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## College lacks detailed evacuation plan

Millstone safety violations launch College Voice investigation



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articles  
in a  
series  
on  
nuclear

safety in New London

MORGAN HERTZAN  
News Director

A CollegeVoice investigation has discovered that the college does not have its own emergency evacuation plan. In the College's 32-page Emergency Contingency plan, given to *The College Voice*, there is no specific outline of how to remove students, faculty, and staff in the event of an emergency. Potential emergencies include weather, fire, explosion and even the unlikely event of a radioactive emergency at Millstone I, the Nuclear Power plant seven miles from campus or in one of the nuclear submarines stationed across the river from campus.

The plan includes how to deal with a number of emergencies including violent demonstrations, a plane crash on campus, hurricanes, power outages, chemical spills and radioactive leaks from laboratories. The plan does acknowledge the possible need for campus evacuation, but



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does not spell out exactly how people could get off campus in a timely, safe manner. The plan was last updated in September of 1993 and therefore includes such outdated information as the wrong provost and dean of the college. According to one high ranking college official the plan would go into effect as it stands in the event of an emergency.

The College Voice investiga-

tion was launched out of concern for student safety when the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) found that Northeast Utilities, the owner and operator of Millstone I was running the plant outside of its design basis and violated its operating license. The NRC Inspector General announced his

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## Network Event Theater coming to Conn in January, questions raised about funding and location

BY MICHELLE RONAYNE  
Editor in Chief

For months people have been working on a way to bring Network Event Theater to campus. NET will give students an opportunity to view concerts and pre-released movies on a cinema-sized screen in Dana Hall, in the Cummings Art Center.

While many are excited by the prospect, questions are being raised about its funding and location. One major concern involves the use of a \$20,000 bank CD to fund the account for NET. The CD was created as a safety measure to ensure that if there was a shortfall in the overall budget for student clubs, the college would not be forced to cover the debt.

In addition, some faculty members have expressed concern that information about NET was not properly communicated to academic departments that could be affected by its location in Dana Hall.

### Funding:

The problem started years ago when the college was forced to cover a large, cumulative debt for student organizations. According to Neelu Mulchandani '95, former head treasurer of the Student Organizations Fund, former SGA vice president and chair of the Finance Committee, and four-year member of the

Finance Committee, the administration decided thereafter to set monies aside into a CD so that it would avoid having to withdraw money from the college's operating budget in the future. Mark Hoffman, coordinator of student activities and manager of the college center, added that the "rainy day" CD has been in existence since before he arrived at the college five years ago. At that time, the Comptroller put \$12,000 in an annual CD; since then the Head Treasurer has renewed the CD, allowing it to accrue interest. The end result: a \$20,000 CD managed, and preserved, by the Finance Committee.

NET, which has been under discussion since last April, was discussed publicly for the first time last Thursday, when the SGA Executive Board announced the signing of a preliminary contract for its lease. It is to be funded, said Alex Cote, SGA vice president, by the removal of \$4,000 from the CD which is to be placed into a separate account to fund NET. It is expected that funding will be withdrawn each year to fund NET. Cote said this year's Finance Committee recently voted to approve the expenditure. Ted Svehlik, SAC chair, explained that NET does not charge anything for installation of the pro-

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## FSCC reaffirms neutral position on Conn Review, discusses faculty concerns

BY JENNY BARRON  
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The Faculty Steering and Conference Committee (FSCC) reaffirmed their neutral stance on the Conn Review at their meeting last Tuesday. The committee, which is composed of professors Fred Paxton, Phil Barnes, Alan Bradford, Kristin Pfeifferkorn-Forbath, and Catherine Spencer, also discussed some concerns members

of the faculty have with the new publication.

Also present at the meeting were the Board of the Conn Review and Damon Krieger and Heather Fish, co-chairs of the Government Advisory Board.

"The FSCC does not support the Conn Review, but neither do we have any animosity towards it," said Fred Paxton, associate professor of history and chair of FSCC. Paxton explained that to support the publication would

be to misrepresent those faculty who are opposed to it, while not supporting it would ignore the students' point of view.

"I think the Conn Review has done us all a lot of good by bringing this [issue] up," commented Paxton. He said that the quality of teaching on campus is something that is very important to everyone.

Paxton said that a number of concerns were addressed at last week's meeting, including the

confusion felt by faculty members about the publication and its impact on existing evaluations.

Many professor were surprised and confused when the Conn Review evaluations showed up in their mailboxes, explained Paxton. Shortly after, Phil Barnes, associate professor of zoology and chair-elect of FSCC, sent a voice mail message out to all faculty explaining the situation. Barnes told them that

the evaluations were voluntary, need not take up class time, and would not be considered in decisions affecting tenure or pay.

Paxton also pointed out that some faculty members do not like the idea of students evaluating professors at all, and that they feel that such evaluation emphasizes presentation over substance. He added that some faculty feel that students do not really know what they got out of

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# System Overload: Is a POP server the solution?

BY MICHELLE RONAYNE  
Editor in Chief

You may have noticed the DecSystem message on November 8: "The DecSystem has been unable to handle the extreme increase in usage over the past several weeks. The problem is complicated by the fact that a secondary machine (mvax) with less capability actually handles the email transactions."

Connie Dowell, dean of information services, said that there are plans to upgrade the e-mail server as soon as possible. In fact the money was approved just last week to upgrade the system. The equipment has been ordered and will be ready by next spring.

While it is true that these problems are being addressed some still suggest that a POP server would greatly reduce the general problems with logging on or off.

"Basically the system is screwing up," said Erik Raven, a senior who frequently takes advantage of the internet. In his opinion, there has been no technical malfunction that is causing the difficulties in logging on or off, but rather there are too many users for this type of system.

In the past three years, more and more users have been signing on for accounts and the use has skyrocketed. Raven said that much like the law of supply and demand, there is only so much supply for too many users.

Raven believes the POP server is a simple solution that would cost the college roughly \$1000. According to Raven, it is used at most colleges and it is a program that would be on students' computers and would "pop you into the computer that handles email. I use a commercial system that utilizes a POP server and it takes literally less than ten seconds to get your mail," said Raven.

There is no hardware to buy, merely software and licensing to run the program on the students' computers. According to Raven, the Eudora program is a POP server that runs this system for students and is free to all users.

"I see this as a problem that should have been addressed years ago. Nobody has thought about the implications of too many users. This is really something that is quite easily fixed," added Raven.

Rudi Riet, member of the library com-

mittee, described POP server as a more efficient means of handling electronic mail. Riet suggested that the Eudora program would be a good "offline" POP mail reader.

Raven has been talking to people about this issue and explained that there seemed to be some opposition to the idea of using the POP server. Raven's sense of things is that they would want to limit the amount of email a student can have with this new system. "It makes no sense to limit it under the new system because e-mail would be deleted from the college's central computer."

William Intner, also a member of the library committee, said the committee had been looking into these issues. "The school is always looking into the most efficient and effective electronic mail system," said Intner.

There are a few concerns with a POP server but they are being looked into by the committee. "I wouldn't want to give anyone the impression that a decision is about to be made," added Intner.

Dowell indicated that they had been discussing the advantages and disadvantages of a POP server and had not yet made a decision on whether or not to utilize such a server.

Susan Faulkner, systems operator, said that a POP server may not be the way to go. "The POP server has been touted by some members of our community as a cure-all for all our e-mail problems. This is not true," said Faulkner.

According to Faulkner, the system would allow some users to download their e-mail from the secondary computer to their personal computers, and to read their mail without a DecSystem connection.

"In theory this would reduce the overload on the DecSystem by reducing the number of sessions connected. In reality, the available sessions would then be obtained by other persons, negating any personal benefits," said Faulkner.

These problems, according to Faulkner, necessitate an upgrade. "The installation of an upgrade for the DecSystem and the secondary machine (mvax) is necessary to improve the email service." With an upgraded configuration of machines, a POP server may be installed and encouraged for personal mail.

## Change for Change:

# Be generous for the children

JASON SALTER  
Associate Features Editor

This time of year is filled with stories that just warm the cockles of your heart. Perhaps it's something about the togetherness of this holiday season that makes people give out of generosity, rather than out of necessity. This is exactly what Beth Fried '97 is hoping for from the Connecticut College students with her new program, Change for Change.

In its first year, just how well it will work still being unclear, the program aims to give less privileged children a little something special that they wouldn't get otherwise. Change for Change is a pilot program asking for the cooperation of students and dorms across campus. All that is asked is for some spare change. Students were asked to scrape together whatever loose change they had lying around and to donate it.

The money collected will go toward purchasing anything from books to gloves and coats for 30 four- to five-year-olds in New London. These children would have few if any gifts otherwise.

"When I am there volunteering, we go out and play and they don't have anything," said Beth, the organizer of the drive.

Beth is hoping to gather \$1000 to go toward gifts. Skeptics say that she is dreaming, but she is relying on the pure generosity of the students here for a worthy cause. Already, there is more than \$200 in pennies and \$150 from one dorm alone. There are a total of 16 dorms taking part in the drive.

"I just started it, but everyone is interested and wants to help me. People are more giving this time of year and if everyone just gives a little, I don't see why we can't reach, or even exceed my goal," Beth said optimistically.

Many of the children that will receive the gifts don't celebrate Christmas because they are Jehovah's Witnesses. They will no doubt love and use the gifts graciously. We often take for granted simple things like warmth and comfort, which is a luxury for these children.

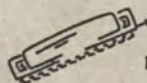
The bookstore is even getting in the spirit and offering great discounts to the program so that the children can have books. Beth said that the toy stores they went to for discounts were rude and would not give them anything. It is too bad that there are these grinchers in society who offset such selfless acts.

"I just want everyone to take a look at what they have and realize that we are all fortunate to be here at college and that so many people will never get that chance," said Beth.

As you settle down in your nice warm and comfy dorm room or at home over vacation, stop and think about what life would be like without it all. This will give you an idea of the hard lives of others who are less fortunate than you and I. Programs like this, though highlighted around these holidays, continue throughout the year. These types of programs are beneficial to all involved and there needs to be more of them. The overall message of Change for Change is giving, something we can all do.

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## This week in SGA

Mike Brown, house senator of JA, gave a presentation on the Land Use and Space Planning Committee's proposed changes to the campus. The plan is to make the campus more like an arboretum and one of the ideas is to shut down Cro. Boulevard. None of the plan is definite and many details are still up in the air. He wanted to get recommendations from Assembly members, so that he could bring the back to the committee.

Ted Svehlik, student activities chair, announced that the campus would be getting Network Event Television. It is a giant screen to be placed in Dana. Students will be able to use this for academic events as well as entertainment purposes. Students will be able to see rare concert footage and movies prior to their release. Tickets to those events will cost \$5. For in-depth coverage see front page story.

Jesse Roberts, public relations director, sponsored a proposal to formally change the wording in the "C" Book regarding the spring SGA executive board election proceedings. Elections will begin the week following spring break rather than end that week. For more information see box on this page.

Three people were elected to the Physical Plant Committee. The committee was created several weeks ago and will meet on either a weekly or bi-weekly basis to discuss physical plant problems. Doug Haas, house senator of Smith, Mike Brown, house senator of JA and Sam Foreman, student-at-large were elected to the committee.

Dan Shedd, president, said that he and Kristen Paige, chair of academic affairs, had met with Joan Chrisler and John Burton, associate deans of the faculty, and discussed the changes to the academic calendar. They agreed to propose the changes and next years calendar will reflect 8.5 days of finals and one day fall break some time in October. Efforts will be made to ensure the same type of miscommunication does not occur in the future.

Roberts said that SGA would be conducting a mid-year review at the beginning of next semester. This is something that SGA does traditionally and they will review their issue's project to see where they are and where they need to go.

Lisa Dupee said that Dean's Term had 110 applicants. There is still room in the creating a multi-cultural environment and in public speaking but conflict negotiation was full.

## Elections for SGA exec board positions to come in April

As a result of last Thursday's proposal, elections for SGA executive board position will continue to occur in April. The proposal acknowledged that, according to an amendment made two years ago, elections were to culminate the week after spring break. The change never made it into the "C" Book.

Two years ago, the Assembly voted to move elections so that they ended the week following spring break. The change, which has because of technicalities never been tested, occurred as a result of structural changes that were occurring within the Student Activities Council. It was believed that more training for the SAC chair would improve the operation of SAC.

Last year, because of an error in record-keeping, the elections began as they had in previous years: after spring break. The mistake was recognized last year but the Assembly felt it was too late to change

and that there would not be enough time to have the election run smoothly, so they left it beginning rather than ending after spring break. Though the change was acknowledged, a typo occurred and the change was still not put in the "C" Book.

Jesse Roberts, public relations director, called this a good faith proposal, to acknowledge the typo, yet keep the language such that the "C" Book states "SGA executive board elections are to begin the week following spring break."

Roberts and several other Assembly members believed that elections should occur after spring break in order to allow those who are applying for the positions of Housefellow or Senior Admissions Fellow time to decide. It is a way to tap into a larger pool of student leaders.

Alex Cote, SGA vice president, agreed stating that four out of five current members of executive board were rejected

from the Housefellow process.

William Intner, senior class president, disagreed and reminded Assembly that the reason this proposal was made had to do with training. In the past it was thought that a longer training period would be most beneficial to the SAC chair as well as to other executive board members. "We had a great first semester for the SAC chair, but Ted spent a great deal of time last summer while he was here working on campus. I would think that would be a rare thing," said Intner.

Lisa Paone, chair of residential life, was worried that students would have to choose one thing over the other.

Ted Svehlik, SAC chair, said he had mixed feelings on the matter. "In a way we got lucky because I stayed here during the summer... As SAC chair it may have been easier to attend conferences and training sessions in the spring," said Svehlik.

## Evacuation Plan

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findings in a meeting in New London last week. The Inspector General's investigation was launched after a Millstone engineer, George Galatis, claimed that the plant was conducting dangerous refueling practices.

Lynn Brooks, vice-president for finance, admits that the college does not have an evacuation plan. "Although it [the emergency plan] does not include a detailed evacuation sub-plan, writing one has been our plan from the start....In due course, we will draft a full evacuation plan and circulate it on campus," Brooks said in a written statement to *The College Voice*.

He said in a phone interview that all evacuation plans are flawed, but that it is still a good idea to have one. Brooks, who is a former State Energy Department employee, said that it would be very

difficult to evacuate any coastal area because you only have 180 degrees to evacuate as opposed to 360 degrees in mainland situations.

"Students do not have a reason to be concerned. Students are in danger of many things, an accident at Millstone is not one of them," Brooks said. But Millstone employee George Galatis says that the refueling practices at Millstone are a risk to the public. "Any time rules are broken the public is at risk," said Galatis. Northeast Utilities spokesman Rich Gallagher claims "there is no risk to the public."

The college is included in the City of New London's emergency evacuation plan.

According to Reed Burdick, civil preparedness director, it would be possible to evacuate all students from campus.

Burdick does admit that it would take two hours from the time an evacuation had been declared necessary until the city would be able to start moving students off campus. This delay would be caused by wait time for buses from other counties to arrive to remove the Conn students. Claire Gaudianni, president of the college, concedes that although New London has its own plan, the college should have a redundant plan to overlap that of the cities. Brooks says that the college is currently working to implement an evacuation plan. Although the possibility of a radioactive emergency is slim, it is necessary to be prepared to evacuate, said Burdick.

"It's like a seatbelt, you don't get in to a car and plan on getting into a crash, but if you do it's good to have one on," he explained.

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the course until much later.

"It's a defensible position and one that we want to get out for discussion," commented Paxton. He added that the Conn Review board has done a very good job getting the information out there once they knew that it was lacking.

"I think the faculty are pleased with the way things have worked out," he said.

Lou Carter, '96 and president/founder of the Conn Review, agreed, saying he was very happy with the outcome of the meeting.

"Most of them [FSCC] were very understanding of the issues involved," Carter commented. "I think the meeting brought us one step closer to working together with the faculty on the issue of evaluation of courses."

On a related note, Claire Gaudianni,

president of the college, said recently that she is in favor of the Conn Review.

"I believe that students have an important role to play in applying critical assessment to the learning experience in the classroom," said Gaudianni. "Students are one important source of information on the excellent teaching that this college prides itself on." She added that more insight and more information from more people creates a richer learning environment for everyone.



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# NET

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gram, but does require payment for the showing of programming as well as for equipment.

Hoffman said that money had been removed from that CD in the spring of '93 for capital expenditures.

Although the college administration, and student government are in agreement about the use of the CD to fund NET, there seems to be a question about whose jurisdiction the CD actually falls under. According to Mulchandani, the CD is for the students, but was never intended for use by student government to fund such event programming. "I am so upset about this... it would have come to use if there were another deficit... that \$20,000 is the students' money," she said. She added that it is her belief that Mark Hoffman, the Head Treasurer, and the Comptroller share jurisdiction over the money. "It is not the Vice President's money to play with," she emphasized.

However, Kate Newberry, head treasurer of student organizations fund, said it is technically under the control of the Finance Committee. Student Org operates like a bank and oversees all financial transactions. Newberry said every year when accounts get closed out the Finance Committee votes on whether to put a portion of the surplus into the CD. The rest of the excess rolls over into the next year's student activities budget. She added that a separate account will be created for NET. Newberry said she believed the idea was to remove \$4,000 a year, liquidating just a portion of the CD but added that she was not sure what had definitely been decided.

Mulchandani contradicts and said that the account was rolled over each year. To her knowledge no student money was ever added.

Alex Cote said the money was under student organization's control as well as the Finance Committee's. Some Assembly members have expressed concern that there was no vote taken by SGA on appropriating this money for the NET account. Cote said that nowhere in the "C" Book does it state that a vote needs to be taken.

However, the "C" Book states on page 22 that: "All transactions within any of the Student Organizations accounts that are comprised of student activity funds, not otherwise accounted for in the budget process, must be approved by the Finance Committee. Transactions over \$1,000 must also be approved by a simple majority of Assembly."

Two weeks ago when Finance Com-

mittee approved \$1310 for the After the Holiday Parties Party they brought that to a vote on the Assembly floor.

And it seems that this is student activity money because Ted Svehlik, SGA student activities chair, indicated it was originally in their budget request but they did not receive the money because it was unclear as to whether or not the deal with NET would go through. When it became clear that it was 90-95 percent a done deal, Finance Committee approved the money.

Regardless of who exactly controls the money, Mulchandani believed that money should not be removed from the CD because it was also there to protect against any problems that might arise. "So many things can happen and on this campus something always comes up," said Mulchandani.

She posed the question: "What would happen in the event of a theft or fire?" She added that the building is insured but not the property inside. Hoffman said that the college had such a large deductible on the insurance that student government property would not be covered. But Mulchandani's point was that the CD could then be used to cover such expenses and it should be used only in cases of emergency.

In terms of insuring property Hoffman added that they were currently in the process of cataloguing student government property. They are going to photograph and get serial numbers for all property. This primarily involves clubs like *The College Voice* and WCNI because they have a lot of expensive property as well as some sport clubs that have a lot of equipment.

## The College's role in funding:

SAC will accept a managerial role in providing NET to the campus. Svehlik has been working on this project since last April. Finally, they are just a few steps away from signing the contract.

Lynn Brooks, vice-president for finance, has been working closely with Svehlik on this project and will he will sign the contract with NET. Svehlik explained that there is no fee for installation but that they must agree to pay for a certain number of seats. For example if they are showing a movie, then they agree to selling one hundred seats at five dollars each. They must then pay NET \$500 from the NET account but they can still make revenue to keep the fund going throughout the year.

SAC can decide to charge money at the door and use that revenue to replete the account. If however, they run out of

money or run into a deficit, the college has agreed to step in.

"The college is only coming into play as a backup in the event that the budget is not sufficient," said Brooks. "The whole idea is to make sure the student budget does not go broke."

It is difficult to know now if all the seats will be sold or how popular it will be and for that reason if the result is that the account is not self-sufficient then the college will pay the difference. "It will never cost student org. more than what is in that account," said Svehlik. He added that at the end of the semester they expect to have a zero balance in the account.

The primary reason that the college needs to sign this type of contract, according to Svehlik is because of the nature of the changes that need to be made to Dana to install the NET system. "A decision on actual improvements to a building is too big a commitment for a student to make, that is where Brooks comes in and he can make those decisions," said Svehlik.

Svehlik also said that NET will pay for all advertising. These events can therefore be advertised in *The College Voice* or in *The Daily CONNtact* without incurring any costs for SAC.

## Faculty Concerns:

Noel Zahler, professor and chair of the music department, has many concerns with using NET in Dana Hall. Dana is a space that belongs primarily to the music department for the purposes of both rehearsal and performance. Zahler has a number of complaints about using NET in Dana.

"They are asking for five to eight nights a month and I don't see how we can give them that," said Zahler. He cited Orchestra rehearsal, Concert Band, Percussion and performances as regular events in Dana. Zahler explained it would be difficult to coordinate those schedules.

Svehlik said that academics were the first priority and that all would be necessary was a list of dates that events were taking place in the music department. He added that the great thing about this is that is not just for entertainment purposes. There are many academic uses as well. It is possible to plug in a computer and show things on the screen. "Someone from the Zoology department could show his students the beating heart of a frog," said Svehlik. He also added that there were tremendous benefits to the Admissions office as they can show information about Conn to prospective stu-

dents on this type of screen.

Zahler was also concerned about the renovations to the Dana Foyer. He was uncertain what impact it would have for NET to be located in Dana and increase traffic in the newly renovated foyer that was to be used as a small intimate gallery that could also hold smaller performances.

What really bothered Zahler was what he perceived as a lack of communication. He was originally informed of this plan last April, when Hoffman held a meeting of those they believed would be most concerned. Hoffman made a detailed list of the problems that were addressed.

"We have yet to come across a problem that we could not handle in an acceptable way," said Svehlik. He also added that this was the best space on campus for this and that other places were considered but could not meet the needs of the NET system.

The meeting in April was attended by those most directly concerned with the proposed changes. There were also two representatives from NET. Zahler explained that he would not characterize those there as excited about the proposal but that they did not understand the ramifications either. "The representative from SGA was pretty excited because they were going to be receiving a 10 percent kickback from all the ticket sales," said Zahler. He also explained that the representatives told them that this would be of little or no cost to the college.

Svehlik said that at a larger school a system of receiving 10 percent of the ticket sales is a practice but is not the case at a school our size. That is why SAC is allowed to charge money at the door to receive revenue.

Zahler said that Arthur Ferrari, dean of the college and John Burton, associate dean of the faculty were made aware of his concerns. They expressed their knowledge of the situation to him in letters and expressed the feeling that something like this would be good for retention.

"I think we have seen that what we need to do is improve intellectual life," said Zahler.

This was at the beginning of the semester. Since then Zahler has not received one memo or a phone call detailing when and if this change will occur to Dana. "I heard through the grapevine the other day from a student that this was pretty much a done deal," said Zahler. "This is encroaching on our mission [to teach]... I don't think there has been a great deal of sympathy here."



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# OPINIONS/EDITORIALS

## Animal "rights", scientific illiteracy and vegetarian-based environmentalism

For several weeks at one point this semester, various letters and columns have appeared in the *College Voice* that "support" the issues of animal "rights" and vegetarian-based environmentalism. These issues are often intertwined. For example, the proponents of animal "rights" and vegetarianism offer various "facts" that support their view that these issues are fundamental tenets of environmentalism. I put the word "facts" in quotes for two reasons. Either (1) these facts tend to be actual scientific data that have been purposely and solely selected as support for the position, while alternative, contradictory or problematic data are ignored. Or (2) what is worse, they are an indiscriminant mix of anti-science propaganda and semi-believable anecdotes. As a consequence, I see the proponents of these positions, who are publicly espousing them on this campus and who are encouraging others to join them, as doing a real disservice to the very real need for animal welfare and environmentalism. I would like to take the rest of this article to attempt to clarify some of the scientific issues, as best I can. Also I would like to try to convince the reader that what these proponents of animal "rights" and vegetarian-based environmentalism are actually trying to do, consciously or unconsciously, is to impose a highly selective and highly personal choice of a moral code on others, while they themselves engage in a certain level of moral hypocrisy.

What exactly constitutes animal "rights" and/or environmentalism is a complex and multifaceted issue that deserves careful consideration on two major levels. The first level is the biological complexity of the ecosystem itself. This complexity is either ignored or selectively manipulated by these "proponents." For instance, in her letter of November 7, Ms. O'Donoghue argues that frogs taken from natural environments reduce the degree of natural pest control, thus requiring the need for the use of more pesticides. It sounds like a reasonable argument. However, I assume that this use refers to agricultural crops, because they are, by far and away, the major site of human pesticide deployment (aside from suburban lawns). Now we have a problem with the "facts" of the argument. The type of frog of concern here is the leopard frog, *Rana pipiens*, which requires the very moist habitats of lake and stream shores or nearby dense grass, beneath which the humidity is high. If you have ever been in a corn field or soybean field, you know that these areas do not fit the "moist" criterion very well. Also, it is unlikely that a three inch high frog with a one-to-two inch tongue is going to be a very effective insect predator at the height of the insect pests, 24-72 inches above the ground for corn. The problem here is not the lack of frogs in the agricultural field; it is the field itself! Such a monoculture ecosystem is highly susceptible to disturbance of many kinds, not the least of which is attack by a large diversity of agricultural "pests", such as insects and fungi. The only way to preserve enough yield from this unnatural ecosystem for human use is to cover it with pesticides, to which, by the way, the pests quickly adapt and new pesticides need to be developed.

But we need such fields, huge numbers of such fields, to supply the human population with sufficient food. This fact leads to two paradoxical problems for those who espouse vegetarianism as supportive of environmentalism and animal "rights". One problem is that such agricultural fields are very inefficient sinks for the removal from the atmosphere and storage of carbon dioxide, one of the greenhouse gasses. The best ecosystems for such removal and storage of carbon dioxide are forests. But forests have to be cleared to make land available for the fields. And the larger that the human population size becomes, the greater the need for larger numbers or sizes of such fields. Therefore, simply because one is a vegetarian does not guarantee that one is free from contributing to environmental degradation of the biosphere. The best way to attempt to deal with this problem is to reduce human population growth. But what about new technology? Can't that reduce the space needed to raise the same amount of, or even more, food crops? Such suitable large-scale technologies to date have utilized pesticides, fossil fuel consumption and overuse of fresh water supplies. Do we want to do

even more of the very things that lead to environmental degradation?

The second paradoxical problem alluded to in the previous paragraph also involves the second level of complexity that I mentioned at the start. The pesticides that are used in these fields, from which your soy-burger and tofu ultimately arise, effectively and massively kill a whole suite of other species of animals, defined as pests, that are no less evolutionarily important than frogs, but seem not to be important to the animal "rights" people. We see a similar lack of concern for well-known organisms that invade our domestic abodes, such as termites, carpenter ants, cockroaches, spiders, silverfish, etc. Also, when the foundation for a new building is dug, whether it is for your parents' home or commercial use, hundreds of thousands of organisms are displaced or killed. Most of these organisms are invertebrates that are unfamiliar to most people, such as nematode worms and millipedes and hosts of microscopic soil organisms such as slime molds. But there are also various species of earthworms, leafhoppers, grasshoppers, crickets and some vertebrates such as deer mice, salamanders and some reptiles, especially snakes. In the same vein, thousands of flying insects and other small animals are killed every summer by vegetarian and animal "rights" activists as they drive across the landscape in their cars. Animal "rights" supporters seem conveniently to be able to ignore the death and destruction visited on such organisms. Why is it okay that millions of organisms be killed that are defined as pests or are in the path of our cars, especially when they are invertebrates? We humans have invaded their habitats, rearranged their environments, and so thoroughly displaced them, while all they are doing is what they are evolutionarily adapted to do. It is our presence in their habitats that makes them pests! Animal "rights" activists simplistically define away this moral ambiguity problem for themselves by the invocation of sentience.

Sentience is the presence of a large brain and central nervous system similar to that of humans, which implies further similarity, to some degree, in self-awareness, thought, emotions and responses to pain. I have no argument with the idea or existence of sentience. The problem lies in the implied assumption that sentient organisms are somehow "better" or "more important" than non-sentient organisms. The placement of these organisms at the top of some sort of scale of nature (sound familiar? the *scala naturae* of Aristotle?) is an example of blatant scientific illiteracy. The *scala naturae* idea was discredited in the early-to-mid 1800's, when the theory of evolution emerged. With Darwin's publication of *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*, humans were scientifically knocked from their religiously and philosophically self-anointed pinnacle of nature. Humans are just another population of organisms that exist today because of evolutionary change, just like cockroaches, nematodes, snakes, spiders, pathogenic viruses and bacteria, internal and external parasites like tapeworms and ticks, not to mention all of the groups of plants, fungi, etc. In a biological sense, all currently living species have "equal value". Therefore, the use of plants and not animals for food makes no sense from the biological value point of view. This choice is inherently a personally human emotional choice and has no biological justification. (I do not deny that health and medically dependent choices are real, nor that more people could be fed per plant food unit. However, we are not like herbivores, such as cattle, deer, etc., whose digestive systems and feeding behaviors allow them only to feed on plants. Such adaptations would be "biological justification".) Plants are no less living organisms than animals. Plant cells are just as complex, grow and divide in very similar ways, process metabolic energy in similar ways, and respond to the environment through changes in the electrical charges across their cell membranes. Large central nervous systems are simply an evolutionarily enhanced use of this one feature shared by all cells, membrane excitability. If it is acceptable to use one such feature of a cell to define evolutionary value, then why not choose photosynthesis? It is something that animal cells cannot do at all! Plant cells can capture and convert the energy of sunlight into chemical energy for use in cellular metabolism. They do not have to kill any other type of organism to survive. Of what value is a central nervous system if there is not any photosynthesis around? From the plants' perspective, all animals are inferior to them. Animals are the pests and the parasites. What arrogance and extreme bias it is for the

animal "rights" and vegetarian-based environmentalists to decide that plants are of lesser value, only because they are sentient and can decide.

This last sentence brings me to my conclusions for this article. What are we to do? Clearly there is abuse of animals in the world; we can find some news story every week about some episode that is morally repugnant to any intelligent person. But where exactly do we draw the line? Isn't there some scientific way to place value on an organism to decide whether human use of it for one reason or another is defensible? That's a tough one. Evolution is not progressive; there is no *scala naturae*. Evolution does tend toward greater complexity over time, but these more complex species tend to be highly specialized also and thus more susceptible to extinction during periods of extreme environmental change. That was the fate of the dinosaurs, a group of highly complex and sentient organisms, 65 million years ago. So value that is based on complexity doesn't work. Some evolutionary biologists define evolutionary "success" as the degree of persistence of a group in the geologic time scale. If we use that measure, then cockroaches beat mammals hands down. There have been various species of roaches on this earth for over 200 million years; mammals can claim existence for 100 million years at best, and the genus *Homo*, to which humans belong, maybe five million years. Will acceptance of this measure make you feel at all bad the next time you set out that roach motel? Probably not. What we are left with, then, is the need to be reasonably conscious of the fact that humans evolved as a natural part of the biosphere and belong in some way to its food webs. However, the evolutionary experiment of our large brain has seriously compromised the biosphere and its ecosystems and disrupted our normal place in those webs, mostly as a result of overpopulation and the increasingly destructive use of technology to support it. I would urge the animal "rights" activists and vegetarian-based environmentalists to focus their energy on promoting the control of human population growth. There is far more cruelty, pain and death in this world because of it than any use of animals for scientific education or research. Certainly don't give up the fight against blatant abuse and mistreatment of animals (I capture and turn over to the humane society about three domestic animals per year that have been abandoned near my home). I also hope that these activists understand how insulting and confrontational it is for them to accuse the zoologists and psychologists of being intellectually and morally inferior to them, while they exhibit such linear, one-dimensional thought together with their scientific ignorance. This lack of complexity of thought is the antithesis of what a Connecticut College education is all about. If I haven't over extended my welcome in the *College Voice* with the length of this article, I would like to return early in the spring semester with another, shorter piece to argue the benefits of the use of biological organisms, both plant and animal, in scientific research.

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## The Banality of the Respectable

Throughout human history, trends in culture, ethics, and other fields of endeavor have arisen which were at the time of their conception considered out of the "mainstream". A less euphemistic way of stating this would be to say that the average person thought they were dreck. Examples of such ideas are some aspects of social ethics in the U.S. during the last 35 years, surrealist art, and post-tonal music, which were once widely considered with little regard, and are now accorded awe and respect. However, the rise in respectability of "L'Âge d'Or," or "A Survivor from Warsaw" does not really solve the problem that people judge subsequent events almost dotingly on previous criteria and the reactions of those around them. The Viennese critics of the early 1900's despised Schoenberg's work, because they were acclimated to music with a tonic center. Our acceptance of Schoenberg does not mean that the "mainstream" ethos has been demolished, only that it has been altered somewhat. The basic trouble eventually spirals back to the fact that most people have the mentality of so many sheep, and do exactly what they are told in all respects. Therefore, if the "mainstream" tells them to hate Schoenberg's work, they hate it. If the "mainstream" tells them to love Schoenberg's work, they love it. Therefore, adjusting the "mainstream" is not the answer to the central problem concerning the way most people pretend to do what they believe to be "thinking". The whole "mainstream" concept must be destroyed, and the only element that is capable of doing that is each individual mind. The only reasoned approach to rational thought is to pay absolutely no attention to what others are saying, and indeed, what has ever been said. The individual has the duty to arrive at his or her own conclusions solely from his or her own mind, without bluffing their way through life the way the average cretin does. This is why the "mainstream" acceptance of new ideas is not liberation, but merely a "changing of the guard", through which people continue to hold themselves captive to the aggregate will.

Rudolf B. Radna '98

## The Conn Review will be good for the college

"The Review will serve as a method of increasing student intellectual awareness. As such, it will foster an environment of pride for the college and superiority of instruction among our ranked competitors." This quote from the Proposal/Report of the Conn Review incorporates just what is trying to be accomplished in the Connecticut College community today. Even though I am only a first semester freshmen, I know that there is an overwhelming feeling of pride for this school amongst the students and faculty. We the students are here because we want to be, and we stay here because we excel in this type of atmosphere.

The Conn Review will only enhance the Connecticut College experience. It has been established for the students, by the students. This means that the students have an immense amount of control on how the Conn Review runs. What I don't understand is why the faculty does not support this course evaluation guide. Connecticut College has a conglomerate of some of the most elite educators in the academic world today. Their level of instruction and ability is well respected everywhere. The students support the review, that is evident by the 890 students that signed the petition; only 11 professors and instructors support it. Why is there such a small number? Even

though I have had only six professors here, if I had to evaluate them, each would receive a glowing review.

There have been concerns that the "measurements" of the faculty by the students will be "dehumanizing and mechanical," - Joseph Katz, but as said before, the students are here because they want to be, and they stay here because they like the teaching styles and the education they are receiving. We are adults now. We respect our educators and want to work closely with them to help us grow into successful, talented adults. The Conn Review will strengthen the bond between educator and student.

This review should not be regarded as an outlet that enables disgruntled students to bash their professors. It should instead be seen for what it is; an opportunity for students to make better informed curricular decisions. Only the quality of teaching will be critiqued and I hope that professors will remember that all critique is constructive. I also hope that he or she will remember that the constructive criticism came from the people they are teaching. Professors should use the criticism to change what is wrong and enhance what is right with their classes.

Connecticut College is about the students, faculty, and administration working together as one. The Conn Review will help bring those three distinct parts together for the betterment of our educational community.

Eric Varin '99

## Dissection is not necessary for all taking Zoology 112

I would like to address a few points that were made in the article stating that dissection is essential for science students. I agree that in the past mistakes were made, but I feel that this is still a very important issue and that options should be available for those of us who want to reduce damage to the environment and to the numbers of animals used for dissection.

I want to acknowledge the mistake I made two years ago regarding petitions. It is true that I jumped into it without much knowledge of the issues and without going to the departments first. I agree that it was the wrong thing to do, and I learned from my mistake. As a result, I spent a large part of last semester gathering information and doing research on dissection and its alternatives before I spoke to the Zoology department.

After obtaining a substantial amount of information, I wrote and submitted a proposal along with a list of possible alternatives to Dr. Barnes, the chair of the Zoology department. Although the proposal was slightly altered to fit into the editorial section of The Voice, the majority of it was kept in order for students to read what was submitted. I would be happy to show anyone the actual proposal as well as the list of alternatives if interested. I gave most of the descriptions of the alternatives to Dr. Barnes, so he would be the person to ask for specific information about those.

Unfortunately, I have not found him quite as accessible as Manrique suggested. We met a few times last year and talked about possibilities, but this year he has not yet had the time to meet with me to further discuss the issue. I felt that the next step was to find support from students, because we are directly affected by

the decisions made about dissection. I hope that this will increase communication between faculty and students about alternatives to dissection.

I feel strongly that students who do not want to dissect should be given an alternative because if we do not want to partake in the cutting up of animals, watching rather than cutting does not save lives- we are still directly involved. If we simply leave, we lose points on the exam because we do not know the material. Alternatives would enable us to learn without feeling that we are compromising our morals and contributing to environmental damage. I want to emphasize that I did not say that all dissection should be stopped. I do not want to take the choice away from those people who feel that it is crucial to their education.

It is true that real animals have variation that alternatives lack because of their complexity, but knowing this without seeing it first hand seems sufficient for people who are not going to continue on in Zoology.

While people may take something else as a general ed. requirement, I feel that those who want to learn some zoology should not have to choose between dissecting or taking another course. Zoology 112 is a core requirement for environmental studies majors, even if one wishes to pursue the social science aspect of the major. We should be offered an alternative since we have no choice but to take the course.

As an environmentalist, I do not feel that dissection is necessary for my education. It contradicts my beliefs. I do not want to contribute to the inhumane treatment of animals by supporting biological supply companies or by cutting them up, and I do not want to contribute to the pollution that dissection creates. I share these opinions with many people. I do not want to eliminate dissection because I feel that it is an individual choice, but I would like to see the option for those of us opposed to it.

I am very willing to discuss this issue with anyone. Please feel free to come by Earth House or call me at x3875. Thank you.

Brigitte O'Donoghue '96

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## Conn review falls under the jurisdiction of the faculty who do not approve of it

I note with interest the report in the November 21 Voice that "According to Lynn Brooks, vice president for finance, the administration will fund [The Conn Review] in the form of a loan for the first two semesters of publications" of course evaluations based on student questionnaires. I am interested in the report first because the use of a college-wide system course evaluation has been considered by the Faculty at least twice in the last several years, but has never been approved, and second, because in this era of tight budgets we should be wary of unwise use of funds, however small the amount. I believe that whatever the wisdom of having a college-wide questionnaire, going about it in the proposed way is unwise. It entails circumventing the usurpation of the authority. If the Faculty as a body has considered and not approved an activity within its proper authority and responsibility, then it is not appropriate for a member of the Administration to authorize funding for that activity.

We should share in our governance. Usurpation, however, is not what we usually have in mind when we speak of "sharing." I suggest that the Vice President reconsider his decision.

To clarify the matter, there are at least four questions at issue: 1) Is it wise to have such a college-wide course evaluation form? 2) If so, who should be responsible for writing, administering, processing and using the data it generates? 3) Should a student organization sponsored by the Administration, but without approval by the Faculty as a whole, administer a questionnaire? 4) Should students administer such a questionnaire using their own resources without approval of the Faculty or the aid of the Administration? I am speaking only to the third issue. Absent Faculty approval, the Administration should not fund a student activity that clearly falls under Faculty jurisdiction.

J. Alan Winter  
Professor of Sociology

## Witness to tragedy in Israel

I am writing this article as a first hand testimony to what has happened to the State of Israel in the past two days. The recent events in Israel have left a shattering effect on my psyche and state of mind and will no doubt have severe implications on the future of the Middle East.

In my opinion, the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin two days ago in Tel Aviv marks one of the darkest days in Israel's history. For the past three months I have been studying at Tel Aviv University on my junior year abroad and have first hand observed what life is like in this endlessly volatile land. I want to make it clear that as a Jew I love this country very much and am concerned with its welfare as if it were a member of my family. With the tragedy here on November 5, Israelis have united with the Diaspora of Jews around the world to come together not only as a nation, but as a people.

Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated at a peace rally in Tel Aviv when a lone gunman shot him as he was about to enter his car and leave. I was at the rally when he was shot although I had already left before the killing. There were approximately 100,000 people there and the mood was festive and spirited as everyone was there to support the peace process. I was back in my dorm room when I found out what happened and my heart fell into my stomach. The mood here quickly changed

from a typical night in the dorms to a tremendous feeling of helplessness, shock, and grief. It was impossible to call home to the United States and no one could get through to their families. We all huddled into rooms with radios and prayed that he was going to pull through. After a while, I went down to the snack bar where a few Israelis were gathered around the radio. The word on the news before I left was that he was in serious condition and they were not saying what part of his body was wounded. We all had hope that there was a chance. However, shortly after arriving at the snack bar I heard the word MET on the radio - the Hebrew word for dead. I was shocked.

The emotions I have experienced since then have been like a roller coaster. Last night I went to Jerusalem at two in the morning (Jerusalem is a 45 minute bus ride from Tel Aviv) to go to the Knesset (where the coffin was on display for the country to walk by and pay their respects). The scene there was unlike anything else I have ever seen before in my life. Three things ran through my mind as I witnessed hordes of people crying, praying, and wondering why. First I thought to myself that I am experiencing history and there will never be another moment in my life this profound and important. Second, I felt, even though I was not an Israeli, that something was taken away from me also because I am a Jew and a lover of Zion. Finally, I began to say to myself as I saw the pain of the masses, that these people do not deserve this. This young country has seen more violence and bloodshed in the last fifty years than is possibly comprehensible to non-Israelis. All they want is peace now and they have given so much for it. Now, at the point in history where they are the closest ever to peace, their leader has been robbed from them.

Rabin was a war hero and his life story is synonymous to the history of Israel. By the time he was in his mid twenties he was the commander of the Israeli army, one of the best armies in the world. He knew what war was and was trying to say that enough is enough. He was killed because he wanted peace.

I am glad that I was here for these events and that I witnessed them personally. I feel today closer than ever to my people, the people of Israel. I never thought it possible that one Jew could assassinate another Jew when there are so few of us in the

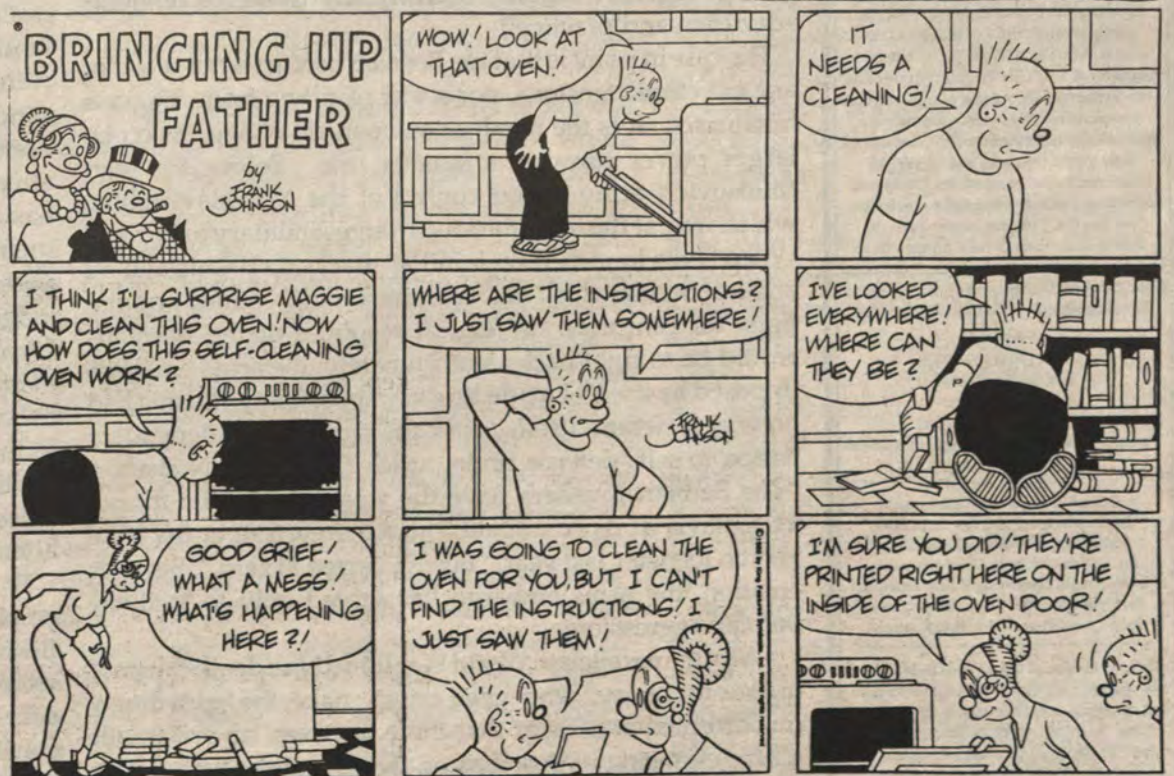
world today. The mood in Israel now is still of shock and of helplessness. Watching the funeral today on Israeli TV was tremendously painful and I came to tears on two different occasions. First when Rabin's wife Leah was shown crying on President Clinton's shoulder and second when the military leaders of Israel saluted Rabin's coffin.

In Israel now the entire country is obviously consumed with one issue. The streets are silent and there are candles being lit all over the country. Earlier today I went to Rabin's Tel Aviv home where a mass candlelight ceremony was taking place. Tonight, we are planning on going to a memorial ceremony at the place where Rabin was shot in Tel Aviv, called Gan H'eer (Garden in the city).

I have now begun to realize the full meaning of what has happened and I can not believe it. Rabin was a wonderful man who accomplished more in his term in office than anyone thought possible. He was a martyr of peace who was killed by a destroyer of freedom. Hopefully, under the present guidance of Shimon Peres, the Israeli government and people will be able to carry out the dreams of Yitzhak Rabin. Today, the State of Israel mourns the loss of a great leader. He was a hero of unprecedented wisdom and foresight and he will be greatly missed.

I hope that the community of Connecticut College will be able to understand exactly what has happened here. In a world thousands of miles away, there are countries and peoples who do not know what it is like to live in peace; Just as in New London, we do not know what "state of war" really means. I now realize that mid terms and rivalries with Amherst and Williams are not what is important in life. What is important is democracy and the freedom we take for granted every day in the United States. There are no constant threats to our existence and we are lucky. I think it is essential for Americans to look out their windows and see that the world's borders are precarious and must be re-assured through peace treaties and trust. Look at what has happened here and understand that this is wrong and there is no place for it in the twentieth century.

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## "Why is Bosnia our problem?"

In the Earth House Column of the December fifth issue of the College Voice, Mark Lucey presented the college community with a "few questions floating around his head" about the proposed US. intervention in Bosnia. In doing so, he gave inaccurate information biased by unfounded sources. You had some questions, Mark? Before questioning US foreign policy in Bosnia, perhaps Americans need to more closely examine the history and nature of the conflict. I will attempt to address several of the popular misconceptions of the so-called 'civil war' in former Yugoslavia, which has prompted the "Why is Bosnia our problem?" attitude among so many Americans.

The popular myth about the Bosnian conflict among Americans assumes that the war is the result of an age-old, ethnic dispute fueled by religious and cultural differences. In reality, the former Yugoslavia consisted of a multi-ethnic population whose civilized values had prevailed over ethnic differences for years, with a multi-ethnic government and high rate of intermarriage between Serbs, Muslims and Croats. New York Times columnist Anthony Lewis states in his March 20 article in the New Republic, "Recent wars that have destroyed Bosnia were not the product of historical inevitability. They were the product of politicians." These politicians are the Serbian government which is led by extremists and does not represent the sentiments or values of the majority of the Serb population. Rather, the fall of communism left a power vacuum which was filled by an ultra-nationalist movement under the Serb leader Milosevic, who began the spread of propaganda, fueling ethnic tensions as part of his plan to create a 'ethnically pure Greater Serbia.' Until this ultra-nationalist propaganda, Muslims, Serbs and Croats had maintained a pluralistic society, and many Serbs were in fact resistant to the destructive nationalistic ideals of Milosevic's regime, as in the northern town of Tuzla, where Serbs and Croats refused orders by the Serbian government to attack their Muslim neighbors. (Interfaith publication, Oct. '95)

The country of Bosnia, on the other hand, declared its independence in the spring of 1992, and their government was democratically elected. Since then, western journalists have erroneously referred to the Bosnian government as the 'Bosnian Muslims,' when in reality their government is comprised of Muslims, Jews, Catholic Croats and Christian Orthodox Serbs. The Bosnian government is a secular government with no religious agenda; this constant misrepresentation by the media gives another false impression that the war between Serbia and Bosnia is one fueled by religious conflict. (Indeed, prior to the war, Yugoslavia had existed for more than forty years under atheist communist rule, giving Yugoslav families scarcely any room for religious education and practice!)

The case in point is that the Bosnian conflict is *not* a war of ancient ethnic tensions, nor a war resulting from religious fanaticism. It is the result of an open act of aggression by larger power towards a smaller one. Before the war, Milosevic's army seized control of the Yugoslav militia, which was, at the time, the fourth largest military in Europe. When Serbs launched their initial attacks on Bosnia and on areas of Serbia which had contained multi-ethnic populations for centuries, the logical response of the Bosnians would be to fight back - unfortunately, the arms embargo imposed by the UN made this an impossibility. Bosnia had no way to defend itself, despite the right of an independent nation to self-defense under article 51 of the UN charter! "The Serbian invaders have the weaponry of the former Yugoslavia at its command," stated an article in the New Haven Register last year. "Bosnia started at zero." Since its creation, the arms embargo has served only to facilitate Serbian aggression.

"Why the parallels to World War II and Nazi death camps?" questions Lucey, who goes on to make the appallingly misinformed statement that there has been no systematic ethnic cleansing of Bosnians on the part of the Serbs. This outright false evidence (from British journalists, nonetheless, who have been known as Serb sympathizers since the start of the war), directly contradicts the recent findings of the UN war crimes tribunal and the C. I. A. The death tolls

## What a surprise!

SAC had a great idea when they decided to work on bringing Network Event Theater to campus. It can only add to the campus; not only will it enhance academics and provide another non-alcoholic entertainment choice, it will certainly serve to increase student retention.

The problem comes in, as it so often does, with the decision-making process. The contract may be signed as of Voice publication, but the campus was only notified of SGA's decision to make a financial commitment to NET last Thursday. Several questions should have been asked of students before we agreed to sign on the dotted line.

The first is whether we want NET. It seems great, we're sure everyone will enjoy its kick-off in January, in what will no doubt be a pleasant back-to-school surprise for most of the campus. We'll all be pleased with NET—but it may be akin to the reckless pleasure one derives from taking all one's savings and blowing it on a new car.

The advantage to having even a modicum of discussion would have been to gauge student opinion, if only within the body of representatives of the SGA Assembly, about making a commitment to spend thousands of dollars of what Mark Hoffman has termed our "rainy day" fund.

Although there are many questions about the bank CD in question—we do not know where the original money came from over five years ago, and most students, perhaps even most in SGA, do not know it exists—it is clear that the CD was intended to cover budget deficits and financial emergencies for student clubs and organizations. It is even unclear as to whether the money is under the control of students through Finance Committee, Student Org, or whether the real spending power rests with the administration.

If this is indeed student money, approval must be sought from the SGA Assembly, according to the Student Government Association's own bi-laws. The "C" Book clearly states that transactions of student activity fees over \$1,000 must be approved by Assembly.

Let us hope the opportunity for review occurs. If Assembly members are circumvented in a process like this, or if they do not choose to involve themselves in the issue, any negative repercussions resulting from the loss of the contingency fund, or from the campus's displeasure at not being consulted, will unfairly fall to those who were ignorant of much of what will appear to have been their responsibility.

of Bosnians cited by these organizations is 250,000. 200,000 of these victims were unarmed civilians. Nearly all civilians were systematically shot as Serbs arrived to 'ethnically cleanse' multi-ethnic towns, others were deported to so-called 'detention camps,' notably Omarska and Karaterim, where they were subjected to the brutal treatment reminiscent of Nazi concentration camps: thousands of men, women and children mutilated, shot after digging their own graves, or buried alive. The judge of the UN war crimes tribunal, Fouad Riad, has disclosed even more savage atrocities, such as family members being forced to eat the livers and severed testicles of parents and children. "These are truly scenes from Hell," the judge stated in a New York Times article this November, "written in the darkest pages of human history." Recent evidence from C. I. A. reports have also confirmed the mass execution of the Bosnian population of Srebrenica after its fall to the Serbs in July, estimating the slaughter of nearly 6,000 civilians in a matter of several days, who were then buried in mass graves and doused with chemicals by the Serbs in an attempt to destroy evidence of the mass executions.

The Serbian government reached even higher levels of emotional savagery, using rape as a weapon: nearly 30,000 Bosnian girls and women between the ages of ten and seventy were forced into 'rape camps,' where they were raped repeatedly by Serbian soldiers until becoming pregnant. (The Serbs considered the half-Serbian children which were produced to be 'ethnically cleansed.') Were the rape camps a result of arbitrary brutality on the part of Serbian soldiers? Certainly not - the camps were used as weapons; Serbian soldiers faced threats of death from their military superiors, such as Karadic and Mladic who are now indicted war criminals, if they failed



# OPINIONS/EDITORIALS

to carried out the mass rapes. Even despite these crimes against humanity, this war has displaced over 2.5 million Bosnian refugees, who are inundating western Europe, creating economic and social tensions.

A common myth regarding these war atrocities is that they were being committed by both Serbs and Bosnians. The C. I. A. recently concluded that 90% of all war crimes were committed by the Serbs, and that the Serbs were the only party "involved in the systematic attempt to eliminate all traces of other ethnic groups." (NYT, march 9, '95) The UN war crimes tribunal has indicted 48 war criminals in the Serbian government, and 0 in the Bosnian government.

But why should the US. get involved in Bosnia of all places? questions Lucey. Actually, the U. S. has been involved in Bosnia from the beginning of the war - its refusal to lift the unilateral arms embargo has generously aided the Serbs in their plan of genocide to create a 'Greater Serbia.' Clinton, indecisive in the face of public opinion, continued to prop up the UN peacekeeping mission, which was an embarrassingly flimsy attempt to prevent Serb aggression. The result of the mission? Serbs have succeeded in taking nearly all the weapons from UN storage depots and have overrun nearly all of the designated UN safe areas, while the Western military alliance, democratic nations who vowed to prevent genocide crimes against humanity after the Geneva Convention, sat in silent compliance. "The US did not bring about such horrors in Rwanda," states an article in the New Republic in 1994, "but the US and other democracies have played a major role in bringing on the genocide in the Balkans." Clinton's stagnancy has catered to Americans' fear of another Viet-Nam; a completely different situation than Bosnia and a fatalistic excuse for inaction. Fortunately, French President Jaques Chirac is one democratic leader with integrity who describes the Serbs as people who "have no faith and know no law. They are terrorists." His recent election has prompted the Clinton administration to take some long overdue action.

The US deployment of troops to Bosnia is not "war." (Of course Clinton's reasons for the deployment of US troops to former Yugoslavia are purposely ambiguous; admitting responsibility for the US compliance to genocide would only disclose Clinton's blundering foreign policy on Bosnia in the past.) In theory, the US will help keep the tentative 'peace,' peace being a euphemism for the reward handed to the Serb ultra-nationalist for genocide and aggression. The United State's primary concern should be Bosnian self-reliance, both economically and militarily. It is frightening that systematic genocide is being repeated after Nuremberg and the 'never again' promise of the Geneva Convention. It is outright appalling that the UN failed to protect its designated 'safe areas,' and moreover, that United States and the UN security council repeatedly violated the right of an independent nation to protect itself by refusal to lift the arms embargo. They wanted stability in the area? Sure, stability is easy to achieve when one armed nation wipes out all the competition. It is high time that Clinton and the Western alliance offer support to a sovereign nation and people which, for four years, they helped to destroy.

Sara Schaefer '96

## Greetings from East Africa!

Recently I received a large parcel from Julie Gerl in the SATA office, including two issues of the *College Voice*. Hungry for news, I read them immediately and as the College Marshal was delighted to read Ruby Bridges Hall's story embracing matters of race, family, and bravery because they are so relevant to our experience here in Dar es Salaam.

For us, however, the subject of race has a Swiftian inversion. For the first time in our lives many of us are in

a minority among Africans. In any gathering we are noticeable; we are unable to hide, yet the dynamic is quite different. Although children sometimes shout "musungu," or "white person," we do not sense the hostility associated with the greeting "hey nigger" at home. Here, for the most part, Africans seem respectful of our difference and treat us with civility, a clear sense of equality, and amazing friendliness. If we are lost and ask directions on the street, a stranger will very likely say, "let's go; I'll show you," and take us to our destination.

For Tanzanians, as for Ruby Bridges Hall, the family, which sometimes includes the extended family and the tribe, has a powerful centrality. In this extraordinarily deprived nation, which receives the second largest amount of foreign aid in all of Africa, family members support each other in myriad ways, finding jobs for relatives, housing them, caring for children who have lost their parents, and giving money for education to nieces and nephews. Next door to us a professor of finance not only lives with his wife and children but seemingly countless relatives, some of whom do the cooking, washing, and gardening, while others care for the pre-school children, and others depart each morning around 6:30 to drive a local bus, called a daladala. Tribal affiliation compounds family ties, and Tanzanians are quick to recognize it in a stranger and use it for mutual benefit, whether it be procuring a job or bargaining for a pineapple. To our amazement, this sense of family extends to us. Recently, we had a small crisis, and when I asked our neighbor for help he simply told me that in Tanzania neighbors are family and we should feel free to call on him at any time, for anything. We have.

Like race, the bravery Ruby Bridges displayed so disarmingly in 1960 confronting hostile crowds assumes new meaning for me here in Africa. Last weekend 17 of us from Connecticut visited a wildlife park, a harrowing four-hour bus ride from Dar es Salaam. There, we might have had the opportunity to test bravery of the kind the young New London student wrote about for the Convocation competition. Ironically, any need for bravery strangely evaporated as we marveled at the infinite creation in elephants, giraffes, hippopotami, water buffalo, impala, wildebeests, hyenas, zebras, and marabouts. The reason is hard to explain, but among those animals, in that exotically beautiful landscape, I felt transported into a timeless, serene, and safe land, where I was a privileged visitor. I felt the animals and birds were respectful of each other and of me so that bravery was irrelevant. There, for me, was the Peaceable Kingdom, the Paradise of Milton's *Paradise Lost*, where racism was unknown, where our first family lived safely in nature without fear.

Here in Dar es Salaam, eight hours ahead of Eastern Daylight time, where every day is sunny and hot, where the sun shines for just twelve hours every day, where the breezes from the Indian Ocean are warm and humid, we feel we are in a profoundly different place and time. Less than half of the population has potable water, few Tanzanians have electricity and telephones, and most of automobiles are ten or more years old. Duplication of documents is by carbon paper, and the clothes fashion for women is reminiscent of the sixties and seventies because most of the clothes are second-hand, cast-offs from Europe and America. Everywhere we feel the mystery of Africa, the vast difference from the rarefied life in New London. It is precisely these feelings, these experiences, however, that will prepare us for the twenty-first century, one of Claire Gaudiani's objectives for the SATA program, when developing countries like Tanzania will be the focus of the world's interest and be teaching us unimagined lessons beyond race, family, and bravery.

George J. Willauer  
Charles J. MacCurdy Professor  
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## THE EARTH HOUSE COLUMN

Imagine a different world.

Consider reversing the dominant lifestyle in our country. Think of the future of our society being dominated by the gay/lesbian culture. Think of it as always being this way, every day of your life. Feel the ever-presence of being gay, lesbian, or bisexual, and the non-presence of being heterosexual.

Lesbians and gay men are leaders in this society. Most voices on the radio and faces on the television are gays/lesbians. When important events are covered, gays and lesbians determine what the public will be informed about. The President of the United States is a lesbian and her longtime companion is the First Lady. The President of your college is a gay man, and most of the faculty, staff, and students are gay and lesbian.

Everywhere you turn, there are images of gay/lesbian couples and families. Every time you turn on the television or radio, someone else is preaching that heterosexuals are sick, and must be redeemed, convicted, or even worse—killed. In this society, heterosexuals have no rights or privileges. Members of the opposite sex cannot get married; opposite sex couples are immoral, unnatural—a crime against nature. And since it is unsanctioned, heterosexuals are not entitled to any benefits for this spouse. Heterosexuals make up approximately 10% of the population.

Imagine growing up in this world where all the stories you read are about men who fall in love with other men, and are happily married. Imagine when you first discovered that you were heterosexual—how different you must have felt from all your friends and having no one to talk to about those feelings. Imagine your gay/lesbian friends, counselors, etc. telling you that heterosexuality is only a phase you're going through, that you will grow out of it, and that all you really need is a good "lay" with a member of the same sex to cure you.

Imagine that heterosexuals must hide their feelings all the time. They pretend to be someone they are not, in order to be accepted into this society. Non-gays live everyday in fear—wondering if someone will discover that they are heterosexual, that they love someone of the opposite sex. And if discovered—they risk losing their jobs, friends and the possibility of being disowned or kicked out of their family.

How does this vision of a different world make you feel? Playing the role-reversal game can shed a lot of light on the world around us. Think about what it means to be in the majority or the minority—the accepted or the unaccepted. Whichever category you find yourself in, it helps to look at the other side of the picture.

—adapted from "Imagine a World", Alena Scandura, 1989, U. of Illinois at Urbana



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Please pray for me: I'm riding the Camel Van...

BY JASON SALTER  
Associate Features Editor

Look! On the road! What is it? A bird? A plane? No! It's the all new, all exciting Camel Van (applause and cheering). Yes, Connecticut College has finally said enough to hitch-hiking students trying desperately to get to the Mecca of the East, the Crystal Mall. You too can join in the fun on the Camel Van; just remember one thing: life insurance!

Upon making the decision to travel via "Camel Express," you nonchalantly approach the information desk in Cro. After all, you don't want to attract attention to yourself and let everyone know that you have no other means of transportation. It is almost like asking your mom to drive you to the mall or to the movies, only the Camel Van won't drop you off a block from your final destination in an effort to preserve your "cool" reputation.

The price is reasonable: 50 cents for not only a hair-raising experience, but also the chance to boast to all of your friends that you in fact "survived the Camel Van."

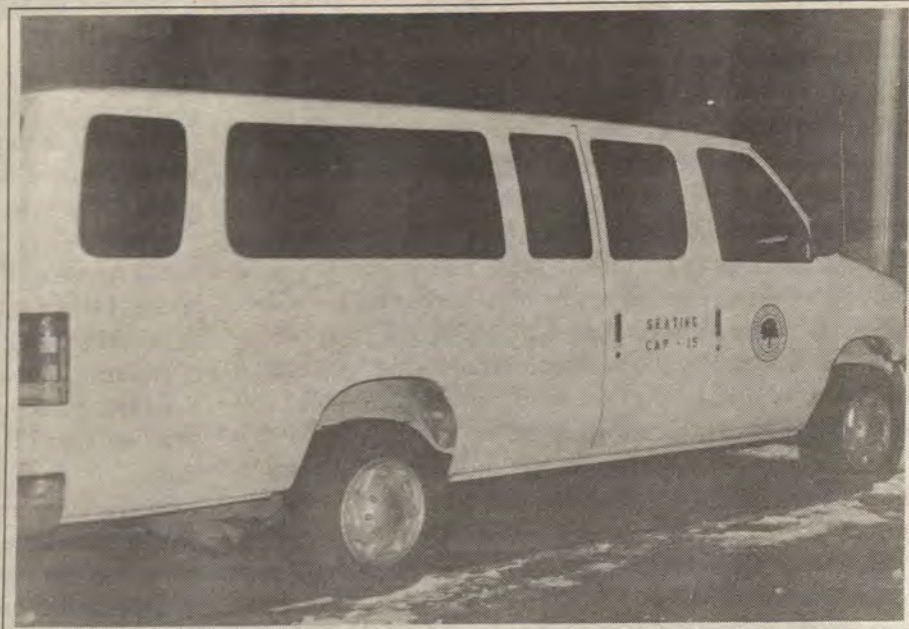
Arriving at the pick-up site is the best part. The Camel Van's arrival time is about as reliable as Domino's delivery time. According to the rules of the van, it will wait approximately 10-15 seconds at each stop, so hurry up! We stood in the cold for ten minutes waiting for the bright, white van with the smiling, friendly driver who promptly greeted us with, "Don't make me run your sorry ass over, get in the van!" No joke! This is what the driver said to one of the passengers. (He/she shall remain anonymous for reasons that will be clearer momentarily.) This was the first wave of fear that swept over me as I started reconsidering my decision to ride the van.

Once we were off, I figured that we'd be fine. We accelerated to 20 miles over the posted speed limit as we listened to pumping Top 40 rap in the background, two things that did nothing to help ease

my discomfort with the driver. When the traffic began to slow down and we continued to travel at our same speed, the real pangs of utter terror began to strike. The van came to a screeching stop when the driver finally realized that the other cars had in fact stopped and there was absolutely no way to get by them. After this "little incident," I quickly fastened my seat-belt and attempted to fasten two others to protect myself.

When we reached the Crystal Mall, the other passengers and I breathed a sigh of relief as we touched ground again, still a little shaken from having our lives flash before our eyes. We all hoped that there would be a competent driver for our return trip. Yay, the Crystal Mall, which could make an article in itself, but that's for another time.

To all of our dismay, the same driver was to endanger our lives on the way home. I quickly jotted down my last will and testament before reboarding the hell truck. This time, we only saw the Grim Reaper once as we merged onto the highway next to an enormous semi-truck that wasn't about to move. The lane ended, and we began to drive in the breakdown lane to the shouts and swears of the van driver cursing the damn truck driver who had done nothing wrong, except to have a large vehicle. Driving at 30 miles an hour through a crowded parking lot didn't help matters, and I was tempted to



The Camel Van is on the loose

Evan Coppola/Photography Editor

ask the driver to pull over and let me walk home as I gripped the side of the van and held on for dear life.

Our arrival back at Conn can be compared to the Mayflower's landing at Plymouth Rock. Never before have you seen so many students so happy to see Cro ALIVE! The Camel Van was an interesting experience; I enjoy a good adrenaline rush en route to the mall.

The Camel Van idea is a good one, but the driver that I was with might want to think about applying to Northwest Airlines for a career in flying planes. I'm sure there are many competent drivers; however, I will be forever scarred from my experience trying to get to the mall.

I praise Mark Hoffman and all those involved in this idea, but they might want to look into the driving records of

the drivers. I will no doubt be a passenger in the van again because people can now say, "No, you can't borrow my car; take the Camel Van!" Before I do, however, I will be sure to have my funeral arrangements made.



Jessica Rogers/The College Voice

Last Thursday and Friday, the Dance Club put on the sequel to their overwhelmingly successful Neuromuscular Skeletal Event I. With the same amount of creativity and energy, the second of the two dance recitals this semester was a tremendous performance. Modern dance, ballet and jazz were performed to such musically diverse works as those of Vivaldi, Painkiller, and Janet Jackson. One piece was the recreation of Janet Jackson's "As If" as seen on MTV, a dance that would have impressed even Janet: "We were worried working with chairs as props. There were so many things that could go wrong. Luckily no one hit anyone with a chair!" commented co-choreographers D. Jane Bryant and Claudia Busto. Neuromuscular Skeletal Event II was a strong close to a semester of great dancing.

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Last Saturday, Conn held their annual Winter Formal. With loads of dancing and music from a genuine Swing band down in the 1962 Room, to a jazz band in Cro's nest.



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# Report from the field

BY MICHAEL ADELSON  
Professor of Music

Ah, jet-lag. That wonderful hyphenated word. That gloriously devastating phenomenon which always hits me hardest the second night after a trans-Atlantic flight (the first night I'm usually so tired that sleeping is not a problem). But that second night is terrible. This time, I lay half-awake, with strange thoughts running through my head. Mainly about 1795. In that year, Franz Joseph Haydn was back in London for the second series of guest appearances. His previous visit, in 1791-92 had been fabulously successful, and his return was eagerly anticipated. These visits had been arranged by one Johann Peter Salomon, a violinist and impresario. Salomon had been trying for years to get Haydn to come to London, but Haydn was committed to the Hungarian court at Esterháza. In 1790 however, Prince Nicholas Esterházy died, leaving Haydn free to accept other engagements. He settled down in Vienna, and from there made his two productive visits to London.

It is important to know several things about Haydn. He was, more than any other composer, responsible for what we know as the symphony. This was due partly to his talent and partly to his situation at Esterháza: he had a good orchestra at his disposal, a relentless schedule which constantly demanded new works, and above all, a supportive patron. As he himself described it: "My prince was pleased with all my work. I was commended, and as conductor of an orchestra I could make experiments, observe what strengthened and what weakened an effect and thereupon improve, substitute, omit, and try new things; I was cut off from the world, there was no one around to mislead and harass me, and so I was forced to become original."

And was he ever original. With astonishing consistency, each of his 106 symphonies contains countless surprises. As a friend of mine once said, open any one of his scores at random, and you think, "My God, what was he smoking when he wrote this?"

At Esterháza he could experiment to his heart's content. For his London visits, however, he knew that he would have to please a diverse audience. Ever since Parisian musical life had been decimated by the French Revolution, London had replaced Paris as one

of the great cosmopolitan centers of music-making (the other, of course, was Vienna). In London, the concerts were not just for the aristocrats; they were open to the general public as well. Therefore, Haydn would have to compose for the uneducated as well as the intelligentsia. This accounts for the easy accessibility of the twelve "London" symphonies. Their grand style can be explained by the larger orchestral forces available to him in London.

So, symphony No. 104. Perhaps the most famous of them all. A very grand work, accessible to all — yet without sacrificing an ounce of originality. And I am to conduct this piece with the Pori Sinfonietta, a chamber orchestra here in Finland. Why then do I say that thoughts about 1795 were strange things to have in my head during that jet-lagged night?

Only because this business of international guest conducting confronts one with so many other things. First of all, there is the jet-lag itself, which can wreck anyone's concentration. Then there is the language barrier. Many in the orchestra don't understand English, and my Finnish (never good to begin with) is quite rusty. Plus the fact that I arrived on a national holiday; the banks were closed, and I couldn't change any money. Another annoyance: on my way to a restaurant for dinner I promptly lost my passport (it was found and returned yesterday). Geographic confusion: I don't know my way around Pori very well. Seasonal complications: at this latitude (roughly that of Anchorage, Alaska), Finland gets quite dark in the winter. And December is the worst month of all, greatly adding to the sense of fatigue. Then there are my own emotions to contend with; I lived in this country for over five years, and have quite a few memories associated with it.

All in all, 1795 should have been the last thing on my mind. And yet here I was, two hundred years later, trying to figure out how the Pori players and I could best bring this music to life: how we could in some sense reproduce the spirit of that first London performance. What's so important about such old music? What possible relevance can it have for us today? Well, for starters, anything that can make one forget such crazy circumstances is made of pretty powerful stuff, and is still, somehow, alive.

Concert's Tuesday night. Wish us luck.



A weekly column devoted to the informed appreciation of music with  
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# THE CAMEL PAGE

## Shelling It Out with Michelle

When did the Winter Formal become the senior prom? I have gone to the formal every year, never did have a good time, and this year I was intent on not going. It did not bother me except that suddenly everyone I knew was going and had a date.

People seemed to scramble at the end of the week to make sure they were going with someone and a couple of times several of my friends even mistakenly called it the prom. Now mind you I went to my senior prom, I lived the anxiety, the please, please, please let me get a date feeling and never wanted to experience it again. It was fun but not worth the pressure. I can even remember my friends at the time telling me that I would feel worse if I did not go. So, I accepted a date and went to the prom.

I realized upon reflection that they were right. I would of felt worse had I not gone, but that was then and this is now. I do not feel bad for not going or like I am missing a significant evening in my life but I do feel GRUMPY. I am usually full of the holiday spirit but not this year. I am the GRINCH. I think I have even tried to ruin everyone else's Winter Formal and I am surprised that I don't care if I make them feel miserable about it. Why? Because everyone I know has made me feel miserable. Not on purpose mind you, but miserable none the less.

The day was pretty terrible and I decided that I would just spend the day in the Voice office. There were not many things that could make the day get any worse... except that I could not full feel miserable... so, to make matters worse Cro looked beautiful. Granted, Ted Svehlík and SAC deserve a standing ovation for all their hard work. But since I am the grinch, did you have to use all the fake snow. The only thing worse than having people track snow into the Voice office, is having them track fake snow. It is all over the place and I wore shoes that really held the stuff and I am truly to blame for the little trail that goes from the door to computer three.

AND WHY DID THEY SHUT DOWN THE SNACK SHOP????? I guess I could understand closing a little early but at three p.m. I could not get lunch!!!! and when I asked why, because of the Winter Formal. Formal, schmormal.

You know, I practically live in Cro, well I really live in Cro. I work on the Voice, take naps on the couch, and do my class work in the office. Cro is my home and it has been taken over. It would be like my mother telling me that the kitchen was closed because guests were coming over. There are probably very few people that the know the cleaning staff of Cro, or can tell the exact jingle of a campus safety officers key—this I can do because I spend all my time here in Cro. But I couldn't get my usual grilled cheese sandwich. Harumph!!

All week my friends were telling me about the evenings they had planned. The flowers, the dinners and the fancy clothing. The only solace I have is the stories that I will hear next week about all the things that went wrong. The refrain will be simple: The music sucked, he refused to dance, and I drank what?

So, here I sit, in my office watching T.V., editing, and writing this column. I happen to be watching "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" and the only thing worse than an episode of the show, is a depressing episode. This one the oldest boy has left home and when Dr. Quinn asks him "if it is not the money, then why are you doing this? what for?"—he basically says he has nothing worth living for—ahhh, how pleasant.

Now I have not had my grilled cheese, I am certainly more depressed than when I began the depressing evening and I have fake snow in my office. It snowed and it is cold. My car is far away, has no snow tires and is still covered in snow. I have no escape. All I can do is sit and wait until the Winter Formal is over.

I just lost my train of thought because the depressed boy, he is sad because his girlfriend died, has just hit the man who is married to Dr. Quinn. It was his way if showing his anger.

I really did not think that things could get any more depressing, except that the next show I came across was an equally depressing episode of "Wings." Lowell, a character who had been on the show for years, had to leave because he witnessed a murder and was put in the witness relocation program. All of his friends were quite depressed.

Then of course, people decided to use the office as a coat depository, as I knew they would. Pretty uncomfortable... but things lightened up when that ridiculous show "Sisters" came on. They keep attempting to do serious stuff but they just keep getting funnier and funnier. I think they should do a show based on a night in the life of someone attempting to avoid the winter formal.

I keep trying to believe the people that say college life is no big deal and someday we will look back on all this crap and laugh. I can't wait, because I could use a good laugh.

### MAMA'S BOYZ by JERRY CRAFT



### THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



### OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



## Natasha's Stars

**SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 22 TO DECEMBER 21)** TROUBLE ON THE HOME FRONT RULES THE EARLY PART OF THE WEEK. LATER, THOUGH, THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE. YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH MORE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SET ASIDE A PETTY JEALOUSY OVER A CO-WORKER'S SUCCESS.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Stop pushing yourself so hard, especially where work is concerned. You're also doing this at home, which doesn't go over too well with family members. Take some time this weekend to get yourself back on an even keel.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Dreams and aspirations are always good to have. However, some of yours are a bit unrealistic. Curb that anger when a family member points this out to you later in the week. Think about it.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Your family life is upside down now but this phase will pass in time. Try to get a leash on your temper and think rationally. Advice you're being given is good, so feel free to trust it.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Frustration is rampant early in the week. By week's end, though, your jangled nerves are soothed by a caring friend who reaches out to make things better. A weekend of shopping is

highly favored.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** You need to slow your pace down since you're overdoing it a bit. If you don't ease up, you're likely to collapse by week's end. Take some time out this weekend to get in touch with people who live far away.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You're not your usual self early in the week. However, don't give in to those depressing thoughts. This really is a wonderful time of year, so feel free to enjoy yourself. Family and friends provide a nice diversion this weekend.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You impress everyone with how much you can accomplish now. Your initiative and energy are at their peak, so take full advantage. Later in the week, quiet meditation and relaxation helps you recharge your batteries.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Those of you who are counting calories are feeling a bit deprived, especially since holiday baking is in full swing. How-

ever, you'll be pleased with the ultimate results when it comes time to don that special holiday outfit.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Take some steps early in the week to make up with someone whose feelings you may have hurt, albeit inadvertently. When peace is restored, all around you feel better. The weekend favors family get-togethers and domestic harmony.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Daydreaming stands in your way early in the week and you don't get as much done as you'd hoped. Try to shake this mood off. There is still a lot to be accomplished before one year ends and another begins.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Co-workers are particularly helpful now so that much is accomplished by week's end. On the home front, family is equally cooperative. The weekend affords you a good opportunity to get reacquainted with your spiritual side.



# Dave and Al's totally biased football column

DAVE KETTNER  
AND ALEX KATZ  
The College Voice

December 5, 1995 was a watershed in the history of Dave and Al. On this day, the 339th day of this year, the Harris refractory (What the hell is a refractory?) served Mexican lasagna. Al made his virgin voyage to the Mecca that is Foxwoods Casino. An anonymous source saw him in line at the welfare office downtown the next day. Oh yeah, and Dave happened to graduate. Dave assumed that this meant no more work. One of his professors reminded him quite strongly that he is Conn's village idiot for thinking such.

It's official, this is it, finished, over, kaput, ended, on its last legs, down the stretch we come, WE ARE DONE! We would like to thank all eighteen of our loyal readers for sticking with us. We have had a wonderful time, well, at least a pretty good time writing for you each week. Don't keep your fingers crossed, and definitely don't hold your breath, but maybe we'll write one more article next semester when Dave takes time out of his busy schedule of watching TV and playing computer games to visit Al and the rest of his sorry-ass friends back at the ranch.

Enough of this introductory crap. It is now time for our biased year in review. It started back on a mild September day with the noble intention to write a pro football article. The Patriots and the Jets were tied for first at 0-0, and anything seemed possible. Well, almost anything. The Pats and Jets faltered, and the Nielsens (We know it's TV, work with us) showed that no one had any serious interest in football. Then, out of nowhere, came roving reporter Curran Ford with an update on all the idiotic things that have happened on campus this year. Just when we had run out of things to say, Jason Salter and Jen LeVan fell into our laps like manna from heaven. We would like to forgive and forget, but it's just so hard to forget how much you truly suck.

Several things this year have touched our hearts. We appreciated it when Schmoozing mentioned us as one of the myriad (Vocab quiz from week three) things that suck. The call from the White

House was cool, so was the letter from Colin Powell, but the round of golf that Bob Dole treated us to sucked. He just wouldn't take anything seriously. We would also like to thank the staff of *The Triple* (or something like that) for their effusive praise last week. Wouldn't they feel like shitheads if they just happened to make fun of us this week? Anyone who didn't get run and wants some can talk to them. Now leave us alone! That means you, you sicko who has been leaving us those nasty perverted messages!

We would like to reflect on some of our better picks. It was cool when Al won that quarter from that male public speaking teacher with a goatee and the initials SC whose name we wouldn't even think of divulging. Dirty Frank picked the Chiefs always, and had the best winning percentage of any picker. Who would have known that Professor Despalatovic would have covered the point spread against her Stalin seminar? The pick of the year; the Bob Cavilla Memorial Trophy, went to Al for picking his nose.

For our personal reflections, Dave would like to thank those semi-eligible non-bachelors down at grounds who were so nice to him. Jim, Steve, Pat, Larry, Chip, Don, and all the other guys made going to the dump a great time. Dave would also like to thank all the professors who have taught him these last four years, his friends, his brothers, and his parents for putting up with all of his crap and still talking to him.

Al thinks Dave's reflections suck, and has vowed never ever to write with him again. Al was going to thank Greg "I touch myself" Poole, whose sportsmanship Dave has always admired, but he is an unloyal bastard who chose food, his one true love, over us. Al isn't graduating, and will still accept the burden of celebrity fan mail. You can thank him by voting Al for senior speaker at graduation next semester. Use his journalistic powers for his own benefit? Al sure will!

Thanks for reading, and we'll see you around. Froliche Nachtmitag, Feliz Navidad, Joyeux Noel, Erryme Istmaschre, and Happy Holidays to all. We are out of hair like balding men. Na na! Na na na na! Hey hey hey! Good-bye!

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# ...The Deuce...

BY JEFF GASS  
AND  
DARREN BRODIE  
*The College Voice*

We just ate chicken parm in Freeman, and we're feeling giddy. We remember the days when chicken parm was the only meal in Harris that could momentarily take attention away from Gigi Stone.

For all of you who are Gigi Stone impaired, words can describe her, but then this would turn to smut.

From across the table I gazed into Darren's deep blue eyes and we both knew it was time - time to drop the deuce.

This is a joyous week in the media here at Conn College, for it's Dave and Al's final week. They captivated us with humor and they enlightened us with in-depth football analysis. At this point Jeff feels obligated to shit on them. Darren, however, asks Jeff an intriguing question. "What could we do to them, that God already hasn't?" Fair enough.

Jeff knows the campus has been buzzing about our heavily anticipated All-American team. So hold on a minute while we flip through magazines... (elapsed time 5 minutes) After an ugly fight that got kinda erotic, we realized agreement was as unrealistic as scheduling a Friday class.

So screw it, you don't read our

column for sports. You read it for the dirt, and we love you for it!

We were ready to enlighten the first year students (PC) about the realities of, "Drink for four days straight then wake up on the toilet and realize you have to take two exams and write a paper before you leave week" aka EXAM WEEK.

Unfortunately, we were distracted by the entrance of Eliza Alsop (Freeman 3rd floor, as if you didn't know). It was evident from her mannerisms that she was excited about her run last week. She couldn't take her hands off me (Jeff) ... lets just say Jeff enjoys the benefits of writing for The Voice.

With that out of the way and a cigarette in hand on to EXAM WEEK.

We here at The Deuce find it worthwhile to drink until we lose our vision during EXAM WEEK. Just like studying, we find taking tests sober is a form of cheating. Labeled as over-achievers our whole lives we always look for challenges. Jeff thinks that others might take a different approach. Hey, different strokes for different folks (He said stroke...cool). We've been told some students study and go to bed early. Rumor has it there's an exam period in the morning.

First year students (PC) beware. Self-scheduled finals are the work of the devil. They're a

built-in procrastination mechanism. Picture it: You are in your room, getting ready to go tackle a 7pm exam. Lo and behold, Kevin Cunningham stops by with a 12 pack and a copy of the new release "Dirty Girls of the NESAC." Chances are you're exam isn't happening until the next day.

If you're a gyrl chances are you'll take the test, if not: Wanna hang out?

Perhaps the most important task during EXAM WEEK is closing the deal. (Girls skip to the next paragraph) Guys, you gotta make a lasting impression so she'll remember you over break. Here are a few of our suggestions: 1) Chicks dig flowers, simply because they smell better than we do. 2) According to Sarah Huffman, it's something special to hook up when sober. Darren can't grasp this novel idea. Finally, 3) Tell her to lose a few pounds (We're just kidding with this one, it wouldn't even work for Ash Corson).

Before we end for the semester break we would like to leave you with a quote. When Jeff handed an intoxicated John Melilo a coke at the UMass game he gave him a dirty look and said, "I can't drink a coke with no rum." God bless him and the other drunks in the stands (Bob "No Run" Cavilla).

Good luck on EXAMS and have a nice break.

## Men's basketball team on a roll

BY DOUG PIERCE  
*The College Voice*

After losing their first two games at the Gettysburg Tournament, the men's Camel basketball team has rebounded to win five in a row, prompting junior captain Kevin Ward to speculate, "anything can happen [this season]."

Fellow captain and senior Tom Sampogna feels that this team is the strongest one for which he has played in his three years at Conn. "This is definitely the best team I've played on. We have more talent this year than before. We have nine solid players," explained Sampogna.

In addition, this year the team is free from injuries, a problem that plagued the team last year. "We lost four of five starters last year after break," commented Sampogna.

Ward also sees a major change in attitude from last year. "This year there is a more positive team attitude," whereas last year it was more of an individual scenario in which "everyone wanted to compete," observed

Ward.

Besides Ward and Sampogna, junior transfer Ron Jones and freshman Zach Smith, both forwards, have been great assets to the team, and according to Sampogna, are contributing "more strength on the inside."

If the team has one weakness, it would be its lack of experience, said Sampogna. With six freshmen on the team, the Camels do not have the experience of perennial powerhouses Trinity, Amherst, and Williams. Still, Sampogna stresses that the freshmen are "consistent players" and "there is no reason why we can't make the ECAC's."

The future of the Camel's season holds important contests against Trinity, Amherst, and Williams. "We're looking to test ourselves against them," said Ward.

The Camels final game before the break is Tuesday versus Curry.

Said Ward, "Hopefully, we can end the semester with a victory and keep the streak rolling."

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## CONN SPORTS:

### Swimming and Diving

both men's and women's teams lost to Amherst  
Jennifer Plecs - diver qualified for New Englands

### Women's Squash

### Men's Squash

### AP Top 20 College Football

- 1) Nebraska 11-0
- 2) Florida 12-0
- 3) Northwestern 10-1
- 4) (tie) Ohio State 11-1
- 4) (tie) Tennessee 10-1
- 6) Notre Dame 9-2
- 7) Colorado 9-2
- 8) Florida State 9-2
- 9) Texas 10-1-1
- 10) Kansas State 9-2
- 11) Kansas 9-2
- 12) Oregon 9-2
- 13) Virginia Tech. 9-2
- 14) Michigan 9-3
- 15) Penn State 8-3
- 16) Auburn 8-3
- 17) So. California 8-2-1
- 18) Virginia 8-4
- 19) Texas A&M 8-3
- 20) Washington 7-3-1

NFL				
American Conference				
EAST				
TEAM	W	L	T	Sunday's Results
Buffalo	8	5	0	def. St. Louis
Indianapolis	7	6	0	def. Jacksonville
Miami	7	6	0	
New England	5	8	0	defeated Jets
N.Y. Jets	3	10	0	lost to Patriots
CENTRAL				
Pittsburgh	9	4	0	def. Dallas
Cincinnati	5	8	0	def. Chicago
Houston	5	8	0	lost to Detroit
Cleveland	4	10	0	
Jacksonville	3	10	0	lost to Colts
WEST				
Kansas City	11	2	0	
Oakland	8	5	0	lost to Pittsburgh
Denver	7	6	0	lost to Seattle
San Diego	7	7	0	
Seattle	6	7	0	def. Denver

NHL				
Eastern Conference				
NORTHEASTERN DIVISION				
TEAM	W	L	T	Points
Pittsburgh	19	5	3	41
Montreal	13	12	2	28
Buffalo	11	13	3	25
Boston	10	13	4	24
Hartford	10	14	2	22
Ottawa	7	19	1	15
ATLANTIC DIVISION				
Florida	18	7	1	42
NY Rangers	18	8	5	41
Philadelphia	18	7	4	40
New Jersey	13	13	3	29
Tampa Bay	11	12	5	27
Washington	11	13	3	25
NY Islanders	6	18	3	15

National Conference				
EAST				
TEAM	W	L	T	Sunday's Results
Dallas	10	3	0	lost to Phillie
Philadelphia	8	5	0	defeated Dallas
N.Y. Giants	4	9	0	def. Washington
Washington	4	9	0	lost to Giants
Arizona	4	10	0	
CENTRAL				
Green Bay	9	4	0	
Minnesota	8	6	0	
Chicago	7	6	0	lost to Cincinnati
Detroit	7	6	0	def. Houston
Tampa Bay	6	7	0	
WEST				
San Francisco	9	4	0	def. Carolina
Atlanta	7	6	0	def. New Orleans
St. Louis	7	6	0	lost to Buffalo
Carolina	6	7	0	lost to San Fran
New Orleans	6	7	0	lost to Atlanta

Western Conference				
CENTRAL DIVISION				
TEAM	W	L	T	Points
Detroit	18	7	2	38
Toronto	14	9	5	33
St. Louis	13	12	4	30
Winnipeg	13	12	3	29
Chicago	11	10	7	29
Dallas	9	10	6	24
PACIFIC DIVISION				
Colorado	17	8	4	38
Los Angeles	12	11	6	30
Anaheim	11	16	3	25
Vancouver	9	12	7	25
Edmonton	9	15	5	23
Calgary	5	17	6	16
San Jose	5	20	4	14

Heisman Trophy awarded to Eddie George of the Ohio State Buckeyes

### NBA Basketball Action

#### Sunday, December 10

Atlanta 108, Boston 103  
New York 118, San Antonio 112  
Indiana 111, LA Clippers

#### Saturday, December 9

Seattle 106, Portland 97  
Utah 123, Golden State 109  
Miami 94, Phoenix 92  
Chicago 118, Milwaukee 106  
Washington 103, Dallas 94  
Boston 124, Philadelphia 98  
New Jersey 85, Cleveland 73  
Charlotte 114, Minnesota 108  
New York 101, Atlanta 92

## IM UPDATE:

# Co-ed Volleyball Play-offs Underway

BY TOM RYAN  
Assistant IM Director

As co-ed volleyball enters the semifinal round of post season play, match action has gotten hot and heavy. Third place Money downed I Love Sheep in straight sets 15-6, 15-9. Lauren Shropshire and Meg Hanselman continue to provide the skill and leadership necessary as Money makes their run for the title. In the other semifinal match-up, fifth place DAC upset 4:20 15-9, 15-8. Both the Really Lucky Guys (#1 seed) and Team Sexy (#2) had byes in the first round. With such a talented and fiery group, the conclusion of this years season should

be awesome. Chicks With Sticks finished the women's floor hockey regular season strong with a commanding 12-6 win over the Puss Maggots. Marnie Virden, the Chicks' stalwart goaltender, stole the spotlight with 31 saves. Sarah Folger (4 goals, 3 assists), Molly Nolan (4,2), Dani LeBlanc (3,1), and Laura Bayon (1,0) all showcased their impressive stick handling abilities. Kim-An Hernandez (3,3) and Siobhan Doherty (3,1) put the Puss Maggots up 4-2 at the early part of the 2nd period, but ran out of gas as Virden and her defensive crew stepped up their tenacity in the later part of the contest. The Mighty Flucks split a pair

this past week, just making it into the play-offs as the wild card team. The Mighty Flucks topped Your Mom With A Stick 9-3, but not before loosing a tight one to Athletes Feet 4-1. Tara Kern netted 5 and added an assist in the contests. Julie Fried (2,2), Emily Lapidis (1,4), Ursula deGersdorff (1,1), and Courtney Witter (1,0) all found the net. Your Mom's goals were scored by Jess Broome (2 goals), Mary Gorman (1,0), and Holly Hawkins (1,0). Keep an eye open for the Intramural Today publication which wraps-up each intramural season. It will be in news stands before break!

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# SPORTS

## Women's B-ball season off to great start with a record of 5-1

BY SUE ERB  
Associate Sports Editor

The women's basketball team is off to a phenomenal start this year with a record of 5 and one to prove it. So far, the team has defeated every opponent it has faced except one, and that was a well-fought loss to Clark.

Their first action of the season was at the Regis Tip-Off Tournament held the weekend of November 17 and 18. This invitational was hosted by Regis College and included teams from Mt. Holyoke, Regis College, and SUNY - New Paltz in addition to Conn. On Friday, Conn defeated SUNY - New Paltz very soundly by a score of 65 to 53. The following day, the women defeated Regis College 63 to 54 in the final round and took the Championship trophy from the tournament. Juniors Dana Curran and Jessica Aguiar took home the honor of being named to the All-Tournament Team. Curran came away with the MVP Award with a total of 37 points scored during the weekend. "It's always a plus to beat the home team at a tournament," said Coach Carol Anne Beach.

The opening tournament must have been an indicator for their season. Since then, the Camels have lost only once and maintain a winning record to date of 5 and 1. The Camels went on to play Clark at home on November 28. Although the team lost 76 to 69, it was a close and well-played game. Although the Camels lost, "the team played well," said Beach. "Clark was tough."

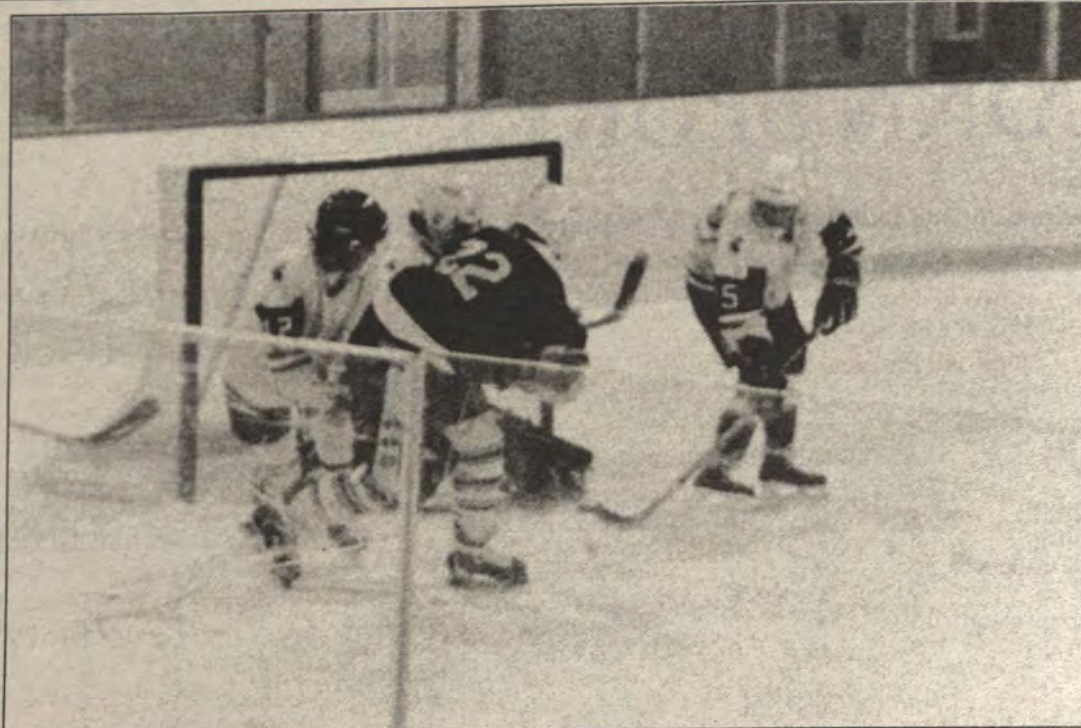
The following Thursday, Conn played Wesleyan at home. In what Curran called a "blow-out", the Camels crushed Wesleyan by thirty points 66 to 36. "Last year, we lost to them by ten points," said a pleased Beach. Conn also defeated Gordon College at Gordon on December 2. The Camels won 59 to

45.

Tuesday, December 5 brought Conn up against last year's nemesis Salve Regina. Salve kept Conn out of the ECAC Tournament in a loss that was "in the back of our minds" according to Beach. However, Conn did not have a repeat of last year's defeat. In fact, they beat Salve Regina soundly by a score of 82 to 66. Curran scored 34 points which to date is her season's best. Curran also came within three points of breaking a school record for most points scored during one game. "The team was focused," said Beach. "They got out to a great lead and played hard, and I'm impressed with their effort." The Camels will face their next opponent Roger Williams at home on Tuesday.

Curran leads the team in scoring with an average of 19.7 points per game. Sophomore Kristen Harding is second with 10.8 points. Leading rebounds is sophomore Katherine Moody with an average of 10.2 per game and Curran follows with 7.5.

"So far this season, it's been very positive," said team captain senior Tara Sorensen. "Every win boosts our confidence." The team is working hard and improving with every game according to Curran, Sorensen, and Beach. "Our record shows it," said Beach. "It is truly a team effort." There are many returning players this season, and there are only four new freshman and one new sophomore. The freshman have been battling injuries at the very beginning of the season, but Curran seems to have confidence in the bench. "Our ability to sub-in has been better than last year," said Curran. "There's no different talent, but there is a cohesion that we didn't have last year." Coach Beach agrees. "The team is beginning to understand each player's role," said Beach, "and that seems to make it click. They are a bunch of hardworking people."



Evan Coppola/Photography Editor

The Men's Hockey team are back in their winning ways

## Men's Hockey hopes quick start will continue after break

DEREK CRUMP  
The College Voice

The men's hockey team has had a roller coaster of a season so far this year. In the past three weeks, they have won a tournament, lost a big lead, tied, and then won again. They are back to their winning ways now with confidence and respect. The team's success on the ice, and lack thereof, has been a product of many things.

Two weeks ago, Conn traveled to Wesleyan to play in the Spurrier Tournament. While everybody else was feeding their faces with turkey, the hockey team was feeding on NESCAC opponents. In the first round of the tournament, Connecticut beat arch-rival Trinity 7-5 in an all out team effort. The following day Conn was able to destroy Amherst 5-2 and take home the coveted trophy. The pucksters were hoping to take their three game winning streak to Maine country.

The train, however, was somehow derailed halfway through the second period in Bowdoin. The Camels led the game 5-1 before falling to Bowdoin in the last minute 7-6. It seems that the

Sorensen looks forward to next semester and with the prospect of defeating school rival Trinity "they are always a big game for

team will live and die on the maturity of the new players. The following night Conn. lost to hockey powerhouse Colby, 7-3.

The trip, as disastrous as it was, took a turn for the worse. Sunday found half the team - including the coach - praying to the porcelain god. Apparently, the infected sandwiches bought at a nearby deli were to blame. This was a bad sign when the realization of a mid-week game set in.

Last Wednesday, the Camels traveled to Worcester, somehow pronounced "Woo-ster", to play the Catholic kids of Holy Cross. The game was almost a must win for the Camels. The team knows it must win the games it is supposed to win to have a shot at the post-season.

The first period was frustrating as the Camels were unable to capitalize on a bunch of chances. After a scoreless first period, the line known as "the Legion" turned up the heat as David Getschow scored. Speaking for his line, Skip Miller of the Legion said, "We want the world to know the 'Legion' is here." Holy Cross retaliated and netted two goals in the second. The third period was a test for the pucksters. They went down 3-1

us," said Sorensen. "It will be hard to come back from a break in the season, but we will be successful." Beach said that the

in the third but were able to persevere and score two goals late in the third for the tie. Jean Labbe and Skip Miller scored the goals.

Overtime was scoreless and a win slipped through the fingers of the Camels, and much like kissing your sister, the Camels tied.

Saturday afternoon brought a different result against the Jumbos of Tufts. After going down early 1-0, David Kessler scored with 5 seconds left in the first. The Camels came out with vengeance in the second with 4 unanswered goals by Kessler, Geoff Gallagher, Getschow and Miller. The third period went like the first as the Camels sat back and watched Tufts score two goals to Conn's one. The final was 6-3, despite the victory it was an ugly win.

The team heads into break with a 4-3-1 record. While it is respectable, the team knows it could be better. Chris Ruggiero remarked, "It has been a frustrating first semester because with the caliber of the players we have, we feel we should be winning more games. We have high expectations for the rest of the season which hopefully includes the post-season."

teams will be tougher simply because "we have to face more opponents next semester."

## Athlete of the Week

The athlete of the week is Jennifer Plecs, member of the Conn diving team. Congratulations on being qualified for the New England! We wish you luck!