Local oil spill threatens wildlife and fishing industry

By Jenny Barron
Co-Editor in Chief

The wind is whipping across the sand as the waves crash determinedly against the vacant Rhode Island beach. The fog is rolling in as the bells that warn ships away from shallow waters clang in the distance. This would be your typical coastal scene.

But last week an accident interrupted the calm. The 340-foot barge North Cape ran aground 150 yards off Mataluck State Beach in Rhode Island when the tug that was towing it blazed out of control. Close to one million gallons of heating fuel spilled into the surrounding water.

The Unified Command, which is comprised of officials from the US Coast Guard, federal, state, and local agencies, civilian clean-up contractors, and the owners of the tug and barge, spent last week attempting to deal with what has been called a "major" oil spill.

After days of bad weather, the Coast Guard was finally able to float the barge loose early Friday morning. The North Cape will be transported to Newport, RI for repairs before being sent back to its company in New York. Coast Guard officials say that they are confident that the remaining oil aboard the barge will remain intact.

The above graphic details the weathering processes affecting the North Cape oil spill.

The first number indicates % estimated loss for the initial release of 700,000 gallons. The second indicates the % loss for an additional release of approximately 125,000 gallons.
Winter hardships:
Storm causes flooding in student rooms

BY KRISTIN HELZ
The College Voice

This harsh winter has taken its toll on the entire East coast and Cornell College is no exception. Several students, in particular, have been directly affected by the adverse weather. Over winter break the snow and ice that had accumulated from the Blizzard of '96 began to melt, causing water to leak through the plaster and down into a student's closet on the third floor, flooding the room and contents.

According to Grover, the resident of the third-floor room, where the leak began in the closet and where the damage was probably most severe declined to comment on the extent of the damage to both the room and personal belongings.

According to Grover, she will be required to pay for the damage done to her personal belongings through her homeowners policy. "Unfortunately, my homeowner's policy has a $500 deductible and, therefore, won't cover the damages," said Grover.

The "C" Book states, "The college does not carry fire, burglary, theft or other kinds of insurance to cover the personal possessions of students." Tousaint, took this statement into account when she said, "Fire, theft, and burglary, I can understand that they wouldn't be held responsible for because students can cause that, but when it's the structure of the building, the college should pay for it." When asked who would pay for damage to personal belongings, Norton responded, "I don't know exactly how that is going to come out yet." Currently, Physical Plant is working on repairing the damaged room. According to Norton, they hope to have the second-floor room ready to move into early next week. Norton adds that, "we had a roofing contractor come in last week. When asked what further steps will be taken to prevent a similar incident in the future, Norton replied, "In the long term, our plans are somewhere else so replacing the roof. We can't afford to do that this summer. The patching with roofing cement should get us by for another six months."
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Oil Spill

A Rhode Island Beach patrol official holds just one of the tens of thousands of casualties of the North Cape oil spill. This lobster was one of the smaller victims.

Grebes, eider, and loons. These species are sensitive and very difficult to treat. Listed by the federal government as a threatened and declining species, loons are particularly difficult to treat in captivity.

All but 50,000 gallons of the remaining oil has been offloaded from the barge. The Coast Guard deployed a skimmer system to collect the fuel-and-water mixture from the water's surface. Two shallow-water skimmers also collected oil from the beach area. Oil containment booms were deployed to protect nearby inlets, coves, and the ecologically sensitive ponds in the area. According to the Coast Guard, initial indications suggest that a small amount of fuel has entered the ponds, though the absorbent booms appear to be working. Several inlets and harbors on Block Island have also been boomed off.

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection has taken protective measures to minimize the spill's impact on the New London-Groton portion of Long Island Sound. Protective boom materials have been staged at Avery Point in Groton. The department continues to monitor weather, sea, and land conditions on a daily basis. State wildlife biologists are also involved in surveying the area for the spill's impact on waterfowl and have lined up trained volunteers to assist with wildlife that enters Connecticut waters.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has declared New London county an economic injury disaster area making businesses eligible for Economic Injury Disaster Loans if they can demonstrate they experienced losses as a result of the spill. Assistance is available to fishermen from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) through an existing loan fund.

In addition, the company that owns the North Cape has established an office to process claims. The Federal government is also getting involved. Ron Brown, US Secretary of Commerce, has been designated by President Clinton to head the Administration task force which will respond to economic recovery needs arising from the spill. The task force actions will include emergency inspection of Rhode Island's seafood to ensure product safety; a declaration of Economic Injury Disaster Loan Area for Washington, Kent, and Newport Counties in Rhode Island and New London County in Connecticut; and disbursement of $600,000 to the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation so that it can start taking loan fund applications from affected businesses and individuals.

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Conn Review sets spring semester goals

Having completed a study of various course evaluation methods, the members of the Conn Review are making plans for spring semester events. The group did send out course evaluation questionnaires to all faculty members at the end of the last semester, but received only a five percent return rate.

The Review is currently creating a new questionnaire for each department based on its area of study (i.e., humanities and social sciences, sciences, languages, and arts). The group will meet with the Board of Advisory Chairs to develop these questionnaires, which will be distributed at the end of the spring semester. They plan to put out the first issue of the Conn Review in the fall.

The Review staff is also drafting a writer’s guide which will outline the process for writing the evaluations included in the publication. The writer’s guide will be submitted to the Conn Review Advisory Boards, the Board of Advisory Chairs, and the faculty for consideration.

The group has set up an e-mail address in order to facilitate campus discussion on this issue (connrev@conncoll.edu).

Camel Van starts second semester runs

The Camel Van began its rounds last weekend with extended Sunday hours and more runs to increase efficiency. The Office of Student Life will be distributing the new schedule to all students this week either by campus mail or by dorm.

The Camel Van provides round-trip service to places like the Crystal Mall, Waterford Cinemas, Stop & Shop, and Mystic for 50 cents. Tickets can be purchased at the Information desk and the Van leaves from Cro.

“I think it [the Camel Van program] went well for starting so late in the semester,” said Mark Hoffman, director of student activities. He said that snow cancellations, getting the word out, and getting the drivers used to the schedule were the only problems that the program faced at the end of last semester.

Hoffman said that more runs will be added to the schedule. He explained that this will prevent problems like people having to take an hour-long ride just to get to Stop & Shop.

Hoffman added that using the van as an airport shuttle went very well; 53 students took advantage of this service. Hoffman said that the shuttle will run during spring break as well.

Information services staff warns of security issues

Perhaps you are not aware but when you share your e-mail password with anyone, particularly those not on our system, it could cost you and the school.

According to Connie Dowell, dean of information services, there are legal implications for our on-line system when students share passwords. “We define our user community in a certain way and there are legal/political consequences that could arise,” said Dowell.

Licensable with the Connecticut, Trinity and Wesleyan (CTW) library program are important and sharing passwords could cause problems. According to Dowell, some databases such as Firstsearch charge the school a per-search charge and having people who do not belong to the system use it could have budget implications.

On a related note, the information services staff has warned against students attempting to test the security system at the library just for fun. According to Dowell, students have been caught attempting to take materials out of the library.

Not only is Dowell concerned about library materials’ being available to students and faculty when they need them, but this is an issue related to the honor code. Dowell will therefore pass these security reports on to the Judiciary Board for review.

New television enhances Cro.

Where did it come from? Does anybody know? One day it wasn’t there and the next day it was. What you may be wondering are we talking about? In case you haven’t noticed, there is a new TV in Cro.

According to freshmen Kristin Helz, the new TV mysteriously appeared during Dean’s Term and for the next few weeks everyone was buzzing about where it came from.

The new TV enhanced Dean’s Term greatly and participants enjoyed the chance to watch Thursday evening television on a big screen. But the TV had to come from somewhere.

According to Dan Shedd, SGA president, the television was part of renovations to Cro and Mark Hoffman assured that it was put in the second floor lounging area over winter break.

While students are enthusiastic about the new TV and glad to get a chance to watch their favorites shows right here in Cro, a few have expressed concern about the safety of the TV.

One student mentioned that it is in close proximity to many potential hazards including the bar, pool table and ping pong table and that the TV could get damaged but still felt that it was a great addition to Cro.

All information on this page was compiled by Michelle Ronayne and Jenny Barron.

As many of you may have heard, senior Ann Hollis had a severe accident while skiing. According to Catherine WoodBrooks, dean of student life, Ann is in good spirits and would welcome cards and letters. If you would address the above to send cards and flowers, you may contact the Office of Student Life, Cro 218 at x 2825.

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US soldier "grazed" by bullet in Bosnia

A US Army officer was "grazed in the neck" by apparent sniper fire Sunday morning in a Serb-held Sarajevo suburb, according to a NATO source in Bosnia. Lt. Shawn H. Watts, 28, of Mississippi, was back on duty several hours after the incident. An investigation was under- way and NATO did not say who he be- lieved was responsible.

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Clinton, nation remembers Challenger crew.

A decade after their deaths, the brav- ery, commitment and patriotism of the seven-member crew of the space shuttle Challenger *remain constant, as fixed as the North Star*, President Clinton said Saturday.

Sparking the day before the tenth an- niversary of the explosion that shattered the Challenger as it rose from its launch- tower in Florida, Clinton asked Americans to "remember together a tragedy...that tore at our nation's heart."

On Sunday it was a decade ago that the Challenger took off on an unusually cold Florida morning. Seventy-three seconds later, all seven astronauts aboard perished in the most disastrous accident the US space program has ever seen.

In the wake of the Challenger explosion, NASA was left broken in its core. The limits of NASA became apparent to the nation. Now, 49 shuttle missions later, NASA is looking beyond the shuttle to what comes next.

Nasa is riding on yesterday's tech- nology. The shuttle was designed in the 1960s and 1970s and it may be another 20 years before NASA trades in the fleet for a new generation of reusable rockets.

But because of growing concern about the reliability of the shuttle's aging equipment, NASA is exploring new alterna- tives to the shuttle. In the next three years, NASA plans to spend nearly one billion dollars helping private industry build an experimental rocket which would pave the way for the next genera- tion of manned reusable launch vehicles (RLVs), that could reach low earth orbit

without shedding rockets or fuel tanks.

Budget battle continues with focus on debt ceiling.

The government is up and running, thanks to a short-term spending bill signed by President Clinton Friday night. The measure keeps unfunded depart- ments and programs going until March 15, many with reduced spending levels. The next hurdle in the budget battle is raising the debt ceiling, which the Presi- dent insists is a must.

The United States had hit its debt ceil- ing of $4.9 trillion, and Treasury Secre- tary Robert Rubin says that around March 1 the government will run out of borrow- ing power.

In the Saturday radio address, Clinton called on Congress to stop playing polit- ics on the issues. The consequences of default, he said, are grave. Clinton said that interest rates could also go up for businesses, consumers, and homeowners. He added that Social Se- curity checks would not be able to be mailed out.

During debate over keeping the gov- ernment funded, Republicans assured jittery financial markets that they will vote to raise the debt ceiling. They are promising cooperation, but their sched- uling could push the debt ceiling issue to a critical point. Congress is to adjourn next week until February 26, just days before the government is likely to de- fault.

France detonates sixth nuclear test bomb.

The French government detonated its sixth underground nuclear test bomb in the Pacific Ocean on Saturday.

The bomb, which French officials said was equivalent to less than 129 kilotons of conventional explosives, was the last in a series of six planned detonations in French Polynesia. Saturday's explosion in the Fngaleaule Atol was the largest of the series.

According to the French Defense Min- istry, the prime objective of the bomb was "to guarantee the security and viability" of France's nuclear arsenal. The govern- ment also maintains that the tests will allow for the development of new military technology that will make further testing unnecessary.

The tests, which began in September, have prompted an international outcry by environmental groups and govern- ments in the region. The French govern- ment says it is responding to the protests by scaling back the number of detonations from eight to six and promising to sign the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty by May.

The underground test violate a 1992 moratorium declared by the Russian Federation. President Francois Mitterand, who died of cancer earlier this month after leaving office in May 1995.

Senate ratifies nuclear arms reduc- tion treaty.

After months of delay, the US senate ratified the START II nuclear arms re- duction treaty on Friday. The treaty will make further cuts in both US and Rus- sian nuclear arsenals. If the Russian parliament follows suit.

Officials say the Strategic Arms Reduc- tion effort is off to a good start. Just three weeks ago, Defense Secretary William Perry helped blow up a silo at a missile base in Alaska, where 700 warheads were once aimed at major US cities.

The dismantling and removal of thou- sands of nuclear warheads from the United States, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Kazakhstan is ahead of the schedule called for in the START I agreement signed in 1992.

START covers 9,000 warheads in each of the US and former Soviet Union nuclear arsenals. START II would require reduc- tions of another 5,000 warheads each, a total of 14,000 on each side.

START II was signed by Presidents George Bush and Boris Yeltsin in Jan- uary 1995 in Moscow. It holds each side to between 3,000 and 3,500 warheads, elimi- nates land-based multiple warhead mis- siles, and puts limits on submarine-based missiles.

Ratification of the treaty by the US Senate leaves the fate of START II to the Duma, the Russian Parliament, which has taken an anti-US turn in the wake of Russia's nuclear explosion.

On Friday, President Clinton called Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who tried to reassure the US that hard-liners won't torpedo the treaty.
The Challenger tragedy leaves us a troubling question a decade later

Last Sunday marked the passing of a decade since the fatal in-flight explosion of the space shuttle Challenger. Launched on the morning of January 28, 1986, the shuttle exploded at an altitude of 46,000 feet, slightly over one minute after takeoff. Unlike previous shuttle accidents, the Challenger incident could have been prevented based on knowledge possessed by those charged with reconstruction and building the vehicle, knowledge which in some cases predated the incident by five years.

The events which led to the incident were interdependently connected, and shortcomings in procedure and organizational attitude allowed several problems to be overlooked. The study of these events is a cautionary example of how weakly structured organizations may break havoc if allowed to stagnate.

The President's commission into the Challenger tragedy determined that the explosion of STS 51-L was caused by a seal failure that occurred in the upper portion of the central external fuel tank. The failure was initiated by the destruction of the SRM O-Ring, which, under the extremely low temperature of the tank, acted as a gas leak. The hydrogen tank, which combined to create the seal at the aft end of the solid rocket booster, vented gases, and the escaping compressed gas traveled into the area within the central external fuel tank, which abutted a large amount of liquid hydrogen. As the tank was cooled by low temperatures and wind shear, which combined to create the seal at the aft end of the solid rocket booster, the space shuttle's oxygen tank was flow into the area within the central external fuel tank, which abutted the oxygen tank. The hydrogen tank entered the intertank area and penetrated the bottom of the oxygen tank within the external central fuel tank. This propelled the hydrogen tank forward to the area within the central external fuel tank between the hydrogen tank and the oxygen tank. The temperature of the Challenger's right solid rocket booster was measured at approximately 16 degrees Fahrenheit prior to launch on January 28, 1986. In addition, none of the tests accounted for the effect of wind shear upon the O-rings, which was a factor in the explosion.

The source of this carelessness is traceable to an 1982 decision by NASA administrators to accelerate the space shuttle launch schedule. An early plan was so bold so to launch a space shuttle every two weeks up to 16 as the years passed and the new parts of NASA improved their quality assurance. The O-ring's only serious flaw was the presence of a tiny gap which could have been closed by a thorough testing program. The decision to forgo a thorough testing program in order to prevent the repetition of such an unnecessary loss of life and resources was undertaken. Eighty-two new directives were instituted over a long-term period, which included the formation of system design review committees which would oversee subtesting teams, who would define the mission of each rocket booster, the strengthening of communication and quality control in the organization, the reestablishment of a heads of safety and quality assurance directorate which would oversee both the system design review and the committees who would be responsible for the solid rocket booster, a strengthening of program management, the reinstatement of the position of director of the shuttle program, the revitalization of the office of the space flight management council, the total redesigning of the aft seal which failed with a capture feature and an O-ring to reduce joint detection and improve sealing quality, and an easing of the flight rate, which would start at below ten, and gradually work its way up to 16 as the years passed and the new parts of NASA improved their quality assurance. The source of this carelessness is traceable to an 1982 decision by NASA administrators to accelerate the space shuttle launch schedule. An early plan was so bold so to launch a space shuttle every two weeks up to 16 as the years passed and the new parts of NASA improved their quality assurance.

Three years before the January 1986 launch, Morton Thiokol expressed concern that the O-rings on the Challenger may not be capable of withstanding certain climatic conditions, as lower temperatures may cause the seals to take a longer time to 'seat.' However, these early doubts were eventually reversed in a fax memo from the company due to NASA applying pressure to launch. This memo states that while Solid Rocket Motor O-Ring model 25 (used on Challenger) would on average be 20 degrees colder than Solid Rocket Motor O-Ring model 15, have an erosion rate approximately three times greater than that of Solid Rocket Motor O-Ring model 15, and therefore leak more gas than Solid Rocket Motor O-Ring model 15, Examination of the system which included the secondary O-Ring (also a model 25) showed that this secondary seal would stop all gases which were missed by the first seal.

Unfortunately, these findings were strongly based upon previous research into the Titan joint seals, which were mistakenly assumed to be similar enough to Solid Rocket Motor O-Ring model 25 so that the Titan's flight history could be used to establish confidence in Solid Rocket Motor O-Ring model 25. The added cost of more thorough testing of the Solid Rocket Motor O-Ring model 25, along with the extreme time pressure which was put on part of NASA and Morton Thiokol, were probably factors in the decision to forego more scientifically based testing. Even more troubling, the Titan joint seal tests were conducted at a cold gas temperature of 30 degrees Fahrenheit, while the temperature of the Challenger's right solid rocket booster was measured at approximately 16 degrees Fahrenheit prior to flight on January 28, 1986. In addition, none of the tests accounted for the effect of wind shear upon the O-rings, which was a factor in the explosion.

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One failed ball bearing discovered during pump disassembly.

24,000 Hz high vibration levels emanating from engine 2025.

Cracks found in liquid oxygen inlet splitter vanes on ground test engine 2116.

44,000 Hz high vibration levels emanating from engine 2025.

Intermittent firing of spark ignitors was indicated during engine prelaunch checkout.

Sheet-metal panel which was part of the housing of a turbine came loose and was found lodged against turbine nozzle.

Also documented is the fact that a gusset arm banged into an external fuel tank a few days prior to the launch, a previous aborted launch which required the crew to be evacuated was impeded due to a stripped bolt on the escape hatch, when a drill was removed to bore out the bolt, it turned out that no drilling was necessary and the space shuttle was not regarded by NASA as to be as well established technologically as commercial airliners. Due to this, the double project was not given the intense scrutiny it merited as a research project.

This non-research attitude manifested itself most strongly in the decision to allow non-astronauts to join the Challenger crew.

In the wake of the tragedy, a massive effort to restructure NASA in order to prevent the repetition of such an unnecessary loss of life and resources was undertaken. Eighty-two new directives were instituted over a long-term period, which included the formation of system design review committees which would oversee sub testing teams, who would define the mission of each rocket booster, the strengthening of communication and quality control in the organization, the reestablishment of a heads of safety and quality assurance directorate which would oversee both the system design review and the committees who would be responsible for the solid rocket booster, a strengthening of program management, the reinstatement of the position of director of the shuttle program, the revitalization of the office of the space flight management council, the total redesigning of the aft seal which failed with a capture feature and an O-ring to reduce joint detection and improve sealing quality, and an easing of the flight rate, which would start at below ten, and gradually work its way up to 16 as the years passed and the new parts of NASA improved their quality assurance.

So, in hindsight, NASA solved the problems which were more than a decade of laxity created. However, the troubling question remains: why did seven people have to die before these issues were effectively addressed?

Sources:

Rudolf Radna '98
Schmoozing's predictions for 1996

What does $27,000 buy you at City College? Well, one thing you get is excavation. Since last semester, we know the college has its share of heating costs, but Moses would have thought our break was too long. However, winner break is not totally devoid of work. One good thing about that you will get to see the multitude of end-of-year retrospectives - The Best of CNN; Spike & Elbert's Top Ten of the Year; Entertainment Television's Best Worthless, Unfounded GOSSIP of the Year; New York Times; Now that the new year is upon us, we here at Schmoosching would like to take a look back. So in our first issue of the second semester we are putting our reputation on the line. (If it's such a thing we would put.) Here are our predictions for the new year:

In Politics:
- President Clinton's lucky Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole starts off his convention speech with "All right, everybody shut up and listen!" - John Salvi gets nailed by The Canadian Constitution's Man of the Year.
- Louis Farrakhan corrects a reporter, saying "I never called the Jews 'murderers'."
- Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, "You got it all wrong, little motherfuckers!"
- The New Yorker's extending affirmative action to sports in order to increase the numbers of black players in hockey and the number of whites in basketball.

In Sports:
- In a surprising career move, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates runs for Sen. of God but loses to highly popular Jesus Christ. Gates later reflects, "I think he did it my way."
- To soften up his image, Pat Buchanan declares that he will now reject contributions from Ayn Rand.
- In a tacit admission of the fact that an older Congress man, Strom Thurmond does an "I farted and you smell better" - shirt and a white hood at a National Urban League rally in Washington, D.C. Asked to comment Thurmond's actions, fellow Congressmen Jefferson Holmes exclaims, "He better give me back that damn hood!
- In the turn of events Shinseki and Congressmen are relentlessly sodomized by America's "non-essential" workers. Shortly thereafter, George Plimpton writes a book chroniquing the sordid tale entitled, "From Watergate to the Washington Mall: Movies That Make You Want to Die."
- "Some grump in Hollywood....a fistful of Urn."
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- The film "Fistful" is SMUT rated and immediately calls for a boycott of America's favorite anti-art.

In Entertainment:
- Oliver Stone's releases his latest film, "Dukakis: From Watergate to the Washington Mall." At dedication, the legendary "I Have A Dream!"
- Leaving LAs Vegas: The Jon Cows are reunited
- Michael Jackson takes the lean gene protein and turns into Yoda.
- While no longer stains her skirt, Mary Kaye's latest film, "The Fantasy" is a huge box-office success. "Doris Day, Edie Gormel the first feature to bottomless for the rest of the semester. Pressed for a comment, President Dukakis exclaims, "I don't know whether to handle this."
- A scantily-clad woman is walking around with a black Granny and an even more American woman's can't walk for a moment longer...
- In the first surprise in Oceania history Last Vegas. The Jim Cows story steals the Best Picture award from a highly favored Apollo 13.
- "You did it your way, mister," a friend tells a dying Ford Sinatra. "Buck, you're the best man I've ever met in my life."
- "Dukakis is a crook," said one John Know. At the dedication, "I had a dream."
- The second-scared Anna Nicole Smith joins the "Get Milk!" ad campaign.
- O.J. and Nicole's kids see therapy saying, "I don't know whether to kill or be killed."
- In a narrow victory over Camille Paglia, Woody Allen is chosen to be the father of Madonna's child. Overcome by massive genetic and sexual confusion, the child explodes.
- Elizabeth Hurley finally severs ties with Hugh Grant after the charming Brit is caught at a N.A.M.B.L.A. meeting.
- Joe Montana is acquitted by an all-white jury. Friends of Montana go to Las Vegas and gamble away their money. "It's all right with me, the media can have our money."
- Following what you see in Camelot...Moses has our money."
- As in every year, "The velvet glove and the iron fist"..."The velvet glove and the iron fist"..."The velvet glove and the iron fist"...
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- The Democrats propose extending affirmative action to sports in order to protect the perpetrator just the attention the top sports. Councils for a solution when he presents the Dean's Task Force to improve Intercollegiate Understanding protocol for responding to incidents of hate graffiti. There is in black and white, a step by step process for putting some closure on the question of what do we best handle such incidents of harassment. Today we have six clear stages to follow but when has graffiti is reported? As the Dean of the College himself, the protocol has not been followed so far.

Following what you see in Camelot...Moses has our money."

We'd like to close with the words of our graduation speaker Tom Brokaw, who said in his year-end retrospective, "To all of you who keep listening in a world that keeps spinning out of control...Happy New Year."

Amen, brother.

Jay Jarch and Matt Malone

Encouraging interdisciplinary education at Conn

Over the last five years, the college has launched a series of new initiatives which are slowly transforming the curriculum from a traditional model based on separate, "coherent" disciplines, each with its own set of questions and concerns and turf to a more flexible approach using an interdisciplinary model in which larger questions can be shared and furnish meaningful dialogue. Of the most important changes include: 1) the creation of programs like Freshman Focus and CBLE, 2) new majors and area studies like Environmental Design and CISLA, and 3) a new General Education category of "Critical Studies" which links Arts and Humanities, 4) the formation of faculty reading groups, and 5) the requirement that faculty search committees include another discipline. As the result of a proposal to the Dean of the Faculty, Dean committed to transcending academic specialization, it is possible to make further progress in this...
area. Among the many opportunities for encouraging teaching andthinking, one that seems to strike me as particularly appealing and relatively inexpensive is multidisciplinary team-teaching. In a team-taught course across disciplines, no department loses a course since the same course is cross-listed. While the team approach as a whole typically loses one course, each team member usually loses something with an enrollment of five or seven students and gains a far more interesting course with a healthy environment for exploring multidisciplinary discussions in an active learning environment. At a time when everyone pays at least lip service to "interdisciplinary" education, the willingness of departments to make their majors more interdisciplinary by offering team-taught courses within the major offers a crucial test.

For the administration, full course credit should be given to all professors who are teaching team-taught courses. Otherwise, team-taught course will remain a minor exception to the rule. With full credit, such courses could emerge as powerful models both within and outside individual departments. Like the ripples spreading out quietly from a stone tossed in a pond, team-taught courses have larger consequences both for the curriculum and for campus intellectual life as a whole spurred by two colleagues either teaching or planning to teach team-taught courses, Marc Forster and I are now talking about a course on the Renaissance city, which will cover history, economics, music, religion, literature, urban design, architecture, and visual representation. For departments, full credit for the major (and minor) should be given for all team-taught courses. There is still a need to spread departmental culture confining the occasional team-taught course to elective status outside the major. Some administrators rush to offer (regular) team-taught courses because they would have to sacrifice "the essential" courses required for the major. This thinking, in particular, suggests an inability to see how the major itself could become interdisciplinary. It could be transformed into a major fast-flowing and open to productive exchanges with other disciplines. The notion that our disciplines have stable, essential yearnings for specialties which are "founded core" but only well-established in many departments here. It remains the greatest single obstacle to making our education more coherent and multidisciplinary.

At present, only a few departments give full credit in the major for courses half or more taught by people outside that department. Among the more enlightened departments, the English department gives its majors full credit for a new course on medieval culture and history even though two thirds of the course is taught by professors in History and Art History. Many other disciplines also get full credit for this admissible course.) Japanese and History are about to do the same for a new team-taught course on the PacifiC War with yet another such course in Art History on "War and Memory." The Japanese department also requires its majors to take a course in History and another in linguistics. This is another instance of more interdisciplinary and raising intellectual demands without having to give up certain courses from the old curriculum.

Bound to narrow notions of "disciplinary coherence" and a fixed set of traditional disciplinary questions, methodologies, procedures, and subject matter, some of the professors who most warmly embrace interdisciplinary teaching are the same people choosing to open their major to other fields. They worry their discipline will lose its "intellectual coherence" if it grants full credit in the major for courses half taught by "outsiders." Traditional questions can be neglected and shared. The major will be watered down by foreign concerns. The department will abdicate its lofty mission of educating students within a particular field as part of their liberal arts education. And so on.

The primary purpose of such rhetoric is to protect an ossified, static, "disciplinary" culture and the turf which accounts for smaller still in individual academic specialization, the postage-stamped sized intellectual areas which so many modern academics have staked out and whose borders they will defend to the death like police. Those in these fields either ignore or fearlessly resist the sea change which has taken place in much education and research over the last twenty years and the erosion of the traditional collectives between departments and divisions. Incredibly, historians write some of the most influential books in art history (Schaum) and religious studies (Bynum). Art historians write on musicology (Lepper) and the "new art history" (Blyson). Literary history, religious studies, musicology, and art history borrow heavily from the social sciences, especially anthropology. Historically itself has become increasingly anthropological (new historical...)

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Have no fear

In your issue of December 12, reporter Morgan Hertzman had a front page story about student safety that was lacking in great amounts of facts and full of innuendo. His perspective would leave an uninformed student feeling unrest and worry. This mentality simply protects the still smaller turf of individuals and raising intellectual demands without having to give up certain courses from the old curriculum.

Innovative and creative solutions have been proposed to more closely align education and research with the needs of the larger community. For example, images of the past, elsewhere and here, are the foundation of new courses in art history (Schaum) and religious studies (Bynum). Similarly, anthropologists write on musicology (Lepper) and the "new art history" (Blyson). Literary history, religious studies, musicology, and art history borrow heavily from the social sciences, especially anthropology. Historically itself has become increasingly anthropological (new historical...).

Dioxin Dangers by Brigid O'Donoghue

Various articles have recently appeared about dioxin and its associated dangers, but public awareness is still low. Dioxin is taking its toll on the environment and on people's health but different industries continue to produce it in alarming quantities. Action was not taken being taken by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)\, and with increasing budget cuts, budgets, and an increasing number of products, it is looking more likely that it will occur for years unless publicly supported. Dioxin, the most toxic dioxin publicly known, to date, distributes in bodily tissues at sites normally used for development and enzymes to regulate activities. When dioxin accumulates, this regulation is prevented, resulting in health problems. Too much dioxin is injurious for the female reproductive system, destroying or disrupting it. In addition, dioxin damages the central and peripheral nervous systems, liver, immune system, and gastrointestinal damage, and lung problems. According to a new EPA report, Americans have either reached or almost reached the level at which these effects occur. Any further exposure may last to any disease.

When chlorine breaks down, dioxin is created as a byproduct, so any process which uses chlorine to preserve goods will be affected. Some primary sources of dioxin are waste incineration, chemical and plastic manufacturing, especially PVC, and paper manufacturing. The result from rubber, dye and pesticide production. Dioxin exists in all food, water, air, and dust. Even the smallest amounts of dioxin, though, are harmful to humans, causing cancer and birth defects. In addition, it is harmful to the environment and can be transported by wind and water. In food and beverages, dioxin can be harmful to the body and cause cancer.

Dioxin has a long half-life in the environment and can be transported by wind and water. It can also accumulate in the food chain and become more concentrated as it moves up the food chain. Because of this, it is important to reduce exposure to dioxin. This can be done by avoiding foods that are likely to contain dioxin, such as fish, dairy products, and meats. It is also important to reduce the use of products that contain dioxin, such as chlorinated bleaching products. This includes products such as paper towels, toilet paper, and tampons.

The fastest growing, most vital areas in the curriculum are also protected by the "outsiders." Traditional questions will be neglected or abandoned. The purpose of such rhetoric is to protect an ossified, static, "disciplinary" culture and the turf which accounts for smaller still in individual academic specialization, the postage-stamped sized intellectual areas which so many modern academics have staked out and whose borders they will defend to the death like police. Those in these fields either ignore or fearlessly resist the sea change which has taken place in much education and research over the last twenty years and the erosion of the traditional collectives between departments and divisions. Incredibly, historians write some of the most influential books in art history (Schaum) and religious studies (Bynum). Art historians write on musicology (Lepper) and the "new art history" (Blyson). Literary history, religious studies, musicology, and art history borrow heavily from the social sciences, especially anthropology. Historically itself has become increasingly anthropological (new historical...).
Martha's Diary rocks Pool Hand Luke's

BY JASON SALTER Associate Features Editor

Dave Matthews Band, Phish, REM, and several of today's biggest bands all started by playing small venues. Will Martha's Diary be the next band to blast over the airwaves? If their show at Pool Hand Luke's was any indication, their name could become well-known very soon.

The packed bar teemed with a number of classic rock favorites and promising originals, all performed by an up-and-coming Connecticut College band.

Thursday night, the TNE was officially moved into the New London bar, Pool Hand Luke's. The popular college hang out was literally packed wall to wall with people, both young and old rocking to songs like "Flat Out," "Separation" and "Drink You Under the Table," all original songs written by the band.

Donning Pippi Longstocking and the Yellow Brick Road, lead singer Chris Griffin sang to Nick Stern's and Wind Oehler's hoisting guitar playing, Chris North's bass, and Landon Leroy's repetitive drumming. Even a Temple vs. Duke basketball game airing in the background wasn't enough to draw the attention of the crowd from popular cover songs such as "Rocking in the Free World," written by Neil Young and sung by Nick Stern, and "Paint it Black" by the Rolling Stones.

The group consists of free Connecticut College students each with the musical talents to give the group an innovative sound that will be sure to attract the likes of all. The band played songs by classic groups such as the Rolling Stones with an intensity that would impress Mick and the boys.

The thing that sets this group apart, however, was the array of original songs that displayed definite potential. Any group can play old favorites, but the test of a group is their own material. The crowd at Pool Hand Luke's was any indication, their name could become well-known very soon.

Martha's Diary was indeed packed wall to wall with fans who came to hear the sound of Martha's Diary. Catchy guitar riffs coupled with a strong beat and decent lyrics make Martha's Diary's new music something that people can turn to if they are sick of Hootie Hootie Hootie. Martha's Diary packed Pool Hand Luke's the last time they played and drew an impressive turnout at shows on campus.

"We love playing at Pool Hand Luke's because it is a nice intimate setting where we can easily gauge a crowd's reaction to our material," said guitarist Nick Stern. "Since the heart of our music is original, it's nice to have a place like Pool Hand Luke's to try out new songs in front of our friends." Stern is the only freshman in the band.

Martha's Diary will continue to play M.O.R.O.C. shows on campus, and will be playing at Pool Hand Luke's again on February 15. The group also plans to play in New York City over the first weekend of spring break, and they hope to play at Florence in May.

Will Everclear Sparkle and Fade?

BY BRIETT WOLFF
College Voice

What band has a lead singer with short, platinum-blonde hair who cries out "I am synthetic," and a video on MTV where the members perform under the ocean? The answer is not Hootie and the Blowfish; rather, Everclear, a new band that has been receiving great deals of playtime on MTV. In fact, chances are that if you're a regular viewer of MTV, you've heard Everclear.

Everclear has earned their spot on the music charts. Their debut album, Sparkle and Fade, proves they know how to deliver to a wide-range of audiences. The sound they produce doesn't fit into any one particular category; rather, it's simply an alternative sound that sells big. Consumers are yearning for something new, and Everclear delivers it.

Everclear has a Nirvana-like sound, it is undeniable and an apparent theme throughout the duration of Sparkle and Fade. Unlike typical Nirvana-like relationship. He runs away to the west coast where he struggles with a never-ending search for peace from his prior relationship. "I am still living with your ghost...Lonely and dreaming of the West Coast."

"Heroin Girl" is frequently played over the radio airwaves. This fast-beat tune's popularity rests on its lyrics, fast guitars, and a crafty performance by vocalist Alexakis.

The hardships of an international relationship is expressed in a song on Sparkle and Fade. "Heartsparks Dollar signs" does a good job of tackling the tough subject; the song remains as light-hearted as it possibly could be considering the subject.

Everclear's audience won't shed any tears over Sparkle and Fade; but they will get a few lyrics from a chorus stuck in their heads that repeat over and over again.

No major revelations about life will be made after listening to this album, a familiar trend when looking at the mainstream/alternative path that music has taken. Everclear may be another one of the MTV's protégées that is headed for the dump after the sell-out of their album Sparkle and Fade. The album's title is almost ironic when looking at other alternative bands that have made it big usually can consider themselves as "over.

Only time will tell if Everclear is to live up to its debut album's expectations.

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Mr. Holland’s Opus: A tribute to teachers everywhere

BY MICHAEL ADELSON
Professor of Music

Are you familiar with what is going on in Birmingham, Michigan? This past December, a war erupted there. It was a war that enraged many of the residents of this Detroit suburb; it was a war over Christmas music.

For years, Birmingham has had a tradition of playing Christmas music over loudspeakers hung on trees throughout the city. It is thought by many to lend a festive air to the holidays. The music can be heard all day and into the evening, everyday, all over Birmingham’s business and shopping districts. The program is sponsored by the Principal Shopping District, a government body funded by a tax on business and shopping district members of all ages because they have three decades of school in which to find their place and relive past memories.

Mr. Holland’s Opus shows the aging process of Glenn Holland extremely well. The choice of Richard Dreyfus to play the leading part allowed the makeup artists to work in “reverse”; instead of making Dreyfus older, as is typical in Hollywood, they were forced to make him look younger. Their efforts produced an aging sequence that appeared incredibly realistic. This film has something in it for everyone; we all have, at one time or another, had a teacher who went beyond his or her job description to be a true mentor. Teachers inspire us and help us to grow.

“Mr. Holland’s Opus” is a tribute to all those teachers who have affected so many people, and yet have not been given the recognition that they deserve.

RATING: ★★★½

Alex Bishop
Killed by a drunk driver on November 8, 1992, on U.S. 23 near Bangor Road in Kent, Washington.

If you don’t stop your friend from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

FRIENDS DON’T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.
Great Music is Only a Few Miles Away

DAMON KRIEGER
A & E Editor

You don’t have to travel all the way to New York or Boston to hear good music; in fact, you only have to drive a few miles down the road. The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra, directed by Paul C. Phillips, is captivating and delightful musical ensemble. In a performance of Jean Sibelius’ Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in d minor, op. 47 and Henryk Gorecki’s Symphony No. 3, last Saturday evening, the ECSO masterfully captured the expressive and technical elements of both works.

Yoko Naito, the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Young Artist Competition Winner, was the featured soloist in the Sibelius violin concerto. This work was written for virtuoso violin players, and Ms. Naito’s playing Saturday evening showed that she does indeed fit into that auspicious category. Her technical prowess was evident in the way she played the challenging two cadenzas of the first movement. The expressive nature of her playing was also remarkable, particularly for someone of such a young age. This was notably evident in the finale as Ms. Naito soared into the high register of the violin above a darkly colored orchestra.

Gorecki’s Symphony No. 3, subtitled Symphony of Sorrowful Songs, was as Dr. Phillips said, “a soul-searching piece of music.” This symphony was recorded in 1992 by David Zinman and the London Symphony Orchestra and shortly after became one of the best selling albums in the world; it even made the British Pop Charts as a result of its record-breaking sales.

Why did this piece of music have such a wide-spread appeal? It is a question that is difficult to answer. One explanation, however, may be that the meditative quality of this work compels people to look inward and reexamine their place in the universe. Its musical simplicity allows the listener to become more aware of the effect on the performers making it happen, rather than being forced to pay close attention to every pitch as it is played.

The performance of Gorecki’s Symphony No. 3 by the ECSO was indeed a “soul-searching” one. The canon of the first movement clearly developed out of the lower strings until the entire ensemble joined in to prepare the path for the entrance of the solo soprano part, performed by Constance Rock. Psychologically, this piece has a mesmerizing effect on the performers making it extremely difficult to remain focused on the task of performing; the ECSO, however, did a wonderful job of maintaining the sound without losing the cohesiveness that is critical to a good performance.

The next performance by the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra will take place on March 23 at the Garde Arts Center in New London. Also of interest, on Sunday, February 11 at 1 p.m in Dana Hall, Connecticut College, the final rounds of the 1996 ECSO Young Artist Competition will take place.
Soap Updates

ALL MY CHILDREN: Dixie confronted Tad and Liz separately about the kiss, only to have each blame the other for initiating it. Liz told Dimitri she knew the truth about Erica. When Enid got into a stint about Trevor wanting to represent Michael against the school board, he sold him a photo of the president's brother by hometown students. After Phoebe told him Brooke planned to go with Pierre to an art show, Adam decided to check into his "troubled" past. Janet snuck into the emergency room after learning that Amanda had taken ill. Wait To See: Kinder has a surprise for Gloria.

ANOTHER WORLD: Concerned about Vicky's apparent attachment to Grant, Jake secretly canceled her vacation reservation. As part of Maggie's revenge plan, Rafael lied to a fearful Cecilia. So that she killed Maggie. But later she was thrilled to learn she was Maggie's sole heir. Starlene drove John into Felicia's arms when she refused to let him go. Celeste was happy when Vicky's blessings as she went forward with her plan to force Grant to confess. Wait To See: Courtney Jacobs a crucial decision about Andrew.

WATSON: After an argument with Brooke, Ridge went to the steam room where Lauren tried to tell him how much he loved her. Brooke fired Mike when she confronted him with a pill bottle that accused her of hurting Sheila. The gun went off, but Brooke wasn't hit. Sly overhead Eric talked to Maggie about being financially responsible for Jessica. Tommy Tune came to Thorne's audition for a role in his Broadway production of "Grease." Mike threatened to have him taken out after she offered to pay him money. Ridge found a letter in a book he planned to read. Wait To See: Brooke's chances to marry Ridge grow dimmer.

THE CITY: Angie learned the newspaper article about Kayla's inquiries about adoption, Sydney and Nick each believed the other stood him/her up for the Empire State Building rendezvous. Jody heard Tony and Alex discuss their investigation of the Atlantic City call girl ring. Buck warned her not to mess with Samuel. Sydney felt sure Tess wasn't sending Internet messages about Jax. Meanwhile, Malcolm assured his mystery caller that Sydney's strange behavior. Wait To See: Alex gets a disturbing clue about the merger.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: The Woman in White prepared to act. Sami told her ex-husband she'd been with Austin completely away from Carrie. Marlena was concerned about Stefano. Kristen was concerned about Margo's rapidly changing behavior. Mac ORGANIZATION. 0: They won't disappoint you.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: After an argument with Brooke, Ridge went to the steam room where Lauren tried to tell him how much he loved her. Brooke fired Mike when she confronted him with a pill bottle that accused her of hurting Sheila. The gun went off, but Brooke wasn't hit. Sly overhead Eric talked to Maggie about being financially responsible for Jessica. Tommy Tune came to Thorne's audition for a role in his Broadway production of "Grease." Mike threatened to have him taken out after she offered to pay him money. Ridge found a letter in a book he planned to read. Wait To See: Brooke's chances to marry Ridge grow dimmer.

Intimate to save him. Luan asked Marijo not to tell Jack about her opportunity is possible for some. and should be avoided, particularly lending others money. A job offer or financial not favorable for you this week could lose that very important week. However, the deal isn't as

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Activities are favored. 18) You have a tendency this in your financial dealings this week. However, the deal isn't as

Aquarius (January 20 to February 19) You expect too much from those around you. It this time and this week, it's particularly evident. Stop being so hard on everyone and they won't disappoint you. This weekend is a good time for joining a club or civic organization.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) You have a tendency this week to reveal too much to the wrong people, particularly when your business plans are concerned. Keep a low profile instead. A burden is lifted in the week after a heart-to-heart chat.

Aries (March 21 to April 19) This is the week to let go of whatever is boring you. However, you can do this without being combative or aggressive. This weekend, a surprise invitation comes from a friend.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) A career concern has you preoccupied early in the week. Later, some information you receive from an advisor lends you to a major financial investment. This weekend, home life is rewarding.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) It's a good week to assess your career goals and implement necessary changes to achieve those goals. A job offer or financial opportunity is possible for some. This weekend, someone close to you is a somewhat evasive person. A loved one disappoints you as you become aware of this person's shortcomings now. However, try to be more supportive and understanding.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) Singles are in a relationship experience a breakthrough. Injuries are thrown to the wind this weekend as you enjoy a whirlwind of social activities.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) You are self-confident now and know that you have what it takes to expand your business aspirations. Romantically, though, you need to be less demanding. If not, you could lose that very important person. The weekend is good for rest and relaxation.
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The swimming team continues to swim well.

Conn's Swimming members continue to break records

BY ROBYN MANCUSO
Sports Editor

The swimming team spent a pleasant week and a half in West Palm Beach over break, with training, of course, being its priority. After returning to Conn on the January 10, the team suffered a few losses against schools such as Clark, Mount Holyoke, Coast Guard Academy, and Brandeis. Although times have gone down, captain Allison Haigh does not feel that the scores are direct indications of their performance. "We've actually been swimming better overall as the season has progressed," she said.

Once again freshmen Mariko Wilson broke another two school records in the 200 IM and the 100 freestyle. Further congratulations on a great performance to Mike D'Amour against Coast Guard and April Tubbs in the 200 backstroke at Brandeis. The next meet will take place at Conn at 6:00 pm on Wednesday against Wesleyan.

Women's indoor track continues to be enthusiastic about season.

BY ROBYN MANCUSO
Sports Editor

Women's indoor track and field team has definitely gathered strength this winter season and has competed in four meets so far. On Saturday the team competed in the New England Challenge Cup at Coast Guard, placing fifth out of nine with 76 points. Bowdoin won with 158. Although the main emphasis is on the spring season, coach Ned Bishop is very enthusiastic about the winter season thus far. "We have more people on the team than we've ever had," he said. "So hopefully this season will really prepare us for the crucial meet during the spring.

Track team prepares for crucial spring season

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Women's Ice Hockey returns after an unwelcomed break

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After a very demanding and rewarding five and a half weeks on the road, the women's ice hockey team took an unwelcome respite over the holidays. Having planned to return to school for training on January 14 for a January 20 game, the team was denied use of the rink. "It was really very unfair," said captain Sakina King. "We're a club varsity sport and if they expect us to compete at a winning level, being granted accommodations should be our least concern." A prolonged five-and-a-half-week break and only two practices since its return, the team is expected to be halfway through the second semester out of MIT and Augustsburg. Not surprisingly, team members found the transition to be extremely challenging.

The score was 5-7 against Augustsburg followed by an unfortunate 0-14 loss to Augustsburg, a team ranked nationally and honored first in the women's varsity in Minnesota alone.

"Emotionally we are really coming together as a team. I'm really proud of how well the team is holding up, but I feel we've been set up for failure." The team appears to have great potential and are very dedicated, regardless of the number of wins and losses. Presently the members are concentrating on taking advantage of the remainder of the season so that they will be prepared for the shift to next year's varsity status. Saturday, February 3 will be the next game against UMaine.

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Already 11 women have qualified for the New England championships and one team member, Allison McGregor, has broken a school record for shotput, throwing an amazing 39' 3/4". There are two more meets before the championships and confidence is running high.

The men's team has only participated in one meet so far, but according to captain Matt Santos, the team is in great shape and has significantly increased in number this year. Unfortunately, scores are not in yet from Saturday's meet against Coast Guard Academy, but team members feel optimistic about the results.

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The latest New England rankings had the Camels at fifth in New England and rising. The Camels are inspired by their winning streak claiming winning is like a disease. This weekend the Camels travel to rivals Trinity and Wesleyan for two more big games. The Camel team is something special and plan to continue their winning ways. When asked about the play-offs Chris Capone head coach Ben Smith stated, "At the onset, we were thrilled where the season would take us, but attitude was to keep the scripts of Luke 10:28 in mind, when the Lord stated, 'If you shall do this right, you will live.' Well, I guess we have done things right.

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