Crozier-Williams Renovation Costs
Projected at $5.85 Million

by Craig Timberg
The College Voice

Planned renovations to Crozier-Williams Student Center are expected to cost Connecticut College $5.85 million according to a study conducted by Prentice & Chan, Olthausen, Architects and Planners.

Final plans for the renovations are not expected until 1989, but tentative plans include relocating the Campus Bookshop and Post Office, as well as creating a convenience store and New York style deli, in a new "Union Hall" to be built in place of the East Gymnasium in Crozier-Williams.

According to a report by Mike Harriman, '89, house senator of Lambeau and a student member of the Crozier-Williams Renovation Committee, the planners are attempting to create "a beehive effect so that faculty and students will have to go there at least once a day." Harriman explained, "they want to make Cro [Crozier-Williams] a real student center with no athletics or academics in there."

In addition to the construction of Union Hall, plans include installation of an elevator and ramps to allow for improved access for handicapped persons, renovating "the Cave," and converting Old Cro Bar into a group of smaller meeting rooms. Expanding the weight room and moving the men's locker room to the second floor, above the pool, are also part of the current plans.

Harriman also noted in a presentation to the Student Government Association (SGA) Assembly that "another overall philosophy is to change the path of the mainstream of students from north-south to east-west," by constructing a "west entry foyer near the tennis courts."

Claire Gaudiani, president of Connecticut College, explained that the renovated student center will serve as "a conveniently located hub," and expressed her support for "a building that's multi-functional."

"We want to have as inviting and appealing set of facilities as the college can afford," said Gaudiani.

Robert L. Hampton, dean of the college and chairman of the Crozier-Williams renovation committee, cautioned students against becoming "overly concerned that we haven't consulted properly," and emphasized that "everything is in the talking phase."

"We're still studying," said Hampton, "there are a lot of issues that need to be resolved."

One such issue is the concern about funding for the project. "We have to make sure there's adequate funding for the renovations," he warned. That the cost of the renovations "could fluctuate by as much as 25 percent."

Gaudiani explained that attempts to secure funding for the renovations are being pursued in "a quiet and appropriate way" and asked students for "the least time and support" to "explore a whole set of approaches to funding."

Another issue faced by the Renovation Committee concerned the possibility of erecting an entirely new student center.

Harriman explained that several of the students on the committee initially favored constructing a new center, but later reasoned, "it would be such a waste of money, the college couldn't justify that."

Lei-Yi Chan, space planner for the Crozier-Williams renovations said, "[a new building] wasn't looked at all that carefully." Chan was reluctant to estimate the cost of a new student center, but when asked if one would cost from $10 to $14 million, he said, "I don't argue with it." Chan defended the decision to renovate the existing building and noted "we have so much at Cro."

Ad Fontes
November 15, 1988

Professors Express Views at ELECTION '88 Forum

by Jacqueline Soteropoulos
The College Voice

Members of the government department faculty discussed the key campaign problems of the democratic and republican parties at a forum on Election '88 on Wednesday, November 9.

William Cibes, Connecticut College professor of government and deputy speaker of the Connecticut General Assembly, called Michael Dukakis' campaign "remarkably incompetent," and cited "the failure of campaign officials in Boston to realize that there is life west of the Hudson River" as a key reason for the governor's failure in his presidential bid. Additionally, Cibes believed Dukakis' decision to let "charges lay on the table" was an important reason for his defeat.

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VIEWPOINT

Members of the SGA Scholarship and Internship Fund Committee Ask for Student Support

Letter to the Voice:

In 1986, Connecticut College joined other New England colleges and universities who have united to create scholarships for non-white South African students. These scholarships delay rent, board, and living expenses for students attending universities in South Africa. Connecticut College has already given $3200 in scholarships to students in their homeland. This offer, coordinated by the New England Bordering Higher Education, presents a scholarship money to the University of Cape Town Fund, Inc. The South African Universities absorb the tuition costs, while every scholarship of $2000 per year covers the other costs for the student.

It is our hope that all members of the SGA Scholarship and Internship Fund Committee will become more aware of this South African Scholarship Fund expanded to include the Philip Goldberg Program. This program offers stipends to Connecticut College students who wish to become involved in public and community services on the state and local level. Goldberg, an esteemed professor of psychology, was a strong advocate of community service. This program and the stipends offered are heavily subsidized in this country. The internships offered by the Fund are open to all Connecticut College students and serve to further strengthen the relationship between New London and the surrounding area and our college community.

Connecticut College's efforts to maintain and develop these programs is coordinated by the Student Government Association's Scholarship and Internship Fund Committee. This year the committee has set a goal of $5000 necessary to meet our commitment in sponsoring the scholarship and internships in the name of the Connecticut College S.G.A. This year's fundraising goal is $1500 larger than the past due to the committee's desire and willingness to develop and recognize several aspects of the fund. Since 1986, much hard work and dedication has gone into this fund. Throughout this school year we will bring many entertaining and educational events to the college community. This is an opportunity for us to have a positive and direct influence on the problems occurring in South Africa and here at home.

It is our hope that all members of the community will participate enthusiastically in this cause.

Please send all donations to:
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New London, CT 06320

Sage Advice for our Future Elections

Letter to the Voice:

Somewhere once said that from the furnace of debate ultimate truth is forged. Whenever that was, clearly hasn't been on the presidential campaign trial of law. Nor has it been a test of minds through speech. The candidate, magnifies the obvious into a tiny little, second sound byte from the same campaign speech over and over again.

As a former public relations representative, I can identify with the need to communicate quickly and effectively with a target audience.

As a journalist, I find myself in a quandary of sorts, relegated to accepting what the "spin doctors," who have worked each campaign, choose to put in the face of the glaring contradictions of their candidate's past performance.

There is a danger that is quite palpable at the surface, and yet, like smoke trails, is completely inaccessible to all but the astute. It gives us a sense that something is not quite right with the way we do political business in this country.

There always seems to be the part of our political figures to imagine that they can actually get away with the "big lie," and that the cheering throngs at their rallies are not made up of real people, but hapless drones with little or no political sophistication or will; in essence, more voters.

This tendency seems to affect particularly the very audiences that we all seek to influence—tobacco, alcohol, like it or not—and many in the profession don't—political consultants have been forced by image makers to accept a pre-packaged script that defies a more careful and unerring analysis on the six o'clock news.

Politics has always been subject to the seductive allure of image, and with it, the very institution whose principal function Thomas Jefferson asserted was designed to keep it honest. Indeed even Jefferson became disillusioned with the press of his day, writing to a friend, "Nothing can now be believed which is seen in a newspaper. Truth itself becomes suspicious by being put into that vehicle."

The presidential debate lies in the very nature of the relationship; that like a person who has a friend with a drinking problem, there is a tendency to make excuses rather that to confess, to be indifferent of the problem rather than lose the friendship. My concern is that the ultimate loser in American politics is the actual American people.

If we are to take our civic duty seriously, we must remember that the strength of our nation has always been found in its diversity. This is, after all, a country, of, by, and for the people; not the messages on Capitol Hill.

When we remember that the ultimate power to elect our leaders—and the direction of our future—lies with us, we will begin to recover a sense of consciousness that transcends the boundaries of political партийспашс и demagoguery. When that sense only begins to pervade our society, it will ultimately be heard on Capitol Hill and in the Press Box on campaign day.

Take a stand for the future and don't allow someone else to do your thinking for you—cross-reference, verify, argue, dispute, challenge, research, amplify—all of these are actions that will bring you one step closer to the ultimate truth.

In the words of T.S. Eliot:

We shall not cease from exploration.
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

Peter Hyde, RTC

Watch Eyes on the Prize.
Bridge the Gaps and Holes in our History

Letter to the Voice:

1970 saw the antagonism sides of the Civil Rights Initiative drop their weapons and assent the burden of their struggle. Fifteen years of fiery exchanges between extremists for justice and extremists for injustice pacified, leaving scarred cities and reticent veterans.

1970 is also the year many of us were born or learning to walk. We grew up on quiet battlefields, and the reticent veterans are our parents. It brings back too many bad memories to tell you what I felt when Rev. King died. Spoken by my mother, she represents the parent who doesn't want to burden their children with pain. Yet the history tied up in the experiences of our parents adds meaning to present social inbalances.

Eyes on the Prize, a six-part documentary of the Civil Rights movement gaps between generations and fills holes in American history. Old footage of sit-ins and marches are blended with personal testimony from its participants uncovers what our parents have been telling us all these years.

And as history proves a clear perspev on the present, the documentaries provide a new perspective on the impact of researching this moment. One part of the series will be shown each week during dinner, with the final panel at the end for reflection and reaction.

See the struggle to bring our ech- nicians together, see the human side of historical fact, see America at its worst and at its best. See Eyes on the Prize. Flyers are being posted.

Arnold Madison Kee

Needed Improvements are Far More Important Than Cro Renovation

What could this College do with $5.5 million? Some proposals are being guided to spend such a sum in order to renovate the Cross-Williams Student Center. While this renovation is being called needed and a dramatic improvement for student life, is it really needed? Will it really improve this College so dramatically?

Most would contend that Cro in its current state is outdated and that, even with the recent snack shop renovation, it fails to serve as a focal point for the student body. The solution, has been suggested, to scrap the Cro gym and move the post office and bookstore to that location, and add an additional deli and convenience store.

Rather than being a vast improvement in student life, what this project represents is a heinous waste of money. We do need two dining areas in Cro? Do we really need that post office moved a few hundred yards north-west? Do we need this so called "beehive effect" in order to make this College a "great college"?

There are many more important, needed things this College should do first before it starts fretting about moving the post office or building a second snack shop area.

The current plan for the Cro renovation includes the installation of ramps and elevators to make the building accessible to the handicapped, this is one of the few real needed necessities addressed in the tentative plans. If you look around the dorms, however, you will find that they are almost completely inaccessible to the handicapped, especially to those in wheelchairs. There are no elevators nor ramps in any of the dorms. This campus desperately needs to improve its accessibility to the handicapped.

Additionally, $5 million could be used in a number of educational areas. How about hiring a few new faculty members to expand depart- ments? How about raising student salaries, or perhaps this money for technological improvements? Is not quality education of paramount importance to this institution?

We hear again and again that this College is trying to move ahead edu- cationally, that we will eventually be comparable to the Ivys, but excellence is not a facade, and excellence in education is not the product of a renovated Cro. Though the renovation of Cro would be some kind of physical improvement to the campus, at the present time other priorities are more pressing. If we want to pursue quality learning, we can do it without the superfluities and invest our monies in areas of true benefit and importance to the College.

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CONNOTHUGHT

Café Craved at Connecticut

The sky was grey, Cold rain fell clinging to already chilled eyepads. People trickled in and out of Belle France, the Nature Company and the Closet on Newbury Street in Boston. But they lingered, they lounged, and they laughed in the coffee shops, the bakeries and bars.

For two hours that unwelcome, dismal Saturday afternoon, a man and I sat in the 'Pomme de Terre' cafe drinking coffee, sipping fig bars, boodles and 'hermits.' We talked about Connecticut, the art exhibit we had just seen, John Stuart Mill, and families. At one point, a man wearing a woolen hat working behind the counter proudly handed us two cups of 'Swedish Coffee,' a steaming concoction of frozen yogurt and black coffee with a shake of nutmeg on top. Only a 5:30 date was powerful enough to make us sit down and open a conversation.

After a day in the city, we arrived back at Connecticut College to grabbing at the right time, the nearest, brightly lit, cafe-laiden Cro. Where is the cafe at Connecticut College where friends can savor a cappucino and enjoy an escape to a quiet, unobtrusive atmosphere?

"Cafe Craved at Connecticut College where looking Cro. Where is the cafe at Connecticut College where looking Cro. When I want a coffee, or a Thursday night keg, and I often find myself wanten a cup of tea with him while we discussed the trials and tribulations of our art history class, SCA, the administration, and the comedians planning for the future of our college talk often of raising Connecticut College's standards, the intellectual life of the campus and of creating an atmosphere where vandalism, drunkenness, and poor behavior are the exception. Our environment does a great deal to mold our moods, to inspire, or depress us. What better way to stimulate interaction between faculty and students, among students themselves, and to make people liv ing at Connecticut feel more a part of the real world than to institute a coffee house?

All over the country, cafes are synonymous with student life. On recent visits to Berkeley, Stanford, Kenyon, and Colby colleges, and Yale, I am among hordes of other students frequenting coffee shops in the towns their institutions is adjacent to, or ones existent on their own campus. Here, our only option is to snatch a snack or a chat at Cro. Thoughtful innovation can supersede the apathy and the repetition so often associated with the limitations of social events and settings at Connecticut.

For the sake of variety, for the love of ambiance, for the sensibilities of the aesthetic, the European and the philosophi cally minded; to further the urge to be a part of the larger picture, and to propel Connecticut College into the 90's, a 'Pomme de Terre' or a 'Peppita' must happen on this hill.

by Elizabeth Hoffman '90

The Immediate Crisis of the calendar is now safely behind us; the faculty recently voted to remain with the traditional two-week calendar. Thanks to the committees planning for the 1988-1989 academic year, the calendar is now safely behind us; the faculty recently voted to remain with the traditional two-week calendar. Therefore, the campus community participate in this separation. Not only should we all separate our trash, we must also separate our trash into containers for recycling clean paper and other recyclable items. The costs of recycling are now considerably less than the costs of landfills. Connecticut College recycles some of its paper and cardboard through Connecticut Carving at the cost of $85.00 per dumpster load, which may weigh several tons. Bottles and cans are recycled at no cost to the college other than the salaries of those who bring it to the New London transfer station. Recycling will not solve the landfill and environmental crises, but it is the only current alternative to high cost, polluting methods of waste disposal, it is crucial that we, as individuals, practice our waste management habits and separate our trash for recycling.

A recycling program is currently being set up at Connecticut College. Students can separate their trash into containers for recycling clean paper and newspapers, bottles and cans. Faculty, administration, and staff will soon be getting separate containers for paper garbage, and all campus buildings will be equipped with recycling containers. It is crucial for the success of the program that all members of the college community participate in this separation. Not only should we all separate our trash, but we must also separate our trash for recycling, and the campuses instead of carboys, and bring personal cups to the dining halls and snack shop. Each member of the college community must become aware of the waste they produce, the necessary piece of non-recyclable waste we use further pollute the environment, and aggravates the crisis we now face.

by Wendy Knott '90 and Julie Bert '90

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by Shannon Stoff, '91

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The immediate crisis of the calendar is now safely behind us; the faculty recently voted to remain with the traditional two-week calendar. However, since the issue is bound to be revived, I am concerned that the calendar is now safely behind us; the faculty recently voted to remain with the traditional two-week calendar. Therefore, the campus community participate in this separation. Not only should we all separate our trash, we must also separate our trash into containers for recycling clean paper and other recyclable items. The costs of recycling are now considerably less than the costs of landfills. Connecticut College recycles some of its paper and cardboard through Connecticut Carving at the cost of $85.00 per dumpster load, which may weigh several tons. Bottles and cans are recycled at no cost to the college other than the salaries of those who bring it to the New London transfer station. Recycling will not solve the landfill and environmental crises, but it is the only current alternative to high cost, polluting methods of waste disposal, it is crucial that we, as individuals, practice our waste management habits and separate our trash for recycling.

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FEATURES

Swine Invasion: Obese Pigs Usurp Arboretum Trails

by Jonathan Shambrun

In the first weeks of October, over twenty stray pigs were sighted in the Connecticut College Arboretum. Two mother sows, four feet long and two feet tall, were seen and photographed leading a pack of twelve piglets on the fire trail trails.

Tracy Leavenworth, '91, while running on the fire trails, spotted them from the rear. Before they were in sight, upturned soil and mutilated turf triggered Leavenworth’s curiosity. A first glance lead Leavenworth to assume they were sheep because of their healthy girth. Leavenworth continued to jog behind them, gaining slowly. When pig-like grunting and snorting became unmistakable, Leavenworth knew she was behind pork.

“With panicky persuasion, Leavenworth slammed the hound-gross wallowing in the mud for a few minutes, but forged on through unpredictable pig-trodden muck. Without warning, one of the two huge mother sows turned and charged. Leavenworth spotted refuge behind a nearby small tree, after an unsuccessful shimmy attempt leaving her thighs chafed and her heartbeat cranking. At this point, the pig’s ears were flush with its head: a group of guerillas called FARC, Federated Armed Revolutionaries of Colombia.

Companion Steve Koneman of the University of Wisconsin, France, wondering her brother was alive. McLachlan and Koneman, both geography majors, de-

Brother of Connecticut College Student Held Hostage in Colombia for Ten Months

by Jonathan Shambrun

Kate McLachlan, ’89, spent her junior year in the south of France, wondering if her brother was alive. Columbia University junior Jason McLachlan, and companion Steve Koneman of the University of Wisconsin, were held captive from October 1987 until August, 1988, by a group of guerrillas called FARC, Federated Armed Revolutionaries of Colombia.

McLachlan and Koneman, both geography majors, de-

signed their own study-away program to survey terrain and farming techniques in Mexico, Central America, and South America. They left in June, 1987, and maintained phone contact with their families once a week.

Their travels began with an intensive, eight-week Spanish language program in Guatemala. By South America, they felt their studies had been largely impersonal and left them dry. Eager for an adventure, the geography majors decided to travel down the Amazon River for a month.

They bought a canoe and motor, and headed down the Putumayo River, a major drug trafficking avenue where they met and bonded with Hernan. Their new Colombian tour guide gave them fishing lessons and took them under his wing.

McLachlan and Koneman lived with the Colombian guide Hernan. Their new Columbian tour guide gave them fishing lessons and took them under his wing.

Hernan escorted the Americans to his uncle’s estate, a coca plantation. McLachlan and Koneman were leery, and decided to leave the next morning. In the middle of the night, they left.

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 FEATURES

Professor Willauer Studies at Yale on Sabbatical

By Melissa Burns
The College Voice

The familiar professor who is usually seen bustling around the campus in a dark suit and horned-rim glasses has recently taken on a new dimension. George Willauer, Jr., professor of English, is on a one-year sabbatical. He now divides his time between Connecticut College and Yale, where he has been honored as a visiting faculty fellow. Derived from the word "Sab- biath," a sabbatical serves as a traditional leave of absence, usually granted every seven years as a time for refreshment, an opportunity to study and catch up on course preparation, and a chance for independent scholarship," explained Willauer.

"I do miss the College and my students," Willauer said, but the sabbatical "has given me enormous freedom." Part of that liberty exists in the opportunity to talk with fellow scholars in his field, as well as using "those wonderful libraries at Yale."

There are different benefits and goals that surround a sabbatical. Not only is such a leave considered beneficial to the individual, but it is beneficial to the College. Willauer applauds the theory of a sabbatical, because it temporarily "allows the College to be free of that person’s influence." This way, courses aren’t always taught by the same professors. Curriculum can evolve and change, maintaining interest among students.

The academic work that Willauer is doing during his sabbatical has two sides to it. First, he is researching and studying course material for American literature, and second, he is involved in a complementary study of Emily Thaxter, a poet and contemporary of Emily Dickinson. The paradoxical relationship between these two women also reveals starting parallels.

Thaxter had been famous during her lifetime, unlike Emily Dickin-
son, but her poetry, by modern standards, is poor. Willauer "is trying to show that there may be another way of looking at it." His contextual study shows Thaxter in relation to the aesthetic movement of the 1800s. "Thaxter was a real personality. She was forgotten and needs to be revived," Willauer said.

Digging through Thaxter’s life is a pursuit that Willauer holds dear. "One of the joys of a scholar," he explained, “is the detective work.” As the core to his sabbatical, Thaxter’s life embodies poetry, the minutia of the McLachlan family in Chicago. According to the guerillas, Heman McLachlan, father of Emily Dickinson, and American art and history. "It involves everything that interests me,” said Willauer decidedly.

Since coming to Connecticut College in 1962, Willauer has seen the campus grow and flourish. Now, it is his turn to indulge himself. In his words, "I hope to come back a better teacher, full of new ideas, challenges, and maybe even inspiration."
Crozey-Williams Renovation Raise Community Concerns

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He also said that "Cro might have to be remodeled again," and explained that the planners are attempt- ing to "build the most flexi-
ble [student center]." He noted their attempts "reduce the risk, but the risk is there." Chan further said that the risk of further renovations "will affect a totally new building as a renovating building."

Additional concerns raised by Hartman and others include the
tive aspects of the renovation and explained the plan to expand the current weight room into "a weight fitness center" which would be "available to a variety of sports" and "not intimidating to anybody."

The swimming pool located in Williams has also been an area of concern. The present pool is inadequate for use during meets because it has five instead of six or eight lanes and it 25 yards, instead of 25 meters, long.

Luce explained that "our pool is antiquated" and said, "it's on the list [for possible future renovation], but it's pretty far down the list." There is no schedule yet for the renovations, but Chan suggested that some construction might begin this summer. The major phase of the renovation will take approxi-
mately fifteen months and will re-
quire that much of Crozier-Wil-
liams be closed for that academic year. No date for that phase of con-
struction has been set.

The Student Government Aca-
demic is planning a Contact meet-
ing to discuss the renovations sometime before Christmas.

This Week in SGA

President Gaudiani Discusses Her First One Hundred Days

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but he will not be allowed to par-
ticipate in any other activities. In addition, he may only be in class-
room buildings or the library and that the teams must be off campus by a certain hour.

Gaudiani's reason for these re-
straints is that, based on the ac-
tion of the College, "this student is an unwelcome member of the community."

One of Gaudiani's projects as-
sumed was the Strategic Planning Process. According to the schedule outlined in the "All Campus Draft" of the plan, the teams were to have been chosen by October 3 and to have begun meeting by October 10. The teams have not been chosen as of yet. This delay, however, called "a joyous one" because it was due to the large, positive response of volunteers. Gaudiani said that the teams are being trained now and that the teams will begin meeting this week.

The Dean of Faculty search com-
mittee is being established and al-
though there is only one student on it, Gaudiani insists that students will have more input later in the process.

In regards to the academic calen-
dar, Gaudiani claimed she "fol-
lowed procedure to the letter" as far as the Student Government Aca-
demic. However, she did not read the current proposal was that the faculty had only been given three days to re-

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In the democratic party are a bunch of pencil-necked geeks from Harvard.

Maureen Moakley, visiting as-
sistant professor of government, said on Bush campaign problems that the selection of Dan Quayle as the republican running mate "probably cost him [Bush] a number of points." "Pressure called Quayle "the most catastrophi-
cal stupid man ever nominated by a party."

In fact, the panel was uncertain how Quayle would function in the vice-presidential office, and Cibes said that after eight years of experience as vice-
president, "insaye ... [Quayle] will have great capacity." Wayne Swanson, chair of the government department, antici-
pated problems between Bush and the democratic Congress. "I think it's going to be very diffi-
cult for [George Bush] ... the strategy in his campaign has angered many Democrats."

"He can't be as aggressive in pursuing policy as Reagan was," said Cibes.
New London Tap Water: Is It Really Safe Enough to Drink?

by Little Winton
New London Focus Editor

How often have you taken a sip of New London tap water and nearly gagged? Did you wonder if that assaulting your taste buds was also attacking your bacteria. Are very high water exceeded the acceptable limit. These volatile organic chemicals occur when natural acids from lent.

violation were measured at 136 parts per billion, ered a major threat for two reasons. Along with the harmful effects to the brain, kidneys, nervous system, and red blood cells another main concern is that it is not known what levels are actually hazardous.

So what can you do?

Again the Water Department has sent out warnings, but this time New London seems to be ahead of the game. It has gotten rid of a lot of the lead containing material and has recommended that residents have their water tested (the cost of about $20) and change pipes where levels are too high.

It also recommends flushing out water that has sat in pipes over a period of several hours. The best way to do so is to wait until a definite drop in temperature can be detected; this indicates fresh water. Also, hot water is more likely to catch lead and therefore cold water should be obtained from the tap and then boiled.

But the New London Water Department has been thinking ahead with the new filtration plant. It will be prepared to deal with the lowered level requirements of trihalomethanes expected by the EPA in the near future. Also lead monitoring and testing for corrosion of lead and copper, other expected requirements from the updating of EPA regulations, are already being taken into account.

New London water is far more dangerous then the water in many cities in the United States today, and with a couple of precautions it is relatively safe... if you can stand the taste.

Edgerton Elementary

Busing Offers Solution to Racial Imbalance in New London Elementary School System

by Stas Alexander
The College Voice

The New London School District is facing a growing problem of racial imbalance within its schools. Dr. Rene Racette, superintendent of schools, said. "We haven't been cited yet (by the State Department of Education). September 30 was the date of our annual student census report, which enables us to obtain a racial survey of our students.

"We took a student count, and by our student calculations, we are off balance in at least one school."

New London currently has an average minority enrollment of 55.4 percent in its elementary schools. The state of Connecticut has determined that racial imbalance may be a problem if a school falls within plus or minus fifteen percentage points of the student minority average. If a school is more than fifteen percentage points above or below the average, the school is considered "racially imbalanced."

"Out of our five elementary schools, it is Harbor, Hale, and Winthrop which fall safely in the "caution" range of racial imbalance," said Racette. "These three schools range anywhere from fifteen to twenty-four percentage points from the district minority average."

"Jennings falls right on target; that is, on the boundary line between racial balance and imbalance. It has a 50.6 percent minority enrollment."

Racette further said, "Edgerton Elementary, according to Connecticut state law, is a racially imbalanced school, with a plus 26.7 percentage point divergence from the average. This means that the minority enrollment at Edgerton is approximately 82.1 percent."

All of this information is then sent to the Connecticut State Department of Education for review and analysis. Some common recommendations to be expected are busing requirements and redistricting boundaries.

For the moment, Racette and the New London Board of Education are "waiting for word from the State" on the situation.
ARTS and LEISURE

Concert Review:

George Russell Tears up Palmer Stage

By John Clark
The College Voice

The concert given by George Russell and lead trumpet Mike Peipman. An interesting aspect of the piece was a call-and-response section in which the band answered a recording of the late Saba Martinez intoning the African chants on which the piece is based. As well played as the first section of the concert was, one might have been given to think that this was no more than a good repertory group. The band itself was made up of young players who seemed rather detached from the music and the spirit behind it. Such notions were quickly dispelled by the few minutes of the next piece, The African Game. Made up of nine movements (or “events” as the composer calls them), this piece functions as a kind of dance suite, with each section changing meter and adding and layering different sound textures to portray the development of mankind from the cradle of humanity to the present day and beyond. This contained a fine extended flagelliorn solo from Peipman which made use of screams and half-valved effects but nevertheless evoked the spirit of Clifford Brown. The rhythm section is also worthy of praise. Steve Johns proved himself to be an adept time-keeper as well as a creative rhythm section is also worthy of praise. Steve Johns proved himself to be an adept time-keeper as well as a creative force in his drumming conversations with percussionist Pat Holtenbeck. Perhaps most notable was Bill Urson, who shocked this devotee of acoustic jazz with some remarkably tasteful cymbal work on electric bass throughout the concert.

Uncommon Ground was the next piece on the program. In spite of some trouble with the various electronic paraphernalia inherent in such a performance, this piece went well. Commissioned especially for the band’s tour of New England this fall, Uncommon Ground showed off most of the solos in the group. Tenor saxist Rob Shope was by far the most memorable. His mercurial playing as well as his vontrisontic accompanying gestures were perfectly well within the spirit of the piece. The alto and soprano work throughout the concert was taken care of by Dave Mann, who also provided some exciting, but insufficiently utilized, flute passages.

The final scheduled piece of the evening was the Electronic Sonata for Souls Loved by Nature. This was written by Russell in 1969 to illustrate the ideas of his “vertical form,” which consists of layers of sound and rhythm based on a single idea or motif. This piece effectively showcased all of the above mentioned members of the band as well as Charles Kenon on trombone.

A rather rousing response by the session on the changes of Miles Davis’ So What. This featured, in addition to the other soloists in the band, the somewhat older-sounding Bill Lowe, who took an immensely exciting extended bass trombone solo, which was well received by both the crowd and the band. A second return by the band proved to be one of a trip to pack their instruments, but they nevertheless gracefully acknowledged their standing ovation for a job well done, if not well appreciated by an all-too-rude audience.

There was a unity within the music and the musicians which was constantly demonstrated during the concert. The pieces were highly programmed and vastly different within themselves, yet an overall sense of cohesion was maintained, principally through the energy and obvious musical enjoyment demonstrated by the band as well as by Russell himself. It was a shame that so few people attended, but perhaps that was for the best, because a report seemed to exist between musician and small audience which might not have otherwise been established.

Those who did attend will definitely attest to the strength and vitality of the music.

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SPORTS

Women's Soccer Team is #1 Women's Soccer Captures ECAC Title

The Connecticut College women's soccer team captured the ECAC Championship by shutting out the University of New Haven in the final, 2-0, on Sunday, November 6. The Camels finished their season with an impressive record of 14-2, ranking them tenth in the nation and second in New England.

"This past weekend was very pleasing and perfect for CONN. We went the farthest possible and it was very pleasing," said Ken Kline, head coach of the women's soccer team.

"They [Eastern Connecticut State] had played Smith and won, 5-0. It was a very easy game for them. We had a hard, tiring game on Saturday and had to play less than twenty-four hours later but we still pulled it off," Kline said.

The Camels played with many injuries. Ann Carberry, '90, had a pulled muscle, Marty Davis, '91, had a pulled muscle, and Maria Mitchell, '91, and Kristen Supko, '92, had hurt legs.

"In spite of our injuries, everybody wanted to play. It was very important," Kline said.

All twenty-three players played in the game. A spectacular job was done by Davis, Supko, Jamie O'Connor, '91, Linda Maddern, '89, Katie Bing, '90, Mitchell and Lucy McDonough, '90. Shooting down Eastern's attack in the defense were Tracy Leaverworth, '91, and Marcie Patterson, '92.

Twenty-five minutes into the first half, Bing stole the ball and scored the first goal. The shot was so strong the opposing goalkeeper didn't even make a move for it. The second goal was also scored by Bing, assisted by Supko and Mitchell.

On Saturday, November 5, the Camels had won a spot in the ECAC championship game by virtue of a tough 2-1 overtime win over Bowdoin College. At halftime the game was scoreless, but fifteen minutes into the second half Bowdoin scored a nicely headed goal against CONN.

The Camels came back to tie the game up with fifteen minutes left in the contest. Kline had switched Carberry from defense and put her on the forward line. Carberry received a beautiful pass from O'Connor on the rightwing and let off a shot that just went inside the left post, setting the stage for overtime.

The teams then went into two periods of overtime, fifteen minutes each and came out both with no score, leading to overtime with penalty kicks. CONN had the edge, having very good shooters and an outstanding goalie.

"This proved to be the difference. We took four shots and scored on all of them," Kline said.

The four penalty kicks were taken by Mitchell, Supko, O'Connor, and Bing respectively. Bowdoin scored on their first and third shots but Eva Cathalas, '91, blocked the other two shots. Enabling CONN to advance to the ECAC championship.

Women's Field Hockey Team Falls Short

by Lorraine White The College Voice

The Connecticut College field hockey team completed a fantastic season on Saturday, November 5, with an upcoming loss to NESCAC opponent, third-seeded Williams.

CONN entered the competition with an outstanding record of 8-3-1 and a second place ranking. Trinity was seeded first. The bid for the NESCAC title was stolen from the Camels in their first game of the tournament as they fell to the Ephs by a 4-3 margin in triple overtime.

"We were unlucky. I don't think that there was much more that we could do defense-wise. They were better strokertakers than we were. They were just better on the line," Abbey Tywon, '91, said.

The Camels had defeated Williams earlier in the season and were hoping to complete the task by wiping the Ephs out of the tournament on Saturday. Both teams came on strong and gave their best, matching each other goal for goal. The first tally of the game came within the first five minutes and was delivered by Jill Dello Sirito, '91, off of an assist from co-captain Sarah Lingeman, '89. CONN's second and third goals were scored by Jessica Horgan, '91, with assists from Lingeman and Tywon.

"I've never seen a group of girls give so much," said Anne Parmenter, head coach of the women's field hockey team.

Laurie Sacht, '92, starting goals for the Camels had an impressive game with 17 saves. CONN matched Williams both physically and mentally. The game simply came down to a matter of strokes.

"We did really well for a team who were making their very first tournament showing," Dello Sirito said.

The Camels are already looking towards a successful season next year and will soon begin indoor practices.

"We played the best game of their lives. It was absolutely unbelievable," Parmenter said.

“A classic end to a great season,” Sachs said.

Men's Cross Country Finishes 16th

The Rochester Institute of Technology dominated the race, finishing with a mere 56 points, notching a first place finish. Hunter's Kevin Sullivan was the firstplace finisher. Hunter's Kevin Sullivan was the individual winner with a time of 25:57 on the 5.05 mile course.

"Satisfied" was the word Jim Butler, coach of the men's cross country team, used to describe how he felt after the race.

"We established a few goals before the race, and we achieved every single one of them," Butler said. "I couldn't have asked for more, and I am pretty satisfied."

"The Camels' goals had been to improve on last year's finish of 18th place, to get their first man higher than 70th place, to get their 5th man higher than 125th, and to continue to keep their 1-5 split down to a minute or less.

CONN also "nibbled" at their cross-street rival, the Coast Guard Academy. When last racing against the Bears, CONN failed to put a man anywhere in front of CGA's top seven. However, at SUNY-Albany, CONN succeeded in placing four men before CGA's seventh man. The Bears were also only able to finish four runners before CONN's first finisher.

The Camels' number one man, Andrew Builder, '91, ran a time of 29:09 to place 64th while CONN's fifth man, Iain Anderson, '89, ran the course in 30:07 to place 103rd, thus achieving a 1-5 split of 58 seconds.

CONN's remaining varsity lineup included four freshmen, otherwise known as the "Fab Four," who placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, respectively, for CONN: Jeff Williams (80th, 29:29), Peter Jennings (83rd, 29:33), Ian Johnston (86th, 29:37), and Mathieu DesJardins (104th, 30:08). Todd Barringer, '91, was the Camels' 7th man, placing 145th overall with a time of 31:55.

The "Fab Four" have helped the team considerably all season according to Butler.

"They have just been great, and I am pleased with their progress," Butler said. "All season they have been taking turns pushing, pulling, and helping each other. There is competition among them, but it is friendly competition."