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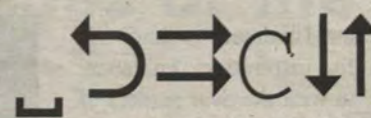
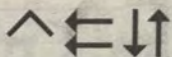
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# Annual New Haven AIDS Walk to Take Place this Month

BY EMILY PERRY '11

staff writer

The AIDS Walk, held annually in New Haven, Connecticut, will take place on April 20, 2008. The walk was created in order to have participants help raise awareness and battle the stigmas and apathy that have developed towards AIDs in Connecticut and around the world.

The walk is a five-kilometer path, which starts and ends on the New Haven Green, that participants complete to raise money for local AIDS organizations in the New London area. The AIDS Walk is open to all members of the New Haven community, so long as the prospective walkers register and submit a registration fee (all of which goes to charity after the event).

Though many benefit simply

from participating in the actual walking aspect of the activity, there are ten major organizations that benefit from the money raised by walkers as well. These associations are members of the New Haven Mayor's Task Force on AIDS. These include the AIDS Interfaith Network, the AIDS Project in New Haven, Fairhaven Community Center, Hispanos Unidos, Leeway, Liberty Community Services, New Haven Home Recovery, Hill Health Center, Planned Parenthood, and the Visiting Nurse Association.

In a letter addressed to those involved with the walk, New Haven Mayor John DeStefano said, "In the past year, the city has raised an aggressive war

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## ECLIPSE PERFORMANCE THRILLS

Saturday, March 29th marked the thirty-third annual multicultural talent show sponsored by the Eclipse Executive Board.

(Kaminsky '09)

# Reflections on Department of Gender and Women's Studies Conference, "Security of Person: Creating a Campus Free of Sexual Assault"

BY CAROLINE DENHAM '08

contributing writer

The department of Gender and Women's studies would like to thank each member of the college community who attended the conference, "Security of Person: Creating a Campus Free of Sexual Assault," Thursday and Friday, March 27th and 28th. The event was co-sponsored by the Office of Student Life, whose staff has been engaging with GWS faculty and students throughout the semester and striving to improve the safety of women in our community.

A wide array of departments, clubs, and individuals contributed their time or

financial support to make this event possible. From the drama students who read from ConnColl Confessional to the campus safety officers and New London police officer who brought their perspectives and service information to the conversation, the offerings of students and staff helped to draw attention to the multilateral approach that is necessary to stop sexual assault on our campus. The Gender and Women's Studies department is thankful to the faculty and students who came to learn and demonstrate their solidarity.

We hope that those who attended will take away the realization that sexual assault is a violation of human rights, and that it is a violation our community has

the power to stop. Thursday, Loretta Ross presented the human rights framework that can help students to interpret and work against sexual violence at Connecticut College. Friday, Pat Rozee and Heather Karjane brought to the conference eye-opening statistics on acquaintance rape and up-to-date information on what other colleges are doing about it. Ed Blunt focused on the interests and responsibilities of men in the struggle to end violence against women.

Each speaker echoed principles that Mab Segrest's GWS seminar has been focusing on throughout the semester. The seminar's collective paper, "The Vulnerability of Gendered Terrain: How Safe are Dorms for Women?" focuses on

the responsibilities of Connecticut College both as a private institution with quasi-state powers and as an institution abiding by Connecticut state and federal laws. By presenting this work, in addition to reflections on keywords, the seminar students took steps toward reshaping the way our community understands sexual violence in our environment.

To all who attended, please keep reflecting on the relationships between consciousness, education, freedom, security, and the politicization of sex, to the challenge of stopping sexual violence on this campus. The success of this conference will be measured by what we do with the awareness it has raised and where we go from here.



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## Letter from the Editor

We all have our idols, and I wanted to share my number one go-to person for inspiration, guidance, pep, and a shoulder to lean on with the dear readers of *The Voice* [drumroll please]...Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus! I struggle between which is more my idol, but that's because I totally relate to the pop star life of Hannah and the girl-next-door life of Miley. At the end of the day, Hannah has better hair, and I always wanted to be blonde.

If anything, I am already on my way to pop stardom because I sign my editorials with just my first name, following the career path of the great Brandy.

That being said, enjoy our joke issue.

-Areti



Lovely, talented, and idol-worthy Montana/Cyrus (Web)

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# Around the World: Pressing Issues of the Week

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## National:

### Obama lays out U.S. Economic Revival Plan

Senator Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential candidate, said Thursday that the U.S. government must revive the economy by tightening regulations and improving its own agencies to adjust to the realities of modern finance.

"We do American business - and the American people - no favors when we turn a blind eye to excessive leverage and dangerous risks," Obama said in a speech in New York.

To rehabilitate the American economy, Obama proposed relief for homeowners and an additional \$30 billion economic program.

"If we can extend a hand to banks on Wall Street, we can extend a hand to Americans who are struggling," he said.

Obama dismissed the economic philosophy of Senator John McCain, the presumptive Republican nominee.

On Tuesday, McCain criticized government intervention to save and reward banks or small borrowers who behave irresponsibly, though he offered few immediate alternatives for resolving the growing housing crisis in the United States. McCain's plan, Obama said, "amounts to little more than watching this crisis happen."

Instead, Obama said, the next president should take these steps:

- Expand oversight to any institution that borrows from the government.
- Toughen capital requirements for complex financial instruments like mortgage securities.
- Reorganize regulatory agencies to end overlap and competition among regulators.

## Europe:

### Sarkozy and Brown Meet to Strike Deal

French President Nicolas Sarkozy on Thursday struck a multibillion-pound (at time of publishing, it was 1.9947 dollars to pound and 1.2642 euros to pound) deal on a defense project with Britain, and promised new cooperation on climate change and immigration — but acknowledged the nations remained divided over a possible boycott of part of Beijing Olympics.

Speaking alongside British Prime Minister Gordon Brown at the end of a two-day state summit, Sarkozy again said he would boycott the August games in China over its handling of the unrest in Tibet.

He said he would consult with other European leaders about the European Union's stance, as France takes over the EU's rotating presidency on July 1.

Brown has said he will attend the opening ceremony — a decision Sarkozy said was right because of duties Britain must carry out as host of the 2012 Olympics.

Meanwhile in Paris, Airbus parent company EADS said it had agreed an air tanker contract with Britain's defense ministry worth up to 13 billion pounds (16.7 billion Euros; \$26.4 billion). Last month, EADS signed a US\$35 billion contract to build refueling tankers for the U.S. Air Force.

Britain and France will work to establish a system of "nuclear fuel assurances to reduce the proliferation risks" of the spread of nuclear technology, a joint communique said.

Brown plans to host a conference later this year for

non-nuclear countries who aim to develop civilian atomic power programs. His office said Iran would be invited if it meets its international obligations to cease uranium enrichment.

## Middle East:

### Thousands in Baghdad protest Basra Assault

Thousands of supporters of the powerful Shiite cleric Moktada al-Sadr and his Mahdi army militia took to the streets of Baghdad on Thursday to protest the Iraqi Army's assault on the southern port city of Basra, as intense fighting continued there for a third day.

In Basra, there seemed to be no breakthrough in the fighting by either side. As much as half of the city remained under militia control, hospitals in some parts of the city were reported full, and the violence continued



to spread. Clashes were reported all over the city and in locations twelve miles south of Basra.

The Iraqi Army's offensive in Basra is an important political test for the government of Prime Minister Nuri Kamal al-Maliki and for American strategy in Iraq. President George W. Bush sought to portray the fighting in a positive light on Thursday, declaring the offensive by Maliki's government a "bold decision."

But if the army's assault in Basra leads the Mahdi army to break completely with its current cease-fire, which has helped to tamp down attacks in Iraq during the past year, there is a risk of escalating violence and of replaying 2004. That year, the militia fought intense battles with American forces that destabilized the entire country.

## Asia:

### Reporters' State-Led Visit to Tibet Interrupted by Protesting Monks

A government-managed visit by foreign reporters to the Tibetan capital backfired Thursday when Buddhist monks disrupted the tour, screaming that there was no religious freedom and that the Dalai Lama was not to blame for Lhasa's recent violence.

The Chinese government had arranged the trip for the reporters, part of an effort to portray Lhasa as calm after the deadly riots shattered China's plans for a peaceful run-up to the Beijing Olympics this summer.

As the journalists, including an Associated Press reporter, were being shown around Jokhang Temple - one of Tibet's holiest shrines - by government handlers

news editor & staff writer

in Lhasa, they witnessed an outburst by a group of 30 monks.

"Tibet is not free! Tibet is not free!" yelled one young Buddhist monk, who then started to cry.

They also said their exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, had nothing to do with recent anti-government riots by Tibetans in Lhasa, where buildings were torched and looted, and ethnic Han Chinese were attacked.

The government has said the March 14 riots were masterminded by "the Dalai clique," Beijing's term for the Dalai Lama and his supporters.

## Latin America:

### Four freed in Guatemala

Four Belgian tourists held hostage for 40 hours by peasant farmers in the Guatemalan jungle were released unharmed and could fly home on Monday, the Belgian Embassy said Sunday.

The four travelers, ages 59 to 64, were seized along with two Guatemalan guides as they traveled up a river from the Caribbean coast on Friday. Their captors were farmers angry over the arrest of a local Mayan leader.

The tourists were released shortly before midnight in a swap for six detained activists.

## Africa:

### In South Africa, TB Patients Behind Barbed Wire

The Jose Pearson TB Hospital in South Africa is like a prison for the sick. It is encircled by three fences topped with coils of razor wire to keep patients infected with lethal strains of tuberculosis from escaping.

But at Christmastime and again for Easter, dozens of them cut holes in the fences, slipped through electrified wires or pushed through the gates in a desperate attempt to spend the holidays with their families. Patients have been tracked down and forced to return; the hospital has quadrupled the number of guards. Many of the patients fear they will only get out of here in a coffin.

"We're being held here like prisoners, but we didn't commit a crime," Siyasanga Lukas, 20, who has been here since 2006, said before escaping this week. "I've seen people die and die and die. The only discharge you get from this place is to the mortuary."

Struggling to contain a dangerous epidemic of extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis, known as XDR TB, the South African government is requiring the hospitalization of those unlucky enough to have the disease until they are no longer infectious. Hospitals in two of the three provinces with the most cases - here in the Eastern Cape, as well as in the Western Cape - have sought court orders to compel the return of runaways.

The public health threat is grave. The disease spreads through the air when patients cough and sneeze. It is resistant to the most effective drugs. And in South Africa, where the epidemic has reached every province and preys on those whose immune systems are weakened by AIDS, it will kill many, if not most, of those who get it.

At a time when extensively drug-resistant TB is fast emerging as a global threat to public health - one found in 45 countries - South Africa is grappling with a sticky ethical dilemma: how to balance the liberty of individual patients against the need to protect society.

# Camels Around the World: Heather Day '09 Truman Scholarship Finalist, Discovers Mali

BY AMY FALK '11

staff writer

The Truman Scholarship, awarded annually to between 60 and 65 students, may soon be given to a rising senior here at Connecticut College. Heather Day '09, who is currently studying abroad in Mali, was selected as a finalist for this prestigious award.

While Day majors in American Studies, she plans to look into social work and public policy for graduate school, which is exactly what the Truman Scholarship focuses on.

According to the Truman Scholarship website, the scholarship "provides up to \$30,000 in funding to students pursuing graduate degrees in public service fields" while additionally providing "assistance with career counseling, internship placement, graduate school admissions, and professional development." There is also a public service requirement where scholars must work in public service for between three and seven years after using their funds to receive graduate degrees.

Some of Heather's credentials include her large-scale involvement in public service: particularly regarding domestic violence, which interested her as early as high school. At the age of sixteen, when most teens are busy fighting with friends

over boys and clique issues, Heather was hard at work getting certified as a "domestic violence and sexual assault counselor." She also started a program in her high school to get students to help volunteer with kids living in shelters.

Upon arriving at college, Heather didn't stop pursuing volunteer opportunities. She volunteers at the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut working as a community intern in the children's program. She is also a scholar in the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy, a multidisciplinary academic center that prepares students for civic engagement and leadership through research, service and collaboration with community partners.

Heather viewed the scholarship assignment as an "important learning experience." She explained that "it was [her] choice whether to actually submit the proposals, and [she] decided that if [she] was going to spend any time on this, [she] should make the most of it."

The scholarship seemed to be a "great fit for [her] interests." "As an American Studies major I was most interested in a fellowship that would support my work to further social justice here in America." She said enthusiastically. Heather hopes to go after her goal of "joint degrees in social work and public policy or an interdisciplinary

MSW with a policy concentration," and then continue to work in a variety of ways – social services, policy making, non-profit management and perhaps even "state or national government—to address the needs of women and children in America."

Currently, however, Heather has other things on her mind, such as her life abroad in Mali: she is studying gender, health and development while living with a family in Bamako. After classes finish this week, the students in her program all start an independent study, and Heather is doing hers with "the APDF - Association pour le Progrès et la Défense des Droits des Femmes Maliennes - examining cross cultural approaches to women's advocacy, with a focus on the problem of domestic violence."

Even though Heather is thousands of miles away right now, she wanted the Conn community to be aware of her gratefulness. "I want to thank the faculty, staff, and admin at Conn who have been so supportive and helpful during the application process. I think there are many students at Conn who would be excellent candidates for this scholarship and I hope? that it becomes better known on our campus so more students apply and eventually become Truman scholars in future years."



Heather Day, in Mali (Web)

## AIDS WALK

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against AIDS...New Haven's strongest ally in this fight is the dedication of its people, who volunteer their time, services, and money to defeat the epidemic."

The participants of the AIDS Walk New Haven strive to increase awareness and advocacy of AIDS by uniting New Haven as a community and vocalizing the need for greater HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment options and resources. Connecticut College Freshman Alexandra Leith said, "I think an AIDS Walk is a great idea. Everyone who sees the walk will wonder why they're doing it, and people in the know will be able to tell them about preventing AIDS."

In 2004, there were more than 6,000 people in Connecticut living with AIDS, and 1,000 of those infected people lived in New Haven. The New Haven walk hopes to help educate those not only directly effected by AIDS, but also those who could do some-

thing to prevent the spread of the disease, and to protect themselves better such as students in the New Haven public schools and from universities.

The official website for AIDS Walk New Haven 2008, [www.aidswalknewhaven.org](http://www.aidswalknewhaven.org), states that AIDS, "is truly everyone's problem, so we invite you to be a part of the solution." One of the main goals of the walk, aside from raising AIDS awareness, is to bring together Yale University and the greater New Haven area to help fight the epidemic that is effecting so many throughout the community.

Last year, AIDS Walk New Haven 2007 gathered over 500 participants and raised roughly \$30,000. The walk, which happens rain or shine, has a registration period beginning at 12:00 pm, and key speakers talk at 1:00pm before the walk officially starts an hour later. If you would like to participate in the walk, there is still time to register online. Donations can be made either online through a link on the AIDS Walk New Haven website or by sending a check to AIDS Walk New Haven, PO Box 207236, New Haven, CT, 06520.

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# Harris Goes Trayless to Reduce Food Waste

BY KASEY LUM '11

staff writer

With the ever-burgeoning concern for reducing food and energy waste at Conn there have been many attempts within the campus community to improve the habits and routines of Conn students. One recent improvement has been the removal of food trays in the Harris cafeteria. Although this modification may seem of minor significance to students or to the school, going tray-less in the cafeteria can reap some major benefits for the entire campus community.

"There has been a lot of discussion in the past about how a tray-less system in schools helps to reduce not only food waste but also the waste of water and detergents. In addition, some institutions have also reduced labor in the dish room with the removal of trays," explained Ingrid Bushwack, director of Dining Services.

During the past Fall semester, the idea to remove trays from the cafeteria was brought up by members of the Dining Student Advisory Committee. The Committee approached Dining Services proposing that a 3-day trial of the tray-less system be conducted in

Harris. The 3-day experiment occurred in December of last fall and consisted of the removal of trays at breakfast through dinner. This was followed by a comparison of the waste results produced during the trial period to the waste results during the days when trays were available. From this assessment, Dining Services found the reduction in food waste observed at approximately 8%. The successful results from the tray-less test run prompted the Advisory Committee to present their cause to the student body through SGA, and during the February 2008 SGA meeting the proposal received a majority vote moving to remove trays in the dining halls.

Students are expressing mixed opinions in response to the tray-less dining halls. "A tray-less dining hall is nice because it can reduce the food waste that students create. People will be less likely to take more food than they can eat. And even if people do want to eat more they can go back and get more without overfilling their plates," Vishwanie Persaud' eleven commented.

On the other hand, some students feel as though removing the dining hall trays doesn't have a huge effect on waste

reduction. Zhong Huang '10 said, "Even though there are no trays for students to fill up with food, they can always keep going back for more food than they need. There doesn't seem to be too much of a difference than before." In addition to the sentiment that tray-less dining halls don't provide radical benefits, there are also concerns about the lack of student input in the decision-making process.

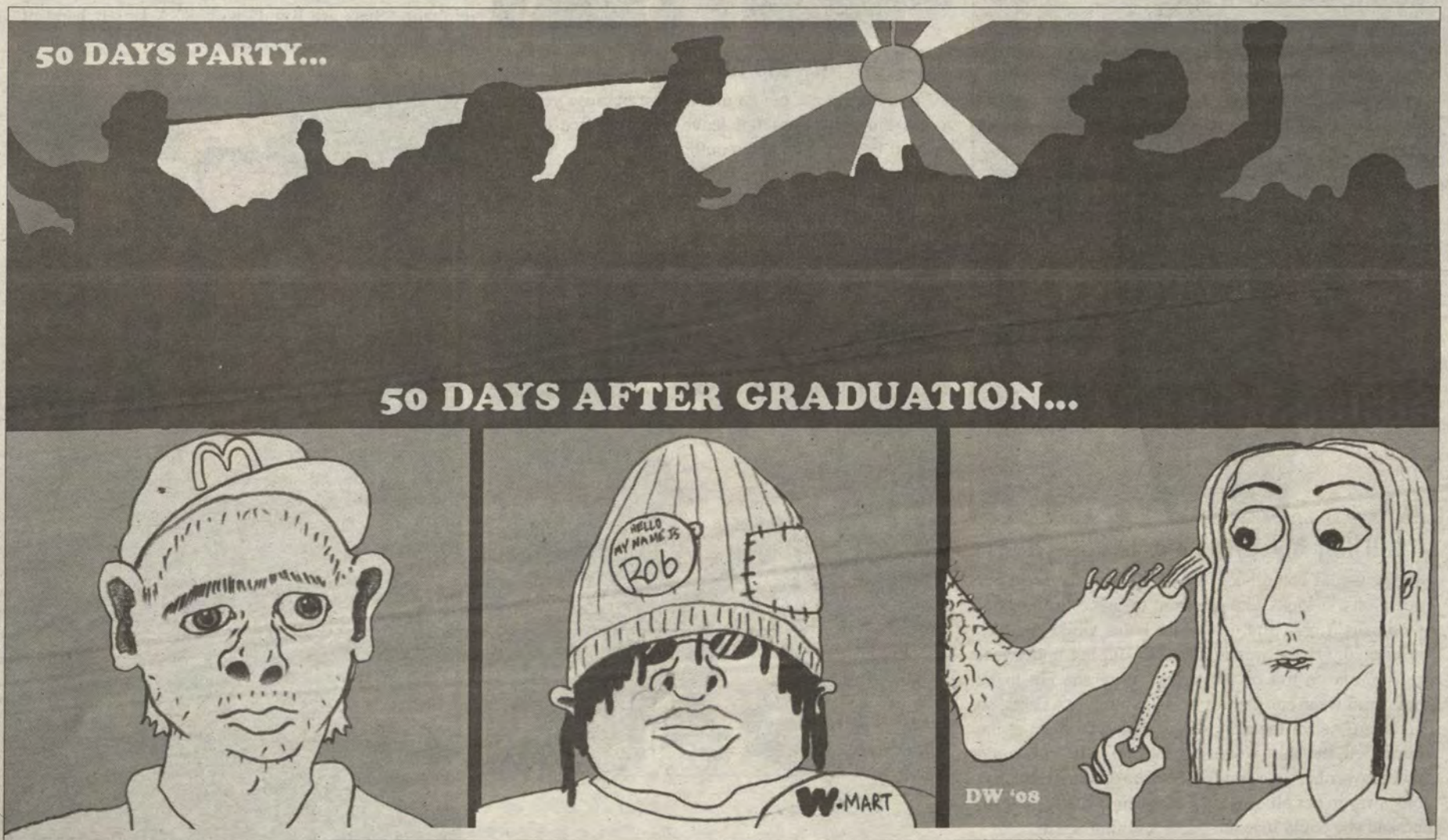
Huang also added, "I've heard lots of students complain about the decision because they were never asked about their opinion on the removal of the trays." Many students still feel that the decision-making was not well publicized and many does not even know that the removal of dining hall trays is now a permanent feature. It seems many students are responding in this way because of the lack of shared governance with this aspect of the decision.

Whether students find the tray-less dining halls beneficial or not, the advantages, if there are any, would only be revealed with time. Dining services views going tray-less as beneficial and practical for the campus community. "This is a permanent feature in all dining halls on campus. The college hopes to

achieve a reduction in food waste which over time will allow Dining Services to reduce food purchases and food production and thus save money," Bushwack commented. From this small effort, there have been more ideas in ways to improve the dining halls and reduce food waste and dish room labor.

In Harris there are still trays by the dish room window and this is needed for dishes to go on the conveyor belt. Dining Services is looking to change the way this system works in lieu of a different kind of conveyor belt that aids in reducing waste. Bushwack stated, "For the future we are asking the Physical Plant department to look at a different conveyor belt that would allow dishes to be set directly on the belt. With that change we could completely eliminate the need for trays and possibly start to see a reduction in the amount of water and detergent used in the dish room."

Future endeavors involving the dining halls will hopefully lead to better dining experiences and improvements in other areas on campus. Money saved in the dining halls could be put into good use and provide great benefits to all members of the college community.



# Kodak Moments: A-List Flops

BY ARETI SAKELLARIS '08

editor-in-chief



**The Money Shot** Does it really get any better than two highly attractive people embracing and one of them is wearing painted-on gold lurex leggings with stirrups like you wore to Gymboree? Complete package. She must work out. Becks will never lose Posh, but he will have to fight off the jealous assistant (left), who is intently eyeing his foxy lady! Rawr!



**Hurting My Eyes** I wish the sixteen-year-old Britney would come back. There were no holes in her knee-highs. It looks like she tried to make fishnets out of ordinary tights and cut a few holes while she was intoxicated. Or she was in a brawl. But her underwear (maybe?) is on top of the tights? Why she got to be kooky and wear her panties over her clothes? That's so Quailman. As for the shirt, if she untied the knot at the bottom left, the shirt would not look so tight and would maybe cover her up a smidge. She looks like Americana gone awry in her blue and red. Her hair is really dark for her, and she could lose the boots and find a bra.

**Repeat Offender** Supposedly this picture is taken the same day that Britney was spotted in a drug store buying pregnancy tests. I wonder if the first outfit had anything to do with it. Clearly, Brit is channeling the punk-schoolgirl look instead of the Catholic one we were enamored with. I see red checked knickers. Flaming red lipstick. Hair like a pin-wheel ready to blow her away. Girlfriend, I hope you bought pants that day at Kitson.



**I Want My Mommy** Amy Winehouse, why must you creep me out so much? Just because you are across the pond does not leave you scot-free of the Fashion Police. With her mouthguard in place, Amy is ready to take all American ruffians on. Is it necessary to protect her hair in that do-rag? I thought it was a removable piece anyways?



**Too much of a good thing** Jessica, Jessica, Jessica. I love your hair. I love your lips. I love your bod. But this is sensory overload. If the hair were pulled



back, the lipstick more subtle and just a lil more dress, I'd be sold on the glitter. She looks cheap. I don't like cheap.

**Jet-Setter or Disaster Victim?** Tougher than airport security, Paris is so rock it's a crime. She is remixing "Stars are Blind" with XXX [insert band of your choice]. Need I say more?



# Legendary Third Eye Blind Pulls a Radiohead, Can they Pull it Off?

BY CAROLYN SEBASKY '09

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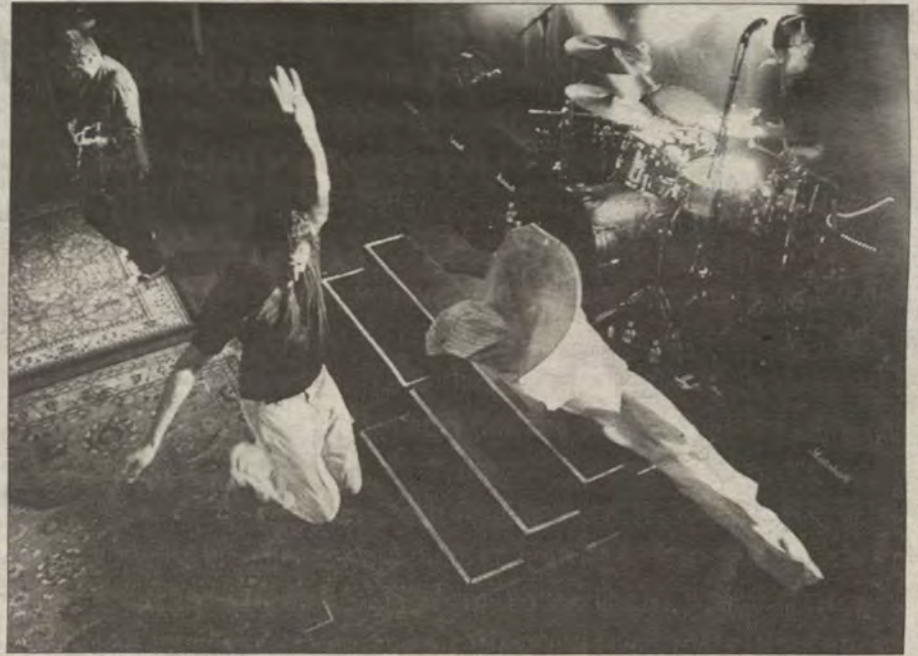
After the commercial failure of 2003's *Out of the Vein*, it seemed that Third Eye Blind's "90s alternative" run of success had finally come to an end. After five years, it seems that the band has disappeared into the shadows amongst the other 90s rockers like Better Than Ezra and The Wallflowers, with the occasional appearance of "Semi-Charmed Life" on your local adult listening radio station, just for nostalgia. For the band's diehard fans, though, the album is vocalist and writer Stephan Jenkins' best work yet, and the band has anything but disappeared. The size of the venues hit on their post-OOTV tours diminished from arenas and fairgrounds to small bars and college stadiums over the years, but fans remained faithful, attending shows to sing along to the soundtrack of their adolescence. This past summer, the band began to play new material and hinted at the release of a new album, titled, *The Hideous Strength* at the end of 2007. The five-year-long wait for new material was incredibly excruciating for the band's loyal fans, and of course, 2007 came and went without a new Third Eye Blind album.

Until just this week, the release date of *The Hideous Strength* had been postponed indefinitely. But, the band has announced, via obscure indie blog,

"Obscure Sound," that their new album will be available tomorrow, April 3, online at with a "you decide" price tag. Fans can access the purchase point at [noreallyitcouldbefree.com](http://noreallyitcouldbefree.com), and enter any dollar amount, including zero, to begin the download. This is an incredibly brave move for the band, after indie heroes Radiohead pulled off the unprecedented stunt late last year with their newest, *In Rainbows*.

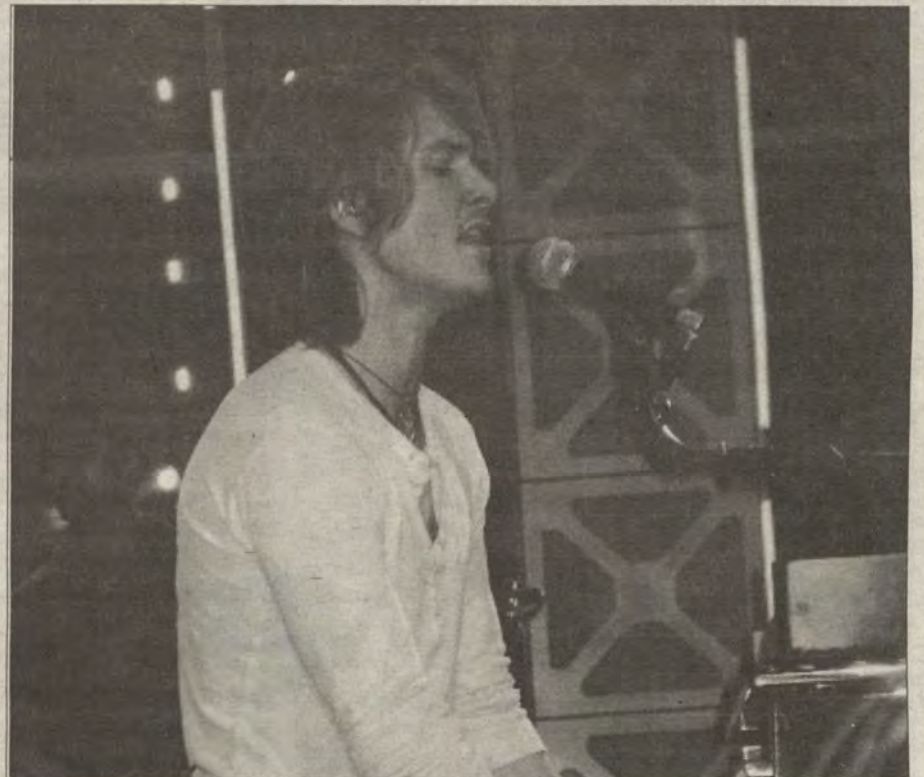
While *In Rainbows* earned a respectable amount of money, an average of four pounds or eight dollars per download, one third of downloaders paid nothing. The success of Radiohead's experiment was due almost entirely to the band's incredibly immense fan base that has been building steadily for years. And it is doubtful that even 3EB's devoted twentysomethings have the ten bucks to dish out for the new album...it's ten dollars that could be spent on rent, or drinks at the bar.

So, just who do Third Eye Blind think they are? Without any noticeable press coverage, will fans even be aware of *The Hideous Strength's* release? And if they are, how much money can the band possibly make? Free is always better. There is good news, though. When the band realizes that their shenanigans have put them into serious debt, Conn will finally be able to afford them for Floralia. Hell, they may even pay us for the "publicity."



Above: 3EB (Web)

Below: Taylor Hanson at SXSW (Sebasky '09)



## The College Voice Does SXSW

BY LILY ALLEN, SUPER-SENIOR

on location in Austin

While the rest of you were on your typical (and lame) boozefest Caribbean spring breaks, devoted *Voice* editors Carolyn Sebasky '09 and Areti Sakellaris '08 ventured down to the not quite as hot and sunny Austin, Texas for the annual South by Southwest festival. Giving up drunken wet t-shirt contests and lazy rivers for five days of non-stop concerts from noon 'till 2 a.m., as any dedicated newspaper editors would do.

Standing on your feet for 13 hours a day and listening to music from bands you've never heard of (that will permanently damage your ear drums) may not sound like the most fun in the world, two important things were discovered: Austin knows how to party, and Austin loves

Carolyn and Areti. SXSW, in reality, is exactly like spring break in Daytona Beach, but with the more than welcome addition of an indie-licious soundtrack. Here's why:

**Free booze.** Obviously the number one concern surrounding spring break. It might not be not shots being poured down your throat by the bartender at a club, but free SoCo and lime at one in the afternoon while seeing Nada Surf playing an acoustic set is priceless—and inevitably leads to a great night if you keep the marathon going.

**Public drunkenness.** Sure, at SXSW there's no Senior Frogs, but 6th street in Austin is one giant party. The sea of drunken scenesters (and the occasional dirty hippie) ebbs and flows as people

stumble from venue to venue. And what's better about SXSW is that you can BYOB to save some money, and listen to Rogue Wave while drinking it in an alleyway. Or in the bathroom at the lobby of the Marriott. Whatever.

**Hotel parties.** There's no telling the things that can occur when drunken coeds convene in hotel rooms after getting back from a club with "guests" in trail. And SXSW only makes these scenarios more exciting. With all of the rock stars in town, you don't even need to go to a club to pick someone up—there are almost more performers than fans in the city. Which means, of course, that you can "party like a rock star" with the rock stars (or, you know, sleep with them). Or you can just jump around in your under-

wear on your cozy queen bed at three in the morning with a bandana around your head. Your choice.

**Hanson.** Not out of your iPod on the beach, but in the flesh. Need I say more?

South by Southwest may not draw the same crowd as, say, Cancun or the Bahamas, and they may not offer booze cruises, but the walk down 6th street at night is enough of a "booze cruise" for anyone from college students to somehow hip and connected middle-aged dudes with iPhones. And to have all of this *plus* the best up-and-coming bands of the moment playing at more than 60 venues for five days? I'm never going to Mexico again.

(Sent via Blackberry)



# The Madness of March

BY MATT FAVA '09

staff writer

Every year, millions of people try to figure out the secret to picking the perfect bracket. This year, it was reported that there was less than a 1% chance of anyone accomplishing this feat, and so far this statistic seems to hold true.

What is the best strategy for making your picks? How do you know which upsets to go with, and when to stick with the higher seeds? Who should you believe if you ask for help? How useful are those "game tips" that come with the online brackets? Here are a few approaches that could guide you to that elusive perfect bracket.

Although die-hard Madness Fanatics pity them, some people go with the "Mascot Theory." In this situation, one always selects the team with the tougher

this has NEVER happened in NCAA history. There are plenty of sports analysts that think this might be the year because the top seeds (UNC, Memphis, Kansas, and UCLA) look dominant, but still, the odds are stacked against you in making your bracket.

The "Rankings Theory" has already been discredited by the first round #5 vs. #12 and #4 vs. #13 upsets that occurred in the playing site that has become known as Terrible Tampa. Never in NCAA history has there been four upsets at one opening round playing site, until now! #12 Western Kentucky took out #5 Drake on a buzzer-beater three pointer from about 30 feet, #13 San Diego downed national powerhouse #4 UCONN in an overtime victory, #12 Villanova beat #5 Clemson with their dribble drive offense, and #13 Siena shocked the nation when they took out the red hot #4 Vanderbilt.

If picking the mascots is a mistake and sticking to the seeds can clearly lead you astray, should you listen to the seemingly informed analysts who are paid to dis-

# Playa' of the Week



BY MARISSA DEMAIS '11

staff writer

Dave Kellogg '09 is known across campus for his "straight off the beach" sexiness, but his accomplishments as captain of the Playa team has made him this week's player of the week. One of the most notable achievements of his career came in his freshman campaign. Hibiscus flowers and tan in tow, Kellogg miraculously "shtupped" three quarters of the senior class as a rookie. As we look back on this junior's stellar career, we can't help but lament on the fact that next year Conn's Hawaiian hot shot will leave New London behind. I met with him to reflect on his extraordinary and celebrated career.

**Marissa DeMais:** You have had a great career and season so far at Conn, how do you think its going?

**Dave Kellogg:** It's had its ups and downs, got some big wins under my belt and a few heartbreakers.

**MD:** Who has inspired your macking career?

**DK:** I've learned a lot from Dave Goldblatt. And of course, the awkward, yet so successful tactics of my mentor, Kyle Neidhardt ['08].

**MD:** What are your pre-game rituals

**DK:** A little J Holiday and a little aftershave.

**MD:** How long have you been macking?

**DK:** As long as I can remember.

**MD:** What do you feel sets you apart from the other players on campus?

**DK:** My good looks obviously, but I mean I think I'm the hardest worker on campus. I'm completely dedicated to my sport. I'm the first one in Cro and that makes me the first one out.

**MD:** What is the biggest challenge you have faced and how have you overcome it?

**DK:** Topless Winslow Robinson ['08] living next door. That calls for some overtime, and it usually requires some guitar.

**MD:** What advice would you give to those who are just getting started in the game?

**DK:** Call Jay Sprung ['10] at 917-375-7882. He'll hook you up; he's the Mr. Miyagi of the mack game.

I left the interview with a new respect for Dave's art of macking and of course him, the artist. He truly understands the woman, especially the freshman woman, and deserves this award. After he reads this article, he should call me...



Despite the Goomblie's best efforts, he was no match for Bernard the Bumble Bee's speed (Web)

and seemingly more dominant mascot. For instance, it should have been a no-brainer to pick the Arkansas Razorbacks over the Indiana Hoosiers in the first round. If you went with this theory, however, you would have been duped into selecting the ferocious Georgetown Bulldogs over the innocuous Davidson Flyers, even though Davidson pulled a major upset and embarrassed Gtown. Similarly, any college student following the "Mascot Theory" probably assumed that the USC Trojans, who lost in the first round, would go all the way.

Another idea is to simply stick with the rankings. The teams are seeded for a reason, thus it should be safe to pick all the #1 seeds to reach the Final Four. Alas,

cuss the tournament? How about the winningest coach in NCAA Men's basketball history, Bob Knight? He asserted that Pittsburgh had great potential this year and picked the Panthers to ultimately upset #1 Memphis. But Pitt they fell to an athletic Michigan State team in the second round, and anyone who listened to Coach Knight probably lost a Final Four team. It appears that sports fans are on their own when they fill out their brackets because no strategy can guarantee perfection. The field has been narrowed to 16 teams, and everything is just getting started. Enjoy the games, say a prayer to the Bracket Gods, and hope that you make the fewest mistakes in your pool.

# SPECIAL REPORT: Connecticut College Athletes on Steroids, Names Revealed



*Black Mollies, Lemon Drops, Iron Mans, and Windmill Walkers (Web)*

BY STEVE BLOOM '10

staff writer

The women's lacrosse team has won five straight games, their male counterparts just beat Tufts University for a third consecutive win, and Sara Christopher '10 was named the NESCAC player of the week. The school's athletics have never been this good. Some believe the recent success is due to an improved scouting and recruiting program, while others claim coaches are demanding more out of their players with early-morning runs and late-night fitness tests. Determined to uncover the truth of why the Camels are playing more like the Bobcats, I emailed Fran Shields, Director of Athletics, and Susan Patterson, Assistant Athletic Trainer, demanding an explanation. I have included copies of their responses below.

Steve,

*I cannot comment at this time.*

Fran Shields  
Director of Athletics

Steve,

*I'm glad you asked. Months ago when in the trainer's bathroom, I noticed a syringe poking its head out from behind a few bloody tissues in the trashcan. With all the talk of steroids in professional sports, we train-*

*ers have always been concerned that college athletes might be tempted to use performance-enhancing drugs. Athletes have busy schedules (schoolwork, practices, weight room training, social lives, family, etc.), and I am not surprised. Many people don't know, but using steroids can lead to contracting HIV, extreme diarrhea, liver cancer, collapsing of the lungs, leg amputations, noses falling off, and occasionally, death.*

*After talking with President Higdon, we began drug testing all varsity and club athletes. Each student was asked to bring us urine samples in Nalgene water bottles that we provided. All results came back negative for steroids, but we realized that over half of the samples were actually apple juice and orange soda, not urine.*

*All students who had brought non-urine samples were asked to return to our office. I accompanied them into the restroom and collected their urine directly from the source. The job was unpleasant. I nearly lost an eye.*

*For a second time all tests came back negative. The issue was dropped until more syringes and bloody tissues were found on Chapel Field during an Ultimate Frisbee practice. These needles were studied, and the DNA on them matched one Ben Berkowitz '10. Ben is the star of the track and field team and has excelled at shot put and javelin.*

*It seems he consistently injected himself on Chapel Green while on late night visits to his girlfriend's dorm room in Knowlton. Ben has been suspended from his team and is currently banned from all athletic facilities until further notice. If he is seen in the fitness center, he*

*will be expelled from the College. Immediately.*

*Furthermore, karate star Matthew Jacobs '08 admitted to using this awful drug. We found Matt in tears on the basketball courts, and he gave us his story. Matt has been paying freshman girls to inject steroids into his buttocks for quite some time, and admitted that he used his seven year old sister's clean urine for the first round of testing. Like Ben, Matt is no longer permitted to use Connecticut College athletic equipment.*

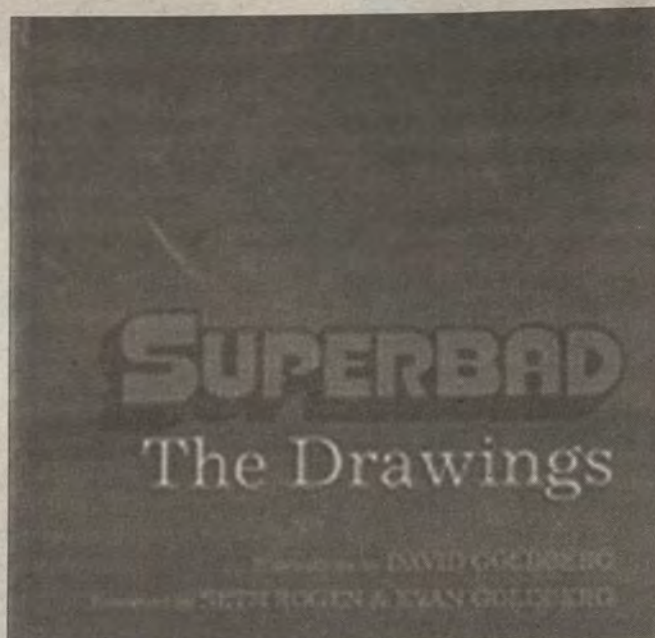
*Please understand this is a sad time for all the members of Connecticut College athletics and the entire community. As we continue the search for students who have been using steroids, we will learn how many wins actually belong to our opponents. I will be in touch.*

Sincerely,  
Susan Patterson  
Assistant Athletic Trainer  
Ext. 4763

I'm feeling rough, I'm feeling raw, I'm in the prime of my life. Let's make some music, make some money, find some models for wives. I'll move to Paris, shoot some heroin, and f--- with the stars. You man the island and the cocaine and the elegant cars. This is our decision, to live fast and die young. We've got the vision, now let's have some fun. Yeah, it's overwhelming, but what else can we do. Get jobs in offices, and wake up for the morning commute? Forget about our mothers and our friends. We're fated to pretend. To pretend. We're fated to pretend. To pretend. I'll miss the playgrounds and the animals and digging up worms. I'll miss the comfort of my mother and the weight of the world. I'll miss my sister, miss my father, miss my dog and my home. Yeah, I'll miss the boredom and the freedom and the time spent alone. There's really nothing, nothing we can do. Love must be forgotten, life can always start up anew. The models will have children, we'll get a divorce. We'll find some more models, everyting must run it's course. We'll choke on our vomit and that will be the end. We were fated to pretend. To pretend. We're fated to pretend. To pretend. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

-Mgmt "Time To Pretend"

# When Superbad is Supergood



In time for spring flings and graduations, *Superbad: The Drawings* is the only compendium of 62 hilarious, captioned "phallographics" created exclusively for the movie *Superbad*.

## Synopsis

Everyone who has seen the blockbuster comedy hit *Superbad* will recall the outrageous phallic folly featured in the movie, inspired by the character Seth's obsessive drawings from the third grade.

When Evan Goldberg, *Superbad's* co-writer/producer, called his older brother, David, about a job on the movie, David had no idea that he would tap into the unexplored world of phallographics. The brilliant results are these 62, full-color, laugh-out-loud drawings that will surely tickle your funny bone. Some of these illustrations were featured in the end credits of the movie, and audience members are still buzzing about them! Many of these clever depictions are exclusive to this novelty art volume.

## About the Authors

Seth Rogen & Evan Goldberg, the screenwriters and executive producers, grew up in Vancouver, British Columbia, together and began to write their first screenplay, *Superbad*, when they were 13 years old.

After moving to Los Angeles, Rogen served as a staff writer on Judd Apatow's television series *Undeclared*. The duo went on to write for Sacha Baron Cohen's cult hit *Da Ali G Show*, as well as the feature film *Pineapple Express*, which the pair also executive produced.

Rogen served as co-producer on Apatow's sleeper hit *The 40-Year-Old-Virgin*, and executive produced, along with Goldberg, Apatow's blockbuster hit *Knocked Up*. Seth Rogen plays Officer Michaels in *Superbad*.

**"This is one book you will want to get in bed with! It kept me up all night!"**

**-Rory Gilmore**

**"Gripping!"**  
**-Hermione Granger**

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10. Fleshy fruit  
14. A turn and a half on the ice  
15. Screw thread, for example  
16. Diabolical  
17. Final Four letters  
18. Liqueur flavoring  
19. Diminished by  
20. What comedians use to keep others from stealing their jokes?  
23. Flamenco cry  
24. "Dream \_\_\_\_" (1959 Bobby Darin hit)  
25. "I forgive you"  
27. "Peter Pan" pooch  
28. It may be a bust  
29. Helpless with laughter  
32. Big horn  
35. Dough dispenser  
36. Like NBC, before Seinfeld quit?  
40. Tsp. or tbsp.  
41. Comics canine  
42. War of 1812 treaty site  
43. Infamous insider Ivan  
46. 1994 Jodie Foster film  
48. Sour, cold rice dish  
49. Junipero Serra, for one  
51. Exhilarated state  
54. Heckler's directive?  
57. Hazard  
58. Copious  
59. One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"  
60. Las Vegas opener  
61. Secluded spots  
62. Pink or pillow follower  
63. Working stiff  
64. Thus far  
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10. Fronton missile  
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12. Lose, as an opportunity  
13. U.S. Open champ of '94 and '97  
21. Primary strategy  
22. Palindromic bird  
26. Not the least blowzy  
27. Medical research agcy.  
28. When tripled, a McCartney/Jackson chart-topper  
29. Clears the deck  
30. It may be a stretch  
31. Corroborates, in court  
33. William Tell's canton  
34. "I'm Sorry" singer  
37. Tickled-pinkness  
38. Gave the twice-over  
39. Orr.org.

44. Rattled  
45. All in the family  
47. Frank's comics colleague  
49. Cougars  
50. Put on  
51. Shaky dessert choice  
52. Umbrella  
53. Concord or Catawba  
55. Baby's favorite art movement?  
56. Kid around  
57. Criminal charge

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# Who Needs Lombardi When You Got a Tony?

BY JASON STARR '09

sports editor



Brett Favre wasn't the only big-name quarterback to retire after the 2007 season. After ten marginally successful seasons, Indianapolis Colts' quarterback Peyton Manning announced that he will leave the NFL to pursue a career in acting.

Peyton's decision does not surprise me for several reasons. Judging from his affinity for the no-huddle offense and his tendency to call plays at the line of scrimmage, he clearly has incredible improvisational skills. Unfortunately, his life as a NFL quarterback greatly prevented him from indulging in theatrical endeavors, thus he can only make commercials and have just one appearance on *Saturday Night Live*.

Peyton also retired because he felt very out of place in the NFL. He always seemed to be much more comfortable wearing tacky wigs and amateur porn star mustaches than jerseys and spikes.

Ultimately, it came down to the fact that he just wasn't cut out to play quarterback in the NFL. Despite winning the league's MVP award twice and appearing in

eight Pro-Bowls, Peyton underachieved throughout his career. Even though he always performed at an exceptionally high level during the regular season, he choked countless times in the playoffs, and could only lead his team to one Super Bowl championship.

Needless to say, I expected a lot more out of Peyton Manning and his self-proclaimed "laser rocket arm."

Shortly after his retirement from the NFL, Peyton flew to New York City and began looking for work on Broadway. Supposedly, he has already received offers to play Dr. Frederick Frankenstein in *Young Frankenstein* and Danny Zuko in *Grease*.

Although Peyton hopes to star in several shows, it is more likely that we will see him in movies. That's generally what happens to underachieving quarterbacks. For example, Dan Marino, who never won a championship, expected to play Nathan Detroit in *Guys & Dolls*, but he ended up playing himself in *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* (1994).

It is important to note that the former football players who had successful careers also appeared in major motion pictures. Hall of Famer and three-time Super Bowl champion Michael Irvin was one of the main characters in the 1995 remake of *The Longest Yard*.

Several sports stars have pursued a career in acting in order to rejuvenate their careers or reinvent themselves as athletes. Michael Jordan was a three-time NBA champion, but he appeared to lose his passion for bas-

ketball and dappled in Major League Baseball between 1993 and 1994. If not for his starring role in *Space Jam* (1996) and the lessons he learned from playing basketball with Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck, it is highly unlikely that he would return to the NBA and win three more championships with the Chicago Bulls.

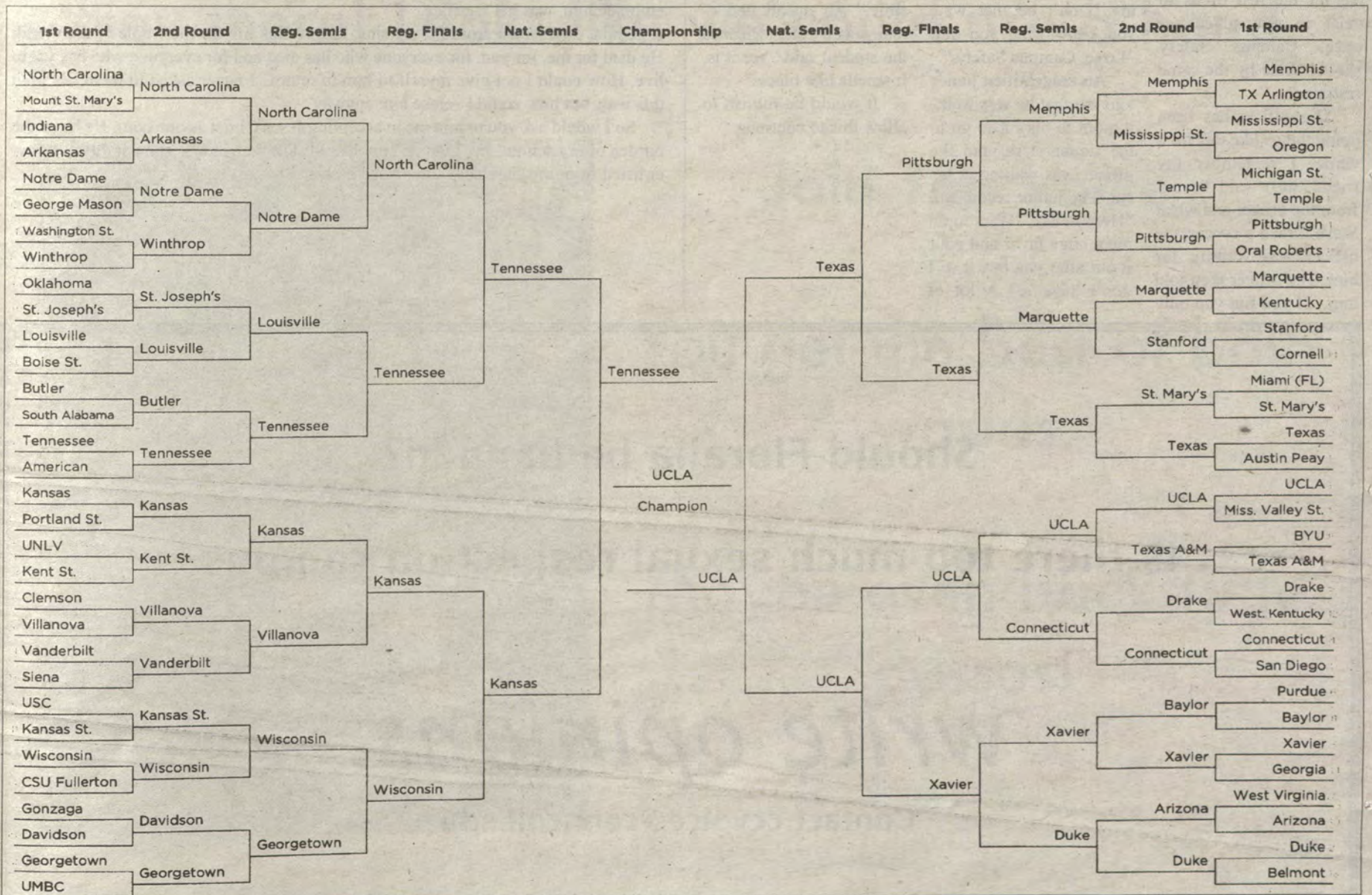
Through acting, Peyton will undoubtedly learn more about himself and will develop into champion. Shaq never would have emerged as a dominant force in the NBA or won four titles if he had not starred in *Kazaam* (1996) or *Steel* (1997). After Peyton appears in a few blockbusters, I'm positive that he will finally have what it takes to redefine the quarterback position.

He will definitely return to the NFL, but it is impossible to know when exactly he will be back. Pacman Jones and Michael Vick will certainly be reinstated long before Peyton is ready to play again. Peyton Manning will be greatly missed, but I applaud him for finally following his dream of becoming an actor.



Manning photo courtesy of Web

## A Joke: Ben Eagle's NCAA Bracket



## Should Campus Safety be Allowed to Keep Breaking Laws?

By John Swig '08



I, for one, am totally against Campus Safety using their superhuman abilities to patrol this school. I can't believe the exec board really has to debate its fairness. I think it's totally irresponsible. Like when that officer wrote up two students on opposite sides of campus at the exact same time? The officer said it was efficient enforcement, but I think that if it's impossible for the rest of us to exist in two places at once, Campus Safety should abide by the same restrictions.

This officer has been doing things like this for a while. I remember my friend Steve said he ran from the officer and when Steve turned a corner, the officer was waiting for him. The officer then told him, "If you run you only

get written up tired." When the possibility of hiding from the officer was brought up, he cackled maniacally. Breaking some major physics laws and possibly creating paradoxes just to write up students is just plain irresponsible, plus really rude.

Then there's that officer who eschews any privacy students may have because he is clearly omniscient. Sarah Allar '08 told me, "I parked in a Faculty and Staff spot during the weekday, and when I got out of my car there was a ticket sitting under a rock. I looked at the ticket and it was already written out for me. I said 'what the f---,' and underneath another rock there was a note saying 'Don't be that way, you know what you did. -Love, Campus Safety.'" An unidentified junior told me that he was walking out to his car to go to the liquor store, and the officer was waiting at his car. The junior recounted, "He was like, 'Want to do me a huge favor and pour it out after you buy it so I don't have to? A lot of

people will be parking in the wrong spots in about an hour, and I need to write those tickets now.' It was crazy. I had to pour out some really expensive shit."

Another thing that is completely unfair is their ability to smell fear, which my Biology teachers maintain isn't actually possible. A freshman told me about how campus safety busted a room party so he ran and hid in a closet. "Campus safety was walking around and sniffing. They went right past the closet and one of them said, 'The trail goes cold here.' That freaked me out. They both immediately started sniffing the closet door, and said, 'Smells like fear to me.' I didn't think that was possible." An unsolicited e-mail sent by one officer to the student said "Yes it is. It smells like lilacs."

It would be foolish to allow this to continue.

## Easter Conversion

By Ian Barnes '09



With Easter having come and gone, it's important that we take some time from our busy days to bask in the glory of Jesus and give thanks. I know, I've never been the most pious person, but people can undergo miraculous, absurd changes. Just look at Michael Jackson.

As I was eating Easter dinner, I was overcome with the intense feeling that I was being watched. For the first time in my life, I felt the presence of something greater than myself. And then I realized, everything in my life up to this point has been a poison that only Christ can cleanse. There was a black, putrid thing living inside me, but divine light has shown me the magnitude of my sins.

I have befouled, with my hatred and spite, the gift that the Lord has bestowed upon me. But it's never too late to see the error of one's ways and change. No longer will I hate the lowly and the meek, for that is vile and contemptible; that is not what Christ sought.

I know it must seem rather pretentious, perhaps even insincere, that here I am, spouting my newfound love for Jesus when just a week ago I would've gladly put the nails in the cross myself. To that, I have no real response to quell your fears or put you at ease. I can only say that you should have faith that the Lord does indeed work in mysterious ways. Faith is not something I can attempt to relate to you in any sort of intelligible terms; it's simply something you need to experience yourself. If I tried to explain it to you, you would think me crazy.

And while Christ has properly focused my scorn on the abominations who deserve it and shown me the proper path to eternal bliss, which is deserving of my most unending praise and devotion, those are the least of his magnificent gifts. Indeed, his greatest triumph, and the singular reason which eventually swayed me to embrace him, was his sacrifice.

Christ died on the cross for my sins; he gave his life for the whole of the world. He died for me, for you, for everyone who has died and for everyone who has yet to live. How could I not give myself to him in return? I never asked to be indebted in this way, but how could I refuse him anyway?

So I would ask you to join me in accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord. He bears the burden of my actions, my guilt and my hatred. The weight of responsibility is forever lifted from my shoulders and placed on his.

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# Eliot Spitzer

## Cost of Illegal Love Rising

By Adrian Stover '08



For those of you who do not know what happened to the governor of New York last month, let me briefly review

the story. Gov. Eliot L. Spitzer allegedly paid \$4,300 for a New York City call girl known as "Kristin" to come to Washington D.C. and meet him at the Mayflower Hotel on the night of February 13th. The story broke on March 10th, and two days later he resigned from office. As time passes, more details emerge about the story, including information about the "Emperor's Club" (which provided escorts to wealthy clients), the clandestine transactions of Spitzer to cover his tracks, and why Spitzer and other important leaders in

power tend to follow this kind of behavior. As tragic as the situation is, I am fascinated by this story for two reasons; the first is that these acts of vice were so bizarre and intricately planned that it sets them apart from other drab stories of unbridled power and hot sex, and the second involves my naïve understanding of the world of modern prostitution. Upon learning of the price of the services offered by the Emperor's Club, many of us wonder why it is so expensive. With a little investigation, I learned that the highest going rate for a lady of the evening in Washington is a figure around \$500 an hour, which is a \$3,800 difference from what Spitzer paid.

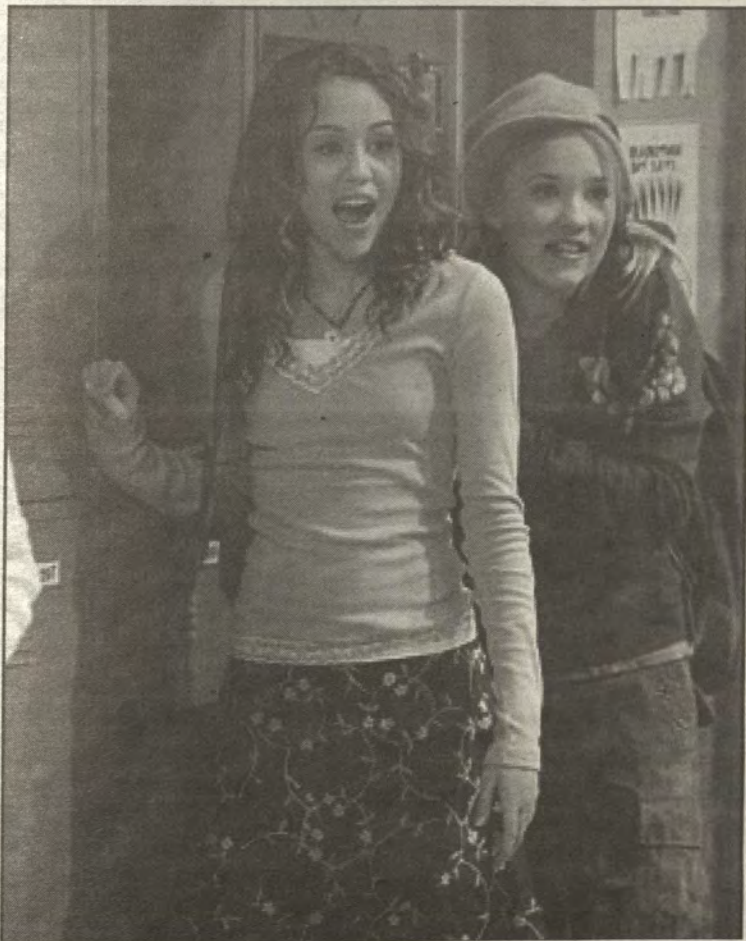
The question that one really has to answer is what you get from a prostitute when you pay her \$4,300. OK, other than the obvious answer. Judging from what many vice-squad detectives have offered about the story, the answer is a pledge of

ironclad silence from the organization providing the services, and an escort who is guaranteed to possess attractiveness, intelligence, and grace. For people like Client-9, as Eliot Spitzer was known to the Emperor's Club, this silence was an essential part of the deal because of his position of power. It seems that this was something he could only get from a prostitution ring in New York that he could not find in local gals of Washington. There is also the guarantee that the girls being offered to clients are risk-free. In a recent *Washington Post* article that was entitled *High-Priced Call Girls' Lips Are Sealed*, the authors mentioned that police say high-priced women constitute just a tiny fraction of the Washington D.C. underworld. They command a higher price because they claim to stand out among a population affected by drug addiction and sexually transmitted disease. Despite these promises, there is no

guarantee that these prostitutes are drug free and will maintain a code of discretion. No matter how much money a person like Eliot Spitzer may spend on a very special call girl, control over a scandal erupting is still ultimately out of his hands.

The truth of the matter is that he really should have known better when he started to put this whole thing together. Everyone knows that his former position involved prosecuting prostitution rings, but somehow the temptations of the flesh persuaded him to go against his better judgment and convince him to take the risk of getting caught. The result has cost him his career and a possible position as a running mate to one of the Democratic candidates, not to mention the \$80,000 in "love" fees. Take it from Eliot Spitzer: money can't buy you love. It can't even buy you secret, illegal love.

## Hey there! Looks like we could use a hand.



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## Campus Inundated with Spare Time in Wake of New Dorm Entry System

BY JACOB MEADE '08

staff writer

Prior to this semester, Connecticut College had an endearingly archaic method for allowing its residents to enter dorms. Upon approaching an entrance, one had to pull a phone off its receiver, enter an endless stream of numbers into a keypad, wait a second or two for the Eisenhower-era switchboard to mull it all over, and finally pass through to one's respective destination.

The germ-spreading, Freshman-baffling phone system was an integral aspect of the Conn experience because it created a complex code of etiquette. Since the task of entering a dorm was such a lengthy affair, students were socially required to hold the door open for others approaching it from as far off as a quarter mile—that is if they didn't want to appear rude. Conversely, those recipients of such generous door-holding would be required, upon noticing it, to sprint toward the entrance as fast as they could, thus wasting as little of the good samaritan's time as possible, and zing past them in a flurry of "thank you"s and barely-contained notebooks.

But this fine-tuned method of gauging strangers' kindness came crashing down in late January, when students returning from winter break were shocked by the efficiency of the snappy new card-scan entry system. During the long reign of phone-granted entry, the average time it took between approaching a dorm door and actually passing through it stood at about 16.5 seconds, factoring in the regular occurrence of failed first attempts. Under Camel Card-scanning, average dorm-entry time has been shaved down to a scant .5 seconds.

This 16-second difference, multiplied by the millions, has profoundly transformed the lifestyle at Conn. Students now experience hours of more spare time in their daily schedules, and are struggling to make sense of their newfound freedom. "I'm lost," says Sarah Scott, a sophomore. "I was used to having just enough time during the day to get my homework done, but now I finish everything by about 3pm. What am I supposed to do for the rest of the day?!" Says Joe Landen, a senior, "I'm already involved in five extracurriculars, which used to keep me pretty busy. But now I can do them all and still wind up sitting on my ass watching 'Family Guy' all day. How many more clubs do I have to join to not feel like a total loser?" A walk across campus currently yields the sight of dozens of bereft camels, wandering



aimlessly and blinking in the early spring sunlight. "What am I supposed to do with myself?" asked one, tears welling up in her eyes.

The breakneck pace of the Camel Card has harmed Connecticut College's public image in unforeseen ways. Student tour guides must now weave their groups of high schoolers and unimpressed parents through the hordes of inactive students who now cluster every green. One guide, Stephanie Strombert says, "Life as a tour guide is already hard enough. We have to talk and walk backwards at the same time! Now we also have to dodge Frisbees and footballs, and pray that none of these delinquents says a swear word within earshot of our guests. It's so stressful!" The College Voice has exclusively learned that Conn tour guides are currently threatening to unionize and demand a higher wage, a source of great tension within the administration. Says one rep, who wished to remain anonymous, "What will

happen if we start paying the guides more? It'll set off a chain reaction, and before you know it those slackers at the library reception desk who get paid to go online will be making 50 grand a year! Lord help us!"

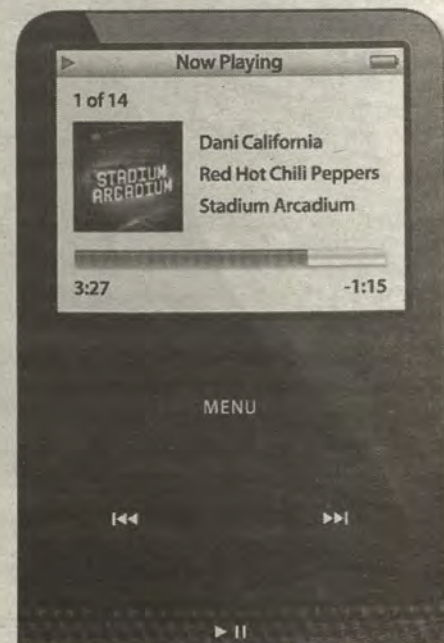
The dramatic time-shift effect of the card-scan system could also lead to far-reaching changes in the academic curriculum at Conn. Faced with the prospect of losing its status as a rigorous Liberal Arts institution, Connecticut College will likely start to assign its rudderless student body significant amounts of work. "We need to get those kids out of the sunshine and back indoors with their noses in a book, where they belong," says one Economics professor (who also wished to remain anonymous). "I cringe at the thought of young people sitting around outside and thinking original thoughts that aren't dictated to them by their studies. It's just sickening." Faculty members have formed a group called the Committee for Reinstating Academic Principle (C.R.A.P.) to brainstorm solutions to the Camel Card crisis, such as the establishment of a 5-class-per-semester requirement. C.R.A.P. hopes to capitalize on Conn's new efficiency and force students to get the most out of their college education, while restoring the college's good name.

Accordingly, the student body is horrified. "I don't want more work!" says Lana Lee, a particularly frightened junior. "My schedule was just right last semester. I long for the days when I'd spend up to 10 minutes standing outside my dorm in the rain when the phones weren't working. Oh, how I miss them!" Growing angst on both sides of the controversy could come to a head in the coming weeks, when spring fever sets in and dedication to classes starts to give way to end-of-year events like Floralia.

But amid all the tumult of the Camel Card system, one indisputably positive change has occurred; Conn's residents are now more secure. A rash of thefts last fall left no doubt that the phone entry system, while fun, simply had to go. Now Conn's 1,800 or so on-campus dwellers can sleep more easily, knowing that their laptops and Anna Kournikova posters are safe. This fact, however, has been lost on the angry mobs who gather nightly at Unity House to paint "C.R.A.P. is crap!" posters, and on those professors who now hit their classes with not one, but four weekly web posting requirements. The advent of the card-scan method has ruptured the Conn Coll utopia, and it remains to be seen whether stability will ever be recovered.

## The iPod Shuffle - Carolyn Sebasky, A&E Editor

1. The Unicorns "Tuff Luff"
2. Sad Dracula "Be Careful"
3. Vampire Weekend "Walcott"
4. Broken Social Scene "Bandwith"
5. The Weepies "Not Your Year"
6. Battles "Rainbow"
7. Islands "Ones"
8. The Mountain Goats "You and Your Memories"
9. Sufjan Stevens "The Predatory Wasp of the Palisades Is Out To Get Us!"
10. The Beatles "You're Going To Lose That Girl"



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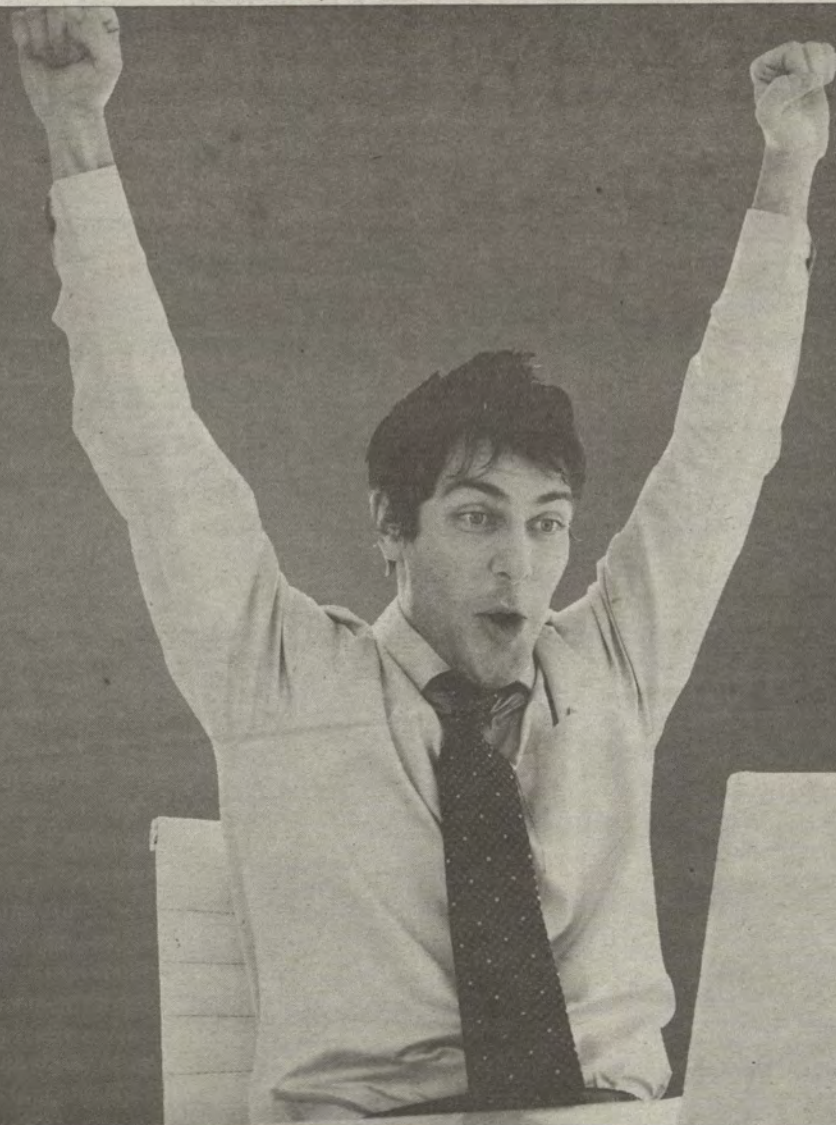
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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## APRIL 2 - APRIL 8

### WEDNESDAY

#### EXHIBIT

The Ubiquitous Chapbook, all day, Shain

All Student Art Show and Art Minor Exhibit, 9:00 AM, Cummings

#### EVENT

Taste of Harris Food Show, 11:00 AM, Harris

Mirch Masala Indian Lunch, 12:00 PM, Cro

Camel Knitters, 12:00 PM, Oasis Snack Shop

#### SPORTS

Tennis vs. Springfield College, 3:30 PM

Women's Lacrosse vs. Wesleyan, 4:30 PM

#### EVENT

CISLA Festival for Freshmen, 6:00 PM, 1941 Room

#### LECTURE

"Yesterday's News," an Endowed Chair Lecture, 6:30 PM, Ernst Common Room

#### SPORTS

Water Polo vs. Iona College, 7:30 PM, Lott Natatorium

#### EVENT

Sushi Night, 8:00 PM, Cro's Nest

### FRIDAY

#### EVENT

Sustainable Food Conference, all day, TBA

#### EXHIBIT

The Ubiquitous Chapbook, all day, Shain

All Student Art Show and Art Minor Exhibit, 9:00 AM, Cummings

#### LECTURE

Common Hour: "Cocaine: From the Coca Leaves of South America to the Streets of New London," 11:45 AM, Blaustein 210

#### EXHIBIT

Asian Pacific Islander Month Photo Exhibit, 4:00 PM, Unity House

#### EVENT

Shabbat Dinner, 6:00 PM, Freeman

King Korn Film Screening, 7:00 PM, Olin

### SATURDAY

#### EXHIBIT

Kente Student Art Exhibit, all day, Alice Johnson, Cro

Sustainable Food Conference, all day, TBA

The Ubiquitous Chapbook, all day, Shain

#### HEALTH

Skin Cancer Screening, 9:00 AM, Health Center

#### EVENT

Sustainable Food Conference, 9:15 AM, TBA

#### SPORTS

Women's Lacrosse vs. Bates, 11:00 AM

Tennis vs. Middlebury, 1:00 PM

Men's Lacrosse vs. Bates, 1:00 PM

#### SERVICE

Roman Catholic Vigil Mass, 5:00 PM, Chapel

#### EVENT

Cape to Cairo, 7:00 PM, 1941 Room

### SUNDAY

#### EVENT

Senior Flute Recital, 2:00 PM, Fortune Hall, Cummings

#### SERVICE

Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry, 6:00PM, Chapel



*Eclipse gets Spicey (Kaminsky '09)*

### MONDAY

#### EXHIBIT

The Ubiquitous Chapbook, all day, Shain

All Student Art Show and Art Minor Exhibit, 9:00 AM, Cummings

#### FITNESS

Personal Trainer, 12:00 PM, Fitness Center

#### MEETING

Women's Center Programming Committee, 4:00 PM, Women's Center

#### EVENT

Psi Chi Induction Ceremony, 4:30 PM, Becker

"James Baldwin: A Prophet Without Honor? The Black Writer and the Politics of Literature in American Culture," 4:30 PM, Chu Room, Shain

Asian Pacific Islander Month Dinner, 5:30 PM, Harris

#### LECTURE

"Five Pearls of Euler," 7:30 PM, Blaustein 210

#### MEETING

Habitat for Humanity, 10:15 PM, Larrabee Common Room

### TUESDAY

#### FITNESS

Personal Trainer, 12:00 PM, Fitness Center

#### EVENT

"Domestic Violence and Domestic Homicide: A Mother and Father Reflect on the Tragic Death of Their Daughter," 2:45 PM, Room 113, Olin

"Are We Nearing The Peak Of Fossil Fuel Energy? Has Twilight In the Desert Begun?" 4:30 PM Ernst

#### FITNESS

Community Yoga Class, 5:30 PM 1941 Room, Cro

#### MEETING

Support Group for Queer and Questioning Students, 6:30 PM, LGBTQ Center