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New Year’s initiative

What does Santa’s grab bag bring us in this year’s semester-ending review? Deck the halls with inefficiency and lack of initiative because those are the words of the year.

The Student Government Association has not had a banner semester. Assembly members are saying it; SGA Executive Board members are saying it; administrators are saying it; and most students aren’t saying anything but noticing nothing of real substance has been put on the table.

The three biggest issues SGA has dealt with this year are: the Voice computer, Dean’s List, and the budget. The Voice computer debate was nearly not an item of long-standing import to the college. Dean’s List was a minor issue blown out of proportion. The budget is always one of the top issues of the first semester.

The Financial Aid Policy Review Committee has been putting together a final report on the future of need blind admissions at Conn, yet the Ad-hoc Committee on Need Blind Admissions, designed last year to keep students aware, hasn’t even been elected. The Minority Student Steering Committee is continuing its push for broader cultural curricular representation, but the issue hasn’t even come to the Assembly floor.

Here are two issues at the top of this college’s agenda and at the forefront of higher education in the United States, and what’s SGA up to? They’re fixing club constitutions and reorganizing the SAC Executive Board. The fact that the Executive Board’s Issue Project came out in a first draft at the semester’s final meeting shows pretty clearly what’s going wrong.

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Student views of the vandalized art

Letter to the Voice:

La Unidad would like to make known to the campus that there is a problem—November was Latino Awareness Month. The members of La Unidad have worked hard to put together a series of events which aims to illuminate the various aspects of our cultures and political issues. This is why it is astonishing to us that our very own campus newspaper has failed to adequately recognize us and our awareness month. The absence of our presence in The Voice is particularly distressing given that the editorial board received an extensive press packet detailing all the events, one week prior to the first speaker. Even The Day, a newspaper whose scope reaches far beyond the limit of this campus, announced the month as a whole, the keynote speaker Martin Espada, and an article announcing the presentation of Carmen Monagas, Porto Rican storyteller. We cannot help but ask why The Voice has not been able to give the same type of attention to our event as it gave to any other campus organization. The Voice has a greater responsibility than any other newspaper to cover these events sufficiently. As an organization dealing with issues of diversity, a priority of Connecticut College, it is in concern to us when our own campus newspaper does not reflect this priority.

La Unidad recognizes the limited coverage The Voice has given the Espada and Morales events. However, we believe the placement of these articles in the lower corner of pages 11 and 13 is indicative of the low priority The Voice has for the Latino community and Connecticut College. Institutions which parallel Conn’s commitment to diversity, such as Brown University, place events of awareness month on the front page of their school newspapers as a standard practice. Furthermore, in the future we recommend The Voice highlight speakers before the event takes place. In doing so, the campus at large would have a greater opportunity to learn about the Latino experience.

This lack of attention given to issues dealing with Latinos is certainly not an isolated case. The issues of Latinos are either ignored or blended with other minority groups. The issue is not solely the placement of two articles, or the absence of articles previewing Latino Awareness Month events, but rather the lack of acknowledgment of our community on this campus.

The issues of Latinos, while there are some similarities, are distinct from those of African Americans, Asian Americans, and Native Americans. This is why we consider it essential for The Voice to adequately cover our events if they are ever to consider themselves a newspaper representative of this entire college community.

Sincerely,

The Executive Board of La Unidad
The College Voice Publishing Group is now accepting applications for the position of Editor in Chief.

The Editor in Chief supervises all aspects of The College Voice including production, the editorial staff and every single article in the whole paper. The Editor in Chief leads the editorial board meetings and serves on The College Voice Executive Board. Interested applicants should have strong leadership qualities, a sense of humor, beyond-human time management skills, and a bit of perfectionism. You also have to be able to put up with Kate until the wee hours.

Applications are available at the Voice office, Cro 212.

The deadline is Wednesday, December 11, 1991 by 5:00 p.m. NO JOKE.

Please return completed applications to Cro 212.

Call Sarah at x4064 or Kate at x3301 if you have any questions.
Alumni volunteers to help South African youth

by Angela Troth Associate Features Editor

Travelling to a foreign country and teaching children sports sounds like fun, but in a racially divided country like South Africa, much more than fun and play will be involved.

Shannon Range, '91, who majored in government at Connecticut College, will have the opportunity to teach soccer and other sports to children in South Africa for six months beginning in January 1992 through a program called Score. After graduating last year, Range first wanted to start a photography business, but because of the state of the economy he ended up taking a job as a waiter to pay the bills.

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Through Venture II, an intercollegiate job service, he discovered the Score program. "I knew that I didn't want to work in an office and that I loved to travel and would especially like to travel to a Third World country," Range said. He studied in Thailand during his junior year and was planning to return, but then he was accepted into this program and said he couldn't refuse.

Score was founded in 1990 to provide volunteer coaches to underprivileged schools in South Africa. The program is based on the principle that sports are an international language which can bring people of different races and cultural backgrounds together.

Volunteers coach physical education classes at six or seven children of varying ages during the school day. Which sports the volunteer teaches depend on the creativity of the instructor, the interests of the students and the equipment available. After school the coaches are responsible for setting up and coaching soccer leagues and other sports.

"Along with ten other volunteers, I will be coaching soccer in the black township of Khayelitsha near Cape Town, South Africa. We will spend six months coaching soccer teams, teaching physical education and organizing other extra-curricular sports in the primary schools in Khayelitsha," Range explained. According to Range, he will be living with nine other coaches in Cape Town in a "mixed area."

"We are only allowed to go into townships when working. They won't allow us to go into the townships after work times or on weekends," he said.

Range believes that the most exciting part is to be working with sports. He said that in all of the sports he played, especially soccer, he found a fundamental source of self-confidence, maturity and enjoyment.

"It would be arrogant to assume that I will be changing the social and political inequalities of South Africa by teaching kids to kick a ball around a dusty field, but I will be giving these children a chance to believe in themselves and see that they have the strength, the intelligence, and the guts to affect their world," Range said.

The Score program is volunteer work. Range still needs $5100 dollars to ensure his departure. After working with Score in South Africa he hopes to work with the Connecticut College and New London collaborative program which will send two or four Conn students to Ubuntu annually.

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Door sprinting and new access etiquette

by Kate Bishop Managing Editor

"Hold the door?" "Duh." "What?" "Aargh?" Or the old stand-by, "No thanks, I'll go around." It's a game of strategy, skill, and survival. But it's more than that. It's an unspoken, but generally understood code of conduct. At least it is until you move into a new dorm, and you've got a PIN number.

The new access protocol has brought about some really silly things. So run carefully.

"Door sprinting and new access etiquette" is merely the result of a whole new campus phenomena - door etiquette. You know that the person who punched in their numbers three days ahead of you is going to hold the door, if you yell the proper code words, so to save him or her as much trouble as possible, you run. A word of warning, however, if you trip the other person in holding the door for you, you look really silly. So run carefully.

There are those lucky days when there's no one in sight and you resign yourself to punching in your own PIN number. Then, just as you approach the doorway, one of your dormmates opens the door from the inside. Or when you have piles of library books or clean laundry in your arms and you can't possibly deal with the other person unless you punch in your number and door handle. So you bang on the door and someone inside, hanging around in the hall, opens it. Kind of ruins your faith in the Christmas season, doesn't it?
New London of old spawns New London of new

by Randall Lucas
The College Voice

It is easy to make fun of New London, to crack jokes about the city that seems to have defined management in terms that only the Three Stooges could understand. After all, this is the city that took one of its greatest historical treasures, the Nathan Hale schoolhouse, and moved it innumerable times, so many that the city’s newspaper suggested that it be placed on a flatbed truck and driven around continuously so that everyone can see it.

This is also the city whose council, after having determined that the clock tower at Ocean Beach could fall and break the boardwalk, instructed the city manager to dismantle and cart away the clock tower after having determined that the clock tower at Ocean Beach could fall and break the boardwalk. Everyone can see that the clock tower at Ocean Beach was made.

More dramatically, one can stand in the “Olde Burying Ground” and overlook the city and the region as Benedict Arnold once did while the British burned New London.

Longtime residents still remember the grand old days of State Street, where businesses thrived during the forties and fifties. Stores such as Gorras and Benoits catered to residents and the young ladies from Connecticut College. It was a more formal age, and the entire city dressed up to go shopping Thursday nights when the stores were open late.

Emblematic of the problems suffered by New London and other cities was the relocation of one of those grand stores, Benoits, to Waterford’s Crystal Mall. Shopping centers sprang up in suburbs, shifting the region’s social and economic center from downtown. But State Street is now undergoing a revival.

New London is a friendly city and the people have always been its greatest asset. The old Italian section off of Bank Street is marked by monuments erected by the proud Italian community in the city. Today the city has a new resource in its Hispanic immigrants.

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Rosie’s beckons weary students

by Elizabeth Miller
Connecticut View Editor

The angst of exam week weighs heavily upon the average Connecticut College student. But, there are two important things to keep in mind in the following days: first, breathe. A deep breath will relax you and will provide oxygen to your overworked brain cells. Second, it is imperative to keep stress at bay. So take a break from the books and visit Rosie’s diner.

Located on Route 184, the 24-hour diner provides a safe haven, an oasis for the overworked student. The jalebox will ease your frazzled nerves and the food—well, it’s your typical diner fare. Eggs any way you like them, bagels toasted on the grill and a wide assortment of homemade pies.

Come on in to the place where “love is a first bite.” Settle yourself in one of the fake leather booths. Pick up a greasy, dog-eared menu, sniff the stale, smoky air, hum along to Frank Sinatra’s “I Love New York” on the jukebox and order away.

While you’re waiting, talk to the people around you. We’re bound to see the regulars, the freshmen, and, of course, the Connecticut College students. There will be piles of fries and large slices of coconut cream pies on the tables.

So, when you’re feeling anxious and ready to jump into the Thames, stop. Take a break, breathe and put things in perspective. Then, bundle up and head for the diner that never sleeps.

New London, burdened with a low tax base because of its educational institutions, but blessed with its natural assets of harbor and beach, may find a regional attitude, a sense of ownership and pride, in the new New Londoners and new New Londoners may find success.

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Students question officers' behavior

by Rebecca Flynn
Associate News Editor

Windham residents who were awakened at 3:00 a.m. by activities surrounding the drug arrest of Sacha Boegem, '95, on Tuesday, November 26, have made allegations that the officers involved behaved in an inappropriate, unprofessional manner.

Jessica Fuller, '94, a resident of Windham, said she overheard what she believed to be Boegem's reaction to the arrest, but realized, "It was the entire force and they were laughing and joking... taunting [Boegem]."

"The officers' behavior was so wrong. They were loud, and they were obnoxiously loud," said Fuller. "I was really upset about it."" 

Cruz Galego, '92, also alleges the officers acted inappropriately. "They acted like they were in a circus run by a bunch of clowns," he said.

Galego further stated that the arresting officers were "very belligerent with [Boegem]."

Officers from the Statewide Narcotics Task Force, the Vice and Intelligence Squad of the New London Police Department, Stewart Angell, director of Campus Safety, and a postal inspector, were present during the bust.

Bruce Rhinehart, deputy to the New London chief of police, said, "If anyone believes there was any impropriety, they certainly have the right to file a complaint." Filing such a complaint involves going to the NLPD and filling out a form. A civilian complaint must be filed within 10 days of the incident.

When told that Thanksgiving break could interfere with the filing, Rhinehart said, "If someone would like to come in Monday morning we would certainly take the complaint and conduct an appropriate investigation."

William Lacey, an NLPD sergeant, pointed out that any student upset by conduct could come to the station to express concerns, meet with police administration "and see if something can be worked out." According to an officer of the Vice and Intelligence Squad, "While I was there, it was strictly business." The officer added that the search warrant was held by the Narcotics Task Force, so following the arrest all NLPD officers left to take Boegem to the station.

Matt Coen '92, house senator of Windham, said Angell was involved with the unprofessional behavior. "[Angell] is there to protect the interests of the students and not to play Miami Vice," he said.

According to Angell, he did not speak with or see Boegem. "There was joking and laughing in the room, but I wasn't there," he said.

Fuller said the behavior continued during the search of Boegem's room conducted by the Narcotics Task Force for over an hour following the arrest.

Although the listed number for the Statewide Narcotics Task Force is supposed to be staffed 24 hours a day, there was no answer. Consequently, a representative could not be reached for comment.

Boegem said he was advised by his attorney to withhold comment on all aspects of the case until after his court date.

Stewart Angell, director of Campus Safety, said he could not comment on whether Merricks was under the influence of either drugs or alcohol.

Merricks was charged with three counts of criminal mischief and one count of third degree trespassing. If found guilty, he could serve up to one year in jail for the misdemeanor.

Merricks was released on $5,000 bail and is scheduled to appear in court on December 9.

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by Jon Flanemore
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Department chairs scramble to release course evaluations

by Carl Lewis
The College Voice

Expecting an approved standard evaluation form to be released for use this semester, departments scrambled to put together evaluation forms when the college-wide form was delayed by organizational complications.

Last spring, a standard class evaluation form was drafted by a task force comprised of faculty members and students. Although faculty approved the form, Joan Chrisler, psychology department chair and member of the validation committee, said, "The faculty are overburdened with committee work."

"The yes vote was contingent on a new evaluation form," said Chrisler. "The committee was meant to provide some needed improvements." The report of the validation committee, said Chrisler, many faculty members and students. Chrisler said the primary reason for the form not being available was a delay in the formation of the validation committee.

In early November, the validation committee, consisting of five faculty members and two students, was formed. Since then, the committee has met only once. "There wasn't time to validate anything," said Chrisler. The form was originally scheduled to be ready for fall semester, said Dorothy James, provost and member of the validation committee. According to George Willauer, chair of the English department, "When the faculty voted last spring, we assumed that it would be ready for the fall semester." Willauer said the department had old evaluation forms which were copied and distributed when it was realized the standard form would not be available.

William Frasure, chair of the government department, said if a few more days had passed before the department was notified that no standard form was available, it would have been difficult or impossible to produce the necessary 600 questionnaires. "There was a period of some confusion," said Frasure. "We found out just in time to get the old forms printed and distributed," he said.

The greater problem, according to Perry Susskind, chair of the Faculty Steering and Conference Committee, is the difficulty of finding faculty to serve on committees. Susskind noted that because of many changes occurring on campus, there was a large number of committee openings and the difficulty of finding faculty to serve on committees.

Chrisler said the form will be available. "The faculty are overburdened with committee work," said Chrisler. Chrisler said many faculty members believed they did not know enough about evaluation forms to be on the validation committee.

According to Chrisler, the validity of the evaluation forms can be improved by changing the wording of the questions, but the reliability of the form can only be determined through testing. Chrisler said the form will be tested by asking students to complete the new form and an old form sometime next semester.

"The faculty are overburdened with committee work," said Susskind. "My guess is that [the form] won't be ready until next January."

General Education change charges hands

by Jon Finnimore
News Editor

The Educational Planning Committee decided last month to pass the charge of developing a new plan for general education to an ad-hoc subcommittee.

After a semester's worth of readings and discussions, the 15-member EPC decided that the issue could only be handled by a smaller body. The subcommittee was approved at the December 4 faculty meeting. It most likely will consist of five faculty members and one student.

Raniya Raungsuwana, '93, chair of academic affairs, announced the change at Thursday's Assembly meeting. "Half a year has gone by and we basically have nothing to show for it. EPC has procrastination for not doing anything, and right now, we are living up to it," she said.

Next semester the EPC will be organizing campus lectures and discussions while the subcommittee members will immerse themselves in current literature and begin listening to community ideas and concerns.

The subcommittee will be asked to develop a draft of its plan for circulation to the EPC by the middle of June. A two to three week intensive meeting period has been set aside after commencement for the draft's formulation.

The EPC expects to present a preliminary draft of the new general education plan to the community during the first week in October 1992. The faculty, which has jurisdiction over final approval of general education changes, is expected to vote on the final draft at its December 1992 meeting. The plan, if approved, will go into effect in the fall of 1993 with the Class of 1997.

"We believe that a smaller committee with a set of hard and fast deadlines will be better able to handle this charge effectively and efficiently," said Jeffrey Berman, '93, an EPC student-at-large representative.

The Camel
Heard...

"Was it me or was Jump Street here this morning?"
- Will Noonan, '92, outside of Windham, the site of a drug bust on November 26.

"Who admires these clowns, anyway?"
- Lee Coffin, associate director of admissions, after reading Camel Heard quotations.

This Week in Assembly

The Assembly voted 17-0-2 to forward a recommendation that all four years be included in the consideration for Latin Honors and Major Distinction. The Board of Advisory Chairs had voted to include only second semester freshmen year grades in requirements for Latin Honors recognition.

An allocation of $431.87 for Chavurah was approved in support of a $192 allocation to the Publications Board for PageMaker 4.0. John Roesser, '92, house senator of Larabee and member of public relations committee, said the 19-3 vote in favor of an off-campus house tenant position failed to meet the 30 votes necessary for approval.

Elections to fill student positions on the Educational Planning Committee, the newly-created EPC General Education subcommittee, the Financial Aid Policy Committee, the Alcohol Policy Review Committee and the Study Away Committee will be held next semester.

The EPC agreed to adopt a draft copy of its Issues Project for Assembly suggestions.
Hi Mom! Since you're sick, I'm bringing you breakfast in bed!

I prepared eggs, toast and orange juice for you all by myself!

Mom looked at me and smiled, "Nice!"

Sometimes, when I'm sick, you read me a story. Why don't you read one?

No thanks, Calvin. I just want to rest.

What's wrong, mom? Do you know?

What's hard to be a mom for a mom?

Sometimes, when I'm sick, going to have a baby is too much for me.

I asked dad if mom was going to have a baby and he said not this time. Jeff knew that.

Dad said he'd known it was going to have a baby for a year because they looked like a couple with a gland problem.

That's when mom crashed into her pillow.

You have no idea what parents are going to do.

But what will we do without our rudder?

1990's

Shop till you drop!

1990's

A BABY?

Why would she want another kid? It's RUDE!"

Don't suppose she's going to have a baby to you?

You don't suppose she's going to have a baby to you?

I wonder if, wait, wait, wait.

What would she want another kid? RUDE!"

Hey! Are you contagious?

You should really try not to catch a cold.

Mom says I survived two years of my own cooking, and I'm hungry after cooking.

Mom says you ate so much, you're not allowed to get this shop till you drop!

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Rags almost makes it to riches

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Instead of developing their focus, however, the creative team has overzealously altered this Rags, leaving the musical to rest on its score and little else.

Diminishing the dialogue to insignificant song segues (when it hasn’t been eliminated altogether), the creators miss opportunity after opportunity to show how the characters change and grow. Instead of winning Rebecca up to her father, or the built-up reunion of Rebecca and Nathan, we get a secondhand account from David, who acts as the musical’s narrator.

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Academia Crunch by Eddy Bardell

Doctor, I think I might be pregnant. What can I do?

Tell me, I have to defend my right-wing Republic.
SPORTS

Lord Jeffs outdo Connswim teams
by John Gesmundo
The College Voice

Coming off a big November 23 win against Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the Connecticut College Women's Swim Team figured to be fired up to uphold its perfect record against Amherst College on Saturday. Although the Camels put forth an inspired effort, Amherst proved to be exceptional, winning the swim meet 55-40.

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Win number one continues to elude Men's Hockey Team

Mental mistakes plague Camels in three losses

by Dabby Gibson
Institute Sports Editor

The losing streak for the Men's Hockey Team has reached six games after three more losses on the road last week. Conn fell to U. Conn, 8-2, in Boston, 9-1, and then capped the week off with a 6-2 next-day loss to St. Anselm.

"A lot of guys aren't in it mentally right now," said right-wing Chris Hawk, '93.

The six game skid has seen the Camels get outscored 33-10, with close to half of the opponents' goals coming in the second period.

"We're having trouble playing three periods," admitted Hawk. "We can't do it for 60 minutes.

With the step up to more Division II competition this season, it was expected that the schedule was going to be tough. Apparently, having to prepare for 14 Division II teams this season is becoming a real mental hurdle for the team.

Intimidation has kept Conn from playing with the same confidence that the team showed toward the end of last season.

"We were up three points at the half, but the veteran swimmers knew they would have to take charge," said Coach Hagen.

In the Bridgewater State meet, Mullins and Ned Owens, '95, each finished first place in their events. These women have qualified for New England, and will be held in later in the season at Wesleyan.

Combined with the results of the earlier WI-PI meet, which saw other swimmers qualify for the championships, it is easy to see why the Camels merited a positive evaluation from coach Doug Hagen. "We are way ahead of pace at this point in the season." The best may yet to come for the Conn swimmers, with juniors Jessica Sproles, Nuala Thompson, and Carole Clew, '95, Christine Watson, '92, Laura Ewing '93, and Alexi Carayannopoulos, '92, turned it up a notch in the swim meet 55-40.

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Sports

Squash hurtles to perfect 5-0

by Jonathan Zaff
Acting Associate Sports Editor

Most people at Connecticut College follow the so-called big sports of the winter, basketball and hockey. However, some students should start watching a team that is undefeated in its first five matches, its best start since becoming a varsity sport, and on its way to a high national ranking. The men's squash team is devouring its competition.

Two weeks ago, in its first week of competition, the squash team pulled out a stunning win over Stevens' Institute of Technology, 5-4, and then went on to beat rival Army, 6-3, and demolished an inferior Bard College squad, 9-0. One might think that this would be the high point of the season for the team, but things are looking even better. On Saturday, the men's team beat archival, Wesleyan, 6-3, before going on to pummel Babson 8-1.

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The women are very pleased with how they are playing this season. "We're doing so well," co-captain Abbey Tyson, '92, said. "Everyone is playing really well. We have a lot of outstanding freshmen and we're going to be very good." Because of the team's success last season, the squad will be facing some tough competition this year so don't expect them to breeze through the upcoming contests. But Tyson indicated the teammates believe they will still do well. "The Camels' next match will be after break in a tournament at Williams College.

Men's Hoops drops four straight

by Scott Usilton
The College Voice
Associate Sports Editor

The Connecticut College Men's Basketball team began the '91-'92 season with a win over Wentworth College in Boston, but since then the squad has dropped four straight games to Manhattanville College, Roger Williams College, Haverford College, and Union College.

The Camels simply aren't playing anywhere near their potential. They have a lot of skill and talent, but that alone doesn't make wins.

"We lack discipline," David Papadopoulos, '93, said. "We just don't know what it takes to win." The team has lost a few players to injury which undoubtedly disrupted the team's cohesiveness, but that is not the squad's biggest problem. The team is shooting extremely poorly both from the field and from the foul line. In the Whaling City Ford Tournament last weekend as a team the Camels shot only 36 percent from the field and 38 percent from the line in their two games.

In the tournament, the Camels lost to Haverford College, a team that had just broken a 40 game losing streak in a game prior to the tournament, 57-52. In the consolation match up, the Camels lost to the Coast Guard Academy 74-55. Union went on to win the tournament by defeating Haverford in a close, hard-fought game, 70-67.

Question marks have started to arise concerning team unity. Following the Haverford game Derek McNeil, '94, left the team citing a conflict with Head Coach Mo Schoepfer's coaching philosophy. About the only positive note right now for the team is that Mark Luczy, '95, was named to the All-Tournament team with a combined total of 18 points and 17 rebounds in the two games. The Camels return to action at the Union Tournament on January 10.