Conn Suffers Another Drop in U.S. News & World Report Rankings

By Thomas McIlrath

New London.

U.S. News and World Report released its annual college rankings last month. Connecticut College was ranked 36, along with Union College and Whittier College. Conn’s latest ranking represents a decline in its position from last year when the College stood at 35. Ever since the College reached its unprecedented best placement of 25 in the 2003 edition of the U.S. News, its position has consistently fallen.

Despite Conn’s latest fall in the rankings, Director of Media Relations Eric Cardenas noted that the College has nevertheless illustrated areas of improvement, particularly in terms of admitting students.

The quality of students admitted, and alumni giving rates, U.S. News gave Conn a secondary ranking of 27. Conn’s acceptance rate last year was still a competitive 34%. “If you look at the success of the class coming into the College is doing better,” Cardenas said.

At the same time, the College’s alumni giving rate was only 3%, which the annual college rankings list as an ‘A’ on its admission data. Conn received a financial resources ranking of 39 by U.S. News and a faculty resources ranking of 190. Of the top 50 liberal arts colleges in U.S. News, only two other colleges received a worse ranking in this category.

Conn began expressing financial difficulties shortly before the resignation of Chris Gnanaid, the College’s president, before Norway.

financial aid. Due to various financial blowers under Gnanaid’s leadership, the College has accumulated a substantial debt since she left the College in 2000, which it has been paying off ever since.

Eric Cardenas noted that the College initially welcomed the drop and is currently working to improve its financial resources. In particular, Cardenas mentioned a capital campaign that the College is preparing to launch. “The capital campaign will help in all of different areas,” Cardenas said.

Moreover, the alumni giving rates used by U.S. News in their ranking methodology is an average of the past two years. The College’s alumni giving rate last year was 51%, the data used by U.S. News, which indicates a 7 percent drop, is only old data.

The College’s Committee conducted a survey in December examining various ways various Conn communities view their institution. The Student Planning Committee was charged by President predicates during the Fall of 2002 to help evaluate the College’s vision of itself as appropriate and potentially, in order to achieve goals. The survey revealed that the Conn community’s consistent decline in the last five or six years was a growing concern among various members of the Conn community.

When asked about the drop, according to Cardenas, believes that the College initially welcomed the drop and is currently working to improve its financial resources.

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The grant that covers Conn’s ranking needs to represent the year 2003. (Unsure)

Groton Sub Base Survives BRAC; Will Remain Open

By Christopher Grant

Four West.

As our academic year came to a close in May of 2003, the Pentagon released an extensive list of bases and facilities that it intended to close or consolidate in the name of cutting unnecessary spending. Included on that list was the sub-base in New London, a common indicator for any student who has walked the caged pedestrian bridge towards the AC.

The list of closures and consolidations was the result of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act (BRAC) of 1990. In conjunction with the release of the list, the President appointed a commission of nine members—mostly military officers—primarily military personnel at various levels, and with a few civilian voices included. The commission would then examine each site listed in the President, who would either approve or disapprove its closure on the basis of its decision. Congress is then prepared to either accept and enter an agreement with the President, or reject that agreement and bring it to Congress for final confirmation.

Four West was one of the few bases that would be closed, but it had strong capabilities in both the present and future in various respects: survival, internal and external economic impacts of closing or remaining a base or facility, and in all its surrounding communities.

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The following days were jam packed with informational work-shops broken up by more light-hearted activities. (Quote about the atmosphere being relaxed). Perhaps the most memorable event was an annual Honor Code presentation on the beach courtesy of the College.

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Conn Falls Short When it Comes to Providing Utilities

The total cost of tuition for the 2005–2006 school year is $41,975. This price should certainly afford the most basic needs of the modern, globalized world that we live in. However, since the beginning of this academic year the College e-mail system has shut down repeatedly, and this past week two of the most populated dorms on campus experienced intermittent extended power outages. Electricity and Internet are staple commodities to modern living, not just perks of an expensive liberal arts education. Not only are these failures embarrassing to the school, their implications are highly detrimental and have the potential for serious consequences.

Beyond basic living essentials, Conn deems academics its highest priority. Unreliable access to the Internet disrupts the productivity of classes: students are unable to check course web pages, post homework assignments, e-mail professors, and research course-related material. For seniors who are embarking on their post-graduation job search, e-mail is the primary source of the networking that is essential to finding a job. The Internet is an integral resource in the world for which Connecticut College is preparing us, and something that we should not have to live without.

The power outages that occurred in KB and Larrabee resulted in students missing classes and near health emergencies. Students lost work on their computers when the power failed, and lost contact to the outside world when cell phone batteries died. Electrically powered alarm clocks could not go off Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Students reliant on electrically powered health apparatus ran the risk of suffering medical lapses that could not be helped by the necessary devices. And if you work in the office, in no way does The Voice deem to be libelous, an incitement to action or even an advertisement any letter we will publish. However, names may be withheld at the author's request. The College Voice cannot guarantee the publication of any submission. Letters should be single-spaced, no longer than 200 words, and must include a phone number for verification. Please send all letters as a Microsoft Word attachment to cvoice@conconn.edu.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Student Reacts to Kelo v. New London Decision

Dear Editor,

Here's a sarcastic note of thanks to the liberal wing of the U.S. Supreme Court for its majority ruling last June in the Kelo v. New London case, which found that eminent domain—the right of the government to seize private property, with compensation, for public use—allowed one City of New London to kick numerous residents off the land and out of the homes that they had inhabited for decades in order to build a new shopping mall. The rationale used by liberal justices Ginsburg, Breyer, Sotomayor, and as well as swing vote Kennedy, was that the economic benefits derived from the new shopping mall amounted to a necessary public use. Unfortunately, this new interpretation could be manipulated by various levels of government in the future to casually strip people of their legal property in hopes of boosting the economy. It strikes me that because this ruling benefits businesses many people may assume that Kelo was decided by the Republican-appointed conservatives on the Supreme Court. Not so. In fact, it was vehemently opposed by conservative justices Rehnquist, Scalia, Thomas, and swing voter O’Connor. The above named liberal justices were the ones that cost several of my neighbors in New London their homes, and opened the door for other cases of abuse such as small businesses and homeowners who lost their homes to corporate developers for decades so the Democratic Majorityurray Brown could pursue a long-coveted housing development plan.

Quite simply, this is what happens when society allows its leaders to devalue the sanctity of private property. While private property is often cited against eminent domain as a tool of inequality to be toyed with by a paternalistic and overbearing government, it should be appreciated that this is what happens when those attitudes are applied to end-world situations, when the urge to strengthen government's hand in the development of society transcends individual property rights.

Right now, Republicans in states across the country including Connecticut with the help of many摴ocrats, are pushing legislation to eart the effects of Kelo v. New London. For anyone who stands against this movement or continues to rag against private property rights, I would be surprised and interested to hear why. Better yet, explain to your neighbors in New London who suffered the consequences of Kelo and its attendant ideology. Do it quick, though, before the moving vans and the bulldozers get there.

Chris Derick '06

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LIFETIME?!?

Andrew Murray • Hoist AID

I wanted to keep my columns as light as possible this year. Unfortunately, after less than two months of the season, it is clear that school is heading in the wrong direction, and it's time for someone to fire back and speak up. It's time, as John Stuart Mill famously explained, to make my opinions and write more letters to the editor. The fact is, I'm twenty-two, and past that age, the right doesn't give one the ability to enforce the feeling of the well-being of the nation. When you are twenty-two, you are not the right to sit back and just govern, to pass over portions of their legally earned income at the hand of a pair. If the government had a legitimate right to the welfare of private citizens, it wouldn't need to tax the threat of force or imprisonment to gain access to those wallets.

The smallest minority

In American politics, there are several minorities that are treated with contempt. The largest of these minorities is the American left wing. According to the government, the left wing is a group of people who are not interested in working, but are only concerned with gaining power through redistribution of wealth. This is a fallacy, as the left wing is a group of people who are concerned with the well-being of the nation, and want to ensure that everyone has a fair chance to succeed. The government is right to be concerned about the welfare of its citizens, but it is not right to treat the left wing with contempt.

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The Annual Art Department Faculty Exhibition is currently being held in the Cummings Art Center until October 11th. Six professors of varying ages and specialties have works on display in the galleries.

Gallery Director and Conn professor Pamela Marks, for instance, presents a series of acrylic and watercolor pieces. The color combinations are bright but avoid the sharpness commonly associated with her painting style. Floating orbs and layers of shapes mark each of her pieces. The viewer often can intersect one layer through the background and are hard to find at first, but a second inspection permits the viewer to examine these intricate details hidden by the layers she always foregrounds.

In the third dimension, professor Danice Pelleteri showcases her work to the exhibit. Pelleteri works often with glass and ceramics, bringing a clear feeling to her art. The most eye-sucking piece of Pelleteri's involves giant flower blooms rising out of what looks like red petal-filled water. The floor is a wild and abstract piece accompanied by some other works on display.

Professor Andrea McCabe utilizes dark imagery but provides a different flavor in the exhibit with her mixed media techniques. McCabe utilizes dark imagery but also uses masses of earth light and mythological and historical figures. She also seems focused on an idea of French haunted with long flowing hair and in one isolated piece, reimagines the concept of 'the other.'

Todd Hendricks, the resident photographer of the group, presents a set of striking black and white landscapes. Views vary from wide-open expanses to close-up shots of flowers, presenting a series of acrylic and watercolor pieces. The color combinations are bright but avoid the sharpness commonly associated with her painting style. Floating orbs and layers of shapes mark each of her pieces. The viewer often can intersect one layer through the background and are hard to find at first, but a second inspection permits the viewer to examine these intricate details hidden by the layers she always foregrounds.

Perhaps the most fascinating piece in the collection, created by Andrea Wolfman is entitled "Are you Sleeping?" She employs a technique called Cost-Per which pairs images with letters, enabling the viewer, with the help of a computer, to turn sentences, potentially entire novels, into works of art.

"Are you Sleeping?" takes famous children's nursery rhymes and converts them into two images not unlike those you might find on a book set purchased at Target; fun, colorful, and youthful, yet somehow simple. The pictures are fun to dissect and make for a pleasant viewing experience.

The two featured artists of this exhibition are Timothy McDowell and Barkley Hendricks both primarily painters. McDowell's display is perfect for this time of year. Focusing mostly on images from surreal nature. Falling leaves, broken tree stumps, apples, and cherries are laid out over a swirling brown, wavy backdrop. And although McDowell clearly uses images from the world around him, he configures them in more abstract patterns you really can't see a form in the trees. Partes and places are dispersed on the canvas but come together cleanly in his work.

Barkley Hendricks work is a tribute to Jamaica. Certainly the most eye catching piece is a large canvas containing the life-sized image of a young man wearing a shirt showing Bob Marley smoking a marijuana cigarette while the young man smokes one himself. However, most of Hendricks work is less political. Many are of gorgeous images of sun-drenched beaches and shots of rural Jamaica all framed in shiny gold. They are great fun to look at, especially knowing that another Connecticut writer is looking ahead of us.

The faculty exhibition will be in the Cummings Art Center until October 11th. This Wednesday, September 14th from 4 to 6 p.m. there will be a gallery talk featuring Professors Hendricks and Pelleteri, followed by a reception from 5 to 6 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

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FNL brings line-up of bright stars to SAC

As a young piano prodigy growing up in Indiana, Jon McLaughlin spent hours transforming words into notes and notes into melodies. But after he started both his hands in a traumatic accident, playing the piano had to take a backseat. It would not be until his senior year of high school, however, that McLaughlin rediscovered his passion for the keys. From there, his recital neglecting began to progress as he enrolled in Anderson University’s School of Music the following year. With a classically trained ear and heavy influences from piano giants Billy Joel and Ben Folds, he has honed his own unique piano rock style. Recently signing with IslandDef Jam Records, McLaughlin is only starting to realize his full potential. 

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feelings. "At the same time, however, Cardenas noted that the President is aware that the College community is conscious of the rankings but hopes people realize that the rankings do not reflect the quality of education at Conn.

"You can't measure the quality of a College based solely on numbers," Cardenas asserted.

Furthermore, with regard to the financial component of the rankings, Cardenas added that the rankings do not reflect how well colleges are spending their money, but simply how much they are spending.

Besides its ranking in U.S. News and World Report, Conn is featured prominently in college guidebooks. For instance, the "Fiske Guide to Colleges 2006" states, "Conn College features strong student/teacher bonds and takes pride in its ability to challenge and teach students, both in and out of the classroom."

Moreover, the Princeton Review's "The Best 361 Colleges" notes, "Conn's career center receives solid praise, particularly for the variety of internships that focus on community action, international issues, and the environment."

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Recap for summer baseball games, but not everyone can be the next TV analyst for TNT like Kenny Smith or Charles Barkley. So what's the next move? Stick around a little longer in the big leagues, buy some time, or aggressively pursue a new career.

Today's Athlete Tomorrow

It's not easy for a retired professional athlete to stop what they're doing all their life. For many, there is an intensity linksway, from always playing it front of thousands of screaming fans to working in a much smaller environment. Besides having the energy to pursue something new, one needs to bring a solid skill level and even more so, the right attitude. It's a tool of the past. It's competition.

Soccer Teams Gear Up For 2005

The squad finished 9-7 overall, and will look forward to its fall campaign. On Deck: The Impact of a College Degree on current and future athletes.

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**Sports**

Conn Soccer Teams Gear Up For Season

By Pete Stein

The Connecticut men's and women's soccer teams are ready to launch their fall campaigns in the Northeast Conference.

In the upcoming week, the men's and women's soccer teams will be ready to take the field with hopes of starting their seasons off on the right foot. Both teams have already brought in new star performers.

The men's squad recently topped Vassar and Fitchburg State at home. The team looks sharp in both concepts, and will look to continue playing well in the first leg of the season in tough road games. After a home game against Eastern Connecticut State on September 8th, the Camels will travel to Williams and Middlebury, as well as cross-town rival Coast Guard. Before facing Bates at home on the 24th, Conn will look to re-vegetate several painful losses of a year ago, especially a pounding by Bates in Maine.

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**Summer Baseball Recap**

In the wake of what may go down in history as the worst baseball season in the recent history of baseball, I have been forced to turn my attention to matters not involving the National League West. I'm not sure, but I've been lucky enough to know this year's pennant race with a bit of a different perspective.

Don't get me wrong, I still love the game, but I also hate Braves fans, so for those fans, I hope this year's NL West is a bit boring. But for the most part, the Braves have been pleasantly surprised with their early season performance, and their success has been built upon the back of a batch of homegrown talent. So far, the young players to whom we have been exposed this season are far from their future superiors; in fact, Ferrer Kendro, Miguel Cabrera already has been introduced. In addition, fans also have to wonder about the future of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, whose depth should give them an advantage in tough competition. The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, whose depth should give them an advantage in tough competition.

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**Depths, Experience Will Guide Cross Country Teams**

By Peter Stein

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