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Inside

Students, administration clash over WCNI

by H. C. North
THE COLLEGE VOICE

On Friday night, November 8, members of the WCNI Board of Directors began distributing pamphlets regarding their concern for the future of WCNI in. Their action was in response to a perceived attempt by the college administration to "forcibly acquire" WCNI and use it as a "public relations device." On Saturday a similar message was broadcast over the airwaves of WCNI, featured in the New London Day newspaper, and the WCNI board of directors set up a booth in Cro to collect signatures saying that WCNI should remain a student-run organization. By the end of the day WCNI had collected over 500 signatures.

In an open letter from the Board of Directors of WCNI, the student community was asked to mobilize to help "keep Claire out of student clubs." The letter also stated that WCNI felt "meetings with the college have become threatening and

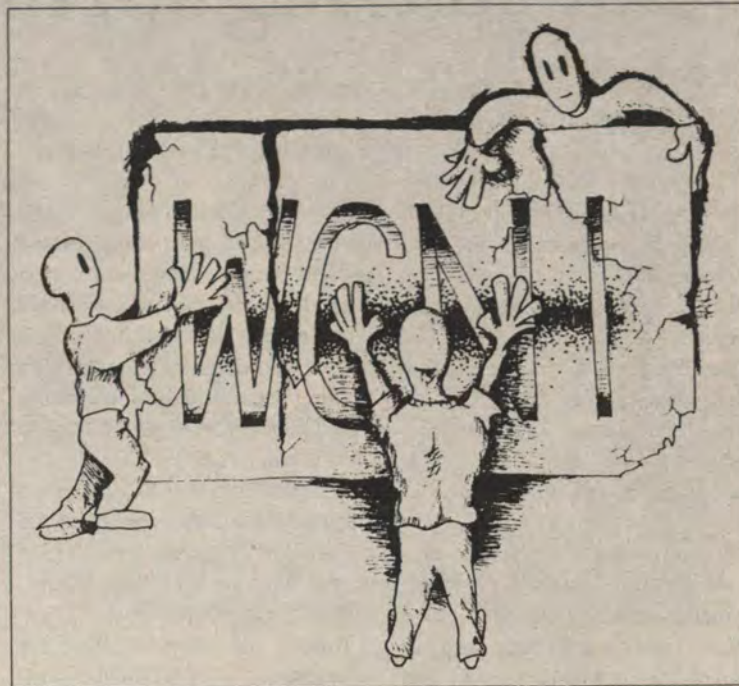
intimidating." The Board further labeled the college's actions as "reminiscent of a territorial occupation," and that "the college's growth ambitions are out of control."

Claire Gaudiani's reaction to WCNI's activities was to have coffee with Gill Potter, general manager of WCNI, and John Biancur, SGA president, on the neutral ground of the Pelican Restaurant Saturday. During this meeting the college administration outlined its desires for and about WCNI, and the two parties arrived at some conclusion about the future of the station.

The Connecticut College Broadcast Association (CCBA), whose board owns WCNI, was initially incorporated, with the permission of the Board of Trustees in a 1972 resolution which gave the CCBA the ability to run the radio station within the framework of the college. After allowing their incorporation to lapse, the CCBA reincorporated in the early 1990s through

channels outside of the college, causing confusion about the station's status with the administration. Since the reincorporation was not done according to the resolution set forth by the Board of Trustees, the reincorporation, and any changes in bylaws which accompanied it, are invalid. The CCBA feels the college's renewed interest in the direction of WCNI may be due to an anticipated power increase for the station in the next two years. This power increase will afford WCNI the ability to broadcast over a greater area.

In the meeting on Saturday the college expressed that it does not wish to have ownership of the radio station, nor change the programming of the radio station. The college administration does, however, require independent "ownership through the college," according to Biancur. The agreement reached on Saturday should assure the correct incorporation of the CCBA according to the original resolution granted by the Board of Trustees, and will



art by Josh Hanson

have two administrators placed on its board, as there were in 1972 under the original incorporation. Having two administration appointees on the currently eight-person Board of Directors is "hard to see as a takeover" according to Lucas Held, public relations director for the college.

This is a temporary solution that will be modified pending a review by the Strategic Planning Committee, which was formed last year after a petition from approximately

200 hundred students asking to look into the station's programming and direction. The committee, which includes Steve Keefe, the chief engineer of WCNI; Susan Hendricks, an alum; two WCNI members; two members of the community at large; various faculty and student members; and, as advisors, Roberto Ifill, dean of the college; Mark Hoffman, director of student activities; and Henry P. Becton, Jr., college trustee and president of WGBH Boston;

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Financial aid: "Future is good"

by Dan Tompkins
SPECIAL TO
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Mark Putnam, dean of planning and enrollment management, gave an informational address to SGA

Assembly on Thursday, November 7 to discuss the questions of the colleges financial aid program, its resources, and the future of the program. Putnam, while not permitted to discuss individual cases, showed detailed charts of the college's fi-

nancial aid program over the past decade and tried to assuage any fears students may have.

The first half of the presentation consisted of several overheads showing the rate of growth of financial aid and college tuition includ-

ing information on the relationship between Conn's tuition, the median family income, and the per capita disposable income of a two-income family.

A breakdown of the sources drawn upon in awarding financial aid was also included. The charts showed that the tuition fell somewhere between the median family income and the amount of disposable income. The growth of both financial aid and tuition have fallen over the past decade. Putnam stated that while both rates had slowed, the system was unsustainable over the long-run.

One of the key issues to the college is the amount of financial aid awarded in grants. While the federal government subsidizes some grant awards, the college pays approximately 89 percent of student grant awards. The key, Putnam said, was the campaign to increase the endowment. Right now, about 13 percent of every dollar awarded in grants comes from restricted funds and endowments. The campaign's goal is to increase Conn's endowment so that it can help fund more of the grants given out, freeing up other funds. While the endowment has nearly tripled in the last decade, Putnam said that the tuition's upward spiral had been forcing the school to enact measures to try to curb the cost increase.

Because of heavy federal regulation and a very narrow band of discretion that the financial aid office had, Putnam strongly urged students to talk to the financial aid office about their individual cases. Federal regulations are not, however, the only piece of the puzzle. Higher education is entering into "an airline-industry pricing" for-

mat, and some policies being enacted at other schools may eventually have an adverse effect on the College's policies. Some schools are beginning to use "merit-based" aid, a policy in which excellent students, who may not need financial aid as much as others, are given preferential reviews in the aid process to attract them to the school. Putnam repeatedly stated that Conn would only come onto that bandwagon "kicking and screaming." He said that those types of policies were "distasteful" and went against the very essence of Conn.

Putnam was extremely candid and wanted to assure students that their peace of mind was important to the financial aid office. He wants to "show people that we are trustworthy," and that he "take(s) it seriously." There are financial pressures on the college that stem from federal regulation and individual case analysis that make the process hard to characterize in a general manner. Putnam's closing remarks included an offer for students to talk with him anytime they had questions, that he was willing to talk anytime to students to ensure they feel at least comfortable with their own situations.

General Fund Allocations

The following is a list of allocations from the SGA General Fund, approved by the Finance Committee. A report of cumulative allocations to student clubs, including Traditional Events, is posted in the Student Organizations Office. Subsequent allocations from the General Fund will be posted in the Student Organizations Office, and published weekly in the Voice.

September

\$500.00
\$200.00
\$1100.00

MOBROC
MOBROC
Stud. Life

September Sunday Jam
October Indoor Concert
Fall Training

October

\$100.00
\$750.00
\$250.00
\$200.00
\$630.00
\$625.00

'97 Class
MOBROC
MOBROC
Aikido
Rugby (M)
Soccer

Halloween Party
Year Long Expenses - for equipment repairs
Concerts for remaining year
5 Padded uniforms
Equipment - also includes referees and EMTs
League Dues, EMTs, Referees

November

\$405.00
\$439.00
\$120.00
\$150.00
\$175.00
\$14.00
\$100.00

Chair of Res. Life
Co-Sponsor
Men's Hockey
Feminist Majority
Men's Rugby
Italian Club
Youth for Justice

Camelympics water bottles
Concert w/off-campus bands
Referees
Speaker
Jerseys
Movie Night
Speaker

NEWS

Allegations of gambling, point shaving surface at BC

Mitchell Polatin
THE COLLEGE VOICE

"Regrettable and saddening" is how Boston College President Rev. William P. Leahy described the gambling allegations concerning at least 13 Boston College football players.

Last Wednesday, BC suspended 13 football players for gambling. Two of the players suspended are said to have bet against their own team in BC's loss to Syracuse on October 26.

Betting on any sporting event is a violation of National Collegiate Athletic Association rules. The NCAA calls for automatic suspension of players who do gamble, but the lengths of their suspensions are to be determined by their college.

The 13 players suspended by BC are the most players in NCAA history ever suspended on one team for gambling.

Players mentioned that last week in a team meeting, some 25 to 30 players on the team came forward

and admitted to gambling. Only 13 players have been suspended, and it is expected that more suspensions are to come.

One suspended player complained that, "Some people got suspended because they were honest enough to say they placed a bet when asked. But you have some people who are going to get off with nothing because they're not being asked, or they're smart enough to deny it when asked."

The gambling scandal has caused a great deal of embarrassment for BC and the city of Boston. Many people have called for the expulsion of the guilty players.

Among the people calling for expulsions is Boston Globe columnist Dan Shaughnessy. In the November 8 Boston Globe Shaughnessy asked, "So exactly what does one have to do these days to get tossed out of Boston College? It's incredible. The fictional Delta House gang of 'Animal House' got tossed from Faber College for less

than what these kids have done. Where's Dean Wermer when you need him? He's not in the office of the Boston College president, Rev. William P. Leahy, that's for sure."

Middlesex District Attorney Thomas F. Reilly, who was asked by BC officials to conduct his own investigation, stressed that there was no evidence of football players throwing games. Reilly explained, "We have found absolutely no evidence of any game, the score of any game, being compromised."

According to Reilly, the bets placed by the players were on college and professional sports, including the World Series. Bets ranged from \$25 to \$1000. The two players who bet against BC bet \$200 and \$250 respectively.

Students and sources involved in the probe explained that the gambling by the football players is not an isolated situation. It is believed that many other athletes involved in "less popular" sports gamble on college and professional sports.

Add/drop period may change

by Ashley Stevens
THE COLLEGE VOICE

A proposal that could severely limit students' class options at the beginning of each semester recently passed the Academic Administrative Procedures Committee (AAPC), which includes 3 students, by a 5-4 vote.

According to the proposal, after about 10% of the semester's classes have already taken place, a professor has the right to deny students admittance to the class. This means that the add/drop period, which is currently about two weeks, would be reduced to about a week. Students looking for extra classes for any reason would have an even more difficult time.

Maya Perry, Chair of Academic Affairs, expressed her concern at an Oct. 26 SGA meeting, during which SGA passed a resolution opposing the change.

The proposal was to be voted on at the Wednesday, Nov. 6 faculty meeting, but quorum was not reached and no vote could be taken. The vote will instead take place at either the December faculty meeting, or the first meeting of next semester.

SGA has tried to get the word out to students through the Contact and posters around campus. Perry urges students to tell their professors that this isn't a good idea, and ask them to vote against it at the faculty meeting.

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Future of environmentalism unclear after election

by Andris Zobs
NEWS EDITOR

The 104th Congress was a virtual war zone for environmentalists as majority-minded Republicans attempted to comprehensively scale back environmental regulation and policy that has accumulated over the past 20 years.

Although most of their measures were struck down, leading conservation organizations found themselves forced to come through with their threats of unleashing the American voters who supposedly value a pristine environment and up-to-date ecological lifestyles. The 1996 election campaign saw tremendous involvement by groups like the Sierra Club, America's oldest and largest environmental group, and the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) who spent millions to support eco-friendly candidates and smite republican upstarts who have been vilified for their voting record during the last Congress.

Claiming that the Republican Congress has violated their implied stewardship of the environment, such groups launched various campaigns, prior to the election, in an attempt to influence anything from state referendums to Senate and Congressional races. Using momentum from the intense political backlash felt over attacks on environmental policy in the 104th congress, it seemed as if the time was

right to make this election a virtual national referendum on the environment. "Before the GOP Congress, people didn't pay any attention to environmental laws, because they thought they were safe," says a [Clinton] administration strategist. "Gingrich changed that. From now on, people will be wary of anyone — Clinton or Dole or anyone else — who tampers with protections." Clinton and Dole, keenly aware of the newfound political influence claimed by environmental organizations, adjusted their campaigns accordingly. Clinton embraced his eco-warrior running mate Al Gore despite the apparent lack of support given him in the previous administration on environmental issues. "The Democrats started

making [environmentalism] a lifestyle, quality-of-life issue," says the *Rothenberg Political Report*. In essence, the Democratic campaign attempted to make environmentalism an implicit right, contrary to the special interest role it had previously occupied. Clinton went as far as to say, "Every time our family goes on vacation in a national park I thank God again for the good fortune of being an American." Dole as well tried to distance

himself from the anti-environmental nature of the previous Congress.

In many ways the warnings of environmentalist organizations about the American electorate's unwillingness to accept these reforms was heeded with a fair amount of respect. Now, however, the election is over with Republicans retaining control in both the House and Senate suggesting the millions spent by these groups was not entirely effective. Jonathan Adler, an environmental analyst at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, explained that "given all the missteps

the Republicans made, the fact that the League of Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club were not more successful suggests that their position has less power and saliency than they

suggested." Given election results, many voters may have felt that environmental issues were exploited for their political capital in light of Clinton's poor record on the environment.

The Sierra Club said its candidates had won in two-thirds of the 62 races that it had selected as its highest priorities — in eight of 12 Senate seats and in 34 of 50 House seats, where it put its main efforts. The League of Conservation Voters

said its allies prevailed in more than half of the targeted candidates on its "dirty dozen" list of legislators selected based on their voting record. Although legislators in Maine decided not to implement a new ban on clear-cut logging, they did, by substantial majority, vote to enact an alternate measure to limit logging, a remedial but promising move.

The votes against the environment and the mediocre results of environmental campaigning, however, may prove to be more significant to the future of environmentalism in the future. In Florida, Amendment No. 4, which would levy a one cent per pound tax on sugar to help fund the restoration of the Everglades, was struck down by nine votes. This was an especially demoralizing loss after intensive media campaigns on behalf of both sides over the past year. Representative Gary A. Condit, a conservative Democrat from the Central Valley of California, won by landslide despite being the only Democrat on the LCV "Dirty Dozen" list. In New Hampshire, former Representative Dick Swett failed to defeat incumbent Senator Robert C. Smith, a Republican, after Swett labeled Smith a tool of polluting industries.

It remains to be seen if elected officials will take the relatively poor showing of environmentalists to be an endorsement from the electorate that the pressure felt in the last Congress will not be as strong. Contrarily, the successes might give an administration that is inclined to go green an opportunity to move forward without the degree of partisan bickering endured in the past.

"Before the GOP Congress, people didn't pay any attention to environmental laws, because they thought they were safe ..."

Arts & EVENTS

Chapel rings with alleluias

by Shana Grobs
THE COLLEGE VOICE

On Friday night, November 8, Harkness Chapel was full of the sounds of alleluias and rejoicing. The Connecticut College Chamber Choir presented their first concert of the year under the direction of conductor Paul Althouse. With a combination of religious melodies and love songs, the choir's performance was both worshipful and romantic.

The performance began with musical selections such as "Festival Te Deum" (Op. 32) by Benjamin Britten and "Rejoice in the Lord Always (The Bell Anthem)" by Henry Purcell. Highlights of this first half of the presentation were Hannah Schramm's solo soprano spot during "Festival," and the alto quartet comprised of Tolonda Henderson, Maren Innis, Mindy Erchull, and April Muse which sang during "Rejoice." This quartet was nicely complemented

by the baritone voice of Eric Long.

Following the intermission, the finest songs of the evening were presented to an already impressed audience. Especially outstanding were the performances of "Loch Lomand" arranged by R. Vaughan Williams and "The Queen to Me a Royal Pain Doth Give" by P.D.Q. Bach. Most notable was Aaron Guckian's amazing solo during "Loch Lomand," which had the audience captivated and thoroughly delighted. Meanwhile, the best group performance was "The Queen to Me a Royal Pain Doth Give," which displayed the greatest talents of both the sopranos and the altos.

Concluding this very successful evening for the choir was the performance of "Psalm 90" by Charles Ives. Not to be forgotten in the midst of this success is the work of John Anthony, Irina Telyukova, and Rachelle DeCoste, who played organ, electronic celeste, and bells, respectively, at various points during the night. The complete harmony of both instruments and voices played a significant role in making the night spectacular for the choir.



photo by Jessica Rogers/The College Voice

Golgi bodies: that part of a cell responsible for packaging and storing exports in the cell, or this semester's dance club production. Following the scientific naming pattern of last year's Neuromuscular Skeletal Events last year, Golgi Bodies was held November 7 through 9 in the Myers Studio in Cro. The dance show contained a wide variety of styles and music. The audience was treated to everything from the lyrical "The Good News" ("Pie Jesu"), to the funky "Top Secret" (Mission: Impossible theme), to a snazzy rendition of "Summertime" (Porgy and Bess) entitled "On the Edge." All of the pieces presented were performed and choreographed by students in the club.

SATA India presents "whole other world"

by Peter Gross
THE COLLEGE VOICE

"Sound is important to me, as a music teacher, and every morning there was a full range of sounds right outside my window. There were exotic birdcalls, people hawking their wares on the streets below, and the sound of people drying out laundry on the rocks outside," said Thomas Stoner, professor of music, when asked recently about his trip to India. Stoner was part of Connecticut College's Study Abroad/Teach Abroad (SATA) last year. He and Linda Herr, professor of theater, from the theater department accompanied Connecticut College students to the University of Mysore. The program is a chance for Conn students to study familiar courses in different surroundings.

While he was there, Stoner taught two courses that he would normally teach here at Conn, American Music, and Survey of Western Music. The students were also able to take courses taught by local professors, such as Indian Political History, and Philosophy and Culture. The classes were kept interesting with a lineup of guest professors, but students were encouraged to do more than just go to classes.

There were trips to local temples, and even venturing into town was an experience with a foreign culture. "It was a less developed country," said Stoner, "So everything that we're used to doing in a few minutes here might take a few hours over there." Just getting on the train

was an effort, apparently, with lines that might take up to an hour just to purchase a ticket. However, the people living there were used to such delays, so if they had to wait an hour for a ticket, and then another two hours for the train, they just worked it into their day. "There was just a kind of contentment, a slower pace to life that can teach us Westerners something."

Stoner remarked on how friendly and helpful the people were several times. "There was a phone booth in town, and it was run by people who told you how long you were on, and how much you had to pay. Since we were there so often, we asked them

things like, 'where's the nearest fax machine,' or 'where do I go to get a haircut,' and a lot of times, they would just take us there themselves." Although the people tried to be helpful, sometimes there was a problem communicating.

India is composed of many different states, and each state has its own language. The British Empire attempted to make English spoken throughout India, but it wasn't as successful as they had hoped. To say "I speak English" there has a whole other meaning, from knowing how to say "good morning," to being able to hold lengthy debates on the merits of Chaucer's works.



photo by Thomas Stoner/Professor of Music

Students enjoy an elephant ride in the wilds of India. They are part of the college's Study Away/Teach Away program.

"Often we would find that we would leave a conversation and [the parties involved] each had a different account of what took place."

However, the language barrier was usually overcome, and Stoner now has some fond memories of unforgettable experiences. "Being

swept up and moved to a different place," was an impression that stayed with him. "Every morning, the sunrise gave everything this rosy glow. When you looked at it through the bug nets hanging above your bed, it was just like being in a whole other world."

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Editors' Note

In light of the numerous responses we have received regarding the "Camel Heard," the editorial board at *The Voice* is concerned that the spirit of the column is not entirely understood by the college community. While the "Camel Heard" column often contains humorous quotes, it is in no way printed purely for comedic or entertainment purposes. Many of the "Camel Heard" quotes are chosen by the editorial staff to highlight what is shocking or disturbing about this campus.

The fact that so many of the "Camel Heards" contain allusions to substance abuse and promiscuous sexual behavior is not meant to make light of these issues but rather to provoke thought within the community in a non-judgemental manner. Keep in mind that *The Voice* neither creates nor edits "Camel Heard" quotes; we merely print what we find to be compelling, pertinent or humorous to our readers. Those who find "Camel Heard" quotes in bad taste should be aware that the comments were made by fellow students and are a reflection of the campus atmosphere whether they are printed in *The Voice* or not.



Earth House

Turning on NPR today to catch my daily dose of morning horror and missing-the-point mindlessness, I learned that the Republicans "are not letting Clinton bask in the glory of his victory." Instead, they are coming down on him harder than before with every "scandal of the day" (A Doleism) that has been whipped up by the GOP and their media lapdogs since Clinton stepped into office four years ago.

I thought, "This country is being run by junior high school kids."

To give you an idea of the imbecility that pervades our "highest offices," consider that the Whitewater investigation team has already spent \$35 million trying to uncover dirt on the president. \$35 million!! While schools, hospitals and AIDS clinics are being shut down, \$35 million of your tax dollars are being farted into the wind!

You want dirt on Clinton? I'll give you dirt, and I guarantee you it didn't cost me \$35 million to obtain this information (just a little reading of the fine print). Lest you try to argue that Clinton "sold out" on the poor and working class, gays, women, people of color, etc. because he was plagued by a Republican legislative branch, I'll only focus on Clinton's first two years when the House and Senate were run by friendly Democrats.

Clinton promised he would "take a firm stand" against the armed forces ban against lesbians and gay men. Under pressure from the reactionary Pentagon brass, he backed down entirely.

Clinton said he would let Haitians, who were fleeing the coup gang then in power, into the United States and consider their requests for asylum. Instead, he stationed a naval blockade to turn them back.

\$15 billion in "investment tax credits" is awarded to big business. Nine millionaires get top positions in the Clinton administration —

more than during the Reagan/Bush years.

An idea for an energy tax on oil and energy monopolies is quickly scuttled. A proposal for raising fees for grazing and mining on federal public lands is dumped.

Clinton's \$16-billion "job stimulus plan" dies in the Senate. Reason? The Democratic majority "couldn't overcome" a Republican filibuster.

Clinton reverses his nomination of Lani Guinier for an important civil-rights post in the Justice Department despite support for her from black and female political leaders.

The Pentagon budget reaches \$280 billion; Washington bombs Baghdad; Clinton and Congress bless the Yeltsin-ordered massacre of Russian Parliament defenders.

Clinton says, "Economy is perking up." IBM and Xerox announce 35,000 and 10,000 layoffs respectively.

Ignoring labor opposition, Clinton pushes the anti-worker NAFTA agreement. The White House and Congress approve \$115 billion in budget cuts, including cuts in Medicare.

Drive to "reinvent government" is announced; later, Clinton boasts of eliminating over 200,000 federal government jobs, most held by African American workers. We don't hear any protest from Congress. Surprised?

Clinton announces his new health-care plan with a whole lot of hoopla. A year later, he and his Democratic majority drop it.

That was just the first year. Oh yes, there's more.

In 1994, NATO war planes bomb the Balkans. The CIA budget reaches \$28 billion. The US invades Haiti. The Pentagon budget is increased by \$25 billion.

Clinton vows to "end welfare as we know". Oh wait, he kept that promise! Millions of women, children, immigrants, and working class people are currently being pushed deeper into poverty.

A \$30 billion crime bill is passed. Key provisions: 100,000 more cops, more prisons and 58 more offenses

punishable by death.

Dr. Jocelyn Elders is fired. Clinton and Labor Secretary Reich propose "reforming" labor laws that protect union rights.

The income gap between rich and poor continues to expand. We still see no national plan to fight AIDS.

And this only covers 1993 and 1994. The second half of Clinton's term certainly didn't improve. In fact, social conditions continue to degrade for the majority of US citizens.

So, I agree with the GOP on at least one point. I'm not going to let Clinton bask in any sort of victory glory. I'm going to be on his back from day one, using every means within my ability to show people that the parameters of political debate have been so narrowed that the space between them is virtually imperceptible and that what passes ostensibly for debate today is mindless character nit-picking which serves the function of diverting our attention and energies away from issues that actually affect our lives. I will struggle to show that our "two party" system is actually a one party system; the Republicans: Defenders of Big Money and Status Quo. The Fortune 500 collectively endorsed Clinton. That just about says it all. We, as citizens and taxpayers, are being given the choice between Phillips and Standard - either way you get screwed. The Democrats say Feed the Rich and the Republicans say Starve the Poor. I say it's time to open things up, expose the rotten core of this political system, and start talking about and acting on real issues that affect real people.

Mark Lucey '95

Youth for Justice respond to Schmoozing

We are writing in response to a comment made in the October 29 issue concerning a topic which we feel to be of great importance. The reference made to "a big butt female" in the "Schmoozing" column raises serious issues about the level of insensitivity that is tolerated at this college. There is no doubt that if the same comment read as "big tit chic," "pushy J.A.P.," or "wheel-chaired crip," outrage would be rampant. We must ask ourselves, how funny is insensitivity? Aren't the feelings of overweight people just as legitimate as anyone else's? Isn't it time we address the common misconception that it is OK to make fun of "fat" people? If the writers of the article didn't think twice about including a comment like this, isn't it a direct reflection of the community's tolerance for such insensitivity?

We call upon the editors and writers of *The Voice* to make a formal, public apology. Furthermore, we challenge the people of the Connecticut College community to deal with this issue. For too long, the ridicule and cruelty that overweight people have had to endure has not

only been ignored but encouraged. It must stop now.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Youth for Justice

Due to a number of responses and reasons, *The College Voice* has decided to relinquish its responsibility to and for 'Schmoozing.' Therefore, no more columns will be printed under the title. *The College Voice* is glad to accept any and all editorial comment. If you are interested in writing a weekly column for the Voice, please contact Rebecca at x2812.

A word from Betty and Veronica

It's your average Tuesday night at Conn; you sit munching a low-fat bagel and sipping a lemonade in one of the newly renovated Cro booths, frantically flipping through the pages of *The Voice* to find your "favorite" column "Schmoozing." You peruse the latest beer guzzling, meathead nonsense only to discover that there's not a whole lot a smart and savvy babe like yourself can relate to. Sure, any reference to Aaron "Chicks dig me" DeMaio is always welcome, but we've found that the female population of Conn could use a little more journalistic stimulation than the Skinny Guinea and Fat WASP have to offer. That's not to say that these guys aren't all the lovin' a girl can handle, but let's face it; when it comes to catty observations of the fast-paced social scene here at our mecca of J. Crew and Natty Light, it's a woman's job.

Now that we've explained the situation, you understand our dilemma. What defines the average woman at Conn? Is it trendy black pants and stacked heel boots? Hairy armpits and a mission to save the world? Or is it simply your big brother's sweatpants and a hang-over? That's a question that only Claire can tackle at her next hot pink suit function. But we believe that there are a few predicaments that unite us all, like how to handle that drunken leech hanging all over you at the Blacklight TNE, and what to do when you are faced with the horror of finding yourself in the sweaty arms of that very same leech the next morning. If this nightmare becomes your reality wouldn't you like some stellar advice from two girls who, in the timeless words of Madonna, have lived to tell?

First and foremost, DON'T PANIC! If he is in your room, pray to the Random Hookup Gods that he leaves before your friends come to wake you up for brunch. Discourage him from making any calls that could later be fived back to you and submitted as evidence of your night of shame. If one of your friends walks in before he is gone, pull the covers up and play dead. Make sure he doesn't leave behind any articles of clothing - how would you explain that XL Feast on the East t-shirt lying on the floor? Once he is gone, light a scented candle to rid the smell of boy from your room and never admit to anyone what

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went on the night before.

If you wake up in his room, it's a completely different story. If he lives on the 2nd floor of Freeman or the 1st floor of Hamilton, consider transferring. If you find yourself on the 3rd floor of JA, the 2nd floor of KB, or in Aaron "Chicks dig me" DeMaio's room, give yourself a big pat on the back! You go girl! However, if you wake up in the strange and mysterious abyss that is central campus, here are a few general rules. 1) Walking home in mesh lacrosse shorts and high heels is a dead giveaway. As long as you're venturing into his closet, take the flip-flops as well. 2) If at all possible, try and make it home before the 11:30 rush for Texas French Toast. And 3) Try to be more sly than a stealth keg participant when leaving and entering dorms. This means no loud chanting outside Blackstone or running past the Campus Safety booth all dressed in black.

We hope this helps you in your quest for true love next weekend, but if all else fails, there's nothing better than *Sixteen Candles* and a \$5 special from Dominoes on a Saturday night. But most of all we'd like to thank those crazy Schmoosers for forcing us to take a closer look at womenkind and realize that there is strength in numbers. We leave you with the immortal words of ABBA, "Anybody could be that guy, night is young and the music's high."

Betty and Veronica

On Schmoozing...

Many feel that the "political correctness" on this campus has sharply limited their freedom to disparage their fellow students at will. It is now a tad less acceptable to describe another in pejorative terms because of her/his race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, and occasionally ableness. (I wish I could say it was unacceptable, but I hear a wide range of — sometimes unselfconsciously — racist, sexist, homophobic, heterosexist, and just generally ignorant, selfish, and offensive comments almost daily. And I read them in *The Voice* on a regular basis.)

I will restrain myself from delivering a self-righteous tirade making up for every statement I have let slide by unmentioned

(something it is far too easy for all of us to do). I'm going to limit myself to two lines in last week's "Schmoozing." "The Fat WASP" took it upon himself to make derogatory comments about a member of the student body at the lobster dinner, "I had three lobsters and two steaks, and then fought some big butt female for my fourth. She left on a stretcher."

I found this comment offensive for several reasons. It is utterly disgusting to me that it is not only acceptable, but ENCOURAGED, to be contemptuous of, disgusted by, and entirely disrespectful to the overweight in our society. This is especially true for women; it is much more culturally acceptable for a man to be labeled as "a big guy" than for a woman to be labeled as "fat" (or big bottomed). The cultural baggage implicit in these attitudes is that there is something inherently inferior about an individual who does not fit our narrowly defined standards of beauty. Women's value as individuals is usually determined by the level of aesthetic pleasure they provide. Therefore, this comment points to the way in which women are objectified and the extent to which this concept has been normalized into our society. Moreover, I am disturbed that this contempt for those who do not possess an "acceptable" body type occurs constantly, and usually goes by unnoticed. I am sure that the authors of this piece did not give this comment a second thought and had no genuine malicious intent, which illustrates just how ingrained the notion of physicality indicating social worth (i.e. worthy of respect) truly is. Replace "big butt female" with a racial, homophobic, anti-Semitic, or ablist epithet, and try shouting it at someone at the salad bar in Harris. It would, at the very least, be recognized as inappropriate.

I could preach endlessly on the political implications of this comment, but I will leave off with two final points. First, please be aware of your own prejudices, and do your best to resist the unjust ideals with which we are

all socialized. Watch what you say. And to the authors of "Schmoozing:" please be a bit sensitive and THINK about what it is you are writing behind that cloak of "anonymity."

Kate MacLaughlin
The Feminist Majority

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will make decisions regarding the long-term goals of WCNI and the best way to achieve these goals. The first meeting of this committee is scheduled for November 14.

Although some members of the WCNI Board of Directors voiced some skepticism about the agreement, Potter expressed his approval of this decision, which will hopefully end three years of miscommunication and will insure that WCNI and the student body will have a more direct influence on the future of the radio station. In a telephone interview with *The Voice* Claire Guadiani said that the situation was a "miscommunication that made it dreadfully more confusing than it had to be." She also discussed some ideas for the radio station, such as providing the opportunity for

student production of student segments for national radio magazines, pending student interest.

Similarly, Held feels that it is "a happy resolution," and that the college "looks forward to undertaking joint strategic planning processes" to "get the best possible programming for the school and community."

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SPORTS

Intramural Update

By Chris Capone
THE COLLEGE VOICE

I.M. Football favorite Hamilton fell to Freight Train 21-14 this week in the opening round of playoff action. Freight Train was led by Aaron "Grow your hair long and Hook-up" DeMaio and Gian "Three Time Flag Football MVP" Giordano who each recorded crucial touchdowns in leading their team to an early 14-

0 lead. In addition the Freight Train defense led by Ethan

Rossiter and Vin Talamo continuously stymied the Hamilton troops with tough plays, perhaps the most impressive of which came at the most crucial point of the game. On fourth and goal from the one Hamilton's Joel English tried to score but was pursued faster than Campus Safety's Donna Lieberman on an unregistered vehicle. (P.S.

thanks for the \$205 in parking tickets this year. The job I took at LeClub to pay them off is working out beautifully).

Hamilton who terrorized the league this year was led by English's two touchdown passes both of which were to Tony Russell. Despite Tyler Ronald's insistence that he was going to kick my ass all over the field, Hamilton failed to pull this one out.

In the second playoff game this week, Sully's Kids and Girls in the Bathroom battled to a 14-14 tie. The game which ended because of darkness will be made up Saturday. Sully's Kids opened the scoring on a touchdown pass in the first half from Bob Driscoll to Dylan DePeter. The Girls would come back led by Tony Silvestro who would run for a touchdown and throw for another to Toby Aherns. Sully's Kids refused to fold however when on the final drive T.J. Green, the winner of the Albino Turtle Award connected with Mark Driscoll despite the fact that his crack was visible from the sideline. Jeff Roach (4 hits) played well. The edge in this game certainly goes to Sully's Kids who may be hampered by Dylan DePeter's chemical dependency on Pepto Bismol and Immodium AD. Enough said, we'll see you Sunday.

Awards:

Ref of the Week-Aaron Guckian-he sings, he dunks, he's 6-foot-9, how come nobody picked this guy up.

Sportsman of the Week-Napper Tandy-has been known to rip flags off, throw them and strut back to the line like he was as big a stud as Kevan Bowler, (yeah right). Not bad for a guy 6ft, 85 lbs

Move of the Week-The Hamilton Defense who ripped my shorts off for a second mid-section mishap in two weeks. No matter what you heard I'm not hung like Pete Bergstrom.

Player of the Week- Ethan Rossiter-Seven sacks against Hamilton and seven hits.

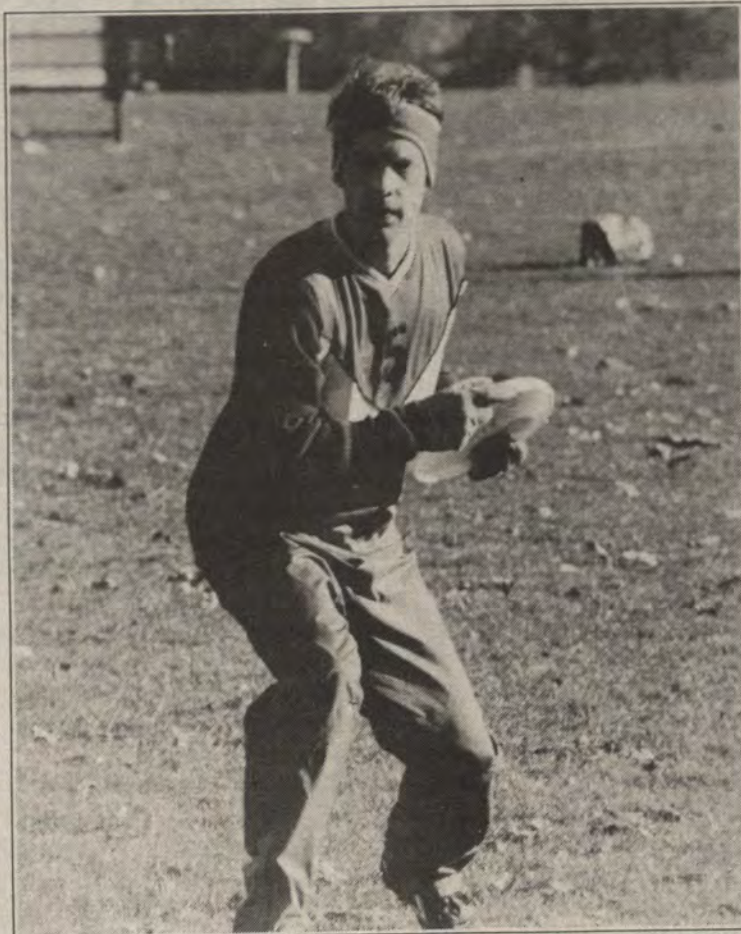


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Rick Canavan '93, a lab instructor at Conn, prepares to make a pass

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faced off against Wheaton and Skidmore, and battled to two tough losses. In their final game, Conn was down 7-8 at half time, but capped off the tournament with a 17-15 win over Trinity, and finished the tournament 1-3. Skidmore was the overall tournament winner. Other colleges involved in the tournament were UCONN and Yale, and Skidmore also featured a "B" team.

Many members of the team feel disgruntled because they feel the team doesn't receive adequate support from the college. "The tournament last Sunday took up six fields, but no one knew about it," said Hebda. Conn will host another tournament in the spring.

This year's team is lead by captains Dave Abrams '99, Tim Hebda

'98, and Heather Grover '97. This year's team includes few players returning from last year's and has added has quite a few freshmen to give them a strong base for the future. Last season Conn finished sixth out of 13 teams in the Metro-New York League; the ultimate disc year is divided into two seasons, one in the fall and another in the spring.

"We have a lot of new players this year, and this was the first tournament that many of them have been in," said Abrams. "I think as we gain experience, we should improve."

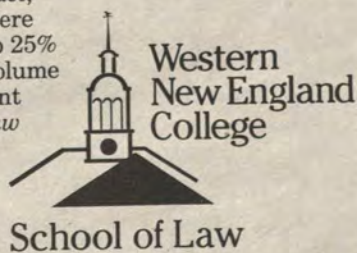
"Hopefully, now we can move up in our region to finally become a dominant team," said captain Hebda.

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CAMEL SPORTS

Post Season Play

Congratulations to field hockey for advancing to ECAC semi-finals. Good luck to the men's soccer team as they head into ECACs. Watch for the Athletes of the Week for winter as the Winter sports season begins.

Field hockey season ends in ECAC semis

by Darlene Gallant
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Camel field hockey ended a standout season this week. The team played two tournament games, toppling UMass-Dartmouth 3-1 on Wednesday, November 6 and falling to Tufts 1-0 on Saturday. The loss has taken them out of the ECAC competition.

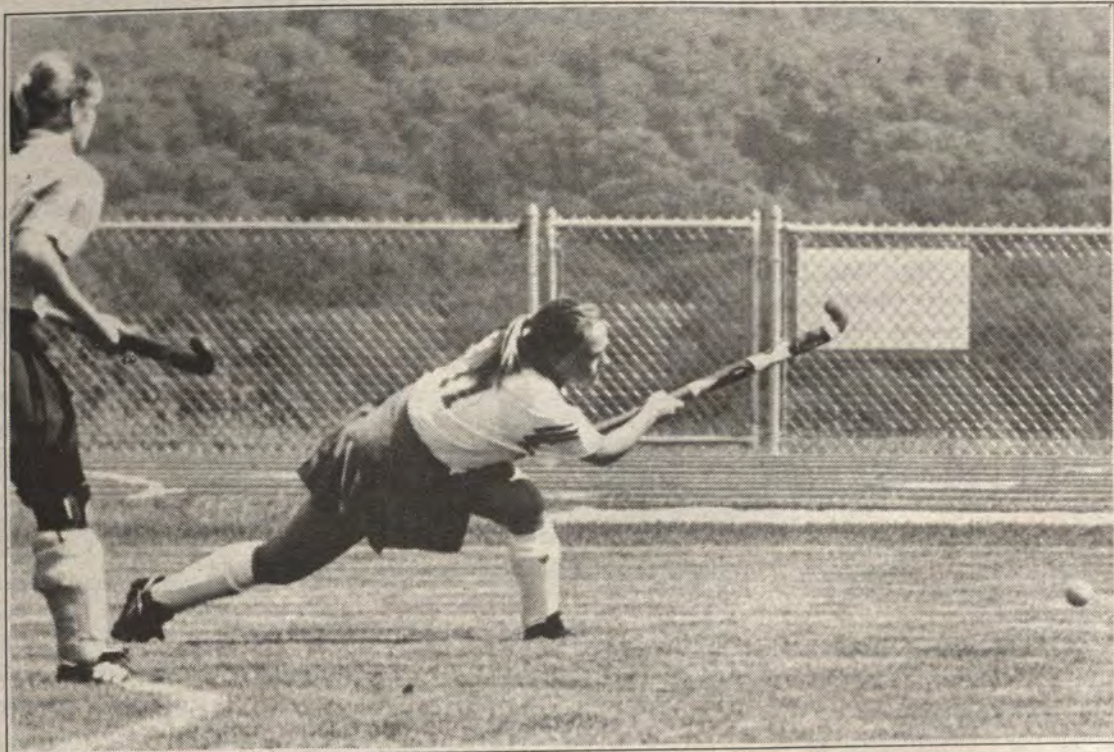
Beating UMass-Dartmouth in quarterfinals of ECACs was of little surprise to Conn, seeing that Conn did shut out UMass-Dartmouth in the regular season 2-0. It was definitely not one of their best games. Team unity, as always has been with this year's squad, was present, but intensity seemed almost nonexistent. "We weren't as excited as we should have been," recalled senior co-captain Wendy Kanter. "UMass looked like they wanted it more." Kanter also saw the slow pace of the game to be connected with a tired team, due to double session practices in the beginning of the week.

Much of the credit of their success goes to senior Kim Holliday. Holliday scored all three goals in the victory, all of which were on

breakaways. Prior to the game Coach Anne Parmenter had given the team situations to imagine, one of which was imagining yourself beating the goalie by seeing the space as opposed to seeing the goalie, and that's exactly what Kim did in each of her goals.

The competition was not very tough. Goalie Kanter only had one save in the first half, but she had 12 in the second half when UMass picked up their intensity. UMass scored their lone goal off of a corner in the second half. After this game, Kanter has allowed just one goal in her last 402 minutes of playing time.

Though the Camels were excited and confident about Saturday's game, they were not able to surpass Tufts. Tufts remains the only NESCAC team Conn has not beaten in four years. Senior co-captain Allyson Kurker commented, "No one really played great, it was just one of those games. Basically, the ball rolled into our goal and it just didn't roll into theirs." Tufts scored with six minutes left, off of a corner. The team could tell it was going to be a one-goal game, and unfortunately, that one goal belonged to Tufts.



Caty Wood makes a shot on goal earlier this season in a game against Tufts

File Photo/The College Voice

Despite ending on such a sour note, this has not been an upsetting season for Conn. The quarterfinal game was their 11th win of the season, a new team record for wins in a season. Holliday has taken over the role of Conn's all-time leading scorer. While junior Nelle Jennings tied the team record for assists in a season with seven. The Camels also tied the team goal record in a season with 36 and set a new record for assists with 26 in the season. The list of commendations for this year's squad is lengthy. Closing this season with an impressive 11-5 record, now all they must do is set their hopes on next year.

Men's soccer: living on a prayer

by Garrett Scheck
THE COLLEGE VOICE

As daylight savings time clips short the hours of sunlight, so too do most soccer teams fade into darkness. However, the Camels raged against the dying light with a hard-fought 4-3 win away at Springfield last Saturday, likely guaranteeing that their season will last another week.

The non-conference rivals may have been the only barrier separating the team from post-season play, and like the reunification of Germany in 1989, it took some heroics to make the wall crumble. Despite outshooting their opponents by a whopping 28-6 margin and hitting iron seven times, the boys in blue fell into an early 2-0 hole. Jonah Fontela '99 responded with a goal of his own, and the Camels went into halftime down 2-1. A third Springfield goal could've been the straw that broke the Camel's back, but Andrew Ladas '98 responded with a penalty kick tally. "We basically controlled the game, and then they scored a relatively nice goal to start the second half. We never gave up though, worked hard the whole game, and showed a lot of heart," said Ian Bauer '99, who has started in goal for the team all season.

Fontela knotted the game with his second goal, and Ladas finished the improbable comeback with his second goal of the game. Matt Raynor '97 found him all alone inside the box with a free-kick, and Ladas was left in peace to tuck it home.

Although the team surrendered

three goals to Springfield, it seems that there is no reason to worry. After allowing only six shots, the majority on the counterattack, they chalk up the questionable score to Lady Bad Luck. The alignment of the team, which had been 3-6-1, which is basically soccer's version of football's "prevent" defense, returned to the more familiar and more offensive minded 4-4-2. "Part of it can be chalked up to bad luck, and I made a few mental mistakes," said Bauer.

The play of Ladas, who also notched an assist, has to be heartening for the Camels. His five-point performance on Saturday, which was also the first multi-goal game of his two-year career, raised his season totals to four goals and two assists, for 10 points. Hopefully this showing isn't just a passing fad for Conn, who need to get goals from a variety of sources in order to achieve success.

The future of this year's side is unclear at best. Late Sunday night, the team heard of its playoff fortunes, which excluded them from NCAAs, in probable favor of the ECACs. Before receiving the call, an apprehensive Bauer said, "The NCAA Selection Committee has already met and made their decisions, so all that's left for me to do is sit here by my phone and wait for the light to light up."

"I think it could be a good thing," said Wes Harris '98. "We have a chance of winning ECACs; where I am not sure we were up for the competition in NCAAs." Hopefully, a season's worth of hard work will bear fruit for the Camels, who need only some sort of metallic hardware to validate their season.

Ultimate disc has high hopes

By Todd Klarin
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Shawarma? What's Shawarma? It's Conn College's ultimate frisbee team, and they're no small club team. It's made up of about 20 full-time players who practice twice a week and play in tournaments against other colleges and club teams.

On Sunday, November 3, Conn hosted one of its two annual tournaments. Nine teams turned out for the event which included over 100 players. Seven colleges, including Conn, and two post-college club teams from Groton and Woodbury made up the tournament. The first team to get 15 points wins, and points are made by completing a touchdown throw to a teammate in the end-zone.

Conn started out with a morning game against Holy Cross, a game that many felt Conn should have won, but due to Holy Cross's unconventional offense, the Holy Cross team upset the Conn Shawarma 15-12. Later, the team

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Captain Tim Hebda '98 throws the pass to his teammate in the ultimate tournament

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