Candelea implicated in disappearance of refrigerators
Sloppy management and under-reporting to company apparent cause of discrepancy

BY BEN RUBIN
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 Campus Safety employees.

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

"We guessed that the vandalist 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," said Dowell.

"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," said Dowell.

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 vandalist] 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 easy 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 of the vandalism on the walls, Dowell said.

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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 Hux, a resident of Physical Plant.

"I do not know why it was going off," said Maureen Griffin, the housekeeper 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 report of the actual vandalism was a surprise to us," said Simmons.

"Campus safety and the New London police department are investigating the cause of the alarm.

When The College Voice initially contacted Sergeant James Frim, director of Campus Safety, he denied the facts about the alarm. But later, he stated in The College Voice that there was in fact one instance early in the week when the Smith-Burdick alarm sounded for reasons that were investigated, and that there was a malfunctioning in the system.

"I do not know why it was going off," said Maureen Griffin, the housekeeper of 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 Eric Barlow, a resident of Burdick.

"I don't know what happened, or place blame anywhere."
Recommenclions

PRESIDENT

We recommend Marinell Yoders for the position of president of the Student Government Association. With her extensive knowledge and experience in student government and a variety of activities, she will contribute greatly to the college and the organization. Currently, she is a member of the Academic and Administrative Policy Committee and the Student Senate. She has demonstrated her commitment to the college and the organization through her involvement in the Student Senate and her dedication to the college community. Yoders possesses the initiative necessary to deal with controversial issues and to voice her opinions on the issues. She is a respected member of the college community and has the ability to effectively fill the position of president.

VICE PRESIDENT

We recommend Ryan Potier for the position of vice president of the Student Government Association because he possesses qualities which are essential to this position. Potier’s experience as an SGA senator and as a member of a variety of committees has shown that he is a prepared candidate for the position. Specifically, his role on the Constitution Committee and as Chair of the Student Senate has given him invaluable experience in student government. His communication skills and his willingness to reach out to the campus community will be beneficial to the college community. He is a respected member of the college community and has the ability to effectively fill the position of 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 Judicial 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. His experience in student government and his knowledge and understanding of the college community make him a suitable candidate for the position of SAC chair.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

We recommend Jesse Roberts, a write-in candidate, for the position of public relations director with the expectation that 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 has the ability to effectively fill the position of public relations director.

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.

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. Our recommendations are not endorsements in that they do not necessarily reflect the support of a candidate, nor may they be the suggestions to the community at this point in the election process. This is an effort to offer a recommendation for the best candidate for each position. Both declared candidates and write-in campaigns present viable options for the voters and we invite you to participate in the 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 are the result of consensus with some members stepping in 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 responsibilities 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 you will need to become familiar with the Board of Advisors and Chairs and will need to work with representatives from each department. How do you plan to improve upon this shortcoming?
- Judicial Board Chair: Do you think the college’s racial and sexual harassment policies need to be restructured on campuses 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 your role in budget restructuring?
Candidate Profiles

STUDENT COUNCIL CHAIR

Ben Tyrrell

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 reactivity of SGA by re-vitalizing and streamlining the committee system. For instance, she foresees the possibility of combining single-committee proposals in order 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 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 college 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.

Wes 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 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 that the SGA president should definitely value.

Regarding shortcomings of the current SGA, Simmons said situations such as the recent inclusion of the dean of the college in SAC, the Student Trustee Liaison 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 that students in the community must be given the information about the happenings in SGA meetings. Whether it 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.

In the event of a tie vote, Simmons would also like to see a tie-breaking 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 can bring discussion of students.

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 weekend 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 an ideas sponsorship plan which would allow clubs and individuals to submit ideas 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 re-structuring 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.

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**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 those 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."

Intner said that if he were to be elected, he would like to see stronger relationships could lead to a better image of the financial process. "The communication skills of the vice president are an important part of that process," the candidate said.

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

Intner spoke about the problem of rethinking current budget constraints, while at the same time housing student moral. "Students 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 this process."

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

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**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, AACP, MSCC, 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 states 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.

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**Director of PR**

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 one 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.

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**Candidate Profiles**

William Intner

William Intner, running for the position of SGA vice president, feels he brings "a fresh perspective to the current position." Among his initiatives are a comprehensive budget, improved fundraising, and a stronger relationship between the vice president and the treasurers of the various clubs on campus. For Intner, 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 Conn 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 the vice president's service 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 meetings. "If not everyone is doing it, no one 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.

Jessica Friedman

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Candidate Profiles

J-BOARD CHAIR

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.

In an interview with The College Voice, Finnimore expressed his concern as to whether student leaders should be held to a higher standard, McDaniel said he has never seriously discussed the fact that student leaders should be held to a higher standard than the rest of the student body. It reference to violations of the Honor Code, McDaniel has absolutely committed the fact that student leaders should not be held to a higher standard than the rest of the student body.

Dan Shedd

Should 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 individuals' rights, however on 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 offend other individuals within the community. However, this can only be judged on a case by case basis," Shedd said.

Kim Laboy

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

Chris McDaniel

McDaniel 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. "If we 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 has probably committed the fact that last year's budget cuts have "created an air of nightmarish campus, despite the fact that the administration urged students to make sacrifices in order to keep the college afloat. 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 grants and scholarships. McDaniel said, "If you can't afford the student while you restructure 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."
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 beembezzling money, you shouldn’t burn things.” Saliba said.

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

“Simon O’Roark [Young Alumni Trustee, class of 1992] has been completely inaccessible, for example if you want to reach him working with an administrator on the Student class ofviolation,” Saliba said. “There is a lot of red tape, you have to make extremely informed and unbiased decisions. The Assembly needs to make better use of its established channels of communication than it has in the past to explain to students how and why decisions are made.”

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 Band 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
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YAT

Lynne Saliba

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

"If I made any decisions, I would be a "strong student leader," Tsalicoglou said. He stressed putting an administrator on the Student Trustee Liaison Committee which can have a "man on the street" perspective. The way you can promote Connecticut College is by having [those] 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.

"If 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 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.

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, and 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. If 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 MSCC.

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 channels of communication than it has in the past to explain to students how and why decisions are made.
MARINELL YODERS for SGA PRESIDENT

Striking the balance: In the past, SCA 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 administration 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 proactive 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 “student oriented” to the college community and remember them when facing tough budget 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 1993 and 20th in Nov.

Sincerely your
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.

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 I, as Finance Chair, be well informed with respect to all aspects of the Finance process and that the Finance process is working for the entire campus community.

The primary goal that I would like to have as a Finance Chair would be fairness and accountability in the allocation process and making sure that the entire campus community would benefit from it.

Experience and Involvement

1992-1994
- Student at-large, Finance Committee
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- Chair, Financial Aid Liaison Committee
- Student at-large, Academic Advising Task Force
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- SAC Coordinator
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RYAN POIRIER
for SGA
Vice President
A fresh perspective on finance

EXPERIENCE:

1. 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.

2. Chair of Shared Government 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 effective finance and constitution committees.

3. 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 on how to critique constitutions.

INITIATIVES:

1. 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.

2. Fund Raising, investigating fund raising for 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 thank you for your support!
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 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.
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, it's 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 housesteward 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 alumnus 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. 4860, 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 in comparison to our peer institutions.

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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., 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 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 undertook 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 negativity 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 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 TSALICOGLOU

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 make sure that the necessary transition from being a student to being a young alumni leader is a smooth one for 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 a graduate, I wish to continue my involvement with the Connecticut College community. I am dedicated to striking a balance between the needs of students, 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.

Simeon I. Tsaligou

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“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],”

—Daniel Shedd, candidate for J-Board

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 as this school,

said. "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 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 SGAL]," he said.

"Students, 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 would 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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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, Simon Tsalianoglou, 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 "speak to and retain students" while remaining financially stable.

Tsalianoglou likened one's experience at Connecticut College to a circle originally smooth in form and becoming increasingly jagged with experiences and time. Tsalianoglou emphasized, "We must work to make the curve smooth again through action 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 house fellow, a member of several key search committees, and her work with Unity House, 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 "faring 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 alum. 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, Tsalianoglou, 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 surviving" 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 "survival" of the college.

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 listen students know that it’s in 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.

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

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