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DJ Resigns After 25 Years

Suzanne Bohan

For the past twenty-five years, Dean Alice Johnson (alias DJ) has witnessed and taken part in many exciting changes at Connecticut College. Because of a mix-up in interview scheduling, Alice Johnson, who came to Conn to be interviewed for a position in the English department, was mistakenly interviewed for the position of Dean of Freshmen, and offered that job. She accepted the offer and in 1958 became not only Dean of Freshmen and Assistant Professor of English, but also housefellow of newly-opened Larrabee Dorm. The dedication and energy with which Dean Johnson began her career are still evident today. On July 1, she will move from her appointment as Dean of the College to a part-time position as Professor of English. Spare time will take getting used to after the 24 hours a day, 7 days a week job that she has been engaged in over the years. Fortunately, Johnson will be busy completing a manuscript on a study of Mathew Carey, an early Irish-American publisher. In addition to her manuscript, Johnson is considering putting her wealth of knowledge down on paper in a documentation of Connecticut College, particularly in relation to the years of co-education.

Alice Johnson began her relationship with the college when the school was about to expand its enrollment from 800 to 1,000 women. This was a time when freshmen lived in the quad and ate their meals in Thames. It was a time of chaperoned formal dances in Knowlton's ballroom. Cocktail parties, except for a single student-faculty event held during Senior Week, were non-existent, and cars were inconspicuous until after Spring Break, at which time only seniors were allowed to have cars on campus.

Johnson remarks that the student body was more conservative and had a different



Dean Alice Johnson reflects upon her 25 years at Connecticut College.

ambience from our present student body. SGA has always been strong; yet she points out that student participation on committees and advisory boards was unheard of before the late sixties. Conn students have become more involved in the workings of the college through their participation on nearly every committee in the college. Rigid social rules have been abandoned and replaced by a freedom which is contingent upon students' respect for the honor code.

Johnson is a symbol of the school's support for its students. Despite the fact that Connecticut College has more than doubled in size since Johnson's arrival twenty-five years ago, she believes the school has maintained a nurturing and personal atmosphere.

Alumni frequently drop in on the Dean to chat and share their latest adventures outside "the nest." Fortunately, Connecticut College will not be losing Johnson next year, as she will still be an active member of the college community.

Complex Okayed

by Susan Budd

The Connecticut College Board of Trustees has approved plans for building a \$3.9 million athletic center on a site south of the Dayton Arena. Last week, President Ames announced that construction of the 53,430 square foot complex should begin later this month and should be finished by September 1984.

Daniel F. Tully Associates, the same company that designed the Dayton Arena, submitted the design for the athletic center. The plans call for a facility with three multi-purpose courts lined for basketball, volleyball, tennis and badminton; a jogging lane, a training room, a classroom-meeting room, and physical education and athletics staff offices.

"We believe that this facility will be a plus for Conn's total program," said Athletic Director Charles Luce. "Today's college men and women see athletics as an important part of their education."

Luce, during a sabbatical leave in 1979, studied the athletic programs of forty peer colleges and discovered that every competitor college had two to three times more recreational space than Conn. These survey findings, along with a recommendation made by the Committee for Connecticut's Future (CCF), convinced the trustees of the need for increased recreational space and facilities.

Crozier-Williams, the present site of intercollegiate athletic events, can no longer accommodate Conn's growing athletic program. Cro was built in 1959 when the school had an enrollment of 900 women. Since then, Conn. has expanded to a co-educational population of 1600.

Consequently, enrollments in athletic programs have risen dramatically in the past ten years, from fewer than 900 to more than 2000. Interest in intramural athletics has doubled, and the number of varsity athletes has almost tripled. "One of the marked characteristics of recent classes entering all colleges and universities has been the awareness of the benefits of athletic pursuits," commented Ames. "In making the decision to build the athletic center, the trustees are acting to recognize the needs of all our students -- those who compete on teams or in intramural leagues."

Luce further commented that membership in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) ensures a balance between academic and athletic interests. He explained that athletics are "part of the educational development of Connecticut College. We feel strongly about the educational value of sports."

As a major priority in the \$30 million Campaign for Connecticut College, Ames reported that there has been strong evidence of financial support for the project.

Sen. Dodd: U.S. Bogged Down In Latin America

by Michael Schoenwald

"We are getting further and further bogged down with a policy in Central America that does not seem to warrant peace," stated Christopher Dodd, the Democratic Senator from Connecticut. "We have continually looked at Central and Latin America through the prism of Cuba, which has caused us to make mistakes in the region since the emergence of Fidel Castro 20 years ago."

Dodd spoke very eloquently in front of a group of about 60 people in the Oliva Hall of Connecticut College on April 18. The event was sponsored by the Government Department; Senator Dodd was

mistake of assuming that none of the revolutionary movements in Central America would have taken place without Fidel Castro and the Soviet Union," Dodd said. "This assumption of not looking at the political and economic problems of the different countries is no solution to the troubles of the region at this time."

Senator Dodd believes that Marxist governments in Central America have "generally been failures" but that President Reagan is exporting revolution by trying to interdict the flow of arms from Nicaragua to El Salvador. He called the Administration's efforts to get rid of the Sandinist

revolutionary group that is trying to overthrow a Marxist government in another country."

Dodd added the "our support of the Samos National Guard in Nicaragua will prevent the voices of moderation from coming to power."

Dodd also pointed to several misconceptions that have influenced the Reagan Administration's policies in El Salvador. The first misconception is that the insurgency is not a legitimate one. The second is that the insurgency is totally controlled by Marxists. The third misconception is a belief that the United States cannot negotiate with El Salvador

growing in military strength and ability," the Senator challenged. "There are also a wide variety of supporters of the Democratic tradition that are not being recognized in El Salvador. And, if no good military options exist, why not carry on a dialogue or peace conference? If we negotiate we can get the conservatives who do not have the guns in the limelight rather than those on the right and left."

"A cease fire in both Nicaragua and El Salvador where the Democratic and electoral processes would work is the best idea in my opinion," Dodd continued. "The Catholic Church, the Mexicans, the Venezuelans

surgents decide they can win or achieve a stalemate our chances are gone."

Dodd concluded his lecture by responding to a question on the situation in the Middle East. He maintained that the Israeli settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip were an obstacle to peace and that it was legitimate to ask questions about basic policies of the Begin government. "But, I believe the decision by Israel to enter Lebanon was right. I challenge anyone to find another example of a country that was being annihilated by the PLO as Israel was and to respond as they did. While we may disagree with a Prime Minister or a specific set of policies, we

SGA Ballot Includes Freeze Referendum

by Rika Granger

In the SGA elections April 11-12, freshmen, sophomores and juniors answered a referendum on the ballot asking if they support a bilateral, verifiable Nuclear Freeze between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. With the senior class not voting, of approximately 1150 students, 775 voted. Of those 775, 568 support the freeze (some as only a first step), 72 do not support it, and 135 abstained. That is 73 percent for, 9 percent against, and 18 percent abstaining.

The Chapel Board Peace Action Group put the referendum on the ballot to make students more aware of the Campaign for a Nuclear Freeze. The week prior to the

Support Shown For Freeze

elections, it held a series of events to educate people on the freeze such as a faculty symposium, and films and slides about the arms race. It

held a benefit concert on April 10th to raise money for the Southeastern Connecticut Nuclear Freeze Campaign; \$550 was raised.

The Chapel Board Peace Action Group hopes to educate as many as possible concerning the freeze, and in other ways to facilitate peace in the world. First semester it sponsored Oxfam, an organization which raises money and support to fight world hunger. In early May, it hopes to have a symposium on Central America.

The board's focus this semester is on the Nuclear Freeze Campaign, a major issue gaining more and more importance all over the country. It will be a major issue in the 1984 U.S. Presidential election. Along with freeze campaign groups throughout the United States, the Chapel Board Peace Action Group intends to educate people before election year on the freeze, as a must to guarantee the

future of the world as well as in our country.

The Chapel Board Peace Action Group is excited about the tremendous support for the freeze shown by the students at Connecticut College. They hope students will join them on May 1st at 2:00 p.m. for a May Day peaceful rally in Groton with such other Connecticut schools as Wesleyan, Yale, Trinity, and the University of Connecticut.

Class of 1985 Officers Elected

by Caroleen Hughes

The elections for the Class of '85 officers, last week, hinged on two particular issues: retaining class unity during the Junior year and stressing awareness of Judiciary Board and the college's Honor Code.

The Class President-elect, Steve Jacobson, and Michael Sean Lee, his only opponent, both emphasized, throughout the campaign, the need to keep the class together and informed during the junior year, when a significant portion of the class will be away.

"I believe that representation of the whole class regardless of location or size is crucial," stated Jacobson in his platform. Some of his ideas include starting a weekly class newsletter to be sent to those students abroad as well as the members of the class on campus. In addition, Jacobson suggested having

more informal class meetings and brunches to discuss ideas and activities. He has also proposed a career program that would include bringing speakers on campus to instruct the class on writing resumes and preparing for job interviews. "This would provide advantages for winter internships," he said.

Lee also stressed the importance of the junior year for the class as a whole and said his main goal was "to pull the class together."

Dan Fegan and Beth Munigle prevailed in an extremely close race for the two Judiciary Board representatives over Michael Feinberg and Dan Wroble. All four candidates had affirmed their belief in the importance of the college's Honor Code and stressed that students needed to be more aware of the Code and their responsibilities towards it.

Tim Richards and Brennan Glasgow ran uncontested for the office of Social Chairmen. They campaigned on their experience and enthusiasm toward the job. Richards has been the class co-social chairman this past semester, while Glasgow served as the treasurer of Morris on Dorm. They both feel these positions were "learning experiences" for them and will help them next year.

Some of their ideas for class functions include a skating party, class happy hours, a class beach cookout, and a brewery party which would feature a variety of beer.

The position of Secretary-Treasurer is presently unfilled; the new President will appoint someone in the fall to replace veteran Secretary Eric Kaplan, who will be going abroad next year.

Borges Discusses Poetic Expression

On Monday, April 25, at 8 p.m., Argentine poet Jorge Luis Borges delivered the 1983 Joseph H. Selden Memorial Lecture in Palmer Auditorium.

The noted writer discussed "Poetic Expression and Creativity," the topic of a lecture he recently gave in Paris. Connecticut College is the only New England college that Borges will visit during his 11-week 1983 tour.

The 83-year old Argentinian is internationally known for the breadth of his work and significant contributions to

the literary world. The noted writer became an international celebrity in 1961 when he was awarded, with Samuel Beckett, the Formentor Prize by publishers from the United States and Europe. His books of poetry include *Moon Across the Way*; *The Measure of My Hope*; *The One, The Same*; *In Praise of Darkness*; and *The Gold of the Tigers*.

Over the last 30 years, Borges has dedicated much of his time to lecturing and giving recitals of his poetry. Recognition bestowed upon many nations around the world include the Order of the

British Empire; the Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters bestowed by the French Government; the Alfonso Reys International Prize; and the Balzan Prize, one of the most prestigious awards in Europe.

The Selden Lecture has been given annually at Connecticut College in the memory of the Rev. Joseph H. Selden, professor of the fine arts and member of the original college faculty.

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Records Reviewed

by John Stenger

MODERN ENGLISH - "After The Snow"

Among the recent surge of "new wave"-oriented hits splashing across mainstream American radio, Modern English's "I Melt With You" has been among the more intriguing. Beyond the obligatory synthesizer and quasi-punk beat, the tune suggests a little of the band's broader sensibility. On the album "After The Snow," Modern English presents a diverse yet directed musical synthesis. They tie together an '80's mindset with some surprisingly traditional musical sources. Guitar riffs and vocal harmonies out of the '60's combine with a confident progressive pop sense on songs like "Carry Me Down" and "Someone's Calling." There are hints of the Byrds, Jethro Tull, Jefferson Airplane, and (no kidding) the Beatles throughout. And although the more experimental pieces tend to drag a little, the overall effect is both fresh and evocative.

ROXY MUSIC - "The High Road"

After a decade of albums, Roxy Music reached a peak of sorts with last year's "Avalon," a masterpiece of simplicity, subtlety, and mood. But the breathtakingly clean production was rather empty of energy and spontaneity. Consequently, their new live record, a four-song EP, is a welcome sequel. Not surprisingly, "The High Road" may be one of the smoothest and most controlled of live rock recordings. But behind vocalist Bryan Ferry's perfect timing, guitarist Phil Manzanera's exquisite control, and the orchestrated horns and back-up vocals there is a real intensity and substance.

Each piece is better than the last. The first two are originals, a rather limp "Can't Let Go" and a fluid "My Only Love."

Side two's covers are fascinating. Ferry takes Neil Young's "Like A Hurricane" and John Lennon's "Jealous Guy," and makes them his own. "Hurricane" dances and soars where Young's live version plods and grinds. Unfortunately, some of Young's down-to-earth directness is lost. It is on the final cut, "Jealous Guy," that it all comes together for Roxy. After a few listens, their mastery is clear.

Senior Officers Chosen

by Sally Jones

For the junior class, congratulations could have been extended to the candidates even before the votes were tabulated, as each candidate ran uncontested. Sheryl Edwards is the President of the Class of '84, and she is excited about making this upcoming year a memorable one for all. In the past she has worked on the social board acting as class Social Chairman and plans to have many activities so that seniors can really enjoy their last year.

Even though there was no opposition, Edwards feels that the other candidates are qualified enough to make the board a strong one and will work well in bringing the

class together. Kevin Der-Bedrosian is the social chairman, Cynthia Poulos is the Secretary-Treasurer, and Katie Clark and Amy Blackburn are the J. Board representatives.

Like Edwards, Blackburn and Clark are hoping to unify the class more. Blackburn, although aware of the importance of J. Board, feels that working with the Executive Board is going to prove most important. One concern of Clark's is to make people more aware of the honor code and have them appreciate it more. Both feel they have a great responsibility towards serving the school and their classmates and intend to make the senior class work as one unit.

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Let the Force Be With Us

by Patrick Kennedy

Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to successfully defend ourselves from nuclear attack? Evidently the Left doesn't think so. President Reagan's proposal to (horrors!) defend ourselves has been condemned by Yuri Andropov, liberal Democrats, and the "peace" movement as a "Stars Wars fantasy" which would threaten peace and violate treaty commitments.

The President's proposal for defense calls for research on anti-ballistic missiles and space technology. It is claimed that such weapons will be "destabilizing" because they will leave us less vulnerable to retaliation and supposedly more disposed to a first strike, thereby giving the USSR incentive to strike first themselves. This logic rests on the demonstrably false assumption that the United States might strike first, as we didn't during our 1945-49 A-bomb monopoly. Thus the question arises; if the US would not attack when there was no fear of retaliation, why would we do so if there was a possibility of being hit by Soviet missiles? (Needless to say, if a missile defense system were 100 percent effective the whole question would be quite healthfully moot). Furthermore, the Soviets are working on such weapons regardless of what we do; our intelligence sees a big Soviet push into space over the next decade. Finally, we could always share such information with the Soviets if it became necessary to do so.

What about the criticism that a nuclear defense system would make nuclear war "thinkable" on our part? Again assuming that the question is not made academic by a perfect defense system, the technology would do nothing of the kind if it were not accompanied by a change in mind set to one in which all considerations, including protection of US citizens, were subservient to the promotion of a particular ideology. For those who possess such a mindset (i.e. the USSR) though, the "thinkability" of nuclear war is directly proportional to its possibilities for promoting Communism. By eliminating the viability of a surprise first-strike on US ICBM's as a Soviet option, and

thus obviating the possibility of nuclear blackmail, nuclear war would become less "thinkable" to the Soviets. This, in turn, would make any type of Soviet aggression less "thinkable." Isn't that what most of us want?

As for the feasibility of space-based weapons, the technology is becoming fast available for killer satellites, laser and particle beams, non-nuclear air-ground systems, etc. Really, the only argument advanced for the nonfeasibility of such systems is knee-jerk "age of limitations" theology. Do the President's proposals violate the ABM treaty? First of all, we are allowed one site for ABM deployment. Secondly, research is perfectly legal according to the treaty and fixed land-based systems may be developed and tested. Finally, the treaty provides for review every five years and either party may pull out with six months notice if it concludes that its "supreme interests" are in jeopardy.

One final matter which the President didn't mention — civil defense. We are spending far less in monetary terms on this vital program than we did in 1960 and it shows. Our lack of emphasis on civil defense has led to its intellectual moribundity; funds are wasted on nuclear war "change-of-address" cards and inane "odd-even license plate" evacuation schemes. Liberals complete the vicious cycle by parodying such plans and causing more opposition to an intelligent effort. In fact, many lives could be saved with adequate sticked shelters, communication of information on self-protection, and efficient evacuation plans; millions of lives seem worth the not-exorbitant cost.

Pity the poor Left. President Reagan coopted their "peace" issue and confused them with a proposal that isn't reducible to "how many times we can blow up the Russians." Most unforgivably, he had the audacity to forego unilateral disarmament in favor of disarming the Soviets too. Nonetheless, the befuddlement of the Left is a small price to pay for the neutralization of Darth Andropov. Let the force be with us.

"Be good, and you will be lonesome."

Mark Twain



Parody: Vile and Vulgar

To the Editor:

It is with deep sorrow that I write concerning the unfortunate parody of a prisoner's letter which appeared in the April Fool's issue of the college newspaper. This outrageous bit of vulgarity is by all odds the vilest "letter" I have ever read in any Connecticut College student paper — and I have read a lot of them. It betrays bigotry, hatred, and racism, together with a male chauvinistic sexist attitude I find hard to believe exists on our campus.

Connecticut College has always taken great pride in the

quality of its liberal arts curriculum which provides students with an opportunity to broaden their knowledge and understanding — and in the process emerge as true humanists who will at all times respect people (women and men) of different cultures and colors. It is tragic that an otherwise amusing issue had to be marred by this unsavory communication — one which the **National Enquirer** would refuse to print.

Yours sincerely,
Alice Johnson
Dean of the College

Better Safe Than Sorry

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter because I feel compelled to respond to the indifferent views of three male students regarding rape.

The other day, I overheard three men complain about how often female students request rides from the campus security patrol. One of the three claimed that it is unnecessary for women to utilize this service, particularly since there have been very few rapes on this campus throughout the years.

My message to the three men is that it pays to exercise caution. As the media has reported, rape can occur anywhere. In seedy Boston bar, for example, or even in a prestigious Ivy League campus.

I feel very secure knowing that the campus patrol is always available to help us. I'm also pleased to know that others take advantage of their services. After all, isn't it better to be safe, than sorry?

Elizabeth B. Bovich
Class of 1985

We'll Never Know

To the Editor:

On Sunday night, April 17, renowned civil rights activist and Georgia State Senator Julian Bond came to Connecticut College to speak about various issues of social import, such as civil rights, the Reagan Administration, and American foreign policy. No more than 30 students came to hear him

speak. I don't want to preach against campus apathy we've all heard that routine before anyway. I'll just let the facts help everyone to arrive at their own conclusions.

Just one further thought: As an SGA officer, I've come to accept the fact that students don't always care about the seemingly trite campus issues and college politics which we think should be of concern to them. I find such indifference hard to justify, however, when the state of affairs of our society (issues which affect us all) are being discussed by one so prominent as Julian Bond. It makes one question what type of indifference really exists at Connecticut College, and with in our age group in general. As Senator Bond pointed out, it's no wonder the student aid programs and youth programs are the first to be cut out of budgets. We'll never know about it.

Herb Holtz

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SPORTS

Men's Crew Undeclared

by Cliff Melrowitz

The Conn. College men's crew team is still undefeated after victories over the University of New Hampshire, Williams College, and Worcester Polytech. The Conn., U.N.H. race took place on April 9 in Worcester, Mass. The meet had four events; freshmen eight, freshmen four, varsity lightweight eight, and varsity heavyweight eight. Conn. took three of the four events, losing only in the freshmen four race. The freshmen lightweights rowed a 7:03 to defeat two heavyweight boats from U.N.H., the faster of the two, rowing a 7:08.

Our varsity lightweights rowed a 6:41 to easily defeat their opponent who came in at 7:02, and our varsity heavyweights rowed a 6:39 to win their race by 17 seconds.

On April 16, Conn. raced Williams and W.P.I. and was equally successful, winning three of their four events. Their only loss came in the freshmen heavyweight eight event which replaced the freshmen four event of past meets. On April 23 Conn. competes against Trinity and Wesleyan in Hartford, Connecticut. The men's crew team now has four victories without a loss, and is looking stronger every meet.

Men's Tennis Rallies To Win

by Molly Goodyear

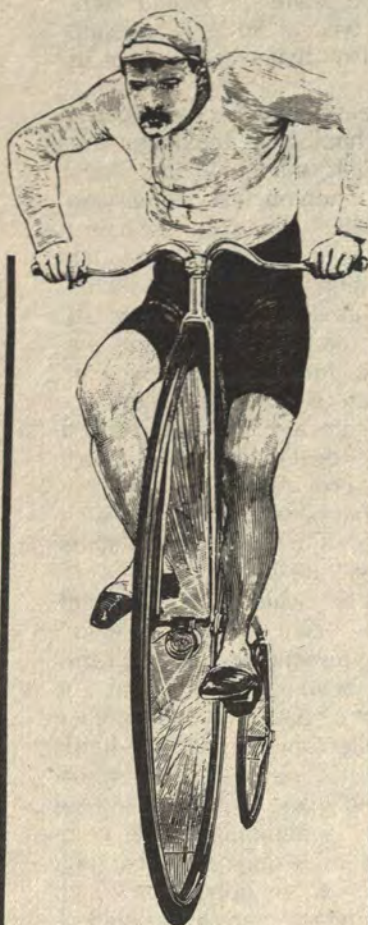
The men's tennis team added two more wins to their record by beating both Quinnipiac and Wesleyan last week.

The Quinnipiac match was a needed victory for the Conn. team with a final score of 7-2. All six singles players won their matches and one of the three doubles teams, Dave Fleishman and Chris Vincze won in an 8-7 pro set.

The Wesleyan victory was the "sweetest by far" in the eyes of coach Tom Perrault.

With its first defeat of Wesleyan in 8 years, the team scored one of its bigger wins. The final tally was 6-3. Conn. swept five out of the six singles and managed one win in the doubles. Third seed Bob Bartnick brought his season singles record to 5-0, followed by number one seed Carl Soane with a record of 4-1.

The two wins have boosted the enthusiasm of the Conn. men and the outlook continues to be optimistic for their upcoming matches against Holy Cross and URI.



Conn College's First TRIATHALON

Next Sunday
(weather permitting!)

Women's Lacrosse Undeclared

by Caroline Twomey

The women's lacrosse team has started the season on the right foot. They are presently undefeated. The team has compiled wins over Trinity 10-8, Amherst 9-7, and Providence College 7-1.

In their opening game, the Camels came out strong to beat a powerful Trinity team for the first time ever. Jane McKee started the scoring for the Camels with her first of five goals. Sarah Newhall, Sally Peters, and Leila Clearen all netted a goal in the first half. The game was well played and Trinity never gave up, while the Connecticut defense held its ground and kept Trinity on the losing end of the score. Goalie Ashley Ridgeway had a good defensive game with 11 saves in the first half and 20 in the second half. In the second half Trinity came out strong but Jane McKee scored four times and Rose Battles and Leila Clearen tallied the other two scores to win 10-8.

The game against Amherst was another close battle. The Conn team came out strong scoring six times in the first

half. Rose Battles, Jo Carroll Sachs, Jane McKee, and Sarah Newhall all scored once. Leila Clearen scored twice in the first half. In the second half Amherst proved to be a tougher opponent scoring five goals opposed to the Camels three. All the scoring in the second half was done by Leila Clearen. Connecticut was able to hold on to the lead and clinch the victory.

The Camels are looking forward optimistically to next season with eight returning letter winners, and six new freshmen. Their next home game is April 28 against Bridgewater at 3:30.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Athletic Center, to be located adjacent to the Dayton Arena, will be held Friday afternoon, April 29th. Students, faculty, and friends of the College are invited to view the ceremony.

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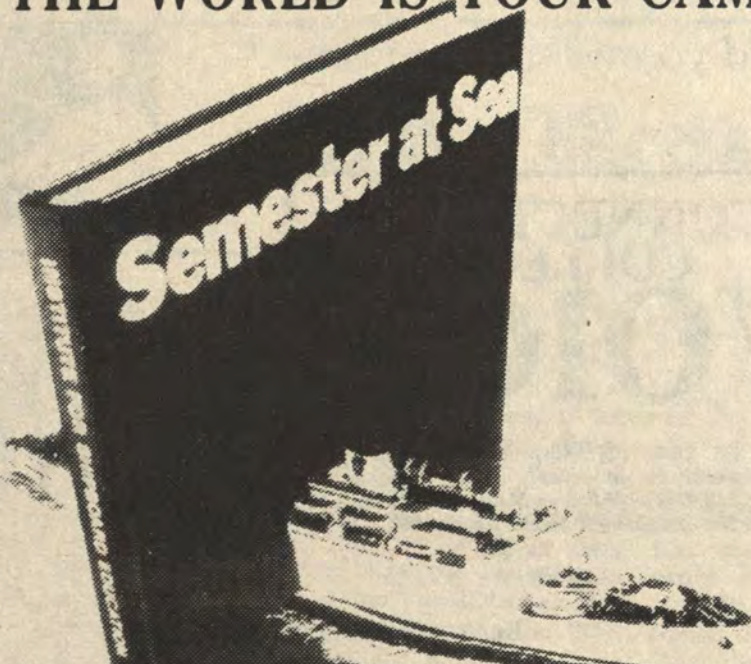
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