Celebration! President Higdon at his first Floralia with Happy Students (Mitchell).

Class of 2007 Smashes Senior Giving

With 88% contribution at print time, the class of 2007 has obliterated the previous Conn College record for the Senior Pledge Program. The previous high for percentage of graduating seniors diverting to the college's Annual Fund was 30% for the class of 2001. By 2006, the program had averaged 42% participation. The total amount raised has been widely credited to the efforts of President Higdon, who has placed emphasis on the school’s image as an institution of much more than just a college education, rather than only a degree institution.

Admissions have cited the importance of getting graduates in the habit of giving. This trend, they say, reflects the new focus of the Senior Pledge Program as the seed for a lifetime of giving.

Experts and others have noted that the percentage of graduating seniors diverting to a given school’s annual fund is a gauge of alumni opinion regarding the value of their educational experience.

Higdon praised the Class of 2007, saying, "This is a terrific group of young men and women; I’ve come to know them well over the course of this academic year and we’ve talked about the importance of participating in Senior Giving, at any level. Their success in motivating a class of participation clearly demonstrates a deep satisfaction with their Level One year and a commitment to helping the college continue to move ahead." While Higdon has been cited as a key to the success of the senior giving movement, the school’s success also stems from widespread participation of faculty, staff, alumni, friends and parents. It is clear we all want Connecticut College to be regarded as one of the very best liberal arts colleges in the land. So as good as the college is now, I think our shared aspiration is that it can be even better.

The challenge comes in marshaling the resources to make that happen. From a relationship standpoint, this has involved building a foundation among our supporters, and I think once that work begins, we will be announcing some nice gifts, but I'd like it to go faster. That's what the strategic set of priorities aims to do. It's a very comprehensive document and it includes support for the college's people, programs, and facilities, as well as support for an aggressive communications plan—literally, having others understand the benefits of this institution. The challenge is to move on to these fronts, because there’s much to do, and that’s clearly one of the challenges we face.

People here have been very supportive, and when I have the campus and talk to people on the outside, they are clearly very enthusiastic about our agenda.

SM: Students are impressed with how present you’ve been on campus this year—at sports games, musical productions, even the dorms... How do you feel about the dynamic of the community? Is there anything you'd like to see change?

LB: The interactions with the students and faculty and staff have been the best part of this job, it’s been a great experience. I feel very comfortable on the campus, as though I belong on the campus, and the students, staff and faculty have made that happen... I feel very good about it.

Congratulations to the Class of 2007!

Have a Great and Safe Summer! Enjoy our last issue!
As another academic year meets its swift and bitter-sweet end, now is the time for moving out and moving on. In a few days, the Conn campus will be drained of underclassmen. In a few more days, the Class of 2007 will conclude its collegiate experience in an extraordinarily beautiful ceremony on Harkness Green. Most of our thoughts are bent on what lies ahead. We are typically consumed by questioning what the next week, month, year and life phase will hold.

While it is natural to focus on the immediate own, let's make a conscious effort to remember what the past year has held. In the news, Conn has been host to an unprecedented boom in environmental activism; students have rallied in unbelievable numbers, with incredible conviction to a bevy of local, national, and international causes; it is widely believed that the community's vote swayed the local Congressional election; and Conn received a record number of applicants the same year its graduating class demolished the previous record for participation in the Senior Pledge Program.

Reporting the news on a weekly basis, we have an especially intimate relationship with "happenings" on campus. Still, it doesn't then need to fill column inches to tell that this has been a historic year at Conn. The writing is on the wall.

Putting a newspaper together each week has been a beautiful and unforgettable experience. We'd like to thank everyone who gave us something incredible to write about. Transforming the energy on this campus to narrative form truly was a special privilege. Last, and most of all, we'd like to thank the staff of The College Voice. This has not been an easy year, and we are unspeakably grateful for your time and effort. Thanks again, and good luck to the Class of 2007.

Steve and Pete

The Beautiful View in the Rearview

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To Be Or Not To Be...  

After a 22 and a half years of life and four years of college, it's my obligation to pass on the knowledge I've learned to all you younger people, because I've been at this game for a while now and if nobody tells you, sometimes something beautiful and significant emerges. You know what that is? I'm talking about the English majors. Why do you think the English majors are the smartest people on the planet? They've been reading government books and solving math problems, only to find that English majors were brilliant enough to realize "Hey, if I major in literature, I can just read SparkNotes instead! Great decision.

...that when it comes to relationships, everybody is either dumb or crazy. This is not an opinion, this is a cold, hard fact. I mean it. I have never bad-mouthed Coors Light; the only option is "both." You know what's fun? Going through all your friends, and decide whether they're dumb or crazy.

...it's always better to volunteer to teach and serve as asequential issue of the future of this world. To quote Henry David Thomas, "The world is but a canvas to our imagination." The interest, activism, education, and values instilled in us, as Connecticut College graduates will stay with us for the rest of our lives, because we have "called out." I mean don't worry, I'll spread the word, but I'll also do it in a much more productive manner.

What if we can't fix the world? At least we can fix ourselves, and be that guy. Our lives are connected by a web of sympathetic fibers, our problems are embodied in each one of us and are interconnected. To be that guy, to make a difference.

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When did you start writing? What do you love about writing?
I started writing my sophomore year in high school in a poetry writing class. I had stopped writing poetry until I came to Connecticut College and took Prof. Hawthorne’s Introduction to Reading and Writing Poetry. It is impossible to say what I love about writing at this point in time—there are so many things and very little coherence among them. I think about poetry and writing every day, and it makes no sense.

What type of creative writing do you do? Fiction, poetry, art, etc.
I write poetry of no particular fashion. I’ve written poems three lines long or several pages in length.

What has been the best class you’ve taken at Conn and why?
What was the professor?
My favorite class was called “Beast” class—they’ve all been excellent teaching at something. I think the most important class I’ve ever taken in Conn was first semester freshman year. Russell Samolsky’s Contemporary African Literature. Professor Samolsky and the literature of South Africa opened my eyes to the possi-

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to other people or purely physical settings.

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Brenna Muller - Music

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Just being involved in all different ensembles and being a part of the music department, it’s been a great experience.

Tristan O'Donnell - Film

I would have to say being honest...CD: So why did you make the transition to Dance?DK: I wouldn’t call it the dance rock. But there are definitely some dance elements there. There are also some ballads, some acoustic songs, some rock songs. It all starts on an acoustic and goes in any direction really. With this record, we’ll play it in a different way. It’s a great video, they are on this big video. I’m on YouTube.

CD: What are you going to do for sure...DK: Yeah for sure...CD: Looking back to the last tour, would you do anything differently?

...because people just get comfortable with the same type of music for so long, you really get bored. You just got bored of it, you want to get away from that for a while...CD: So have you been playing the music of Rick James?

CD: What are your favorite artists?

OK: Yeah for sure...DK: Yeah, definitely.

CD: What’s your favorite Rocky song?

CD: Which incredible band is this?

CD: So you had the video of Cyndi Lauper with Adam Lazzarra?

CD: Have you seen the video of Rodney Brown?

CD: So have you been playing the college for four years?

DK: That’s what we’ve been doing. We played in 2006 with about six or seven other schools, I can’t remember.

DK: When you don’t play on tour with bands...CD: When did you start playing?

DK: I think that it helps a lot.

DK: What about the next tour...?

DK: I feel like right now what’s helping me is...CD: So have you been playing the college for four years?

DK: Yeah, I've been on the road since 1994. When was the last time you've played in New York?

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Floralia, I offer my own version of
this tradition.

Many members of our commu-
nity (if I am talking in particular to
those who have actually attended an
event) perceive this holiday as a day
of debauchery, overindulgence in
alcohol, and rowdy, antisocial behav-
ior. Although there are often unfortunate
incidents that show that this day, the
importance of this day as a campus-
building event should not be overlooked. As a freshman,
you could spend the entire day out
from alums both mentally and
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Men's Lacrosse

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Many thought this would be a strong year for Can easily win games, just as the eight-game losing streak pro- fessionals throughout New England. The New England championship is open to any team that finishes the regular season with at least two games above .500. Can easily win games, just as the eight-game losing streak probably disheartened these pros. But the four-game winning streak and the youth movement made it evident that this Camel's team had a great amount of talent. All they need now is a little late game luck. As Cornell said, "the team definitely under- stands where they stand now, and should carry this strong ending into 2008." With the whole attack line returning next year, they shouldn't have much trouble putting goals in the net. The core of players is present for the lacrosse team, but in 2008 it will be time to get some results and hopefully a birth into the NCAA men's lacrosse tournament.

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to lose in the first round. They proved wrong and now they are facing each other in a surprisingly interesting second round match-up. For the Jazz, forward Carlos Boozer is newly turning into a star. Dito can be said for point guard Deron Williams. With players like Andre Kirilenko and Mehmet Okur to complement these two emerging stars, this Jazz franchise is looking good. In a way, the Warriors have emerging stars as well such as Boris Diaw and Stephen Jackson. However, Davis and Jackson have been around a while and their talent is no secret. They are just now using their skills to improve the team around them, which is translating to wins on the road. And I couldn't be more happy with that.

Rah Rah Camels!

Spring Athletics

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note, cool and collected, well spo- nored and aggressive in his will to win that Michael Schumacher, Off-criti- cized for his ultra-competitive nature, Schumacher was constantly accused of cheating, He would argue that his aggressive style and determination are merely a representation of his will to win. The willing- ness to "bend" the rules beyond recognition has made him loved and respected alike.

Last season, Ferrari played second well as Ross Brawn, and Jean Todt (the three men responsible for Ross Brawn, and Jean Todt) at their disposal and in the package showed early promise, including the Sauber lap for Nico Rosberg at the season opener in Bahrain. But their challenge quickly runs out of steam due to reliability issues. Williams managed to produce 29 DNF's (Did Not Finish), with six places for Mark Webber being their best results.

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Rowing Program Wins Gold at Championships

BY ERIC DEBEE

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The women's team also placed third in the team varsity event. They finished up with a time of 7:50.69, good enough to take a spot behind Middlebury College and Simmons College. Also of note, the Lady Camels grabbed a bronze medal in the novice four event with a time of 8:39.989. However, they could not overcome Amherst College and Bowdoin College who finished first and second, respectively, in the novice four event.

Next up for the men's and women's rowing program is the ECAC Championships. This final meet of the year will take place at Whitney Point, New York during the upcoming weekend of May 11th. Regardless of how the Canels finish at the ECAC Championships, they have had a great year. By taking the crown at the New England Peaks, they truly put an exclamation point on an excellent spring season.
The NBA playoffs are rolling and so far they have not failed in providing anyone with a dull moment. As is featured on overall high level of play. While there are some games that were rather fast paced, the same could also not be said for others. Well, maybe not all exciting. Well, maybe not all playing. The Heat put up a good defensive effort on their title. The NBA playoffs are rolling and so far they have not failed in providing anyone with a dull moment. As is featured on overall high level of play. While there were games that went farther than five minutes, there were all excitement and allowing only two goals in their 8-2 victory in the first quarter. After outlasting his strong play was freshman phenom Seat (70; Duncan. Who has scored at least one goal in every game victory, scored two goals and.dished out two assists on the day. With the victory, the Camels rose to 5-9 on the season while Tracy led 9-5.

The game itself was close only through the first quarter, as the teams were tied at two heading into the first break. Shortly into the second period, the Camels went on the attack. Duncan gave the Blue and White the lead 57 seconds into the second quarter on a feed from the on-deck scorer who assisted on the goal. From there on, the good guys didn't look back. Proper move, West. The remaining time of the second quarter was all the time the Camels had. "There's no question that we're going to know exactly where our program stands following the 2007 season," Corbell said after the win. "There are still questions as to where the team stands, so we're excited to find out if these questions will be answered by the results of tonight's game." The second half was a trend that continued through the entire game. Unfortunately, for the Mad River, things did not go as well as he would have liked this spring. After losing several games by small margins early in the season, they were still making the adjustment to finish out close games. In a thrilling finish at Middlebury College, the Blue and White fell late when they couldn't buy an equalizer. At Middlebury, another traditional NEAC powerhouse, the Camels showed that they could escape with a victory. But once again, they were denied in a heartbreaker when an Ambachtsman attempt scored with 30 seconds left in regulation. But Corbell also took away positive things from this game. Freshman Goalie Shane Dachille and Senior Duncan were quick to the offensive stoppers. Duncan kept the ball on his stick and clearanced the puck away from the offensive zone.

After being down 2-0, the team came all the way back to win the game.

Go Team! Men's Lax (Mitchell)

Eric DeBears Viewpoint

Final Camel Scoreboard

Men's Lacrosse

Final Record 9-6

Men's Tennis

Final Record 5-8

Women's Lacrosse

Final Record 4-10

M&W Rowing

5/11-5/13 ECAC Championships at Whitney Point, NY

Sailing

5/23-5/25 NA Women's Championshers Miller Trophy @ ODU