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THE COLLEGE VOICE

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College observes World AIDS Day, student activist group is growing

BY NATALIE HILDT
Features Editor

"You are looking at the face of AIDS," read the provocative signs hung on the bathroom mirrors of every dorm. Made by the recently-formed AIDS Awareness and Education Group, the signs were a precursor to World AIDS Day, December 1.

These students worked with David Brailey, health educator, to promote AIDS education and prevention by sponsoring the event at the college. Meanwhile, organizations across the world did the same.

Offering literature, red AIDS Awareness ribbons, buttons and stickers claiming "Safe is Sexy," and of course, free condoms, at its table in the College Center, the group attracted a lot of interest.

Laura Ludvigson, a freshman working the table, was surprised by the reactions of passers-by. "Adults wouldn't stop to see what was going on," Ludvigson noted, while students were less inhibited and "stopped to talk and check out the free stuff."

Later in the afternoon, there was a panel discussion on the family and AIDS, in which area organizations such as the Southeastern Connecticut AIDS Project participated. The panel followed a fashion show given by Models Against AIDS, a group which organizes fashion shows for charity. Finally, at 8 p.m., the group encouraged the college to participate in 15 minutes of darkness to commemorate individuals living with and dying from AIDS.

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The AIDS Awareness and Education Group was started this year mostly by first-year students who realized the lack of such an organization at the college. The group, which is co-chaired by Morgan Hertzan and Amalie Young, both freshmen, meets weekly and invites students to bring their concerns and ideas.

Some of the members are involved because AIDS has already touched their lives personally, while others simply feel

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Allison Burns/Photography Editor of Voice Magazine

Make We Joy was held in Harkness Chapel on Sunday. The performance is a combination of both religious and pagan rituals which celebrate the winter solstice.

Conn students learn outside the classroom at the ethics conference

BY BEN RUBIN
News Editor

During the five days before Thanksgiving, 20 Connecticut College students accompanied by Claire Gaudiani, president of the college, traveled to Washington, D.C. to take part in an international conference titled "Government Ethics: Public Service, Public Trust in Democracies."

Connecticut College was the only educational institution which sponsored the event. The conference, which was hosted by the United States Information Agency and the United States Office of Government Ethics, was also sponsored by NYNEX, United Technologies, Pitney Bowes, Martin Marietta, and the Institute of Public Administration.

The students who attended the conference acted as aids for a lot of the behind-the-scenes work, which included taking notes for the conference records, operating video cameras at discussion panels, helping foreign visitors, and last-minute coordination of events.

The bulk of the conference comprised panel discussions which included topics such as "Common Values Which Cross Cultures," a topic which emphasized the global focus of the conference; administrative ethics, which examined actual corruption in the ranks of civil servants as well as the perception of corruption; the education of employees on rights and regulations, conflict of interest, enforcement, the future of ethics, and the interrelated role of government and business, a topic which touched on the idea that the growth of international commerce accentuates the need for fair dealings between businesses and between business and government.

Panelists included representatives from businesses and governments of countries all over the world.

"I was very impressed with the panel involving Socratic Dialogue where Michael Josephson [the moderator] set up an hour long dialogue on [gift giving] to elected officials. At the end he showed how it was a huge metaphor for the emptiness of rules without understanding. It showed how much more important the spirit of the law is rather than the letter of the law in ethics," said Alex Cote, a sophomore.

"It was a different sort of learning than we generally get here... it was realistic ethics as opposed to ethical theory. It was the pragmatic application of ethics. [I learned how the panelists] apply ethical theory to their daily interactions," said Dan Traum, a junior.

Many of the students came to realizations about how living under the Honor Code on this campus

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Chaplaincy Advisory Council raises concerns over Yom Kippur recommendation

BY JENNY BARRON
Associate News Editor

The Chaplaincy Advisory Council held a discussion at their Wednesday night meeting on the Student Government Association reccomendation to cancel classes on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. The Advisory council was asked to make a recommendation on the proposal before it is voted on by the faculty.

The proposal was presented to the council by co-sponsors John Biancur, SGA presidential associate and member of the Advisory Council, and Alex Cote, house senator of Blackstone. "I think the college is looking to us for leadership," said Biancur when introducing the proposal. He said that he believes the community is expecting a list of the council's likes and dislikes about the proposal. He explained that the four major concerns raised about the proposal include its cost, concerns over the academic calendar, the college's committment to remain unaffiliated with any religion, and concern that cancelling classes would open the "floodgates" for members of all faiths to want classes canceled for their religious observances.

Additional concerns were brought up by council members, one of which was equity amongst religions. Steve Schmidt, chaplain of the college, said that he was concerned that allowing no classes to be held on one specific religious holiday would compromise the college's policy which specifies no preferential treatment for any religion. He said there was the possibility that this proposal would promote religious diversity at the cost of other religions on the campus.

Aaron DeMaio, Catholic student representative, said that he shared this concern saying that there were no other days off specifically for religious reasons.

Also said to be a concern was the proposal's exclusion of college staff. Staff would still be required to work on Yom Kippur. "We're treating segments of the community differently," commented Jon Budd, a Protestant student representative. Budd suggested that only essential services be kept open on Yom Kippur, such as closing all dining halls except for Harris.

The argument, brought up in SGA Assembly, that Jewish students are made to choose between classes

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CONNThought

Yom Kippur questions need to be answered

This week the Chaplaincy Advisory Council discussed the Student Government recommendation not to hold classes on Yom Kippur, the highest holy day in the Jewish faith. The Council must make its own recommendation before the issue is voted on by the faculty.

This discussion brought forth issues which were not previously confronted. If these questions, which raise potential problems with the recommendation, can be answered, then the Council should recommend this proposal to the faculty. However, it is only after these questions have been answered that the recommendation should be made.

One such question dealt with how this proposal would affect the college financially. Canceling classes would not warrant closing down other departments in the college. For instance, Dining Services would still have to provide food, and the houses would still need to be maintained. Is it fair for students and faculty to receive a holiday when other members of the campus community do not? If a feasible solution, such as a rotating schedule, could be presented, then there would be no reason for the Council not to recommend this proposal.

Another question which arose is whether or not a policy of canceling classes on a religious holiday is going to open the "floodgates" to all other religious students who wish to have classes canceled on their highest holy days. While this might be the case, no one can answer how many students of varying religions will ask for this privilege. Whether it be now or later, inevitably the issue of recognizing religious holidays, whether they be Judaic ones or not, must be confronted.

This issue ties in to that of the college remaining unaffiliated with a religion. Recognizing a religious holiday by not holding classes does not necessarily mean the college is affiliated with that faith. In fact, the recognition of such a holiday might stress the importance of multiculturalism at Connecticut College.

Another issue which was brought to the fore was that of sacrifice. People of all religions must sacrifice various aspects of their lives to a certain degree. To some, such a sacrifice is the very essence of one's commitment to one's faith.

Members of the Chaplains Advisory Council hold that, by canceling classes on Yom Kippur, the college would be allowing Jewish students to avoid making the difficult decisions that students of other religions must face. Should any religious student be asked to choose between academics and religion?

While it is clear students should be able to practice their religions, only when these questions can be answered should the Council recommend this proposal to the faculty.

This is not an easy task. However, there must be a solution to the problem. The entire campus is looking ahead to six weeks of winter break. The holiday season is also a season for reflection and may be an ideal time to try to find some answers.

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Political Correctness is about ending oppression

I appreciate Jonathan Jaroch's well-intentioned reference to my November 15 *Voice* editorial, but I feel that my words were used out of context to illustrate something that I do not necessarily support. Let me explain.

We live in a backlash society. It seems that whenever political tendencies begin to lean one way, there is a reactionary backlash in the opposite direction. University faculty are seen as too liberal, and suddenly there's a significant rise in College Republicans. During the Reagan/Bush environmental holocaust, membership of environmental organizations exploded. Clinton and Gore come into office, and (surprise, surprise) they all go bankrupt. This last Congressional election is a prime example, as the public lashed against a relatively (though dubitably) liberal Clinton administration. However, the most blatant backlash I have witnessed in the past few years has been the backlash against political correctness.

I agree with Jonathan that there is much to be questioned about the effectiveness of speech codes and other forms of regulated political correctness. However, I want to make sure that we do not lose sight of the importance of the movement's actual goals and theories. In our inflamed reaction against the inconveniences of political correctness, it has actually become COOL to be "un-PC." Instead of opening their minds to new ideas, growing numbers of people are reinforcing each other in continued ignorance and misunderstanding. Just like the recent Republican landslide, the backlash against political correctness is, in large part, an attempt to preserve the status quo.

I am not advocating the abolition of the speech codes here, because I feel that they do give some level of protection to people who otherwise receive little consideration in the world of politics.

What is the PC movement really about? Whether we know it or not, the words we use in everyday dialogue and the images we portray affect people's perceptions of the world. This can happen at even the deepest levels of consciousness. Thus, without even meaning to, you can perpetuate stereotypes within our society. Think about examples in your own life. If you see television ads for laundry detergent, always with women doing the laundry, somewhere in your head the stereotype that women should do the housework is reinforced and perpetuated. I will propose that calling a woman something as seemingly harmless as "chick" or "baby" is, in effect, infantilizing them and perpetuating their inferior societal status. (I recognize that this example is arguably hypersensitive, but it does have an effect, however small it may be.) The list could go on and on, but my point is made. We need to begin to think about the subtle messages that are being communicated in our lives. Your language and actions can either support stereotypes or work to end them. The choice is yours.

You're right, Jonathan. Speech codes are ineffective at best, and probably counter-productive *when they lack the education to go along with them.* Simply telling people what to say and do is cosmetic unless we teach them WHY their actions matter. In fact, regulation without education is often a major factor in our society's backlash syndrome, as people rebel against being told what to do.

Also, I am tired of all the negative vibes surrounding "PC" and wouldn't mind trashing the term altogether. But let's not throw out the baby with the bathwater. Let's remember that at its soul, political correctness is about ending oppression, and let's work with that knowledge to achieve those ends. It's so easy to jump on the anti-PC bandwagon and rationalize away your unwillingness to self-examine and evolve. I challenge you to work through the inconvenience and awkwardness of checking your actions in order to walk the road toward Jonathan's "best of all possible worlds" where "political correctness [is] a mindset." *(Jonathan Jaroch, The College Voice, November 22, 1994)*

I am not advocating the abolition of the speech codes here, because I feel that they do give some level of protection to people who otherwise receive little consideration in the world of politics. What I **am** doing is asking people to begin to see themselves as **political** beings and to realize that their words and actions **do** affect others, either positively or negatively.

Mark Lucey
Class of 1995

Labels are counterproductive in the fight against ignorance and "isms"

These thoughts are in response to Mark Lucey's letter which appeared in the November 15th edition of this newspaper. Mark, I am confused. At first I was pleased that you were taking an opportunity to speak out on behalf of free and open discourse. However, in the middle of your letter I felt a profound sense of disappointment at the way in which you chose to speak out.

You could have told me, as a reader, that you have friends and you were afraid to ask them about their experiences for fear of seeming ignorant. Instead, you told me that you have friends who are black, brown, gay, or female.

In doing so, you took away their names and you took away their individuality. You turned them into symbols of a group, just as you became a "white, heterosexual, upper-class, privileged, rnale," instead of Mark Lucey. Wouldn't you rather people looked at you for what you were and not what you appeared to be? If you categorize your friends, you neglect them as people. It is this sort of behavior that leads to tensions which strain discourse. It is these tensions that make us afraid. If we are afraid to ask questions, we are holding ourselves back.

You are free to speak, and you ask all of us to do so. My advice to you is to indeed speak freely. Chances are that you may offend someone. In this particular instance, I felt the need to take issue with the manner in which you perpetuate restrictive discourse. I respond to you in the same fashion you chose to address the community at large. If you do offend someone, learn from it. As you said, we are all ignorant, some more than others. As long as we are afraid, questions will go unasked. We deny ourselves and our friends the communication that makes learning possible. Until questions are asked, prejudice will stand unchallenged. I commend you for taking a first step.

Matthew Cooney
Class of 1995

Viewpoint

"Diversity machine fucks everyone over"

Effort is what counts

I hear where you're coming from man, but don't sweat it. I thought the same things for a while, but you are doing the right thing. You care and are sensitive to what other people feel. What more can you do? Well, Connecticut College wants more from you. They want you to feel guilty all the time. Something about this offends you and you write to the *Voice* out of frustration. You're just the latest victim of a national conspiracy. You have become a part of the diversity machine, but that's okay. Let me explain to you what's happened to you and this country and maybe help you figure out what to do.

The letter by Rudolph Radna was interesting to me. It provided focus in my mind for what exactly is wrong with the diversity debate on campus. This whole diversity issue as it is discussed at Connecticut College has no focus, cohesion, or consensus. Sandra Quiles is pissed off because the class of '97 had a white-boy class executive board last year and that the music played at the son of the revenge of another boring 80s TNE included few artists of "color." Rudolph Radna contends (in jest, I assume) that the state of origin of a prospective student should count more toward their admission to Connecticut College than individual achievement. The education department of the college values the ethnicity of a student before all else. In this way they can prevent assimilation into a dominant culture and subsequently preclude any chance that cross-cultural communication, and thus understanding, can occur. Other students believe that a regimented system of racial and ethnic hiring and admission quotas are the way to go. The psychology department demands gender-neutral language in all assignments to teach males not to offend females. The orientation procedure builds diversity by making white males feel responsible for all problems in heterosexual relationships and the pain that any minority might suffer in American society. Some people think the only way to create the diversity that Conn needs is to make a multicultural course a graduation requirement to drag out the orientation guilt seminar for a semester to work its wonders. This is the plea for diversity as expressed by the Connecticut College community.

I've been struggling with this issue for quite some time without success. How can we make everybody happy about this diversity thing if we all want different things? I tried to get in the head of the "other" to understand where these desires came from, but I only got more confused. I discovered that there was nothing that these calls for diversity have in common. The only unifying trend that I see is that people who identify themselves as somehow being outside of the dominant paradigms want things to go their way. Essentially everyone's concept of what is diverse is one which is me-centric. I'm a person of (insert your group here) and I need more music, students, teachers, and other stuff that's like me to feel like I am being served by our school. This is a nice way that each minority group says that they really want to have the advantages of being a majority and appeal to the guilt of those who see themselves as the majority. In this way they can perpetually demand entitlement grievances. It is for this reason that I have come to believe that the issue of diversity is a system rather than a fixable problem. It is a way in which the minority compensates for not being a majority in our society. We shouldn't therefore delude ourselves into thinking that any action the community takes can realistically satiate everybody's demand for diversity. The reason is because no two groups agree on what they want and thus there is no way to make everyone feel as though they are part of a majority without assimilationist policy aims. This is what I call the diversity machine, a system that rewards the majority with guilt and fear about the minority while ensuring that no cross-cultural communication can occur without offense.

The other thing that all these pleas for diversity share is a foundation in an irrational principle. That principle is to weigh the ethnic identity of an individual above all else. For example, when the call is made to emphasize "black culture" more, what do they mean? Should we talk about Michael Jackson, Louis Farhakahn, Mr. T, Snoop Dogg, or maybe Martin Luther King, Jr.? All of these people stand for radically different things. The only thing they have in common is that they are black and speak/spoke English. The problem is that black is just a color. It doesn't mean anything more than that, really. It seems that one's color is a poor thing from which to create one's identity. I don't deny that it is a factor. Being black or brown or purple in America is certainly different from being white, but it shouldn't be at the top of anybody's hierarchy of identity. If it is, you'll never be happy unless you feel as though you are part of a majority. If I were to say I am proud of being white, not only would the campus social military jump down my throat for being some kind of Eurocentric racist, but I would also not be saying anything. What do Adolph Hitler, Timothy Leary, Henry David Thoreau, and Frank Zappa have in common outside of being dead and white? For me to say that my color identity means anything to me would be irrational for the same reasons that Conn's numerous and jumbled standards of a diverse society are irrational.

This is not to say that there isn't a problem. Some stupid drunk plex resident felt like getting a rise out of the community by writing racist scrawl. We talked about it for weeks, we gave the baby the attention he/she wanted, and what did we achieve? Nichts. People seem to forget that Connecticut College is one of the most tolerant places in the world except with respect to white males. Racism isn't realistically a huge problem here. Anybody of any origin or persuasion can walk around on campus in perfect safety. Social and political equality is not enough for the soldiers of the diversity machine. The politically correct SS troops are targeting those stupid enough to associate themselves with the terms "dominant" or "majority." They then are branded with names that infect their victim with a sense of fear and guilt for being who they think they are. What does this solve? When I talk to somebody, I want to be able to take issue with somebody's ideas without being called a racist. I'd like to apply to graduate school and know that I am being weighed first and foremost by my personal academic merit before my socioethnic status. The diversity machine doesn't defeat racism, it just perpetuates and feeds it and as a side effect generates quasi-rational reasons for cross-racial dispute. I don't mean this to stink of neanderthal conservatism, but rather to call us to identify what's really important about ourselves and this campus. The point is to make sure that we all have the same treatment regardless of where we come from, what we look like, and what we believe in. That's the only logical reason for any social reform. In light of that, look at the diversity machine and ask yourself how well it achieves this end.

There are things that rationally make us different from one another: we have different ideas, thoughts, traditions, religions, and a multitude of other things. True diversity lies in something outside of color or category. I have friends who are identical twin sisters— one goes here and the other goes to Wesleyan. They look a lot alike and had the same educational upbringing, yet when you get to know them, they are nothing alike at all. They have different values, different priorities, different goals, and different tastes, even though on face they look similar. That's rational diversity, one that focuses on the individual rather than one that seeks blindly for diversity by making false generalizations about race and origin.

I used to feel guilty, afraid of being misunderstood, afraid of offending somebody every time I open my mouth in class. I had to. I'm a white male at Connecticut College who went through the diversity machine's social conditioning (brainwashing) ordeal, but that's too much responsibility for anybody. I realized I was spending so much nervous energy being sensitive to the "other" that I didn't have any time to think for myself. We have to have confidence in our ability to be just in our dealings with other people. If you feel like you're doing the right thing when you are around people, that's enough. What more can anybody ask of you? Be respectful to all as best you can, and forget about the guilt— it doesn't solve anything. It makes you feel bad for conditions beyond your control and alienates others. If they're still offended, it's their problem, and you've got more important things to worry about. In the end, the diversity machine fucks everyone over and leaves nobody satisfied. I'm not sure what the answer is, but diversity in the Connecticut College sense of the term is anything but an answer. I give you now the words of Ray Cappo, who points us to the way we should be thinking about these things if we want these problems to end. The key is to look at all people with an open mind and to receive what they say like you would anybody else. Once we can see people as just simply people, we'll have what we are looking for.

"Just lump everyone in, then you don't have to begin, to use discrimination. / To set the matter straight, and to end some pointless hate, here's some information. / I'm not proud of my place of birth, some random place on earth; I claim no nationality. / I'm no religious institution, or denomination / I'm a separate personality. / Don't put your labels on me, there's so much more you cannot see / Stop concocting stories, inventing categories / Of who I should be."

Randall Smith
Class of 1997

Dean of College urges students to act, convene and relax

I would like to say to Mark Lucey '95 that I admire his brave CONNThought piece expressing fear of asking questions about diversity. But, it saddens me a bit too. To me, the sad part is the fear if it freezes you. Thankfully, Connecticut College is still a civil community marked by a great deal of civility. Mark, do not be frozen by fear.

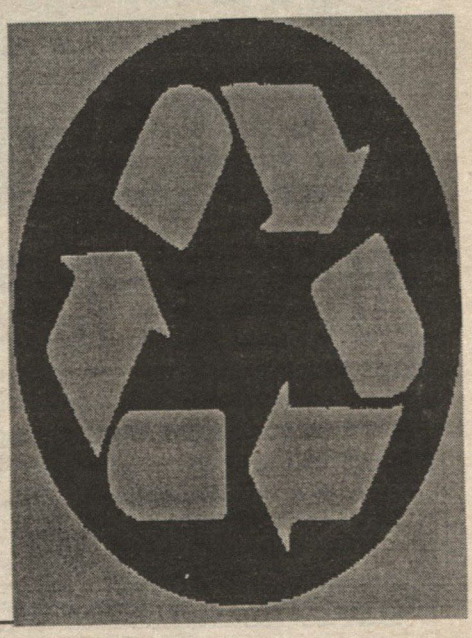
Mark wrote that he has unanswered questions about racism, sexism and other "-isms" and that he is "afraid to be seen as ignorant." If the liberal arts and any college campus show anything, they reveal how little we know. We are all ignorant about so many things.

So, Mark, and hundreds of you like him— welcome to the club! You can ask questions of each other, get together on your dorm corridor or in your dorm living room and reveal your ignorance. You're on safe ground as long as we don't confuse ignorance with stupidity. If you don't like that idea, work with your housefellow. Housefellows are initiating more programming, help them set up a program to discuss the issue. Attend a meeting of a Unity organization. Did you know they are for everyone? Go to Unity House and browse in the library there. And, if you invent a good learning experience share it with the Dean's Task Force to Improve Intercultural Understanding, Judy Kirmmse, Chair. They are meeting now, searching for ways to strengthen our understanding of each other on this campus.

We're all ignorant of many things these days because things are changing and the messages are mixed. Some people hate to be called African-American, others insist on it! It is easy to make a mistake. But what if you do? Maybe there is a better question. What can you do to communicate respect even if you do make a verbal *faux pas*?

I urge you not to be frozen by the fear into nonaction. Act. Convene. Talk. Relax and reveal your ignorance, or vice versa. That is what we are here to help each other do. Then we learn and grow.

Art Ferrari
Acting Dean of the College



News

Turn about is fair play:

Senior and Class President respond to Ex-Finance Committee member's editorial

As president of the senior class, I felt that it was my duty to write a letter in response to the terrible insults written in last issue's ConnThought section by the House Senator of Branford. Unfortunately, when I sat down to write my angry letter back, I could not. This was because I could not stop laughing at the original letter. I'm sorry, but it was the funniest thing that I've ever read in the *Voice*.

The first thing I want to do is thank the author. I'm much happier being grouped with the evil masterminds than the idiots whom the author claimed were used and abused and didn't even know it. Based on the description of the "foolish and swindled" underclassmen, the seniors looked pretty good. I'd be far more angry if I were an underclassman, based on his comments.

One of the funniest parts of the whole joke (sorry, I meant letter) was the fact that after every accusation of lies and abuse of power, the author gave an example, showing us how he was doing the same thing of which he was accusing us. For example, (this'll kill ya) he claimed that the senior exec board wrote a letter full of "lies and misinformation intended to sway campus opinion," and then he began telling all these untruths himself. He wrote that almost every club had their income raised by the Finance Committee. Make no mistake of it, he's trying to play on this campus' ignorance (which he believes is so widespread). Sure, the Finance Committee suggested that almost every club fundraise to get more money. But they only forced up the income of Senior Week by subtracting more from our allocation. (Ask any Senator) I don't say this to insult the Finance Committee (yes, even though I'm a SENIOR), I simply died laughing over this little distortion of facts.

But the very best part of the whole farce, (sorry again, I meant letter) was when he insulted the seniors for "putting fear into the hearts of the other classes" by warning them about the Senior Week precedent being set, and then he started threatening that Milli Vanilli will be coming to Floralia, your friends will be horribly injured and disfigured due to lack of protective gear, and that you'll have to sit in your room every weekend for the rest of the year or something. And by the way, despite what he threatened, not only is the Winter Formal not being canceled, SAC had never even heard that it might be. (But it was a good try anyway. After all, it scared me enough to ask. Good job, Mr. Senator.)

He didn't mention that both of the times the budget was presented to SGA, the representative of the senior class (that would be me) spoke out in favor of SAC receiving more money. Of course he didn't. Why? Because he was angry. And that's okay, because we've all been angry before and we know that we don't always think as rationally when we are. And besides, I guess some good came out of this. Not only did we all get a poignant reminder to never say anything or send anything when we're angry, we all got the funniest letter of all time to put on our fridge doors. I know my copy will be up there.

Deirdre Hennessey
President of Class of 1995

I feel totally insulted. The accusations made by Dan Traum in the last issue of *The College Voice* are absurd. Are Connecticut College students not smart enough to make their own decisions? I feel that they are.

Likewise, as a member of the senior class and a member of the college community, I feel insulted by the editorial written by India Hopper, the publisher of *The College Voice*, last week.

These two individuals insulted the intelligence of the entire student body. First I will address the comments in the publisher's editorial that read, "This week did not see a break in the apathy which pervades this campus. Instead, there was an outbreak of ignorance, irrational thinking, and immaturity." I understand that some people on campus did not care about the budget vote, but a large majority did. We had 957 students vote on the budget— that's almost 2/3 of the students presently on campus. Try comparing that to the number of eligible voters that actually voted in the last national election, or even in the past thirty years— the highest percentage is 42. Connecticut College is hardly apathetic, and I am tired of it being said that it is. The fact that 434 students said that the budget was not acceptable is very encouraging. Calling almost 2/3 of the students "ignorant," "immature," and to accuse them of "irrational thinking" is crazy, although it did form a nice alliteration.

. . . sounds as if the world is going to come to an end because the budget failed, and it is all the fault of the senior class.

Although Mr. Traum's letter did not have any alliteration, it did have some problems. I am not concerned with the style of his letter, just the content. He states that members of the senior class are upset with the Senior Week allocation and feel that it is not fair to base the amount on last year's attendance figures. Further on, it is written that the "classes of '96, '97, and '98 will be allocated money for senior week based on the budgets that they submit..." Well, he stated earlier that this year's allocation was based on last year's facts. Will it not be so that the junior class' senior week will be based on our figures this year? C'mon, why don't we tell it like it is? It was also argued that senior week is a party week for "seniors only." This is almost true. Senior week *is* for seniors, but it is also for the 120 JUNIORS that help out and participate for the week. The senior class and the 120 juniors make up a large portion of this college.

I think that it is wonderful that the senior executive board wrote a letter to the campus community in *The College Voice*. Not only was it a factual letter, it got people thinking about the issues. If you feel that the letter caused the budget to fail, you should get your head examined. The letters to the *Voice* do not rule people's lives, they are "food for thought."

I have talked with the student advisors who are seniors about the accusation made by the author that they abused their power. Only two of them talked with their advisees about the budget. They were not spoken to in order to sway the vote. These two S.A.s talked to everybody that they could about the budget. Messages were not left "suggesting that they vote no." There were only two advisors out of the total of eleven (yes there are only 11 senior S.A.s) that I was not able to talk with about these charges.

From the end of Mr. Traum's letter, it sounds as if the world is going to come to an end because the budget failed, and it is all the fault of the senior class. He is using what are called scare tactics to show what HE thinks might happen since the budget failed. Rest assured that your friend is not going to get hurt because their sports team did not get the money to fund protective gear, because no athlete is allowed to participate in the sport without the required safety equipment. Do not worry that Floralia is going to have "bad" bands. Besides, I think that it would be kind of neat to have Milli Vanilli— but it won't happen. He ends the paragraph with a very perplexing statement, "... be content in the fact that the seniors will have one helluva week of parties." Is he implying that the senior week allocation is going to be increased? That is not assured to be the case— the entire budget needs to be redone, not simply the senior week allocation .

The following sentence is very disturbing to me: "Congratulations Conn, you have been swindled into voting against something by misinformation, and without knowing the consequences of that vote." This statement insults everybody who voted against the budget. I feel that if somebody did not fully understand what they were voting on, they would have asked questions at the house meetings, or abstained (180 people did). To say that we are misinformed because we voted down a budget that was not acceptable is ludicrous (how did you like that adjective, Sean?).

I think we have seen a big change in the leadership of the college this year. More people are voicing their opinions, and intelligent conversation is taking place. It says a great deal that the budget failed; it says that the students care. Let's not drown this movement by telling the students that they have been "duped." By the way, if you happen to think that good, intelligent conversations are healthy in a college environment, feel free to give the seniors credit for that; Lord knows that we could use some positive feedback.

Nigel Mendez
Class of 1995

Fay expounds on food improvement

In the November 22 issue of the *Voice*, the SGA Dining Services Committee mentioned anticipated improvements to the College's meal services. I'd like to enthusiastically add to the information in that letter.

Beginningwith dinner on Monday, November 21, the "pasta bar" offerings in Harris were expanded from "1 sauce/1 pasta" to "3 sauces/2 pastas." This expands the possible combinations from 1 to 6, not counting what can be done with items from the salad bar. In addition, more options for the broiler/toaster in Harris will be forthcoming.

Within a few days, the frozen yogurt machine from the Oasis will be installed by Physical Plant in the Burdick "Spotlite" dining room. This will make frozen yogurt part of the basic meal service daily, rather than an additional charge at the Oasis.

Before the end of this year, an appetizer menu will be offered in the Cro bar. Not only will these munchies be served in the bar, but they will also be available for late night snacking at the Oasis. Yes, the nachos will be new and improved!

Finally, plans are being made to include some Oasis service into the basic meal plan. While it is undecided exactly what will be included for the 1995–96 academic year or for the Spring '95 semester, here's what will happen: currently, every student on a meal plan is eligible for 8 guest meals in the dining halls. As a pilot program for the second semester, students will have the additional option of using a guest meal to obtain up to $4 worth of food from the Oasis. This will add another way of providing for guests, or evening pizzas for yourself, or making up a "missed meal."

Many thanks to the SGA Dining Services and Alcohol Policy Recommendation Committee input into these items and others. Whether through these committees, the "napkin note" boards, or casual inquiries, suggestions are actively sought and seriously considered. Please take advantage of these communication vehicles, and actively submit menu ideas, etc.

Matt Fay
Director of Dining Services

Daily CONNtact will help spread word of campus events

We are pleased to announce the establishment of a new daily publication on campus to keep students informed. Beginning in January, the Daily CONNtact will accompany you at your favorite campus hangouts: dining halls, the Oasis, the bar and more! Just what we all need to let us know about lectures, sports, arts, other activities on campus, and even a personal/classified section! You'll be able to have all the updated information you could possibly need to schedule your day, and even a few days in advance. Sick of all those broadcast messages and all-campus mailings that go directly into the trash anyway? The Daily CONNtact will cut down on both, offering a more efficient and effective alternative. The student-run publication will be placed in upright plastic frames on tables early each weekday morning, with a weekend edition on Saturday. Submissions will cost $1, which isn't much to pay for a captive audience!

The enthusiasm and support this project has received from students and administrators has been immense, and we are sure that this will be an asset to the college community. Watch the dining hall tables this week for more information. Interested in working on the Daily CONNtact to make a few extra bucks next semester? Call Sara x3034 or Katherine x3453.

Sara Becton and Katherine Hambleton
Class of 1995

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relates to the ethical dilemmas professionals experience in the business world.

"Our Honor Code, although not perfect, is a system that creates a way of thinking about our community that businesses and countries are trying to create [in their own communities]. We are in many ways a model for these organizations and nations," said Marinell Yoders, a senior and SGA president.

"I listened to an official from Martin Marietta Corporation who said that the Code of Ethics under which all Marietta employees work is good for morale. He bragged that employees are able to report their superiors for ethical misconduct without fear of retribution. It was just funny... what we have known for 80 years came as an epiphany to him," said junior April Ondis.

"No one thinks about how the Honor Code affects people's actions or about the shared responsibility students take on this campus in governance," said Yoders.

"Telling international dignitaries and business people about our school and seeing how impressed they were with the system that we have here gave me an immense sense of pride," Yoders continued.

"What we live with and struggle with for four years starts us thinking in directions that are light-years ahead of people who never have to think about how their actions affect the rest of the community," Ondis said.

Yom Kippur

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and the all-day services which take place on Yom Kippur was also discussed.

"I want all students to have to make that choice," said Father Larry LaPointe, Catholic chaplain. "It [the proposal] seeks amnesty for an action which members in general society must perform at some price." LaPointe said that there is often a price to be paid for being religious.

Schmidt shared this concern, and questioned whether, in cancelling classes on Yom Kippur, the college would send a message to Jewish students that they do not have to make the same decision about the costs of observance that other religious students do. "Religion without any kind of emotional or spiritual investment is religion without commitment," he commented. "That's part of what maturing and solidifying your own life values is all about, to be willing to take a stand... that might have implications or might even have costs."

Mary Anne Borrelli, Catholic faculty/staff Council representative and assocaite professor of government, shared this view. "Deciding not to go to class because of a belief system is all part of a choice," she said.

Biancur questioned whether students should be required to make that choice. "I did this because I know that if classes were held on Christmas, I don't know what I would do," he said.

Schmidt explained that the only reason classes are not held on Christmas and Easter is because we live in a country that follows the Western calendar. "It's not the college that has made those decisions, it's our society," he said.

Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg, Jewish chaplain, argued that it is an unfair, very uncomfortable decision to have to make. "

Maybe its time that we take a stand on the side of this multiculturalism that we profess," Rosenberg said.

The college's current policy, which Schmidt worked to enact during his first year as chaplain, was also discussed. Schmidt commented that the request to have a single religious holiday recognized is a change in the policy. He said that, if the current policy is not working, he would like to see it amended.

"I think we need to have a policy that addresses all religious groups on campus," Budd said. He said that he did not think one day of canceled classes would help the situation.

Borrelli agreed. "This is not about not trying to get this proposal through, this is about accommodating all religions," she explained.

Schmidt said that he hopes that, if the proposal is not passed, it will not become a divisive issue for the campus.

He said that he hoped that the campus could then work to ensure that the current policy is adhered to. He also suggested that Rosenberg write letters to incoming students explaining that they have the right not to attend classes on Yom Kippur.

The proposal is scheduled to be presented to the faculty at their December 8 meeting.

Provost search cancelled due to procedural flaws

BY APRIL ONDIS
Editor in Chief

At the conclusion of the work by the Provost and Dean of the Faculty Search Committee a few weeks ago, Claire Gaudiani, president of the college, announced that the search would be begun again next semester, citing procedural flaws with the work of the Committee this fall as the main reason for terminating the search.

According to Philip Barnes, chair of the Search Committee and associate professor of Zoology, the Committee will begin the search again at the beginning of next semester. He said that some members of the Search Committee may be different when the search is reactivated.

"At the start, all of the [work] for this committee was shrouded in the utmost secrecy and that turned out to be a major disaster... everyone was speculating about what was happening... the ability to collect additional information was [impaired]," Barnes explained.

"The Committee reached a point in its deliberations where the confidentiality that was surrounding the search became a problem," he said."In the process of exploring what to do at that point, the president decided that the best thing to do would be to stop the search."

Don Filer, secretary of the college defended the President's decision and the search process, saying, "What happened was that the process didn't work. There are occasions when searches don't work out right. So it's normal to restart the search so it does come out right."

"The outcome everyone wants is an excellent Provost. [Gaudiani] followed the same process as she did with the previous [Provost] searches and that she'll follow again," said Filer.

"The Faculty Steering and Conference Committee and the Provost, together with [Gaudiani] are negotiating a new set of search procedures for next semester," said Barnes.

Barnes said he was dissatisfied with the effect that confidentiality had on the search process, as well as with the procedures that the Committee used.

"There's plenty of people on this campus that could serve as Provost. One of the problems that we had was that we got 24 nominations, and 19 of them withdrew very quickly. That was a problem because your pool of people to consider is drastically reduced," said Barnes. "Everyone's hoping that the next time around we'll keep more of those people in the pool."

"Hopefully we'll be rid of this strict confidentiality stuff [next semester]," said Barnes. "You need information, and if you can't get it, you can't make decisions. I think the faculty around here are confidant and secure enough that if they are up for this, they would be able to have it known. It's not as if the Committee would offend them."

Barnes pointed out that the confidential process that the Committee goes through does not culminate in the actual appointment. "When the Committee gives names to the President they don't even recommend who's the best candidate, we give a list of [about] three. The President makes the final decision. It's her appointment," he said.

Bill Robinson, house senator of KB and student representative on the search committee, said he disagreed with the President's decision that the Committee followed procedures inaccurately, saying, "As a student on the Committee, I didn't feel as though we acted inappropriately. I feel as if the Committee proceeded in good faith," he said.

"From my experience, I feel that the process should be more open to public debate and less confidential," Robinson said.

Robinson expressed some dismay over a letter that Gaudiani mailed to the members of the faculty explaining why the search would be reactivatd next semester.

"It was my understanding that Professor Barnes' coverletter to the President was meant to be confidential. I was surprised to see that the President included the coverletter in her own letter to the faculty which she sent out at the conclusion of our work," Robinson said.

Robinson went on to say that the letter Gaudiani sent to the faculty could have had a detrimental effect on the community, but did not.

Robinson said that, as a student representative on the committee, he wanted to remind the campus of the important role of the Provost. Besides being the administrator in charge in the absence of the President, Robinson pointed out that the Provost has a big influence on the way the policies of the new five-year Strategic Plan are implemented.

"Students do not think about the Provost everyday, and I'm glad I have had the opportunity to represent the students on the Committee because I believe the students have a vested interest in who is ultimately selected as the Provost and Dean of the Faculty," Robinson said.

"We need to move on so we can find a Provost and everyone's happy," said Barnes.

AIDS

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strongly about preventing further spread of the disease. "This is my cause," said Ludvigson, who, as a peer counselor in high school, saw the many fears and misconceptions related to AIDS.

Rae Howell, a sophomore, got involved for different reasons. "Last year, I noticed that the only place on campus that condoms are available are the convenience store and the health center," said Howell, adding that neither location is very accessible during the heat of the moment.

"I think it's very important that condoms are available in dorms," said Howell, who brought the idea to David Brailey and the newly-formed group. As a result, manila envelopes with condoms and information will begin appearing in dorm bathrooms and laundry rooms next semester.

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Service learning greatly enhances course work

BY YVONNE WATKINS
Special to *The College Voice*

While Connecticut College has a growing national reputation as a very selective liberal arts institution, our reputation on a local level is radically different. Many members of the New London community see the college as an ivory tower populated entirely by Saab-driving snobs.

According to Tracee Reiser, director of the Office for Volunteers and Community Service, this is a nationwide trend. Reiser described the role of colleges at their inception as community centers whose members were active participants in their communities. This was followed by a gradual distancing that left institutions isolated and divorced from their surroundings.

However, "in the last 10 years, people in the communities are looking at the relationship, and they want a return ... communities feel colleges have a responsibility to the communities in which they exist. The question is how to reconnect and fulfill the responsibility within a community," said Reiser.

This is a question the college administration is very interested in pursuing.

"I see the role of college and community on a lot of different planes. On the most fundamental, we are a member of the community, and in that sense we are our brothers' keeper and they are our brothers," said Claire Gaudiani, president of the college, adding, "I never forget that in order to help bring this college here, the citizens of this community collected pennies in milk cartons."

Said Roberto Ifill, associate dean of the college and dean of planning, "There was an implicit pact between college founders and the community to support each other. We've let that slip, and maybe it's time to strengthen it ...There are a number of ways we can integrate better ... so people don't think we're such a forbidding castle on a hill."

One of those ways is through courses which incorporate a service-learning component, either through working with people, volunteer research, or internships. Such courses "develop academic knowledge and have a practical application— an application that has some common good," in Reiser's view. While several departments such as economics, sociology and child development have service-learning courses, the college is looking to expand service-learning across the curriculum and has set aside money for new courses, especially for those incorporating it in an interdisciplinary manner.

A Center for Community Challenges that would coordinate service-learning and other aspects of volunteerism has been included in the next Strategic Plan. According to Catherine WoodBrooks, dean of student life, the center would have two sites— one on campus and one in New London. Said WoodBrooks, "We're hoping to really move on it. We'll get an idea of where we are when we see the proposals for new service-learning courses for next semester."

WoodBrooks teaches a service-learning course on adult illiteracy in which students tutor a client at one of the local prisons twice a week. The underlying idea behind this course, said WoodBrooks, is "moving from theory to practice, and from practice to theory." Many of her students come into the class with preconceived notions about dropouts, addicts, prostitutes, and, as WoodBrooks explained, changing those preconceptions is one of the course's goals.

"I want students to understand that people do not make decisions in a vacuum, that we live in a world that often dictates life-direction. I see students move a lot as they live and breathe the situations through their clients in prison. They gain a much better understanding of the sociological and economic influences in society and how they affect something like illiteracy," said WoodBrooks.

Changing students' preconceptions about New London is also a goal of Don Peppard, professor of economics, who teaches a service-learning course in urban and regional economics. Three or four students work with the city planner in various internships. Last year students took a survey of businesses on Bank and State streets, and this year they are updating a space database and doing an inventory of available space in New London.

While Peppard is looking to increase the number of students who work in internships, he believes that including the entire class would become too unwieldy. His primary concern is finding useful work for the students. "I don't want to just have internships for the sake of internships," Peppard said. "I want internships that will make the material more useful, more real."

For Stephanie Wilson, housefellow of Plant, her student teaching experience jelled her decision to become a teacher. "I would love to teach in an inner city school, where kids don't have the support from home to finish school," said Wilson. "I've been able to see how much support they need to finish ... I now have the desire to give them the desire."

Kim Conniff, who is currently taking "Literature and Social Reflection," a service-learning course taught by Gaudiani, believes that her weekly work at the Phoenix House shapes the class. "Social issues aren't statistics— there are people behind them... [that realization] can only be carried so far when it's only words on paper. My experience outside the classroom made that come alive for me," said Conniff. Students in this class are required to put in three hours of volunteer service per week. Activities range from teaching a comedy class to elementary students to helping a Russian family adjust to American culture.

Reiser described her ideal, saying, "I would like to see service-learning in all departments. It is part of the culture of the college. Opportunities are all around, and people choose them."

WoodBrooks also believes service-learning could be incorporated across the board, citing other colleges' programs as examples. However, she said that in order for it to be successful at Connecticut College, "what service-learning desperately needs is a commitment from the faculty."

Conniff agreed, saying, "Sometimes the hardest people to convince are teachers. Some see it as an extraneous component. It's not. It makes [a course] so much more practical."

The author was a distinguished Managing Editor of The College Voice, *and now embarks on a promising career in journalism after early graduation, beginning with the* Christian Science Monitor. *We wish her the best of luck.*

The campus and the community celebrated the winter solstice at two performances of Make We Joy on Sunday in Harnkess Chapel. Conn students and faculty member participated in dancing, singing, and mummers.

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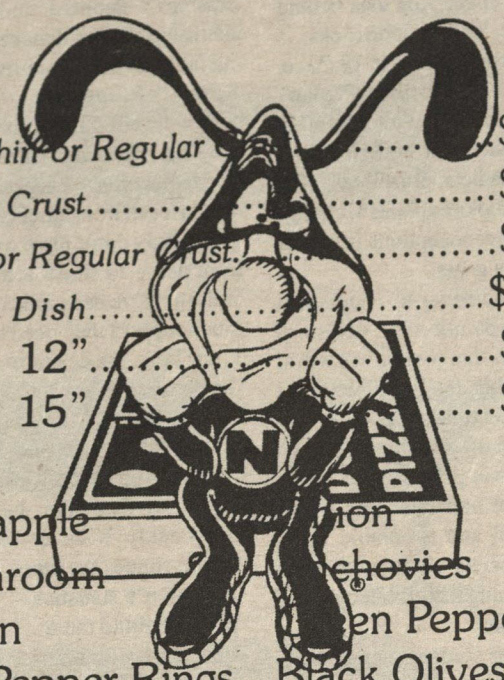

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Club Sub: Turkey, Ham, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Oil & Vinegar
Philly Steak: Philly Steak Blend, Zzesty Seasoning, Cheese
Zzesty Meatball: Zzesty Seasoning, Meatball, Pizza Sauce, Cheese
Vegi Sub: Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Green Pepper, Mushroom, Oil & Vinager
Turkey & Cheese: Turkey, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion
Tuna: Tuna, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato

Free Add-Ons
Lettuce, Onion, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Salt & Pepper, Oil & Vinager, Zzesty Sauce, Provolone Cheese

Add -Ons **6".....$ .25** **12".....$ .50**
Black Olives, Tomato, Green Peppers, Mushrooms, Extra Cheese, Extra Meat, American Cheese

Salad

Side Salad.....$1.65
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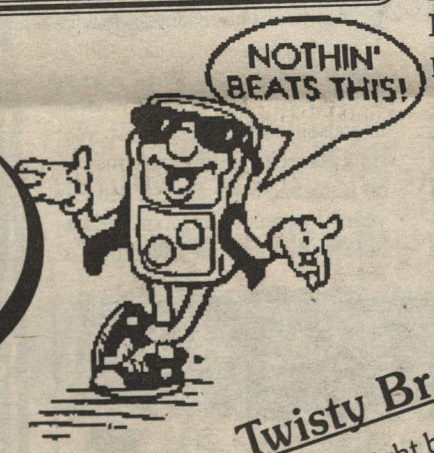
Salad Dressings:
Italian, Bleu Cheese, Buttermilk Ranch, Honey Ranch, Light Ranch, Thousand Island, Light Italian



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Includes eight bread sticks and sauce

Soda:

Coca-Cola Classic
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Can.....$ .75
1 Liter.....$1.50

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Only $19.99 +Tax

Saturday Super Deal
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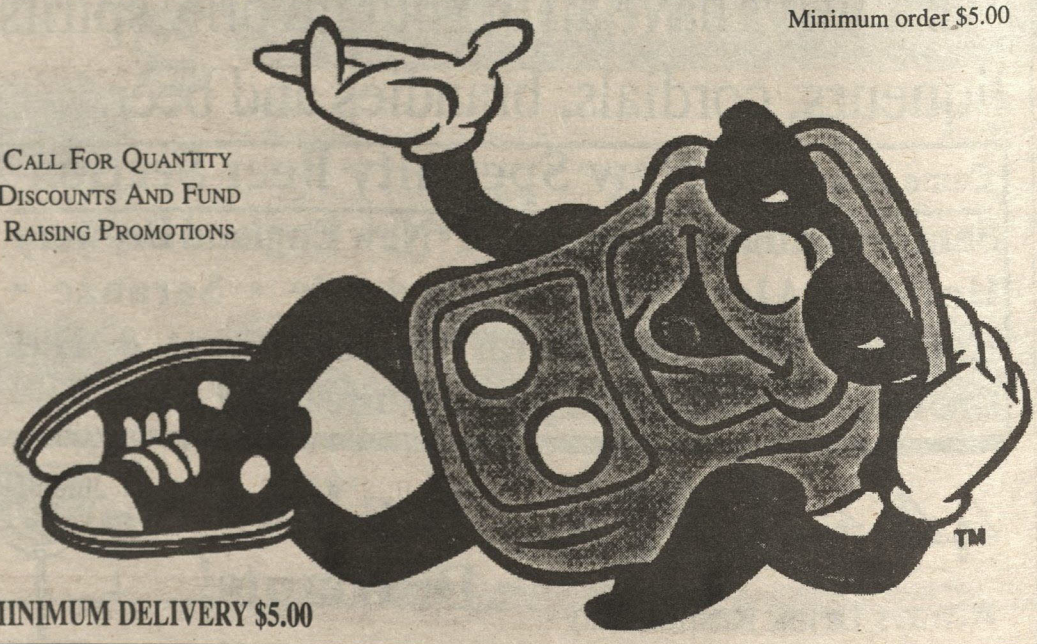

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News

Gaudiani speaks about past and present Strategic Plan at Assembly

BY BEN RUBIN
News Editor

Claire Gaudiani, president of the college, presented an overview of the goals achieved by the college's first five year plan, and explained many of the expected implications of the second plan which was ratified by the Board of Trustees this weekend.

"This is the same presentation that I've been giving at board meetings and on the road... I want to give us all a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of the first five year plan," Gaudiani said.

The building of the original plan began four days after Gaudiani was named president in August of 1988, she said, and the college eventually set goals in the three major areas: academic, community and diversity, and financial.

Although the objectives of the first plan were "stretch goals," that seemed unrealistic when they were planned, some programs, such as CISLA, which came out of the college's desire to have more of an international focus

"Our center for international studies is known as the gold standard... other colleges call us before they set up their program," Gaudiani said.

"We built Latin American studies, a premier program. We built Africana Studies which we are building stronger all the time. We built a Judaic Studies program and brought Roger Brooks to the college. We set stretched goals... and brought enormous strengths here," she said.

The primary vision for the new plan is that "Connecticut College ought to become a more conscious civil society in a global community," according to Gaudiani.

She said that the Honor Code is a "moral consensus" that bonds us together.

"It is commitment to the level of integrity. People here feel responsible for shared governance, [they don't say] 'someone else will do it', but 'I will do it.'"

She said that, by living with an Honor Code now, we are experiencing what it is like to live in a society in which we are responsible for our fellow citizens, a feeling that she believes students will take with them as they leave the college.

Gaudiani cited our volunteer program and willingness to help other citizens as charcteristic of a civil society, and said that the college's committment to this type of shared sresponsibility flows from the Honor Code. "Volunteerism. It sounds so ordinary when you say it, but it's not ordinary, it's world-changing."

"I always tell students at graduation that 'you have not lived in an ivory tower,'" said Gaudiani. "It's not your job to adjust down to the rest of the world."

The Study Away Teach Away program will permit one third of our faculty members to have studied away in a less technologically developed country by the end of the five years, Gaudiani said.

Guadiani said that in order to balance the number of students who were interested in majoring in the different departments, the school developed a plan to strenghthen the science departments, since at the time, only 6 percent of the students planned to major in the sciences.

She explained that the grant for the Olin Science building was given to this school the second year that it was requested, against extreme odds since only two buildings are granted a year to the approximately 60 institutions that request it.

"They gave us more money than anyone in their history, over 7 million dollars," she said.

The college also changed the way that it recruited students who are interested in the sciences, according to Gaudiani.

Gaudiani spoke of the successful strengthening of the area of community and diversity.

"People said 'no way you will have 20 percent students of color by the end of the five year plan'... now we have 19.4 percent students of color," she said.

"We went from 3 percent to almost 10 percent of tenured and tenure-track faculty of color," said Gaudiani.

Under the financial goals of the plan, the school raised $32 million in five years. Gaudiani compared this to the $32 million raised during the last 75 years, according to Gaudiani.

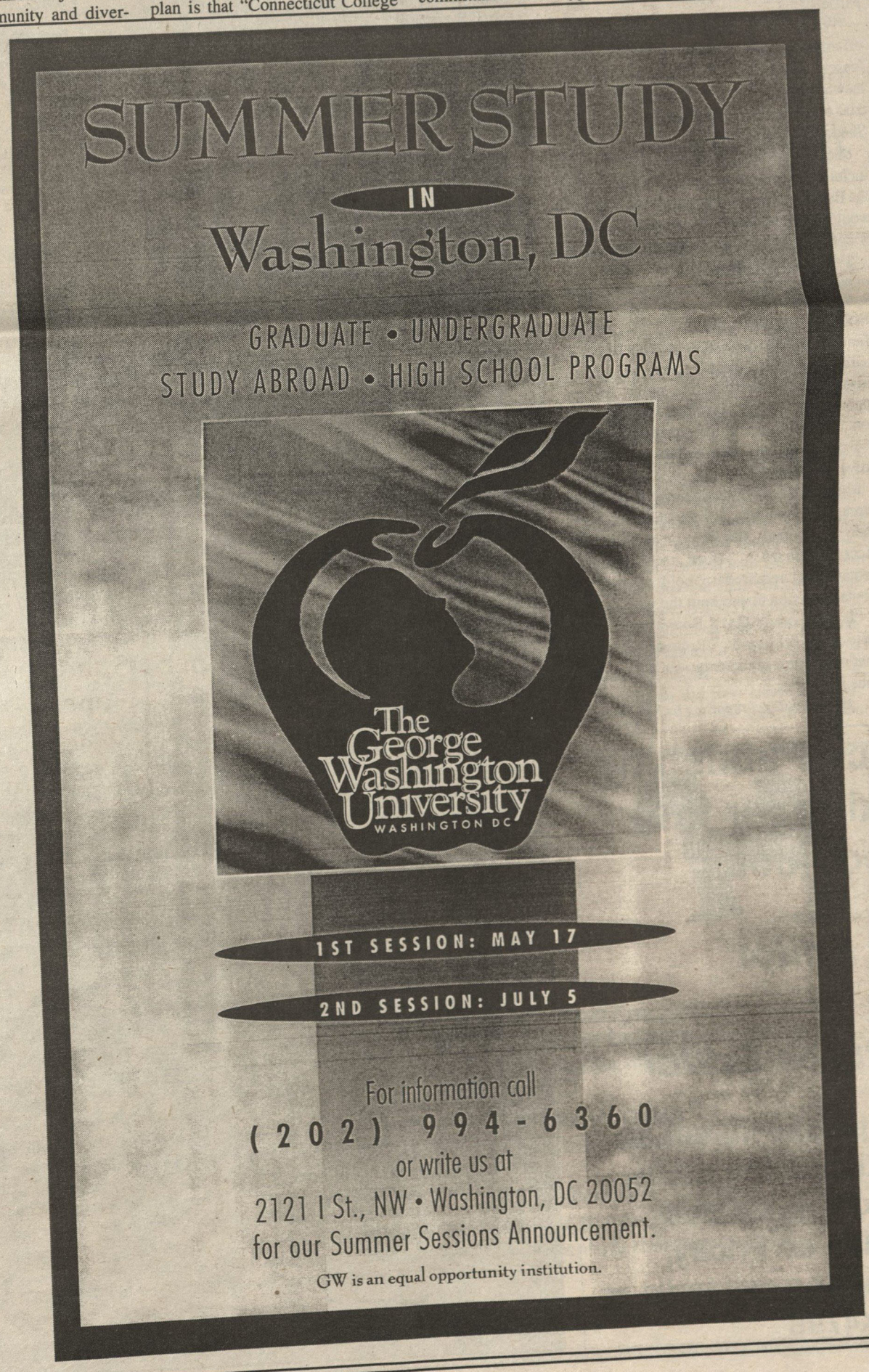
"32 percent of our alumni supported our Annual Fund. We set our goal at 45-48 percent... we did that," she said, noting that it takes 800 new givers to equal 1 percent of giving.

"Our achievements have caused us to take a major leadership role in liberal arts and higher education... it has told us that we can do just about anything as a community that we decide to do... I don't know of a college that has made so many outstanding levels of change in its own operating," Gaudiani said, adding that the President of the Mellon Foundation said this to her.

Other goals include creating more January and summer internship opportunities, building a Center for Community Challenges, expanding the number of service learning courses taught here, and using technology to enhance courses through the internet and by utilizing CD-ROM.

The school will also embark on its "biggest and scariest capital campaign that this college has seen," Gaudiani explained.

In the last five years the school raised $33 million, in the next 5 years the goal is to raise $130 million, with a stretch goal of $150 million, according to plans for the Capital Campaign outlined in the Strategic Plan.



News

J Board fails to print log

BY APRIL ONDIS
Editor in Chief

The J Board Log, the anonymous summaries of cases which the J Board publishes periodically, has not been published so far this semester. The "C"-Book states that the Chair of the Judiciary Board is responsible for preparing a summary log of cases at the end of every month.

The "C"-Book states that the log must be "as detailed as possible without referring to the individuals involved or the dates of the incident."

Last year, the Board began printing the log in the *The College Voice*. The log was published three times first semester, on October 5, November 2, and November 16.

Dan Shedd, J Board chair, explained that the Board has not printed a log because he was unsure of the amount of money the Board would have available to pay for the publication of the log.

With the campus failure of the budget, Shedd said the Board did not know what its allocation would be, or the amount of the funds it would have available. "[The Finance Committee] gave us $107 [before the campus failed the budget], even though we asked for $1,000," Shedd said.

Shedd continued, saying, "The way we were going to make that up [in fundraising] was by putting a $75 fee on people breaking parking bans, but you have to get 8 tickets [before you are banned]... so that tends to happen later in the semester."

Shedd said that another source of fundraising for the Board is the $5 fine levied on individuals found guilty of an Honor Code offense.

"We've had about 18 cases so far [but] ... only people found guilty pay the fine," said Shedd. He described the Board's other expenses, saying that the Board had to cover the cost of two conferences with only the money it fundraised through fines and an uncertain amount from the Finance Comittee.

Another factor in the Board's decision not to print the log was the cost of printing in *The College Voice*. Shedd said that at the beginning of the semester, he had been quoted a price per page which he did not think the Board would be able to pay. Shedd believes that he was told it would cost over $100 per page.

According to Chris Scott, acting advertising manager for the College Voice Publishing Group, the *Voice* quoted the J Board a rate lower than that for campus advertising to print its log.

April Ondis, Editor in Chief of *The College Voice*, said she told Shedd in October that the *Voice* would print the log when the J Board produced it, and allow the Board to pay for it as it was able to. Shedd said that, since Ondis told him that, the Board has been trying to prepare a log.

According to Shedd, the Board has 15 case summaries now which can be printed when the names and identifying details are removed.

"Donna [Klimkiewicz, assistant to the J Board chair] writes the case summaries for our use. We pare them down for the [published log] removing all names, dates, and specifics," said Shedd.

Shedd said that the Board does not print case summaries until some time has passed after the trial, to protect the identities of the participants.

"We always want to put [published logs] off anyway, at least a month, because some [cases] are obvious. We like to have as much leeway as possible [between the time of the trial and the publication of the log], " said Shedd.

Shedd added that the published logs do not include summaries of the all cases heard by the Board, noting that with cases in which "it would be impossible to avoid creating a breach of confidentiality," no summary is printed.

"I'm dismayed that this year's Board has not produced a log," said Jesse Roberts, SGA PR director.

Roberts continued, "While most elected officials play an open role, the role of the J Board rep. is very closed to the public because of confidentiality. The public has no opportunity to see their representative in action... without a regularly printed log, it's difficult to see how representative a representative actually is."

Roberts added that another way that J Board representatives can inform students about their positions is through contact sessions. According to the "C"-Book, each class representative is required to hold at least one contact session throughout the year.

"It's important that J Board reps have to hold a contact session," Roberts said, noting that only a few representatives have done so thus far.

With additional reporting by Ben Rubin

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Items reported stolen after intruders seen on campus

BY APRIL ONDIS
Editor in Chief

Mark Hoffman, manager of the College Center and coordinator of student activities, was the administrator on duty last Friday when three intruders were seen on campus, and several items were reported missing from students' dorm rooms.

According to Jim Miner, director of Campus Safety, the incidences of the stolen items and the intruders on campus are being investigated by the New London Police Department.

Hoffman said that a laptop computer and a stereo were reported stolen from Freeman on Friday night, "but we assumed that they had left because nobody saw them after awhile."

"Normally I wouldn't have come [on campus], but I came [Friday night] because I heard that there was a group of students out looking for them. It sounded like the vigilante mentality. That's why I sent out the all-campus message. I know how fast and distorted the rumor mill can become," said Hoffman.

"It was like Goldilocks yet he was neither eating my porridge nor sleeping in my bed... He said, 'Yo, G, I'm just checking out your posters.' I knew he wasn't referring to my last name which is Glew..."

-Kevin Glew

"But nothing like that ended up being the case. No one was harmed," Hoffman added.

"On Friday night into Saturday morning we got a report of three suspicious persons on campus," said Miner. "They were in Harkness dorm and Freeman dorm. They were observed by students knocking on doors."

One of the intruders entered the room of sophomore Kevin Glew on Friday night.

"My friends and I were enjoying a casual game of Super Mario Brothers when I realized the lights in the hall went out and we did not know who had done it. We saw three shady looking individuals walk by the room," said Glew.

Glew and his friends then tried to speak with the men. "They continuously asked us if we knew Jordan Tate, their alleged cousin. We offered to get his number for them, yet they didn't seem to care. When we looked up his number, he was not a student at the college," Glew said.

"I realized that this was quite suspicious so I went to check my room next door which I remembered was unlocked," Glew continued. "I saw that one of the men, a very large guy, was standing in my room. It was like Goldilocks, yet he was neither eating my porridge nor sleeping in my bed. I asked him what he was doing there and he said 'Yo G, I'm just checking out your posters.' I knew he wasn't referring to my last name (which is Glew) so I decided to question the veracity of his story," said Glew.

It was then that Glew noticed that one of his drawers was open. "I offered him a beer to mitigate the situation and he declined after saying that he had already had some pot. I asked him to leave after checking the rest of my room."

Glew said that he called Campus Safety soon after the man and his friends, who were in the hallway, left. Glew later noticed that his watch was missing.

On Saturday night, Glew recognized one of the men from the night before among a group of others. "I proceeded to one of the batphones outside of Knowlton and called Campus Safety... then realized that a group of Campus Safety officers had already begun to surround the group and lead them away," Glew explained. The man whom Glew had seen in his room the night before was among those being led away on Saturday night, Glew said.

"The New London Police Department were called to help identify them. They escorted [suspicious men] off campus Saturday night," said Miner.

"I can't comment on whether the group of people escorted off campus on Saturday night were related to the suspicious people on campus Friday night, or to articles stolen from Freeman," Miner added.

Hoffman said that students who saw the intruders did not call Campus Safety right away on Friday night, so that Campus Safety was not able to locate them, although Campus Safety did recieve at least five calls concerning the individuals on Friday night, according to a campus safety officer.

"One of the problems was that no one called Campus Safety right away—they called about 45 minutes later," Hoffman said.

"There was some delay [in reporting the incidences to Campus Safety] due to the parties that were going on," Miner added. "For any student that sees someone suspicious knocking on doors and walking away, call Campus Safety right away," he advised.

Hoffman said that it is very important for students to lock their dorm rooms.

"I think what we're finding is that people who have things stolen from their rooms leave them unlocked. In my opinion it is one of the things students have to learn. You have to leave your doors locked all the time, just like in the outside world," he said.

Miner agreed, saying, "During the parties and holiday season, let's lock our doors and be more aware of people around."

News

Trustees ratify with a unanimous vote the second five-year plan

Compiled from a press release from the College Relations Office

The college's Board of Trustees unanimously ratified the second strategic plan at its meeting last Thursday.

The plan, titled *A Time To Lead*, sets goals for the next five years in three major areas: academics, community and diversity, and finance.

The plan aims to increase rigor in the classroom by giving student more access to information sources made available through electronic technology. The college plans to create an Academic Technology Laboratory which will facilitate teaching, research, and creative work.

The advising system, the library, and Gender and Women Studies are also areas that are scheduled to be improved.

The college will also increase the number of courses which focus on the roles of non-Western and underrepresented cultures, while also strengthening service-learning programs and international education programs.

More admissions resources will deal with multi-cultural concerns, the affirmative action office will be strengthened, the diversity of the staff will be increased, and the college community will be trained on diversity issues including race, ethnicity, gender, disabilities, sexual orientation and civil behavior.

These improvements will focus on the diversity issue, while a Center for Community Challenges will lead the community improvements. This Center would "establish collaborations and reciprocal learning opportunities between the college and the New London community, coordinate services locally, nationally, and internationally and increase community service and internship components in the curriculum."

Junior Kristin Smith made a presentation to the Board describing the importance of the planned Center. During her two and a half years here, she has volunteered at a daycare center, a private home, a hospital, a school, and a community health center.

"... Just as a center exists in order to bring together international studies within the varying disciplines at this college, a center is needed to bring together more local studies and the varying disciplines within the college," Smith said during her presentation.

"I do only wish that an organized center already existed to help me as I try to bring my two major disciplines together in my design for an honor thesis," she said.

The plan's financial goals include doubling the 1994 endowment for support of faculty, scholarship and program costs, and increasing the Annual Fund.

With the help of the first plan, the college has become "an institution on the move with a vision of where it wants to go," said George Milne, Board member and president of Pfizer Central Research.

Secret Santas provide a week of excitement

BY NATALIE HILDT
Features Editor

Whether they're called Secret Santa, Secret Snowflake, Secret Burdick Buddy, or Secret Non-denominational Gift Givers, as one SAC coordinator joked, Saturday's dorm holiday parties were the culmination of a week of stealthy gift giving, room decorating, public humiliation, and other such thoughtful acts.

Secret Santa, as the event was called before the invasion of political correctness, is a tradition constantly being taken to new heights at Connecticut College. Whatever the name of the game today, the idea remains the same. During the past week, spirits were high and excitement was in the air of each dorm as Santas and their elves scurried around spreading good will and happiness.

There were the time-tested favorites such as decorating doors and rooms, while other innovative Santas decorated bathroom stalls or even cars. Cocoa and bedtime stories read by elves were very popular this year, while the more decadent surprises included massages and bubble baths.

The talent of Janine Cavalluzi, a sophomore violinist, was enlisted to serenade diners on more than one occasion. On Thursday night, she prepared a dinner of rigatoni for her Santa baby and his crush, and as her elf, Emily Cook, served the meal, Cavalluzi provided the musical interlude. On another night, she played for five strangers whose Santas had put their heads together to arrange a very special evening. First, the students received invitations to dinner. They were picked up by their chauffeur/waiter in a Mercedes, and then enjoyed a fireside feast in Blackstone living room.

Other more seasoned serenaders included the a cappella groups, who made a tidy profit while they crooned to numerous small audiences. One of the CoCo Beaux's gigs was to sing to sophomore Wendy Waesche while she dined with her friends in Burdick. Her housefellow, Jeff Gilton, posed as an elf as he seated her at a reserved table with a tablecloth and a rose. "It was really great, it was the sweetest thing ever," said Waesche.

Publicity stunts varied from signs and messages from Santa stuck around dorms to a chalk message for all to see in front of Crozier-Williams. "If you see Valerie Martin today, give her a big, sloppy kiss from her Secret Santa!" Valerie, don't worry, it was a nice picture of you they posted all over campus.

"My Santa was really creative," Martin said, adding that although she could tell he was a guy from the questionnaire he sent, she couldn't guess who it was. "It was good, because I didn't really know him that much, and it was fun to meet him and have something to talk about," she said of discovering her Santa's identity at the holiday party.

Some Santas planned games like scavenger hunts for their Santa babies. I had the opportunity to witness one of my favorites. I saw a poor freshman guy wandering around Branford with five bras dangling awkwardly from his arm. "Are any of these yours?," he was asking women in the dorm. His Santa had given him fifteen names to match up with the bras, and when he completed the embarrassing task by the 8:00 deadline, he got a prize.

Some Santas got creative and went all out, others stuck to the basics, and well, some just weren't as into all the fun. Melissa McAllister, a senior, had been disappointed all week by getting no gifts, but then her Secret Burdick Buddy made it up to her with six presents at the holiday party. William Intner, a junior, reflected on his nonexistent final gift. "At first, I was kind of annoyed when my Santa stiffed me," Intner said, "but then when I saw my Santa baby was happy with her gift, it didn't matter that much."

Overall, everyone who participated had a good time and really got into the spirit of the season. "Our dorm was really great, because we bonded a lot with people from other floors," said Cavalluzi, a resident of Park. She said her dorm was able to move beyond the stereotype that the Plex dorms are unfriendly and residents don't know each other.

Secret Santa week was a time charged with excitement and suspense; a time to find out more about the people we live with and to bring old friends and new closer together, accentuating the positive aspects of dorm life.

The Camel Heard . . .

"Everytime I go to the snack table I get excited because I keep thinking the condoms are Peppermint Patties."
- overheard at the Freeman holiday party

"That's no Santa, that's Ian."
-overheard at the Park holiday party

"Cheese is overrated."
-Mark Lucey, a vegetarian, at the Student Government Association Assembly meeting

The Week in SGA ...

Ryan Poirier said that the Finance Committee met and decided to begin the budget process over again. The Committee has established a voice mail line, extension 6669, to gather input from the community on the next budget. Poirier said that the Committee will work on clubs which have the most input is given on. Poirier noted that, although all the clubs had been informed that there would be an announcement and opportunity for questions at the Assembly meeting, few went to the meeting.

There is a position open on the Finance Committee for any student interested. Elections will be held next week.

Marinell Yoders, SGA president, announced that the search committee for a new provost and dean of the faculty, was terminated due to "procedural glitches." She said that the search would be reactivated next semester. See Story, page 5.

Ben Tyrrell, SAC chair, announced that the Love Boat is the theme of the Winter Formal which will take place next Saturday night in the College Center. A band will play jazz, blues, swing, and soul music.

William Intner, house senator of Harkness, announced that the Counseling Services was developing surveys and questions for the campus, and for those who use Counseling Services.

Intner also announced that the Academic and Administrative Procedures Committee discussed the idea of creating a common hour so that the college can have all-campus assembly meetings. The time would also be used for the tutorial meetings which are called for in the new general plan approved by the FSCC.

John Biancur, SGA presidential associate, announced that the Dining Services pasta bar is open, and will also include a potato bar when the staff gets used to the new bar. He also said that there is a possibility that each person will be given $40 of credit on their college IDs to be used in the Cro Oasis snack shop. The money for this would come from the fund for guest passes, as about 75-80 percent of the student body has not picked up their passes. Under such a system, students would have about three, rather than eight, guest passes available to them.

Dan Traum, house senator of Branford, asked that the Assembly dim the lights at 8:15 in observation of World AIDS Day. The Assembly unanimously agreed.

Committee elections were held for the PR Committee, but no Assembly member was interested in running. Sam Foreman was elected to the Committee.

Anne Bischof and Dan Traum were elected to the "C"-Book Revisions Committee.

Biancur also said that he is looking into costs for a new photocopier for the Club Computer Room.

Claire Gaudiani, president of the college, made a presentation about the 5-year Strategic Plan voted into effect by the Board of Trustees. Story page 9.

Yoders also announced that Lynn Brooks, vice president for finance, Mark Hoffman, manager of the college center and coordinator of student activities, and Tyrrell had met to discuss the logistics of the move of the Coffee Grounds to the old KB deli space.

Lisa Dupee, house senator of Marshall, made an action item to the Campus Safety Committee that the emergency lighting be checked on, since during the power outage on Thursday morning, the emergency exit signs were not lit in Marshall.

Quinn Sullivan, house senator of Morrison, announced that the Space Planning Committee met for the first time this year, and toured the Olin building. They reviewed requests for space, some of which have been outstanding since 1991.

Heather Gupton, president of the junior class, said that any student interested in participating in the College Bowl next Thursday night in Harris from 5:30-7 p.m. in Harris should contact her.

Kate MacLaughlin, house senator of Burdick, made an action item to the Library Committee, asking whether the 24-hour study room would be opened again, especially since students may want it for Finals Week.

Traum reminded the Assembly that Branford was selling T-shirts with dorm flags on them for $10.

Tyrrell announced that Brickhouse will be playing next Friday night in Hamilton.

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Shelling it out with Michelle

'Tis a good season, one to be merry and full of love. Too bad we are all so exhausted, what with finals and papers, that we have trouble enjoying the holiday spirit.

If you feel that you are about to have a breakdown because your printer won't work and your seventy-five page paper is due in fifteen minutes and you are already working on your third extension, not to mention the fact this paper is 1/2 your grade... take a deep breath and relax. This is only a temporary setback not worthy of throwing yourself on the ground and screaming, "I can't take it anymore... I just can't take it," even if you really feel like it. Drink some herbal tea and meditate, it will help more than fits of despair.

If you have been playing Secret Someone, maybe you will open your door and find a stress-reducing present. If you aren't playing, well, make your own and pretend to be surprised.

If you will be exchanging presents with any of your friends, here is a little tip. If you have a next door neighbor and friend like mine, you can shop in their closet. My next door neighbor has taken possession of my sweater and skirt as well as my hair dryer. I have been thinking that someday soon I will sneak into her room and wrap them up for a present. Maybe she won't notice... they don't really belong to her... she will just think that I noticed how much she liked them in the first place. Actually, the skirt and sweater she can keep... but Sue, you are getting a hair dryer for Christmas. Hopefully this suggestion will reduce any added anxiety caused by present shopping.

I am beginning to realize that I have spent a great deal of time venting in this column. I have run the gamut from freshman orientation to unrequited love, a topic, mercifully, I think I have exhausted. Most of the time I complain about various aspects of my life pointing out only a few of the good parts.

As this is the holiday season, I think I will be a little merrier and talk about what I love about this season and the things you all can think of instead of worrying about the eight text books you have yet to open.

Family is an important part of the holiday season, and soon you will be with them for five weeks... almost makes you want to write another seventy-five page paper, doesn't it? I realize some of you have yet to get over Thanksgiving and your cousin who makes fun of your major or the not-so-P.C. table talk. Well, instead of grimacing and dreading another family get-together for whatever holiday you may celebrate, think of the positives, and the whole thing will be less stressful. Try and remember that this is the same cousin who always babysat for you and was willing to put your toys together when you were small, and it is the same family that has loved you for all these years.

Think of the warmth of the season, the kindness that people seem to show to one another just because the holidays are near. If you are like me, you may regress to when you were five just thinking about decorating a tree. I personally celebrate Christmas and enjoy all the decorations and the candles and the lights. Whatever your holiday, we all can appreciate the giving nature of the season.

I encourage all of you to put aside your copy of Hamlet or your chemistry textbooks and think of all the wonders of this season. Think of those around us who might be hungry, have no place to sleep, or have no one with whom to share the holidays. Maybe this will help put everything in perspective, and you won't need to have that nervous breakdown after all. In the relative scheme of things, nothing is ever as serious as it seems... all we need are the basics and a heart full of the holiday spirit.

Horoscopes with Michelle

Special predictions for the new year

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22- DEC. 21) IN STORE FOR YOU: *ACADEMICS*— THINGS WILL BE A LITTLE HARDER THIS SEMESTER THAN IN THE PAST. YOUR COURSE LOAD IS A LITTLE HEAVIER THAN YOU ARE USED TO... BE CAREFUL. *LOVE*— NOTHING NEW WILL DEVELOP FOR A WHILE, BUT IF YOU ARE IN A RELATIONSHIP IT WILL FLOURISH. *SOCIAL LIFE*— YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WILL SPEND A LOT OF TIME BONDING.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The future holds: *Academics*—Get ready to do some reading, because you will have a lot of it. Don't procrastinate, because it will be a big mistake. *Love*— A new relationship is definitely in your future. If you are in a relationship, expect to go through some rough spots. *Social Life*— You will be quite busy, so it will be difficult to make time for your friends... make sure you try.

Aquarius (Jan. 20- Feb. 18) In the next year: *Academics*— Finally, your courses will be a little easier. It looks like you made choices to fit your busy life. *Love*— You finally get over a difficult relationship. This will be a good choice for you... stay single for a while. *Social Life* — You will have more time than ever before to be with your friends. Spend time meeting people and getting reacquainted with your old friends.

Pisces (Feb. 19- March 20) In your future: *Academics* — Your courses will be harder than usual but you set up a well balanced schedule. *Love*— There will be someone new who will bring much happiness to your life... you deserve it. *Social Life*— You will have little free time to get to meet new people, as you will be quite busy with activities. Your close friends will still be there.

Aries (March 21-April 19) In the next year: *Academics*— You will do extremely well in your courses. Looks like it might be a 4.0 semester. *Love*— Something new and unexpected will develop, and you will feel very loved. It will be a refreshing time. *Social Life* — You will have more time to socialize and you will enjoy it a great deal. You and your close friends may have an adventure of some kind.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) The New Year will bring: *Academics*— This semester will be very challenging. You will have to work very hard to keep up. *Love* — You may finally find the loving and understanding person you have been looking for all your life. *Social Life*— You and your friends will have lots of fun. You will get to spend time with people you haven't seen in a while.

Gemini (May 21- June 20) In your future: *Academics*— You will breeze through classes you were afraid were going to be difficult. Don't get too overconfident. *Love*— There will be few new developments but there may be potential for a close friendship to change into something more. *Social Life*— For some reason you feel a need to be on your own for a while and will probably spend less time than usual with your friends.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Next Year: *Academics* — You will have a lot of work but you will manage it well. You will find yourself preparing well in advance. *Love*— There may be some changes in a current relationship, and while hard at the time, it will be best in the long run. *Social Life* — Your friends will be surprised to see so much of you. No more hiding out in your room.

Leo (July 23-Aug.22) The future: *Academics* — You will be more excited by your classes than in the past. You will still have to do things in a timely fashion despite your busy schedule. *Love*— There may be a new relationship in store for you. Don't fall too fast or you may fall hard. *Social Life*— You will spend time with your friends as always, though the arrival of an old friend will excite you a great deal.

Virgo (Aug.23-Sept.22) In the next year: *Academics*— You will find yourself much busier than usual. You selected a very difficult course load. *Love*— If you are in a relationship it will only get stronger. A new relationship may prove troublesome. *Social Life* — You and your friends will get to spend lots of time together much to your enjoyment.

Libra (Sept.23-Oct.22) In the future: *Academics*— You will be doing a lot more writing than usual... get ready for a big term paper. *Love*— There will be a new and exciting relationship in your future. You should be very excited because this relationship will last a long time. *Social Life*— You will meet a lot of new people and you will go to parties much more than in the past.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.21) The new year: *Academics*— This semester should be far less stressful than in the past. Your work will really be much easier.*Love*— A mysterious stranger will enter your life and fill it with complications. Be prepared to be mystified. *Social Life*— You will be drawn to this mysterious person and pull away from your friends. Don't stray too far.

Arts &Entertainment

Mavis, Spearmint Vagina and Ego-Filter give an excellent show at the El n' Gee

BY CARLI SCHULTZ
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LAST THURSDAY NIGHT WAS COLLEGE NIGHT AT THE EL N' GEE CLUB DURING WHICH ONE WELL-KNOWN CAMPUS BAND, ONE SEMI-HEARD OF BAND, AND A BAND THAT ONLY GOT ITS NAME THE DAY BEFORE TOOK THE STAGE BEFORE A SMALL GATHERING OF MOSTLY CONN STUDENTS TO PLAY THE NIGHT AWAY.

Ego-Filter, Spearmint Vagina (I wrote the article just so I could type out vagina) and Mavis played short but sweet sets, making for a night of fun and mild mayhem. Ego Filter, which had only been together for about a month, played their first show, and the first show ever for some of the band members. Their incredible short hardcore set consisted of about three songs, lots of screaming and loud noise, held together with rhythm and a beat.

They put on a good performance, although Booth O'Connel, their singer, spent too much time putting them down during the set, saying that this was their first gig and they weren't that good yet. It was almost as if they wanted the audience to think they sucked. Stef Lubkowski did an amazing job on bass, as did Jay Haines on guitar. Almost as soon as they started, however, they were done, opening the stage for the threesome known as Spearmint Vagina (there's that word again.)

Someone had mentioned to me earlier that night that going to the El n' Gee meant "going to watch Adam play and Claire scream." Adam did indeed play his guitar, and Claire did indeed scream, both to the enthusiastic joy of the crowd.

Trivia tells us that was the name of the campus band Wet Nurse in their last incarnation before they began to graduate. This time, Adam Lore, Claire O'Dea and Aaron Novik took the name and played a set of about eight songs, most of them short, all of them incredibly entertaining.

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Trying to get song names out of Adam was like pulling teeth, so we can simply say that the three played such entertaining songs as "the one about the chicken sandwich," and the one they closed the set with, described as their "interpretation of the White Album." I found their set to be the best of the evening. I had a stupid smile on my face the whole time.

After a short break, Mavis finished off the night with a good performance, especially for a band rumored to really suck when they aren't playing on campus.

Luke Cavagnac's vocal cords were ready to rip, and Novik, now sporting a bass guitar, made a smooth transition to the clearer Mavis sound. Andrew Wagner lent his guitar talent to the sound which pleased the enthusiastic Mavis crowd.

The audience seemed saddened as Mavis announced its last song. As small as the crowd was, they seemed to enjoy the show for the most part. It definitely was an entertaining alternative to a kegger or something on campus. Go to the next one.

Camel Connection and Make We Joy unite campus in celebration of holiday spirit

BY MICHELLE RONAYNE
A&E Editor

It is safe to say that any day that begins with a piece of chocolate cake and a peanut butter bar will be good. Thanks to the efforts of both the organizers of the first annual Camel Connection, a college-wide festival with a dessert contest, games, raffles and a jazz band, as well as the organizers of Make We Joy, Sunday was a very good day.

After an evening of frolicking at dorm holiday parties, what better way to spend your Sunday than attending these campus–wide events?

The Camel Connection, held in the 1941 room, was filled with desserts as well as a lot of holiday spirit. The housefellows and house governors made a dessert to represent each dorm, and a contest was held. The desserts ranged from Blackstone's Rice Crispie rendition of Synergy to a good chocolate thing with marshmallows by 360 Mohegan and North Cottage. Freeman supplied the peanut butter bars, and Hamilton created Death by Chocolate. There was also a raffle of prizes from gift certificates to the Gap to a free Campus Safety lockout.

As if attending this would not be enough for one afternoon, the day was rounded out with Make We Joy, a celebration of the winter solstice that includes singing and dancing. It brings together many facets of the community and is a celebration of all religious beliefs. It involves students as well as faculty and staff from the chaplaincy. "I do it because it is different... it incorporates everything and is fun to be a part of," said Carli Schultz, a senior who participates as a folk dancer.

Derron Wood, a Conn alum, has been directing Make We Joy for the last four years. "I started mostly because they asked me," said Wood. Make We Joy is a unique experience that includes as many religious songs and rites as possible. "... it is unlike anything else... it is very community based and we are constantly trying to expand to include more people," said Wood.

The reason it is a celebration of the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, is that "no matter what culture, every single one seems to have a festival revolving around light... lighting the Menorah, the Christmas tree lights, burning the Yule log...," said Wood.

"It is a massive directing experience," added Wood.

The performers practice their pieces individually and have a six hour rehearsal the Saturday before the performance, and they find out from Wood what the order of the performances will be. "It really comes all together on Sunday," said Wood.

The performance began with Puppets Punch and Judy played by senior Eric Adler and junior Greg Keller introducing Make We Joy. Father Solstice, played by Chaplain Steve, began by saying "stage strong, new, costly," in reference to the stage falling last year and to the fact that donations are desired in order to defray the cost of the new stage.

The popularity of Make We Joy can be evidenced by the fact that every year the performance is standing room only. The chapel is filled with community members and students alike. There are families that go every year and families that participate every year as well. There are children that have grown up with Make We Joy. "It is a betwixt and between celebration... it doesn't really fit... it occurs at the most frenzied time," said Wood. Yet, people take the time to come and partake of the celebration. "It is the thread that ties any holiday together this time of year... it breaks down the differences," said Wood.

It is definitely a worthy time-out in your day to see Make We Joy. If not to see the performance, then to catch a glimpse of the meaning of the celebration, the coming together of everyone no matter their religion to partake in the frenzied excitement of the holiday season. A peanut butter bar and a bit of the holiday joy, now what could be better than that?

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STAR TREK Generations

by Jesse Roberts
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is a good film but prepare yourself for a Trekkie convention

If you're not the average Star Trek fan (i.e. - you don't own a personal cardboard cutout of Jean-Luc Picard or even a fake set of Vulcan ears), then my strictest advice to you is this: Never see a Star Trek film on its opening weekend.

Shakespeare was correct when he wrote "Hell hath no fury like a Trekkie scorned." I know because I stood in line behind a large mass of anxiously waiting Star Trek fans for roughly an hour on opening weekend of *Star Trek : Generations*. Despite the fact that my neighbors in line brought me up to date on episodes 42 through 387 in detail, I wouldn't recommend doing so.

But, as a closet Trekkie, I embarked on the perilous journey to seek out new life, explore new worlds, and go where no one has gone before.

I was one of the last to actually receive my ticket before the show sold out. Luckily enough, I was jammed forward into the theater before the enraged crowd opened a series of phaser blasts onto the poor tormented ticket clerk.

I was lucky to find a seat in the middle aisles. Little did I know that my neighbors were actually planning to review the movie as it went along, sequentially comparing every television episode to the actual film. I was relieved when I saw a married couple sitting down next to me to counter-balance the effect—one was holding a Trek phaser, the other holding William Shatner's book, "Star Trek Memories," in the same fashion a minister holds the Bible.

The lights went down, and the room filled with applause as my neighbors punched every phaser button they had. Then a wave of tranquility washed over me as the previews (my favorite part) began rolling, and the loud chatter of pre-movie review lulled into a dull whisper.

The plotline of the film wasn't horribly remarkable. Written much like a television episode, it was able to maintain the grace of the program without losing much, as often happens in television-to-movie series. There were, however, a few undeveloped situations that I would have like to see expanded.

It intriguing to see Kirk (William Shatner) and Picard (Patrick Stewart) play opposite each other, both as time-displaced captains of the Starship Enterprise. Both did remarkably well, as did Malcolm McDowell, who plays the protagonist role of Dr. Soran.

Unfortunately, little development was made on the vast array of supporting characters, outside of some minor spotlight on Whoopi Goldberg's character, Guinan, and a major subplot on Brent Spiner's Lieutenant Commander Data.

The only time the flow was interrupted was when a Trek fanatic stood up and shouted "STOP THE FILM! I've dropped my Spock ear!!!"

Though many scenes and props were recycled from previous Star Trek episodes and movies, the filmwork was remarkable. I am constantly in awe of the visual and audio special effects these sci-fi masters can dish out. The special effects company, Industrial Light & Magic, originally created by George Lucas for his 1979 *Star Wars* and employed to produce such blockbuster hits as *Indiana Jones*, *Terminator* and *Jurassic Park*. once again surpassed itself.

Though it was written in the fashion of a pilot episode, *Star Trek*: *Generations* proved to be a good transition piece, linking the older Star Trek cast and plot lines to those of Star Trek: The Next Generation both enjoyably and effectively. The only time the flow was interrupted was when a Trek fanatic stood up and shouted "STOP THE FILM! I've dropped my Spock ear!!!" Yet hindsight is 20–20, and in retrospect, I have to say I quite enjoyed the movie. Though nothing overly substantial, the plot of this movie will no doubt have repercussions in the Star Trek films of the coming years. If a you are follower of the ongoing Star Trek drama, don't miss it.

Gift-giving strategies for the holiday shopper

BY MICHELLE RONAYNE
A&E Editor

Anyone who celebrates during the holidays and actually has their gifts neatly wrapped and hidden under their bed is sick... plain and simply put, sick.

Most of the average holiday shoppers are just now getting under way. The Salvation Army bells can be heard throughout the hallowed halls of the mall, and "Jingle Bells" is played ad nauseum.

"We just have one more gift for Aunt Mildred," can be easily overheard in any shopping mall this season. It can get very tiresome to shop and shop and never get a chance to drop. The holiday season always brings a flurry of activity to the malls, and at times it can be difficult enough to park, let alone find the twenty presents you need.

There are ways to avoid these problems. You could do as the aforementioned sick people and shop in June. This way you avoid the crowds and have time to relax during the holiday season. However, the crowds can be half the fun. If you hate long lines and nasty security guards, then June shopping may be your first choice.

Catalogues can be helpful as well. You can at least avoid some of the crowds by doing your shopping by mail. It isn't as much fun as the actual shopping, but it can be a relaxing alternative. Besides, it is always fun to get stuff in the mail even if it isn't for you.

Some gift giving scams for those who choose the mall but hate it and have no idea what they want to buy:

1) Gift Certificates— though some might consider it a gift-giving cop-out, it is sometimes better to give a gift certificate than a purple polkadot scarf that no one will ever wear. This is usually a male gift-giving device and more acceptable when you are not very close with the person for whom you are buying the gift.

2) Bath Products or Potpourri— This is the female version of a gift-certificate. This is generally a safe choice. After all, who doesn't want to smell good or at least have a room that does?

3) Food— You can either make it if you are talented... emphasis on the talented part. Or you can get a store-bought fruit basket or a cake. Most people like food, and if they don't like what they get, well, if it comes all neatly wrapped from a store then they have an instant gift.

The true shopper may want to get a little more adventurous and actually go looking for a "real" gift. Usually, when you know someone very well it is easy to buy them a present because you know what they like. Then again, when you know them very well you truly want to please them so it can still be difficult. So here are the options for the daring shoppers who brave the malls, actually enjoy the hustle and bustle of the season and have a few ideas already:

1) Clothing— This is usually an excellent idea as long as you have an idea of the size. Neutral colors are your best bet, because many people do not like bright colors. Ties are generally safe for men unless you have vastly different taste than that of the man for whom you are buying. Scarves or gloves for the female are also a safe clothing option.

2) Perfume or cologne— Sometimes this is an expensive option, but often a good gift for aunts and uncles. Estee Lauder and Elizabeth Arden both have a pretty good selection of varying scents for women, and Calvin Klein's Obsession is excellent for men though not as affordable.

3) Something for the house— This is a good choice if you are giving a gift to a couple as it narrows you down to one larger gift rather than two medium gifts. As long as you know what the main colors are inside the house, you can easily buy a vase or pillows to coordinate.

Whatever your holiday, hopefully it will be a good one and the stress of shopping will be minimized with the help of these ideas. If you did your shopping in June then feel free to save this article for the summer.

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The musical hits and misses of 1994 run the gamut from extreme to obscure

BY RUDI RIET
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As the year draws to a close, many choose to reflect on the past year. Lately, I've been scanning over my CD collection, sifting through my old ticket stubs and thumbing through various concert programs, reflecting back on what was a very hectic year in the music industry. There were hits, there were misses, and there were some things which defied any form of logic.

BEST CDs OF 1994: My ears listened to a large number of new offerings this year, but only a few really made me sit up and listen. These five CDs really hit me in the right place:

1. *Live At The BBC*, The Beatles (Parlophone/Capitol) This week marks the first new material released from the Beatles' vast catalog in over 17 years. And it is definitely a treat to the senses. The pieces here span the years 1963 to 1965, when the Fab Four packed both clubs and stadiums, and for good reason— they simply rocked. Most of these songs were recorded "live"— done in one take. This set is 52 tracks of good, fun music.

2. *Brutal Youth*, Elvis Costello (Warner Brothers) Elvis Costello is an unpredictable man, but he seldom lets critical panning get in his way. After the great-but-odd *The Juliet Letters*, Costello reformed his great 1970's band, The Attractions, and recorded this gem. Potent, message-filled rockers inhabit the world of this album, and Elvis tips his musical hat to many greats: The Beatles, the Sex Pistols, and even Chet Atkins. Elvis' best work since *Spike*.

3. *The Division Bell*, Pink Floyd (Columbia/Sony) Yeah, I know: most people think that David Gilmour's "new" Pink Floyd is only a shadow of its former, Roger Waters-dominated self. But this album returns Pink Floyd to the land of crazy diamonds, where fluid musical landscapes unfurl, interlaced with multifaceted lyrical tapestries. Sure, it's rather slow for dancing, but the words can really make you think. This album isn't really in the same league as *The Dark Side Of The Moon*, but it's a far cry better than their last effort.

4. *Thoink?*, Michael Manring (Windham Hill) Michael Manring is superhuman. He plays songs on bass guitar which even a very seasoned band would have a hard time pulling off. Manring's mastery of the electric bass is evident on this CD. He often accompanies himself on this album by playing two (or even three) basses simultaneously. The effect is nothing short of bizarre, but it's quite captivating as well.

5. *In the Scene of the Mind*, Violet Arcana (EinProdukt) I still love listening to this CD. I put it in on shuffle play or endlessly loop it in my CD player. The music on this CD is really addicting in a very subtle way. Sure, it's not everybody's cup of soup, but this synthesizer showcase will really surprise you.

WORST CDs OF 1994: One of the perils of listening to so many CDs is the fact that not all albums are great. In fact, this year's greatest are offset by the stinkers in the crowd.

1. *Monster*, R.E.M. (Warner Brothers) I know I'm probably raining on somebody's parade right now, but R.E.M. rained on mine when they released this CD. To me, R.E.M. reaches a bit *too* much on this CD, trying to find a new sound without abandoning their old, garage-band style. They just can't seem to find it, and the music on *Monster* falls flat. R.E.M. used to write songs that, while they sounded simple, were actually quite complex; *Monster* exhibits none of this quality. It's a shame.

2. *Imagination Island: Barney's Favorites, Volume 2* (DGC) Why, oh why, did the inventors of this infernal beast have to record this? It's total saccharine, a corrosive substance for any youngster, and an insanity catalyst for anybody older than eight. David Geffen must have been out of town when his company agreed to this.

3. *Duets II*, Frank Sinatra (Capitol) Phil Collins refused to participate in the first *Duets* session because he felt that the true energy in a duet comes from face-to-face interplay. But this second compilation of long-distance, phone-aided duets (why do I sense a need for an AT&T TrueVoice™ ad right now?) falls even flatter than the first. Sinatra can barely sing anything in key, and his vocal accompanists (save Frank Sinatra, Jr., who likely shared the studio with his dad) can't get their timing right using a voice-only cue. It's sad that a famous crooner has to stoop this low.

4. *Crimes of the Mind*, The Dude Of Life and Phish (Elektra) This CD was a big letdown from the first notes. A message to Phish: lose the pretentious, alternative poser attitude and write meaningful tunes again!

5. *Woodstock (25th Anniversary box set)*, various artists (Atlantic) If anybody shelled out $50 for this set, I really feel sorry for them. The promised improvement in sound quality is nowhere to be found, and the bonus tracks are few and far-between. What a letdown. The Italian "live and rare import" maker, Great Dane, produced a much better set, both sonically and musically, with *Woodstock: The Lost Performances*. Get that instead, as the full-length sets by Janis Joplin and The Who are really top-notch.

BEST CONCERTS OF 1994: This year was a year of big-name tours and a few smaller gems, as well. With the variety displayed by this year's concert offerings, there was at least one concert this year to satisfy every music listener.

1. Pink Floyd (Giants Stadium, New Jersey, 20 July) This concert was a technological tour de force in a very pleasing package. I chose this performance, in particular, because it featured a complete performance of *The Dark Side of the Moon* in the second set and was only one of three shows in the U.S. which featured this treat. Sure, tickets were expensive— but the concert was a knockout. A perfect mix of musical mastery, surround sound, copper lasers, and eerie films.

2. Eric Clapton (Hartford Civic Center, 10 October) Clapton's short tour endorsed his brilliant *From The Cradle* CD, and "Slowhand" truly electrified the crowd with his blues interpretations. Anybody expecting "Layla" or "After Midnight" was left a bit bewildered at first— Clapton plainly stated that none of *his* hits would be played in this show. But it hardly mattered, as he proved that he has mastered his own, bluesy style.

3. Foghat (Toad's Place, 10 August) Another classic rock band? Granted, this band hasn't really done anything new in almost 20 years, but they recently reunited and recorded a scorching blues CD. Their club tour this summer was truly the best club gig I've ever seen. The band took a few requests but also played some killer blues improvisations as the night wore on. Both old and young could appreciate the power of this group.

4. Art Garfunkel (Harkness State Park, 25 August) Garfunkel may have been the lesser half of Simon and Garfunkel from a writing standpoint, but he can still move you to tears with his crystal-clear voice. This show was a bit of a greatest-hits package, and "Artie" treated the eager crowd of 2,000 to a brilliant outdoor performance. Old Simon and Garfunkel tunes were mixed with some of Garfunkel's decent solo work, making for a pleasant night under the stars.

WORST CONCERT OF 1994: Oddly enough, I didn't attend any "ringers" this year. After seeing Pink Floyd and Eric Clapton, my wallet was sufficiently emptied to the point where I couldn't attend any other shows. I guess that's for the best.

BEST CD SHOPS: It seems that CD prices keep going up while the selection keeps going down. But there are a couple of local shops which keep stocking plenty of titles at reasonable prices.

1. Mystic Disc (10 Steamboat Wharf, Mystic) "The Dog" keeps anybody looking for offbeat or imported CDs or vinyl quite happy at his little shop. The used CD selection is large and reasonably priced, while he often offers new releases for better prices than most chain stores' so-called "sale prices." Also, if you ever need something rare and imported, Mystic Disc can probably find it for you. This place is a rare treasure among many awful mall stores.

2. Strawberries (New London Mall) Strawberries is the only large chain store which seems to keep prices low and selection high. Their sales– especially the twice-yearly "Music Mania" extravaganza– are the best in the region. Strawberries recently moved into a spacious new location at the New London Mall, which allowed them to expand their selection and install a handy listening station. They also sell tickets to many in-state club shows, a plus in the land of TicketMaster service charges.

WORST CD SHOPS: With the two aforementioned shops, you need not pay the "suggested retail price" for any CD or tape. Unfortunately, as we all migrate to the malls, we often succumb to the overpriced chain stores.

1. Record World (Crystal Mall, upstairs) I've never seen a good sale here, and they carry a rather minimal selection of CDs, with a paltry selection for anything except top-40 and recent movie soundtracks. They charge full-retail prices on everything in stock, which is a shame. Avoid this place if you can.

2. Record Express (Groton Shopping Plaza) Prices here are almost the same as Record World, though sales tend to be a bit better. The selection of new CDs here is very slim, though they occasionally carry some decent classical selections. The only things this place has going for it are a decent used CD selection and a "buy-10-get-one-free" system of purchasing used items.

3. Record Town (Crystal Mall, downstairs) Record Town also overprices things, but they occasionally have sales on audiophile CDs which are quite good. Also, their selection of offbeat things is a bit better than their upstairs neighbor. Still, it's impossible to count on this place for decent prices, even with the better selection. Good in a pinch, but try the top stores first.

I hope that everybody survives finals and the dreaded term paper deluge and has a most enjoyable holiday season!

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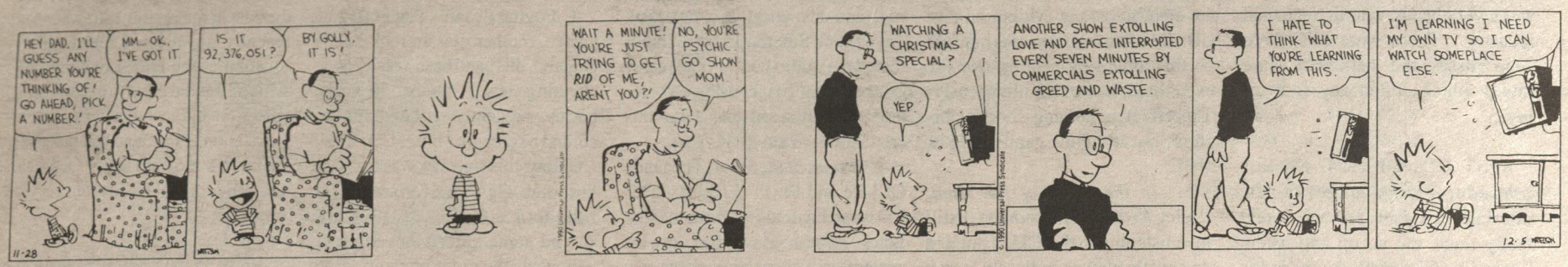

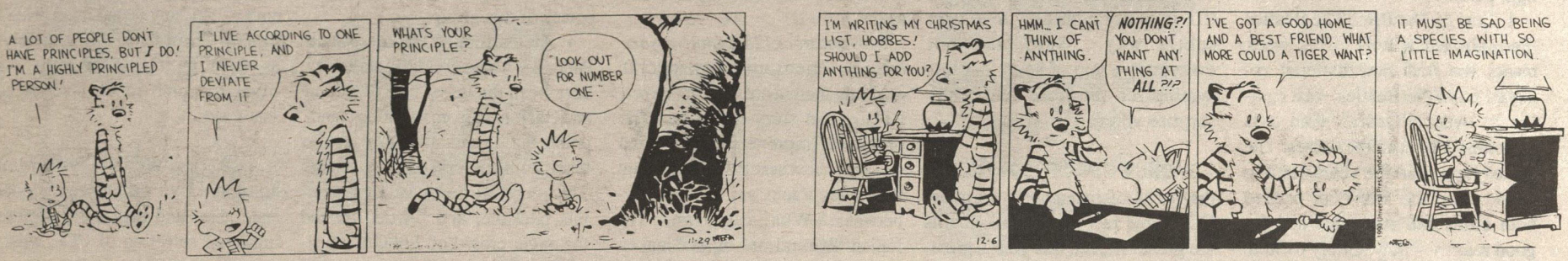

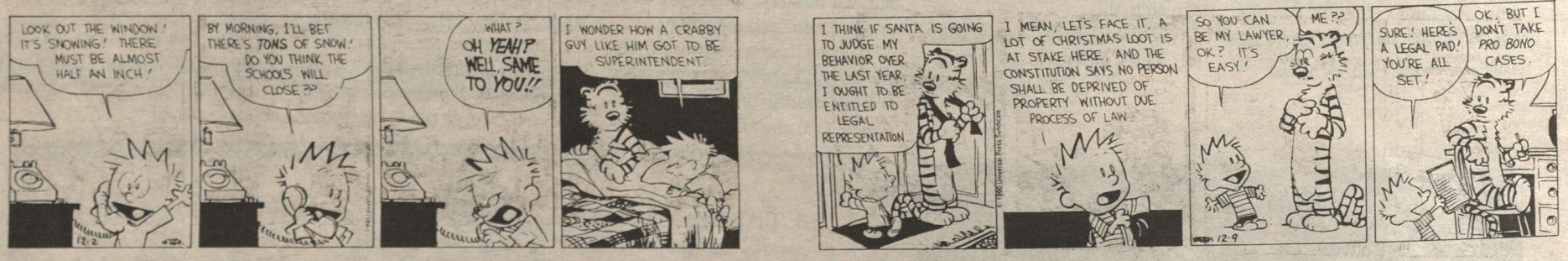

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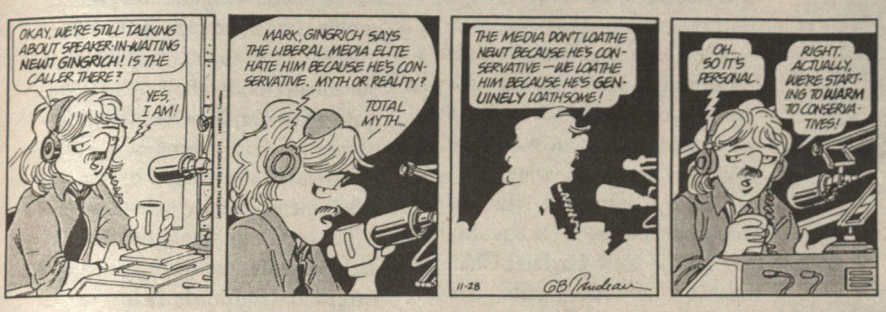

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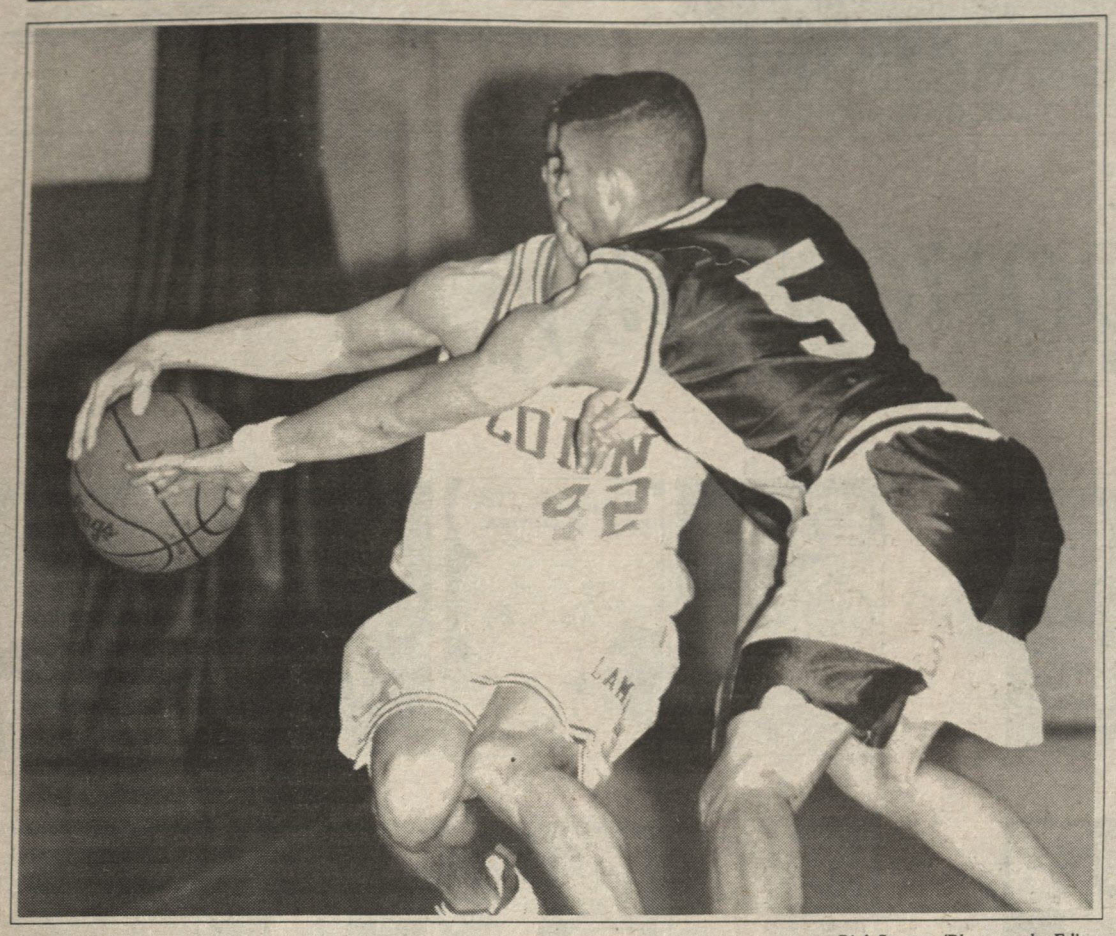

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Tom Sampogna gains control of the ball.

Men's basketball finishes third in Whaling City Ford Tournament

BY COLE ROSKAM
The College Voice

The Connecticut College men's basketball team began a three game home stand on Tuesday night against the Roger Williams River Hawks. Roger Williams came into the game with an 0-1 record following a 33 point loss to the Coast Guard, while the Camels stood at 1-1 following the Haverford Tournament.

Connecticut controlled the tip-off and jumped out to a 7-2 lead. The youth of the Connecticut team as well as the absence of a "true" point guard was evident throughout the first half, as the team quickly commited three turnovers and seemed unsettled. Both teams employed various zone defenses, both half and full court presses in an attempt to create turnovers and mistakes.

While the strategies did work, as Conn finished with 25 turnovers to Roger Williams' 30, the result was a fairly disorganized contest with neither team getting into a smooth rhythm and tempo.

The second half began similarly, with both teams being rushed and forced into various shots.

Finally, with 10 minutes left, the Camels found themselves with a comfortable 66-58 lead due to three three pointers by Tom Sampogna, Aaron Guckian, and Will Manuel.

Conn eventually coasted to a 94-75 victory. The highlight of the game occurred with less than a second left, as Wright took a pass from Keith Golembiewski, powered past a defender, shifted the ball from his right hand to his left behind his back, and concluded the incredible move with a forceful dunk, all with .9 seconds remaining on the game clock.

Wright finished the game with 19 points, five blocks, and five steals. Other leading scorers included Sampogna with 23, 21 by Guckian, and 18 by Manuel.

Friday night marked the start of the 20th annual Whaling City Ford Basketball Tournament. Conn had won the tournament eight times before, the last time in 1992. The Camels' first opponent was Hobart, a team which entered with a 0-1 record following their 12 point loss to Division I Army.

Andre Wright dominated in the early first half, as shot after shot by Hobart were swatted away by the big forward.

Without Wright, the team seemed to struggle, and Hobart went on a 9-0 run to take the lead at 24-19 with 10 minutes left in the first half. Conn kept up their zones and pressure, and at half-time the score stood at 37-36, Hobart.

Conn began slowly in the second half and found themselves behind 58-47 with 12 minutes left. Yet by continuing their constant pressuring defense, the Camels whittled the lead until both teams traded baskets for the lead.

With 1:48 left in the game, Guckian nailed a three-pointer as the shot-clock expired for a one point lead. The crowd roared its approval, and a close finish was imminent.

With 4.2 seconds left, Sampogna shot a three-pointer which put Conn ahead 78-77. The crowd erupted, but the game was not quite over.

With 1.5 seconds left, a Hobart guard took the inbounds pass and coasted in for an easy layup, and Conn suddenly found itself headed for the third-place game.

Guckian led the Camels with 22 points and 14 rebounds, while Wright finished with 20 points, nine rebounds, eight blocks, and four steals. The eight blocks were a tournament record, as were Conn's total 13 rejections. Yet Conn's inexperience again showed itself with 22 turnovers.

Saturday's third-place game seemed a bit anticlimactic after Friday's close finish as Conn manhandled an overmatched Wesleyan team 93-73.

"Both teams were tired, and it was definitely a letdown to play in the consolation," said Conn coach Glenn Miller. "We just needed to go out and act as if we were in the finals."

Every Camel player played, though one of the surprises of the game was the nonstart of Wright, who had come late to a pre–game meeting.

Fortunately the benching did not slow Wright down as he scored 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Guckian also dominated inside with 24 points and 12 rebounds.

"We're getting better everyday," explained Miller. "I can't put too much emphasis on wins and losses. It's just a matter of getting experience for this team."

Indeed, turnovers dropped to 17, and the Camels appeared more willing to pass the ball around, waiting for an open shot instead of forcing it in.

In the championship game, the Coast Guard easily defeated Hobart 85-69 behind tournament MVP Mark Harris' 17 points and 15 rebounds.

Come and cheer on the quickly improving Camels for their next home game December 10 against Williams at 1:00.

Sports notebook

BY ERIK RAVEN
Sports Editor

SWIMMING & DIVING

The Conn men's and women's swimming and diving teams took on Worcester Polytechnic Institute on Saturday and sent WPI packing with two big Camel wins.

Tammy Brant had wins in the 200 and 500 freestyle, qualifying her for the New England Championships in both events. Nicole D'Amour chipped in wins in the 100 individual medley and 100 backstroke. The individual medley win means she will also travel to the New England as well.

A win in the 400 medley relay assured the Camels of a 128-94 win, with D'Amour, Carole Clew, Alison Haight and Ulrike Kjellberg competing.

The men had to come from behind to defeat WPI 123–101. Ned Owens was the big winner of the day, with victories in the 1,000 freestyle and the 200 backstroke.

The Camel men grabbed first and third place in the 200 freestyle relay, the final event. The win of the team consisting of John Murphy, Matt Carroll, Evan Coppola and Jeff Davis closed out the meet.

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

The team competed at the Wesleyan Invitational on Saturday and placed a respectable sixth of 11 teams, garnering 28 points.

Kate Stellitano was the big winner of the meet with a first place effort in the shotput event, setting a freshman record 34 feet 1/4 inch. Stellitano went on to finish third in the 20 pound weight throw, setting another freshman record of 35 feet.

The 4x800 team, consisting of Susannah Goodwell, Natalie Dane, Kate Wilson and Jen Rockwell, finished third with a time of 11:46.3. Goodwell also finished fifth in the 1,000 meter event.

The meet was highlighted by several individual qualifiers for the New England Championships. Kate Stellitano qualified in the shotput and 20 pound weight; Kia LaBeau in the shotput; Katie Crosby in the 55 meter hurdles; Karen Menendez in the 200; and Jen Rockwell in the 5,000.

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Sports

IM Update:

Pus Maggots and Dogs of War lead the way to floor hockey tournament

With the women's floor hockey finals set for Thursday, December 8 at 8 p.m., the defending champion Puss Maggots and equally impressive Dogs of War lead the way. The Puss Maggots, anchored by Stalwart goal tender Colby McDonagh, will play Tuesday, December 6 against the winner of the Sophmorons versus GDU game.

Puss Maggots demonsrated their dominance over third place Ken's Chicks by defeating them 7-4. Jen Eisenberg led the Maggots with three goals and two assists. Karen Mallegol (2,0), Courtney Skulley (1,3), and Julie Granof (1,0) added to the victory. Sara Ciotti, also a six-a-side soccer standout, chipped in with an assist.

Kathryn Sobocinski had a hat trick for Ken's Chicks, followed by Justine Oppenheim (1,0), Lisa Peraner (0,2), and Christine "the Machine" Seta (0,1). Tara Sorenson (23,14,37) and Holly Doyle (20,13, 33), the league's number one and three leading scorers, did not suit up for Ken's Chicks in the contest.

Dogs of War will also receive a first round bye, facing off against either Ken's Chicks or Rugby Queens (December 6, 9 p.m.). The Dogs continue to annihilate their opponents with a 13-2 trouncing of Rugby Queens. Molly Nolan (19,14,33) and Louise Brooks (21, 13, 34) added to their impressive season statistics, each scoring four goals. Laura Bayon (3,0), Martha Buchart (1,1), and Katy Wood (1,1) also scored. Sharon Dyce tallied both for the Queens.

The Rugby Queens did a little stomping of their own, turning over the Rolling Stones 9-1. The Stones opened the scoring on a Selma Ahmed goal assisted by Eilisa Daly. The Rugby Queens responded with nine unanswered goals led by Liz Carletta (4,1). Mary Gorman (2,1), Erin Junl (2,1), and Sharon Joyce (1,1) also scored.

The Sophmorons, who are tied for third place with Ken's Chicks, took Dirty Laundry to the cleaners by a score of 10-2. Dardy Muldaur exploded with an eight goal performance. Meagan Bise had two goals and four assists, while Adrianna Torre dished out five assists.

Dirty Laundry's two goals were scored by Margaret Siegel with an assist going to Darcy Nothnagle (0,1). Siegel and Nothnagle combined for the two goals in Dirty Laundry's second loss of the week to GDU. Goal scorers for GDU included: Natalie Dane (2,1), Delphine Aubourg (1,1), Holly Brabson (1,1), Colleen Wood (1,0), and Katherine Hambleton (0,1).

GDU made it 2-0 on the week with a 8-7 win over Chubakkas. Heather Parker (4,1), Natalie Dane (3,0), Holly Brabson (1,1), and Stephanie Record (0,1) all contributed for GDU. Chubakkas scoring came from: Carter Page (4,2), Doreen Cutonilli (2,1), Meg Barry (1,1), Jess Gadeken (0,1), and Shirelle McGuire (0,1).

In volleyball action, Team Squash leads the way with a 15-3 record. They defeated Pass The Trash 17-15, 17-15, and Enough Said 15-9, 15-13. Money is in second place at 14-4 overall. Money beat TBA in straight sets 15-7, 15-8. Do You Want Fries With That increased its record to 13-6 with a forfeit win over Money, and a two set to one victory over Crash Test Dummies. In other matches, TBA spanked Enough Said 15-10, 15-12, and Grundle Cheese nipped Pass The Trash 7-15, 15-5, 15-8.

The Coed Volleyball Championship will be held on December 7 at 7 p.m.

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Schmoozing with Scott and the Razor:

Wash down holiday cheer with a nice cold beer

BY SCOTT USILTON
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The College Voice

It's the most wonderful time of the year, we've got marshmallows for roasting, and we are toasting the holiday season. It's December!!! The best month of the year. Both Scott (22nd) and the Razor (18th) will hit the big 21 this month. Send presents to the Voice office. Or just send money to our boxes (cash only please). All contributions are tax deductible. If you want to find us after the 22nd, either go to Foxwoods Casino or down to Atlantic City.

It's almost time for College Bowl day. Once again, the absolute idiocy of the NCAA football postseason hits us like a ton of steel. Nebraska and Penn State are undefeated. Under any rational system they would meet on the 1st of January to decide the champion.

But because of the stupid system, Penn State gets to play Oregon in California while Nebraska plays Miami across the country. Even if Penn State wins, they will not be the champs if Nebraska wins. We can't figure this out, can you?

Schmoozing would like to thank Nike for bringing back the ads with Dennis Hopper dressed up like a ref, hanging out with football players.

We love the ads, but we're pretty sure that Mr. Hopper still has a few leftover drugs pumping through his veins. Didn't quite get the 60's, 70's and 80's out of his system yet, we guess. Choo-choo baby, choo-choo. (You know, from the Sterling Sharpe ad.)

Saturday night saw holiday parties all over campus. Naturally, this led to the largest number of drunken Conn students staggering around this campus since Floralia. Rumors abounded of the appearance of the ghosts of Bob Thomas and Teddy Heintz sitting atop the observatory with a half barrel of the 'Beast. Many partygoers fell to their knees on a cold Harkness Green shouting "We're not worthy!!" to the apparitions. Jeremy Stamper was convinced that Santa cruised by and let Bob and Ted joyride in his sleigh somewhere around 3 or 4 a.m.

Regardless of these Ghosts of Christmas Parties Past, Schmoozing hopes all our readers, both of you, had a safe, happy, overindulgent, wonderful, charming, alarming, rocking good time at the parties. We have never seen so much pizza in one place as we did in Cro that night.

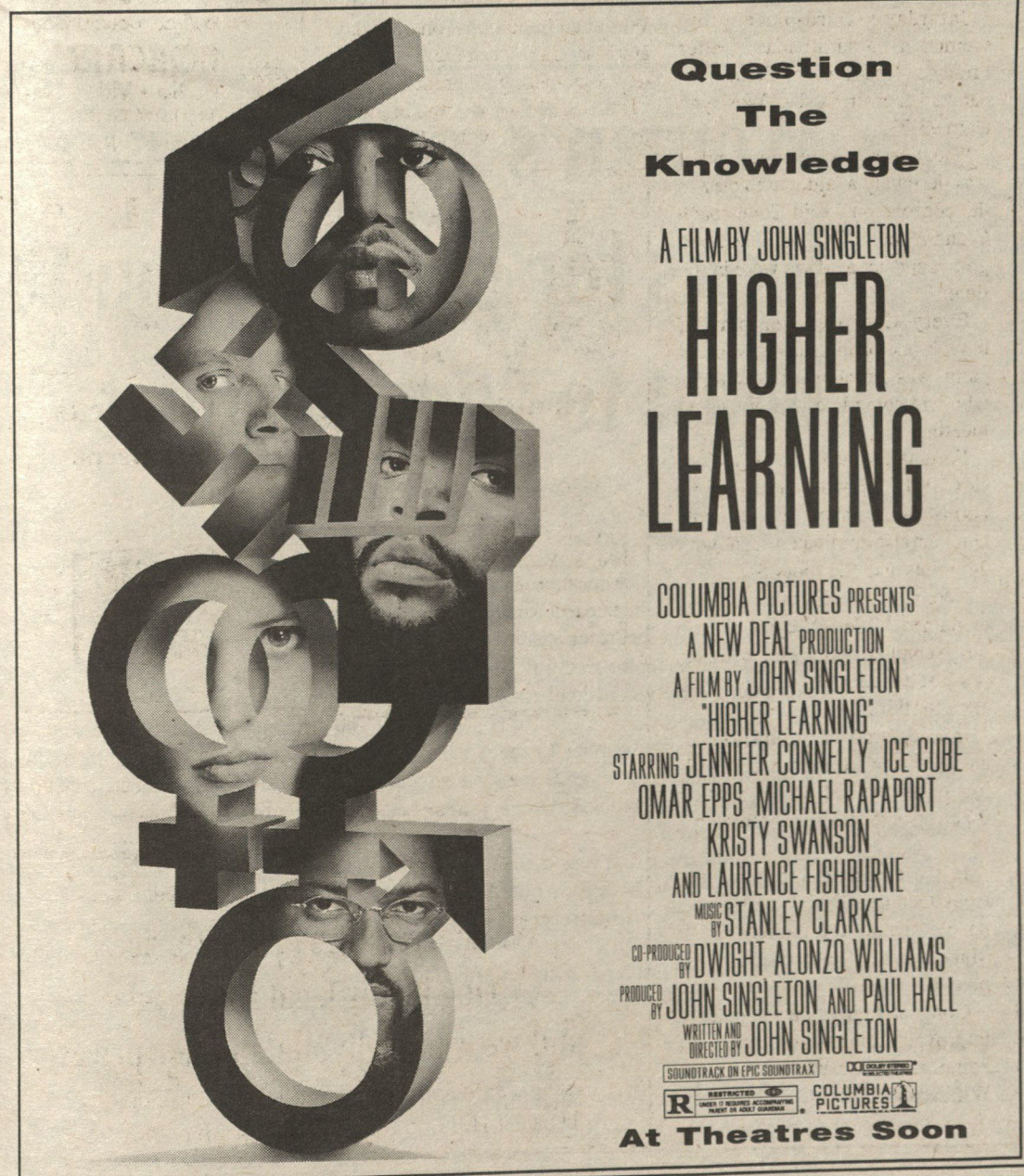
It's a shame they had to shut things down at 2 am. At approximately 2:30 a.m., the Razor and his roommates had a pile of 30 Dominos pizzas stacked on top of the laserdisc player at their home on Groton Long Point.

MONDAY FRIGHT PICK

We have officially decided not to include our previous record of Monday night picks in the new, redesigned Monday Fright Picks. At least, not until our record gets a little bit better. OK. On to business.

This week's game features the Los Angeles Raiders carpooling down to San Diego to take on Junior Seau and the rest of the Chargers. Dan Fouts is the likely starting QB for Sandy Leggo-my-Eggo. The Raiders are likely to drive right on by and end up in Tijuana.

So, we feel the need to take the Chargers to cover the spread, which favors them by four points. Odds are high that this game will be just a bit better than that Oilers-Giants abomination two weeks ago. So, sit back, relax, and cheer the Chargers on to victory.



Sports

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Sophomore David Getschow on the attack against Middlebury.

Men's ice hockey plagued by penalties

Camels drop four since Thanksgiving break

BY RICK STRATTON
Photo Editor

The Conn College men's hockey team has had a disappointing start this season via an overdose of bad penalties and foreigners.

"Penalties are our biggest problem," said coach Doug Roberts. "We keep shooting ourselves in the foot."

Over Thanksgiving weekend Conn traveled to the Elmira Tournament in Elmira, New York.

Conn played Wisconsin-Eau Claire in the first round and lost 3-1. After a goal by David Getschow, the Camels lost their momentum with a series of bad penalties.

"Penalties are our biggest problem ... we keep shooting ourselves in the foot."
- Doug Roberts, head coach

In the consolation game, Conn played Potsdam State. After surviving a tough first period, several players took penalties which lead to key goals for Potsdam.

Potsdam went on to roll over Conn 6-3, with two goals by Billy Wilcox and one by Mike Burkonz.

"Against Potsdam, we would relax after each goal we scored and they'd come right back [and score] on us. Then we took some penalties," explained Roberts.

So let's fast forward to this past weekend when Conn played host to Middlebury and Norwich, two teams that made Dayton Arena look like the UN. Middlebury had nine Canadians, a Czech, a Swede, and a Romanian, while Norwich boasted only eight Canadians. Friday night Middlebury was just too tough and too fast for the Camels.

Conn played probably its best hockey of the season but was beaten 5-2, with late goals by B.J. Nault and Jerry Rinn to keep the game from being a total loss. Middlebury could prove to be one of the best teams in Division III. Then on Saturday afternoon, bad penalties again plagued the Camels against Norwich Academy.

Conn went up 1-0 in the second period, but several penalties allowed Norwich to score four in the third and win 4-2, as Getschow netted both goals.

This week Conn plays its last game before the end of the semester against its biggest rival, Trinity.

This game always seems to be the most exciting match of the season (for numerous reasons), so be sure to come down to Dayton on Wednesday at 7:30 to let off some of that end of semester steam.

Women's basketball splits away games, drops home opener

BY ERIK RAVEN
Sports Editor

After a third place finish at the Wheaton Tournament two weeks ago, the women's basketball team was faced with a full plate in this week's schedule. The Camels faced a tough Clark squad on Tuesday, followed by Wesleyan on Thursday, and closed out the week with the home opener against Westfield State.

Against Clark, the Camels kept it close in the first half, with Clark taking a 35–30 lead. The Camels couldn't close the gap in the second half, however, and Clark took the 73–60 win.

Captain Bern Macca was the top scorer for the Camels with 12 points and a three pointer. Other top scorers were Dana Curran with 11 points and a trey, Kristen Harding with nine points and nine assists, and Jessica Aguilar with seven points and four rebounds.

The Camels hit the road again on Thursday, looking to up their record to .500 against Wesleyan. The Camel offense got off to a fast start, outscoring Wesleyan 32–23 in the first half.

In the second half, Wesleyan showed they wouldn't play the patsy. Wes came roaring back to take the lead, 46–44, with 10 minutes remaining in the game.

It was then that the Camel offense and defense coordinated to prove who was the better team. Conn outscored Wesleyan 16–5 in the final 9 minutes to bring home another road win, 60–49.

Bern Macca again led the Conn scorers with 18 points, a three-pointer, and eight rebounds. Freshman Katherine Moody made a big impact with 12 points and six boards.

Saturday night saw a large, enthusiastic crowd turn out to see Conn's home opener against Westfield State. Westfield started the season with impressive credentials, four returning starters from last year's team, which reached the ECAC Semifinals, including Mary Gibney, 1994 Massachusetts Small College Athletic Conference's Player of the Year. Gibney led the conference in scoring, steals and assists.

Unfortunately for Westfield, Gibney was out for the game with an injured knee.

Conn opened the first half by showing what their defense could do. Strong rebounding and numerous steals gave Conn a 12–9 advantage with 9:14 left in the half.

While the defense was holding up their end of the game, the offense froze.

Conn failed to score for the next seven minutes, allowing Westfield 11 unanswered points. Buckets in the closing minute and a half from Tara Sorenson and Katherine Moody kept the score to 20–16, Westfield State, at the half.

Westfield State's offense would continue their drive in the second half. With the Camel offense having a hard time finding the net and the defense having foul problems, the Lady Owls cruised to a 55–38 win.

Macca lead the Camels with 11 points and four rebounds. Curran added 10 points and four boards, and Moody chipped in with eight points.

"Our defense is solid. They're solid every game," commented coach Carol Anne Beach. "We just couldn't get it going offensively. They were a really good defensive team, too." The Camel's intense schedule continues through the weekend, with away games at Salve Regina on Tuesday and Nichols on Thursday, before returning home to face Williams on Saturday. Be sure to join the fun and catch Camel basketball fever.

Women's ice hockey looks for good season to boost to varsity sport

BY ERIK RAVEN
Sports Editor

The women's club ice hockey team is making their big push to step up to a varsity sport. With a large team including many who are picking up skates for the first time, the team has compiled a 2–3 record competing against many varsity teams.

On Wednesday, November 30, the club hit the road to take on Wesleyan, a varsity team with, in student coach Rick Stratton's words, "two real coaches."

After a disastrous first period, the Camels matched Wesleyan stride for stride. But the damage was done and Conn received its third loss, 5–0.

While sporting a sub-par record, the team does have some bright spots. The squads two wins were slaughters of Holy Cross, 6–0, and Wheaton, 6–0 at home.

Leading the team this year are captains Sakina King and Cate Tower. While King has played since high school, Tower joins the many players who have joined the team as walk–ons.

"The difference [between those who have played a long time] is just skating ability," said Stratton. "It's not hard at all to come out and join the practice and be playing within a year."

The team takes on rival Williams on Saturday, the team's second home game. Stratton urges hockey fans to turn out and cheer on the women. "It'll be a huge game," promises Stratton.

Athlete of the Week

Freshman Kate Stellitano of the indoor track & field team is our Athlete of the Week. Stellitano qualified for the New Englands and set two freshman records at the Wesleyan Invitational.