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Harris Wofford to speak at Commencement

by Rebecca Libert
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This year's Commencement speaker is Harris Wofford, chief executive officer of the Corporation for National Service. Wofford, a former Pennsylvania senator, played a key role during his term in drafting legislation that created the Corporation for National Service, an organization which provides resources and evaluative measures for AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and the National Senior Service Corps. Wofford helped Sargent Shriver launch the Peace Corps in 1961, became the Peace Corps' Special Representative to Africa in 1962, and in 1964 was named Associate Director of the Peace Corps.

The Corporation for National Service encompasses thousands of volunteer Americans. AmeriCorps engages 25,000 citizens a year in service sponsored by nonprofit organizations. Members help communities to meet challenges in the areas of education, public safety, human needs and the environment. Learn and Serve America involves students from kindergarten through college in community projects which integrate learning and the service ideal. The program builds on the service-learning movement by promoting service as a learning opportunity, and providing a model of service to schools and community groups. The National Senior Service Corps involves a half-million Americans aged 55 and older in services such as foster parenting and senior companionship.

Wofford was also instrumental in

establishing the President's Summit for America's future. He was recruited by the late Michigan Governor George Romney to make the summit a reality. The summit was held April 27 to 29 in Philadelphia, with a New London delegation, whose participants included President of the College Claire Gaudiani '66.

Wofford has often been in the forefront of integrating citizen service into everyday society. In the 1970s he formed and chaired the Committee to Study the Idea of National Service. In 1987, as Pennsylvania Secretary of Labor and Industry, he established and led the state's Office of Citizen Service (PennServe), to promote school-based service throughout the state, managed the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps, and encouraged the formation of a number of summer and year-round youth service corps. Wofford has also worked with President Bill Clinton on a National Governor's Association Task Force on National Youth Service, and assisted in drafting the National and Community Service act of 1990.

Wofford was an assistant professor of law at Notre Dame Law School, president of the State University of New York at Old Westbury, and president of Bryn Mawr College. He earned a B.A. from the University of Chicago, and J.D.s from both Yale and Howard University law schools. Wofford co-authored *India Afire* (1951) with his wife, Clare. He is the author of *Of Kennedys and Kings: Making Sense of the Sixties* (1980).

Senior Week '97...



Vega will address senior classmates

by Cynthia Pizzuto
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When Jorge Vega found out that he had been elected Class of 1997 Senior Speaker, he was surprised. Despite competition from an unexpectedly large number of other seniors hoping to address their school, Vega was happy to find he had the

support of so many of his peers.

Vega's reasons for running for speaker include a desire to express both what Connecticut College and the class of 1997 are. "Our class has a rather unique feel to it," said Vega. He feels that being speaker will allow him to "voice that uniqueness."

Vega's plans for his speech involve taking the "defining element" of his own experience at Connecticut College and applying it to a universal that relates to all his class-

mates. He intends to discuss the theme of communication: what students at Conn talk about and how four years at the college affect that communication. Vega explained that he will draw on conversations he has heard on campus, using mainly humorous anecdotes to illustrate the mindset of Conn students. Vega emphasized that while his speech is not meant to be a sermon, he will include both the positive and negative sides of this topic: He used the example of people whose conversations extend to when the next keg is, a state of affairs that obviously concerned Vega.

In terms of personal experiences that Vega has had at Conn dealing with communication, Vega men-

tioned his involvement with the theater department and his position as director for the mainstage performance *Fuente Ovejuna*. According to Vega, many people approached him afterwards to talk about the messages they had taken from the play. He was interested to realize how much directing a play was like "playing telephone" with the ideas he meant to convey.

The sense of the college that Vega has developed over his years here is, like the conversations he has heard, two-sided. Conn, he said, "is a really small room with a whole lot of doors." The small setting is comfortable, and Vega said that he has been fortunate, in this intimate community, to gather a large group

of students, faculty and administration who know him; on the other hand, the school is occasionally claustrophobic and there can also be too many people who "know your business." The doors in the room of Conn, he said, are the programs available to get out and grow when the horizons of Conn feel too narrow.

Vega expects that his chance to address the entire school at Commencement will be a "cathartic" experience. While his friends are limited by having to say their farewells one by one, Vega can cover the whole community at once. His speech, said Vega, is "a powerful way to say goodbye to the school."

COMMENCEMENT NEWS

Connecticut College to award honors at Commencement

by Rebecca Libert
PUBLISHER

Connecticut College will award The College Medal, as well as five honorary degrees at Commencement. The College Medal will be awarded to Ellen S. Vitetta, '64, and honorary degrees will be awarded to James P. Comer, Arthur C. Danto, Catherine Kennedy, Paul Kennedy, and Harris Wofford.

Ellen S. Vitetta, Class of 1964, will be awarded the College Medal for her work as a prominent science and in cancer research. Vitetta is considered an international authority on B lymphocytes and immunotoxins in cancer therapy. She is a professor of Microbiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, as well as Director of the Cancer Immunobiology Center, and holds the Scheryle Simmons Patigian Distinguished Chair in Cancer Immunobiology. Vitetta graduated from Connecticut College with a degree in zoology and chemistry, and received her M.S. and Ph.D. in Immunology from New York University. She has published more than 407 professional papers and journal articles, and in 1994 she was elected to the National Academy of Science, one of the highest honors attainable for an American scientist.

James Comer, the Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry and Associate Dean of the Medical School at Yale University as well as Director of the Yale Child Study Center, will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science at Commencement. Comer's work as an education reform advocate has earned him national recognition. Comer founded the "School Development Program," which transformed two inner-city, low-in-

come elementary schools in New Haven into places of stability and academic and social achievement. The "Comer Model" has proven instrumental in shaping how educators, administrators and parents view and fulfill their respective roles in improving America's schools and is now being utilized in more than 600 schools in 82 school districts in 26 states.

Arthur C. Danto, artist, author and philosopher, a member of the New Haven Mayor's Task Force on AIDS, past President of Connecticut Food Bank, and Co-Founder of More House Soup Kitchen.

Paul Kennedy, historian and author, will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctorate of Human Letters. Kennedy is the J. Richardson Dilworth Professor of History and Director of International Studies at Yale University, and previously served as a Professor at the University of East Anglia. He is internationally renowned for his writings and commentaries on global, political, economic and strategic issues; and is the author and editor of 13 books.

Harris Wofford, this year's Commencement speaker, will be awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws. Wofford's work with human service organizations attempts to link service to the lives of all Americans. During the Eisenhower Administration he served as counsel to the first U.S. Commission of Civil Rights. In the Kennedy Administration he helped to launch the Peace Corps, and served as Special Assistant to the President responsible for chairing a subcabinet group on civil rights. Under President Johnson he served as Associate Director of the Peace Corps. Most recently, President Clinton appointed Wofford as the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service.

LATIN HONORS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Rachel Lyon Avery
Melissa A. Behney
Xiaoming Chen
Megan Louise Deitchler
Karen Lynn Douglass
Sarah Elizabeth Holmes
Christine Louise Holt
Dana Alison Luedke
Suzanne Marie Maben
Jacob Forest Marin
Kate Elizabeth Rapelye
Sarah Anne Schoellkopf
Sharon Melissa Seligman
Radoslav Petrov Shipkov
Daniel William Yacavone

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Susan Emily Bonk
Susannah Kate Brumwell
Susan Elizabeth Cline
Emily DeRidder Cobb
Timothy Luke Devin
Jessica Adriann Erace
Julie Ann Evans
Janet Curry Fiorelli
Heather Janet Fish
Cory Sean Freedland
Carra Elizabeth Gamberdella
JoAnn Gates
Sarah Brooke Gentile
Nicole Lyn Gordon
Jenny Rebecca Greeman
Sarah Galen Reis Grogan
Antoinette L. Hulse
Christina Leigh Lester
Kathryn Susan MacLaughlin
Susan Masse Malek
Cathy Marie Ouelette
Amy Elizabeth Perkins
Kathryn Joy Rodd
Lauren Ruff
Jennifer Lynn Spinella
Erin Elsbeth Sullivan
Cara A. Tonelli
Elizabeth Joan Theresa Torpey
Nina Johanna Tupala
Chad William Tvenstrup
Leta Beth Veracka
Jonathan Scott Vogel

CUM LAUDE

Luma Salah Al-Din
Hussein Al-Shibib
Sharon Mary Antonucci
Theresa Marie Boxall
Nikki Ann Bunnell

Ethan Philip Cash
Keith Sullivan Chiappa
Alexander Howard Cote
Katherine Lynne Crosby
Tara Jeanne Davignon
Dawn Marie Parker Davis
Rachelle Catherine DeCoste
Egil Dennerline
Mohamed Abdoulaye Diagne
Katherine Merrie Federowicz
Beth Pamela Fried
Rachel Golden Gaines
Heather Lyn Grover
Thomas Michael Hammond
Lisa May Hawkins
Mary Alyce Hay
Ellie Thompson Jeffers
Wendy Jane Kanter
Alison Reed Kent
J. Rachel Krauss
Damon Loren Krieger
Gerard David Lavery II
Elais Lawrence
Heather Sevey Lawrence
Erica Lynn MacKay
Carney Michaela Maley
Valerie Jean Martin
Maxine Lee Matta
Lydia Humphreys Mehegan
Courtney Elliot Minden
Amy Rebecca Nemser
Eric Christopher Nevin
Jonathan Michael Newlin
Karen Marie Norenberg
Kerry Ann O'Grady
Sarah Sachiko Ono
Jonathan Knight Patton
Maya Nicole Perry
Kristin Joy Piazza
Paul Nicholas Polakowski III
Trent Anthony Wayne Reed
Julie Ann Rothemund
David Allen Ruete
Julie Michelle Sayer
Tamara Estelle Warren Schafer
Carrie Diane Selberg
Paul Seradarian
Margaret Shafer Siegel
Jayne Marie Skindzier
Amy Wechsler Sleeper
Anna Kirsten Snider
Emily Ruth Sollinger
Mark Henry Susman
Edward Wayne Svehlik
Allison Marie Terpack
Yuki Jennifer Tessitore
Diana Gene Webster
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You're a Winner!

Congratulations on your graduation and our warmest wishes for a future filled only with happiness and success.

**Much love,
Mom, Jim,
Zachary and Sarah**

Congratulations, Kristine Kunkel

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

-Chinese Proverb

"Never, never, never give up."

-Winston Churchill

We wish you all the very best every step of the way. All our love,

Mom, Dad and Greg

**THE VOICE EXTENDS
CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE CLASS OF 1997.
GOOD LUCK!!!**

Life affords no higher pleasure than that of surmounting difficulties, passing from one step of success to another, forming new wishes and seeing them gratified.

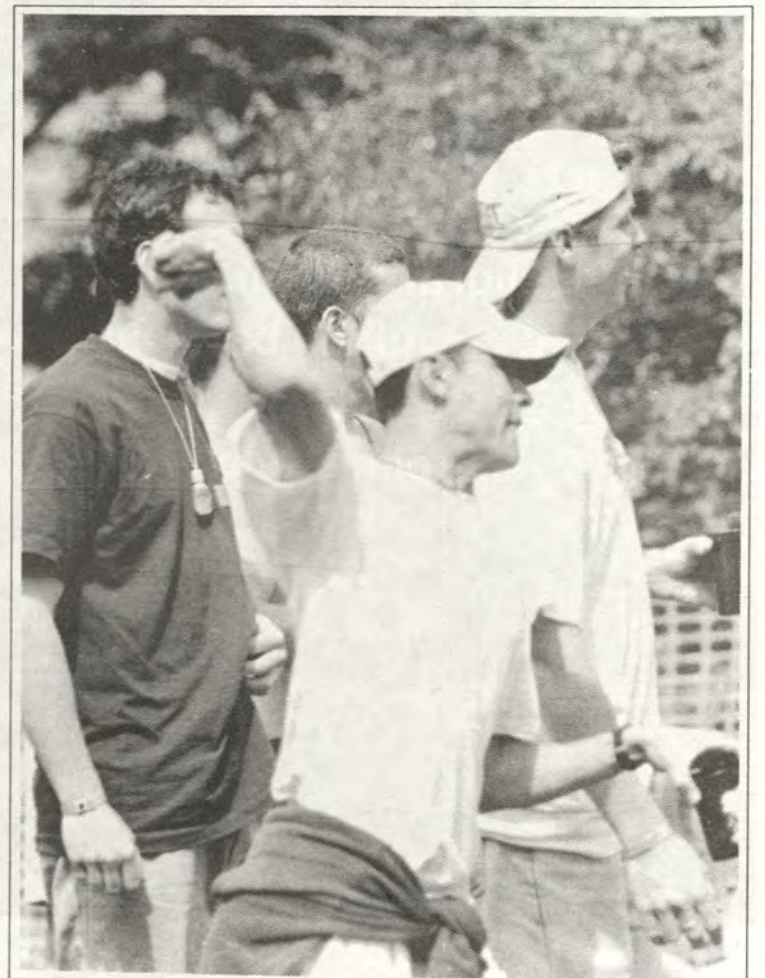
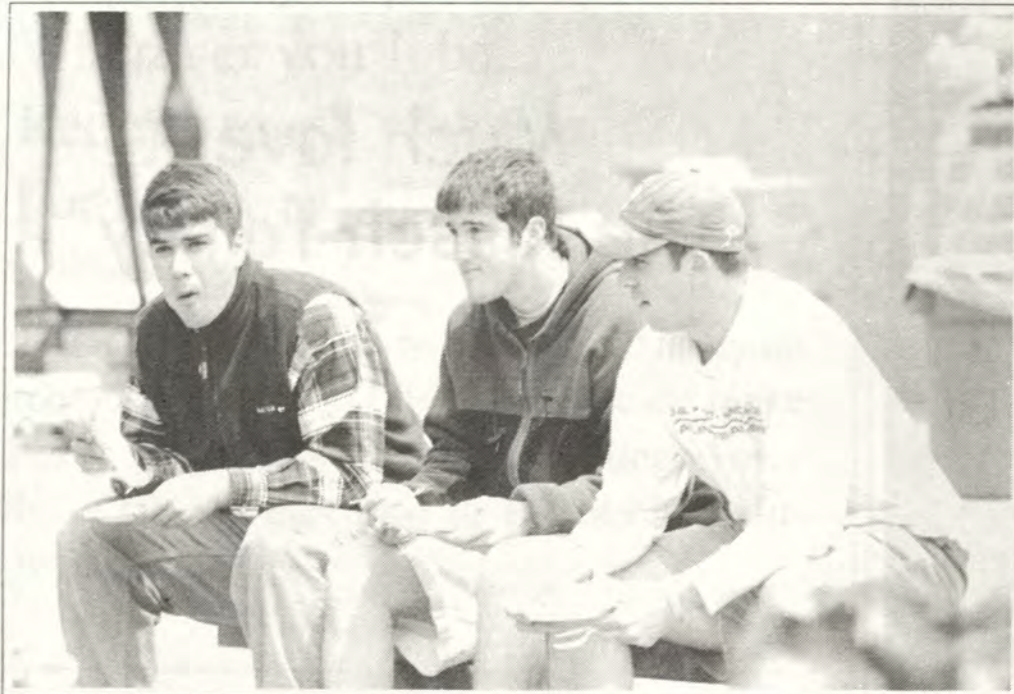
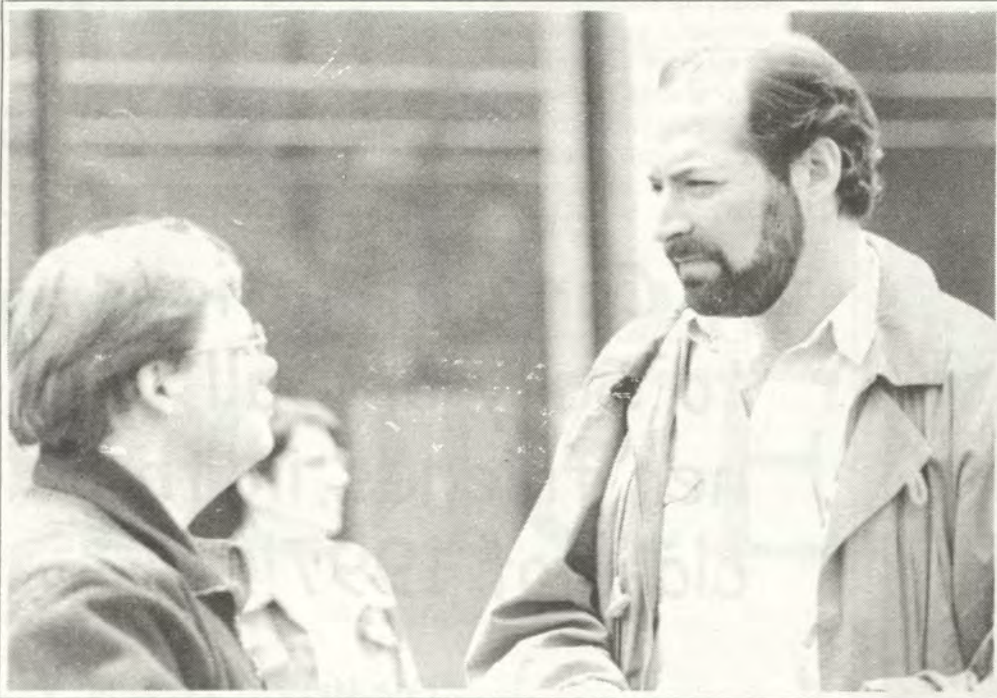
--Samuel Johnson

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We couldn't be prouder.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Joel**

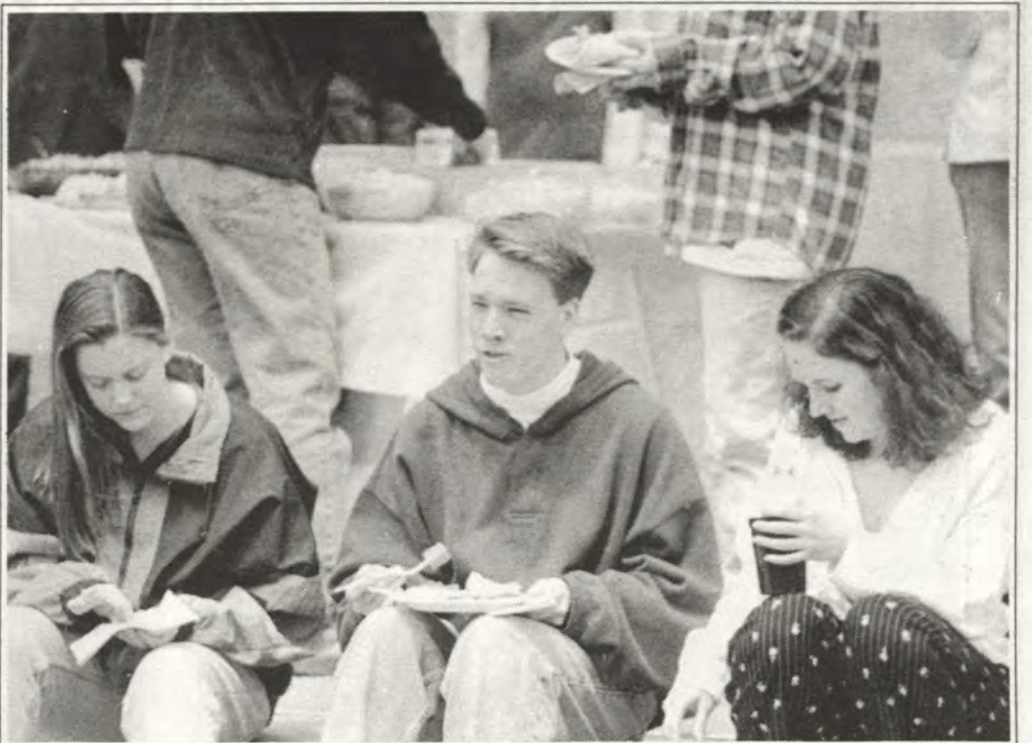
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to Sally and all of
her friends in the
class of 1997!!!**

**Much love,
The Kirsch family**

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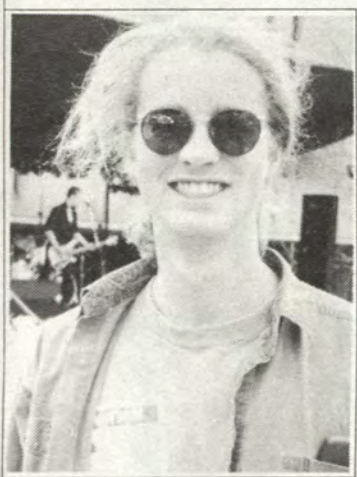
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May you always touch the lives of others as
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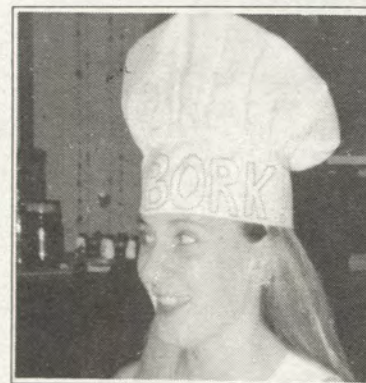


Love,
Dad, Mom and Paul

CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTINE, SARAH, AND TEAM SHADY...

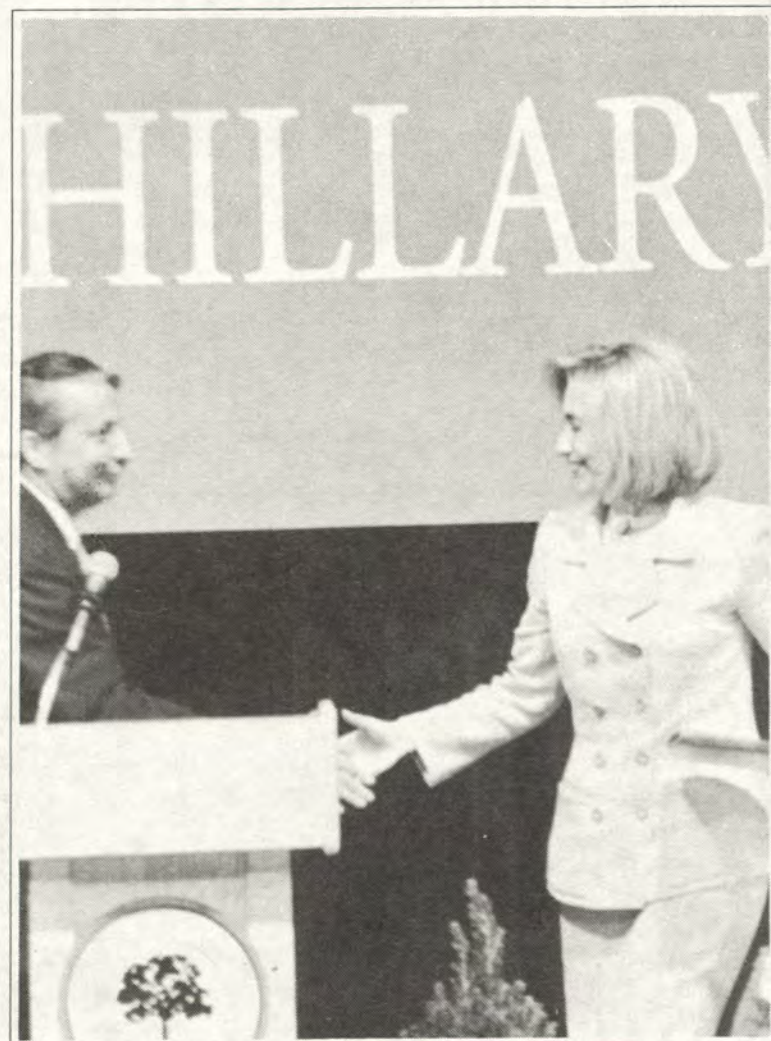
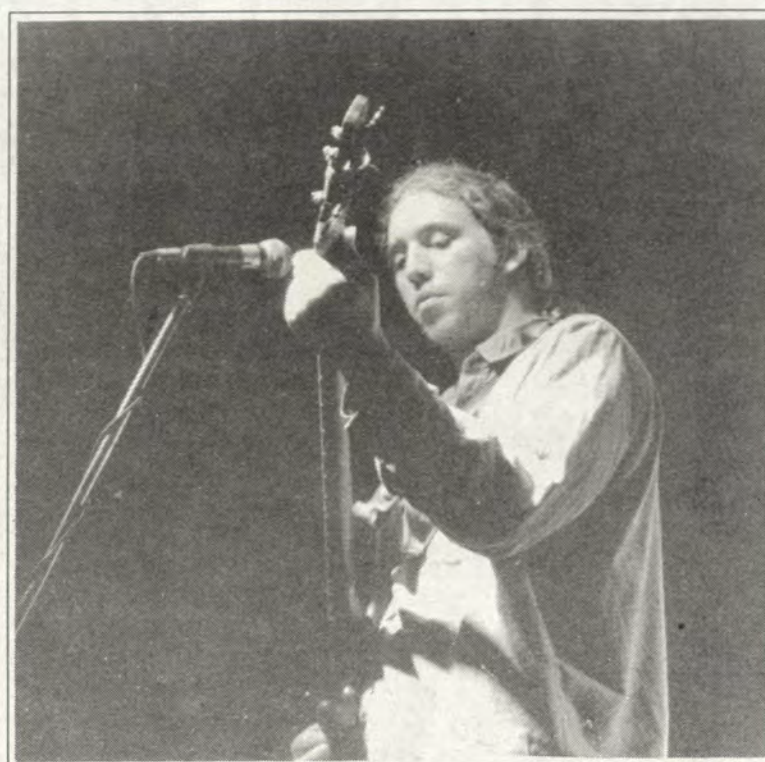


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LOVE, BECKY, BECKY, LIZ, LIZ, KATIE

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