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 the Dean of Freshmen and Assistant Professor of English, but also housefellow of newly-opened Larrabee Dorm. The room was named after an old friend 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.

Space 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. Professor Johnson is 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 Thamines. It was a time of chaperoned dances in Knoolton's ballroom. Cocktail parties, except for a single student-faculty event held during Senior Week, were non-existent, and cars were left 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.

Johnston 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.

Students frequently drop in on the Dean to chat and share their latest adventures. "Part of the educational value of athletics," she explains, "is the opportunity it gives to learn about the world." And, of course, sports.

by Michael Schoenwald

"We are getting further and further bogged down with a policy of containment, and that does not seem to warrant peace," stated Senator Christopher Dodd at American University in the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., after being appointed to the Senate Appropriations Committee. "We are continually looking at Central America through the prism of Cuba, which has caused us to make major decisions in that region since the emergence of Fidel Castro 30 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 Sandinists revolutionary group that is trying to overthrow a Marxist government in another country.

Dodd added that "our support of the Sandinists, a 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 growing in military strength and ability," the Senator challenged the 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 come on a peace conference? If we negotiate we can get the conservatives. The plan can 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 surmises 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, Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights were an obstacle to peace and that it was legitimate to ask the Israelis to negotiate. "But, I believe the decision on Israel's right 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. We may disagree with a Prime Minister or a President, but we have to recognize their right to their own government."

Crozier-Williams, the present site of intercollegiate athletic events, can no longer accommodate Conn's growing athletic program. Cro was built in 1938 when the school had an enrollment of 900 women. Since then, Conn. has expanded to a co-educational population of 6,000.

Consequently, enrollments in athletic programs have risen dramatically in the past ten years, from fewer than 100 in the mid-1970's to over 300 in intramural athletics has doubled, and the number of varsity athletes has almost tripled. "One of the marked characteristics of recent years has been the awareness of the benefits of athletics to the curriculum," remarked Senator Dodd. "In making the decision to build the athletic center, the trustees are acting to recognize the needs of the educational programs -- those who compete on teams or in intramural leagues." Senator Dodd further commented that membership in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) ensures a balance of quality athletics as well as educational 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 Conn. athletics program, Ames reported that there has been strong evidence of financial support for the project.

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

Complex Okayed

by Susan Budd

The Connecticut College Board of Trustees has approved plans for building a $3.8 million athletic center on a site south of the Dayton Arena. Last week, President Ames announced that construction of the facility will begin later this month and should be finished by September 1984.

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Class of 1985 Officers Elected

by Caroleen Hughes

The elections for the Class of 1985's last week, hinged on two particular issues: retaining class unity during the coming year and stressing awareness of Judea, the class on campus. In addition, Jacobson suggested having more informal class meetings and branches to discuss ideas involving the class. On April 11, seniors, 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 in favor of freezing, and approximately 1150 students, 775 votes of those 775, 568 support the freeze (some as only a first step), 72 do not support, and 13 voted 'abstained.' That is 73 percent for, 9 percent against, and 18 percent abstaining.

Borges Discusses Poetic Camps

by Sally Jones

On Monday, April 15, at 8 p.m., Argentine poet Jorge Luis Borges delivered the 1982 Robert Frost 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 only the New England college that Borges will visit during his 18- to 20-day tour in the U.S. The 83-year old Argentine 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 Newsweek magazine published a translation of two of his works, “The Library of Babel” and “P Pedido.”

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The board 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 program in Honiton with such other Connecticut schools as Wesleyan, Yale, Trinity, and the University of Connecticut.

Records Reviewed

by John Stenger

MODERN ENGLISH—"After The Snow"

Among the more successful "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 electric guitar 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 '80s mindset with some surprisingly traditional musical sources. Guitarist Rich Hurst's "Tiger Love" and "I Melt With You" show the band's 1980's confidence in confounding progressive pop song slickness. "I Melt With You" and "Tiger Love" are the highlights of "After The Snow." Modern English's "I Melt With You" should appeal to a broad audience, and fit very comfortably into any "new wave" oriented format.

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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 (hypothetically) defend ourselves has been condemned by Yuri Andropov, liberal Democrats, and the "peace" movement as a "Starn Wars fantasy" which would threaten peace and violate treaty commitments. They maintain that such a proposal for defense calls for research on anti-ballistic missiles and space technology. It is claimed that such weapons would be "destabilizing" because they will leave us less vulnerable to retaliation and supposedly more disposed to a first strike, thereby giving the US the 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 1959-49 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 mis- siles (or hydrogen bombs)? If a missile defense system were 100 percent effective the whole question would be quite healthfully moot. Furthermore, so long as 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 must always share such information with the Soviets if it becomes 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 subordinated to the promotion of a particular ideology. For those who possess (i.e. the USSR though, the "thinkability" of nuclear war is directly proportional to its probability. 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 will 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" theorizing. 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 "strictures" 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 line "odd-even license plate" evacuation schemes. Library booklets complete the vicious cycle by parading such plans and causing more opposition to an intelligence effort. In fact, many lives could be saved with adequate sheltered schools, communication of information on self-protection, and efficient evacuation plans; millions of lives seem worth the not-exorbitant cost.

"Why 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 discriminating 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 and the Force Be With Us.
Men's Crew Undefeated
by Cliff Meirowitz

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 8 in Worcester, Mass. The meet had four events; freshmen eight, freshman 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 lightweights 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.

Women's Lacrosse Undefeated
by Caroline Towsney

The women's lacrosse team has started the season on the right foot. They are presently undefeated. The team has compiled wins over Trinity 18-9, 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 their 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 19 in the second half. In the second half Trinity came out strong but Jane McKee scored four times and Rose Battles and Leila Clearen rallied the other two scores to win 10-4.

The game against Amherst was another close battle. The Camels 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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Men's Tennis Rallies To Win
by Molly Goodyear

The men's tennis team added two more wins to their record by beating both Quinipiac and Wesleyan last week. The Quinipiac 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 Fleischman and Chris Vince won in an 8-7 pro set.

The Wesleyan victory was the "sweetest by far" in the eyes of coach Tom Perrault. The men and the outlook continued to be a tougher opponent of the two, rowing a 7:08.

With its first defeat of Wesleyan in 8 years, the team scored one of its bigger wins. The final tally was 6-3. Conn. scored one of its bigger wins. The final tally was 6-3. Conn. scored one of its bigger wins.

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