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# THE COLLEGE VOICE

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APRIL 1, 1986

## Candidates for S.G.A. Exec-Board

### For President

Junior Yaw Gyebi, known to most as "J.R.", is running for SGA President. This year he is the Chairman of the Judiciary Board, for which he has served as a class representative for two years prior.

He is a member of the Long Range Planning Committee as well as the Undergraduate Alumni Board and Society Organized Against Racism. Last year he was Vice-president of UMOJA.

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Presidential Candidate Yaw Gyebi. Photo J. Caulfield



Presidential Candidate Sam Seder. Photo G. Wagg

### For President

Sophomore Sam Seder is running for S.G.A. President. This year Seder is President of his class, as well as a member of the Student Life Committee, Undergraduate Alumni Board, and the Alcohol Recommendations Committee. Last year, he was on Class Council.

"The potential role of student government is a forum for virtually anything that involves student life, academic  
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### For Vice-President

Freshman Tammy Bales plans to help S.G.A. become a more effective "voice to the administration" if she is elected Vice President/Finance Committee Chairman.

She cites her experience of six years of involvement in student government both here at college and in high school. Ms. Bales has worked as Executive Board Parliamentarian during this past year.

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V.P. Candidate Tammy Bales. Photo: Caulfield.



V.P. Candidate David Flemister. Photo: Caulfield.

### For Vice-President

David Flemister, a junior, is running for Vice President/Finance Committee Chairman. He is Junior Class President, and he currently serves as voting member of the Finance Committee and the Junior Class Council.

Flemister believes that he could best fulfill his objectives of student representation and the voicing of student concern as vice president.

"You have to compromise  
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### For P.R. Director

Paula Berg '87 is running for Director of Public Relations. Berg was a member of the class council as a sophomore and is currently House President of Burdick.

Berg viewed the role of SGA as both "the students' biggest advocate" and as "the student voice." But Berg feels that "students are unaware of what issues are being discussed at the weekly SGA meetings."

Berg said the Public Relations  
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P.R. Director Candidate Paula Berg. Photo: Flagg.



P.R. Director Candidate Ripley Greppin. Photo: Wagg

### For P.R. Director

B. Ripley Greppin '87 is running for Director of Public Relations. Greppin is currently Secretary of the Advisory Committee and Chairman of the Religious Studies Advisory Board.

Greppin has served as dorm and class representative for Windham during the last two years.

"I would like to get involved," Greppin said. She feels that she would bring a  
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### For J-Board Chairman

Bruce Turner, '87, is running unopposed for Judiciary Board Chairman. Turner believes he understands the workings of the judicial system at Connecticut College since he has been a board member for the past year.

Additionally, he has served on the Alcohol Policy and Recommendations Committee. Being a member of this committee has given Turner a stronger understanding of the  
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J. Board Candidate Bruce Turner. Photo: Caulfield.



S.A.C. Candidate John Wyler. Photo: J. Caulfield.

### For S.G.C. Chairman

Jonathan Wyler, '88, is running unopposed for S.A.C. Chairman. Wyler's experience includes being the S.A.C. Rep. for Plant dormitory, serving as a member of the student assembly of S.A.C. and serving as Co-Treasurer of the Student Organization Fund.

Through the basis of his experience, Wyler hopes to diversify and improve the social events here at Connecticut College. He wants to  
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# The Candidates' Platforms

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Yaw Gyebi

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"The role of S.G.A. is to be an effective voice of the students in dealing with issues and conveying them to the administration and faculty."

Gyebi feels that the President of the student government needs to have a working understanding of all of the positions in the assembly in order to work well together to make change. "S.G.A. hasn't lacked concern but they have lacked initiative and follow-up," he said.

Because of his experience on the Judiciary Board he has been on the inside and he believes it will help him to be effective in a position on the outside. "I've noticed in the past that people consider the J. Board and S.G.A. two separate things and it is often difficult for the assembly to address the J. Board and vice versa."

He said that S.G.A. must learn to be a decision-making body and that often other associations such as SOAR and The College Voice handle issues better than S.G.A.

Gyebi believes that S.G.A.'s structure must be reformed "in order to improve relations with the Faculty Steering Committee, the Administration, and most importantly with the student body."

If elected, Gyebi intends to provide S.G.A. office hours so that the students can reach a representative of S.G.A., he also wants to formalize the process of proposals to the administration for better communication, as well as the elections of House Presidents, who he feels should self-nominate and then draw up platforms for election.

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### Reform SGA's Structure

The Student Government Association has the potential to effectively represent the various interests possessed by students. Although the Student Assembly has functioned adequately in the past, I believe the S.G.A.'s structure must be reformed in order to improve relations with the Faculty Steering Committee, the administration, and most importantly, the student body.

A revitalized structure would enable the Student Assembly to effectively redress many of the problems that currently plague this institution, such as the unacceptable condition of Cro, the lack of adequate parking, and the need for improved Student Advisory Committees, to name a few. As S.G.A. President, my first priority will be to institute reforms aimed at making the student government a strong voice for student concerns.

My three years experience as a Judiciary Board Representative, the last as chairman, qualify me for the position of S.G.A. President. During these years, I have learned the S.G.A.'s inner workings and the ability to bridge the gap between the concerns of students and administrators. But more important than knowledge of a student government, my years on J-Board have instilled in me a desire to continue to work for the best interests of all students.

My experience and my commitment to student concerns will assure that S.G.A. is provided with strong leadership.

Sincerely,  
Yaw Gyebi, Jr.

### Seeking Student Support

The Student Government Association enables us to exert influence on the decisions that affect us and our college. If the potential impact of S.G.A. is to be realized, it must earn and maintain the support and confidence of the entire student body. S.G.A. can only be a powerful student voice if it is widely supported.

S.G.A.'s effectiveness, both as an influence on administrative decisions and as a representative body depends on better and increased communication both within the S.G.A. system and with the student body. Important issues must be forcefully publicized; the S.G.A. should be and remain the most significant advocate of student concerns.

The role of the S.G.A. will depend upon the quality of its leadership and its ability to mobilize student support. The S.G.A. president has the primary responsibility to generate student support to make SGA the effective and constructive force in student affairs that it should be.

My experience as Sophomore Class president has prepared me for the intricacies of working within the Student Government Assembly and with the administration. More importantly, I feel I have the ability to make the S.G.A. the credible student voice by making our student government more responsive, more communicative and more pertinent to all of the student body. As S.G.A. President, I can only promise to give as much enthusiasm, ambition and hard work as I can. Please vote. Thank you.

Samuel Seder

### Promote Close Relations

#### EXPERIENCE

- 1) 6 years in Student Government
- 2) 2 years as Class Representative
- 3) 1 year as Class Senator
- 4) 1 semester as Student Council Parliamentarian
- 5) 1 year as Class Treasurer
- 6) Student Council President
- 7) Connecticut College Executive Board Parliamentarian
- 8) Attended Student Government Seminars

#### OBJECTIVES

- 1) I feel it is important to work closely with the president as well as promote close relations among the S.G.A. members.
- 2) I will be ready to undertake any problems or proposals that come before the S.G.A. to the best of my ability.
- 3) I will always be ready to hear suggestions and proposals in an effort to meet the needs of the students.
- 4) As part of my effort to serve the students I will strive to be creative and original in all my endeavors to better Connecticut College as a whole community.

Tammy Bales

### To Voice Student Concerns

Student Government at Connecticut College has progressed well since its inception, yet there is more to be accomplished. I feel that the main objectives of a Student Government are student representation and the voicing of student concerns. Therefore, I have chosen to seek the Vice Presidential position, a position where I can best fulfill these objectives.

The vice president has many responsibilities besides upholding the above concerns. In addition to being Constitution Committee Chairperson and a member of the Trustee/Student Liaison Committee, of utmost importance is chairing the Finance Committee. An efficient budget is a necessity to the functioning of campus clubs and organizations.

While serving on Finance Committee, and having played a key role in the increase of the Student Activities Fund, I know that the careful consideration of all budgets will become even more important. I also know that it is important to continue these increases to keep up with the changing times.

Having served as President of the Class of '87 and working with the Treasurer in proposing and maintaining a budget as well as being a voting member of Finance Committee, I feel I can bring experience and leadership to the job of Vice President.

Sincerely,  
David L. Flemister

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The editorial staff of **The College Voice** had the opportunity to meet with all the candidates running for a contested S.G.A. Executive Board office. Also, we read closely all the election platforms. The result was an evaluation based on a consistent criterion.

These endorsements were arrived at after careful examination of all the candidates. A process involving interviews of the candidates, discussions of their platforms, and an analysis of their relative experience, was the method by which these endorsements were formulated. The interview, a crucial part of the process, was divided into two sections.

The first step, which was the same for all the candidates, involved asking four questions. These were: 1. In your opinion, what is the role of S.G.A.? 2. How do you define the position you seek on S.G.A. Executive Board? 3. What do you see as that position's strengths and weaknesses? 4. Looking back at this year's S.G.A., what if anything, would you have done differently?

The second part of the interview involved impromptu questions. These questions dealt with such topics as the administration, energizing the student body, monetary policies, the perfect case S.G.A., general improvements in student life, and the future of S.G.A.

These endorsements represent the views of the editorial staff of **The College Voice**, based on the aforementioned analysis. Because the positions of Judiciary Board Chairman and S.A.C. Chairman were uncontested, the editorial staff did not include the two candidates in the endorsement process. **The College Voice** would like to thank all the candidates for their cooperation.

### Vice-President

There can be little doubt that the position of Vice President is a very important one. The Vice President must not only fill in during the absence of the President, but he or she must also chair the S.G.A.'s most important committee: the Finance Committee.

The person who fills this position must have the ability to portion out budgets with an even-handed axe. Also, this person must be an effective voice in the Student Assembly. The ability to debate forcefully and cogently is a must for success. Experience in the workings of college politics also helps. These factors provided the basis for our endorsement.

We endorse David Flemister for Vice President of the Student Government Association. Our reasoning behind the endorsement:

#### 1. Exceptional Qualities:

Mr. Flemister is very articulate. Throughout the year, he has shown himself to be an informed and effective speaker in the Student Assembly. His ideas for the Vice Presidential office are logical and well thought out. Overall, his experience as Class President, and his membership on the Finance and Trustee/Student Liaison committees give him a unique background for the Vice Presidency.

#### 2. Why we think he will reach his goals as Vice President:

The words effective, ambitious, and rational all describe his plans. The ability to describe ideas clearly, will contribute greatly to his success if elected. Mr. Flemister's experience will allow him to slip easily into the job, and do it well. A charismatic presence will also contribute to his effectiveness as a legislator.

#### 3. Why he was endorsed:

Mr. Flemister avoided hackneyed ideas and projects. His emphasis on apportioning funds in direct relation to that club's effect on students is a sensible and fair approach. Last, he came across as sincerely interested in bettering student government -- and had the ideas to back up his rhetoric.

# Election Endorsements

## President

For the Presidential nomination, we faced a considerable dilemma. Both candidates are very well qualified. Being articulate comes easy to both. Their platforms read like think-tank policy statements. What did we base our endorsement on? First, we looked for potential for success in an environment where compromise is the key to effectiveness. Second, the ability to mobilize students. And third, a specific plan of action. These were the final criterion by which both candidates were evaluated. This pointed the way to one candidate.

We endorse Sam Seder for President of the Student Government Association. Our reasoning behind the endorsement:

#### 1. Exceptional Qualities:

As Class President he has proven to have the ability to unify groups of people and thereby obtain participation. This quality can be projected to the whole student body. His debating ability, amply demonstrated in the Student Assembly, will enable Mr. Seder to get his agenda on the table and achieve ultimate success. At the same time, he performs the art of political compromise with ease.

#### 2. Why we think he will reach his goals as president:

Mr. Seder's performance as Class President has been excellent. His management of Class Council is efficient; class functions are carried off without any major problems. He has constantly communicated well with the Student Assembly, standing out as a competent, conscientious legislator.

#### 3. Why he was endorsed:

His clarity of purpose and an ability to communicate easily with the students impressed us most. Although both candidates have an important agenda, Mr. Seder was more clear on implementation and specific target issues. Most importantly, we saw in Mr. Seder a potential to energize the students.

## P.R. Director

S.G.A. can only succeed if it communicates effectively and clearly with the students, the faculty, and the administration. The creation of new channels of information is a crucial step in enhancing S.G.A.'s image as the representative body of the students.

Last, the Public Relations Director must have a clear plan that will directly translate to more exposure for S.G.A. These parameters were used in our endorsement.

We endorse Paula Berg for Public Relations Director of the Student Government Association. Our reasoning behind the endorsement:

#### 1. Exceptional Qualities

Ms. Berg struck us as being personable, forceful and self-assured, all important qualities of an ideal public relations person. The fact that she was well spoken and was able to communicate concrete ideas effortlessly, further proved her abilities vis-a-vis the position.

#### 2. Why we think she will reach her goals as Public Relations Director:

Although it could have been easy to outline her agenda in abstract term, Ms. Berg had a potentially effective plan sketched out in real terms. Her well grounded ideas, backed by her experience as a House President, will serve S.G.A. well. Her calm assurance of success impressed us.

#### 3. Why she was endorsed.

Ms. Berg demonstrated the ability to think and speak off the cuff while maintaining her complete composure. Her plan to reintroduce an S.G.A. newsletter will go a long way in informing the students. Her intention to keep students informed of all the issues will rekindle interest in S.G.A. It might have been her personal public relations, but she convinced us that she can do the job -- and well.

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## Smooth Organizer

As a voting member of S.G.A. for this year, I have participated in decision-making, discussed relevant issues, and kept the lines of communication between my dorm members and S.G.A. wide open. I have been a part of S.G.A.'s growing status as a voice which is increasingly sensitive to the needs and concerns of the student body. As a sophomore last year I was a member of class council, thus I have experience representing both my class members and my dorm.

As Public Relations Director, communication would be my primary goal. I feel that many students are unaware of what issues are being discussed at the weekly S.G.A. meetings. Consequently, students do not utilize their strongest advocate: S.G.A. More communication between the student body and student government is crucial if S.G.A. is to effectively fulfill its role. One way to promote communication is a monthly newsletter. The newsletter would update students and faculty on current S.G.A. concerns.

Also, I am confident that I could smoothly organize Club Night, elections, production of the student phone directory, and the maintenance and amplification of the respectability of student government.

Besides my own work, Public Relations Director would be my only other major time commitment. I have S.G.A. experience, time, energy, and most importantly enthusiasm to make communication our key to a strong and unified student voice.

Sincerely,  
Paula Berg

## Uphold Honor Code

The Chairman of Judiciary Board has many different responsibilities to the College community. The Honor Code is a unique privilege of Connecticut College. The Chairman must uphold the Honor System and maintain the judicial process. In order to perform these tasks the Chairman must have a working knowledge of the rules that govern the college.

Constant communication with the various branches of the college is also necessary. These qualities, combined with energy and desire for the system to function fairly and efficiently, are essential in the Chairmanship of the Judiciary Board.

As member of the board during the past, I fully understand the workings of the judicial system at Connecticut College. As a strong advocate of students' rights and responsibilities, I would properly represent the attitudes of the student body. My experiences as a board member have introduced me to many different people who I will be able to use as resources.

I have also had experience on the Alcohol Policy and recommendations Committee. Involvement in policy decisions has given me a strong understanding of the varying views concerning alcohol and other issues. Through my involvement in various aspects of the college I have demonstrated my capability, energy, and desire to serve the college community as the Chairman of the Judiciary Board.

Please vote next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thank you,  
Bruce Turner



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## Actively Involved

Active involvement in a college community, both in and out of the classroom, is time well spent. My own experiences on class council, advisory boards, and varsity teams have played just as important roles in my college career as my classroom studies have. In order to become involved, students must be informed.

I would like to make sure that this campus is aware of the opportunities offered here. Students should know what is going on, as well as how to become involved.

As a voting member of the Executive Board and the Student Assembly, I would bring experiences of being Secretary of the Advisory Committee, Chairman of the Religious Studies Advisory Board, a dorm and class representative. All of these positions involve organization, commitment, and the desire to work with and to understand people.

I would like to be involved.

Respectfully submitted,  
B. Ripley Greppin

## Active SAC Member

My name is Jonathan Wyler and I am running for S.A.C. Chairman. The Student Government Association at Conn is a vital element of the student body. It carries a great deal of power in determining the social and political atmosphere of the college. As Chairman of the Student Activities Council, I hope to channel this power in positive directions during the coming year.

I believe I do have the experience necessary for this position. As S.A.C. rep. for Plant this year, I have actively planned very successful functions. I have served as an active member of the student assembly of S.A.C. I also serve as Co-Treasurer of the Student Organization Fund which performs a great deal of functions for S.A.C.

On the basis of this experience, I hope to diversify and improve the social events here at Conn. I will work with the Executive Board to continue the trends started this year and to expand them. These goals together with my enthusiasm will form the grounds for an exciting year.

Thank you,  
Jonathan Wyler

### Bruce Turner

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"The Honor Code is a unique privilege of Connecticut College. I am concerned about student responsibility to the Honor Code and I would like to see all students take every aspect of the Honor Code more seriously," stated Turner.

The Judiciary Board Chairman's responsibility is to uphold the Honor System and maintain the judicial process. In order to perform these tasks the Chairman must have a working knowledge of the rules that govern the college.

Constant communication with the various branches of the college is also important. According to Turner, these qualities are essential in the Chairmanship of the Judiciary Board.

"Through my involvement in various aspects of the college, I have demonstrated my capability, energy and desire to serve the college community as the Chairman of the Judiciary Board," Turner concluded.

### Tammy Bales

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Overall, she has been "fairly pleased" with the actions of this year's S.G.A., but would like to see "more order." She also feels that she is committed to working "closely with the president" as well as other S.G.A. members.

However, one weakness she anticipates in the position of Finance Chairman is that it is "not always a well-defined job."

### B. Ripley Greppin

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"broader view to the position because of her involvement with different extracurricular activities including varsity athletics.

Greppin believes the role of SGA is to lead the student body, listen to them, and work with the administration to improve administration/student relations.

As Public Relations Director, Greppin would inform the students in new ways. She would take out a section in the **Voice**, broadcast news into New London, utilize **The Day** and WCNI to better publicize SGA.

### Sam Seder

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Seder feels that the president has an important role in dealing with both the administration and the assembly itself. He views the position as political not bureaucratic.

Seder says that S.G.A. has the potential to be heard more and that he has the qualifications to be a president who could mobilize the students. He was active in the initiation of the meal Sticker Blackout and was quite impressed with its results.

"That was raw enthusiasm, we had really affected change." Seder said that the more that S.G.A. does to affect changes in the school, the more it will be respected by both the students and the administration.

"There is a general feeling among the students that S.G.A. is either elitist or non-existent and I don't think that the administration believes that we can mobilize the students. More knowledge, more interaction and support is what will generate and sustain a good assembly," he said.

If elected, Seder intends to reinstate the College Council, which is in the college charter but which hasn't been in existence for three years.

### David Flemister

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yourself a lot more as president," and the vice president does not deal with as much administrative influence Flemister said.

Having served on the Finance Committee this year, Flemister said that he recognized "the utmost importance" of the vice president's role as Finance Committee Chairman. The "careful consideration of all budgets" will become more important with the recent increase in the Student Activities Fund.

Student apathy and lack of communication between S.G.A. and the student body were two problems Flemister hoped to address if elected.

### Jonathan Wyler

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tinue to work closely with the Executive Board in order to expand upon some of the trends and programs that began this year.

"The Student Government Association at Conn. is a vital element of the student body. It carries a great deal of power in determining the social and political atmosphere of the college," states Wyler. "As Chairman of the Student Activities Council, I hope to channel this power in positive directions during the coming year."

### Paula Berg

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tions Director should serve as "the line of communications between SGA and students."

If elected, Berg said that a monthly SGA letter would be distributed to students, because merely posting the SGA minutes isn't enough. If necessary, she would make sure that students were informed "weekly, even daily" about an important issue.

Berg cited the proposed meal plan and SGA budget as issues which would could have been better publicized.

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