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HARRIS ROSENFELD ELECTED YAT

On April 24, it was officially announced that Harris Rosenfeld ’09 had been elected Young Alumni Trustee for the class of 2009.

SARAH WEISS • STAFF WRITER

On Sunday April 19 at 1:30 AM campus safety officers rushed to Jane Adams House to put out a fire set by two Conn students, junior Reid Lazenby and sophomore Frederick Pierre. No one was injured.

The students left the fire Saturday night and re- turned to JA. According to Resident Felice Kallman, the boys were “golfing around” with a lighter and continued to light things on fire as they moved into the building. They were told to leave, but soon came back and provoked fire in the third and fourth floors of JA.

Fourth floor resident Jalinn Bransfield explained that burners, leftovers from a birthday party, appeared to be the most significant burning done on her floor.

One third floor resident said, “On the fourth floor they had taken out the drawers and shoveled it with knives and jaw, and looked at it, because there wasn’t a whole lot of air circulation, up there. They just kind of lit one on in there. That could have been a serious fire. This one was kind of the third story. It was just a brown fit fire, but the guys were red in the face where there was tons of smoke. I could have had a way more hazardus than that ended up happening.”

After lighting the fires, the students went back to their respective residence halls. Neither JA nor Lindberg were asked by the campus safety officer if the boys had any entries in JA.

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Freshmen Persistance

Why Students Transfer, Why They Stay

LILAH RaPTOPOULOS

OPINION EDITOR

Freshman Meredith Brown stayed in this Thursday night. At almost midnight she was in her pajamas, still studying for a Calculus exam she had at 9 the next morning - that is, after her Chemistry class at 8. She was working to maintain her above-B average so she can still matriculate at Cornell in the fall as a transfer student, and from many others, she is certainly ready to go.

"I may be an intro special circumstance, because basically everything went wrong," she said. Connecticut College was not Meredith’s first choice. She comes from Buckingham Brown B. Nichols, a private, upper-class school on the outskirts of Cambridge, Massachusetts. In its students try-fielded and, more often than not, laid-bound. Also, being rejected from too many schools to remember all of the top of her head, she chose Conn with guaranteed transfer to Cornell. It was imprisonment for the Meredith open upon her. She came in prepared to be gone in a year.

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Letters To The Editor

Do you consider yourself a feminist? How about an environmentalist? Choices are that if you said yes to either of the above, you’ve been put off by either Andrew Irwin’s recent article or Angelica Sgouros’ reply. Personally, I consider myself somewhat of a feminist, and completely oblivious as a freshman. Watching events and observing our experiences, I’ve noticed an interesting overlap on your calendar as clubs and departments rush to get as much as possible accomplished in April.

- Changing of the Guard (for seniors and juniors, I definitely do not see any surplus of free time there).
- The last bayberry night (and dancing and singing loudly in the hall, with the senior friends. Those last photo moments and mental snapshots of years together, setting and cleaning up, looking out on the green, pre- tend to be productive with a book or a year.
- What was I really doing? I was probably thinking about the many women and men discriminated against, the ways in which women and minorities are generally silent, trendy green lawns or not. The ways in which women are sometimes hindered against other successful women, activism while we recognize, inter- connectedness, we feel it is necessary and insulting. As a club member to reiect or accept any call. The Editor-in-Chief shall have final content approval. The final deadline for advertising is 10 AM on the Thurs- day preceding publication.

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Angelica Sgouros and Andrew Irwin raised interesting points in The Voice recently, and Feminist Majority would like to respond to these charges. In regard to the article “Feminists Miss the Point: Gender and Climate Change,” we reiterate Susan Brownmiller’s counter that Ecofeminism is a large and growing front of our movement, and false faits are aity of any feminist economy, trendy green lawn or not. The ways in which women are sometimes hindered against other successful women, and while we recognize, interconnectedness, we feel it is necessary and insulting. As a club member to reiect or accept any call. The Editor-in-Chief shall have final content approval. The final deadline for advertising is 10 AM on the Thurs- day preceding publication.

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As the last issue of The Col- lege Voice for ’08-09, I really didn’t want to end it with that repetitive “kissyface” end- ings letter, and decided instead to comment on plans for the future of the college, address some of the unusual incidents we’ve been hearing about through comparable emails this past week and consider why so many people are run- ning for class council positions for next year. But first, the rising temperatures, recent Fishbowl and Changing of the Guard events, excitement about Flora’s nearly approaching, and stress about looming finals and final papers, I can’t help, instead of these seemingly less important things instead of the larger issues. These issues can be dealt with next year.

- The "seemingly less impor- tant things" are things we are all experiencing now, and some of us will never experience them again.
- Left to our current traditions and fighting for women’s rights and gender equality.

Harry Kim '12

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Students Making a Difference in New London: Second Annual Walk for the Homeless

ASHLEY CLINTON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Early Saturday morning, members of the Connecticut College and New London communities gathered in the parking lot of All Souls’ Unitarian Universalist Congregation to kick off the 2nd Annual Walk for the Homeless. The walk through the downtown streets of New London was to advocate for the homeless in the area and raise money in support of the New London Homeless Hospitality Center. The event was sponsored and staffed by mainly the Hospitality Center and the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy.

The day began with a welcome from Rev. Carolyn Patierno, a chaplain of Connecticut College’s faith community. She united the assemblage group by pointing out that whether we work, live, or go to school here, “we are all a part of New London.” The starting program also included an inspiring a cappella performance by Vox pastorae, a beautiful saxophone solo by a man named Alvin who introduced himself as “A face of the homeless,” and finally a truly moving spoken-word piece by Herbert Bennett Jr. ’99 who experienced homelessness as a youth in New York City.

The overcast sky opened and became a sunny day by the time the walk began. The route was 3.5 miles, covered Lay Street, Bank Street, and State Street, and passed the Community Meal Center, Daytime Shelter, and Overnight Shelter, before returning to the starting point. Participants were encouraged to hold signs to spread awareness, that said such things as “Support the HHC” or “It could happen to you.” Support came in all forms. From PICA students who led the walk, student groups, professors and staff, academic departments, residents of New London, and local restaurants and churches. Shuttles to and from the event were provided by VICS, and water tables throughout the route were manned by PICA students. In all, the event raised over $5,600 for the Hospitality Center, and brought members of the New London community together in an effort to combat homelessness in the area.

HANNAH SPORER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The right to nationality, education, equality and to live freely; these are some of the many liberties all humans are entitled to. In honor of the fight to preserve, promote, and understand these and other freedoms, Connecticut College held its third annual Spotlight on Human Rights this past Thursday, April 23.

Culminating with student speakers and performers, this production shed light on important human rights violations from all over the globe by raising awareness and illustrating how everyone can make a difference. Six speakers from the senior class offered a personal perspective on these issues by sharing their experiences in human rights work. Erich Roberts discussed his work with Afghan immigrants in Israel; Maddie Thompson spoke about working with immigrants in Mexico; Heather Winter addressed women’s rights in Mali; Ian Phillips shared his experience with City Year in New Orleans and LA; Stephanie Wijer discussed her work with children and education in India; and finally I talked about primary rights in Cameroon.

The program also featured the following performers: The Connective’s Lynne Sellings on guitar and vocals, Great Heights’ West African Dance, the Step Team, Stephania’s Blenner Dance, and another dance and musical performance. Spotlight on Human Rights succeeded in its overall goals. This event particularly owes its success to the money it raised for Asey’s Wish Foundation in Liz Durante’s name. Additionally, the speakers’ heartfelt yet optimistic stories connected with and illustrated how everyone can make a difference. Finally, the performers, who went out of their way to participate because simply out of the kindness of their hearts, were inspirational. If you are passionate about human rights or simply wish to learn more about them, please consider participating in next year’s event by sharing your story.
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Notes on Pushing Off

JACQUES SWARTZ

COLUMNS!

What does this weather do? Like an invisible switch, we're out at the ready, upright and alert to sense and stand. Just the second the sun hits. Old sayings about slowing skin and rasping harmonies don't cut it—these days are charged. This is the world I moved from Paris to (of all places), this world I now dream about when we've stuck underground. The word is freedom (or maybe just a temporary parallel). Where has this motion been all year? Merciful, for sure, but who's honestly surprised. Now we have weekends, full with activity, spiking highs and lows, and time running at jarring double-speed. Where can we do with this energy?

I might start with bringing our Sunday together. Why not broadcast the gospel chair show on WCNI? I could listen at this desk, in this study-bedroom situation we call "dorm room." (What other room is really like this?) Can we give it a real name? "Quarters" doesn't cut it anymore, right?

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DONALD BUDGE

COLUMNS!

As my time studying abroad comes to a close, I have been reflecting on and reading my hardcopy of Dean Bengochea's compilation of student com- ments which we've kept in my pocket. In the end—after reading the first e-mail concerning the bulletins and the momentous transition (which will be released on my upcoming "Best of Bengochea" compilation)—I realized something rather startling: without my presence this semester, Connecticut College has been quite fallen. Despite earnest efforts by the administration and Campus Safety to update tuition, students seem to be coming more of a nucleus than ever before, with undeniable fire, quiet strength, being disciplined, and spontaneously invented soups and bread. During my activity last semester I had noticed some trouble in the moral decisions of some members of the student body. I had never realized that I would Connecticut College's very own Custer, continually making news by the administration, a new level of fear and anxiety. I had noticed some trouble in the moment breaking news alerts and too many moving at jarring double-speed. Where can we do with this energy?

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“Grade Inflation” Rethought

DANIEL O’KEEFE COLUMNIST

I place quotes around “Grade Inflation” because of my belief that it must be examined as it is situated in the discursive practices of academia—to “rethink” it so that more important and meaningful discussion can continue to be had.

questions about broader instructional goals, act of formation/information assessment, coherence and conceptual transferability of content or skills, or student intellectual identity development. Other terms suffer from similar over-democratization of interpretation in higher education: “Excellence,” for example, is a term that Bill Readings, author of “University in the Twenty-First Century,” has once used in a similar manner: “The original univer¬
sal of university, of academic freedom, in the bell curve. The bell curve has been, and continues to be a major player in the way the public perceives the value of higher education. It is a bell curve that is driven by postmodern intellectualism. It seems to me that we are too quick to judge each other, and at the same time we fail to recognize the importance of what was going on—and that there is something deeper here that really needs our attention.

We cannot allow this issue to blow over without having learned anything. It will come back, again and again. We cannot hide from the reality that still exist in our society and community, and the fact that most views are almost entirely not our own makes our responsibility even greater. As a top liberal arts college, we should take this issue seriously and scrutinize it more closely. This task may be bigger than we realize, but it is not impossible. We can make our experience as influential and exceptional as we choose.
Productivity is Key

ADAM MILLER
CONTRIBUTOR

We needed a workout like the one we just had. The most important part of Relay for Life was the $53,000 we raised for the American Cancer Society. It was wonderful to see so many participants. The lunaria ceremony was incredibly moving, and each candle passed, little lanterns colored with quotes and paintings, I realized the frailty of human life. The quiet was strange, but comforting. I hoped it wouldn’t be raised with a shout or a passing motorcycle, and it wasn’t. It was the right kind of silence. We held our tongues out of compassion and deep thinking. For a moment we forgot our grievances, some legitimate, some petty, which have been the reason the campus has eroded so quietly over the past month. There had been tension in the air and great disconnect, and while one weekend could not fix that, it provided a welcome respite from it.

Certainly events like Power Shift and Easter weekend resulted in a wave of articles from our peers from campus, and that has resulted in some of the great quiet. However, I think as an argument against the anger from the Lobster incident has not existed, that it has been swept under the rug. Often I see students who I think have been loudest about the incident. I think it is because people are disillusioned. We all have said we need to have a discussion on open and honest, but we have yet to have it. Instead, we have had a shouting match across the editorial page of the paper that has led to question- ing far more than the physical diversity within our student body. We are asking: how are we, whether our personalities, our social circles, and our opinions on important matters represent the people we used to believe they did.

The joke was in poor taste and offensive, mainly because the Student Lobster diner was something that had been sacrificed in the name of budgetary restrictions. Essentially, all we decided to hear was the heart of a bad economy by sacrificing a privilege that we all enjoy once a year. That is right, the steak and lobster dinner was a privilege. It was never our right. Several students decided that they would not share in that sacrifice and would go along and enjoy a lobster dinner anyway. For upperclassmen, and student leaders also, to engage in this kind of behavior is disgusting and unseemly of the responsibility the student body has given them.

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And so to glad we were able to have two weeks ago a moment of spiritual community, and also a moment of quiet reflection. Though we must get our own house in order under here at Conn, there is far greater level of productivity, and satisfaction in the world than we ever thought many of us. It is not comforting to know that our problems have been put aside for a year, that they will fly up in the near future, but we have two out of three wonderful to discuss there anymore. I get at least for this school year. Sum- mer is coming, something we can talk about. It is because it is natural and predictable. It produces in and offline, year after year. It is detectable, inexplicable, but rather easier as we step up at the last week of classes. When we come back in the fall, with these, wisdom teeth swelling, and stories from our hometowns, let us not allow us to forget where we are learning from now. If we don’t we can lose this discussion and make it a true discussion that will live on for us all.
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Recent Highlights of the Arts at Conn

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead

SAMANTHA HERNDON
STAFF WRITER

New LP Ray Guns Are Not Just the Future was released in January of this year by the Los Angeles-based The Bird and the Bee on Blue Note Records. The duo, comprised of Greg Kurstin and Inara George, come from jazz backgrounds, but found they had a mutual interest in the new surge of synth-pop musical stylings, and so decided to collaborate with an experiment they describe as sounding like "a futuristic 1960's American film set in Brazil." The Bird and the Bee is a side project for both, and a darling of the college radio circuit and international dance club deejays alike.

George's airy, swingy vocals float over catchy drumbeats until you cannot help but bop, sing and snap along. Opening tracks "Fanfare" and "My Love" will remind listeners of the 2006 hit single "Again and Again," from the Again and Again and Again EP, which created a viral squall in the meteorology of the blogosphere with its clever musical metaphor for a love affair and enticing and widely-circulated music video.

Danger of delving too far into cutesiness looms, as "Love Letter to Japan" plays out like the Pizzicato Five go to cheerleading camp. Describing a Necco and cherry blossom-infatuated woman moving to Tokyo, the jam features a Harajuku chorus chanting "From the west to the east I have flown to be near you/ I have come all this way to be close, to be here with you/ And now all my heart I will lay down precisely at your feet/ Oh oh oh oh!"

The result is infectious and, if played more than once, especially as the soundtrack to a commute, will inevitably result in a sugarcoated sing-a-long. But rather than providing background music for a tumbling routine, the track eases Ray Guns into the sexier, smoother second half of the disc. Saccharine as they may occasionally sound, The Bird and the Bee are nothing if not mavens of cool with their strongly influenced yet unique blend of ice-temperature space pop that has time-traveled in a hipster Delorean to a new dimension.

Whispering like Russian speaker George (arrested smoothly on "Baby") sings a spookily love letter on "Diamond Dave," and paves the dance floor for all night groove- ing with "Polite Dance Song," the album's chart-climbing first single. Pacing seemingly dissimilar elements like tinny carousel music, hip hop shout outs, maracas and smooth jazz vocals, Ray Guns Are Not Just the Future's unique styles to create a modern, urban, and highly-danceable sound.

The Bird and the Bee played the Austin, Texas mega music festival South by Southwest this March, and are slated to resume their national tour in the near future.
Women's Lacrosse Ends Season With Tough Losses

End Year 4-10, But Have High Hopes for Future

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Track and Field Makes Waves  
Hosted Championship April 25

BEN EAGLE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

What a year it has been for the Connecticut College men’s and women’s track team. It began in early March when junior Alex Samma triple jumped his way to the program’s first-ever NCAA title at the meet. And while that’s a high plateau to match, the Blue and White looked to make some more this past weekend when they hosted the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

While the home-field advantage was not enough to surpass most of the teams on campus, junior Brian Murtagh, one of the team’s strongest runners was able to qualify for the NCAA Championship. Murtagh’s success began long before the track and field season began. In addition to his work around the track, Murtagh is also a star on the cross-country paths. Last fall specifically, he ran his way to the program’s best score of the season. He leads the team with 100 points, with eight goals and twelve assists.

Men’s Lacrosse Hopes To Improve Next Season  
Finish the Year with 6-9 Record, 1-8 in NESCAC

SARAH HAUGHEY  
STAFF WRITER

After making it to the NEC- qua championships last year, the 2009 season proved to be somewhat of a disappointment for the Connecticut College men’s team.

Winning all but two of their non-conference matches, the Camels knew how to win, but seemed to fall apart once they faced league rivals. With only one NCAA win under their belt, the Camels were able to make the playoffs at the NCAA tournament and give their fans hope for the future.

On the whole, the men’s team scored 34 goals in the past year, good for tenth overall and the program’s best score of 10k. Jumping again in the triple-jump, Samma covered a distance of 5.43 meters to place second in the event. He also finished seventh with a jump of 1.81 meters in the high-jump. Freshman Doug Wright qualified for the New England Division III Championship with a time of 15.28-74 in the 1k. In the women’s Championship, where Williams was also competing, the Camels finished tenth out of eleven teams with a score of 15 points. The high-light of the day was undoubtedly Mike Hula ‘09 competing against Wesleyan and Coast Guard.

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Rowing Prepares for Nationals  
Look to Repeat Last Year’s Success

EMILY WEBB  
STAFF WRITER

The Connecticut College rowing teams are an often overlooked sport on our college community due to their practice and competition locations, but they are also one of the most successful sports teams on campus.

This season both the men and women have boasted wins at nearly all of their competitions and are currently gearing up for the New England Rowing Championship on May 2.

The May 2 championship race is the culmination of all of the hard work the rowers put in throughout the year in both the fall and spring seasons.

According to most team captains, Dan Stewart ’09, “There is only one highlight of the season and that is the New England Championships. This is the most important event of the year and our goal since September!”

Unlike other collegiate sports, where playoffs take place over the course of the season, the rowing championship takes place in one day of racing, so it is key that the rowers are “out” that day.

Women’s team captain, Marc Hochman ’09, shows the same enthusiasm as Stewart in regards to the May 2 championship stating that it is the “highlight of our season.”

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To repeat their two wins in her past three seasons, there is definite competition between the Camels and the title of champions.

According to Hochman, “Right now we have some stiff competition. Last year St. Mary’s and WPI beat us in the final heat of the New England’s and we are looking to repeat this year.”

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