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A young mall-goer prepares to ride the tiger.

Lions, tigers, and bears, oh my!

Wild animals roam the Crystal Mall

by Greg Levin
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Anybody wish to remove their presence from this godforsaken campus? (Indeed, godforsaken after 3 months?)

A short drive to Boston may satisfy this dream, but those not blessed with the now so-valuable car or a reliable cash flow are forced to take refuge within the savior, "Camel van," and his first and foremost destination, the Crystal Mall.

Yet the so-called quaint, prime sociological example of a civilized community has suddenly reared an ugly head. What exactly was that deafening roar echoing through those hallways? Did you hear low rumblings, perhaps, coupled with stories of odd sightings from fellow mall-goers?

Yes, that lady you may have seen did actually witness a panda bear singing through the hallways. And yes, that old man who you thought may have seen one to many years perhaps did see a tiger, eyes aglow, with a child on its back.

Indeed, the exotic animals of the far away lands of Africa and Asia have visited New London's very

own Crystal Mall.

Often compared to those small furry stuffed animal toys that walk around by themselves making those annoying synthesized bark-like sounds, these robo-animals (called X Animals, created by Planet X, Inc.) are designed to carry over 250 lbs each of human on their back.

The sign itself states quite seriously that the ride is for "children and adults."

Yet when I stepped in line for a short ride around the mall's center, I could not help but notice the disturbed glances that I attracted at the moment. Parents gave a light smile that mimicked a grimace, while kids just look wide-eyed. Was I missing some type of more that suggested college students cannot have fun too?

After paying a \$2.50 admission, the attendant led me to the animals. (Of course, this was a rather normal occurrence to the patient soul, as his calm manner illustrated. He's seen freaks like me, college dudes perhaps going into some kind of mind de-evolutionary process after seeing the dawn of harsh reality.)

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Polish dissident receives honorary degree

by Mitchell Polatin
THE COLLEGE VOICE

"Communism was like a freezer, an empire of evil" explained Adam Michnik, a human rights activist who grew up in the midst of Communist Poland, during his acceptance speech Thursday night. Connecticut College presented Michnik with the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa.

Michnik has dedicated his life to the fight for democracy across the world. He is a human rights activist, journalist, historian, political commentator and author.

At the age of 15, Michnik organized "Seekers of Contradictions," a discussion group in his middle school. This group questioned the social and political structure of Poland.

In college, Michnik continued to fight the communist government of Poland. He was expelled from school and jailed. Michnik spent a total of six years in prison.

After he was released from prison Michnik continued to fight for democracy. Michnik went on to form the Committee for the Defense of Workers. It was a social support group that provided financial, legal and medical aid to workers.

Michnik played an integral part in the Solidarity movement, which led to the return of Democracy in Poland. Michnik also serves as the editor in chief of *Gazeta Wyborcza*, the most widely read newspaper in Europe.

I was able to sit down with Michnik, prior to the honorary doctorate to discuss his life and goals.

Michnik, whose English is "little" as he explains it, spoke with me through an interpreter.

He explained, that he first began to think that communism was wrong while he was attending middle school.

"We formed a club, the club didn't last long. The authorities questioned

us and separated us.

But we knew that communism was evil. Communism was a lie, we wanted the truth.

Communism was injustice, we wanted justice. Communism was slavery, we wanted freedom. Communism was ugly, we wanted beauty. Communism was closed world, we wanted open world."

Mr. Michnik handled the plastic wrappers of his cigarettes very carefully, and he pushed them around the top of the table. The table held cheese, crackers, bottled water and several packs of cigarettes.

When asked about his time in prison, Michnik became austere. He put down his cigarettes, and chose his words carefully.

"Prison is not a place where one should change fundamental views. Polish tradition is such that we know that freedom has a price, it is costly. Freedom is not free, I paid the price."

I asked him how he passed his time, and how he kept hope alive that someday democracy would rule

Poland.

"Reading and writing were my main activities, prison was my best university. A friend of mine describes prison as a fantastic place, no booze, women or phones. Actually, it was horrible. But it was no Auschwitz."

I asked Michnik if he saw the affects of his work spanning the globe, and influencing other countries.

The authorities questioned us and separated us. But we knew that communism was evil. Communism was a lie, we wanted the truth.

"I have no doubt about the spread of solidarity. Solidarity is the beginning of the end of communism. Solidarity is supported by the working people, the supposed main supporters of communism. One must learn

about democracy time and time again. Democracy equals freedom, one can't exist without freedom.

"I was talking with a friend of mine in Japan. Japan has a democracy but no freedom. It is reverse for us, we have freedom but not as much democracy. I travel throughout the world and listen to people speak how solidarity is the most important idea in the second half of the 20th century."

Michnik has accomplished an astounding amount, in the area of democracy and human rights. I asked him what he believes his greatest accomplishment is.

"Of course, it is the doctorate that I will receive here at Connecticut. But really it is the fact that communism is not with us anymore. After all, one can not really live with communism, communism will kill us, or we will kill communism."



Adam Michnik addresses a large audience after being presented with an honorary "doctorate of humane letters" by President Claire Gaudiani.

Photo by Evan Coppola/Photography Editor

NEWS

Conn network picks up speed

by Joshua Friedlander
THE COLLEGE VOICE

The latest volume of the Connecticut College Magazine detailed the importance of Internet access to Conn students. In its conclusion, the article touched upon plans that the college has for expanding its networking capabilities.

For some time now, Conn has had a symbiotic, networking relationship with both Trinity and Wesleyan colleges. The Connecticut Wesleyan (CTW) connection is in place to provide students with access to the libraries and various Internet resources of the three schools. Until now, the systems have worked as most any other Internet hookup, with our computers accessing the other schools through the normal Internet procedures. The plan, as of now, is to significantly speed up this process (i.e., speed up the connection) by forming a private network consisting of only the three schools.

At this point, Connecticut College dials out onto the Internet through a 56 kilobyte connection via an Internet server to which both Conn and Trinity subscribe. Both

the relatively slow speed of the connection and various bothersome bottlenecks along the line have kept communications sluggish. As a result, even the inter-school connection operates below its desired rate. Additionally, maintaining only one line to the Internet is risky. Any problems with that singular link could conceivably shut down Internet access for the whole campus. A chilling thought, when one considers that the Internet is, for many students, almost as important a research tool as the library.

The Office of Information Services and the heads of computing at Conn have devised a plan to address these problems. At or around the time that students return from winter break, the college will be connected directly to Trinity College by a new T1 Internet connection. This new connection will give Conn and Trinity improved access to each other and allow for a more sophisticated arrangement of information and resources. But this new link will only begin the process. Since Trinity and Conn share the same Internet provider, the new hookup will improve our Internet access times significantly, even though the

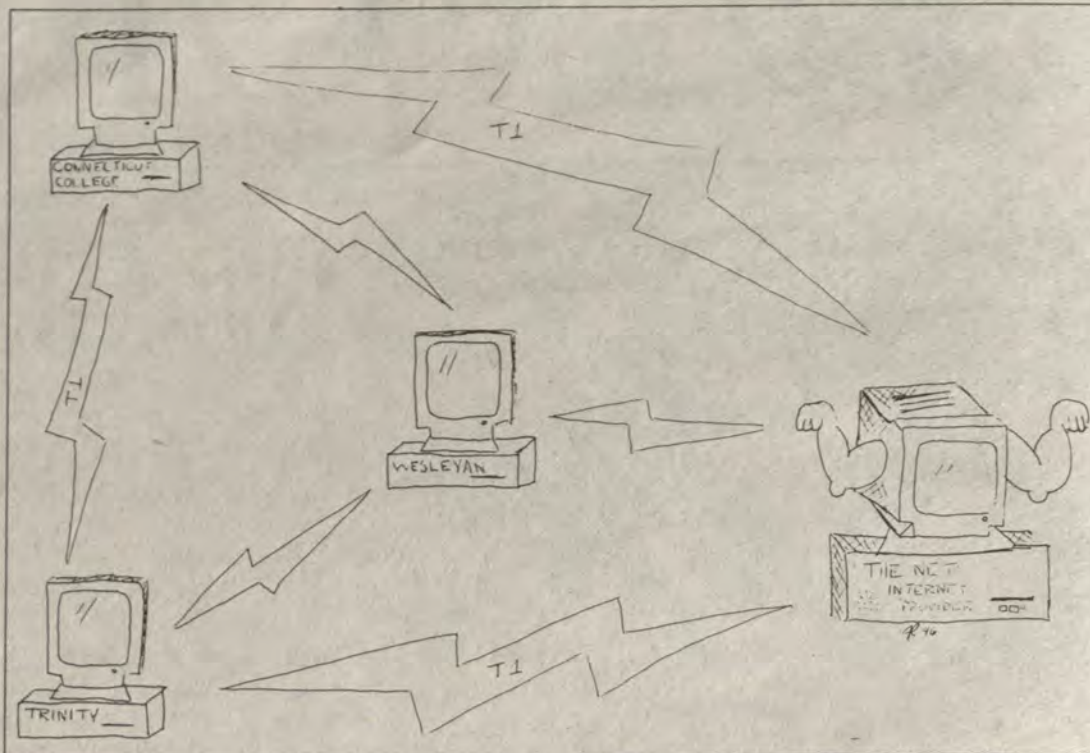
T1 line transfers information at up to 1.55 megabytes per second.

To improve access time to both the Internet and to neighbor schools Trinity and Wesleyan, a large-scale project is being organized. In what one student referred to as The Great Plan, all three schools will share the cost of three shared T1 lines, joining all three schools together. Conn and, presumably, Trinity and Wesleyan will have to purchase and maintain separate Internet providers. In this way, the three schools will have what may turn out to be phenomenally fast connections within their own, private network

and, at the same time, separate hookups to the Internet providers of their choice. At the moment, Conn is waiting to review bids from many, major Internet providers as per its upgrade of the 56 k line.

Speeding up Conn's Internet connection and creating a private network amongst the three schools would solve Conn's Internet troubles in a variety of ways. Primarily, previous problems resulting from the low speed of the connection will be virtually eliminated. Secondly, having, in effect, three separate routes to the Internet (via our own hookup, then Trinity's and fi-

nally Wesleyan's) will give Conn redundant connections to the Internet thereby precluding the probably of any significant loss of Internet access. Finally, the improvements outlined above will make possible many projects which, up until now, would be deemed implausible. Large amounts of information will soon be quickly accessible allowing the colleges to embrace what is fast becoming a medium of the visual, obsessed with its nascent multimedia capabilities and eager to demonstrate its ability to both entertain and inform.



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Bosnia: Is there an end in sight?

by Andris Zobs
NEWS EDITOR

President Bill Clinton, in announcing an American commitment of up to 10,000 troops over the next 18 months for a Bosnian "follow-on force," explained, "Quite frankly, rebuilding the fabric of Bosnia's economic and political life is taking longer than anticipated." This politically controversial move comes almost one year after Clinton promised to withdraw American troops in Bosnia in a year's time regardless of the situation in Bosnia.

Although the level of troop commitment Clinton promised is significantly less than the peak of 20,000 troops sent a year ago, opponents have argued that U.S. involvement in Bosnia has persisted much longer than anticipated without being particularly effective. Clinton, who has drawn much criticism over U.S. involvement in Bosnia, claims that the troops - part of multinational force of 31,000 - is necessary to maintain the fragile peace attained by the Dayton Peace Accords and the NATO force sent to enforce it.

William Perry, defense secretary, outlined the new mission param-

eters as an effort to "prevent a resumption of hostilities so that political reconciliation can accelerate." While he attempted to make clear his belief that the initial deployment was successful in curtailing the violence and achieving a cease-fire he admitted the original one-year estimate was an "error in judgement."

"I was wrong," he said "particularly in my belief that having done those tasks [Dayton Agreement], we would have established the conditions which would allow us to leave Bosnia."

In defense of their decision, the Clinton Administration cited several existing conditions as significantly hindering any sort of viable, lasting peace in the region. Among these was the failure to resettle war refugees as stipulated in the peace agreement, that highly anticipated municipal elections have not occurred, and that the remaining unsettled final status on the Bosnian-Serb held town of Brcko has yet to be resolved. Carl Bildt, who is supervising the civilian reconstruction of Bosnia, explained given the current situation, "the peace process is not yet self-sustaining."

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The beasts included one panda, one tiger, and one elephant. Their sizes were the same, but the sounds they made were quite different. Tiger made a roaring sound, elephant trumpeted, and panda sang songs. (Can you think of a panda noise that doesn't sound like a dying donkey?) The tiger caught my eye, specifically, due to its perturbing state: this guy's lights lit up, and his roar was deafening. Going against my better judgement, I decided to risk my soul's livelihood and ride this monster. Who wouldn't take the opportunity to ride such a beast? At \$2.50?

The attendant explained to me that the control of such an animal is held within the very reins you hold: like riding an extremely tame horse, the harder you pulled to one side, the more the animal would turn. To ensure safety, an attendant would accompany you on your safari through the mall. Imagine the damage such beasts could perform with no control! A conglomeration of Jumanji flashbacks trampled through my consciousness.

I tentatively got on the tiger, a sturdy thing that could probably hold its own against sumo students, and started the ride.

What, may I ask, are all you people looking at? The stares that I received from bystanders were beyond ignoring. Whole families actually stopped their daily activi-

ties to fasten their eyes on me, while some upon my sight would turn and wander in the opposite direction, hurrying their children on despite their curiosity. Have you not had the experience of a college student riding on the back of an oversized, robotic 250 lb synthetic-fur feline? The concept was obviously a bit too abstract for a few heads to comprehend.

Yet another concern I had was the amount of balance I seemed to lack. Although the sign did state the animals could support up to 250 lbs, every turn seemed to hug the surrounding air, daring the tiger to tip like an unsupported motorcycle stopped at a signal with a rookie rider.

Yet I survived the ride safe and unscathed. Lasting no more than two minutes, I was slightly disappointed in the limited range that the animals could roam. At a price of \$2.50, one might expect a decent romp around, and one could very well do without the endless fascination of the surrounding individuals. Yet I would recommend this ride for all those wishing for a good experience to live through and a breathtaking story to tell your folks (those lucky few who hold a good \$2.50 more can get their photo taken with their fellow beast.)

You'll never look at Crystal Mall, or yourself, the same again.

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 11/22: "THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH" - 8 P.M. PALMER
 11/22: "FALL SCENES" OPERA WORKSHOP - 8 P.M. DANA HALL
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Opera Workshop sings Friday

by Peter Gross
 THE COLLEGE VOICE

On Friday, October 22, the Opera Preview Workshop will be performing seven scenes from five operas, all of which have the theme of love and lovers. The workshop, run by Kecia Ashford, professor of music, has been meeting since the end of September, and is composed of veterans and newcomers to the music performance world. The students involved with the workshop are Ben Hayes, Erin Munro, Linda Najjar, Yumi Taylor, Elizabeth Wohl, Beth Bonnett, Sara Beth Carter, and Hannah Schramm. The pieces that they are performing include a trio and a duet from Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, selections from Moore's *Ballad of the Baby Doe*, a trio from Cimarosa's *Secret Marriage*, a piece from Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*, and Gounod's French ver-

sion of *Romeo and Juliet*.

All of the students involved had to audition for the director, and the workshop can be taken as a course for credit, or just for fun. As the director, Kecia places the students according to their talents, but the students get to block the scenes themselves. This year's scenes are no more than 15 minutes each, so that nothing is drawn out. Each piece will be preceded by someone explaining in English what is going on, and then the opera will be sung in a language chosen by the performers. At least one piece will be sung in English on Friday. The accompanist for the performance will be Albert Sanger, and it will be performed at 8 p.m. in Dana Hall. This is the only time this year that the workshop will be singing traditional opera for the public, because next semester they will perform a "children's opera."

Illness cancels Romeo and Juliet

by Jami DeSantis
 THE COLLEGE VOICE

For those of you who were hoping to further your study of community, Conn College's theme for the year, you were most likely disappointed when told that the Garde Theater's production of *Romeo and Juliet* had been canceled. This performance, which was supposed to take place last Friday evening, was to be like no other performance of this play, as it was set in 1996 South Africa and performed by the talented black actors of the Royal Shakespeare Company and Royal National Theatre of Great Britain. When asked why the show was suddenly called off, the Garde Theater told me that it was due to Juliet

getting ill, which prompted the group to cancel their tour. After all, the show wouldn't be the same without Juliet!

If you have yet to receive a refund for your ticket, you have a few options. If you bought your ticket on campus, call Peggy Middleton about refunds at extension 2708. If you purchased a ticket from the Garde Theater box office, you may call them at 444-7373 to exchange your ticket for another Garde show, get a check refund, or get credit for a future Garde performance. If you are still disappointed about missing a *Romeo and Juliet* activity, keep your eyes and ears open, as more activities surrounding this piece are coming up.

Ransom deserving of moviegoer payoffs

by Christopher Moje
 THE COLLEGE VOICE

Ron Howard's latest film, *Ransom*, is built upon the time-honored premise of a family's struggle to rescue their child from the grips of a kidnapper. The fact that Howard gives the film a few new twists makes this often told story worth watching. The story is about the kidnapping of Sean Mullen, the son of Endeavor Airlines mogul Tom Mullen (Mel Gibson) and his wife, Kate (Rene Russo). Sean is kidnapped from a junior high science fair in Central Park by a team of kidnappers. This team is headed by a corrupt member of the NYPD, Jimmy Shaker (Gary Sinise). Shaker and his four accomplices have masterminded this scheme to extract two million dollars from Mullen for their financial benefit and, more importantly, to teach him a lesson. It seems Mullen has resorted to bribes to save his company and someone else took the fall. Shaker figured if Mullen will pay exorbitant amounts of cash to save his airline and himself, surely he'd be willing to pay as much, if not more, to save his son. The plot takes several interesting twists and turns and

ends on a somewhat predictable and anti-climactic note. The action which preceded it was far better entertainment, and Howard probably could have ended the film much earlier than he did. On the whole, I thought the film was well worth the price of admission.

Gibson and Russo, as the child's parents, make their pain and anguish seem believable. I felt that Gibson demonstrated the same passion and force which he had in *Braveheart*. He actually made me believe that he was heartbroken over the loss of his child. Russo also lent believability to her performance, although I felt her character was somewhat weaker than that of her husband's. For the mother of a kidnapped child, I thought she would have played a more prominent role in the film's action than she did. Sinise impressed me with his turn as a mastermind criminal. A man who I'm used to seeing play a likable character showed me he can be as sinister and cold-hearted as the best of them. Delroy Lindo as Agent Hawkins, the head FBI agent working on the case, gave a good performance in his supporting role. In a somewhat novel casting move, Donnie Wahlberg, of New Kids on

the Block fame, gave a surprisingly good performance in his small role as one of the kidnappers.

Some of the scenes were quite powerful, such as Gibson and Russo weeping for their son and the scenes of their son in captivity, while other scenes breathed an air of comic relief into the overall tense atmosphere. I found the outwitting of the FBI by the kidnappers funny, yet nerve-racking at the same time. It showed the weakness of this supposedly unbeatable government law enforcement agency while increasing the anxiety of the child's parents. The FBI wasn't portrayed in a very favorable light in this film. As a whole, the outside sources of help weren't very helpful, from the FBI and the police through the media.

In my opinion, *Ransom* should do a fine job of capturing the moviegoers' money. I don't think it will rank in the annals of movie history as one of the all-time great films, but it's certainly better than some of the cinematic trash that's heaped upon us these days. Despite its faults, it was a good source of entertainment on an otherwise boring night.

Faculty Column

That was then, this
is now.

by Michael Adelson
 PROFESSOR OF MUSIC

They're back. The "question mark" posters from last year have reappeared all over campus. Again, they're brought to you by the Connecticut College Orchestra. But this time we've added an exclamation point and the phrase: "That was then, this is now". What do we mean by this?

Three things. First of all, we are very proud of the progress we've made. Last year was truly a year of discovery, encompassing our work on contemporary music, on old music, our exploration of Mozart and our collaborations with guest artists. This year, we can explore even further; we have grown so much in ev-

ery way - in size, self-confidence, technical expertise, and musical depth. That was a very exciting then; this is an even more thrilling now.

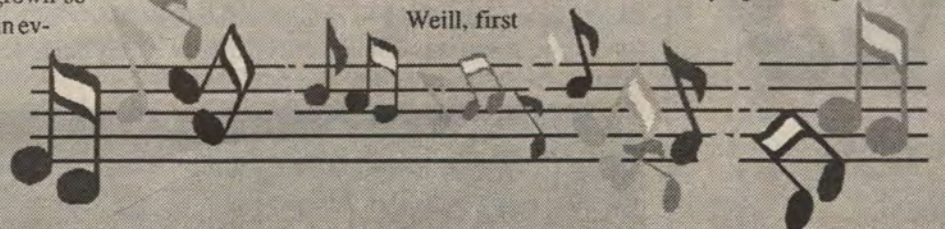
Secondly, this year's first program is a fascinating look at music "then and now". Three works, separated by exact 40 year intervals; snapshots from the family album of music: 1888, Dvorak's *Eighth Symphony* - one of the great romantic works, with a freshness of spirit and unashamed emotionalism characteristic of the late 19th century. 1928, Weill's *Little Threepenny Music* - taken from his *Threepenny Opera*, this suite uses the musical vernacular - a language quite similar to Dvorak's - for Weill's own quite radical musical/political purposes. The effect is simultaneously moving and chilling. 1968, Ligeti's *Ramifications* - unmistakably Ligeti, deliciously modern. Astonishingly, he uses the same musical elements as Dvorak and

Weill, first

looking at tiny fragments under a microscope, then weaving those fragments into a macroscopic tapestry of ever-changing texture. This is music you can touch.

Lastly, we tend to think of music as "then" - from the past. But for the composers, there was a "now" - a blazing hot moment of creation, of bringing an idea to fruition. Paradoxically, as soon as the ink is dry, that "now" freezes into a "then"; the score becomes a snapshot, a document, a static record of the "now". Our task as performers is to bring that snapshot to life. The communicative power of a performance is directly dependent upon the degree to which we can tap into the heat of that moment. We must take the "then", and out of it, create a "now".

Please join us on Sunday, November 24 at 8 p.m. in Dana Hall, for what promises to be an electrifying evening of "nows".



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Editors' Note

The reaction to Schmoozing surprised the editorial board greatly. While it is our responsibility to write fair and unbiased articles, it is certainly not our job to censor others' opinions. When this year began, there were no "Schmoozers," and therefore it became *The Voice's* full-time job to choose a pair. This decision gave *The Voice* responsibility and liability for an editorial, something we neither asked for nor wanted. We have therefore decided to stop running a column entitled Schmoozing. But that does not mean that we will cease to print editorials that we find relevant, regardless of content.

A U.S. president once said the best thing about living in America is the fact that some one can tell the president to go to hell and the only thing the president can do is tell them to go to hell back. Most would agree that being told to go to hell is offensive. But does its offensive nature mean the previous sentence should not have been published in *The Voice*? Or never at all?

If the American public has indeed given the press a mandate not to offend, what does this mandate entail? Telling the president to go to hell is a right we at *The Voice* feel is an important one. Not because we wish to offend and not because we are hateful, but because when that right is partially lost the rest is for sale.

In printing *The Voice*, we write for the entire community. In printing letters to the editor, we allow the community to write for and to itself. Therefore, just as it is our responsibility to edit our articles for content and clarity, it is our responsibility to print relevant letters to the editor in their entirety, even if they step on a few toes.

As one of the most reliable and consistent forums on campus, we are reluctant to even fine tune letters to the editor for grammar. We prefer to leave them intact, to make the full point the author(s) intended. In an age of political correctness, let it be known that *The Voice* reserves the right to print any opinion piece we find relevant. Even if our pages do not personally affirm individual readers, to deny what comes from the individual will certainly, in the long term be more damaging.



Earth House

The tragedy of industrial clearcutting has permanently scarred the surface of our Earth, made extinct various species of plants and animals, and put a tremendous strain on one of our most valuable ecosystems. As basic as these truths are, the large industrial timber corporations have succeeded in putting doubts into the minds of many Americans today. They have pumped lie-ridden propaganda into our heads through the pre-assembled intravenous contraption of the media. The false assumptions along with the nearsighted greed inherent to capitalism, have weakened the fight to end destructive clearcutting in our country.

The number one falsehood about clearcutting is that it mimics the natural disturbances of any forest. This is not true. Although sections of natural forests are affected by things such as forest fires, insect infestation, disease and flooding, these processes are much more delicate and complex than bringing in the trucks to haul away the trees. In actuality, occurrences such as these are infrequent and do not claim entire forests. Furthermore, in nature the dead trees remain in the forest, decomposing over time and contributing nutrients to the soil. This is a process which contributes to the health of the forest and is in no way comparable to the destruction of clearcutting. Clearcutting leaves the soil barren, subject to the effects of erosion and mineral depletion.

Another myth is that reforestation ensures healthy future forests. We can, with our technology, grow rows of trees. We cannot grow a forest. Even the idea is preposterous. A forest is an extremely complex ecosystem, it is a self generating habitat, complete with various interdependent layers of life. This can't be cloned. Clearcutting is the annihilation of an ecosystem, a habitat and the destruction of a natural water and air filter.

Some people believe that the detrimental ecological effects of deforestation are limited to the area cut. Unfortunately the damage is not so easily contained. The entire forest

is connected by minerals, nutrients and water. When this precarious balance is upset, the entire forest is weakened. The effects of clearcutting can be noted miles away from the site. The loss of riparian forest, forest situated near a major water source, can kill the entire forest due to the precious links over space that the ecosystem maintains for the distribution of minerals and nutrients through water. There is wisdom in the words of Herb Hammond when he says that,

The healthiest forest is Nature's design. To suggest that human modification of the forest, particularly the aggressive modification that accompanies clearcutting, can improve upon Nature's design is the height of human arrogance. This arrogance may well be our undoing.

Many economic falsities complicate the issue as well. For instance large corporations will defend themselves by saying that clearcutting is the most economically efficient method of cutting trees. When all the hidden costs such as road construction (which is frequently funded by the taxpayers) are calculated, the overall cost, monetarily, exceeds that of partial cutting by 30 to 100 percent. Water costs in the area inevitably increase, while recreation and tourism profits plummet.

Yes, it is true that clearcutting provides jobs. Temporary, dangerous, unstable jobs, that do not contribute to the communal economy. Next to mining the timber industry is the most hazardous job in the U.S. The jobs are short term and meaningless when compared to the steady, prideful employment of sustainable forestry. Clearcutting institutionalizes our nation's transition to a throw away economy.

As forest land is converted to pasture land, crop land and town sites, air, water, carbon storage, climate modification, fish, wildlife and diversity of wilderness are all being permanently damaged. There is an exponential loss of biological biodiversity. Genetics, species, communities and landscapes are all affected.

As we liquidate our country's ancient forests we are scarring the face of this planet. We are engaging in ecological warfare without realizing that our actions amount to suicide. In our blindness, we have placed a dollar sign on the majestic forests. While we are cashing in the forests for timber we are accumulating a debt which will inevitably result in ecological bankruptcy.

by Laura Kaiser '95

Working for the City

A few words for Betty and Veronica: everyone thinks they're a comic. What makes you two think that you got the Motts? Since August over twenty columns have been submitted to the Voice in hopes of clinching the coveted, highly respectable, chick magnet, booty woppin' position of Schmoozing. But no one yet has demonstrated a literary verbosity that could equal that of ours. In fact we heard that Blanche Boyd is pissed and she intends to kick ass as soon as she returns from SATA Greece. As for propagating the feminine perspective of camel affairs, we respect your initiative. However, you must realize that the male point of view is far more humorous. I mean hey, we all know that men are just a bunch of crazy, meathead hooligans out to drink, destroy, and denigrate the female population, and what would be funnier than that? The really funny thing is that this shouldn't be a war of the sexes, but instead a battle of intelligence, wit and word processors. But letting you claim that witty observations are solely a woman's job is to neglect the heightened senses of many a man who have more than their fair share to offer this campus. Considering that you've tried to corner the editorial pages with your gynocentric gibberish, we feel it only right to pick up the rope and play the proverbial game of tug-o-war avec vous. If you think that your gender encounters such horrible dilemmas (to take your example of how to remove that sweaty leech hanging on you at the TNE) what about the problems we face when it comes to deciding which chucky to hang sweatily upon. Touche. I'm sure you've all witnessed that last-minute-the-dance-is-about-to-end-oh-mi-god-i-have-to-hook-up rush that occurs nightly on the weekends. Well let us tell you, it's not easy to find a willing/attractive/willing/desperate-as-us/willing individual in under .25 seconds, but from experiences it can be done. Also, from our vast archive of experience, it is often hard to find someone with all of those characteristics and usually that means just settling for "desperate as us." But wait, Betty and Veronica, our problems are just starting. The next morning finds you in your spacious twin extra-long, hugging your knee in an attempt to leave sleepy drunk girl with enough room to breathe. At this point, we feel the best way to convince her to vacate the premises is to tell her that your parents are up visiting for the weekend and are expected at any moment. With that out of the way, and no more sweatpants in your drawer, we're now faced with the dilemma of what to do with that formal dress. Our suggestion is to hang it on the outside of your open door to air out some of the cigarette smoke and get rid of those pesky wrinkles. Or, if you reside in one of the older dorms, try hanging it on the water sprinkler pipes in the hall. Trust us, this gesture is always appreciated by the woman. It says, "I care about you, because I care about your stuff" and at the same time, "I'm working for the city."

Archie and Jughead

Connecticut College through Time

Tis the season for Hip-Hop, masturbation, and chapped lips. Well, it's always the season for masturbation....but, never mind! Skinny came into my room yesterday, and his lips looked blue and grainy. I didn't know if he was smoking crack or kissing sand paper, but it was nasty. I hooked him up with some Blistex. So, make sure when you head to the next TNE, drink 37 cans of beer, bring your dollar, and a keg of lip balm. Anyway, our topic for the week, is Connecticut College through time.

In 1911, when it all began, who the hell knows what was going on in the small whaling city of New London. Cobblestone streets were

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CASE #1

ACCUSED: Student A

ACCUSER: Campus Safety

CHARGE: Illegal Keg

PRESENT AT TRIAL: Student A

EVIDENCE: Written Statements, Confiscated Keg

DISCUSSION:

Student A had a party at his/her off-campus home, at which two kegs were present. The party ended early and Student A's friends left, leaving him with one full, untapped keg. Student A stated that she/he didn't want the keg to go to waste, so she/he brought it onto campus in the back of a friend's van. After attending an all-campus party and rounding up a few friends, Student A drove the keg to the area outside one of the dormitories.

Student A then tapped the keg illegally while it was in the back of the van. At that time, approximately 10 of Student A's friends began drinking from the keg. Student A stated that they were all of legal drinking age and that no minors were served. After about 10 minutes, a crowd of about 25 people had gathered around the van. A Campus Safety Officer noticed the crowd and investigated. At that time she/he found the keg, and notified Student A that the keg was not legal. The keg was confiscated. It was picked up the next day by Student A.

Student A stated that she/he wasn't sure if it was illegal to have the keg tapped in the back of his/her van, but also stated that she/he "knew [she/he] was breaking some kind of rule" and that she/he was "trying to get away with it." She/he stressed the fact that only his/her "of age" friends drank from the keg and that no underage students were served. She/he stated that this was his/her first offense, that she/he didn't want to disrespect the College or its rules, and that it won't happen again.

DECISION:

Guilty of Illegal Keg

For: 6

Against: 0

REASON:

Student A admitted to having an illegal keg, tapping it, and serving from it. She/he further admitted that she/he knew she/he was breaking a rule.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board recommended:

A one hour meeting with David Brailey (Health Educator) to discuss the alcohol policy; specifically that regarding kegs. They will also discuss liability when serving alcohol.

She/he must attend two meetings of the Alcohol Policy and Recommendations Committee.

Six hours of unpaid work for physical plant.

All of the above recommendations are to be completed before the start of Thanksgiving Break (28 November 1996).

For: 6

Against: 0

REASON:

The Board recommended the above measures so that Student A would be made aware of the rules and ramifications that surround his/her actions. The measures were also taken because Student A was aware she/he was breaking the rules and was relatively unremorseful.

ATTENDANCE:

All Board members were present. Representatives from the Class of 2000 were not elected yet.

CASE #2

ACCUSED: Student A

ACCUSER: Campus Safety

CHARGES: Damage to College Property, Violation of Fire Code, Endangerment

EVIDENCE: Written Statements

PRESENT AT TRIAL: Student A — Accused, Housefellow A

Moral Support Person A

DISCUSSION:

Student A lit two candles in his/her room at approximately 10:00 p.m. Shortly thereafter, several friends came over his/her room to hang out. Student A and some of his/her friends consumed alcohol that that time. At about 11:30 p.m. he/she

and his/her friends left his/her room, with the candles still burning, and went to go dancing at an all-campus party that was taking place in the Student Center. She/he confessed to leaving hurriedly out of his/her room because he/she and his/her friends were in a rush to get to the dance.

At approximately 1:45 a.m., while doing the rounds, a Campus Safety Officer heard a smoke detector going off in one of the rooms in Student A's dorm. As he/she looked at the windows, he/she could see flames in one of the windows. The Officer pulled the dorm fire alarm, found the fire in Student A's room, and extinguished it with a fire extinguisher.

The fire burned the surface of Student A's desk, creating a burn mark. Student A returned to the dorm and was upset to hear about the incident. She/he immediately sought out his/her Housefellow and Campus Safety. She/he stated in the trial that she/he still has the two candles in his/her room but has not lit them since the fire.

Student A admitted that she/he knew lighting candles in his/her room was a violation of the C-Book fire regulations. She/he stated that the fire was an accident and was very apologetic.

DECISION:

Guilty of Damage to College Property

For: 6

Against: 0

Guilty of Violation of Fire Code

For: 6

Against: 0

Guilty of Endangerment

For: 6

Against: 0

REASON:

Student A was found guilty of damage to college property, by admission, because his/her desk was clearly burnt. She/he was found guilty of violation of fire code, by admission, because she/he lit two candles in his/her room and also because they started a fire. Finally, she/he was found guilty of endangerment because by lighting his/her candles and leaving them unattended, she/he clearly endangered the lives of his/her dorm members.

RECOMMENDATION:

In the case of damage to college property, the Board decided to give Student A a letter of censure since the damage to his/her desk was fairly small.

In the case of violation of fire code, the Board has fined Student A \$150 and has also mandated that she/he remove any and all candles from his/her room, both effective immediately. The fine is a standard fine for violation of the fire code and the candle removal was done for the obvious reasons.

Finally, in the case of endangerment of his/her fellow dorm members, the Board requires that Student A does 24 hours of unpaid work for physical plant. We have requested from physical plant that several of these hours be spent doing fire safety activities such as refilling fire extinguishers. These work hours are to be completed by the end of the Fall 1996 semester. The Board also mandated that Student A submit to the J-Board Chair a 10 page paper on the fire that took place at Providence College several years ago (in a similar situation) which incinerated a dorm and took the lives of several students.

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Josh Fasano '98 abstained because he was unsure that the actual damage to the dorm fit the harshness of the sanction.

REASON:

The Board generally found Student A to be sorry for his/her actions and were thus lenient when considering the charges of damage to college property and violation of fire code. The Board was however, upset that the candles were still in Student A's room and thus mandated their removal.

In the case of endangerment, the Board felt it needed to be extremely firm. Although the actual damage to his/her dorm was minimal, the potential damage was great. The fire which Student A's candle set was found relatively by accident. Had the Campus Safety Officer not heard the fire alarm and not taken immediate action, it is clear that Student A's dorm and his/her dorm residents would have sustained great damage. By lighting his/her candles and leaving them unattended, Student A made a decision with life-threatening consequences. The Board thus assigned him/her a large number of work

hours as a punitive measure. The Board also assigned him/her the report so that she/he would come to understand the consequences of his/her actions.

ATTENDANCE:

All Board members were present. Representatives from the Class of 2000 were not elected yet.

CASE #3

ACCUSED: Student A, Student B

ACCUSER: Campus Safety

CHARGES: Damage to College Property

EVIDENCE: Written Statements, Witness Statement

PRESENT AT TRIAL: Student A, Student B

DISCUSSION:

Student A and Student B went to an all campus party. They began dancing on the window ledge. They then proceeded to dance on top of one of the open windows that are just above the ledge. The hinges on the window that they were dancing on broke and the window fell. The glass on the window was not broken, but the hinges were. The incident was observed by Student C and was reported by Student D who was running the party but did not see the incident.

Student A and Student B admit to dancing on the window and admit that it was broken due to their weight. They did not report it being broken because they claim to have seen a maintenance person repairing the window. They stated that they did not know who to tell it was broken and assumed that the maintenance person had taken care of it.

DECISION:

Guilty of Damage to College Property

For: 6

Against: 0

REASON:

Student A and Student B both admitted to breaking the window and a witness reported it.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board recommended that Student A and Student B pay the cost of the damage to the window. This was a total of \$236.60. The Board decided that each should pay half of that amount coming to \$118.30 each. The Board felt this was a fair amount to pay for the repairs.

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

REASON:

The Board felt that Student A and Student B were sorry for their actions and were willing to pay for the damages. They took full responsibility for their actions.

ATTENDANCE:

All Board members were present. Representatives from the Class of 2000 were not elected yet.

CASE #4

ACCUSED: Student A, Student B

ACCUSER: Campus Safety

CHARGES: Student A — Failure to Comply with Fire Regulations, Underage Drinking, Nuisance to the Community in the Form of Disturbing the Peace

Student B — Failure to Comply with Fire Regulations, Nuisance to the Community in the Form of Disturbing the Peace

EVIDENCE: Written Statements, Witness Statements

PRESENT AT TRIAL:

Student A — Accused

Student B — Accused

Student C — Witness

Student D — Witness

Student E — Witness

Housefellow A —

Housefellow

DISCUSSION:

On a night, Student A, Student B, Student D, and Student E were on their way to an all-campus party. They stopped by Dormitory A so that Student D could pick up a dollar for the admission fee to the dance. As Student D went up to his/her room, Student A, Student B, and Student E waited on the first floor. Moments later,

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Student A, who admitted to being under the influence of alcohol, put his/her hand on the fire alarm.

Student A joked to Student E and Student B about pulling the alarm. Student B told him not to pull it and that it would be considered dorm damage. Student B then reached for Student A's arm and the alarm went off.

Student D stated that Student B never touched Student A when she/he reached for his/her arm. She/he also stated that she/he was unsure whether Student A pulled the alarm intentionally or not. Student E stated that Student B never touched Student A's arm, but that she/he was pretty sure Student A didn't intentionally pull the alarm.

At the time the alarm was pulled, Student C, a resident of the dorm, was walking from the west exit of the first floor bathroom to his/her room. She/he stated that she/he saw the whole thing. She/he stated that Student A put his/her hand on the alarm; Student B pulled it off; then Student A pulled the alarm on his/her own.

After the alarm was pulled, Student C went over to Student A and asked him what happened and walked with him to the Housefellow Suite. Housefellow A was not home, but Campus Safety came by shortly after and Student C turned Student A in. Student A was cooperative to both Student C and Campus Safety.

DECISION:

Student A:

Guilty of Failure to Comply with Fire Regulations

For: 6

Against: 0

Guilty of Underage Drinking

For: 6

Against: 0

Guilty of Nuisance to the Community in the Form of Disturbing the Peace

For: 6

Against: 0

Student B:

Not Guilty of Failure to Comply with Fire Regulations

For: 6

Against: 0

Not Guilty of Nuisance to the Community in the Form of Disturbing the Peace

For: 6

Against: 0

REASON:

Student B was found not guilty of both charges because she/he and all of the other witnesses testified that she/he had nothing to do with the whole situation.

Student A was found guilty of failure to comply with fire regulations by his/her own admission and the testimony of the witnesses. Whether she/he pulled the alarm intentionally or not, she/he should not have had his/her hand on the pull box. She/he was also found guilty of underage drinking by his/her own admission. She/he said that she/he consumed approximately 4-5 beers in a one hour period before pulling the alarm. Finally, Student A was found guilty of nuisance to the community in the form of disturbing the peace because by pulling the fire alarm, she/he disturbed the lives and/or sleep of approximately half of his/her dorm.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board sanctioned Student A with the following:

A letter of censure

A \$150.00 fine

10 unpaid work hours in custodial services to be performed by Thanksgiving

A meeting with Catherine WoodBrooks, Dean of Student Life, to discuss the ramifications of underage drinking both physically and academically, and the threat to the community that false fire alarms pose.

REASON:

The Board gave Student A the letter of sanction to make him aware of the consequences of his/her actions. The \$150.00 fine is a relatively standard fine for breaking fire code. The _ hour with Dean WoodBrooks is meant as a rehabilitative/educational meeting so that Student A will come to understand why underage drinking and false fire alarms are not acceptable at Connecticut College. Finally, the 10 hours of Custodial service were given as a punitive measure. 10 hours were chosen because the Board felt that Student A needed to pay the community back for his/her actions.

ATTENDANCE:

All Board members were present. Representatives from the Class of 2000 were not elected yet.

CASE #5

ACCUSED: Student A

ACCUSER: Campus Safety

CHARGES: Underage Drinking, Unauthorized Entry,

Theft

EVIDENCE: Written Statements

PRESENT AT TRIAL: Student A — Accused

Student B — Victim

Student C — Witness

DISCUSSION:

Student A consumed 10-12 beers in three hours. She/he admitted drinking excessively and to being "drunk" at the time. She/he then proceeded up to the second floor of Dormitory A where she/he claimed to be looking for friend. She/he entered Student B's unlocked room, without permission, while Student B was using the second floor bathroom. She/he saw Student B's wallet on Student B's desk and proceeded to take money from it. Student A stated that she/he didn't know why she/he took it and that it was a dumb thing to do.

Student B re-entered the room and asked Student A what she/he was doing. Student A stated that she/he was looking for a friend and that she/he had walked into the wrong room. Student A then left. Student B, feeling something was up, checked his/her wallet and found his/her money missing. Student B went to go look for Student A and then called Campus Safety around 2:15 am.

The next day, Student A heard that Student B was looking for him/her, so she/he decided to return the money under Student B's door. She/he slid it under the door. Student A said that she/he would have returned the money anyway even if Student B hadn't come looking for him. Student B stated that she/he was glad to have his/her money back and was satisfied.

DECISION:

Guilty of Underage Drinking

For: 6

Against: 0

Guilty of Unauthorized Entry

For: 6

Against: 0

Guilty of Theft

For: 6

Against: 0

REASON:

Student A admitted to all of the charges.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board voted to have Student A attend a meeting with Dean Ammarati, Dean of Freshmen, to discuss underage drinking.

For: 6

Against: 0

The Board also voted to put Student A on Social Probation until the end of first semester (12/24/96).

For: 5

Against: 1 Eric Olson '97 voted against because he felt Social Probation was too harsh

Finally, the Board voted to have Student A work 15 unpaid work hours with Campus Safety to be completed by the start of Thanksgiving Break.

For: 6

Against: 0

REASON:

The Board generally found Student A to be sorry for his/her actions. The Board was significantly concerned about the amount of alcohol that Student A consumes on a regular basis and thus sent him to Dean Ammarati for possible referral. Despite his/her remorse, the Board considers the charges brought against Student A to be very serious and therefore gave him social probation and 15 hours.

ATTENDANCE:

All Board members were present except Courtney Blair, Coordinator, who had an excused absence. Representatives from the Class of 2000 were not elected yet.

CASE #6

ACCUSED: Student A

Student B

Student C

ACCUSER: Student A and Student C turned themselves in. Student B is charged by Student Life.

CHARGES: Student A: Possession of an Unauthorized Keg, Presence at an Unauthorized Keg, Underage Drinking Student B: Possession of an Unauthorized Keg, Presence at an Unauthorized Keg, Underage Drinking, Deception

Student C: Possession of an Unauthorized Keg, Presence at an Unauthorized Keg, Underage Drinking, Deception

EVIDENCE: Written Statements, Housefellow Statement

PRESENT AT TRIAL: Student A — Accused

Student B — Accused

Student C — Accused

Housefellow A —

Housefellow

DISCUSSION:

Right after having their dorm meeting, Student A and an unknown friend went out to Student A's friend's car and took a keg out of it. The keg, according to Student A, had been there since three days earlier. Student A and a group of his/her friends decided to tap the keg in Student A's room. At that time there were approximately seven people in the room.

Shortly after the keg was tapped, Student A left the room temporarily. Around that time, both Student C, Student B and several other students stopped by Student A's room. Student C said she/he was not drinking because she/he had to try to pick up another class the next day. Student B said that she/he had a beer from the keg. All three of the accused admitted to being present at an unauthorized keg and all three knew that it was illegal to have a keg tapped in a dorm room.

At about 11:10, Housefellow A, the Housefellow of Dormitory A, went to check on the second floor bathroom as she/he had heard a rumor that there would be a keg there. She/he did not find a keg in the bathroom but noticed a small gathering outside of Student A's room and decided to investigate. It is then that she/he saw the illegal keg. Shortly thereafter, Student A returned and saw Housefellow A there. Student A was very apologetic to Housefellow A and stated that she/he would accept full responsibility for the incident. Student B disputed this and told Student A that Student A shouldn't have to take the fall alone for the keg. The keg was then untapped and put in the first floor storage closet. Housefellow A informed both Student A and Student B that she/he expected them and their friends to turn themselves in to J-Board.

The next morning, Student A met with Housefellow A to tell him that she/he would turn himself into J-Board. Student A stated that she/he would not be the only one turning himself in and that Student B and Student C would turn themselves in as well. Student C saw Housefellow A that day and confirmed that she/he would turn himself in. Student B came to pick up the keg that day and told Housefellow A that she/he would turn himself in because she/he didn't want Student A to have to take the fall alone. A day or two later, Student A turned himself into the J-Board Chair, Student B and Student C did not. Approximately 1_ weeks after the incident, Student C turned himself in as well after much prodding from Housefellow A. Student B did not turn himself in and was brought before the Board only after being accused by Student Life.

DECISION:

Student A: Guilty of Possession of an Unauthorized Keg

For: 6

Against: 0

Guilty of Presence at an Unauthorized Keg

For: 6

Against: 0

Guilty of Underage Drinking

For: 6

Against: 0

Student B: Not Guilty of Possession of an Unauthorized Keg

For: 6

Against: 0

Guilty of Presence at an Unauthorized Keg

For: 6

Against: 0

Guilty of Underage Drinking

For: 6

Against: 0

Guilty of Deception

For: 6

Against: 0

Student C: Not Guilty of Possession of an Unauthorized Keg

For: 6

Against: 0

Guilty of Presence at an Unauthorized Keg

For: 6

Against: 0

Not Guilty of Underage Drinking

For: 5

Against: 1 Elizabeth Wohl '99 voted against because she believe more

discussion was needed

Guilty of Deception

For: 4

Against: 2 Both Elizabeth Wohl '99 and Josh Fasano '98 believed she/he was not guilty of deceiving Housefellow A because she/he was clearly confused about how to turn oneself in to J-Board.

REASON:

Student A was found guilty of Possession of an Unauthorized Keg by his/her own admission and by the social host clause which states that because the keg was in his/her room, she/he is responsible for it. Student B and Student A were found not guilty because the Board believed it was not their keg.

Student A, Student B, and Student C were all found guilty of presence at an illegal keg by their own admission and by Housefellow A's statements.

Student A and Student B were found guilty of underage drinking by their own admission. Student A said she/he was sorry for it. Student B stated that she/he didn't think underage drinking was a big deal and that she/he felt it was "silly" that she/he was being brought before the Board for it. Both accused said they knew it was illegal to drink underage, but Student B thought it was OK because his/her drinking doesn't affect others. Student C was found not guilty of underage drinking because she/he said she/he didn't drink and because Housefellow A couldn't remember if she/he saw him with a beer or not.

Student B was found guilty of deception because she/he knowingly and willfully led Housefellow A into believing that she/he would turn himself in to J-Board. Student B had more than ample opportunity to turn himself in. Student B never turned himself in.

Student C was found guilty of deception as well. She/he too told Housefellow A that she/he would turn himself in and she/he failed to do so in a reasonable amount of time. While Student C claimed that she/he was unclear about how to turn himself/herself in, the Board found that she/he had ample opportunity and information to do so.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board recommended that Student A pay a \$75.00 fine for failing to sign out a living room. \$75.00 was chosen because it is the cost of the refundable deposit required to sign out the room. The board also felt that Student A should meet with Dean of the College Arthur Ferrari to talk about honor and about underage drinking. Finally, the Board felt that Student A should work 28 hours of unpaid work for the Arboretum. All of these measures should be carried out by the end of First Semester.

For: 6

Against: 0

Student C was also given a one hour meeting with Dean Ferrari to discuss honor and underage drinking. This meeting is to be held separate from Student A and Student B's. Student C was also given 20 hours of unpaid work with Dining Services as a punitive measure. The meeting and all of the hours must be completed by the end of First Semester.

For: 6

Against: 0

Student B was sanctioned heavily for reasons that will be explained below. She/he too was given a one hour meeting with Dean Ferrari to discuss honor and underage drinking. This meeting is to be held separate from Student A and Student C's and can be extended at the Dean's discretion. Student B was also put on social probation for one year. Finally, she/he was given 40 hours of unpaid work with Custodial Services as a punitive measure.

For: 6

Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Josh Faisano '98, Stacie French '98,

Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 Josh Faisano '98 abstained because he stated he was biased after he perceived Student B to have threatened him during the trial.

REASON:

The Board felt that Student A was relatively sorry for his/her actions. However, the Board also felt that strong action should be taken because Student A willfully tapped the keg, even though she/he knew it was illegal. The Board was glad that Student A came forward and took responsibility for his/her actions. Nonetheless, the Board was unhappy to see that Student A had an illegal keg when it is relatively simple to have a legal keg in a signed out living room.

The Board felt that Student C was relatively remorseful for his/her actions as well. While the Board understood that Student C may have been unclear about how to turn himself/herself in, they also felt that she/he had ample opportunity and information to do so.

The Board sanctioned Student B heavily for his/her actions for several reasons. First, Student B has had prior offenses involving an illegal keg. Second, Student B knowingly and willfully deceived Housefellow A into thinking that Student B would turn himself in. Even knowing that she/he was guilty of presence at an illegal keg and underage drinking and even after Housefellow A gave him numerous chances to turn himself in, Student B came before the Board only after being formally charged by Student Life. Furthermore, on the night of the incident, Student B tried to prevent Student A from taking responsibility for his/her actions. The Board believes

that these acts of willful and intentional deception a violation of the honor code and a violation of the sense of honor which governs our community.

Finally, the Board felt that Student B was absolutely unremorseful for his/her actions. Student B stated that she/he thought his/her offenses were "no big deal" and that she/he felt the whole trial was "silly." Student B also stated that: "if I knew all this BS was included in the honor code, I wouldn't have signed it."

The Board found his/her attitude both before and during the trial to be absolutely inappropriate and thus she/he was sanctioned heavily. Student B stated that she/he knew the usual punishment for being at illegal kegs was "a few hours in Harris," and she/he also stated that she/he thought this was an ineffective punishment.

ATTENDANCE:

All Board members were present except Courtney Blair (coordinator) who had an excused absence. Representatives from the Class of 2000 were not elected yet.

CASE #7

ACCUSED: Student A
Student B

ACCUSER: Campus Safety

CHARGES: Theft
Violation of Fire Code
Deception

EVIDENCE: Written Statements, Witness Statement

PRESENT AT TRIAL: Student A — accused
Student B — accused
Student C — witness

DISCUSSION:

While walking, Student A and Student B noticed a fire extinguisher laying on its side in the middle of the road. Student B picked it up and proceeded to carry it to Dormatory A. They entered Dormatory A and said they had the intention of leaving the fire extinguisher in the living room so that someone would find it there and return it to its proper place.

As they walked down the hallway in Dormatory A, they stopped at a room, which belongs to Student C, to talk with some friends that were inside. As they were sitting in the room talking, Student B discharged a bit of the fire extinguisher and sprayed Student C's ceiling with it. She/he could not explain why she/he did it. She/he stated that she/he intentionally pushed the lever on the extinguisher, even though it didn't have a pin in it. She/he then put the extinguisher down near the open door of the room.

About this time, Campus Safety Officer A walked past the room. When Student A saw Officer A, she/he tried to hide the extinguisher so that it was out of Officer A's sight. Officer A, feeling something was up, checked the room and found the discharged fire extinguisher there. When she/he asked each of the accused if they had shot off the extinguisher, both told him, "No." After taking their names, Officer A confiscated the fire extinguisher and left the scene.

DECISION:

Student A: Not Guilty of Theft
For: 6 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Josh Faisano '98, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Not Guilty of Violation of the Fire Code
For: 6 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Josh Faisano '98, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Guilty of Deception

For: 6 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Josh

Faisano '98, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Student B: Not Guilty of Theft
For: 6 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Josh Faisano '98, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Guilty of Violation of the Fire Code
For: 6 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Josh Faisano '98, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Guilty of Deception
For: 6 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Josh Faisano '98, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

REASON:

Student A and Student B were both found not guilty of theft because the board could not prove that they had stolen or taken the extinguisher from anywhere other than the middle of the road. The board believed that the two just found the extinguisher and they did not consider this theft.

Student B was found guilty of violation of fire code because she/he shot off the extinguisher without good cause (e.g. a fire). Student A was found not guilty because she/he did not shoot off the fire extinguisher.

Both Student A and Student B were found guilty of deception. Student A was found guilty because she/he tried to hide the extinguisher from Officer A. Student B was found guilty because she/he lied to Officer A and told him that she/he did not discharge the extinguisher.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board recommended that Student A receive a letter of censure and that she/he perform six hours of unpaid work for dining services to be completed by Thanksgiving Break.

For: 6 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Josh Faisano '98, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Board recommended that Student B receive a letter of censure, a \$150.00 fine, a meeting with the J-Board Chair for _ hour (to be extended at her discretion) to talk about honor, and six hours of unpaid work for dining services, all of which should be completed by Thanksgiving.

For: 6 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Josh Faisano '98, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

REASON:

The Board felt that six hours of work in dining services was an appropriate punishment for the two charges of deception. Both accused intentionally tried to deceive the Campus Safety Officer in an effort to get out of trouble.

Student B was given the \$150.00 fine as a standard fine for violating the fire code. She/he was also given a meeting with the Chair because the Board felt that it was necessary to try and educate him about honor, especially because she/he didn't really understand how she/he deceived the Campus Safety Officer.

ATTENDANCE:

All Board members were present. Representatives from the Class of 2000 were not elected yet.

J-Board log, ctd.

CASE #8

ACCUSED: Student A
Student B

ACCUSER: Campus Safety

CHARGES: Two Counts of Damage to College Property (one for bathroom and one for living room)
Underage Drinking
Nuisance to the Community

EVIDENCE: Written Statements, Witness Statements, Housefellow Statement

PRESENT AT TRIAL: Student A — accused
Student B — accused
Student C — witness
Student D — witness
Housefellow A — Housefellow/witness
Student E — witness
Officer A — Campus Safety

DISCUSSION:

Student E had a group of friends over to his/her room. Among them were Student B and Student A. Student B and Student A admitted to drinking heavily before going over to Student E's room. Both also admitted to drinking a great deal more once reaching Student E's room. Because Student A was drunk to the point of passing out, several of his/her friends brought him into the bathroom and put him in one of the stalls.

At about 2:00 am, before Campus Safety arrived, Student E asked his/her friends to leave. Student B at this time went into the living room to talk with his/her friends some more. There, she/he claims she/he was goofing around with some friends. She/he claims to have jokingly run after one of his/her friends, tripped over the leg of a table in the room, and thus went falling through the living room window. Both of his/her arms went through the window and she/he received cuts on both arms. At about that time, Campus Safety received a noise complaint and were dispatched to Student E's room to investigate.

After breaking the window, Student B left the common room and went into the hallway where one of his/her friends told him that they had brought Student A to the bathroom and that Student A was really drunk. Student B then went to check on Student A in the bathroom. None of the witnesses recall or knew anything about how all the glass bottles got broken in the bathroom that evening. They stated that they don't believe Student B or Student A broke them, but most witnesses don't remember much of the time in the bathroom.

Student B stated that she/he found Student A passing out in the stall and decided to talk him back to his/her room to "sleep it off." With the aid of Student F, Student B started helping Student A down the stairs in Dormitory A. Officer A and Officer B saw them as they were ascending the stairs to respond to the noise complaint. Noticing blood on Student B's shirt, Officer A followed Student A and Student B to assess their injuries while Officer B checked on the noise complaint. Officer A spoke with Student B briefly and took his/her and Student A's names. Neither of them were carrying ID's.

At that point, Student B, Student A, Student F, and Student D (who came out to help Student A), proceeded to bring Student A to his/her room in Dormitory B. Student D stated that Student B was rather excited, was swearing excessively to himself, and was kicking stop-signs along the way to Dormitory B. Student A was put to bed.

After assessing the situation in Dormitory A, Officers A and B proceeded to Dormitory C to question Student B about the window. At that time, Student B denied any involvement in breaking the window, though she/he admitted to doing it during the trial. Student B says she/he doesn't remember his/her denial due to alcohol use. The officers then proceeded to Dormitory B to question Student A. They knocked on Student A's door several times with no answer. Fearing that she/he was in trouble, the officers entered the room with the permission of Housefellow A. Due to his/her excessive drunkenness, the officers decided that it would be in Student

A's best interest to spend the night in the infirmary. There, when asked if she/he was injured from the window breaking, Student A looked at himself, and proceeded to urinate on the Campus Safety Patrol car. The officers transported him to the infirmary and then left the scene.

Approximately, two hours later, Officer B and Officer C were called by the nurse at the infirmary because Student A was causing trouble. Student A had climbed out of bed, urinated on the floor and refused to get back into bed. As the Campus Safety report says "it took an ammonia inhalant and several minutes to get him to comply." Finally, Student A got back in bed and Campus Safety again left the infirmary.

Student A claimed she/he has no recollection of any of his/her incidents with Campus Safety or later in the infirmary as she/he was severely intoxicated. Student B too, claimed to be unsure about the events of the night due to alcohol use.

DECISION:

Student A: Guilty of Underage Drinking
For: 5 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Not Guilty of both counts of Damage to College Property
For: 5 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Not Guilty of Nuisance to the Community
For: 5 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Student B: Guilty of Underage Drinking
For: 5 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Guilty of one count of Damage to College Property (for the window)
For: 5 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Not Guilty of one count of Damage to College Property (for the bathroom)
For: 5 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

Guilty of Nuisance to the Community
For: 5 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99

Against: 0

REASON:

Student A was found guilty of underage drinking by his/her own admission and by the overwhelming preponderance of evidence that indicated that she/he was drunk. She/he was found not guilty of breaking the window, because at the time the window broke, she/he was in the bathroom. She/he was found not guilty of smashing bottles in the bathroom because neither she/he nor any of the witnesses could recollect or testify that she/he did it. Finally, she/he was found not guilty

of nuisance to the community because despite his/her drunkenness, Student A was not harming or disturbing anyone but himself/herself.

Student B was found guilty of underage drinking by his/her own admission and by the overwhelming preponderance of evidence that indicated that she/he was drunk. She/he was found guilty of breaking the window by his/her own admission in the trial. She/he was found not guilty of smashing bottles in the bathroom because neither she/he nor any of the witnesses could recollect or testify that she/he did it. Finally, Student B was found guilty of nuisance to the community because she/he was being loud in the common room and in the bathroom. She/he also was a nuisance in that she/he broke the window, spilled glass all over the common room, and then failed to take responsibility for cleaning it up.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board recommended that Student A meet with Dean Catherine WoodBrooks, Dean of Student Life, to talk about his/her excessive drinking. Student A is also on Alcohol Probation until the end of the academic year. This means that if she/he is brought before the board for another alcohol related violation in that time, the board will automatically consider suspension or expulsion as a possible sanction. Finally, Student A will perform 16 hours of community service at a local alcohol rehabilitation center as both a punitive and educational sanction. These hours must be completed by Christmas.

For: 5 Rachel Gaines '97, Stacie French '98,
Craig Dershowitz '99, Elizabeth Wohl '99
Against: 1 Eric Olson '97 voted against because he didn't feel that the alcohol probation was necessary and that it didn't address the main issues of the case.

Abstain: 0

The Board recommended that Student B pay for the damage that she/he did to the window. Furthermore, the board recommended social probation for Student B until she/he graduates from Connecticut College. Finally, the board recommended Student B do 24 hours of unpaid work for Dining Services by Christmas.

For: 3 Rachel Gaines '97, Eric Olson '97, Stacie French '98,

Against: 1 Craig voted against because he felt Student B should have more hours.

Abstain: 1 Elizabeth abstained because of bias.

REASON:

The Board truly believes that Student A has a serious problem with alcohol. Therefore, the board felt she/he should meet with Dean WoodBrooks to not only talk about the dangers of underage drinking, but also for possible referral for an alcohol problem. The hours in an alcohol rehabilitation center were given largely as an educational measure. It is the sincere hope of the board that Student A will learn about the numerous complex issues that surround alcohol while she/he is working there.

The Board felt Student B should pay for the window which she/he broke for the obvious reasons. The Board also recommended social probation until his/her graduation because Student B has two prior J-Board convictions. As a punitive measure for his/her actions, it was recommended that Student B do 24 hours of unpaid work in Dining Services. The board felt that based on its past actions against Student B, and based on his/her apparent inability to learn from his/her wrongdoing that she/he should be sanctioned for his/her actions. The fact that Student B lied to the Campus Safety officer about his/her involvement with the window, and the fact that Student B put the Dormitory A Living Room off line for a few days while the window was being fixed was also taken into account.

ATTENDANCE:

All Board members were present except Courtney Blair (coordinator) and Josh Faisano '98 who both had excused absences. Representatives from the Class of 2000 were not elected yet.

OPINIONS/EDITORIALS

bustling with honest people making honest livings from the sea. But we know one thing, the "hood" was always here. Tinted out Stanley Steamers with gold rims thumped Dixieland and Big Band music. Up here on the hill, the "Eighth Sister School," as it used to be called, (Damn, you'd think Skinny and I were history majors!) was filled with prissy little rich girls. Mary Harkness and Jane Addams were rolling up Katherine Blunts and eating Cro Jo's.

During the roaring 20's and the depression of the 1930's, girls did swing dances, wore gear like Jane Eyre, and drank moonshine. Prohibition ruled the streets. Kevin Costner was out fighting Robert DeNiro with Tommy guns, while the girls at Conn lived their sheltered lives. Skinny should be helpful with this era because he took "The Emergence of Modern America," but he got a D-, so he don't know shit. We have to resort to modern-day movies for our history.

In the 50's, the girls were singing "Hip-Hop Hooray" when the Coast Guard Academy was established. After nights of dancing the Jitter Bug and the Mashed Potato, they would cross Rt. 32 for some Coastie lovin'. Instead of skate-boarding, the girls would have hula hoop, yo-yo, and pogo stick contests in front of Cro. They'd cruise down Williams Street in their T-birds and poodle skirts to get gas from Elroy the Pakistanian and sip Zima at Mr. G's.

In 1969, eight years after the six-dorm ghetto was built up North, it all changed. On a sweltering late August morning, with his posters of Bill Russell, Chuck Taylor's, three Doors records, nervous parents, and butterflies in his stomach, the first hog rolled onto the scene. There was one reason, and one reason alone he came to Conn: 1,200 chicks. That first class of men was getting booty eight days a week. Don't you dudes wish you could hop in the DeLorean and go to a crush party in 1969?

The 70's were rockin'. Hashish, acid, keg parties, and wild orgies ruled the campus. Actually, this was probably a lie, but it sounds pretty groovy. Leisure suits and butterfly collars, oranges and browns, flower power and bell bottoms were the style. "Freedom Rock" was blared over Harkness Green. Conn students lived for the day.

The 80's were filled with more cheese than the welfare pizza at Cro. Girls sported leg warmers, Aqua Net, and Tretorns. The dudes were not much better. Acid wash jean tuxedos and B.U.M. Equipment were hip. Ah-Ha and Lisa Lisa and the Cult Jam ruled the TNE's. It was a sad era, but we all lived and loved it. In 1988 Claire Guadiani became president. She has her own style, who knows what era she's in?

The 90's is the decade that anything goes. It's the era in which black dudes dye their hair blonde, and blonde dudes are wearing dreds, computer hackers get more lovin' than Skinny, and Conn's image is changing from a "rich white kid's party school" to a "diverse academic institution." As a new millennium approaches, what direction will Conn take? One thing we know for sure, Harris will always suck, Tuna Melt Specials will always rock our world, and you will always be able to outrun campus safety.

Are any of you sick of "Dessert and Dialogue" messages? Skinny and I are having our own function at 2 a.m. every Friday night. Its called "Dope, Dialogue, and Donuts." We will drop knowledge on interesting topics like sexual positions and politics. Each week we will also show a movie. Listen for a broadcast message. Catch you on the rebound!

P.S. Yesterday in Cro, Skinny and I saw Claire packing a dip!

Fat and Skinny

Students protest Prof's dismissal

This letter was submitted for publication in last week's issue of *The Voice*, but due to networking confusion, was not printed until this week. On Wednesday of last week, 76 members of the faculty and administration received this letter, signed by 324 students.

This letter is to express student outrage and disbelief over the failure to renew the contract of Dr. Nancy Goldstein. We are disturbed not only by the loss of Professor Goldstein but by the questionable procedure through which the decision was reached and by the lack of student participation in that process. With the departure of this outstanding professor we lose the core of the gender studies program, as the courses and material she teaches are essential to any further studies in the program. Hiring someone else to fill the position that Professor Goldstein vacates will not be enough, as the perspective that she brings to the curriculum is one of rare and irreplaceable intelligence and clarity. We recognize that the situation as it stands cannot be rectified. With this in mind, we demand that steps be taken to ensure that in the future decisions such as these will not be made without student input. Furthermore, this decision clearly illustrates the lack of regard that the administration has for the gender studies program and brings to the forefront the immediate need to establish a gender studies department with a full time tenure track position. Unless these needs are met, Connecticut College will be continuing to deprive its students of an adequate opportunity to study the structure of our society from the perspective offered by the field of gender studies. In this failure to keep up with the progressive curriculums of its peer institutions, Connecticut College runs the risk of losing potentially brilliant and motivated students who wish to actively participate in this rapidly growing field of study.

Professor Goldstein's departure marks a potential void in the gender studies curriculum, particularly concerning the study of women of color in the United States, Gay and Lesbian Studies, and the critical theoretical perspective she has brought to the school. The energy, commitment and broad base of knowledge that Dr. Goldstein has brought to the program will be irrevocably lost. Furthermore, Professor Goldstein will leave the college without having had the benefit of the kind of fair procedural analysis that is afforded to tenured faculty. This letter marks the only student response to her departure, as the decision was made entirely without the input of the students. We are confident that a completely different decision would have been reached had students been afforded the opportunity to evaluate and participate in this process. In our years at Connecticut College we have come to appreciate the value of community, shared governance, and the mutual respect and trust students, faculty and administration share. We feel that it is a fundamental deviation from the educational and ethical mantra of Connecticut College to deprive us of not only this incredible mentor but of our rightful voice in the matter.

Professor Goldstein's position as an adjunct visiting professor does not afford her the same rights and modes of recourse that are accorded to tenure track professors. Although we realize that non-tenure track professors do not have the inalienable right to a procedural review, the dismissal of Professor Goldstein is a blatant example of the obvious injustice of such a precedent. Customarily, the process of appointment/termination involves administrative input as well as the essential evaluations of faculty and

students: those most familiar with the abilities of the professor. Teaching is primary for adjunct faculty, so student contact — class visits, review of student evaluations, interaction with the student advisory board — is essential and invaluable to this element of the decision making process. After reviewing this information, the program's Steering Committee traditionally confers with members of the student advisory board. If the program decides it has curricular needs that cannot be met by the current candidate matches, then discussion is needed to decide the appropriate manner in which to resolve the contradiction. Had students had been consulted in Professor Goldstein's case, the results would have been profoundly different. We acknowledge that Professor Goldstein's teaching first semester produced a few negative responses from the students and assert that since then she has radically altered her teaching style and the consensus among current students reflects an overwhelmingly positive response to these modifications.

Professor Goldstein will not be here next year, and the implications of this reality are far-reaching. She teaches the most current perspectives in Gender and Women's Studies, and her departure leaves an already vulnerable area of study at even greater risk. That a college that was originally a women's school would show such apparent disregard for the fate of its gender studies program is a disgrace to our reputation as a progressive institution. This disregard is illustrated in the dismissal of an outstanding professor who is essential to the core of the program and popular among her students. Dr. Goldstein challenges her students with an academically rigorous and intellectually challenging course load. Some students accustomed to receiving A's may be shocked to receive C's — or no grade at all and advice to rewrite — on their first paper. Yet Professor Goldstein is always available to provide the guidance necessary to produce the caliber of work she demands.

Her dedication is corroborated by her excellent teaching skill, her incredible accessibility, and her investment in her students and scholarship. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to have taken her classes and had the benefit of Professor Goldstein's instruction are outraged at the loss and saddened to think that future students will not be so lucky. This poor decision weakens not only the gender studies program and the academic status of our school, but irreparably damages the atmosphere of mutuality and respect that we assumed implicit in the structure and quality of a Connecticut College education.

Once again we would like to stress the need for specific guidelines for reviewing the contracts of non-tenure track professors that would ensure student participation in this process which so directly impacts the quality of our education. Ultimately we demand that the need for a gender studies department with a full-time tenure track position be fulfilled. We ask that the administration publicly respond to these demands by Friday, November 15 so that together we may begin immediately to address these deficits in our education here at Connecticut College.

Concerned Students
of Connecticut College

On Schmoozing

We would like to address the campus community regarding the responses to "Schmoozing." For the four years we have been at Conn, "Schmoozing" has been a column that makes light of campus life. It has never been written to offend people, just to make them laugh. Unfortunately, the letters to the editor last week regarding "Schmoozing" have terminated the column.

We would like to ask the people who wrote these letters to think about what they have done. It seems to us these individuals have taken something, intended to be funny, and turned it into a political issue. There is a

Writing Center Column

Hints for revision
by Lisa Hawkins '97

Why would some people rather pull out their teeth than write? Much of the frustration is due to the fact there is no clear-cut method to writing. A universal set of rules that people can master to make themselves good writers does not exist. Styles differ as much as snowflakes; chances are no two will be exactly alike. Maintaining a strong sense of efficiency without a vast amount of pain proves difficult. One hope for us lies in improving our revision techniques.

Revision is a tricky process. Look at yourself. Ask your friends. More than likely, all of you have different and even elusive revision practices. First, you have to write the paper without dwelling on one point for too long. You can always go back later. Next, you have to revise; that is, be willing to reread your paper maybe more than once. Here are a few steps and questions you can ask yourself in order to improve your writing and revising skills:

1) Get a clear focus about the goals of the paper and what your paper is about. Ask yourself certain questions: What is the assignment or purpose of the paper? Who is my audience? What is my thesis? Do my ideas flow properly and relate to the thesis? Should I add or cut any ideas?

2) Filter your ideas, making sure the paper is not boring. How good are the ideas? Is there enough detail? Is the paper too general, too short, too long? Could I change the narrator, tone, point of view, type of paper (narrative form to interview, etc.) to make my paper more interesting?

3) Explore the actual language of the paper. (It does little good doing this earlier since much could be changed in the previous steps.) Are there confusing sentences, ambiguity, redundant phrases, repetition? Are the verb tenses consistent or too passive? Is my language forceful enough? (Avoid using words similar to "maybe" and "seems.")

4) Focus on grammar. Are there proper punctuation and word choice? How is the subject-verb agreement? Have I used the correct tense?

5) Finally, GET RID OF TYPOS! Spellcheck becomes your friend here, but it still doesn't know the difference between when to use "its" and "it's," etc. Don't forget to use proper documentation (APA, MLA, etc.) as well.

Accomplishing real, substantial revision takes a certain amount of wisdom and maturity. It also takes practice. The pain in writing will decrease if you are given the right medicine, good revision skills. All you need is the right prescription.

CAMEL, CTD.

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distinct difference between calling someone a "big butt female" and a "wheel chair crip." From our point of view we cannot see any parallels between making an arbitrary statement about a "big butt female" and making a cruel statement about someone in a wheel chair. There are none. We understand that journalism should not use offensive language or address sensitive issues in order to make people laugh, but we also realize this is a college community, we are still young, and we shouldn't take ourselves so seriously. We are politically sensitive individuals, but when it comes to making light of the college, occasionally there may be references to gender, race, or religion. In no way have we been blatantly derogatory to any group, and as a college community we have to realize the difference between harmless humor and legitimate concerns regarding our campus and society.

The authors of the letters regarding "Schmoozing," because of their strong reaction, have taken one of the few traditions away from our college. We can only hope that in the future, people will think about what is written, said, or communicated in a less condemning fashion before taking such measures.

Peace and Love,

The Underweight Italian-American, John Raymond Melillo

The Overweight White Anglo Saxon Protestant, Ethan Colgate Rossiter

Campus is lacking in senses of humor

Hey you!!!! Yeah you, the one without the sense of humor! Oh, we're sorry, we guess that description is too general since many of you seem to have forgotten how to laugh. We are of course referring to the articles that appeared in last week's voice regarding the "Schmoozing" column. If you become so insulted by a broad statement such as "big butt female" that you want an entire Connecticut College tradition like "Schmoozing" to be canceled, then we'd like to give you a wake up call. Soon you'll be forced out of this cocoon of political correctness into a harsher society where you'll need to know how to laugh at yourself and others in order to survive. Someday, you'll be thankful if you can find such a means of escape that forces you to step back and smile at life and all its quirks. As students on this campus, that is what "Schmoozing" does for us. A good laugh is hard to find. Take it where you can get it.

Jamie Burns '97
Claudia Busto '97
Adriana Torre '97

Dessert & dialogue

On October 30 in Lambdin Livingroom, Cathy Horne hosted a Dessert and Dialogue called "To Play or Not to Play." The discussion there included why coaches push athletes so far, and comparing the importance of the sport to the athlete and to the coach. Why do some coaches push athletes to play when injured? Also discussed was why do athletes insist on playing when they could aggravate

an injury? The relative importance of sport was compared to that of academics, and philosophies of taking away athletics as a punishment for poor academic performance were also discussed.

On Sunday, November 3, Michael Adelson hosted, "Why My Music? A discussion of Music Taste." He spoke about why we listen to what we listen to and made an interesting point which I had never really heard put in such a way. He said that the more we love music, the less music we love. I find this to be true with my own listening habits. The more I get into the style of music I listen to (progressive rock, including Rush, Yes, and Dream Theater) the less I like to listen to mainstream modern rock, pop, or rap. The same held true for lovers of Jazz, Western Art Music, and Pop. We also spoke about dissonant music and what ways to appreciate it. We talked about familiarity and the differences in what makes something technically good from fun to listen to. Everyone had different answers, obviously, but it made me appreciate the love that people have for their kind of music as I have for mine.

On Monday, November fourth in Abbey House, Professor Niering hosted a Dessert and Dialogue about the environment in the world today.

The discussion opened with Professor Niering touching on the improvements in the last thirty years. He focused on small scale improvements in Connecticut and specifically Connecticut college, and the arboretum.

In the second half of the discussion, the question was raised that if people judge the environment as an important issue in the world today, meaning the environment is

constantly being labeled as an important issue, than why is it that people don't take that into consideration as heavily when voting politically as they would other issues like the deficit, or health care. It was an interesting discussion, and one that definitely deserves further consideration.

Ryan Eschauzier
Housefellow of Special Projects

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The administration position is that there has not yet been sufficient development to ensure that the nations will adapt to the new political arrangements of the Dayton Peace Accord and will slip back into war. In fact, tensions have increased as all three factions - Serb, Croat and Muslim - have become increasingly bold in initiating small attacks against each other.

For Clinton, who does not need Congressional approval to send troops that will likely arrive before Congress is in session, this recent decision could possibly indicate the future of foreign policy as he begins his second term. Throughout the presidential campaign, debate on the future of U.S. involvement in Bosnia was conspicuously absent. Republicans have accused Clinton of being intentionally misleading prior to the election about the Bosnian issue, claiming that he never intended to unconditionally end the U.S. presence in Bosnia. Clinton, defending the lack of discussion regarding Bosnia, claimed that the substantive difference between him and Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole was essentially non-existent and therefore was not an appropriate topic to highlight facing an upcoming election. Within a week following the election, however, Clinton alluded, at a press conference, to the fact that the Christmas deadline to withdraw troops would not be met and that the U.S. would continue to maintain a powerful presence in the region.

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SPORTS

I.M. Update: Freight Train, Wet Edge win titles

By Chris Capone
THE COLLEGE VOICE

The culmination of the Fall Intramural Season reached its pinnacle with final games being played in soccer and football this past Sunday. In I.M. Football the Superbowl match featured Sully's Kids and Freight Train and, like freshman year drunken hook-ups, this one was far from pretty. Chris Capone opened up the Freight Train offense by throwing for three interceptions on the opening three drives. Part of the reason for this was the quick line play of Sully's Kids. Chris O'Dea, who despite being built like a pregnant Demi Moore on the cover of *Mademoiselle*, is one of the fastest players in the league. After the threat of genital torture from fellow Freight Train teammate Vin Talamo if he didn't perform, Capone was

able to relax and bear down throwing three touchdown passes the rest of the way. * (Authors Note - I do not mean to poke fun at the incredibly serious problem of genital torture, however in this case since the genitals at stake were mine I feel that all groups offended should take this into consideration. I have written to my Congressman and sought psychological help. Thanks for your consideration.) The first of which was to Freight Train Captain Bill Omansiek who was beaten by his own teammates after crossing the goal line. Sully's Kids would come back when on the final drive of the first half, Bob Driscoll connected with Kevin Ward for an easy seven points. Asked to comment on the touchdown, Ward stated, "It was the most exciting an liberating experience since waking up face down in a pool of my own vomit this

morning." In the second half Freight Train would pull away as Aaron DeMaio would beat Mark Driscoll for yet another score this season. With time running out, Sully's Kids made one last attempt to score but was intercepted by Gregg McNeil on a play which was more confusing then Kyle Meek's acceptance to this school. Gian Giordano would add an insurance touchdown at the end to make the score 21-7. Sully's Kids was hurt by the loss of Derek Hasan who was inadvertently injured when he accidentally sat down on the thumb which he had placed in his buttocks.

I.M. Athlete of the Week - Aaron DeMaio one touch down, two championships, a number of references to his sexual prowess in *The Voice*, and an incredibly inflated ego as a result of all these factors.



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IM football players had to watch their backs, opponents were never far behind.

A Hard Act To Follow...

by Tim Sheflin
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Last year the Conn College men's hockey picked up the pieces of a disappointing 5-16-2 '94-'95 campaign, and put together their best season in recent memory. The season was highlighted by their first ECAC Quarterfinal in six years and an amazing 11-game unbeaten streak. Calling it an unbeaten streak is unfair when you consider it was made up of a tie followed by 10 straight Camel victories. They finished the season at 16-7-1 overall, and 12-6-1 in the ECAC East. This year the Camels hope to build on last season and once again qualify for the ECAC tournament.

Improving on such a great season will be a tough task, but Conn is returning 18 players including their leading scorer Dave Kessler (30pts) and Dave Getschow. Getschow was second in goals scored last season with 16. Other key offensive returnees are Gerry Rinn and Curt Wilcox. Wilcox lit the lamp 10 times last season while Rinn netted 13 of his own. These four seniors are make up the offensive nucleus of the '96-'97 season.

The Camels will get a chance to see how they stack up to the

best team in Division III when the head up to Middlebury, VT to face Middlebury College on November 22. Middlebury has dominated Division III hockey for the past decade, and has even considered the possibility of jumping to Division I. For now, however, the Panthers are staying put, giving Conn a chance to pull off a great upset. While in Vermont, Conn will stop a Norwich who they beat 5-2 early last season.

If all goes exactly as planned, when the Camels play their ninth game of the year on January 11, at Amherst, Coach Doug Roberts will be celebrating more than a NESCAC win. Roberts will have picked up career victory number 200 as coach of the Connecticut College team. Even if the Camels don't start out 9-0, Conn has a great chance to help coach Roberts reach that plateau.

Conn has a lot at stake this season. While last year's success proved Conn belonged in the ECAC and national elite, a strong season this year would be evidence of a program ready to become a perennial power. The Camels finished last year ranked eighth in the NCAA East. If they stay in the top 10 again this year, they would be making a serious statement.

Wet Edge soaks Guster in IM soccer final

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"Those who can, play; those who can't, write about it."

Last weekend the final blood was spilled in IM soccer warfare. The threats had been handed out and received, the trash talk had left the CONNtact stinkin' for weeks. And to show the grave seriousness of it all, *Star Wars* had even come into the exchange. But on the fateful Sunday, Guster met Wet Edge at high noon on Chapel Green. The shin guards were strapped on, the shorts pulled low, and the tension between the teams could be cut with a bent knife from Harris. The spectators were in full effect, all five of them. But the fame and chanting crowd were not what drove these athletes to compete. It was the glory, bragging rights, and the coveted T-shirt. Only the few and proud are allowed to wear the shirts blaring "Intramural Champions." The gray cotton was at stake, and the teams took the field to start the first half.

The first half saw a single goal, and intense defense. Curran Ford connected a pass to TJ Green to put Guster on the board. There was a lot of contact, mud, and sliding on the field to close the half. Wet Edge knew they had to come out strong to gain control, but Guster was ready to take an even larger lead to secure the victory. The second half had Wet Edge goalie Kyle Sheffield all over the box, defending his goal with life and limb. Forcing the ball into Wet Edge's scoring half meant two goals for the WE. Ken Meyer had a breakaway, resulting in the ball flying through the posts into the net. Toby Elmore had a scramble that led him to push the ball past the Guster defense for another goal. That made the score 2-1 in favor of the Wet Edge. Guster regained control, and came close to evening the score. But Sheffield cleared the ball far up field with one minute left. Guster tried a strategic play of pulling the goalie to put everyone on offense. This plan lasted few seconds, and the goalie was put back. But the whistle blew, and the

war had ended. Bodies limped off the green. Some were elated, some only thought of what could have been. As the gray and blue laurels flew through the air to conquerors, the defeated could only think of next year. There are rumors that CONNtact messages have already been written. The victorious put the shirts on, and walked away with the label of "Champions" plastered across their chests.

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CAMEL SPORTS

Athlete of the Week

This week the distinction for outstanding play goes not to an athlete, but a team. The men's soccer team prevailed over Bates, Bowdoin in overtime, and finally Brandeis to bring home an ECAC title. To pick just one or two players would be to diminish the outstanding team effort not only of this past week, but of the entire season. Congratulations to the entire men's soccer team and coaching staff!!!

Sailing '96: Team of Champions

by Carolyn Tribble
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Things came to a head this past weekend, as the Connecticut College Sailing Team wrapped up its season with three Atlantic Coast Championships. Qualifying in all three divisions: Women's, Freshmen, and Coed, the team set out along the eastern seaboard with high expectations.

The Freshman Team traveled to King's Point, New York to sail against thirteen other schools. The young team comprised of Ted Robertson, Ilse Teeters-Trumphy, W Mason, Becky Saunders, Anna Longstaff, and Justin Smith, had experienced success earlier in the season. The competition at King's Point was tough, sailing against powerhouses like St. Mary's, Navy, and Tufts. In addition, the wind was light, and the current was ripping. Coach Greg Skidmore felt the team showed promise and hopes they get in more practice next season.

Here in New London, the Women's Team sailed out of Coast Guard looking for a win. After being seeded third in the nation according to *Sailing World's* collegiate poll, the women had high hopes. A solid team of Ery Largay '98, Karen Renzulli '99, Jane Loutrel '99, and Pilar Vahey '98 worked hard all season to earn this ranking. Veteran Tracy Hayley '97 and crew Joanna Montague '98 came on board to further strengthen the team for the regatta. Similar to the freshman regatta, the Women were plagued with light air and heavy current. Competition was tough, with Hayley/Montague battling out a three way tie for second place in A division. The Women placed 5th overall, which they were satisfied with, but are now focusing on training for the Nationals in May.

Down in Annapolis, Maryland, the Coed team entered into a heated battle at the US Naval Academy. Unlike the Freshmen and Women's teams, the Coed's saw plenty of action thanks to a steady breeze. The team comprised of Morgan Connor '98, Carter Page '97, Peter Strothman '99, Tara Davignon '97, Drew Buttner '98, and Kimberly Gresalfi '98 were ready to sail and the results show. On the first day of competition Connor/Page were second in A division, with Buttner/Gresalfi and Strothman/Davignon sailing equally well in B division. Coach Jeff Bresnahan was excited to see that the team peaked at the right time. The team finished the regatta fourth overall, which was

by far their most impressive placing in ACC's in recent years. However, Conn still has another regatta down in Annapolis. This weekend, the Sloop team of Ben Wagner '99, Buttner, and Connor will be competing in another Atlantic Coast Championship in J22's. Sailing earlier in the season, the team placed second in the New England Championships. So, expectations are high and the team is eager to sail.

Altogether, these three teams sailed extraordinary; and the team's accomplishments should make the Connecticut College community proud. Not only did Conn sailors qualify for these three regattas, but also qualified in the Women's Single-Handed Championship, and the Atlantic Coast Sloop Championship. Camel sailing rose above and beyond any Conn athletic team standard, qualifying for five championships in one season. The team worked hard in their twelve week season, and will continue to sail individually over the winter to prepare for the spring.

As a Varsity sport, the Sailing team is often overlooked by Connecticut College. The members have to battle the weather, such as last week's thirty degree temperatures, the large time commitment, and commitments to other winter Varsity sports. Many teams travel, but few as far or as often as the Conn sailors. This team has taken the term "committed" to a new level. The members have taken on the responsibility of establishing a positive team image; which has resulted in an increase in membership, and has attracted many perspectives. Connecticut College is now considered a major figure in the world of collegiate sailing, and the team is still growing. The need for more boats, as well as a sailing facility, has become more of an issue with the team. Facing all of these challenges, the team has quietly, but steadily, maintained their status as a member of the top ten sailing schools in the country. The team is looking for a win at a National championship to prove their depth, talent, and dedication to the sailing and the college community. This goal is possible considering the large percentage of veteran sailors on the team. A third of the team is comprised of juniors, and more than half sail varsity regattas. Even though it may be snowing, do not expect the Sailing Team to take a rest. Instead, they will be preparing to enter the spring season in top form.



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Wes Harris leaves the Polar Bear offense behind as he clears the ball upfield

Brandeis Conn-quered in ECAC final

by Garrett Scheck
THE COLLEGE VOICE

Three days after being snubbed by the NCAA Selection Committee, the Camels said nay to all naysayers and won the ECAC Division 3 tournament.

They began their march to the title with a 1-0 win over Bates at home on Wednesday, on the strength of a looping, deflected goal from Matt Raynor '97. Two days later, they eliminated a tough Bowdoin side 4-3,

with Jamie Tuttle '99, Raynor, and Yannie Moraitis '99 scoring in regulation, and Jonah Fontela '99 tallying the game winner deep into the first overtime period. On Sunday, the team traveled to Brandeis for the finals, where they triumphed 3-0 behind the shutout goaltending of Gus Campos '97, the torrid goal scoring of Fontela who continued his torrid pace with two, and Matt McCreedy, who notched one.

Club sports lack support

by Todd Klarin
THE COLLEGE VOICE

With the new budget allocations that the school has handed out, it seems once again they've neglected something. Club sports. There are 11 club sports at Conn this year. Each currently getting between \$150 and \$2,000 from the general allocations account, and each with various other problems of their own.

"It's just a lack of respect," said ultimate frisbee captain Tim Hebda. "That basically sums it up for me." Ultimate frisbee is one many clubs that have been having discussions with the athletic director. During the fall, the club is forced to compete with the men's rugby team for practice time. The two teams share one field and must coordinate practices. At the same time the men's soccer team is given three fields for practice. Ultimate frisbee first came to Conn over 10 years ago, and with all the freshmen that have showed up to support the team this year, it doesn't look like they'll be going anywhere anytime soon; but they are still only allocated \$150 a year. Any sanctioned tournament costs \$15 per person, not including food or transportation, which the team has to supply themselves. Sunday, November 3, ultimate frisbee hosted one of its two annual tournaments;

November 3 was also intramural soccer playoffs. Both organizations had reserved the field for that day. The field was given to soccer and the ultimate tournament games had to be altered. "It's really unfortunate when we have other school come to Conn that we can't make a good impression for them. It makes the club look bad and it makes the school look bad," said Hebda.

Club baseball is another sport that has faced some serious problems with the administration. Ever noticed a baseball field at Conn? That's because there isn't one. The team is forced to travel to New London to practice on a dirt field. Because there is no field the team is forced to play all away games during their season. The baseball team is allocated \$2000, which barely covers the cost of a coach, and no money is left over for equipment. "Because all our games are away games, no one ever goes to watch. It's really disappointing for us," said club baseball president Scott Hurlbert.

The equestrian team has also come into problems this year. Their club team has tripled in size since last year, but as the club triples, so does the budget; the team has already spent three times as much as they were allocated this year. All the schools against which Conn competes have varsity equestrian

teams, each with a coach and professional equipment; our club has neither. "We've had to depend on our members to buy stuff for the team," said equestrian team president Allison Rourke. "We may have to have cuts next semester which is something we've never had to do before, but our budget doesn't allow us to keep all our members."

Other club sports with problems include the men's rugby team which has already exceeded its allocations, and the aikido and ski clubs which have negative balances in their Student Organization accounts this year.

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