Task Force Formulates New Guidelines for Smoking on Campus

By Laura Wars

In recent weeks, there has been much discussion on campus concerning what actions will be taken by the Office of Residential Life in response to the Swine Flu Law passed by the Connecticut Legislative Session this summer. The Residential Life and Housing Affairs Committee and Physical Plant are currently in the process of formulating specific guidelines for on-campus smoking.

Prior to the law, the college had a Campus Code of Conduct which stated that "the smoking of tobacco, in any form, is prohibited on the premises of the college." This policy was revised in order to be consistent with the law.

The Task Force took a brief survey of smoking laws prior to finalizing their policy, and found that 10% of students described themselves as "smokers, 76% described themselves as "non-smokers," and 13% described themselves as "non-smokers, but occasionally smoke." The new policy was in effect, until three months later when the law was passed. The Office of Student Life went back and forth with the law, with the law in effect in a form that was consistent with the new law.

In the past months, the Residential Life and Housing Affairs Committee has been working on changes to the code of conduct, which is being reviewed by the Office of Student Life.

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EMBRACE RELATIVISM

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To thrive in a world of multiple systems of beliefs, our society must embrace relativism. This does not mean that we should abandon our traditions or beliefs, but rather that we should recognize the diversity of the human experience and appreciate the different perspectives that exist in the world. In a society that is increasingly multicultural, it is important to recognize that people hold different beliefs and values, and that these differences should be respected and celebrated. This requires an open and accepting attitude, as well as a willingness to learn from and engage with others who may have different viewpoints. By embracing relativism, we can foster a more tolerant and understanding society, where people are able to coexist peacefully despite their differences. This is especially important in today's world, where political correctness and cultural sensitivity are often at odds, and where there is a growing trend towards political correctness. By embracing relativism, we can work towards a more just and equitable society, where everyone is valued and respected, regardless of their background or beliefs.
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
Unity Gospel Choir Sings Heavenly Harmonies

By Anh Le
Mayfair

C.M.: Our story began with a vision. Our first concert was in 1978. That was the beginning of our journey. Today, we are still pursuing that dream. Our mission is to use music as a tool for spiritual growth and social change.

C.V.: Unity Gospel Choir is a community of people from all backgrounds who come together to sing and share their love of music. We believe that music has the power to bring people together and heal the world.

C.M.: We perform a wide variety of genres, from traditional gospel to contemporary pop. Our goal is to bring people into the house of God through music.

C.V.: Our repertoire includes songs from the early church to contemporary music. We also have a passion for children's music and enjoy singing with local schools and churches.

C.M.: Our choir has been invited to perform at many conferences and events around the world. We have had the opportunity to meet and work with some of the greatest musicians in the world.

C.V.: Our choir is open to anyone who is interested in joining us. We believe that music is a gift to be shared with others.

C.M.: We hope that you will join us on our journey and share our love of music with others.

C.V.: Thank you for listening to our story. We look forward to seeing you at our next performance.

Drama Not Missing from Ron Howard’s Latest Flick

By Lina Gittlin

The movie The Missing, starring Claire Bloom and Russell Crowe, is a thrilling and suspenseful tale of a man's quest to find his estranged wife and children.

The Missing tells the story of a man (Crowe) who is determined to track down his estranged wife and two daughters after they are kidnapped by a ruthless gang of criminals.

Despite the film's long runtime, Ron Howard has managed to create a taut and gripping thriller that keeps the audience on the edge of their seats.

The Missing is a masterpiece of suspense and tension, and is sure to be a hit with fans of the genre.

Catch-22’s Dinosaur Sounds Puts a New Spin on Ska

By Rachel Green

Many fans have heard the word “Ska” and wondered at the thought of dinosaurs and rock music. But the new album Catch-22’s Dinosaur Sounds proves that these genres can work together.

The album features a unique blend of ska and rock sounds, with influences from the 1970s and 1980s. The band has created a fresh take on a classic genre, and the result is a fun and exciting album that is sure to appeal to fans of both ska and rock.

Catch-22’s Dinosaur Sounds is a testament to the power of music to bring different worlds together. The album is available now on all major music streaming platforms.
Love Affair With Toni Morrison Continues With Recent Connecticut Appearance

BY ERIN COTTER

Morrison has the ability to take on a number of controversial and compelling storylines.

Nothing But Love For Morrison's Latest Novel Why We Love Toni: An Intimate Look at the Novelist's Fascination with a Woman

BY PAUL DORON

There are just a few of my favorites retained in 2003...

Drama Not Missing from Ron Howard's Latest Flick

BY ERIN COTTER

Bypass the usual conga lines and try some use of a drum set (instead of the usual conga lines) both musically and lyrically and even making "Stankonia," would be a difficult feat, but...
Professor Burton: Renowned Author, Researcher and Teacher

By ABIGAIL KICHLI, NEWS WRITER

Professor Burton is a renowned author, researcher, and teacher. Among other things, John Burton is modest. In regard to the number of contributions he has made to Connecticut College's campus as well as in the field of Anthropology, Burton stated that he would like to think that he is best known for his love of teaching.

Even amidst the challenges of such a colossal field of study, Professor Burton still manages to thrive by his teachings and the students he encounters. "I am very lucky," he said, "to be a professor in an environment where teaching and research are important sides of professional engagement. I never wanted to be in a renting university setting where most faculty teach because they have to and publish because they're forced to," said Burton.

Burton was a Research Student in Social Anthropology at Cambridge University and went on to receive his Ph.D. from SUNY Stony Brook. He has published a plethora of outstanding recognitions, including grants for research and development as well as awards such as the ones bestowed upon him by the R. F. John Foundation for Faculty Development and Research, administered by Connecticut College.

In addition to his various awards and fellowships, Burton has published four books, one of which is entitled Anthropology 101, and he has written dozens of articles, including the various contributions he has made to such sources as World Book Encyclopedia and the National Geographic. His book The bowler: the country delivering fashion wearing various caps and hats, is a grand deal of time meeting foreign civilizations, notably a firsthand account written in the Southern Sudan, where he observed the Acre people.

According to Burton, he was the first non-African person known to have耻ushfl fluency in the Asian language. Although his wife Li-Am translated with him on his fieldwork, it was not an imperative for her to master the language. Burton felt as though his wife was one of the most crucial resources he has had that they deemed relevant to the club's interests. These publications are placed on a table in Coffee Grounds.

Another important aspect of the club is their Communal Library. Members work hard to keep each other informed; they are encouraged to bring books, articles, pamphlets, flyers from protests, or any other type of publication to share. "Politics is not as dry as some may think; it's not a bunch of whining and complaining," Burton said, "But it has added another view of life." Burton felt as though his wife was one of the crucial resources that he used in his fieldwork, as well as an important side of professional engagement. He never wanted to be in a teaching university setting where most faculty teach because they have to and publish because they're forced to." Burton expressed a dedication that focused on indigenous African theology and ritual. He tried to collect data on each aspect of local life and has since published portions of his original field notes.

Along with spreading political awareness, the club is also working towards making Connecticut College an egalitarian group with no leaders; it's an egalitarian group with no leaders.

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In reference to the dedicated personal attention he provides with his students and the outstanding contributions he has made to Anthropology, Burton pretends to retain virtual anonymity outside of his teaching career. "I don't need to have attention drawn to myself," he stated, "I've just grown accustomed to it." Burton noted that the consequences upon the genre are devastating. "What a horrifying way to live," he stated regarding the political situation.

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Can you prioritize the things you really want to work on in your time on campus? What things you want to achieve in the first year?

President Fainstein: Outside of strategic planning? Sure. I think that what I would like to achieve, number one, is to work on the emerging fields initiative. That's a philosophical community on the campus. We have a whole series of goals that have come out of the pluralism committee, most of which will probably not be on the table at 8 a.m., and we have some very specific things. I think there will be an opportunity for a group working on how to better support students, because that is where we're going to be spending a lot of our time. I would like to see more forward this year, and will move it off my radar screen. I think the conclusion is finished, committed to some project that will be accomplished by June 1. I think it is vitally important to the life of the campus, the physical campus. I think it's also very important. It is about how we are going to reform general education and improve general education on the campus. If there are any changes, they will be a change for the better, and I think that it will be a very good year for the college.

President Fainstein: The part that you want to enhance the most?

President Fainstein: I don't know, yes, same thing that involves conversation. This is part of what the strategic planning process is going to help us with so I think it is vitally important to me to have a charge for this beautiful campus in getting better. It's kind of like trimming your flower garden. I think we're going to do that, and now we have to strategize what we're doing.
President Fainstein: Your question is a very good one. The second answer to it is a part of what we're looking at in general education and how to create the first year experience to be more coherent and accessible to all of the students. Thirdly, you're certainly right that any planning process ought to look at the accessibility of the academic program. Having an academic program which is not accessible to students at the right time for them is part of the academic program. And we are certainly going to be looking at that. One of the things we're going to be doing. At the same time as the strategic planning process is going on, the administrative group are taking a look at some of the specific quantitative issues like accessibility, and so on, and try to see what those choices are and what are the ways to improve.

Regan: We've done actually what we call an assessment scan which is kind of like looking at a lot of data about where the college stands.

President Fainstein: It's the hardest thing to shape a curriculum in which there is lots of choice on the part of professors as to what they want to teach, on the part of students as to what they want to take. And yet have course content available. No matter how affluent the college or university is, you can never have both of those maximized at the same time. There always will be courses that will be closed out, there always will be things that you have to take at another time. What you want to do is to minimize the roadblocks. You want to say, "Okay, you can't take this section this year, but it will be available next year, and that will be timely enough for the program if you want it."" 

Morse: The question has come up, which it does every year, of a possible switch to on-line registration. Will it be available at all?

Regan: Well the college is in the middle of a 30-month converting from a World T Ford electronic administration system to a BMW, at least. And the student modules, which will include online registration and availability to transcripts, will make it much much easier for students to all kinds of information and processes. I think that module comes on in Fall '05.

Lefkowitz: Do these peer schools have strategic planning committees?

Regan: It's not unique to Connecticut College. I don't know specifically if any of our peer are undergoing strategic planning at the moment. It tends to be cyclical. It happens every five to ten years. Every college does it.

President Fainstein: I don't know of any that are doing strategic planning right now but they might be. As Professor Regan said it is a cyclical process, it probably has to do with changes of presidents also. It's pretty usual after a year or two a president initiates strategic planning process. It also has to do with how long it's been since the last one. There's both an internal logic, and changes that go on in an institution, but there's also an external environment that changes very rapidly for all of us. So it's rational for an institution or a complex organization like this, to take a systematic look at where they are and where they want to head every few years.

Morse: You had mentioned that one of the things that will be brought up is the NorthPlex renovation. What roadblocks still need to come up in order for the remaining plex dorms to get renovated? What's been in place that has prevented them? I know that when I started here four years ago that outgoing senior was saying it was supposed to be done by the time they graduated?

President Fainstein: I think the college went through a period of belts tightening that precluded that of some other colleges who have gone through some draconian belt tightening in the past year or so. In order to renovate the two remaining dorms in the plex, we need to continue a new residence hall. Because we don't have any more space on campus we need to move students out of each of those halls, and it can't be done during the summer. It requires a whole year. Right now we are exploring funding possibilities, both from alumni, and also from other sources for building a new residence hall. We've already gone through the last a planning process, we have a location chosen, and we have some schematic plans and even rendering of the building. And now we're going through the fundraising analysis for that.

Lefkowitz: Can you tell us the location of that?

President Fainstein: Sure, the location chosen is where those rather decrepit cottages are near Wetherby. They would be turned, it wouldn't be among the dormitory cottages. The residence hall would look rather like Baker House with the New England timbered vernacular, so it would fit in with those two buildings out there. So the plan would be that it would be used as swing space and first it would add to the total amount of residence hall space, so it will reduce some of the needs that are crowded.

"Future Connecticut College: An Open Forum on Developing Strategic Plan" will take place from 2:00 to 3:30 on Thursday, December 11.

See you in January.

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Officers' Reports
Bonnie Prokesch noted that the Fall Concert went well and they are currently preparing for next year. In addition, a few ideas are currently being formed but cannot yet be disclosed. If you have questions please feel free to ask.

Alyssa Lynch met with Shelby Metter to formulate a new smoking policy. Although this is still quite lengthy and most likely long-term planning is being talked about, we will keep you updated when new developments arise.

Constitution of the Water Polo Club
Jay Karpform noted two fundraising events. A change in Article 2 from "in addition to any other fundraising activities that are consistent..." to "the money that is raised..." is being considered. The new article will not affect the spelling of the word "constitutions.

Belinda Stade noted that if the club would just put a few players out on streets and ask people for their email address.

Committee Reports
Bonnie Prokesch discussed the websites for SGA and they will be submitted for consideration at Campus Council every week.

Alex Schönfeld noted the inability to use any pop-up chiefs after a period of time and the difficulty in correcting this problem. There is one pop-up chief that is not working correctly and it causes a problem. Additionally, there are problems with the email system and unless the campus email system is fixed, the web page cannot be updated and if it cannot be updated, the website cannot be used.

Old Action Items
Jason Allababidi asked about the call boxes. Pete Lelek noted that he is working on this issue and that the new call boxes will be installed in a timely manner.

New Action Items
Alexa Lynch suggested looking into other peer mentoring programs. These programs can be very beneficial to students who are struggling in any aspect of their lives.

Philip Gedeon asked about the hours on the SUD Splash Tours website. Matt Brogan noted that the website for spring break '04, The Ultimate College Experience, will be in adifferent form.

New Business
Amendment to C-Book regarding HDC position.
Amendment to C-Book regarding Finance Committee.
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Holiday Party
Came to wine to the Union Holiday Celebration to
earn about the community celebrates the holiday
season. In addition to a dinner serving various A"rican
dishes, events include a keynote address and discussion.
by professor David Cameron and Reggie Fields, fashion
shows, and musical performances by the Connecticut
College Gospel Choir and Tatiana Clayton. Tickets cost
$10 for students, and can be reserved by calling extension
255.
5:30-6:00p.m., 1941 Room, Co.

Sounds of Music
Friday nights usually bring an array of musical per-
fomances to Campus, and tonight is no different.
Aggripila/loos can see the Williams Street Wind Fall
Concert at 6:00p.m. in the Chapel, while fans of jazz will
want to stop by Evan Hall in Cummings to see a per-
fomance by the Connecticut College Jazz Ensemble.
also at 6:00p.m. Finally, Cone dean flower Olivedale
 distress is "Pretty Smokey" during their days on campus
takes the stage in Cone's Nest at 10:30p.m as part of the
Friday Nights Live concert series.

Dormlife
kinda nice.

Dormlife

classes besides freshmen go, and people try to look

for Festivus, Conn's annual nondenominational holiday
ID.

Orchestra performance, conducted by assistant profes-

tor of music.

Sanctuary. The Democratic Party does not oppose same

views. No has the party ever tried to intimidate or beat
up on opponents using physical force, unlike the Party
of the extreme Right, which the Democrats, while the

have, not attempted to overthrow their government. The leaders of

the Democratic party are elected, rather... (Content for the Warrllor is

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WARRIOR WISDOM

"You must show no mercy--nor have any mercy

whoever in how others judge you for your

greatness will silence them all."

(Continued from the Warrior Wisdom column intellec-
tual property of former Warrior Wisdom editor
The Ultimate Warrior, taken from his official web site at http://warrior.com/

See you in January!

Sleeping Beauty: I've learned how to live with these thorns through

Sincerely, the staff

of The College Voice

This issue of The College Voice dedicated to the fund
memory of Nick Iyengar's appendix:

We'll miss you little guy...

Jeffrey Louis Weichsel '04

Respectfully Yours,

Jeffrey Louis Weichsel '04

Freeman Needs Lesson in Party Politics

Dear Editor:

You. Freeman's most recent missive in the Voice entitled

"The Democratic Party," shows us... (Content for the Warrllor is

taken from hirellor.com)

CCEfl Responds to

Acusations

I'd like to reply to the various OPED, letters to the

editor, and the cover article for this week's... (Content for the Warrllor is

taken from hirellor.com)
continued from page 3
This past year, the Office of RA has been unable to... be set a good example, and therefore would look for a degree in journalism/broaden my horizons. Although I was not... year, I realized how much I needed that soothing... all with little or no warning. At times, like... thinking like regular users for classes may seem like a...ressive, we really do need to be reminded of it...onally different challenges, I hope the lack of messages...In all seriousness, with this said, I think one...n to the fact that your dreams have superseded you...last chance to get it...you recognize something on...of 2003 • 11

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T3-35 Calculator

Checkered Blue Umbrella

Red Down Women’s Vest

Yellow Black and Blue Swoosh Sweatshirt

Blue Hooded Puffball Sweatshirt

Briar Black Jacky

Black Ski Pants

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Tal Gloves

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**SPORTS**

**Women's ice hockey team loses to Wesleyan Patriots**

By Brian Stremler  
Staff Writer

The Connecticut College women's ice hockey team opened the season with a 1-0 win over Wesleyan University last Saturday. Coach Doughy Gates Perritt '88 said, "The fact that we lost short is not a big deal. We had prepared for the game the following day when they would visit Trinity College. Their schedule was more realistic, as Conn pulled out a 4:3 overtime victory on the road, defeating Trinity in front of their star-studded crowd." With the win, the Camels earned a power play, and Steve Courser '06 was able to tie the score with 1:00 remaining in the third period. The game went on to a sudden-death overtime with 13:00 on the clock. The Camels got a small windows of breathing room early on the 1-0 lead, but Wesleyan came in range of tying the game with 3:50 remaining in the period. The second period proved to be the backbreaker for Conn, as Sacred Heart was able to control the pace to the lead in the final period of play. With only 4:30 left on the clock, Conn was on their home ice at Dayton Arena again, this time against Holy Cross on the second of December. While Conn fans may have been disappointed by the home loss, the Camels had a short break before facing Sacred Heart University at MIT on Monday. The opening period did not go the way of the Lady Camels, who were able to capitalize. Conn scored twice in the period to take a 2-0 lead in the first period with 14:32 remaining in the period. Mary Bushnell '05 and Sarah Tillotson '06 scored 12 points each; Katherine Brodie '06 had 10. Some jumped to an early 10 point lead and gradu-ated to significantly narrow this gap, ultimately losing in the end. Gordon would somehow manage to get off a qual-ifying shot with 14:32 remaining in the period. The goal would prove to be all Conn needed to win their first game of the season. The lead could have been widened by more goals if Oven had not come into the game with 150.33 in the period. The lead was never in doubt as the Camels left the ice with a win. The game continued on the second, although Conn was unable to control the pace to the lead in the final period of play. The game count was again solid in goal, stopping 1 of 2 attempts, with Milinoff posting a shutout for the Camels.

**Patriots vs Dolphins: Another Boston Massacre or Shooting Fish in a Barrel?**

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This early in the season it is often difficult to ascertain an accurate idea of how a team will fare in the long run. The Dolphin's record of 1-2 (0-0 in the Spurrier Tournament Championships hosted by Middlebury. The Camels out-shot the Seahawks 48 to 21, proving that they where the dominant team of the day. This victory meant that the Camels would turn to look down on turnovers and leading them to the tournament. A strong individual effort, although she was not able to tie the score with 1:00 remaining in the third period. The goal would prove to be all Conn needed to win their first game of the season. The lead could have been widened by more goals if Oven had not come into the game with 150.33 in the period. The lead was never in doubt as the Camels left the ice with a win. The game continued on the second, although Conn was unable to control the pace to the lead in the final period of play. The game count was again solid in goal, stopping 1 of 2 attempts, with Milinoff posting a shutout for the Camels.

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