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Candelora implicated in disappearance of refrigerators

Sloppy management and under-reporting to company apparent cause of discrepancy

BY APRIL ONDIS
Editor in Chief

Inventory irregularities prompted Rebecca Flynn, SGA presidential associate, to investigate the history of SGA refrigerator sales. Flynn found that, although official documentation indicates that the SGA should now have 90 refrigerators, only 81 are accounted for.

As Flynn reported at the Student Government Association Assembly meeting Thursday night, the SGA will have to pay College Rent-A-Fridge, Inc. for the missing refrigerators. The SGA recently received club improvement funding to cover the cost. However, the SGA will raise the price of large refrigerator units by 3 dollars for its annual refrigerator fundraising sale next fall.

According to presidential associate documentation from past years, there appears to have been some mismanagement, and in one case, possible wrongdoing, by presidential associates between the academic years 1991-92 and 1992-93.

At the end of the 1991-92 year, when Vincent Candelora, class of 1992, was the presidential associate, the SGA paid Jem International, Ltd.,

(the company which College-Rent-A-Fridge took over) for the rental of 63 refrigerators. However, Flynn's records contain 65 rental contracts which Candelora signed.

Candelora denied that he had ever under-reported refrigerator rentals. "No [I did not]. But that might have been done in years past," said Candelora. "One of the reasons, and I don't necessarily agree with this process, that [a presidential associate] would do that is to give themselves flexibility, if some weren't returned, or if they were miscounted ... if the numbers didn't match."

Flynn did not agree that this would be a necessary or legitimate way to deal with the inventory. "You shouldn't count wrong, because you have everything in contract. That is the treasurer's safety net."

"To lend out units belonging to the company, without telling the company, is to give away a rental unit for a year, and not pay for it. And I think that is wrong," said Flynn.

Candelora said that when he took over as presidential associate, "I realized that there were about ten refrigerators missing." However, Candelora went on to say, "SGA made up the difference for the 10 [missing]

refrigerators ... By the improvement allocated about 700 dollars," to reimburse Jem for the refrigerators "at cost."

Candelora emphasized that he was sorry to see that SGA was once again facing a difficulty with missing refrigerators. "When I left my position the [campus] inventory perfectly matched the company's inventory."

Candelora reported 76 refrigerators on campus at the end of his term. The next year, Wesley Simmons, last year's presidential associate, did not report an inventory, because, he said, he did not know he should have. Flynn said that she has been able to deduce that at the beginning of this academic year, only 62 refrigerators were on campus.

According to Simmons, Candelora suggested when training Simmons for the position that Simmons under-report the number of refrigerators SGA had rented. This way, according to Simmons, Candelora said the SGA could avoid paying Jem its portion of the proceeds for the rentals. Additionally, by failing to report some refrigerator rentals, a presidential associate could allow these refrigerators to disappear from the SGA's inventory altogether.

The refrigerators remain at the college year-round, according to Flynn. Since they are not returned to the company at any point, (except in cases of damage, or by request), and since the company did not conduct inventory inspections during Candelora's tenure, Flynn said that it would have been potentially possible for unreported refrigerators to be allowed to go "out of circulation," perhaps not even included in inventory statements.

Because the refrigerators were not picked up by the company, those not rented were kept in storage throughout the year.

Candelora said that he engaged in the practice of "lending" these "extra" refrigerators free of charge, in some cases to offices. In fact, one of these lent refrigerators was discovered by the Voice staff on Sunday in the office of the College Voice Publishing Group. Another was discovered in the Office of Student Life.

However, these lent refrigerators were not acknowledged in Candelora's communications with Jem.

In a cover letter to Jem dated March 11, 1992, Candelora cited 63 rentals, and wrote that "we also have a few

refrigerators in storage. When or if these refrigerators are rented, SGA will give you a check."

Catherine WoodBrooks, dean of student life, said "I had the impression that these were not the company's refrigerators."

Simmons said that Candelora had told him that he engaged in the practice of under-reporting.

"Vinny told me to under-report to the company because they never came to check on the number of refrigerators ... He recommended that it was something I should do. I didn't, because I thought it was the wrong thing to do," said Simmons.

Simmons said that he had not taken action concerning Candelora's under-reporting simply because "at that point it didn't really occur to me."

"Now, looking back, I should have," said Simmons. "They took the revenue from two refrigerators. You could almost say that SGA embezzled from them. I don't like to say it, because it will hurt SGA's reputation, but this really needs to come out."

Flynn said, "Beyond my official documentation, I cannot speculate on exactly what happened, or place blame anywhere."

Acts of vandalism in library and Burdick may share common link

BY BEN RUBIN
News Editor

Electrical wiring was extensively damaged in an act of vandalism in the library last Monday night. Earlier that day a fire alarm in Burdick malfunctioned when it sounded. It was then discovered that electrical wires in Burdick had been severed, according to a student informed by a Campus Safety employee.

Electrical plates were either removed or stolen, and wires were severed in over a dozen areas on three levels of the library, according to Connie Dowell, college librarian.

Dowell guessed that the vandal struck around 9:30 p.m. on Monday, when he or she split wires and then stuffed them back into place, making it difficult for officials to immediately recognize the source of the problem.

On the main level, cords to six of the microform machines were cut in a busy area across from the reserve desk and next to the copy machines.

On the third floor, the lights in the men's bathroom were affected by the tampering. On the lower level, cords to the copy machines were cut, and additional wiring was severed.

"A lot of machines went off, not just the machines with the cords

cut. I am most surprised that [the vandal] was not seen on the main level," Dowell said.

There was also damage to several of the thermostats on the walls, Dowell noted. "The person picked some areas that are fairly remote for a lot of their activity," she said.

Electricians first thought that the fuses had short-circuited, and they were able to restore the electricity, but early the next morning custodians discovered the actual source of the problem and the extent to which the vandalism had occurred, according to Dowell.

"When the circuit blew, there was no reason [to suspect vandalism]. There was no evidence until you looked very closely," Dowell said.

Campus Safety and the New London police department began investigating early Tuesday morning, said Dowell.

Earlier on that Monday, the Smith-Burdick alarms went off, but the alarm did not sound properly because of a malfunctioning in the wiring, according to George Hajj, utility person at Physical Plant.

However Patrick Schafter, Physical Plant mechanic, said that it is "absolutely untrue" that wires were tampered with in Burdick.

"The alarm went off in Smith and the sound wasn't going off in Burdick. I don't know why it was going off," said Maureen Griffin,

housefellow of Burdick.

"The alarms went off at about 12:45 p.m. on Monday but nobody told us why," said Jennifer Bilotti, a resident of Burdick.

The Smith-Burdick alarms were tested on several occasions later in the week, according to William Peabody, director of Physical Plant services.

The College Voice received conflicting reports from several college officials when investigating the cause of the alarms.

When The College Voice initially contacted Sergeant James Minor, director of Campus Safety, he denied the fact that any alarm in Smith-Burdick sounded under circumstances other than monitored testing. Later that day, however, he stated to The College Voice that there was in fact one instance early in the week when the Smith-Burdick alarm sounded for reasons that were being investigated, and that there was a malfunctioning in the system.

Peabody stated that the exact reason why the alarm reached its "level of sensitivity" is unknown.

However, Schafter said that the housekeeper spilled water on the radiator and the resulting steam set off the alarm.

The housekeeper of Burdick was unaware as to why the alarm sounded.



Many have been inconvenienced by the recent rash of arson and vandalism on campus. (Above) Eric Barlow waited outside Cro for his sister, whose dance class had been moved from Cro to Burdick during the Cro fire last Friday

Recommendations

Appearing on this page are *The College Voice's* recommendations for the SGA Executive Board and Young Alumni Trustee elections. *The College Voice* hopes these recommendations, read in conjunction with the additional election coverage, will enhance the election process.

These recommendations are not endorsements in that they do not necessarily reflect the support of a candidacy; rather they are the suggestions to the community as to which of the candidates are best qualified to hold the positions. This year, the *Voice* worked especially hard to reinforce this distinction and offer a recommendation for the best candidate for each position. Both declared candidates and write-in campaigns present viable options for the voters and were invited to participate in the *Voice* recommendation process.

These decisions were based on an entire day of interviews and deliberations. In addition, *Voice* members attended Speech Night and reviewed platforms and pamphlets. All recommendations were reached by consensus with some editors stepping down when biases were an issue.

Each candidate was asked two standard questions and a third, which was specific to the position, followed by an open questions/answer period.

Standard Questions:

Have you ever committed a serious violation of the honor code? In view of the greater responsibility entrusted to them by the college, do you believe student leaders need to be held to higher standards?

What do you think your predecessor could have done better? How do you plan to improve your effectiveness?

Specific Questions:

President:

SGA has been criticized for its unwieldy bureaucratic nature. Do you agree with this statement and, specifically, what will you do to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of SGA? What committees, if any, do you think can be eliminated?

Vice President:

How do you plan to reconcile the opposing forces of necessary budget restructuring and the need to bolster student morale?

Chair of Academic Affairs:

Do you know the responsibilities of the Chair of Academic Affairs? First semester your predecessor held one meeting with the Board of Advisory Chairs and was unable to get representatives from each department. How do you plan to improve upon this shortcoming?

Judiciary Board Chair:

Do you think the college's racial and sexual harassment policies limit free speech on campus as guaranteed by the First Amendment?

SAC Chair:

Your platform focused on restructuring SAC and the role of SAC Chair in various ways. Specifically, how will you implement these plans?

Public Relations Director:

What is the role of PR director in terms of encouraging participation of the college community in SGA?

Young Alumni Trustee:

This May the Board of Trustees will vote on the college budget. What is heartland in terms of budget restructuring?

PRESIDENT

We recommend **Marinell Yoders** for the position of president of the Student Government Association. With extensive knowledge and experience in student government and a variety of activities, she will contribute greatly to the Assembly. Currently, she is a member of the Academic and Administrative Policy Committee and the Shared Governance and Common Vision Task Force. These experiences have given her invaluable perspective on the intricacies of student government. Her communication skills and her willingness to reach out to the campus community will enhance her effectiveness as SGA president. Yoders possesses the initiative to deal with controversial issues and to voice her opinion. Her knowledge and her close contact with students, faculty, and administrators is integral to this position. However, while she has a general idea about getting more students to participate in SGA, she does not have specific plans to increase diversity on SGA. Her realistic attitude and her ability to support her promises make her a solid candidate who has the ability to successfully fill the position of SGA president.

VICE PRESIDENT

We recommend **Ryan Poirier** for the position of SGA vice president because he possesses qualities which are essential to this position. Poirier's experience as an SGA senator and as a member of a variety of committees has more than adequately prepared him for the position. Specifically, his role on the Constitution Committee and as Chair of the Shared Governance and Common Vision Task Force have displayed his dedication to the college. As vice president his commitment to interact with club presidents and treasurers, both in the capacity as chair of the Finance Committee and as the chair of the Constitution Committee, will greatly benefit the student body. He thoroughly comprehends the Umbrella Plan and has numerous ideas on how to increase its effectiveness. Despite his lack of experience on Finance Committee, we are confident he will grow into this position. Poirier, with his experience, his positivity, and his drive, will be able to successfully fill the position of SGA vice president.

CHAIR OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The only candidate for the position of Chair of Academic Affairs, a write-in candidate, was unable to participate in *The College Voice* recommendation process. Without the opportunity to interview the candidate, we do not feel sufficiently informed to make a recommendation for this position.

JUDICIARY BOARD CHAIR

The only candidate for the position of Judiciary Board Chair was unable to participate in *The College Voice* recommendation process. Without the opportunity to interview the candidate, we do not feel sufficiently informed to make a recommendation for this position.

SAC CHAIR

We recommend **Benjamin Tyrrell** for the position of chair of the Student Activities Council. His role on the current SAC Executive Board has given him the experience needed to successfully fill this position. Tyrrell's hard work has proven his dedication and commitment to the college and the organization. He is capable of accomplishing his goal of increasing both the number of events on campus and the number of participants. Also, his plan to restructure SAC and the role of SAC chair has been well thought out and he possesses the knowledge and the energy needed to meet implement this plan. In conjunction with this innovative plan, Tyrrell also proposes a program of co-sponsorship, which would increase the variety of events. Tyrrell has the knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to be an outstanding SAC chair.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

We recommend **Jesse Roberts**, a write-in candidate, for the position of public relations director with the expectation he will adequately fill this position. Although declaring his candidacy recently, he has the energy and the vision needed to quickly learn all of the responsibilities of public relations director. His activities include managing the convenience store as well as working at a local bank. Along with this experience, he and his brother are owners of a small corporation. Through these experiences, Roberts has proven to be a responsible person. Although he has a lot to learn about his role on the SGA executive board, we are confident he will grow into the position.

YOUNG ALUMNI TRUSTEE

After a lengthy period of deliberation, *The College Voice* was unable to reach a consensus in recommending a candidate for the position of Young Alumni Trustee. We, therefore, offer no recommendation.

Candidate Profiles

PRESIDENT

Eric Miller, candidate for SGA president, sees himself as a strong president because he is an SGA outsider.

He feels that his somewhat volatile appearance at Speech Night may have labeled him a maverick in the public eye. "I am not a Ross Perot," he stated. "I am not in this campaign for a joke."

Miller is concerned about student government, and the focus of his concern is reform and change in the SGA.

"SGA is fine ... just joking. SGA is in really bad shape," Miller said regarding SGA's structure and "unwieldiness." Miller's philosophy for SGA reform is that "nothing is sacred." He said under his administration, every committee and branch of SGA will be reevaluated.

Miller has received several phone calls from concerned students in favor of certain committees, and remarked that his planned scrutiny of SGA bureaucracy is already accomplishing one of the goals of his administration, an increase in student interest.

According to Miller, under his leadership SGA will phase out events that in his opinion lead to increased student apathy, such as four hour meetings, confidential documents and "special double secret meetings."

Because of his inexperience with SGA, Miller said he will rely on some "SGA people" to aid him in his reform. "I expected the exec board to be stupid, but they are not. They are smart people who know SGA," said Miller. He said that, in light of this, he could not understand why SGA is not more efficient and effective. At the same time, Miller views mere experience on SGA as inadequate for the presidency. Miller concluded by saying



Eric Miller

that, while "other candidates will give more of the same," his platform is based on "creating a new environment for Connecticut College."

Miller conceded that the main planks in his platform, reform and assertiveness, have been claimed before in previous elections, and he readily admits that his task will be very challenging. "You can see nobody listening to speeches during Assembly ... if senators cannot listen to each other, then they can't be listening to the students." He views the best result of his administration being a "full room of excited students at Speech Night."

PRESIDENT

Wesley Simmons, candidate for president of SGA, seeks to improve the relationship between SGA, the administration and the student body.

With the experience which he has already accumulated in his work on the financial strategic planning committee, Simmons feels that he has the tools to communicate with the administration more effectively. Simmons said, "I have worked closely with a lot of the administration and a couple of the trustees. That applies to Dean's Term as well. I think that these links are important. These people know me. They know what I am like. We feel like we can deal with one another. I think that is important."

Simmons feels it is important for the SGA president not only to talk to the administration, but to actually deal with them on the level of concerned people of Connecticut College, and not as subordinate students to a superior administration.

Simmons said, "I think that it is very important that I make it clear that I am acting as a student representative if I were to be elected as president. ... A tool of the administration is something the SGA president should definitely not be."

Regarding shortcomings of the current SGA, Simmons said situations such as the recent inclusion of the dean of the college on the Student Trustee Liason Committee shows a severe lack of communication between the students and the administration.

Simmons feels that it is also just as important for the president to communicate with the students of the community as well. Simmons believes the students in the community must be given the information about



Wes Simmons

what happens in SGA meetings. Whether that be in *The College Voice* or in some other newsletter, Simmons feels that it is important for the students to receive some kind of information.

Simmons would also like to see a tightening of the role of senators in SGA.

He would like the senators to be given "more of a stake" in what they do. Simmons said, "If they (the senators) feel like they can accomplish something by going to the meetings, they will."

Simmons said he wants to create an atmosphere where he will be promoting change to

PRESIDENT

Based on a wide range of experiences with SGA, Marinell Yoders believes that her commitment to student concerns makes her the best candidate for SGA president. Her involvement includes house senator, member of house and class councils, member of Academic and Administrative Policy Committee, Shared Governance and Common Vision Task Force, Counseling Services, and Philip Goldberg Internship Committee. Yoders seeks to improve communication between the student body and SGA. She states, "It is very important for the SGA president to be out communicating and talking to students about what's going on." She realizes that students would rather not go to SGA meetings, but said that some students "talk to you if you ask them what they think." Yoders sees the role of president as a crucial voice to the administration and is willing to ensure that she knows what the student body thinks. Additionally, Yoders is confident that her relationships with past student leaders gives her the ability to break down barriers between SGA and outside student organizations.

In addition to student/SGA relations, her platform emphasizes improving relations between the students and the administration. She believes she can improve upon the bureaucracy of SGA by reevaluating and streamlining the committee system. For instance, she foresees the possibility of combining single-issue committees to make them more effective. She stated that SGA has "too many committees and too many leaders."

She sees the president as an essential student leader, and if elected she believes she will have the respect of the administration. However, she said that she would never forget that she is a representative of her peers when working with administrators. She is also not afraid to speak up, since she is aware that the administration has lied to students in



Marinell Yoders

the past.

By choosing its battles and following through on them, Yoders believes that SGA can take a proactive role in important institutional decisions.

She said that the first step toward improving the role of student government in collegial decision-making will be the result of the shared governance document, which will define and establish the duties and responsibilities of students, staff, faculty, and administrators in decision making processes.

Overall, Yoders stresses that student concerns are the most important for SGA president. She sees herself as responding to those concerns, both for the future of the college and especially for the present issues facing the student body.

SAC CHAIR

Benjamin Tyrrell, who serves on the current SAC executive board as an event planner, is running unopposed for the position of SAC chair. He has also held the position of assistant technical director, and spent a week-end as interim SAC chair.

Tyrrell believes that the experience and leadership he developed as a result of his involvement with the executive board have prepared him for the position of SAC chair. His main goal is to "increase the number of participants in event planning on campus." Tyrrell supports a co-sponsorship plan which would allow clubs and individuals to submit proposals for events. This would alleviate the SAC executive board's responsibility for planning small events, and allow them to concentrate on major events.

Tyrrell said he is strongly in favor of restructuring the role of the SAC chair on SGA. Rather than have the SAC chair responsible for all student life issues, Tyrrell believes that the SAC chair should direct his full attention to SAC.

Tyrrell said that a "residential life" chair, perhaps representing house governors, should take over the SAC chair's current role on SGA. He went on to say that, if elected, he would try to effect this change through SGA legislation, and would remain on SGA in order to help train a residential life chair.

Tyrrell also stressed the importance of moving SAC elections earlier in the year, saying that this is "vital to the college." This would allow new officeholders to have an apprenticeship with their predecessors, and would alleviate many transitional problems. Earlier elections would also allow new officeholders to plan events earlier in the year, which Tyrrell believes is essential.

When asked how he expected to improve on his predecessors' performances in office, the issue of last year's budget shortfall inevi-



Ben Tyrrell

tably came up.

"If we were forced to do this year what [Jennifer Scott] had to do last year, I don't know how I'd respond to that," Tyrrell said.

Tyrrell said that he had never committed a serious breach of the Honor Code, and that he believes that elected officials should be held to higher moral standards than other students because "there should be some level of accountability."

However, Tyrrell said he believes that if a candidate is elected despite the fact that he or she admits to having violated the Honor Code, he should be allowed to hold office.

"It's kind of hard to say that, if the campus votes you into a position, that no, you can't hold that position," said Tyrrell.

Candidate Profiles

VICE PRESIDENT

Sophomore William Intner is running for SGA vice president, and is promoting fiscal responsibility as one of the main focuses of his platform. "There is room for the financial process to be reformed in some ways, but being fiscally responsible is not something that should be rewarded. If you're fiscally responsible, you'll have the chance to grow, but everybody should be fiscally responsible. The ones that aren't should be dealt with," Intner said.

Intner feels that one particular area where Neelu Mulchandani, current SGA vice president, could have been stronger is in communicating with club treasurers and presidents, saying that some of these people feel alienated.

"I'd have a good relationship with clubs," Intner said. "I'd have one where we were able to work together. I'd have one where they were able to come to me with their problems, with their questions, with their interests."

He said that stronger relationships could lead to a better image of the finance process. "The communication skills of the vice president are an important part of that process," Intner commented.

"The vice president is there to represent their interests with student government," Intner said. Another issue that Intner brings up in his platform, in regards to fundraising, is the Umbrella Plan. "It would be my goal as vice president to work with all clubs and organizations to make sure that they are effectively utilizing their fundraising potential," the candidate said.

"I would like to see the Umbrella Plan, currently in its pilot stage, implemented on a wide scale basis," Intner said.

Intner spoke about the problem of rectifying current budget constraints, while at the same time boosting student moral. "Student



William Intner

moral isn't just related to how much money is spent. It's an attitude," Intner stated.

"It's a question of the community coming together as a group, and deciding not to dwell on the negative, but to focus on the positive. There are a lot of great people here at Conn and I think that as a community we need to come together," Intner said. In his platform, Intner cited his experience in the finance process, and noted its importance. "As a member of the Finance Committee for the academic year 1993-1994, I have helped to work through that process."

"Without an experienced vice president to lead the committee the entire campus community could, and most likely would, suffer," Intner said.

VICE PRESIDENT

Ryan Poirier, running for the position of SGA vice president, seeks to bring "a fresh perspective to finance with [his] election to office."

Among his initiatives are a comprehensive budget, improved fundraising, and a stronger relationship between the vice president and the treasurers and presidents of the various clubs on campus. For Poirier, the role of vice president is a leadership role, where he hopes to perform as a liaison between clubs and SGA.

One of the ways he hopes to accomplish this is by holding monthly meetings with club officials and the SAC chair, allowing clubs to coordinate with other groups in such activities as bringing vendors to Connecticut College. This not only would provide a situation for different student groups to work together, but also would work towards increased revenues within the clubs by splitting costs of hiring the vendors.

In the arena of finance, Poirier believes an analysis of how to improve revenue should be accomplished before any cuts are made. By researching current policies, and with his past experience as a chair of a committee, he feels himself capable of running fair meetings to construct an unbiased budget. States Poirier, "I offer a new approach to the budget based on past procedures."

One idea he provides is having fees for programs in which the student body as a whole is not involved in, such as Dean's Term. States Poirier, "If not everyone is doing it, not everyone should pay for it."

In fundraising efforts Poirier endorses a study of local organizations and their methods of increasing their budgets. He then wants to assimilate those ideas into the methods of fundraising and budget increasing used by the clubs.



Ryan Poirier

He also endorses continuing efforts to contact alumni and encouraging their support of student clubs. With an interest in specific clubs, he feels alumni will be more willing to give more funds since they will have knowledge of where the money is specifically going.

In order to improve the position of vice president, Poirier hopes to make himself more accessible than vice presidents of the past, available to help others draw up budgets as well as research and write up constitutions. Based on his past experience with the Constitution Committee and the Shared Governance and Common Vision Task Force, he also hopes to help clubs draft other strong documents, and teach others how to critique them.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Jessica Friedman, a junior, is running as a write-in candidate for the position of chair of academic affairs.

Her experience includes serving two years on SGA Assembly as president of the class of 1995. This has provided her with a thorough knowledge of the procedures of SGA.

According to her platform, she is aware of the great responsibilities of this executive board position.

The chair of academic affairs is required to meet with the EPC, SGA executive board, SGA Assembly, AAPC, MSSC, and BAC.

She believes she is qualified for the position of chair of academic affairs because she is assertive and has the initiative necessary to successfully communicate the opinions of the student body.

In addition to this, she promises to inform students of the issues. She also ensures that, if elected, she will be sure the students have the opportunity to voice their opinions.

Unfortunately she was out of town for *The College Voice* recommendation process and was, therefore, not interviewed.



Jessica Friedman

PR DIRECTOR

Although sophomore Jesse Roberts, write-in candidate for SGA public relations director, has never held public office at the college, he does not come to the position without experience. Roberts has been a member of the current public relations committee for a year, and has served as editor of the SGA newsletter.

Roberts said that, while he does not know a lot about the workings of the SGA Assembly or executive board, he believes that his experiences on the public relations committee will enable him to be effective.

Outside of committee work, Roberts said that he has been an active member on campus. He is manager of the convenience store, and co-founder of the Irish American Society, as well as co-founder of a non-profit organization which provides scholarships to lower-middle class students.

Roberts said that he waited until after the SGA deadline to sign-up because he was not sure that he wanted to run. However, said Roberts, when no one ran he decided to throw his hat into the ring.



Jesse Roberts

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Candidate Profiles

J-B-BOARD CHAIR

Running unopposed for chair of the Judiciary Board, Dan Shedd is currently a J-Board representative for the sophomore class. According to his platform, he believes the "honor code plays an essential role in the daily life of Connecticut College." He sees his role, if elected J-Board chair, as perpetuating the respect the Honor Code deserves.

Regarding the J-Board's recommendations to those students found guilty of violating the Honor Code, Shedd believes they should concentrate on educating those violators rather than on using the recommendation as a punishment. Then, ideally, those students would have a greater concept of the Honor Code and its effect on the community.

"Our role cannot be solely about punishment, but about bringing understanding to those who have failed to understand, and helping them to live with a greater concept of the community as a whole," said Shedd.

In reference to whether student leaders should be held to higher standards with regards to the Honor Code, Shedd said, "It's not that they are being held to a higher standard but the effects of what they have [done] are being accentuated."

Shedd believes confidentiality plays a key role in the effectiveness of the J-Board. He expressed, however, the need for formalization of the role of confidentiality.

"[Confidentiality is] viewed too much as base. People understand what we can and cannot do, but no one understands or talks about why [we do what we do] ... I want the 'why' to be answered formally," said Shedd.

Shedd said that treating every case in the same way is short sighted and ineffectual.

"We must attempt to understand the motivations behind actions, and to respond to their potential ramifications, rather than simply addressing the violations by themselves," Shedd said.



Dan Shedd

Shedd said that the recent establishment of a core of advisors to the J-Board has the potential to be valuable, and that he supports its implementation on a trial basis to examine the possible problems.

Although Shedd was initially unfamiliar with the racial and sexual harassment policies of the college as stated in the "C" book, after reviewing them, he said, "The right to free speech was guaranteed to protect individual rights, however on a campus such as Conn where our honor code creates a community environment of respect, I don't believe the right to freedom of speech guarantees students the right to adversely affect other individuals within the community. However, this can only be judged on a case by case basis," Shedd said.

YAT

Jon Finnimore, a candidate for the position of Young Alumni Trustee, bases his platform on a vision of experience, insight and commitment.

Finnimore's experience is diverse, ranging from his recently held position as publisher of The College Voice Publishing Group to the commissioner of intramural indoor and outdoor soccer. Also, his work as a student representative on the Academic Strategic Planning Team, as a two year member of class council, and sitting on the Search Committee for the new Provost/Dean of Faculty have provided him with a rich background.

Through this broad range of experiences Finnimore feels he has also gained considerable knowledge about the intricacies of the college.

He understands the role of the YAT to be that of a student body representative as well as a full trustee. Finnimore spoke of the student body's need to "get their voices heard."

Although he is concerned with many aspects of the college, one of Finnimore's focuses is the college budget. He is not quick to dismiss need-blind admissions as a lost cause.

He suggests the possibility of using endowment funds to keep need-blind admissions a possibility.

When asked to explain what he thought to be "heartland," he discussed numerous aspects of the college. Ideally, Finnimore wants to keep interaction between faculty and students alive while at the same time drawing new faculty to the Connecticut College community.

He supports affirmative action and the seeking of grants as a means to fund the enlargement of faculty and staff.

He believes strongly that students should be informed of the issues facing the college.



Jon Finnimore

Finnimore said that there are circumstances under which a YAT should have a moral obligation to break confidentiality by informing students of vital issues at hand, but said in general he would not have difficulty upholding the confidentiality of the Board.

He believes his stance on such issues as general education, faculty, staff and student diversity, and strategic planning will serve to enhance the "outside world's" perception of Connecticut College.

However, he believes that change must not come for the sake of appearances and rankings. By proceeding carefully, with input from students, and the community as a whole, Finnimore believes that positive change will naturally coincide with an enhanced reputation for the college.

YAT

"I think my role [as Young Alumni Trustee] is to be a resource and a liaison," said Kim Laboy, candidate for YAT. Laboy, currently housefellow of Lambda, has been a student leader in many aspects of the community.

From her experience as assistant chair of the Minority Student Steering Committee and her involvement with Unity clubs, to her leadership role as housefellow, Laboy has maintained an active role in the college community for four years.

Laboy states in her platform that these experiences have allowed her to develop the qualities she possesses to be a successful YAT. The qualities, according to Laboy, are "the ability to work with a variety of people, to stand up and make the tough decision, as well as the ability to compromise so that no party goes away feeling that they have lost completely."

In an interview with *The College Voice*, Laboy commented on the issue of Honor Code violations and the fact that student leaders should not be held to a higher standard than the rest of the student body.

In reference to violations of the Honor Code, Laboy said, "I probably committed the same violation almost everyone has, and that is underage drinking."

Laboy said, "What I ask of my residents, I would do the same. The reality is that as a role model and as a leader, you have to set an example."

Referring to what is "heartland" to the college, Laboy said that there are a lot of issues to consider, including the budget. As far as repairing the budget, Laboy said, "Nickel and diming is important, but it's not going to cover \$2.2 million."



Kim Laboy

"The long term is important, but if it affects the quality of life of students, our retention rates go down," Laboy said.

Laboy said that if elected, she will function not necessarily as a student representative, as she has just gone through four years at Connecticut College, but will have a different perspective than a current student.

Laboy's future interests lie in higher education, yet her desire to be Young Alumni Trustee is not an attempt to seek employment at the institution. "I'm not looking to be back at Conn College, I'm looking to give something back to Conn College," Laboy said.

YAT

Chris McDaniel, candidate for Young Alumni Trustee and current house senator of JA, is concerned about the direction the college is moving in.

"Elect a Young Alumni Trustee that will not only look out for the future of this institution, but one that will do it with the Connecticut College student first and foremost in his mind," McDaniel said.

McDaniel said he has never seriously breached the Honor Code, "whatever serious means," the only exception being underage drinking, which he said is not a "serious offense."

As to whether student leaders should be held to a higher standard, McDaniel said he is not sure a special standard should be set.

Comparing himself to current YATs, McDaniel said he believes he could do a better job of maintaining accessibility. "[I've] found it comes down to keeping in touch with the student perspective; without [that] the YAT position doesn't mean as much as it should."

Referring to issues regarding the current budgetary situation, McDaniel said, "I prefer to stay away from [the term] 'heartland.'"

McDaniel expressed the fact that last year's budget cuts have "created an air of negativism of campus," despite the fact that the administration urged students to make sacrifices in order to build in the future.

McDaniel did stress, however, the importance of "keeping the Connecticut College family alive."

McDaniel strongly advocates "investment in the student," in the form of generating institutional pride. McDaniel said, "[You] can't offend the student while you restructure



Chris McDaniel

the budget."

"This is not a cold institution," said McDaniel. "Most people know the faculty, and will keep in touch ... after they leave."

When confronted with the issue of confidentiality within the Board, McDaniel said, "if I feel there is a need for [students to hear], then I can vigorously debate it. [However], if it is decided that information should remain confidential, then it will."

In the long run, McDaniel views his commitment as being not specifically to the students or the trustees, but to the "betterment of the college."

Candidate Profiles/Platforms

YAT

"The challenge lies in being able to both firmly voice and represent student concerns while also balancing the needs and the future of the college as a whole," said Lynne Saliba, who has declared her candidacy for Young Alumni Trustee.

Saliba views the role of YAT as a coordinator, an individual who would help students with their presentations to the trustees and act as a liaison and resource.

In an interview with *The College Voice*, Saliba addressed the issue of honor code violations and the ethical expectations of students on campus.

"One of my reasons for coming to Conn was the honor code," Saliba said. Saliba also said she has never committed a serious honor code violation.

Saliba also said that student leaders should be held to higher standards than the average student. "If people are going to look up to you, you shouldn't embezzle money, you shouldn't burn things ..." Saliba said.

Saliba cited accessibility as a major requirement of Young Alumni Trustees.

"Simon O'Rourke [Young Alumni Trustee, class of 1992] has been completely inaccessible, for example if you want to reach him you have to e-mail him," Saliba said.

As far as keeping what is "heartland" to the college, Saliba cautioned about cutting things to balance the budget.

"You can't just sacrifice things blindly to balance the budget," Saliba said. She stressed that too much time has been spent in the past on issues such as the capital campaign which has left student issues on the back burner.

Saliba said that the administration has been putting many checks on the students, such as placing an administrator on the Student Trustee Liaison Committee which can have a



Lynne Saliba

chilling effect on the students.

Working with an administrator on the Student Trustee Liaison Committee is "a little like having your hand held at a meeting," Saliba said.

As far as working and communicating with Trustees, Saliba said, "I think you can make yourself known without getting their hackles up, without getting a defensive shield up, without making them think you're a pompous ass."

Maintaining a positive attitude about the YAT's relationship with the other Trustees, Saliba said, "There is a lot of red tape, I think you can learn to cut through it."

YAT

A candidate for the position of YAT, Simeon Tsalicoglou feels that his communication skills and his prior experiences make him a strong candidate for the job.

"I definitely will be staying in contact with more people than what most YATs have done. It's important to have dynamic and successful YATs ... staying in contact with as many people as you can is key. To be successful and promote the school is something that I will do much better [than former YATs]," he said.

Tsalicoglou stated in his platform that he would be a "strong student liaison" and uphold his commitment to the student body by diplomatically mediating student concerns. He feels that his broad range of experiences throughout his tenure at this college will allow him to view each issue with the Board of Trustees with many valuable perspectives.

Tsalicoglou has been an SGA senator, a Judiciary Board Representative, and a member of his class executive board, among other leadership positions. He currently serves on the Finance Committee.

"The position is to bring forward student concerns ... so [I have] the four-year student perspective. The way you can promote Connecticut College is by having [these] experiences," Tsalicoglou said.

He explained that if elected, he would work to benefit the entire school as a whole, and not just the interests of the current students.

"You graduate after four years. You are not a student [as a YAT], you are a Trustee. Your responsibilities change immediately. [I will] work for the betterment of the school in the long run," Tsalicoglou said.

He states in his platform that he has the necessary abilities to "quickly adapt to new situations and concepts." He mentioned that



Simeon Tsalicoglou

his extensive knowledge of issues such as the five year plan, educational restructuring, student life improvements, need-blind admissions, and tuition will allow him to serve on the Board more than efficiently.

He added, "Only after careful discussion with students, alumni, and Trustees [will I make any decision]." He said that he wanted to make extremely informed and unbiased decisions.

"When I look at my experiences ... I really have hit everything. A YAT would put me in a position [to say] 'this is what the students want,'" Tsalicoglou said.

Eric Miller S.G.A. President

Student government needs a new face. Student government needs better respect. Student government needs more effectiveness.

I do not fit into the mold of the standard S.G.A. President. While I have never served on S.G.A., my participation in the campus community through volunteer work, student organizations, (Undisputed Funk Organization, Musicians Organized for Bands Rights on Campus, WCNI) and administrative positions at the Center for Arts & Technology more than qualifies me for the rigors of the S.G.A. Presidency. Furthermore, I have developed a friendly relationship with the campus community through positions at Physical Plant, Dining Services, the Music Department, and the Office of Special Events.

Your vote will be the first step in creating a new environment for Connecticut College.

VOTE
ERIC MILLER
S.G.A. President

TUESDAY, APRIL 19th • WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th
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Wesley Simmons

for

Student Government President

I am running for SGA President because I have the experience and dedication which will be necessary to represent the students in the coming year. There are a number of issues which we will be facing and must deal with during the upcoming year. The first that comes to mind is the College's financial situation.

As a student representative on the Priorities, Planning, and Budget Committee and a member of the Financial Strategic Planning Committee, I have a thorough understanding of the difficulties that we will be facing. We must identify the programs and services which we see as critical to our education, in and out of the class-room. Last year students sacrificed a number of things which greatly helped in controlling the situation. We will be asked to give again, but such decisions must be made with great care.

But we must remember that this is only one issue, of several, that concerns students. These other issues include diversity, academic and social life at Conn. Some of these points are covered in the new Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will be presented to the Trustees in May, but that is not the end point. Next fall there will be further fine tuning of the plan. It is necessary for students to take a part in both the continued development and in the implementation of the plan.

This year both the Minority Student Steering Committee and SGA are making adjustments in their structure to better serve the students. While it is important that the two organizations remain separate, it is equally important that they work together to accomplish the goals of diversity and understanding on this campus. One of my goals will be to foster a close relationship with the MSSC.

This year, not being on the Assembly, I have seen that its actions are not always visible to the student body in general. Even with a Senator who did her job well, some SGA actions were unclear until I asked about the reasoning behind some decisions. The Assembly needs to make better use of its established canals of communication than it has in the past to explain to students how and why decision are made.

Platforms

MARINELL YODERS for SGA PRESIDENT

Striking the balance: In the past, SGA and the administration has spent the majority of their time dealing with issues that will effect the future of Connecticut College while ignoring the needs of current students. Although planning for the future of the institution is crucial, the college should be ensuring current students have a quality experience while at Conn. SGA needs to strike a balance between decisions that effect the future and issues that effects students that are here NOW.

Student/Administration relations: Over the past few years, the administration has made decisions and the students have reacted to them. The collegial decision-making process unique to Conn has been blatantly disregarded. Developing a Shared Governance document that will establish the duties and responsibilities of students, staff, faculty, and administrators in the decision making process is currently underway. This is a first step towards ensuring the whole community is involved in decisions. SGA needs to be pro-active in creating better relations with the students so the Assembly understands student concerns. It is simply about working with the administration for the students.

Making SGA more responsive to students: SGA needs to become a body that is responsive to student concerns in a more constructive manner. Restructuring SGA will help make this happen. SGA needs to be more accountable for seeing student issues are addressed. The present committee structure needs to be examined; instead of creating ad hoc committees for every issue that arises the structure should be streamlined and the committees made more accountable.

Commitment to Student Concerns: I am committed to issues that effect students and this institution. I have been involved in student government through budget decisions, changes in academic policies and student life crises. I understand the need to define what areas are "heartland" to the college community and remember them when facing tough issues like the current budgetary cuts. I would make informed decisions given the facts of an issue with the best interests of students in mind.

Experience: My involvement in student government has included a wide range of experiences. I was a House Senator, member of House and Class Councils, member of Academic and Administrative Policy Committee (AAPC), Shared Governance Task Force, Counseling Services (chair), Philip Goldberg Internship (chair) committees. I have worked with students, staff, administrators and alumni from all sectors of the college community. I know SGA has great potential to work for students and as SGA President will provide the leadership to make it work better. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at X. 3539. Thank you. Remember to Vote April 19th and 20th in Cro!

WILLIAM INTNER VICE PRESIDENT / CHAIR OF FINANCE

The Vice President / Chair of Finance has many responsibilities, however, the Primary responsibilities are to campus clubs and organizations. The most time consuming and most important of those responsibilities is Chair of Finance as the Finance Process affects all student clubs and organizations. In a few short weeks, the Vice President must see that deliberations, hearings, and the allocation of the Student Activities Fund are accomplished successfully, for the benefit of the entire campus community. In order to ensure that the Finance process is beneficial for the entire community, it is important that the work of the Finance Committee is guided by someone with experience on that committee, as a large part of the deliberations and allocations are based on clubs' financial histories and the previous year's budget process. As a member of the Finance Committee for the Academic year, 1993-1994, I have helped to work through that process. Without an experienced Vice President to lead the committee the entire campus community could, and most likely would, suffer.

GOALS

The primary goal that I would have as Vice President would be a fair and equitable distribution of the Student Activities Fund to clubs and Organizations, based upon each organization's financial stability and history. Due to the limited Student Activities Fund it has become a necessity for clubs and organizations to fundraise. It would be my goal as Vice President to work with all clubs and organizations to make sure that they are effectively utilizing their fundraising potential. Along those lines, I would like to see the Umbrella Plan, currently in its pilot stage, implemented on a wide scale basis. The Umbrella Plan is a program which allows alumni the ability to give, through the development office, to the club or organization that they feel gave the most to them during their time at Conn.

EXPERIENCE and INVOLVEMENT

1993-1994

- Student-at-large, Finance Committee
 - Chair, Philip Goldberg Internship Committee
 - Chair, Financial Aid Liaison Committee
 - Student-at-large, Academic Advising Task Force
 - Chavurah Representative, President's Committee on Diversity Subcommittee on Funding
 - SAC Coordinator
 - Student Advisor
 - Clubs: Chavurah, Ski Team
- 1992-1993
- SAC Coordinator
 - Clubs: Chavurah, Dasein, Ski Team

Benjamin Tyrrell SAC Chair

In the past few years the image of SAC as a provider for improvements in campus social life has not improved, despite the hard work of the chairs and their executive boards and councils. I am committed to seeing social life of this campus improved and the means by which it is provided changed.

As a member of the current executive board as an event planner I have gained experience in:

1. planning large scale events
2. working within budget constraints
3. working with the administration
4. strengthened leadership skills

I have also gained experience in several other areas of SAC. I served as the assistant Technical Director, and also worked with the Music Search Director. I had the pleasure to serve as interim SAC chair for a weekend and experience some of the administrative duties of the position.

My main goal for the next year is to increase the number of participants in event planning on campus. Too often people who have great ideas are not in positions to plan events they wish or do not have the necessary resources to bring off the event. All of which leads to negative attitudes towards SAC and towards the social life on campus. By changing the process by which events are planned which the current executive board is attempting to do, event planning opportunities would be opened up to a much larger group of people. By increasing SAC's role as a coordinating body this goal would also be more easily achieved.

I believe that with my enthusiasm and leadership and the changes being made in the structure of SAC the social life and climate on this campus can be drastically improved.

Sincerely your

Benjamin Tyrrell

RYAN POIRIER

for
SGA

Vice President

A fresh perspective on finance

EXPERIENCE:

• Senator of Burdick, actively communicated with dorm members about proposals, co-sponsored proposals, served on several committees. This experience will prepare me as an executive board member of SGA.

• Chair of Shared Governance and Common Vision Task Force, coordinate meetings, facilitate discussion, investigate resources, cooperate with faculty and staff, prepare minutes and other information for committee members. This job provides me with the experience in running fair affective finance and constitution committees.

• Constitution Committee, analyze and recommend improvements for club constitutions. This experience gives me the knowledge of the policies and procedures concerning constitutions, helping clubs draft strong documents, and teach others how to critique constitutions.

INITIATIVES:

• Comprehensive Budget, researching current policies, and my experience as chair of a committee qualifies me to run fair meetings to construct an unbiased budget. I offer a new approach to the budget based on past procedures.

• Fund Raising, investigating fund raising at other schools and community organizations to think of new ways to increase revenue. Continuing efforts to contact alumni and encouraging their support of student clubs.

I look forward to serving you and I thank you for your support!

Platforms

WRITE-IN JESSICA FRIEDMAN FOR CHAIR OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Hi. I'm running as a write-in candidate for the position of Chair of Academic Affairs. The reason I'm running is because I spent two years on SGA as my class president, and I feel that I will be able to bring a lot to the SGA executive board for 1994-1995. I know how much work the position entails and I promise you that if I am elected this will be my top priority next year.

As your Chair of Academic affairs I can promise that I will focus my attention on achieving two main goals: 1) to be an effective advocate for the student body on academic 2) to be a vocal and active leader as a member of the SGA executive board.

For those who know me, they know I am an assertive person who is not afraid to express myself. For you, this translates into a person who will be vocal in expressing student concerns and issues on academic committees which are often dominated by faculty and administration. I will be a responsible representative who the students can feel confident will put forth the wishes of the student body. **I also want to make sure that students are aware of the issues and are afforded ample opportunity to become involved and voice opinions.**

These are the goals that I view as most important, and I will do my best to follow through with them as your Chair of Academic Affairs next year.

Feel free to call — x4724 — Please vote. Thanks.

Daniel Shedd for J-Board Chair

The Honor Code plays an essential role in the daily life of Connecticut College. Although we are accustomed to it and therefore may often take it for granted, just think for a moment what life would be like without it. The Honor Code, and the trust and responsibility which it entails, allows us all to be treated with far more respect and maturity than most other campuses in the country. Its continuance depends upon the level of respect it receives, and depth at which it is held. Our job as a Board has been and will be to create and perpetuate this respect. Thus, our role cannot be solely about punishment, but about bringing understanding to those who have failed to understand, and helping them to live with a greater concept of the community as a whole.

I have a lot to offer towards the fulfillment of this goal, not only through maintaining our Honor system, but through strengthening it. J-Board must be far more than a disciplinary court. To be purely reactionary is to fail, for no positive growth can come from a Board that is unable to understand the people who come before us. We must attempt to understand the motivations behind actions, and to respond to their potential ramifications, rather than simply addressing the violations by themselves. This means not only respecting the influence of our actions within the community, but respecting, knowing, ourselves as a part of the whole. We are not and cannot be a dark and secretive society, separate from the honorable community that we are entrusted to maintain.

After serving on J-Board for the past year I feel I have learned and grown in ways I had never foreseen. I entered as a representative perhaps overly idealistic about the respect in which the Honor Code was held. However, beyond learning that my idealistic views were naive, I have learned that being idealistic is not about blindly believing the world is a perfect place. Being idealistic is about understanding the world for what it truly is, knowing all its faults and weaknesses, and then continuing to believe in the ideal as just, and working to make it a reality. I now ask to serve Connecticut College next year as the Chair of the Judiciary Board Chair, and thus do my part towards maintaining and creating a just community.

Jesse G. Roberts Public Relations Director WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

PR is not merely making a group of people look good, but rather it is about communication. Good communication is vital within every facet of living; especially when it concerns an organization as complex as the Student Government Association. SGA needs a strong, reliable and non-biased forum through which it can communicate to the general populace of the Connecticut College community. That forum is the Public Relations Committee.

With previous experience employed in a Public Relations/Market Research firm for two years, I have witnessed and dabbled in public relations on a professional level. As well as this, I have been a member of this year's PR committee, working closely with Lynne Saliba on many projects, one of which was the recreation of the SGA Newsletter, SGA's forum of communication.

When it comes to goals and promise, I can only say this: I hope to provide the campus with constant and factual detail in regards to the SGA, and all of its functions and activities, via the SGA Newsletter on a monthly basis. And as for promise; I will make but one. I will do the best I possibly can to fulfill that which is required of the PR Director and more. I can not promise change within SGA, nor do I feel a great need for change within the PR parameters. Lynne Saliba has forwarded the PR committee list to me, and I hope to chiefly forge this newly structured committee forward and into greater climes.

Simply put, the campus community not only needs to be, but deserves to be constantly kept up to date on all SGA affairs, activities and events. As a prospective PR director for SGA, I hope to offer exactly this: constant and truthful communication.

JON FINNIMORE FOR YOUNG ALUMNI TRUSTEE Experience • Insight • Commitment

Connecticut College has reached a crossroads in its history. Enrollment is down. Next year's budget is not balanced. The outlook for the continued existence of a number of institutions of higher education does not look promising. More than ever in today's society, students and parents are questioning the value of the liberal arts education offered at Connecticut College.

The challenges facing us are not unique, but how we respond to these challenges now has a major impact on the continued existence and success of this college. We have numerous valuable programs and assets which make us the attractive and impressive college that we are today. We need to assume a strong leadership role in order to best lead this college forward. I am running for the position of Young Alumni Trustee for the Class of 1994 because I feel that my combination of experience with different aspects of the college, insight into collegial issues, and commitment to defending the rights of students, make me the best candidate for the position.

• EXPERIENCE •

In my four years at this institution, I have been involved not only with a variety of programs, committees, and groups, but I have also placed myself at the forefront of every issue facing this college. I have been instrumental in the discussion of important issues such as diversity, budget restructuring, strategic planning, and the freedom of speech on campus. My experience includes:

- Publisher of The College Voice Publishing Group. Also served as editor in chief, news editor, associate news editor, acting sports editor, and cub reporter
- Student Representative on the Academic Strategic Planning Team
- Two year member of Class Council
- SGA Constitution Committee and Search Committee for a new Provost/Dean of the Faculty
- Commissioner of intramural indoor and outdoor soccer leagues

• INSIGHT •

Throughout my years here, I have gained extensive knowledge about the history and inner workings of Connecticut College. I garnered a vast amount of information about issues, people, and projects, and I can bring this to the Board of Trustees. Additionally, my familiarity with the student governance system and the issues important to students will make me a powerful advocate for student rights as well as an extremely effective liaison for students, especially for the Student Government Association and the Minority Students Steering Committee.

• COMMITMENT •

For better or for worse, I have made advocating the rights of students the focus of much of my activity at Connecticut College. I have a proven track record which makes me uniquely qualified to serve as the representative from the Class of 1994 to the Board of Trustees. I hope you believe the same, and that you express your opinion on the voting days. If you have any questions, problems, or concerns, please give me a call at x 3854, stop by my room in KB 317, or simply stop me in Harris to chat.

Platforms

Kimberly Laboy

In order to be a successful YAT, one must possess a firm belief in the ideals of this institution as well as a desire to work for the betterment of this school, its students, faculty and staff. As a Trustee, I will be committed to this goal simply because I believe that Connecticut College possesses unique qualities that make it special.

As YAT, one of my major goals would be to act as a liaison and resource for students. In this role, I will try to ensure that student's input is viewed as a necessary and important part of decision making processes. As a recent graduate, the role of the YAT is to offer a unique perspective to the issues addressed by the Board. In order to do this, the YAT must be vocal in offering her/his unique perspective to the issues while still earning and maintaining a level of respect with the other Board members.

It is in this area that I feel I possess a unique ability. For the last four years, I have been a student leader in various aspects of the community. I have had to work closely with students, faculty, administration and trustees. As the Assistant Chair of the Minority Students Steering Committee I kept in regular contact with the YATS and therefore have a great understanding and appreciation for their role. In my tenure at Connecticut College I have made numerous presentations to the College's Board of Trustees on several issues, and therefore have direct experience working with members of the Board. Currently, my position as a housefellow affords me the opportunity to interact with many different members of the college community and has helped me to sharpen some of the qualities I feel are also important to be a successful YAT. Mainly, it is the ability to work with a variety of people, to stand up and make the tough decision, as well as the ability to compromise so that no party goes away feeling that they have lost completely.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, one of the major responsibilities that the YAT has is to promote the financial well-being of this college. Through my work on the Senior Pledge Drive I have committed myself as a student and a future alumna to this responsibility.

Although I do not believe that Connecticut College is a perfect place, I do value the many opportunities and experiences it has given me. In many ways, serving as a Young Alumni Trustee is the way in which I could most appropriately say, "thank you".

Thanks for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ext. 4660, or stop by my room (Lambdin HF Suite). I would love to talk with you!

For Young Alumni Trustee

LYNNE SALIBA

CANDIDATE FOR YOUNG ALUMNI TRUSTEE

The Young Alumni Trustee serves as a diplomatic liaison between the students and the Trustees. The challenge lies in being able to both firmly voice and represent student concerns while also balancing the needs and the future of the College as a whole. At the same time, the YAT needs to lead students and administrators in aspiring for the best in higher education and to be resourceful in turning plans into realities as well as ensuring that the College fulfills its mission and maintains its integrity.

The quality of life for students attending Connecticut College, the value of a diploma for Connecticut College alumni, and the future strength of this institution rely heavily on the decisions which will be made in the upcoming year. During this time of national economic uncertainty and the resulting transformation of higher education, Connecticut College needs to remain attractive and distinctive in comparison to our peer institutions.

The College faces a costly dilemma: how can we spend more and more to provide the innovative programming necessary to attract and to retain students while at the same time our overall revenue remains comparatively stable? Throughout the growth by substitution process, resourceful planning and the careful deciding of priorities must be exercised. Core values and priorities cannot become lost, disregarded or forgotten.

Solid communication, dedicated leadership, practical experience, creative problem-solving and consistent follow-through are what I offer to you as a candidate for Young Alumni Trustee. My sophomore year I served as Associate Chair of Academic Affairs and as President of ABLE, formerly 1-3-2, Disability Support and Advocacy group. Currently, as SGA Public Relations Director, I have successfully worked to improve communication between SGA and the student body.

As a member of SGA Executive Board, I have gained an inside view of the policies and finances of Connecticut College as well as the opportunity to work with the Faculty, the Administration and the Board of Trustees. I would like to continue serving Connecticut College. I am dedicated to striking a balance between the needs of students and the direction that the College will take in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lynne

Chris McDaniel for Young Alumni Trustee

After almost four years at Connecticut College, I am proud of where I am going to graduate from. I believe in the future of this institution and have invested a lot of time as a student leader becoming informed of and discussing the issues that face us as students, and will face us as alumni. At this point in my life, if I were not running for Y.A.T., who I would vote for for this position would probably be one of the last things on my mind. I still have to find a job for next year, concentrate on finishing strong academically, and spending these precious few last weeks with my friends. So, if so many things are on my mind then why the hell am I running? Frankly, I am concerned about the direction that this institution is taking. From everything that you read about this school, or hear about from the president's office, our institution is becoming stronger each and every day. Our endowment has doubled in the last five years, our rank among the top liberal arts institutions has increased from 44 before we enrolled as freshmen to 26 now that we are seniors, and we are putting up new buildings. This is great, however, last year we underwent a rough period of budget restructuring, a fancy word for cutting 1.8 million out of the budget. K.B. deli was closed, parking fees were instituted, and the student activities budget was voluntarily cut by the S.G.A. 10%. I think that this created an air of negativism on campus, but I was convinced that if we made sacrifices now, and made more intelligent use of our resources that it would make our institution stronger in the future. In essence, I believed that if we restructured now, we wouldn't have to cut more later. But, once again we are facing a budget shortfall. This time, 2.2 million. Where is this money going to come from? Some of the proposed ideas are to raise parking fees, to charge students for late registration, and to close a dining hall. So, what can we do about it? Elect a Young Alumni Trustee that will not only look out for the future of this institution, but one that will do it with the Connecticut College student first and foremost in his mind. Elect someone who will speak up for the student and say that if the price of a higher ranking is discontent, then maybe we should slow down a little. That Young Alumni Trustee is Chris McDaniel.

SIMEON TSALICOLOU

CANDIDATE for YOUNG ALUMNI TRUSTEE

Connecticut College as a whole is the most important focus of a Young Alumni Trustee. This elected person makes the effort to further the best interests of our Alma Mater, including its strong spirit of fellowship. He or she must maintain allegiance to the entire college community.

As the Class of 1994's Young Alumni Trustee, I want to take into account the necessary transition from being a student to being a strong student liaison. I want to uphold my commitment to the student body, and diplomatically mediate student concerns. I will work hard to be considered a valuable asset on the Board of Trustees by fostering a relationship of mutual respect with the young alumni body.

As graduates, we will perceive Connecticut College in a new way: as an institution that requires careful and thoughtful guidance in order to excel in a competitive field. I possess the confidence and certitude to present arguments which lead to the best possible course of action for the future of the college.

Four years here have put me in direct contact with many aspects of student, intellectual, administrative and financial life of Connecticut College. My determined participation has produced solid results in activities ranging from Judiciary Board Representative to member of the Crew team, from SGA Senator to Advisory Board Chair, from Finance Committee to Dean's Grievances Committee, and from intramurals and club involvement to membership on our class's Executive Board. These experiences have allowed me to understand, explain, and debate the key issues that Connecticut College faces.

Recent trustee debates have involved budget cuts to uphold the Strategic Plan, the PPBC's five year plan of growth through substitution, the EPC's educational restructuring, student life improvements, need-blind admissions, and tuition. Having studied these issues, I have come to realize that precise details of each are in constant flux. Therefore, it is most important that a trustee be able to quickly adapt to new situations and concepts. Coming from Greece has given an added dimension to my skill at mastering different circumstances, both professional and cultural; this skill also will help me to excel as the Class of 1994's Young Alumni Trustee.

I believe my experiences at Connecticut College have made me well qualified to serve as a trustee. I have the necessary tools with which to advance student concerns, help increase Connecticut College's competitiveness on a national and international level, thereby increasing the value of our degrees, and make sure the college gives future generations an education as good or better than the one we have received.

The elections on April 19 and 20 are significant to the future of our Alma Mater; your vote for me is equally important.

Thank you.

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BY G.B. TRUDEAU

WE'RE BACK WITH OUR OLD FRIEND DR. DAN ASHER, POP SHIRK, AND LEADING GURU FOR THE RECOVERED MEMORY MOVEMENT. RIGHT, DOC?

THAT'S RIGHT, MARK. IN RECENT YEARS, MY PATIENTS HAVE MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS BY RECALLING REPPRESSED CHILDHOOD TRAUMA THROUGH HYPNOSIS!

AND YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO HEAR DAN IN ACTION WHEN HE PUTS YOURS TRULY UNDER—RIGHT HERE ON LIVE RADIO! THAT AND MORE WHEN HE RETURN!

SO DAN—HOW'S THE FAMILY?

NOT SO GOOD. I HAD TO SEE MOM.

IT'S MANY YEARS AGO... YOU'RE IN YOUR OWN BED... IT'S LATE AT NIGHT.

SOMEONE QUIETLY STEPS FROM THE SHADOWS... DO YOU SEE HIM, MARK?

I DO... I SEE HIM IN THE MOONLIGHT!

AND WHO IS IT, MARK? WHO'S STANDING BESIDE YOU?

IT'S... IT'S LYNDON JOHNSON!

NO, NO, IT'S YOUR FATHER. WHAT'S HE WEARING?

IT'S JOHN-SON, I TELL YOU! HE'S COME TO... TO DRAFT ME!

OKAY, CAMPEERS. HERE WE GO! OUR OLD FRIEND DR. DAN ASHER IS ABOUT TO PUT YOURS TRULY UNDER! TAKE IT, DAN!

THANKS, MARK! WHAT I'LL BE DOING IS HYPNOTIZING YOU IN ORDER TO RECOVER LONG-REPPRESSED MEMORIES...

I MUST CAUTION YOU, IT COULD GET UGLY. WE'LL BE ACCESSING ALL SORTS OF EXPERIENCES AND IMAGES YOU'VE LONG FORGOTTEN. OKAY?

FINE. HEY, COULD YOU FIND MY KEYS? I CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE I PUT THEM.

I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.

NOW I SEE A... A BLINDING LIGHT... IT'S A VEHICLE, ISN'T IT? SOME SORT OF SPACE VEHICLE?

I... I CAN'T TELL. IT HAS NEVADA PLATES...

SUDDENLY YOU FEEL A STRANGE SENSATION, RIGHT?

YES! I START SHAKING! I'M... I'M...

YOU'RE BEING TELEPORTED! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MARK? YOU'RE BEING TELEPORTED?

POSSIBLY! WE'LL FIND OUT AFTER THESE BRIEF MES-SAGES!

GOTTA PAY THE BILLS, I HEAR YOU!

ON-AIR, REPPRESSED MEMORY HYPNOSIS THERAPY.

YOU FEEL RELAXED, YOU FEEL COMPLETELY RELAXED NOW, DON'T YOU, MARK?

YES, I DO.

WHERE ARE YOU NOW, MARK? CAN YOU TELL ME?

I'M... I'M STANDING OUTSIDE... ON A DESOLATE COUNTRY ROAD...

YOU SEE SOMETHING, DON'T YOU? IT'S AN ALIEN, RIGHT?

UM... I DON'T THINK SO...

THEN IT'S YOUR MOTHER! SHE'S HOLDING A KNIFE, ISN'T SHE?

OKAY, WE'RE BACK—AND NO LONGER UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE!

SO, DR. DAN—FIND ANYTHING INTERESTING BURIED IN MY SUB-CONSCIOUS?

AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DID, MARK. BUT IT'S OF A PRIVATE NATURE.

AU, WHAT THE HELL—NO ONE'S LISTENING TO THIS SHOW ANY- MUY! SHOOT!

WELL, IT TURNS OUT YOU'RE GAY.

CORRECTION: I'M OPENLY GAY.

THEN WHY IS IT RE-PPRESSED? CLASSIC DENIAL!

calvin and Hobbes

by BILL WATTERSON

THIS IS ANFUL! IF WE STEP OUT OF LINE ONCE TONIGHT, ROSALYN WILL KILL US, AND THEN MOM AND DAD WILL KILL US AGAIN WHEN THEY GET HOME.

I GUESS THAT'S THAT.

WHAT? ADMIT DEFEAT? NEVER!

THINGS MAY LOOK GRIM FOR US, BUT NOTHING IS GRIM FOR...

STUPENDOUS MAN! CHAMPION OF LIBERTY! FOE OF TYRANNY!

I'M GOING TO GET IN BED NOW AND AVOID THE RUSH.

A BOLT OF FIERY CRIMSON STREAKS ACROSS THE SKY! IT'S STUPENDOUS MAN!

THE FIENDISH BABY SITTER GIRL HAS A LOCAL HOUSEHOLD IN HER IRON GRIP OF TERROR! THE MAN OF MEGA MIGHT ZOOMS TO THE RESCUE!

I'M IN LUCK! BABY SITTER GIRL IS MOMENTARILY DISTRACTED!

HI CHARLIE, IT'S ROSALYN. YEAH, I'M OVER AT THE LITTLE MONSTER'S HOUSE AGAIN. HMM? NO, ACTUALLY HE'S BEEN PRETTY GOOD TONIGHT. YEAH, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

ANYWAY CHARLIE, I'M SORRY WE COULDN'T GO OUT TONIGHT, BUT THIS LITTLE CREEP'S PARENTS ARE SO DESPERATE TO GET AWAY FROM HIM ONCE IN A WHILE THAT THEY...

YAH! FREEDOM AND JUSTICE SHALL ALWAYS PREVAIL OVER TYRANNY, BABY SITTER GIRL!

GET OFF ME, CALVIN, YOU PEST! OH! LET GO! QUIT IT!

STUPENDOUS MAN HAS THE STRENGTH OF A MILLION MORTAL MEN! GIVE UP!

LISTEN CHARLIE, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CALL YOU BACK. YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT THIS CRETIN IS WEARING.

WITH MUSCLES OF MAGNITUDE, STUPENDOUS MAN FIGHTS WITH HEROIC RESOLVE!

WITH STUPENDOUS SPEED, STUPENDOUS MAN IS OUT THE DOOR!

ALL RIGHT, CALVIN. WHERE'D YOU GO? I KNOW YOU'RE OUT HERE!

YOUR PARENTS TOLD YOU TO BEHAVE TONIGHT, REMEMBER? THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY WHEN THEY HEAR ABOUT THIS!

SEE, IF WE HAD BOUGHT A DOG INSTEAD, LIKE I WANTED, WE COULD GO OUT LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME.

HONEY, WE CAME HERE TO RELAX. LET'S TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE.

OK CALVIN, YOU WANT TO PLAY ROUGH, HUH?

GREAT MOONS OF NEPTUNE! SHE MUST HAVE SUPER POWERS TOO!

YOU'VE GOT TWO SECONDS TO GET YOUR CAPED BUTT IN BED, OR I'LL PUT IT THERE FOR GOOD!

OH NO! THE EVIL AMAZON IS USING SOME PSYCHO BEAM TO WEAKEN MY STUPENDOUS WILL!

I'M COUNTING! ONNNE.

GASP! I... I... MUST RESIST!

TWO!

IN A VERMILLION FLASH, STUPENDOUS MAN IS IN THE AIR!

THERE IS NO WAY I'M GETTING PAID ENOUGH FOR THIS KIND OF AGGRAVATION. HOW COULD A KID WITH SUCH LITTLE LEGS GO SO FAST?!

SECURE IN HIS SECRET FORTRESS, STUPENDOUS MAN PLANS HIS STRATEGY! BABY SITTER GIRL IS NO MATCH FOR STUPENDOUS MAN'S STUPENDOUS INTELLECT!

CALVIN, YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE IF YOU DON'T COME OUT!

YOU MADE IT BACK ALIVE!

OF COURSE! I MADE A STUPENDOUS DASH AS SOON AS ROSALYN WENT AROUND THE HOUSE! SHE STILL DOESN'T KNOW WHERE I AM!

Back in the U.S. of A.

I DIDN'T WANT TO MACHINE GUN THAT RESTAURANT FULL OF PEOPLE, BUT A FEW YEARS AGO I WAS FLOGGED IN SINGAPORE AND I WAS SO TRAUMATIZED BY THE ABUSE I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF.

NOT GUILTY

THEN I WILL NOT NEED TO MACHINE GUN THE JURY, FOR NOW.

Speech Coverage

Candidates field questions at Speech Night

Issues discussed include budget restructuring and student/administration communication

BY NATALIE HILDT
Associate News Editor

The president and vice-presidential candidates addressed major issues concerning their potential roles on next year's SGA executive board at Speech Night on Wednesday.

The candidates for SGA president this year have diverse views about their potential jobs. Wes Simmons was the first of the presidential candidates to speak. Simmons, who has previously served on SGA as presidential associate and house senator, did not serve this year.

"I stepped back from SGA this year," he said, "and what I saw, I liked."

Simmons spoke about the budget cuts that the school was forced to make this past year. "Students kept giving up small things, but these small things add up," he said.

Eric Miller, the self-dubbed "maverick" candidate, is an outsider to school politics. "Unlike Wes," Miller stated, "when I look at what's going on, I'm not happy." Miller is dissatisfied with the way SGA has conducted itself this year, and that is why he said that he is "an unlikely person" to decide to run for the seat.

Miller criticized SGA throughout the night, saying that the group is having a "horrible identity crisis," and that "student government needs a stronger voice. It needs to gain lost respect ... Next year, we must not only pick our battles, we

need to be prepared to fight them."

Marinell Yoders, the third candidate to speak, said, "We will undoubtedly be facing another round of cuts. I'm committed to seeking input from all areas of the student body; focusing on the process and making sure that students are involved in campus decisions."

Yoders emphasized that "creating a better Connecticut College for students that are here today is just as important as strategic planning. We need to be the check on the system."

The panel asked the candidates what they see as their most important issue. "Strategic planning is important in how the future budget will be determined; this process should be a very open one," Simmons answered.

Miller responded to the question with a few questions of his own concerning the formality of speech night. "Why isn't anyone here tonight? Why can't we all just sit in a circle? Why do we have to pretend?" These questions reflect Miller's frustration with student apathy, as well as his unconventional approach toward student government.

Yoders said that her main concern is working towards better student life at the college, citing "the need to respond to the student body and the college as a whole."

At one point during the discussion, Miller found himself reciting his qualifications for the position. He stopped himself, saying, "One of the things I'm worried about is

actually becoming an SGA addict."

The three were asked, "As SGA president, what would your role in shared governance be?"

"I would envision that the duty and responsibility of SGA president would be to best reflect the opinions of the student body, and make sure they're informed. The president should serve as an institutional memory," Yoders said.

Simmons referred to the Office of Career Services move, in which college officials decided to move the office without initially consulting students, and later over their objection, as an example of the lack of control students have in terms of important decision-making at the college. "They've done something like that every year, and it's unacceptable," said Simmons.

"I think it's not a good idea," Miller said of the Shared Governance and Common Vision Task Force plan. "I think it's crap."

Apathy was often cited as a problem at Connecticut College by candidates and students at large. "What are you going to do about it?" one audience member asked.

"One of the biggest reasons we are apathetic is SGA," Miller said. "Without insulting all of us, what normal student would come [to Speech Night] for four hours? We need less committees, less forums, less stuff, less bull," Miller said. "If I am president, nothing is sacred."

"How do we get students more involved," Yoders asked. "One at a time. What we need to do is tell students that we need them, and that SGA can be more effective."

William Intner and Ryan Poirier, both sophomores, are vying for the SGA vice presidential seat. Both boast experiences which they see as

assets to the position.

In his speech, Intner emphasized the importance of the vice president's role as chair of the Finance Committee, saying, "The finance process in a few short weeks affects the student life for the entire year."

Intner said this is especially important because a portion of each student's tuition goes toward SAC's budget. He added that he hopes to "help each club utilize and maintain its fundraising potential, and create a new and better policy for the future."

One of Intner's main concerns is the institution of the Umbrella Plan, under which contributing alumni would choose which clubs their donations help fund. Intner spoke about the need to build stronger communication between current students and alumni.

Citing his work on the Finance Committee and the Academic Advising Task Force, Intner said, "I know what I'm getting myself into. I've been there, and I want to go back."

In Poirier's speech, he recalled that he's been in five elections at this school and stated "I've fallen in love with SGA."

Poirier said that chairing the Shared Governance and Common Vision Task Force gives him a good background for leadership of the Finance Committee. "My leadership experience from the committee has taught me how to lead a committee and cooperate well with faculty and staff," he said.

If elected, Poirier pledges to make himself accessible during the budget process. He said that he wants to investigate and possibly borrow fundraising strategies from other institutions as a means of enhancing the fundraising that is done by clubs on this campus. "I'm willing to work towards a strong, fair, comprehensive budget," Poirier said.

Following their speeches, Intner and Poirier fielded probing questions from the panel and the audience.

The questions focused mainly on the vice president's primary role as head of the budgetary process. The first question asked how the candidates view the vice president's role after the budget is finished. Intner said that it is important that the vice president continue to help clubs raise money.

Poirier said that cooperation be-

tween the SAC chair and the vice president is very important, suggesting monthly meetings between the two. Poirier said that the vice president should work closely with the Priorities, Planning, and Budget Committee.

The candidates were also asked how they would improve fiscal responsibility to avoid situations such as last year's SAC deficit. Poirier took issue with the fact that the Connecticut College bills that clubs receive are not itemized. "With more accountability, the process will work better," Poirier said.

Both candidates felt that an extensive training process for club treasurers would help clubs develop better fiscal responsibility.

Neelu Mulchandani, current SGA vice president, asked the two what they would do if they were faced with the decision to cut another 10 percent from the student activity budget next year, and how they would distribute the 10 percent that was cut this year if the funds were reinstated.

"I don't believe the student body needs to give up another 10 percent," said Intner. "It's not going to add up to enough. It's going to hurt the student life more than it would help our 2.2 million dollar deficit."

"I don't think that's even an option," Poirier responded. As for reallocating funds, Poirier stated that he would look at what clubs have been doing for campus life, and how badly they were hurt by the cut. He added that across-the-board reallocation was not the way to go, and that clubs should be rewarded on the basis of their effectiveness and the number of students they reach.

Lastly, the candidates were asked what they see as the strengths and weaknesses of the budgetary process. Intner cited that "the first part of the year is almost lost to some clubs." He said that this is because clubs do not prepare themselves well enough for the budget allocation process for the following year.

Intner said, "If clubs follow through on what their obligations are, they will be rewarded."

Poirier said, "Pressuring clubs to plan events that aren't going to happen for months away [is a problem]." He said that open budget hearings and the entire campus voting on the budget makes the Finance Committee accountable for their decisions.

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Speech Coverage

Issues of J-Board confidentiality and SAC restructuring addressed in speeches :

Unopposed J-Board and SAC candidates express challenging goals

BY BEN RUBIN
News Editor

Running unopposed, Daniel Shedd and Benjamin Tyrrell expressed specific ideas at Speech Night about their potential new positions as Judiciary Board Chair and Student Activities Council Chair, respectively.

"I may need have to suppress my own views ... so that every decision that we reach is very thought-through," said Shedd during his speech.

Shedd emphasized the importance of the Honor Code and confidentiality at this school,

friends] didn't conceive the level of which it is respected [when I discussed the Honor Code with them]. It is a strong part of this school," said Shedd.

Shedd explained that confidentiality is an essential aspect of the Honor Code, and he added, "Confidentiality has been very hazy. We can't afford to get rid of it. It needs to be formalized as to why it is there."

Shedd also made it clear that the individual circumstances of each J-Board case would always be taken into account in order to ensure that all students would be treated fairly.

"We can't set precedents, every event is new and we have to treat it as such. We are not a computer ... there are reasons [for violations]. We have to address the motivations ... we need to protect the rights of the people that are before us," he said.

Shedd felt that increased openness and communication with the student body would definitely benefit the way that the J-Board functions next year.

"There is too much of a conception of that is where you go when you get in trouble. We need to be visible, to be known on campus ... to represent the campus body at large within the confines of the J-Board," he said.

While answering questions from the panel after his speech, Shedd said, "Our tools are limited as far as reaching out to this campus. I'd like more literature to be sent to [students] when they are accepted and when they come here."

Shedd answered a question addressing ac-

countability by saying, "There are always some cases which would be too obvious as to who the defendant is ... if a case should have been in criminal court, maybe it shouldn't have been printed [in the J-Board log]." He added, "I want to get every log into the student paper."

Tyrrell used his speech to inform the community of the benefits and ideas that he would bring to the position of SAC chair if elected.

"My goal is to increase diversity and the level of participation of students on this campus," Tyrrell said.

He commented in his speech that he would like to see the structure of SAC improved. He felt that the SAC chair should have a more coordinating position which would allow him to improve communication between different clubs and organizations in order to bring a broader range of activities to the campus, while the chair would still plan all of the major campus events.

He also stated that clubs, dorms, and students should be permitted to submit proposals to the SAC Executive Board, which would review them and decide to whether or not to allocate any funds.

Having the position of SAC chair removed from the Student Government Association Executive Board is another idea which Tyrrell feels will greatly improve the chair's job. He said that this change would most likely occur at some point after this year.

"I feel that there are better things that the chair could be doing ... a Student Life Representative should represent SAC issues [on the SGA]," he said.

"Student life on this campus really needs

to be improved. [By] allowing the SAC chair to have a more coordinating role ... we can make some big improvements on this campus," Tyrrell said.

He cited the NACA conference as a major strength to his potential new position. "Being involved with other schools allows us to bring better quality events to this campus at a better price."

Tyrrell commented, "I gained a lot of contact" with students and the administration this year with his job on the SAC Executive board "which will be a major part of my success."

During the question session, he stressed that finding people who fit together as a group and who have connections to other clubs will be two key criteria when searching for an Executive Board.

Tyrrell remarked, "Looking at things from a different perspective is important. I have a good feel for how student activities can be improved. I am a pretty vocal person."

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—Daniel Shedd,
candidate for J-Board

citing the comments of his off-campus friends as a reminder of how prevalent these two ideas are.

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Speech Coverage

Speech Night 1994:

Five seniors race for position of Young Alumni Trustee

BY JEN LAPAN
The College Voice

At Speech Night, Lynne Saliba, Simeon Tsalicoglou, Kim Laboy, Jon Finnimore and Chris McDaniel spoke about their personal qualifications, perspectives, and the role of a YAT.

Saliba, the first candidate to speak, stressed that the role of YAT is that of a "diplomatic liaison ... [who] must firmly voice and ... represent student concerns."

Saliba said that the quality of life on campus and attracting strong future applicants to the college is part of a "costly dilemma," which challenges the institution to "spend to attract and retain students" while remaining fiscally stable.

Tsalicoglou likened one's experience at Connecticut College to a circle: originally smooth in form and becoming increasingly jagged with experiences and time. Tsalicoglou emphasized, "We must work to make the curve smooth again through ac-

tion and analysis," the two main points of his campaign.

In contrast, Laboy outlined the role of the YAT as being first a liaison, and second a resource for students and trustees alike.

Laboy highlighted her attitude, competence, and outlook as reasons for election. Drawing on her experiences as housefellow, a member of several key search committees, and her work with Unity House organizations, Laboy discussed the significance of community and the need for challenges and support within it.

Finnimore said that through his roles as publisher of the College Voice Publishing Group and as a Voice staff member, he has been able to "... push agendas, focus the college's attention on issues, and be an advocate for students' rights." A member of the Strategic Planning Team for academics, Finnimore professed to have a "strong vision for the future."

Finally, McDaniel expressed his desire to serve as a "link" to the Board of Trustees and present the ideas and perspective of a recent alumnus. McDaniel cited his work with the Institutional Pride Committee as evidence of his commitment to "... re-engage young alumni, [foster] a sense of family, and invest in the students."

Saliba, Tsalicoglou, Laboy, and

later McDaniel all cited the budget, general education, and the strategic plan as being the most significant issues to address in the next three years.

Finnimore departed from the consensus, saying "adapting and survival" will be vital. He cited financial strength and the role of the capital campaign, need-blind admissions, academic distinctiveness, and diversity within faculty and staff, as well as the college population, as being to the "survival" of the college.

The candidates were then asked, "As a YAT, what will be the two greatest challenges you will face?"

Tsalicoglou explained that "diplomatic mediation" of concerns between students and Board, and "networking" with the member of the Board would be two hurdles facing him.

Laboy said that making "decisions based on the best interests of the institution and ensuring a 'process' for students' voices to be heard by the Board would be her biggest challenges.

Finnimore said, "Balancing long term plans with what's going on now, the short term ... will be a primary [obstacle] ... Getting the administrator [out] of Student Trustee Liaison Committee meetings" would be another obstacle.

Like Tsalicoglou, McDaniel cited

his desire to "gain the respect of the Trustees" and to create an avenue for the expression of students' voices.

Saliba said that improved "communication [as a means of] averting problems" and "balancing the role" of being a Trustee and a representative of students' concerns would challenge her.

The candidates were then asked about their view of the role of a YAT.

All of the candidates emphasized their accessibility via e-mail, telephone, or frequent visits to campus.

Laboy explained, "I'll be a trustee elected by seniors ... I'll let students know that I'm their advocate."

Finnimore responded differently. "[I'd be] both a full trustee and student body [representative]."

McDaniel said, "I'd vote for the college as a whole ... bring students to the Board" to inform it of issues.

"Don't lead unless you can show commitment," said Saliba.

Tsalicoglou asserted that he would be a trustee above all.

The group was asked whether or not they would divulge confidential Board information to students if he or she decided students should be made aware.

Finnimore, again departing from the opinion shared by the other four candidates stated, "I would have a moral obligation to leak [information], under some circumstances."

McDaniel, Saliba, Tsalicoglou, and Laboy all stated that if it was agreed by members of the Board to keep information confidential, it would remain so.



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