Colleen Shanley

Saveena Dhall has pledged to use her experience for the betterment of the college's academics and policies. While at the college, she said, she has been "given the opportunity to see the perspectives of administrators, faculty, and students on academic and non-academic issues." Citing her work on various committees, Dhall said she has the knowledge and experience to represent the student body as the chair of academic affairs.

As CCASA legislative chair/vice president and a member of MSSC, Dhall believes she has been exposed to many curricular issues, "as well as other academic affairs," that are of utmost importance to Connecticut College students. Dhall is also a representative on the International Studies Faculty Committee and a member of the College Diversity Committee.

According to Dhall, the greatest challenges facing the chair of academic affairs are class size, re-evaluation of the General Education requirements and evaluation of the implementation of the 3:2 plan.

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The number one item on the SGA agenda, however, is to get students interested in student governance once again. To do this, he plans to address issues that more directly affect students' lives, such as improving financial aid and class size.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Appearing on this page are The College Voice Editorial Board’s
terms of reference for the SGA Executive Board and Young Alumni
Trustee elections. The College Voice Board members hope these
read in conjunction with the additional
coverage, will enhance the election
writing.

These recommendations are not
endorsements in that they do not
necessarily reflect support of a
candidate; rather, they are suggestions
to the community as to which of the
available candidates are best qualified
to hold the position. Both of these
candidates and write-in candidates
present viable options for the voters
and were invited to participate in the Voice
recommendation process.

These decisions were based on an
extensive evaluation of candidates,
deliberations. In addition, Editorial
Board members attended Speech/Debate
Night and reconvened after the
next meeting to finalize the suggestions. All
recommendations were reached by consensus with some editors
taken down when write-in
were an issue.

Each SGA Executive Board
candidate was asked two standard
questions and a third, which was
speaking, in the position, followed by an
open question/answer period.

Specific Questions:

What have your experiences have you had that
best qualify you for the position you seek?

What do you predict will be the single
greatest challenge for the position you seek
in the next year and how will you meet it?

Presidential

How would you define the role of the SGA
president on the administrative cabinet and
how do you foresee your particular
leadership needs body?

Vice President

Vice Presidents have at times supported
candidates to change direction in order to
minimize risk of defeat. Some have
argued, however, that strict scrutiny
undermines the autonomy. How would you
handle these divergent perspectives?

Chair Academic Affairs

Review of general education was slated as a
major issue for this year, but seems to have
taken on the importance of a relatively low profile.

JUDICIARY BOARD CHAIR

Can you implement a plan as
provided in the administrative cabinet and
what measures would you implement to meet this
goal?

YATs were asked three
questions:

What role do you believe the Board of
Trustees plays on this campus, and how
would you, as YAT, fit into that picture?

What issues does the YAT hope to
address in the near three years, and how
will you work to see these issues
materialize in these areas?

Connecticut College has started
to see the benefits of a
participatory, open approach to problem solving.
In a time of fiscal
tests and  simplistic solutions, how will
you strike the balance between tradition
and

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PRESIDENT

We recommend Colleen Shanley for the position of SGA president. With extensive experience in student government, a reputation for
tough leadership and a demonstrated ability to understand broader issues and long-term ramifications, Shanley can serve the student body
well. Her background has spanned committees, Class Council, the Assembly and the Executive Board, giving her an invaluable and unique
perspective into the organizational dynamics of student government. In addition, Shanley has pledged to reinvigorate student government
internally and externally, with concrete ideas for improved Assembly participation and a willingness to tackle issues with the administration
and faculty professionally. Her campaign has cited effectiveness, administrative relations, academic issues, diversity, and the College Center
project as major issues facing student government within the next year. We concur with her initial assessment of these challenges and are
confident that Shanley is the best qualified candidate for this important position during this critical time.

VICE PRESIDENT

We recommend Robin Swimmer for the position of SGA vice president. Swimmer is set apart from the other candidates because she has
served on the Finance Committee and clearly understands the complexities of the budget process, qualifications which we believe are essential
to the successful and timely completion of the vice president’s responsibilities. In addition, Swimmer’s call for expanding the student
tool to increase contributions under the Umbrella Plan and goals to research the dorm uses system and the legality of charging additional fees
for alcohol illustrate a commitment to larger financial issues. We recognize that Swimmer has been a member of an SGA which has had its
weaknesses this year and hope that she will work to use her knowledge of channeling process and her experience in leadership to the Executive Board.

CHAIR OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

We recommend Saveena Dhall for the position of chair of academic affairs. While Dhall has not worked specifically with the Board of
Academic Chairs, she has served as a strong member of several committees which examine and address curricular and academic issues,
including the Minority Student Steering Committee, the college’s Diversity Committee and the International Studies Faculty Committee.
Her leadership on these bodies combined with her commitment to the pressing issues of class size, course distribution and offerings, General
Education requirements, and student diversity makes her a strong candidate. Dhall’s insight into the importance of the increased cooperation
between advisory chairs in interdepartmental issues indicates an acute organizational ability. We were particularly impressed by her stance on diversity, which advocates the broad implementation of multicultural and ethnic studies as opposed to the creation of a
mandatory general education area requirement. Given these considerations, we believe Dhall is significantly qualified for the position.

JUDICIARY BOARD CHAIR

We recommend Julie DeGennaro for the position of Judiciary Board chair. DeGennaro, as junior class J-Board representative this year,
offers experience in adjudicating the Honor Code and the necessary comprehension of reforms passed this year to facilitate their successful
and efficient implementation. In addition to carrying out these changes, we would like to see DeGennaro launch more specific and original
ideas to strengthen the Code; however, her plan to examine the current state of the Judiciary Board illustrates a commitment
to this goal and an understanding of the powerful role members play in students’ lives. As a frequent substitute on Assembly, DeGennaro is
also likely to have a grasp on the workings of the legislative body, which is an important qualification in a campaign for any Executive Board
position.

SAC CHAIR

We recommend Gerard Choucroun for the position of SAC chair. In his campaign, Choucroun has committed himself to making SAC
“daring, creative, and receptive to the interests of a greater majority.” We agree that the time has come for these changes and believe
Choucroun’s relations with different components of the student population and understanding of student interests will assist him in fulfilling
his goals. We recognize that Choucroun has not served on SAC since his freshman year; however, his review of the SAC position as a member
of the ad hoc Committee on Student Governance provides him with a sufficiently informed perspective. While pledging to maintain
traditional events, Choucroun has expressed a commitment to follow-up on new ideas and improving entertainment possibilities for on-campus
performers. It takes more work to facilitate change than to maintain the status quo, and we hope Choucroun will remain committed to his plan.
Provided he does, Choucroun is a qualified and viable candidate for SAC Chair.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

The only candidate for public relations director declined to participate in The College Voice’s recommendation process. Without the
opportunity to interview the candidate, we do not feel sufficiently informed to make a recommendation for this position.

YOUNG ALUMNI TRUSTEE

With differing perspectives as to the primary role of the Young Alumni Trustee and the inability of one candidate to meet the concerns
of all Board members, we could not reach consensus on a YAT candidate. We, therefore, offer no recommendation.

Correction:

The final sentence in “Diversity and Class Size: A Status Report,” The College Voice, March 31, 1992, should have read, “Let us work
together to continue this unique and important Connecticut College approach to problem solving.”
CANDIDATE PROFILES

"I am running as a student like yourself — a student who wants the SGA to make the advancement of student interests its top priority again," reads the platform of Chad Marlow, who is running for Student Government Association vice president.

Marlow denies the perception that the student body as a whole is apathetic towards student government. According to him, proposals dealt with by the Assembly have had little direct effect on student life, and therefore are unimportant to most students.

"In the past, you've had no tangible evidence that [House senators] are working for you," he said.

Marlow was pleased with this year's Finance Committee decision to open budget hearings to the public, but said he would not enforce the guideline that prohibits students-at-large from speaking at the hearings.

VICE PRESIDENT

Chad Marlow

The position of SGA vice president is being sought by Robin Swimmer, SAC chair, who believes her initiative and her experience make for a strong write-in candidacy.

Swimmer has a year's experience on the SGA Executive Board and has participated in a broad range of activities and committees, such as the College Center Committee and the Student/Trustee Liaison Committee.

In these positions, Swimmer has had the opportunity to work with various students, trustees, and administrators, experience which she said will be helpful to her as SGA vice president.

As vice president, Swimmer believes that her greatest challenge would be producing an accurate and efficient budget that would allot the appropriate amount of money to each club.

As a member of the Finance Committee, she believes that auditing each club at least twice a year would be sufficient. Her experience as SAC chair has given her a knowledge of the costs for various types of events. This experience, she says, will help ensure that every club will be given an accurate amount of money to support their proposed events.

Swimmer's cited the Umbrella Plan as one of the main issues of her campaign. The plan, which was implemented last year, allows alumni to donate money to specific clubs. She would like to increase the amount of funding for this plan, citing that as of March 30 "it's only had $365 in it." To increase the amount, Swimmer advocates the targeting of younger alumni and current students and students-at-large for donations.

In addition, Swimmer pledged to enhance student life, saying, "Involvement and interest in extracurricular activity is one of Co- nnecticut College's true strengths."

Swimmer also proposes to set up a committee of club officers who are devoted to increasing fundraising.

Issues of dormitory dues and the re-evaluation of that system are also included in her campaign. She is "committed to implementing the strongest possible support system" for dorm social life and would like to make sure it is as efficient and useful as it can be, she said. In addition, she said, this year, is not being used properly and, with some modifications, could be more useful and practical.

Swimmer also said she would examine the legality of charging additional money for alcohol at dorm functions.

In her campaign, Swimmer stresses a willingness to reform. "I am not afraid to change policies or rules if there is a need for this to occur," stated her platform.

VICE PRESIDENT

Michelle Moon

Fostering the development of new campus organizations is one of the primary goals for Michelle Moon, candidate for Student Government Association vice president.

Although she has no experience serving on the Assembly, Moon said, "I don't see that as a detriment to my campaign. When working as a reporter for The College Voice and covering Assembly meetings, I got really familiar with the process, with the committees, with individual legislators, senators, and the Exec. Board, very comfortable talking to administrators and faculty."

Among her other qualifications, she cited work as head counselor at a camp for four summers, where she oversaw budgets, special events, and staff management. "That was basically, as far as organizational issues go, pretty significant," she said.

She views the role of vice president as being a liaison and link for campus clubs and organizations to the SGA. Because of her involvement with a varied assortment of clubs, such as the Voice, POWER, and athletics, she said she is qualified for the job. "I've been into everything just a little bit."

Moon believes the budget allocation for new clubs will be a major issue in the coming year. She suggested examination of the minimum allocation to new clubs, among other incentives, because the formation of clubs benefits the college community. "Clubs are key in providing lots of various experiences." This enriches campus life for all of us," she said.

Moon emphasized the need for close scrutiny of clubs and organizations when preparing budgets. "The more specific [budgets] are, the better. Everybody should take a stronger role in looking at the budget.

In addition, Moon said the preparation of budgets presently takes more time than necessary. "I would like to speed that process," she said.

One issue she would like to see addressed is the Finance Committee's traditional stance which forbids Student Government-funded clubs from political lobbying. "In the Mission Statement of the college, there's a lot of talk about teaching students how to participate in the world and how to become an active member of their communities, and yet we're confined to the college community. We should learn how to operate in the outside world."

Moon also said it would be necessary for the vice president to be an assembler of the whole of the Assembly. "We need an especially strong Executive Board."

Before coming to Connecticut College last year, Moon worked as a police reporter for a newspaper. "A lot of my work had to do with keeping records," she said. "The vice president needs a lot of those skills." She has a "adequately prepared for that sort of task."

SAC CHAIR

Gerard Choucroun

The SOA parliamentarian, Gerard Choucroun, is running for the position of SAC Chair. He was a representative for SAC freshman year, served as last year's house governor of Blackstone, and is the chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Student Governance.

Through these positions, Choucroun believes he has had the unique opportunity to take an "in-depth look at SAC without being part of the Executive Board." Also contributing to his experience is his membership in the Micro and UFO. These organizations have exposed him to the planning and the public relations skills that are needed to host a successful event, he said.

Choucroun's goal as the next SAC chair is "to make events memorable and interesting and, at the same time, appealing to the majority of people on campus." Supporting this idea of mass appeal, Choucroun advocates diversification of SAC membership and more creative SAC events.

Choucroun would also like to utilize sub-committees in SAC, each of which would be in charge of specific events. In accordance with the subdivision of the organization, Choucroun would ideally like to have minutes for each meeting, to ensure all ideas, while formally presented, are followed up. This way, according to Choucroun, SAC would be able to take into account the input of all of its members, thus broadening its role on campus and increasing its effectiveness.

Choucroun said, "Student Activities [Council] goes beyond presenting huge TNE's or whatever the campus clubs are doing."

With this year's introduction of the Big Band Committee, Choucroun believes that it would be more efficient to include this in the role of SAC. "The people on that committee do, by no means, represent the campus. I think it would make more sense to have SAC doing the big band," he said.

When asked how he would deal with planning and working with other campus organizations and smaller clubs, Choucroun responded, "I'd like to make an effort to meet with the campus clubs... so to see if there is a way that we can combine them."

He would also like to plan a grand finale arts performance of student talent, keeping in mind that the event would be popular and would not cost an exceedingly large amount of money.

Acknowledging this year's problems with SGA, Choucroun believes that the Assembly will have to "do a lot to restore faith." It is crucial to take the time to "patching things up with administration" and reinstating the "true role of student governing," he said.

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

Sean Curry, housefellow of Harkness and co-captain of the men's hockey team, has launched a write-in campaign for the position of Young Alumni Trustee. He said the decision was made "after seeing who was running, and evaluating what I wanted to do, how I want to participate and how I want to stay in touch with the college." Curry is the Board of Trustees as a body which makes policy and determines the framework by which the college can develop. As VAT, Curry believes he can be the person "who is relatively close to the student body and knows the issues, and on a lower level to keep perspective in line with what students as a whole feel." Curry supports the continuation of need-blind admissions, which he cites as one of the main issues facing the trustees in the upcoming years. "For me, that's a big thing, as a student on financial aid," he said.

He views the implementation of some of the college's new projects as a deterrent to the students currently enrolled as Connecticut College, "I see Conn pushing more towards the development as a whole and not the is for eight months out of the year," he said. Plan, he has witnessed increasing class sizes and making ourselves known ... years.

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Sean Curry

Amy Mass

With three years left in the course of the Strategic Plan, Amy Mass, candidate for Young Alumni Trustee, said the most important issue now for the Board of Trustees is "that we need now to ensure that we have the financial aid system that is needed and that we have our goals." In order to realize the goals laid out in the priorities of the college by the Strategic Plan, Mass said, "Ensuring the financial capability of the college is absolutely the top priority. We're a tuition-driven school." The way to financial security for Mass lies not through increasing the college's endowment and capital projects, but also in prioritizing and "growth by substitution." Mass maintained the importance of balancing Connecticut College's financial resources and programs. She stressed the need to make choices about "what we will keep, what we will enhance, and what we can eliminate without hurting the strength of the school." Mass expressed her belief that trimming the inefficiencies off Connecticut College programs is a beginning, but not an end in itself.

According to Mass, the Board of Trustees will have to reassess and examine the college's priorities to make decisions regarding the funding of various programs while taking into account the balance that needs to be struck between tradition and innovation. "I don't believe that we can continue to expand unconditionally without looking at what we're doing now," said Mass. Mass views the role of Young Alumni Trustee as "behind the scenes" role when it comes to student demands and interests. According to Mass, students have to articulate their own concerns to the Board of Trustees, but as VAT she would see her role as one of "smoothing out" that process. She cited, as examples of this, assuring that all research is done and that all proper procedures are followed before the students go to the trustees. "The VATs are not there to advocate for students but they are representing them," said Mass.

Mass also believes, "The Board of Trustees right now is somewhat removed from the student population and ... the faculty as well." According to Mass, one of her goals in the position of Young Alumni Trustee, one she also said is a goal of current YATs, would be to facilitate interaction between students and trustees on essential issues.

She cited informal gatherings and dinner parties as ways to meet this goal. "The Board makes a lot of the decisions but needs to have a little bit more interaction with the other bodies on campus," said Mass.

Stephen Montjane

Stephen Montjane, candidate for VAT, made it clear he is not afraid to take a stand and to serve on the Board of Trustees. "I will articulate what students feel and not be shy," Montjane said. Montjane said the college's current course toward attempting to build name recognition mostly through publicity is important, but has to be questioned. Appearances on CBS and in U.S. News are not what Montjane believes the college should strive for. "Alerting the Board to ... concerns may mean taking unpopular stances. I am willing to do that," his platform states.

We must actually sit down and talk about education for what it is," he said.

Montjane said Connecticut College is going through growing pains and considers the potential that the college has now to that of the University of Chicago several years ago. He said the college could build a solid reputation through quality academics in much the same manner that Chicago did. "Poverty has done wonderful things for Connecticut College. It has made us frugal," Montjane said. He added that what has become important is "how the dollar is spent." Montjane sees the Board of Trustees as an "arbiter between the administration, students, faculty, and staff of the college." Montjane sees the Board as removed from the situation and able to come in as non-partisan and "disinterested campaign." That's the primary responsibility of the Board of Trustees, to see where the institution is," Montjane said, "and to drive to it to the needs of the people that are there." Montjane continued, "That is what I would see as my primary responsibility; to articulate the needs of students." In his platform, Montjane speaks of the side effects of the Strategic Plan that are currently involving students. As a result of the 3.2 plan, "Some of us found it hard to take classes we need for our major," he wrote in his platform.

In regards to need-blind admissions, Montjane recognized the financial costs of the program, as well as the cost of abandoning the program and the diversity and academic standards that go along with it. "If the college is forced for fiscal reasons to drop need-blind admissions, as a trustee, I would work hard to ensure that the college does not stray too far from our present policy," Montjane said.

Montjane's experience includes the position of housefellow, SGA house senator, international students' advisor, and work in the admissions office. This installation is for us. It is not for the administration. It is for the faculty. It would not be here without us," he said.

Peter Jennings

Alumni Trustee. Jennings' reasoning was that seniors may have "prejudices" carried over from freshman year that may no longer be true of the candidates, especially candidates that have spent time abroad.

Jennings expressed displeasure with uncontested and barely opposed candidates. "Having three people running for VAT is just sad," he said.

Jennings also stated that although the VAT does not replace student voice, it is important for the VAT to be accessible. "It's important to touch base with groups such as SGA, SOAR, UMOA," so the VAT can better understand students' issues, in addition, Jennings said his varied activities at the college would lend him a special perspective...
Simon O'Rourke, candidate for Young Alumni Trustee, has pledged to be a bridge between the Board of Trustees and students. One of the Young Alumni Trustee's jobs, he said, "is to keep in touch with students, not just in the class that elected them, but to keep in touch with freshmen, sophomores and juniors so that the students have the sense that the Board of Trustees really responds at least a little to them." The Young Alumni Trustee "not only has the duty to the students to keep in touch with them, but also to the Board so that the Board knows that the Young Alumni Trustee is in touch with the students," he said.

O'Rourke advocates increased participation by students at trustee meetings, but does not believe the SGA Executive Board should be the only representative of student issues to trustees. He, specifically, would like the Board of Academic Chairs to have a greater connection with the Board. One large issue that O'Rourke foresees the Board of Trustees facing in the next two years is the college's "scarcity." He explained that although the endowment has risen in the last four years, "still, that's just not enough money to do the kinds of things that are laid out and planned." One of the main goals of the trustees must be "to work to increase the endowment," he said. He stressed the value of endowed chairs, which would allow money to be used for other uses. The other important issue of the Board, according to O'Rourke, is diversity. "Diversity is closer tied in with money. It's impossible to do these kinds of programs without looking closely into them," he said.

O'Rourke also cited need-blind admissions and class size as important issues. Of need-blind admissions, he said, "I certainly support to continue the policy but we have to look at that every year. It's a very tough decision." "If the students feel like they're not getting the classes as small as they want or if there aren't enough faculty in certain areas that they feel are needed, then definitely the innovation has started to rip away at the tradition," he said. O'Rourke believes the school takes advantage of students when it uses parking tickets and lockouts as a way to fill gaps in the budget.

O'Rourke's experience as manager and director of Castle Court Cinema has given him what he believes to be valuable experience working with budgets. This along with "what I perceive to be an extensive knowledge of the students' concerns, not just those of my class," are the contributions O'Rourke feels he can bring to the position of Young Alumni Trustee.

If elected, Green promises to bring a personal touch to his office. As a chair of the Election Board, Green aims to increase student awareness about upcoming elections as well as increasing candidate awareness. He plans to educate candidates further about what the positions they are vying for consist of and what types of responsibilities they should be prepared to assume. Green foresees his tenure as PR Director as a chance to expand the traditional role of the position, by becoming a stronger member of the executive board of SGA. If elected, Green will hold contact sessions to allow discussion with groups of students on subjects and issues circulating in SGA, as well as holding the equivalent of office hours to talk to students individually about subjects that they feel are necessary.

His past involvement with SGA is a major factor in his running for this position. Green's experience includes being last year's Associate Public Relations Director and house senator of Smith. These jobs acquainted him with Connecticut College's Student Government structure as well as gave him the chance to learn about the position of PR Director.

He said he attended all SGA meetings in the last two years, believes he understands the issues being discussed, and strongly desires to continue his working relationships with other SGA members. Green won the election for PR Director last year, when he also ran unopposed. But, after taking office, he found that his GPA was below the 2.5 minimum required for all Assembly members.

Although his GPA is currently 2.49, he received permission to run from Robert Hampton, dean of the college.

Green declined to participate in The College Voice's recommendation process.

"I'd like to see the Board become more cohesive in its monetary dealings," said Jennings. Faculty positions and course offerings are another issue the Trustees will consider in the coming year.

According to Jennings, the curriculum has recently suffered from the lack of faculty. "There really was a loss of classes," he said. He said the hiring of part-time faculty is not sufficient, and full-time faculty must be hired. "The number of faculty needs to be increased," he said.

Mass agreed, "It may be time to look at the hiring process." O'Rourke stressed the importance of not following specific guidelines when considering faculty positions. He said when dealing with issues of faculty positions and course offerings, the Trustees should "reassess the priorities within the departments." He believes fundraising should be increased to allow for more faculty positions to open. Funding for new faculty can be found by seeking donations from specific alumni, according to O'Rourke.

Write-in candidates Sean Curry and Stephen Montjane were unable to participate in Speech and Debate Night.

The candidates expressed the need for a YAT who will serve as an effective contact between the students and the Trustees.
An effective member of the Connecticut College Board of Trustees must necessarily be experienced, dedicated, and fully committed to addressing the complex issues facing the college community. A dependable Young Alumni Trustee especially represents the needs of many different students, both current and former, while simultaneously maintaining the breadth of vision to manage the college in a responsible manner. The Young Alumni Trustee must be able to think pragmatically and creatively about the future of Connecticut College. Ultimately, a mixture of imagination with a firm sense of humour is essential to effect progress and change. Representing diverse and unique expertise, I take an understanding perspective of life at Connecticut College, and a progressive vision of future growth. I am a strong candidate for the position of Young Alumni Trustee.

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Since the arrival of President Gaudiani with our class four years ago, Connecticut College has set new goals for itself. In the Strategic Plan, the college community articulated the areas in which the college could make improvements. It is hoped that after the full implementation of this plan, Connecticut will be better to the forefront of liberal arts colleges. With change comes side effects. We as students experienced the effects of these new policies with the 3/2 plan. Some of us found it hard to take classes we needed for our majors. When we found courses, they had large enrollments. The college has monitored the consequences of 3/2. Student input has been important in alerting the college of these growth problems. As a Young Alumni Trustee (YAT), it will be imperative that I articulate such problems. As a Young Alumni alerting the college of these growth in Student input has been important.

Hello... As a candidate for the position of Student Government President, I believe that I can provide the kind of dedicated and experienced leadership that the position requires in this crucial upcoming year. Many important issues will be facing next year's Assembly, five of which I have highlighted:

Effective Student Governance. There is now no denying the lack of faith that students have in their own leadership. Not only have grave mistakes occurred this year, but the inefficiency of our governing structure as a whole has been revealed. What needs to happen is a pro-active investigation of all SGA branches; we must discern what we really want from student government as a whole. Once this key question is addressed, solutions to the problem of good government can be actively explored.

Student/Administration relations. This year, there have been several problems that reveal the deterioration of the relationship between SGA and our Administration. Through careful and open communication, trust and respect must be rebuilt. The student government must stop acting as a reactionary force, acting only after the administration attempts to push something through without the input of the student body. Connecticut College's tradition of student involvement in the decision-making process has to be reaffirmed.

Academic Issues. General Education, class size, academic advising, the continuation of MIMIC, a standardized class review evaluation; these issues will continue to be important next year and require the continued input of SGA. Furthermore, with the belt-tightening resulting from the economic situation, cuts will begin to be considered. It is imperative for the student government to ensure that the programs most important to students are maintained and strengthened as needed.

Continued commitment to diversity, Connecticut College has pledged support to multicultural education, yet to maintain this commitment requires the constant supervision of students. Through work in the Minority Students Steering Committee, SGA must continue to be concerned with issues of diversity, and further action needs to be taken to educate ourselves and the student body now.

I have served on SGA since my freshman year in the following capacities:

- class vice-president
- house senator (two terms)
- Public Relations officer
- Committee experience includes: Ad-Hoc Committee on Student Governance (chair); South Africa Support Committee, Diversity Committee, Constitution Committee, Student/Trustee Liaison Committee.

- other leadership experience: SOAR treasurer, SOAR vice-president

I have been an active member of class council, house council, the SGA Assembly, and the SGA Executive Board. With this experience, combined with my dedication to SGA and the student agenda, I feel prepared to take on the position of SGA President. My extension number is 3457; I'd be happy to answer any questions. Thanks.

COLLEEN SHANLEY

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Or use your four color Xerox™ copier. Your pastel markers. Or your new 3-D graphic software package. Hey, don't hold back. Simply put, we're having a contest to find the most fabulous, creative, memorable audacious 19 by 24 inch poster to get people to fly Virgin Atlantic Airways to London. The designer will not only win two round-trip tickets to London. They'll get a chance to have their first big portfolio piece plastered all over the United States. Not a bad deal. If you want more information about Virgin, drop us a line. Just remember, the sky's the limit.

Virgin Atlantic Airways. 96 Morton Street, New York, NY 10011. Attr. Marketing Services, Poster Contest.

Design a poster for Virgin Atlantic Airways and you may win two round-trip tickets to London! Each student must enter the contest once. Entries must be submitted by May 1, 1992. The College Voice will announce the winners by the end of May.

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Finding a way to offer fresh, memorable events to a diverse community is the greatest challenge that faces any Chair of the Student Activities Council. Though SAC has been successful in presenting activities which have catered to a notable number of students during my three years at Connecticut College, I would like to see SAC grow into an organization which is diverse, creative, and receptive to the interests of a greater number of students at Connecticut College.

SAC will have to make a few changes in order to broaden its appeal. Club, dorm, and class representatives must play a larger role in determining what SAC events are due for a true representation of the entire campus is sought. I plan to foster this participation by keeping a careful stratiﬁcation between the SAC Executive Board and the rest of the council to a minimum; by being individually among the members of the council to encourage them to take an active role in the entire process. I would also like to see us become the SAC Executive Board as possible, which would doubtless create an environment in which a large number of ideas, and styles could be shared. SAC needs to recognize student interests as the reality of entertainment in a school year which will contain a presidential election as well as a Supreme Court hearing. Roe v. Wade, I foresee SAC bringing a more topical set of speakers than it has in recent years.

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Hello. My name is Chad Marlow and I am running for the ofﬁce of SGA Vice-President. I am running as a student like yourself - a student who wants to see SAC to make the advancement of student interests its top priority once again. If elected Vice-President, I would bring a sharp focus on the student into every aspect of my job. This is my campaign platform: I thought about exactly what type of things I would do differently if elected that would help SAC play a larger role in our government. Let me share with you three examples of some changes that I feel are important and that I would positively effect both the SGA and our student body.

The Ad Hoc Committee - As a voting member of the SGA, as well as a member who proposes legislation, I would focus my efforts as Vice-President (if possible), the efforts of the assembly) exclusively on the improvement of student life at Conn for both this year and future students. Only a strong and unwavering emphasis on the issues which directly affect our students will bring the SGA back into good standing with its constituents.

Club Autonomy - In past the Finance Committee has, at times, crossed the line between reasonably overseeing club activities from infringing on a club's right to be self-governed. Specifically in the past, the use of The College Voice's computer, and the denying the Class of 1994 the right to establish a scholarship fund for a New London high school student to attend college, constituted extreme measures of club intervention which would not be tolerated if I were Vice-President. The Finance Committee can impose general limitations on club activities, but those limitations should never become so speciﬁc that they infringe on a club's autonomy. Finally, when a club does violate the rules by imposing a penalty that far exceeds the severity of the crime, as they did with The College Voice, I will not support or attend meetings at which members of the SGA have been asked to present any legislation. I believe that SAC should make a concerted effort to find student organizations that have ideas which could be combined with SAC's approach in order to benefit the whole campus.

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In 1988, our class arrived on campus energized with President Gamble's enthusiasm and vision. Since then we have repeatedly responded to the call of the administration—"tradition and innovation" and "the global decade."

Each of us in our unique manner has contributed to the growth of the college. While some of us have made a commitment to serving on various administrative cabinets and committees, others have challenged the status quo on issues such as divestment in South Africa. While some of us have strengthened the college's relationship with the community through participation in volunteer activities, others have pursued excellence in the academic community. Most importantly, all have brought our respective uniqueness to invigorate and develop the academic community.

While many students have spent their energies attempting to let their voices be heard, I have spent my energy pursuing the goals of the college, and more importantly, listening. While listening to the philosophies of the college, looking beneath the surface of these slogans and monitoring the direction of the college, I feel as if I understand the ethos of the college. For example, while working closely with the Administration office, I have seen how the college has pursued its goals of diversifying the student body. Certainly during the last four years, not only have the numbers of applications of these underrepresented groups increased, but the campus awareness has increased. This understanding of the Connecticut College ethos is imperative to the Young Alumni Trustee.

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Thank you,

Sean M. Spicer

for SGA President

Dear Student,

Over the past few years, the student government at Connecticut College has lost touch with its real purpose. I am running for president in order to change the focus of the SGA back to serving the needs of the students. I have served on the SGA Assembly for two years as a senator and have witnessed the executive board of the Assembly lose its ability to effectively handle issues that reflect the problems that the students have brought forth. It is time that the Assembly stopped consistently wasting time on issues that have no effect on student life.

By electing me as president, I will change the role of president by becoming an active and voting member of the Assembly. In the past few years the president has taken a backseat in bringing forth proposals and actively participating in debate. It will be my goal to end this tradition. I believe that if I am elected by the students, I should serve the students as an active member of the Assembly. In assuming this role I will pay close attention to the real issues of the last few years and the changes that need to happen, whatever they may be; academic or social.

I will be the one with the ability to lead the SGA and to make the new change. Please vote for change on April 7th or 8th.

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Julie DeGennaro

for Judiciary Board Chair

During the past year the Judiciary Board has undergone major changes. The two most important changes were the addition of an investigating officer and an educational component. One of the most important jobs of next year's Chair will be to work closely with these two people in order to ensure that these positions are utilized effectively.

As a current member of the Judiciary Board, I have worked with the Board to help bring about these changes. I have had the advantage of observing the way the SGA Board operated before these changes; therefore, I will be better able to examine them and assess the merits of the new problems with the new system.

As Judiciary Board Chair, I will continue to produce a monthly log of Molly and Vinny have done this past year. Although I have never served as an assembly member, I have often substituted for both the current and past Judiciary Board members and the President of the Class of 1993.

This survey will also serve as a feedback to the Honor Code and how effective they think the Honor Code is. This survey will also serve as a foundation for the Educational Officer. I would also like to examine the term of office for the Board.

Chair and representative.

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and I'm running for the position of Public Relations Director of Student Government.

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As Chair of the Election Board, I would work to increase student awareness at the same time as add to the needs of the candidates for Student Government positions. To avoid what I feel is that all candidates are thoroughly briefed on the duties of the positions they are running for to be sure they understand what the job entails. As Associate PR Director last year, I was involved with the technical aspects of the job, and as a House Senator I learned the process of Student Government here at Connicut College. With perfect attendance at SGA Assembly for the past two years, I am well informed as to what the issues are facing SGA and the community. As a member of this team, I believe that I have the knowledge and skills to add the qualification to the much needed personal side of the position to become your next Public Relations Director, thank you very much.

Adam
SPEECH COVERAGE

Sean Curry

I, Sean Peter Curry, am announcing my candidacy for the position of Young Alumni Trustee. As the Young Alumni Trustee, I will make sure that the following projects such as Need-Blind Admissions, the Summer Advancement Program, Athletic Budgets, and Crozier-Williams Renovation receive complete and thorough examination. In addition, if this college is truly committed to diversity, growth and continued excellence, it should maintain quality professors, small classes, increased access to computer facilities and it should be more accessible to the handicapped.

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Assembly waffles over decision about Speech Night participants

Leiringer said allowing write-in candidates to speak would give them a privilege they are not entitled to. "I don’t think it’s fair to students who signed up on time," she said.

In the process of signing up for the election, candidates agreed to election rules that would have been violated if write-in candidates were allowed to speak, said Gerad Choucrun, parliamentarian. "It’s a contract, in a way," he added.

Junior Marisa Farina said the Assembly should not alter rules just because there are few registered candidates this year. "This body seems to be conforming to the apathy on the campus," she said.

Some Assembly members believed all candidates should be allowed to participate. "If there are more people that think they have something to share with the campus, we should let them," said Robin Swimmer, SAC chair and a write-in candidate for vice president.

Adam Green believed only candidates for vice president should be allowed to participate in Speech Night. Support for this idea centered around the fact that this year’s election warranted special attention. "Not having any candidates for the position is a special circumstance," said Molly Embree, I-Board chair.

Jodie Sotorespolo, vice president, left the room shortly after the meeting began and said, "I have tremendous problems with the procedure of that meeting."

She said the meeting should not have been held, because not enough Assembly members were present. "I was concerned with quorum and procedure," she said and added, "I did not feel [Reg Edmonds, SGA president]Valid that write-in candidates to the position is a special circumstance," said Molly Embree, I-Board chair.

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"It did seem there was a lot of confusion," said Edmonds, who stated that the removal of senators who had failed to meet attendance requirements legitimized altered quorum procedures.

Typographical and grammatical error in the candidates’ platforms were in the original copies. The editors of The College Voice have attempted to leave the format of platforms intact as much as possible; therefore, no corrections were made.

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Unopposed candidates seek Assembly slots

by Angela Troth
Associate News Editor

Though running unopposed for their respective positions, candidates for SAC Chair, Judiciary Board Chair, Chair of Academic Affairs, and Public Relations Officer were present at Speech Night.

Julie DeGennaro is running for the position of SAC Chair. She stressed that while her main job will be to put into effect the changes that have been implemented this year. She cited the new positions of Education Officer, Investigative Officer, the addition of an appeals board as changes she will have to work out.

"The most challenging part is to work closely with the new positions," she said, and added that the evaluation of the new jobs will be very important.

DeGennaro said that as chair she would like to offer training for newly elected SAC representatives during the confusing turnover time.

She also would like to distribute a comprehensive survey to measure students' opinions of the Honor Code. Much of DeGennaro's platform was based on her belief that next year the chair will be most challenged by implementing, modifying, and accessing the current changes in J-Board.

"Too many innovative proposals with no fundamental groundwork will cause all changes to fail or at least not be used to their fullness," she said.

DeGennaro said that she does support publicizing a role call vote because she believes that it holds Board representatives more accountable for each decision. She said Board representatives would be more likely to not get re-elected before they were swayed by public pressure.

She also believes that there are cases that could be handled by house councils instead of J-Board, decreasing the number of cases handled by J-Board each year.

Addressing the question of the lack of a replacement method when J-Board fails to reach quorum for a trial, DeGennaro said this is an issue that needs to be investigated but that campuswide education of the duties and responsibilities of this position on the Finance Executive Board, the appointment of voting members to the Finance Committee, the chair's position on the Finance Committee, Choucroun said he sees this as an informational role and does not support the SAC Chair serving on the committee, but said he did not feel the decision could be made without further research.

Choucroun said he was surprised that SAC did not ask for money for a band in their budget last year.

"I would like to see SAC play a larger role in the Big Band Committee, if not taking it under its wings," he said.

Adam Green, candidate for PR Director, served as associate PR director last year and asserted that he has attended every SGA assembly meeting this year.

"I have the edge that would allow me to adapt," said Green.

Students must be kept up to date, Green claimed, and he added that he proposes increasing the responsibilities of the PR Director. To follow through with this idea, Green wants to initiate a campaign to encourage more students to attend Assembly meetings, and would like to plan more contact sessions on issues.

He also intends to schedule office hours to make the PR director more accessible.

When questioned on the debate surrounding whether PR director should be an elected or appointed position, Green responded, "The PR director in the past has mostly been an advertising director, but the PR is also chair of the Elections Board. The person running this should be elected by the students.

Addressing the question of what role the PR director should have in the college community, Green replied that he envisions the PR director as playing a larger role in the relationship between the SGA, students, faculty and administration.
Presidential candidates pledge to improve effectiveness

by Carl Lewis
News Editor

The two candidates for SGA president, in their presentations at Speech and Debate Night Sunday, offered ideas for increasing the effectiveness of student government.

Sean Spicer and Colleen Shanley delivered speeches and answered questions raised by a panel consisting of Sarah Huntley, publisher, and Jon Finnimore, editor in chief, of the College Voice and Vin Candela, SGA presidential associate.

Spicer discussed the shortcomings of student government that have become prevalent, and how they can be repaired. Shanley focused on methods of expanding on the recent actions of student government and addressing communication troubles.

A high priority for next year will be to improve the relationship between SGA and the administration, according to Shanley. “Communication needs to be strengthened between both of these groups,” she said.

She believes student government needs to facilitate more respect from the administration. She said, “We have to show that we are worthy of that respect.”

Spicer agreed that evaluation will be necessary. “The committee structure of SGA has to be evaluated,” he said. According to Spicer, student government has considered an inadequate number of issues which are truly important to students this year. “There are no true issues that are brought up week after week,” he said.

The issues have fallen by the wayside, and it is time to bring them to the forefront,” Spicer said, and added, “My main goal is to make changes happen next year.”

Shanley argued that it is not the role of the president to assert opinions on the Assembly. “I support voting and participating in SGA as an elected member,” he said.

Shanley and Spicer debate the issues Sunday night.

issues beyond Connecticut College issues.

Both candidates believe the SGA Executive Board must find a better way of working together with the rest of the Assembly. “There is a lack of communication between the two groups,” said Shanley.

Shanley proposes to implement informal weekly dinner meetings with all Assembly members as a method of discussing important issues without the limitations of parliamentary procedure.

Both candidates believe stronger leadership training for Assembly members will strengthen the effectiveness of the SGA.

According to Spicer, the president should take a strong stance on issues being debated. "I support voting and participating in SGA as an elected member," he said.

Shanley said she was instrumental in organizing the emergency Assembly meetings that were held earlier this semester in response to the release of confidential documents by the current SGA president. “I helped facilitate and plan the meetings,” she said.

The issues Spicer dealt with were primarily concerns of the students in the dorm he represented. He advocated lowering the lockout fees and installing cable television in dorms. He said, “My job war as a representative, and I think I did that.”

The candidates were asked to identify specific issues they have dealt with in SGA. Shanley said she was instrumental in addressing communication troubles and lowering the lockout fees and installing cable television in dorms. "My job was as a representative, and I think I did that.”

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--Sean Spicer, SGA presidential candidate

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