, personally, think is a major possibility) this election is obscenely close. As I write this, Bush and Gore differ by 0.01% in the popular vote in Florida, and only by a few percentage points nationwide. How can people be so narrowly divided?

I've heard a lot of political analysts say that these results are indicative of how politically split the American public is, but I think there's more to it than that. Voter



turn-out is up from '96, and I think a lot of people are voting as a way of saying that they want some change, some voice, something that they find lacking. The only problem is, nobody really knows what that something is. A number of people, on this campus and elsewhere, decided to vote for Ralph Nader as a way of saying that they're dissatisfied with the current state of politics and the two party system. Disregarding my personal dislike for Nader, I understand the impulse. While I do think it was irresponsible of him to run this year, especially if he cares anything about American politics, I don't

think it's entirely his fault that we're in this electoral mess. It was time for something like this to happen, in order to wake everyone up to the reality of the mess that our political system has become.

The most important thing we'll be able to take away from this election (besides a sudden desire to embrace the irony of being a political refugee in Cuba) is the realization that something is very, very wrong with American politics as they currently stand. There's the party system, the electoral college, voter and election fraud, and myriad other things that will surface with time. There are no easy solutions to these issues, and things probably won't change by the next election. But it's a process we need to get started on.

I have had this creepy feeling in the pit of my stomach since 2:18am Wednesday morning. Part of it stems from the idea that Bush might actually be elected President, but that's not all of it. It's the realization that we will probably never know who would have been elected President if nothing had ever been tampered with. And that, when it comes down to it, is the most important issue in this election.

Pity the Poor Media

TIM STEVENS **COMPLAINT OF THE WEEK**

As I am sure most of you are aware, the Presidential election is very close. As of the time I am writing this (Wednesday night) the results of Florida are still unknown. That is right, Florida, the state that multiple television stations originally awarded to Gore, then said was too close to call, then to Bush, and as of right now, too close to call once more. Of course, the media has taken quite a beating on this. Questioning of the policy to exit poll and predict the victor of each state has become widespread. This, of course, is a problem that has been mentioned for sometime now, but usually only by political scientists who are widely ignored because Presidential results are never in question (well, until now). By in large, bitterness towards the media is fairly high.

I think we should cut the media a break. First of all, the reason they do exit polling is us. This is hardly something the news networks hoisted on us and we have had to labor under its burden. Admit it, if CNN stopped doing exit polling, you would not watch them on election night, you'd just change the channel to MSNBC. The fact of the matter is that the networks are only fulfilling a need/desire that we all have: to treat the Presidential election like any other contest. We want constant updates on the "score", just like we expect of the World Series or Super Bowl. So let us stop pretending like we are all somehow insulted by this process.

In reference to the networks' predicting, and then altering their predictions on which states would go to whom several times during the evening, I will admit a degree of frustration. However, if you at home were frustrated, imagine the news anchors' feelings. The fact is that none of them have ever had to deal with this sort of situation. They did not know how to react because they, like us, have never dealt with a Presidential election that was so consistently changing.

Let's go back to our childhood. When you were six or seven, just before learning how to multiply, you probably knew one or two older kids who had already learned that skill. And because children will be children, one day one of them probably decided to give you a hard time and said something to the effect of, "If you are so smart,

multiply these numbers." And, if these older kids were anything like the kids I grew up with, they probably started with two times two, just to string you along for awhile. You said it was four, because addition was the only thing you truly knew, and you were right. Relieved, you agreed to solve another. This one was three times two. You said it was five and the kids laughed and told you it was six and that you were stupid (that particular exchange might have only happened to me...who knows?)

I know it is a strange explanation, but I think it works. In the same way that all you knew at that age was addition, the only way the news media knew how to handle this election was exit polling and quick predictions. And much like two times two and two plus two give you the same answer, the usual way worked at first. However, they soon encountered states that were more like two times three and two times four. And much like I, and perhaps you did as a child, they tried to apply the ways they knew to it and it simply did not work. And just as when I was young it was wrong of those kids to laugh and call me stupid, it is wrong to point a finger at the media and call them all idiots.

Finally, we should give the media a break because they gave us the most consistently amusing election commentary that I have ever seen. When it became apparent that they were out of their element the media decided to improvise. Tim Russert, surrounded by high tech machines capable of creating all sorts of amazing graphics, brought out a white board, which looked as though it had probably been around the office for about three years, and proceeded to keep tally of the electoral votes. Tim Brokaw reported at one point, "You'll be happy to know that in the past 20 seconds, nothing has changed."

On every news station, newsmen were essentially shrugging to the cameras, smiling, and saying, "Well, I'll be damned if I know what the hell is going on here." They were all out of pretty graphs and experts, so they just sat back and decided to ride it out like the rest of America. It was nice to see the media, for once, being entirely honest with us.

Elections Matter More than Lectures

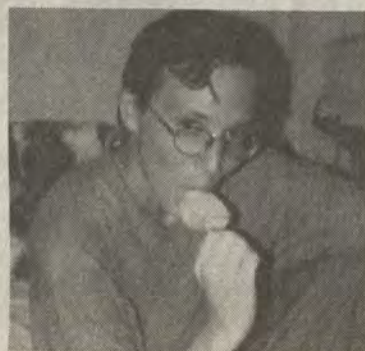
BRAD KREIT **LEFT OF MARX**

In my family, we don't watch the Super Bowl. We don't go to the movies every Friday or Saturday night, and we usually don't eat turkey on Thanksgiving. We have very few traditions, but every four years life in our family stops for Election Day. It's our own little holiday.

For some reason though, professors on this campus just didn't want to share in this election holiday. Rather, most professors, who are among the most intellectually curious group of people in the country, chose to remain apathetic.

The best example would be my United States history class, which would seem to be just about the most ideal place to discuss an important election. Unfortunately, in class on Tuesday, we never got around to mentioning that. Apparently, drawing connections to modern events isn't part of a United States History class.

Worse yet was my Wednesday class. Excluding a quick statement at the beginning of class, "I hope everyone voted yesterday," we didn't talk about the most complicated, interesting election in years. In fact, when we students started talking to ourselves about the election, we were told to talk about that outside of class, because it wasn't germane to a computer science course.



The immediate problem is this: college professors are literally pushing students to apathy. They are saying that their class lectures should always come before other events—even if those other events happen to be important presidential elections, and their class happens to be a class that most students are taking to satisfy general education requirements.

Beyond that, this is indicative of a larger problem in the academic world. Professors put their specialized academic pursuit in front of everything else, at the cost of allowing themselves to be apathetic to anything else. The most educated people in the country should not involve themselves so much with minutiae that they can't even pay attention to a simple presidential election.

In other words, it isn't the students of this college who are apathetic. It wasn't the students who were apathetic last night at three in the morning, bitterly depressed because of the apparent Bush victory. Students weren't indifferent as they struggled to study for exams, do hundreds of pages of reading and write papers, while they tried to listen to NPR. Students, despite being cast as apathetic, cared. It was the professors who weren't interested. For some reason, the top strata of academia seems a lot less intelligent than I thought they were.

A House Divided...

NATE AVORN **CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING**

What is with this election? Gore wins Florida, but not really? I went to sleep at 2:18am when National Public Radio (my preferred source of news) concurred with the major news networks that Bush was the president elect. I turned off the light with a heavy heart, secure in the knowledge that a bumbling warmonger would lead the country for the next four years, despite the best efforts of the non functionally-retarded voters of this country.

But then, hope. I woke, as we all did, to hear indecisiveness and talk of a recount. I still don't know who won, but I feel like we all lost. I feel betrayed by the system, by the media, and by those idiots who voted for Nader in swing states. What fools.

If you voted for Nader in Florida, I'd like you to go look at yourself in the mirror. Now raise your right hand. Now, smack yourself upside your head you idealistic, unstrategic, election-messing-up moron. Same for you Naderites in Oregon. If it's a swing state, you're supposed to vote for Gore, damn it.

And still Nader didn't get the 5% of the popular vote he needed to get Federal funding. In terms of third party candidates, I guess that leaves Pat Buchanan, smiling all the way to his next Klan meeting with all those extra votes cast for him in error by the good elderly people of Palm Beach.

Why was the presidential race so close? Are Ameri-



cans really that indecisive, or are the candidates perceived to be so similar that neither appeals to a majority of the population? No matter who "wins" this election, they'll hardly have the country behind them. Around 50% of the population turned out to vote, and each major candidate got around 48% of the vote. That means that the president elect will have three quarters of the country against him or indifferent. Is this how the system is supposed to work?

It concerns me that every state south of the Mason-Dixon line voted Republican. I seem to recall a time when they all banded together behind a cause, and that whole Civil War thing was hardly a proud chapter in our nation's history. Is there something fundamentally different about the South that makes them susceptible to the mesmerizing charm and high moral standards of George Bush?

Still, I must give credit where credit is due. In Alabama, the law that bans interracial marriage was repealed by a solid sixty to forty vote. Good to know that only forty percent of the voters in Alabama think that people should be prevented from marrying based on their race. They're taking big strides down south.

The presidential race was surreal enough without the zany sideshow of the congressional races. In Missouri, a dead guy was elected to the senate. I'm not even kidding. And I thought it was weird when Sonny Bono was elected.

Kegs, Wallets, and Keys

DAVID BYRD **VIEWPOINT**

I continually amaze myself. I get so involved in the complicated stuff on campus—like making it to Harris in time for breakfast—that I lose sight of everything else. More accurately, I lose sight of my room key and my wallet almost everyday.

My parents came to visit me on Parent's weekend, surprisingly, and I was so excited to see them that I managed to lose my wallet, my room key, and get locked out within five minutes of my parents' arrival—great way to prove to the parental unit that I am capable of living on my own. Luckily, someone found my wallet by the tennis courts and deposited it safely at the info desk at Cro.

Someone, I think it was my Mom, once suggested that I put my wallet and keys in a designated place every time I walked into my room. Yeah right. She obviously hasn't seen my room lately. My freshman year roommate tells everyone he can about how messy our room was that year. He gets really animated when he tells people that I just left dollar bills lying on the floor. First of all, I

don't ever remember just casually setting money on the floor and leaving it there, and second, why didn't my roommate pick it up?

At lunch today I was trying to understand why I lose these things so frequently. My first theory was that there are a lot of pickpockets on this campus. I'm not sure I really buy that theory, though.

My second theory is much better. I lose things because I am a compassionate soul and I like to give campus safety things to do. Every time I get locked out I have to pay them 15 bucks; this money goes to, and I quote, "The Benevolent Campus Safety Beer Keg Fund." I don't actually understand why we have to pay campus safety to unlock our doors—do they not get paid otherwise? But I want to make sure our guardians of the kegs are happy.

So if you happen to see a room key lying around, it is probably mine, and it might be a good idea if you hold onto it for me since I'll probably lose it again.

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DISPATCH: Three Normal Guys Play Supranormal Funk

By JESSIE VANGROFSKY

A&E editor

About a month ago, I found out that a band called DISPATCH was coming to Conn for the fall concert. Who are these people? I said to myself. As the month wore on, whenever I would walk through Cro, or be anywhere near Cro, I would hear music by the band playing everywhere, and I quickly became familiar with their cool compulsion of rock, reggae, and funk.

DISPATCH, formally known as "One Fell Swoop," originated in 1995 when the three band members, Brad Corrigan, Pete Heimbold and Chad Urmston, met while attending Middlebury College. The others describe Pete as, "the persistent one." Corrigan said, "He is the coking in our band that holds us together." "When we first formed, we thought it would never work out, because we all played guitar but then things just evolved," Urmston chimed in, saying, "[Now] we are all complementary to each other."

The band has released four albums. Their debut CD was titled *Silent Steeples* in 1996, followed by *Bang Bang* in 1997, then *Four-Day Trials* in 1999. Their latest album, *Who Are We Living For*, was released this year. All four albums capture the "live" intensity that the group gives off on stage. *Who Are We Living For* was just rated number 17 on the Billboard Top Internet Album Sales

Chart.

DISPATCH rocked Palmer Auditorium on November 3rd. As I entered the auditorium, I saw so many different kinds of people, and lots of kids. I was then made aware that some 40 high school boys traveled about two hours to come to this concert. The word dedication immediately popped into my mind. Along with the 40 boys, the house was pretty full, not packed, but DISPATCH got to play to a decently sized audience and a loyal one too. There were tons of people in the audience who had seen DISPATCH too many times to

even count.

One question I'm sure you were all wondering was "Why did they change their name?" Well, they recorded with the name for the first two years until they got into a "trademark dispute" with a band in St. Louis with the same name. After some litigation, the band is now called DISPATCH. When I interviewed them, they all joked around that "One Fell Swoop" was a three word name, it was reminiscent of when we were individuals, DISPATCH represents us as a unit now," stated Corrigan, with a huge grin on his face.

When being on the road and touring, according to the band, the experiences are immeasurable. "We are learning a lot, we have been playing for five years and got to learn every aspect of being a rock band," added Urmston. Being in a rock band is a

"marriage, its about commitment. It's scary in that way, not Halloween scary, but it kind of has a ting-

gly sensation," concluded Urmston. In reference to the future, the band all agreed that a "tour bus would be nice," Corrigan then added, "my dream is to have a bus that talks to you, like the car on *Night Rider*." But in addition to a tour bus, Urmston said, "We want to play in more schools and festivals, as well as play with some BIG bands, a good record deal wouldn't hurt either." Corrigan then added, "We feel that we are at the point where we are good enough to measure up to any band if someone would tap us into the national circuit we could do it." They all avidly agreed that the way to go is to get on tour with a big band like Ben Harper, Incubus or Pearl Jam.

The concert itself was amazing. The Lingo, who opened for DISPATCH was a good compliment to what was yet to come. When DISPATCH got on stage, I knew it was going to be an incredible concert. They started playing, and just didn't

stop; they played for two hours and forty-five minutes. What stamina those guys have! Every song was amazing. The contrast between reggae lyrics and vocals, to



Pete Heimbold adds the rock portion to DISPATCH. (Brown)

Que, Why, PorQuor?

Word, Can Gilbert Hop?

Taking Martha for Instance

Would She Lubricate?

(DISPATCH Haiku)

the rock lyrics and vocals was like nothing I've ever heard. It was a refreshing concert, to say the least. It was not your generic Dave Matthews-esque college band, nor was it your Pop music Top 40 band. They have tapped into an underground form of recording that the music industry has been waiting for. It is the new kick that will hopefully bring real music back to the industry. These men are real musicians; they are the artists of our generation.

One aspect that I have to stress is that these guys are down to earth, funny, fun loving "boys next door." They really know how to have fun and live for the moment. They even wrote a haiku for this article entitled

"Que, Why, PorQuor?"

"Word, Can Gilbert Hop?"

"Taking Martha for Instance"

"Would She Lubricate?"

To add on to this wonderful haiku they incorporated into it an interpretive dance. The crew and I were rolling with our sides splitting from laughter.

DISPATCH is a great band, and the musicians are good at what they do. They deserve the recognition and notoriety that any other famous band has. Remember that everyone has to start somewhere. But these guys will make it. I have confidence in them and their talents.

Zaloom's Velvetville Brings Cutting-edge Performance

By JAY STEERE

staff writer

I might have been eleven or twelve when "Beakman's World" first premiered on the Saturday morning lineup, and at that time I thought it was one of the most interesting and entertaining shows on television. It was a combination of Mr. Wizard, and the bizarre fantasy world in which Paul Zaloom lived with the antics of Lester, a gigantic rat, thrown in. My best memory of the series was when Beakman taught everyone at home how to make fake glass out of sugar and corn syrup. My brother and I always had a great time reenacting scenes from various martial arts movies and sending shards of solidified corn syrup flying all over the house by breaking the panes with our fists and feet. And of course whatever pieces were left that hadn't touched the floor and acquired fuzz from the carpet were good for eating. So nothing would have given me more pleasure than to have gone to Velvetville and given it a raving review. My thoughts are somewhat mixed however.

It's not that Velvetville was bad, in fact it was very entertaining for the most part, I just felt as if something was missing. I think this might have been a feeling of "punch." What do I mean by punch? Well if you've ever walked out of a performance saying, "wow that was amazing" that's punch. I didn't leave Tansill feeling like I had just had my mind blown; there wasn't much that was extremely funny, or extremely dramatic. But as I began to think about the performance further I realized that the most impressive aspect

of the show was its originality.

Zaloom claimed at the beginning of the show that what would follow would be the reenactment of a dream. In this dream Zaloom portrayed himself as a rat, due to a possible low self-esteem complex. A stack of egg cartons represented Zaloom's apartment building, and plastic eggs made for each apartment. Zaloom was just

Zaloom's trip to a dentist where the doctor removed an infected tooth and charged enough to buy himself a new motorboat. This and other puppetry was done on an overhead projector where cardboard cutouts, plastic rings and even keys were the puppets. The other stage for the puppet show was a plywood construction that was draped with different colored table-

Republican convention, as it was held in Hell. The devil even made a special appearance. The audience came to find out that it was Barney. But Zaloom did not stop there, he used two wooden boards to represent the Democratic presidential ticket.

So what is Velvetville? It is a series of paintings done on what else—black velvet. They portrayed scenes of a young girl begging for money, Zaloom's birthday party where the Last Supper was used as a model. Zaloom was the guest of honor, and sat where Jesus would have. One of his friends, however, who sat where Judas should have skipped out on his share of the meal and Zaloom was forced to cover his share. Finally he thought he had found Velvetville. There was a beautiful purple mountain in the distance and a black river running down among the trees. But upon consulting his guidebook he realized that the mountain was just a giant dump located on Long Island that would soon be capped off because if it got any higher it would pose a threat to air traffic.

The seemingly peaceful black river was nothing but a stream of pollution such as battery acid and laundry detergent. So it appeared there was no Velvetville after all. Zaloom's message was expectedly liberal—don't pollute, don't be superficial, and don't give in to politicians who only favor big businesses. For Zaloom to tackle this show all by himself was a monumental feat, and a round of applause goes out to him and all other artists who have the courage to bring their message to the public.



Paul Zaloom, formally starred in Beakman's World

minding his business when all of a sudden a plastic police officer confronted the rat, and arrested him. I kind of lost track of the plot after that, in fact I'm not even sure if what I have is correct. But this show was not plot based at all, but rather numerous interrelated vignettes that made up a tapestry of the perception of the modern world.

One such scene involved

cloths according to the scene. One such act centered around Vermont. Zaloom has worked extensively with the Bread and Puppet show based in Vermont and must know of the developmental concerns which its residents, myself included, face. A seemingly peaceful scene was polluted with agribusiness, tourism, and of course WalMart.

The best scene he enacted was the



Granian: Don't Want to "Hang Around"

By NORA MIRICK

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On October 14, 2000, Granian released their most anticipated CD to date, *Hang Around*. This is the group's second album since their formation in 1996. Granian's first CD, *Without Change*, is said to have done well, but the band still remains unsigned. They moved from the humble town of Holmdel, New Jersey to Los Angeles to work with new producers for *Hang Around*. Due to pre-release orders, *Hang Around* made Rolling Stones Top Ten List before it was even available to the public. This created great expectations for Granian fans everywhere.

The true fact of the matter is that this CD falls flat in every way possible. By creating a sound much like that Guster, The Samples, Dave Matthews Band and Ani DiFranco make them have initial appeal to hobby listeners, but when evaluated further, you find shallow lyrics and repetitious melodies. Even the song titles are old clichés "Been Too Long" and "Not Just Yet." The title track, "Hang Around" is a good example "Hang around, your heavens

just ahead. When it all comes crashing down on you, hang around," reminds me of a line out of a 5th graders workbook.

The lead singers voice even resembles the lead singer of the band The Samples, only missing the drugs and the good lyrics, and has the same high whiny voice of Adam Duritz. He also attempts to cover multiple octaves within one word creating a bizarre shrieking noise that one would think is for some kind of emphasis, but only hurts ones ears.

All of the songs consist of long, drawnout instrumental sections which are almost as bad as Granian's lyrics. It is hard to determine which part of the album is more reminiscent of a bad college rock band trying to write its own music. To explain it another way, if they were an in-house Connecticut College band, they would probably only draw about 10 people to hear them. To make it plain and simple, if you are looking to buy a good CD, this is not for you. If you are looking to buy a mediocre CD, this is not for you. If you are looking for a cheap imitation of other popular bands with simple lyrics and less than stellar guitar playing this is the CD for you.

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Charlie's Angels: Gettin Jiggly With It

Saeed's International Market Offers Superb Falafel on the Sound

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Running Time: 92 minutes.
PG-13Cameron Diaz, Drew
Barrymore, Lucy
Liu, Bill Murray, Roger Corwin,
Tim Curry &
John ForsytheThree bodacious babe detectives
try to get to the bottom of a
convoluted plot

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tive.

Drew Barrymore's Dylan has the tedious task of dating Chad (the irritating Tom Green), whom she frequently leaves, forcing us to be subject to Green's repeatedly annoying comment, "is it the Chad?" However, Dylan does provide apt breast competition to Diaz's character as these two ladies battle it out to see who can show more cleavage.

And what about Lucy Liu's Alex? Her talents seem to lie in bouncing her hair. But why does she not get to flash the camera? Does she not have a big enough chest? Interestingly, the ladies continually engage in absurd action scenes of kungfoolery, always managing to leave these fights with hardly a scratch or damage to their makeup.

Bill Murray is reduced to burning his hair on a fire and sumo wrestling with Roger Corwin (Tim Curry), not exactly demonstrating why he has been a comedic talent for over the past twenty years. Furthermore, I've heard Murray was so displeased with the final cut of Charlie's Angels that he refused to attend its movie premiere in Los Angeles.

There are numerous plot flaws large enough to drive a truck through, and there are far too many questions that simply don't add up. How did Charlie find his "angels" in the first

place? Why does one of the bad guys rip off part of Dylan's hair, and rub it all over his face whenever he sees these Rambettes? How does Matt Le Blanc, Alex's action star boyfriend, not figure out that she is not a bikini waxer after his movie trailer mysteriously gets demolished by a couple AK-47's?

Charlie's Angels should appeal to those avid watchers of such high quality fare as U.S.A.'s Up All Night and Shannon Tweed movies, but I was personally insulted. Like last year's embarrassing update of *The Mod Squad*, *Charlie's Angels* doesn't deserve to get anywhere near movie heaven.

One final note: When I went to the movie theater, the establishment was out of tickets, so I patiently waited by the counter for the vendor to get more. However, before he left, a woman with her two kids approached his booth and asked him for three tickets to *Charlie's Angels*, to which he responded "You haven't already seen it?" The bewildered woman said "no" to which he replied, "you were in it, weren't you?" So I guess the one positive thing I took away from the film was not to use that line when hitting on girls. I recommend you don't use it either. And that is about the only thing I can recommend about this film.

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If I love only one thing in this world. It is a well-prepared falafel sandwich. But I do not love the traffic that runs southbound toward New Haven, which until last weekend was a drive I'd willingly make for this delicious meal. It takes me at least an hour to reach Mamoun's restaurant, and by the time I stumble in, bedraggled from the drive, the sandwich has lost some flair by virtue of the grail quest it has taken to attain it. No longer! Saeed's International Market, located on 461 Bank Street, New London, has a four dollar falafel sandwich that is within a stone's throw of campus, and the presence of this delightful eatery belittles any NLDC initiative to make New London a hipper little city.

The store is unimposing in the extreme. The menus are the size of

credit card brochures, and are practically invisible among the rows of Middle Eastern delicacies that line the shelves inside. Innumerable varieties of olives, breads, crackers, and cheeses are present, and the hearty aromas of garlic, cumin, and tahini circle around the entryway. Upon locating the menu, we ordered a lavish spread of dolmadakia, falafel supreme, chicken gyros, and baklava, washing it down with cold, preservative-free chai tea.

Dolmadakia are delicate grape leaves, stuffed with fragrant rice, and served cold. At thirty-five cents each, we were compelled to order five of them. They combined nicely with the intense flavor of the chicken gyro, which was prepared with a honey mustard sauce in place of the traditional yogurt-cucumber tzatziki. I thought this to be heresy at first, but one bite assured me that it was a well-informed deviation from the norm. Traditional gyros, with beef and lamb smothered in tzatziki, are also available.

The falafel supreme was the main attraction and it did not disappoint. In addition to the traditional sesame

sauce and tomatoes, tabouli was added to the sandwich, cutting the deep-fried intensity of the vegetable patties with a cool, refreshing salad taste. Several baklava were necessary afterwards. Saeed's prepares several versions of the delicate phyllo pastry; we tried the original honey-and-walnut variety, as well as chocolate and pistachio versions. All were delicious, but the chocolate was disproportionately large. I therefore liked it disproportionately more. Which brings me to a crucial point, delivered from the viewpoint of a college student fond of falafel but without an expense account.

The sandwiches at Saeed's are huge. Our entire meal — with two beverages, two sandwiches, an appetizer, and three desserts — cost a paltry fifteen dollars. Saeed's closes at 6:30 most days, so be sure to arrive early to browse the delicacies before settling in for the long haul for a falafel or four. Saeed's does not serve alcohol, and there did not appear to be a restroom. But who cares? You'll be in and out in minutes anyway, and full of divine falafel to boot. I'll see you there.

Ani DiFranco: The Energy of Feminism and Music

By KATIE WASSEL

staff writer

Ani DiFranco is a legend in my mind. Her lyrics create an incredible power and communicate a universal message, especially to her thousands of loyal female fans. Ani sings of love, but in terms that we can all relate to: pain, jealousy, weakness, power, control, beauty, rejection, companionship and loyalty. She does not always paint a pretty picture, but she paints one that anyone could understand.

The concert was on Sunday, November 5th, in New York City, at Hammerstein Ballroom. With a 9:30 class on Monday morning, I boarded my bus at 3:00 on Sunday afternoon. The show was at 8:00, and our bus left the city at 5:30 on Monday morning. This was quite an effort to see Ani, but one I was willing to make.

We arrived at the concert hall to find that where floor seats would usually be found, there was just a big

open floor: all standing room. That would have been fine, if we had gotten there early to get closer to the stage, or I were not five feet tall. Unfortunately, we did not, and I am. The majority of the show, I looked at the lights on stage, and watched the people around me. This would seem like a wasted ticket, but it was a different experience for me. The spirit of Ani touched each person there. This aura united the crowd.

She symbolized so much, and that symbol was one of power for each woman. The music industry has been one dominated by men since the beginning.

When a woman wants to break that barrier, she is usually viewed as one of two female musician types. She is either a half-naked Britney Spears/Mariah Carey, or viewed as an angry, feminist, militant rocker.

The diversity of women musicians are as wide as that of our counterparts, but this is ignored. Ani does not fit into either of these categories, for there is no category for her. She

is successful, and did not sell her music or image to big time names.

The audience stood back and watched her. She was beautiful, and sincere, and sang a song that we all knew and loved. Her show was a song of inspiration, calling out for us to be free, to love freely and to care about ourselves and one another. She broke the barriers of the music industry.

Her music was loud and striking. I stood and listened, and felt the floor beneath me move with dance. No one could help but move. Then, after an hour and fifteen minutes, she left the stage, and left all of us wishing for just a bit more. She was an inspiration.

I saw Ani a total of about ten seconds, when I could jump and catch a glimpse. It was unfortunate, but the trip was worth it for those ten seconds, and the seemingly short hour and fifteen minutes of music. The conclusion I left with was: Ani is still a legend, and each show is a legendary creation.

Missing Joe: "Breaking Down the Constellations"

By MICAH WEISBERG

staff writer

Breaking Down the Constellations is the debut album from Missing Joe; a compilation of pure pop pleasure containing several notable tracks destined for radio airplay. Originally from Connecticut, the Boston band Missing Joe formed in 1996 and released a four song EP in 1997, selling almost 3,000 copies independently. Constant touring over the past four years earned the group opening gigs for the likes of Sister Hazel, Luscious Jackson and Third Eye Blind, as well as many new fans.

Missing Joe's latest release showcases soulful vocals and melodic guitars. Songs like "Fallen Sky" and "Edison" provide churning riffs and forceful melodies. The album's opening song, "Everywhere I Go," is quite possibly the most likable song on the record. Its infectious hooks are penetrating. The track begs

for a chance to be a mainstream hit. Other gems include the delicate "Just Like You" and the explosive "Martini", a song that is currently featured

Dombrowski and drummer Brian Coes, creates a diverse mix of styles and tempos, from fast-paced alternative rock anthems like the album's opener, to the mid-tempo country twang of "All the Stars." Many of the songs from the debut are set to appear in upcoming episodes of Dawson's Creek. This exposure will most likely help the band secure a place in today's broad pop rock market. Missing Joe is on its way up in the industry.

Constellations is a fairly consistent album with negligible flaws. It is nice to see new bands still creating solid guitar-based songs in the midst of the present rap-rock and sugar sweet pop domination of radio and TV airwaves. Missing Joe deserves a listen, maybe two, considering that the songs sound better and better each time.



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The Contender R 130 min.
Fri-Sat 6:45, 9:20; Sun-Thur
7:00

Disney's The Kid PG 105
min Fri-Sun 1:00, 3:15

Saving Grace R 105 min
Fri-Sat 1:30, 3:45, 7:15, 9:25;
Sun 1:30, 3:45, 7:15;
Mon-Thur 7:15

Almost Famous R 120
min Fri-Sat 1:15, 4:00, 7:00,
9:30; Sun 1:15, 4:00, 7:20;
Mon-Thur 7:20

Pay It Forward PG 13 130
min Fri-Sat 1:10, 3:50, 6:55,
9:25; Sun 1:10, 3:50, 7:10;
Mon-Thur 7:10

Hoyts Waterford

Bedazzled PG 13 100 min
1:30, 4:35, 7:05, 9:15

Book of Shadows: Blair

Witch 2 R 90 min 1:15, 4:00,
7:10, 9:20

Charlie's Angels PG 13 98
min 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

The Legend of Bagger
Vance PG-13 127 min 12:50,
3:35, 6:35, 9:20

The Little Vampire PG 105
min 1:10, 4:20, 7:25, 9:35

Lucky Numbers R 105
min 1:00, 3:30, 7:20, 9:30

Meet the Parents PG-13
108 min 1:20, 4:30, 7:15,
9:35

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Exploring a Few of Connecticut's More Wholesome Options

By STACY MCHUGH

staff writer

Is too much of the Connecticut College scene getting you down? Too many TNE's and depressing Saturday night dance parties? Too many boring Fridays? Well believe it or not, there is life off of this campus! There are plenty of exciting ways to liven up your weekends without having to drive all over Connecticut. Here are a few ideas that just might add some excitement to your life.

Holiday Bowl (445-6500): If you're sick of the traditional weekend nights at Conn. College, why not throw on your bowling shoes, shine your ball and hit the alley! Holiday Bowl, located at 27 King's Highway in Groton, is a great place to kick back with friends, munch on yummy junk food, and maybe even relieve some stress. They provide shoe rentals and bowling balls for those of you who don't happen to be professionals. Pizza Hut and vending machines are located in the lounge of the bowling alley if you get hungry.

Regular bowling hours at Holiday Bowl are Monday-Wednesday from 9am-11:30 pm, Thursday 9am-12am, Friday and Saturday 9am-2am, and Sunday 8am-11pm.

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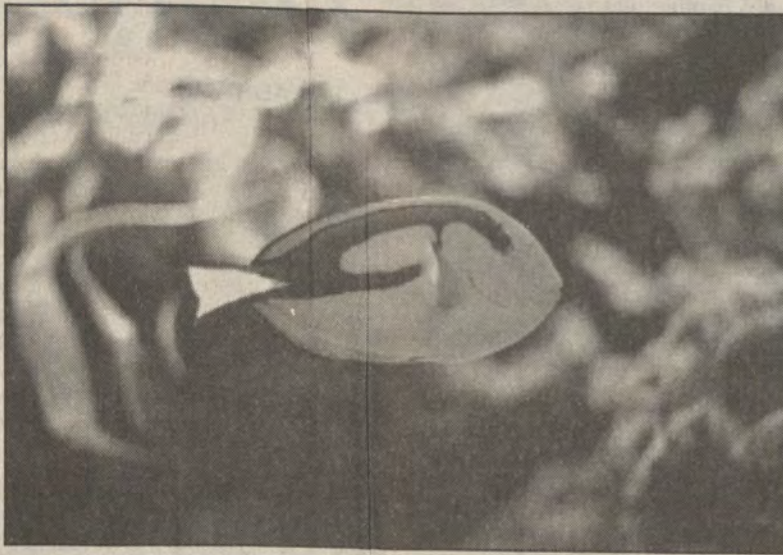
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Mystic Aquarium(572-5955): Maybe your nights are full, but you find yourself wasting away your days. Sound familiar? Well why not hang out with the fishes at Mystic Aquarium? It's a great place to relax, observe, and to learn lots of cool stuff. There are always great new exhibits and exciting water shows to see. This month, for example, on November 17 at 7:30pm, there is going to be a natural history lecture series featuring the TODAY Show's wildlife correspondent, Jim Fowler.

The aquarium winter hours are 10am-4pm. Admission is \$16 for non-member adults, and there are group rates available. There is free parking, indoor and outdoor dining at the Waterfront Café, and a cute little gift shop.

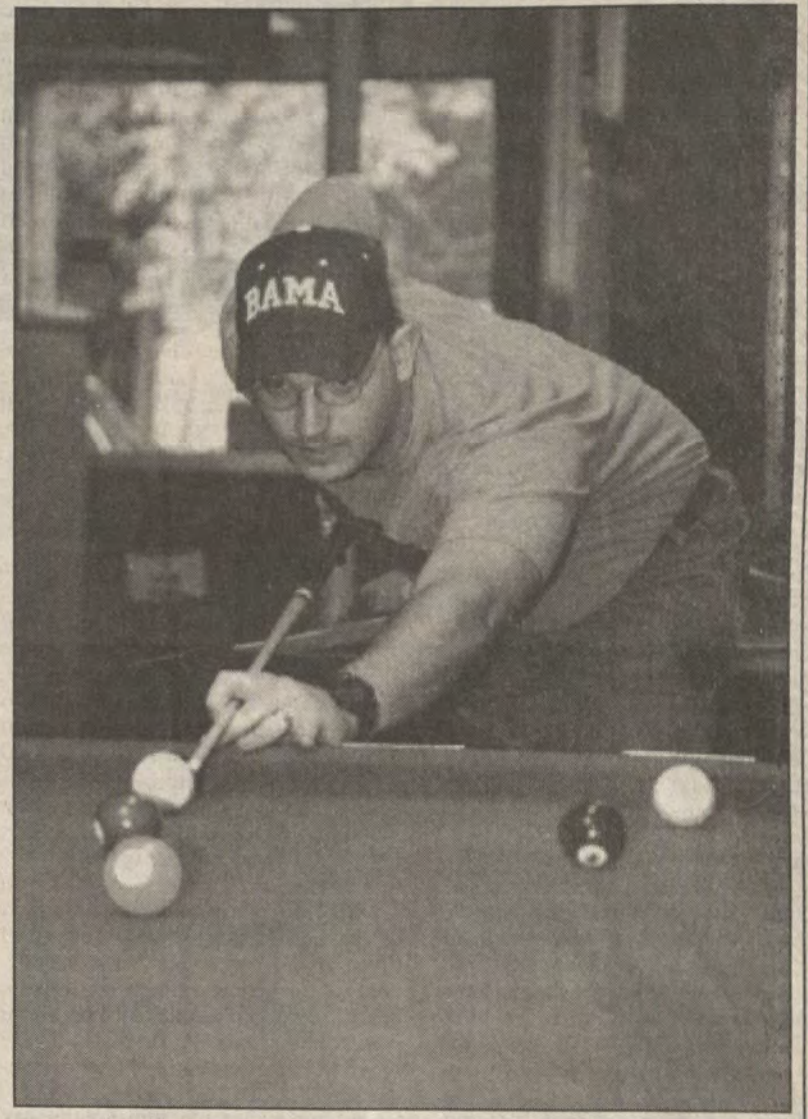
So the next time you complain about being bored, LEAVE! There are tons of things to do without having to trek all around Connecticut.



The Mystic Marine Life Aquarium (Brown)



Holiday Bowl in Groton offers a special "College Night" every Thursday that includes bowling all night, shoe rental, and two slices of pizza for nine dollars (Brown)



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Sexes Learn to Co-exist in Conn Bathrooms

By CAT CAMPBELL
staff writer

The Christian Science Monitor recently featured Connecticut College in an article titled, "This isn't Ally Mc Beal. It's the college dorm," which dealt with college campuses around the nation currently enjoying a coed lifestyle. Connecticut College, where coed equality extends even into the bathrooms, was used as an example of an institution that has successfully made the switch from single-sex to coed.

Stephanie CookStaff, the author of the article, displays her feelings about coed life and bathroom arrangements, saying, "Such arrangements don't mean there aren't rules. In Connecticut College dorms, as in most nationwide, students are warned against underage drinking and taught honor codes that emphasize respect. Dorm dwellers also establish bathroom etiquette, including being well-covered as you enter and leave."

There are some common gripes among the females on campus about sharing bathrooms with their male dormmates. These include small items such as hair in the sinks from males shaving, the toilet seats always being up, and stall doors not being properly closed. One sophomore girl says, "Girls are just in general cleaner than guys." However, despite these few issues, the females on campus are generally satisfied with the way things are. Freshman Amelia Sholik believes, "Coed bathrooms help you get to know everyone in the dorm regardless of sex. I would just spend my time in the bathroom talking to other girls about female problems if there were no guys. The conversations get so much more interesting when there is a diversity of gender in the space."

Although guys have fewer problems sharing the bathroom than the females, there are still something that they could do without. Some males,

such as freshman Jeff Carter do not like knowing what girls are doing the stall next to him. "I don't like hearing girls put in tampons, especially while having a conversation with me. Also, I refuse to accept that girls actually poop." Despite complaints of this nature, the overwhelming opinion amongst the males is favorable towards coed bathrooms.

The possibility always exists for creating single sex bathrooms. Generally, every floor in each dorm on campus has two bathrooms. Making the bathrooms single sex would allow the females to occupy one and the males the other, alleviating any problems either sex might have. A senior on the third floor of Katherine Blunt Dorm expressed doubt in the possibility of using the single sex bathroom approach, "I live near one bathroom on my floor, that is the bathroom I am going to use. If it is the girls' bathroom, then they will just have to deal."

Jason Robards Receives Monte Cristo Award

By HANDE DENIZ
staff writer

Jason Robards, the winner of consecutive Oscars in 1976 and 1977 as best supporting actor for *All The President's Men* and *Julia*, added a new accolade to his resume: the Monte Cristo Award.

On October 21, during a reception in his honor at the O'Neill Theater Center, he was presented with the award for his "distinguished artistic achievement in the spirit of Eugene O'Neill's pursuit of excellence." This is the first time the Monte Cristo has been given.

The Monte Cristo Award was a part of the first annual Eugene O'Neill Theater Conference that took place on October 20 and 21 at the Monte Cristo Cottage, the boyhood home of O'Neill. J Ranelli, the conference director, described Jason Robards as "O'Neill's foremost interpreter, an actor who has revealed the passions and truths of O'Neill's

drama like no other."

The Eugene O'Neill Conference aimed to appreciate once more the contributions of Eugene O'Neill, America's only Nobel Prize-winning dramatist and winner of four Pulitzer Prizes, to theatre and to today's productions and performances. This conference is a significant step in the O'Neill Theatre Center's plan to renovate and restore the Cottage and to use it as a resource for theatre research and education.

The program started with the welcoming speech of Romulus Linny in John C. Evans Hall of Connecticut College on the evening of October 20. Linny is an American playwright whose sixteen full-length and twenty shorter plays have been on various stages both in and outside of the United States. He is currently a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a teacher of playwrights at the Juilliard School and the Actors Studio Drama School at New York University. His most recent

play, *A Lesson Before Dying* from the novel by Ernest J. Gaines, is still running in New York City.

The conference continued the next day with a round-table discussion of "the historical, critical and biographical influences of O'Neill's development and achievement," led by the O'Neill biographers Barbara and Arthur Gelb at the O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford. The other participants were Jackson Bryer, the co-editor of *The Selected Letters of Eugene O'Neill*, Judith Barlow, the author of *Final Acts: The Creation of Three Late O'Neill Plays*, and Dan Sullivan, the former *New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times* drama critic. Douglas Hughes, Long Wharf Theatre artistic director; Lawrence Sacherow, Obie Award-winning director; Romulus Linny; and Ted Mann, the founder of the legendary Circle-in-the-Square Theatre, took part in the workshops on the "rehearsal and performance of modern plays."

Debate Precedes Elections

By TUGBA GURCANLAR
staff writer

On November 6, 2000, hours before Election Day, three Connecticut College students representing the most popular candidates engaged in a discussion of the hottest issues driving the populace at the ballot box. Brian Hawkins of the Connecticut College Democrats, Zachary Goldsmith of the Connecticut College Republicans, and Jason Hamilton of the Connecticut College Green Party presented the position of the candidate whom they were endorsing on topics such as educational policy, minimum wage laws, protection of the environment, the electoral system and the separation of church and state.

Brian Hawkins of the CC Democrats asserted his party's desire to put a qualified teacher in every classroom by recruiting one million new teachers. He proposed bringing about higher standards of teaching by increasing the salary of educators. He reiterated that the Democratic nominee, Al Gore, is targeting tax cuts that would facilitate middle class families in their efforts to pay for health insurance, childcare, care for aging relatives, education and job training programs. Improving social welfare programs and saving social security, he insisted, are also priorities for Gore. Furthermore, the Vice-President would fight for a real patients' Bill of Rights and for expanding the scope of Medicare to assist senior citizens in securing access to prescription drugs. Al Gore, he said, stands against the inevitability of power plants and electric generators that are polluting heavily and wasting energy, thereby transferring the

costs to consumers.

Zachary Goldsmith of the Connecticut College Republicans, on the other hand, asserted that George W. Bush recognized the existence of 46 million Americans without health care and was proposing a \$2000 credit to try to ameliorate the problem. The Texas Governor was against supporting public schools with low academic standards and performance and aimed to build a new system where citizens could choose from a range of quality schools by altering the system of public school funding. The GOP, according to Goldsmith, had a reformist program that would affect numerous aspects of public life and significantly strengthen the country.

Connecticut College Green Party representative Jason Hamilton presented Nader's goals that included achieving grassroots democracy, economic justice, social justice, ecological wisdom, decentralization of government, gender equality and cooperation, respect for diversity and focus on the future. Hamilton emphasized that Nader, as the founder of many interest groups, was one of the most trusted people in American public life, having spent 40 years fighting for citizens' rights, product safety and a clean safe environment. Nader also wished to get 'the big money' out of politics and eliminate 'soft money' and support publicly financed elections.

Despite their differences, all three speakers closed the debate by agreeing on the necessity of voting and insisting that the electorate should cast their ballots for the candidate whom they support, regardless of the position of the other contenders in the election.

College Plans for Library Overhaul

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specific zones. In past projects that Mr. Lucker has helped to plan the addition of a grand reading room has nearly always been on the wish list for these new libraries. Members of the Conn College community also expressed interest in a large room dedicated solely to quiet individual study and reading. There were also suggestions for separate rooms to be used for group activity, a separate to house all the reference material of the library, and the addition of private classrooms.

Other topics that aroused more controversy included the possibility of adding a snack/coffee area to Shain Library. This topic aroused concerns for the cleanliness of the library and the books, while others favored the idea. Lucker stated, "Personally, I like the idea of some sort of refreshment area. No matter what, people are going to bring food into the library or are going to eat while they use the books at home, so you can't avoid this problem. With a central location dedicated to eating in the library, maybe food and studies will be kept separate." Some students favored the idea of not having to walk all the way to Cro for a late night cup of coffee.

After the meetings with Mr. Lucker on Monday and Tuesday of

last week, Professor Abigail Van Slyck and Lee Hisle, Co-Chairs of the Library Renovation and Extension Program Steering Committee, met with the Student Government Association to collect additional student input for the project. Some new suggestions including 24-hour library access, new lighting options, and additional computers and printers were brought up on Thursday. Van Slyck said, "One additional hope is to create an atmosphere in the library that is more inspirational and conducive to studying."

So far, it is unclear when the actual plans for the library will be drawn, or when construction and renovation will begin. The trustees have suggested that other projects including Plex renovations be completed before the college begins new building projects. Van Slyck said, "Right now, there are other things in the pipeline that have to be completed." The next step in the process is to refine all the suggestions and produce a building program to be given to the architect. Before that time, students will have the chance to express their opinions and give suggestions through surveys and additional meetings and forums.

Coffin Gets Promotion

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believes that the academic components of the strategic plan such as TRIPS, internships, etc. are what incoming students look at first. These unique programs help to set Connecticut College apart from the pack. Coffin believes that the parts of the strategic plan that deal with aesthetic issues, such as Plex renovations, can undergo a short-term postponement. The focus should be on academics first, and costs that cannot be controlled, such as the increasing oil prices that are leading to an increase in heating costs for the college.

A popular question is whether or not Gaudiani's resignation will effect

admissions for the upcoming year. Coffin's answer is, "No." Bates, Brown, and Bowdoin, three of the top ten schools that Conn competes with for students, are all going through Presidential searches at the moment. He believes that the only downfall in terms of admissions is that Gaudiani was such an effective recruiter. However, Coffin finds the unknown quality of the new search exciting. He also believes that "Interim President Lewis is terrific. He has a great relationship with the college." According to Coffin, the outlook for the upcoming year is nothing but positive.

Conn Receives Green Circle Award

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in Costa Rica, which was previously used for pastures, in order to plant trees. Klinki pines are being planted in this area located in the Atlantic Zone of Costa Rica to collect and store carbon dioxide emissions. These 37 acres will gather the amount of carbon dioxide equivalent to what Crozier-Williams College Center will give off over the next 30 years. The college emits 12,311 tons of carbon dioxide annually due to the burning of fossil fuels, which are used for lighting, heating, and air conditioning. Cro emits 4.8% of this total, almost 594 tons of carbon dioxide. It

will take 10,000 trees or 37 acres to compensate for this 594 tons which will be given off each year for the next 30 years. Dr. William A. Niering, who was key in the development of the Klinki Forestry Project, will be honored for his work by having the forest named after him.

Conn is the first college to participate in this carbon-offset program. It is hoped that the college will become a leader in environmental studies and show other schools how to get involved in such programs and start to take the responsibility to create a more environmentally sound campuses.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2000

Facing Challenging Course, Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams Show Well at ECAC's

By BONNIE PROKESCH

staff writer

Last Saturday, while the top seven runners on both the men's and women's cross country teams took the weekend off from racing in preparation for this weekend's New England championship race, the second seven runners from both teams ran in the ECAC Championship meet in Grafton, MA. The course was located at the Tufts University school for veterinary medicine and was comprised of cut out grass paths throughout a huge field, many hills, and a small section of trails.

The men's team did considerably well considering the difficult competition from schools including Tufts and Amherst. Ben Brewer '01 finished first for the men, in 40th place overall, with a time of 28:34 for the approximately 5-mile race. His teammates were soon to follow.

Britt Haselton '03 finished second for Conn with a time of 29:18, while Matt Bucholz '03 came in third for the team in 30:06. These finishes, along with those of the remaining team members allowed the team to place 16th out of the 33 teams that attended the race.

Tri-captain Bryan Boucher '01, who finished 6th for the team stated, "I was really pleased with our effort at ECAC's. We all felt lucky to be able to run one more race, and most

of us responded with very strong efforts. Although it was tough, we were able to defeat one of our fiercest rivals - Mass. Maritime Academy - a team that always gives us a good challenge. We all gave each other high-fives for that one!"

Most of the men in the race were just ecstatic to be running. While the women's coach, Ned Bishop, usually runs his second seven runners in this race every year, this year was the first time the men's coach, Jim Butler, followed Bishop's plan. As one of the runners of last weekend's race, Jeff Oviedo '02 remarked, "It was an excellent opportunity for some of us on the team to have one last chance to put together a great race. Although coach suggested not to run our top seven at ECAC's it was a tremendous gesture for those individuals in that group who might have wanted to race, to let us compete."

Overall the men competed well and were happy with how the day went. While few, if any of their teammates came to support them, most of the runners who ran in Grafton are planning a trip to watch the top seven runners compete this weekend in the New England Championship race at UMass-Dartmouth.

Like the men, the women ran with confidence, speed and agility. While a few of the women were quite nervous before the race began, they all handled the numerous competitors,

rolling hills, and uneven terrain with ease. Because the starting line was too narrow for the amount of runners competing, the start of the race was a bit scary because two runners from another team fell and were trampled. Nevertheless, the Conn ladies avoided the danger and ran off into the field.

The team finished 14 out of 43 total teams, a ranking they were extremely excited about, considering some of these teams were running their top seven runners. Katie Sklarsky '03 finished first for Conn and 56th overall with a time of 20:55 for the 3.1 mile course. Following right behind her was Heather Kolpa '02, who ran her best time on this course finishing in 20:59. Finishing 6th for the team Lisette Partelow '03 ran a 22:36, her best time this season and a dramatic improvement from the times she was running in her first meets.

Regarding the women's performance, Coach Ned Bishop exclaimed, "I'm really pleased with the team's performance this past weekend. The course at Tufts is a very challenging one, and we still ran some very fast times including a career best for Lisette Partelow. We finished in the top third of the teams in the meet even though we chose to rest our top runners in preparation for the New England's this coming weekend."

Unlike the men's team, who had few supporters, the top seven runners of the women's team drove to the meet in order to cheer for their teammates. Their support was remarkable. Partelow commented, "Thanks to the support and enthusiasm of our top runners, I ran my best race of the season." The top runners, with their encouraging smiles and words, and painted t-shirts brought smiles to all the competitors' faces, easing the nerves at the start of the race.

With a team this close, it is no wonder that the women have moved up in the national rankings, this week from 23rd to 22nd, the highest they have been ranked all season and in Conn's history, for that matter.

As Sarah Morgan '03, who will race this weekend, remarked, "I think it was just another in our long line of great race performances this year. I think it was nice for those who finished their season to have such a great last race and it encouraged those who did not race for this upcoming weekend."

Both the men's and women's teams will discover their true standings this weekend at New England's. The women must place fourth, beating Amherst, who they trail by just three points in the current rankings, in order to qualify for nationals, while the men are hoping to place higher than ever in New England's.

Field Hockey Reflects on Quality Season

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Frustrating midseason losses to Amherst, Tufts and Wesleyan undoubtedly set the Camels back a bit. However, the continuing trend this season was bouncing back. Never did the team lose more than two games in a row. A loss always seemed to be offset by a big victory. During that midseason drought, the team posted exciting victories against Colby, Wellesley and Mount Holyoke.

"Our early momentum was kind of lost at midseason," Anna Hitchner '02 noted. "We suffered losses that were more than goal deficits. It was discouraging to lose to teams that we felt we were better than, which made us lose a bit of our focus."

One hurdle already stands in the way for next season. The team will lose five seniors to graduation next May. Among them is defenseman Eliza Durbin '01, who this past week was honored for her work by being selected to the All-NESCAC Field Hockey second team. Along with Durbin, the defensive combination of Co-Captains Heidi Johnson '01 and Gerard will also be greatly missed. Together, the three helped the Camels shut out five opponents this season. The departure of Becky Nyce '01 and Barbie Lovelace '01 will leave behind a hole in the teams offensive attack and overall grit on the field. Nyce finished fifth on the team with



Emily Huffman '04 awaits as her teammate battles for possession.

seven points.

"The seniors did a really great job leading the team this year," Peters said. "They helped us all improve individually. Hopefully the rest of us will be able to carry that over into next season."

There are plenty of reasons to be excited for next season. Peters and Huffman will be back terrorizing opposing goaltenders. Together, the two gave new meaning to the term "of-

fensive punch" by racking up a combined twenty-one goals and fifty points. Huffman (11 goals, 4 assists) finished tied for the lead of all NESCAC scoring. Her amazing rookie season made her the unanimous choice for the NESCAC Rookie of the Year award. Peters (10g, 4a) was named to the All-NESCAC Field Hockey second team. Tied for third in the league in points, Peters led the team with three game

winning goals. Also carrying the offensive load and returning next season are Christy Bassett '03 (10 points) and Molly McAuliffe '02 (7 points).

Defense was a major reason why the team was able to improve their record. Goaltenders Katie Stern '03 and Stacy Siflett '04 provided a solid backbone in between the pipes. Alongside Durbin, Johnson, and Gerard, Anna Hitchner '02 also hounded many opposing players. Hitchner will be given the task of leading the defense next season.

"This season was so successful mainly because the team was dedicated from the very first day we arrived here," Hitchner stated. "Naturally, there is plenty of room for improvement, but we took a huge step in the right direction."

The general consensus among the team is that they did not play to their complete potential over the course of the season. Among the many events that took place during the season, head coach Anne Parmenter needs to receive the credit she deserves. Parmenter has successfully taken a rebuilding program and turned it back around to a potential NESCAC powerhouse. If all the chips fall into place, future teams can build off of the 2000 season's momentum and regain the success the program enjoyed in the mid-90s. Those days now do not seem that far away.

Conn Fall Sports Honor Roll

The following Camel athletes were named to All-NESCAC teams in their respective sports for the fall season.

Field Hockey:

Emily Huffman '04- All-NESCAC First Team
Patty Peters '02- All-NESCAC Second Team
Eliza Durbin '01- All-NESCAC Second Team

Men's Soccer:

P.J. Dee '03- All-NESCAC First Team

Women's Soccer:

Christine Culver '04- All-NESCAC Second Team



Fall Success Motivates Enthusiastic Women's Crew Team to Greater Heights

By ERIKA SENNESETH

staff writer

The Women's Crew team had some exciting results in the October 28th race in Philadelphia's Head of the Schuylkill. The team placed 7th out of 40 boats against the tough competition of Division I, II, and III rowing programs. "With respect to the competition we did very well" said captain Brooke Kennedy '01. "We were very competitive with schools that weren't even in our division. We beat some Division I schools and were pretty close to top Division I programs like Michigan. They won, and to finish 7th behind them is incredibly rewarding, and makes me optimistic for the upcoming season."

For the fall, the Women's varsity team consists of 17 rowers and two coxswains, enough for two eights and a spare. However, only one eight traveled to Philadelphia to participate in the Schuylkill. "Because of transportation reasons it was easier to take one eight. We had to borrow equipment from Temple University so we wouldn't have to transport our boat," said Kennedy. However, Kennedy says the fall line-up isn't indicative of the spring line-up. In the fall, there are headraces with a staggered start, each boat starting at about 10-second intervals from one another, whereas in the spring, there are sprint races.

"In the fall, the head races are at least twice as long, maybe more, and they are rowed at a lower stroke rating with a focus on consistency and endurance, so the line-up is designed to produce the best results with those goals in mind. In the spring sprinting races, instead of a 2-mile or 3-mile course that takes about 18-20 minutes, every race is 2000 meters and takes only about 7-8 minutes. In the spring you go as fast as you can, maximize your output, and keep the highest stroke rating possible without sacrificing quality." Spring races

usually start at about 40 strokes per minute, go down to about 34 and end somewhere around 38.

"The spring line-ups focus more on rhythm, strength, and rowing well together as a crew" says Kennedy.

Their performance in the fall seems to bring only enthusiasm in looking towards the spring season. "I'm really excited about the spring," said Kennedy. "This team is in a huge transition period. I think that's great. I see the future of the team bringing nothing but success. I'm really happy about that. We have six women abroad, all of whom are very talented rowers and their return is exciting. We also have incredible novice with a ton of potential, it's great so many of them are sticking with it. It's so exciting for the years to come."

The varsity women rushed home from Philadelphia to cheer on the novice at their early morning race that same weekend. The novice women also rowed extremely well in their first race in which they entered 4 eights. The novice women and men had the highest combined point total of any school and won a silver cup, thereby demonstrating their capabilities of continuing the success of Connecticut College Rowing.

After last year's rocky season, these fall successes may provide much-needed confidence and moral boosters for the team. "The success we've had already is great retribution for a tumultuous season last year," stresses Kennedy. "We can do really well this spring. We have the desire, enthusiasm, and motivation necessary to bring us to the top. I'd love to go to the NCAA's this year and it's not out of the realm of possibility."

There are many long months of winter training ahead, but if these women can keep this renewed team spirit alive, nothing may be out of the realm of possibility. These women have proved just that this fall.

IM Soccer Update

Playoff time is finally upon us. The last several weeks have provided us with some of the most high flying, awe-inspiring, jukefests the Conn College IM soccer scene has ever seen, ya know what I mean? In the first match of the week, #4 UR took on the top seeded RP All-stars. The All-stars, with Ross "The Original Pimp Daddy Mack Ladies Love Sex Machine Esq. II" Gobeille in net, Svec "The Southern Swooner" Geffen anchoring the defense and Chris "The Hard Body" Berroti running the flanks, outlasted their internationally laden counterparts, UR, 4-3.

Abdul "I pity da fool" Diagne showed why he was still worthy of the varsity ranks by tallying one goal and 2 assists. His dominating presence was overshadowed by the suffocating defense of Chris "I see you with red highlights" Massey. Aiding Chris in the victory was Bennie "I'm winning a

damn shirt this year" Hughes; Bennie chipped in 2 goals and added one assist.

In the second match of the week, the two-time defending champion Rough Riders took on the freshman phenoms, No Potential. After losing the first match 2-1 on penalty kicks, Kent "Victor the Bull" Geisel vowed victory come playoff time. Folks, Kent is no chump. He wasted no time getting on the board, blasting a loose ball past Elayna Zachko in the 4th minute. His reign of terror continued well into the second half as he scored another goal, with Jeff "Pipemaster" Perkins registering the assist. Ted "Joey's my name, hockey's my game" Ridgeway provided the last goal with a baseline bomb in the 65th minute. Eliot "There's always next year" Stulen notched the only goal for No Potential to make the final score, 3-1.

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Freshmen Phenoms Dominate Camel Fall Sports Scene in 2000

These young stars proved they belonged from the beginning

By **MATTHEW B. KESSLER**
sports editor

Most freshmen athletes are content to just try and fit in when they come to college to play a varsity sport at a competitive school. It is certainly not easy to jump right in and have an immediate impact here at Conn, where Camel sports teams participate in one of, if not the toughest and most competitive leagues in all of Division III, the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC).

However, this year's freshman class has proven to be more than prepared to not only have a significant impact on every fall sports team at Conn, but to also take on leading roles. Five freshmen in particular have led this banner class of 2004, including the leading scorers of men's soccer, women's soccer and field hockey, the number one seeded women's tennis player, and one of the top skippers on the number one ranked women's sailing team.

Men's soccer experienced a resurrection this season, as the team earned the school's first-ever berth in the NESCAC tournament. This young squad was led by strong freshmen and sophomore classes, and appears to be destined for greatness in the next two seasons. One of the new faces who led the way all season was striker Darrell Comrie '04 who, despite playing at less than 100% for much of the season due to a bad hip flexor still led the team in scoring with nine points, including three goals, all of which were game winners. Comrie used his outstanding speed to burn opposing defenders time and again, and will only get better as he continues to become a better ball handler in traffic and feel more comfortable with his team-

mates.

Said Head coach Bill Lessig, who has seen his fair share of talented offensive players throughout his 30 years at Conn: "Darrell is extremely fast. He could be the best, fastest and most skillful forward we've ever had. He's a good player. You haven't seen him play yet." Comrie should be one of the top offensive threats in the NESCAC for the next three years. The only thing he lacks is experience, but with his outstanding skills and play-making abilities, this Philadelphia native will be sure to attract lots of attention from opposing defenses next season.

Just as a freshman striker led the men's soccer team in scoring, another freshman striker led the women's soccer team in total points, as well as goals scored. Christine Culver recorded 16 points, including six goals, in her first year of collegiate soccer. To illustrate how important Culver's offensive contributions were, the team's second leading scorer had just three goals and seven points. Culver's outstanding play earned her a spot on the women's soccer All-NESCAC second team. She leads what has been called the best freshmen class that women's soccer has had in recent history.

"Christine was a great player to have on our team," said starting goalkeeper Laura Knisley '02. "She has great ideas on the field, and it was fun to watch as she sent balls into the goal. I can't wait to see even more goals out of her next year."

Head coach Ken Kline speaks very highly of his freshmen striker. "She's a fine athlete and an excellent player. She started the entire season and contributed to the team in a big way and had an immediate impact." He added, "She was delightful to coach, eager and anxious to improve,

and extremely cooperative." Culver will aim to turn around women's soccer's fortunes next season. The team has finished 6-8 the past two seasons. Her progression, along with the rest of her freshmen class, will determine just how much the women's soccer program can accomplish in the near future. Culver will undoubtedly play a leading role.

The most dominant freshmen on Conn's campus this past fall was field hockey sensation Emily Huffman, who led the Camels to NESCAC and ECAC tournament berths while being named NESCAC Rookie of the Year. Her eleven goals led the team, and her 26 points tied for the most in the NESCAC, with Bowdoin's Leah McClure. Many of her teammates lauded her as the difference maker on this year's team, following two sub-par seasons. A native of Oklahoma City, Huffman has been playing competitive field hockey since the 7th grade, and the competition she faced while playing in high school helped prepare her to compete in a talented conference.

She says she "didn't really have any major problems" with the transition from high school to college. "I came from a very competitive high school which helped prepare me."

Huffman handled the pressure of taking on a huge offensive role as a freshman extremely well.

"It was sort of an overwhelming pressure. I did like it though," she said. "I feel that I play better when I have that kind of pressure placed on me. I was a bit surprised at first but adjusted to it." Huffman will continue to shoulder the offensive load next season, along with second-leading scorer Patty Peters '02, while also taking on a leadership role, as five key players from this year's squad will graduate in the spring.



Clark



Huffman



Culver



Gorski

"We are losing some really good players, which is going to hurt," Huffman commented. "However, at the same time we have a good core of returning players and an overall young team. Next year we will have more experience. We all need to work hard in the off-season and come prepared to play." She concluded, "Next season I hope to improve on my scoring and continue to help the team anyway I can." Field hockey will be in good hands for the next three years with this selfless offensive force as its centerpiece.

A new direction was needed for the women's tennis program following last spring's debacle, in which team turmoil forced the season to come to a premature end and resulted in the departure of head coach Todd Doeblir, who left the team to become an assistant coach at Division I Pepperdine. This season, with only three returning players, five freshmen have made an immediate impact on the women's tennis team, led by number one singles seed Ali Gorski. Gorski recorded an outstanding 12-4 record, including finishing as the consolation winner at the Rolex championships held at Williams College in late September. Gorski represents the new face and attitude of the women's tennis program at Conn.

"This season was great, but it went by way too fast," said Gorski. "I had a great time this season because I got to play against a lot of challenging players from the other colleges we played against." With last spring's problems now a distant memory, Gorski and her four classmates will look to improve upon this fall's 3-6 record once the spring season of 2001 comes around. For Gorski, the spring tennis season couldn't come soon enough.

The most successful, yet equally unheralded, fall sports team at Conn this season has been the women's sailing team, which is currently ranked number one in the nation in Division I. Being the only Division I sport on campus, one would think sailing would get more attention, and the women's team certainly deserves it. Leading the way has been freshman skipper Amanda Clark, who established herself early in the fall season by finishing first in the New England Women's Singlehanded Championships at the Coast Guard Academy. Clark was recently showcased on a local television station as "an Olympic hopeful in four years" after finishing 6th at the ICYRA Women's Singlehanded Nationals, held at the University of Washington.

"Amanda has been a really big

spark to our team," said head coach Jeffrey Brensnaham. "She is enthusiastic and a great kid, and all that, but she's a competitor too. She might only be a freshman, but she's raising everyone's competition level."

Despite all of her individual success this fall, her focus remains on the team. "I was very satisfied with the results of the team's fall season and look forward to the spring," said Clark. "I am having a great time sailing with everyone." Perhaps no Conn athlete's future is as bright as Clark's, who has quickly found, while sailing at Conn this fall, that she has few peers around the country.

With these five stellar freshmen athletes anchoring their respective teams at Conn, the potential for future success during the fall season across the sports scene is virtually limitless. One would be hard-pressed to find another Division III program with this many freshmen athletes who have made such a distinct first impression on their fall sports teams. The best news for Conn is that these freshmen phenoms are here to stay. Look for all five of these athletes to continue to torment the opposition for the next three years. The rest of the Conn College community can now just sit back and enjoy the ride.

Field Hockey Reflects on Quality Season

Team back on track after posting first .500 season since 1996

By **ADAM ROGOWIN**
staff writer

The dog days of Connecticut College sports seem to be upon us. However, the field hockey team did everything they could to go against that notion. Opening up a new millennium, this year's team qualified for the postseason for the first time since the 1996 campaign. The team was ranked as high as 11th midway through the month of September. Despite dropping their final two playoff games, the Camels finished the regular season with an even 8-8 record. Both the 1998 and 1999 teams posted 4 win seasons. The team eventually received an ECAC berth last week. Unfortunately, they succumbed 1-0 in double overtime to a

scrappy team from Wesleyan.

"We all knew we could have done better and possibly moved on all the way to the finals," Co-Captain Becky Gerard '01 said. "I believe it is always best to end the season wanting more, and that is exactly how we ended it, we all wanted to keep playing."

Despite the playoff losses, the 2000 season produced several lasting memories.

On the opening day of the season, the Camels defeated longtime NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) rival Middlebury. Freshman sensation Emily Huffman, in her collegiate debut, led the charge that day with two goals. That game set the table for what was going to be an exciting sea-

son. Feeding off that momentum, the team busted out of the gate with four straight wins. One of these wins was a 10-0 thrashing of Clark, one goal shy of the 1983 team record of 11 goals in a game. Midfielder Patty Peters '02 led the way that day, notching four goals and one assist. Her four goals tied an all time Connecticut College field hockey record, while her nine points that day set a new one.

"I am so proud to have played with this team this year," Gerard added. "We had the spark and ability to make things happen this season. We accomplished our original goal, which was to make it to the playoffs."

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Women's Volleyball Ends Transition Year

By **MATT DIAPELLA**
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The Connecticut College women's volleyball team finished their season at the NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) tournament this past weekend after a long van ride that began around 5:30 in the morning. The Camels, however, could not pull off many victories as Trinity downed them in three straight games, and Bowdoin, who had revenge on their minds after suffering a loss to Conn earlier this year, followed up by defeating them in four games. This is not the way the team would have liked to finish the year, but there is no reason why the team should be unhappy with this season's overall performance.

For senior members of the volleyball team, this was their farewell season. The seniors showed great character down the stretch, helping the team to pull off many victories towards the end of the schedule. Co-captain Kerri Guzzardo '01 stated that, "Instead of going out sad about the ending of the season, the seniors went out strong and determined to go all out." The seniors, as well as the entire team, did go out strong, and they helped to improve the Women's volleyball record by four wins from last year, including six wins on home court.

Still, the volleyball team ended with a sub-.500 record. So what can be taken from this year? Coach Pat Price said, "I thought that the season as a whole we achieved an overall improvement in skill and competitiveness and we are looking forward to next year. We return several contributors off of this year's team."

This is obvious from the pick up of four wins, including the first defeat of a NESCAC opponent since 1996 (Bowdoin). The team is also eagerly anticipating the return of young developing players, as well as upperclassmen. Also worth mentioning is that Kelly Hart, a freshman hitter, finished 6th overall in the



Kelly Hart '04 slams the ball during a recent home match. (Brown)

NESCAC in digs. This is a terrific accomplishment, and the Camel volleyball team looks forward to her return. The team will also be anxious to receive players who were abroad this year. Coach Price further added that, "We are anxious to get busy with recruiting and getting some other girls that can contribute to the future of the program."

The final roster of this year's Conn College women's volleyball team include junior Nicole Becker (a transfer from Germany), sophomores Karen Nakamaru, Alex Fiorillo, Leila Laksassi, Ann Stepanek and fresh-

men Caitlin Sirico, Kelly Hart and Hannah Krajcik. The departing senior members of the volleyball team are Olga Samborska, Lisa Barry, Amy O'Donnell, Kerri Guzzardo, and Jenn Wilson. Co-captain Wilson has left some words of wisdom to the Camel volleyball team of 2001.

"The team of 2000 put their whole hearts into the season and it showed. Be proud of what we have accomplished. Remember how we trained in the off season. Remember what it feels like to win, and remember to smile while you are doing it."

Women's Sailing Ranked First; Coed Team Also Flying

By **CAT CAMPBELL**
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The Connecticut College sailing team, the only Division I sport on campus, has had a very satisfying fall season. The women's team is currently ranked first nationally according to the October 30th poll.

Head coach Jeffrey Brensnaham has led the coed and women's teams to victory numerous times along with the help of the two seniors on the team, Liz Hall and Mary Beth Belford. The coed team placed seventh out of 21 in the Harry Anderson Trophy, 14th out of 24 in the Captain Hurst Bowl at Dartmouth, 10th out of 19 at the Hatch Brown Trophy at MIT, second out of nine at the President's Trophy at Boston University, and had many more impressive finishes throughout September and

into November. The Camels consistently beat teams such as Yale, Harvard and MIT, all considered tough sailing teams. Conn also finished first in the NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) tournament at Tufts.

The women's team had an equally successful season. In the Yale Women's Intersectional, Conn placed fourth out of 14 teams. The women took the Women's Hurst Bowl Championship in September. In the Stu Nelson Trophy at the Coast Guard Academy, the camels placed first in a heat of 17 teams. This performance continued throughout the women's season placing them in the top of the national rankings.

Amanda Clark '04, a skipper on the team, won the New England Women's Single Handed Championship in September. This win allowed

her to compete in the Women's Single Handed National Championships at the University of Washington. Clark finished sixth out of 16 sailors. In this three-day event, Clark won three out of her seven races. Clark says she is, "very satisfied with the results of the team's fall season and is looking forward to spring."

Brensnaham was quoted saying, "Amanda has been a really big spark to our team. She is enthusiastic and a great kid, and all that, but she's a competitor too. She might only be a freshman, but she's raising everyone's competition level."

The team is excited to finish their last two races, the Atlantic Coast Dinghy Championship on November 11, and the Women's Atlantic Coast Dinghy Championship on November 12, and is looking forward to a successful spring season.

Kessler's Korner

Saint Patrick Has Committed a Sin

By **MATTHEW B. KESSLER**

sports editor

The last thing the National Hockey League needed after the Marty McSorley incident was for one of its star players to become embroiled in legal trouble, which

would further deface the reputation of the NHL, a reputation that has suffered considerably since McSorley was charged and convicted of assault in Vancouver, British Columbia for hitting Donald Brashear in the head with his stick during a game last season. Apparently, Patrick Roy of the Colorado Avalanche, arguably the best goaltender of all-time, didn't get the message. Less than one week after breaking Terry Sawchuk's career victory record, Roy was arrested on a misdemeanor criminal mischief charge that occurred during an act of domestic violence after his wife Michele called 911 during a dispute over in-laws with her husband on the evening of October 22 in their Littleton, Colorado home. Michele hung up the phone before talking and now claims the incident has been blown out of proportion and that her husband should not be charged or prosecuted for any crime.

Whether Roy deserved to be arrested or not remains in question, but something undoubtedly occurred between Roy and his wife on that night, prompting her to call 911, as she feared what her husband might do to her. Roy admitted to pulling her doors off of their hinges. There is certainly something substantive behind the charges, or the prosecution would not have charged Roy. No matter what Roy or his wife now says, Roy's actions on that night were severe and violent enough to prompt a call to the police, and this fact cannot be overlooked.

What is most troubling is that just five days before the incident, when Roy won his 448th career game against the Washington Capitals, breaking Sawchuk's record, Roy was looked upon as a hero who represented all that a great NHL player should, including commitment, dedication, and perseverance. The record-breaking game was nationally televised on ESPN2, and the



camera often showed Michele Roy in her seat at the MCI Center in Washington cheering on her husband as he attempted to break a record once considered unbreakable. Who would have ever guessed that a domestic dispute between the two would occur just five days later and escalate to the point that police were forced to respond? The incident should not tarnish Roy's outstanding feat, but I will certainly look down upon Patrick Roy for the rest of his career. I don't know how any man, and especially a man who is constantly in the public spotlight and serves as a role model to many youngsters, could bring himself to even hint that he might harm his spouse, or any woman for that matter.

After all of the fabulous things written about Roy over the past few weeks, since breaking Sawchuk's record, I would like to question Roy's manhood. That's right. I can't claim to know and understand all of the details involved in the case, but I have absolutely no problem publicly questioning Patrick Roy's manhood, and

I hope I am not alone. Despite all that he has accomplished over his stellar 15-plus year NHL career, including winning three of Lord Stanley's cups and two Conn Smyth trophies as playoff MVP, the two questions I would ask Patrick Roy if I were to meet him today would be, "How do you look yourself in the mirror at night Mr. Roy? How can you call yourself a man?"

Patrick Roy pleaded innocent to a misdemeanor criminal mischief charge this past Tuesday in Littleton, Colorado. A March 5 trial date has been set. If convicted, he could face one year in prison and a \$1000 fine, as well as possible deportation, since Roy is Canadian. I will not be rooting for a guilty verdict; I will only hope that justice is served. This may just be a small blip in Roy's life, as his marriage and hockey career will most likely continue uninterrupted. But make no mistake: Saint Patrick, as he is often referred to in the realm of professional hockey, has committed a sin, no matter what the final decision of the court. And a sin never goes unpunished.