Conn remains in the first quartile in U.S. News and World Report rankings, places 29 out of 169

Former J Board requested $700 for "dinner and gifts"

/BY APRIL O'HERS
Editor in Chief

According to Student Organization Fund records, last year's judiciary Board requested $700 from Student Organizations Fund for "dinner and gifts" last May as part of an end of the year celebration. Neeli Mulchandani, head treasurer of Student Org., prevented the check requisition from going through on the grounds that "dinner and gifts" are not enough to justify such a large amount of money. "We had a surplus in our account at the end of the year, and had discussed ways to spend the money.

"We had a surplus in our account, and had discussions on what we wanted to do with that. One of the things we talked about was going out to dinner, which was something that we knew that clubs were doing at that time... I'm pretty sure that it's a fairly common practice," said Spoonheim. Mulchandani stated that she explained to Spoonheim that Student Org. has a policy of not allowing clubs to spend more than $10 per head on food. Mulchandani went on to say that, since the money allocated to clubs comes from the Student Activities Fund, a percentage of tuition that all students pay, clubs are responsible for making sure that their expenditures are used for the purpose of the club.

"If you cap everything... you get the cheapest for the students. That money is there for the club's purpose," said Mulchandani. Spoonheim stated that the Board followed the rule, and, rather than dining at Bravo Bravo, the members dined at the Recovery Room instead, keeping the cost for the meal to $10 a head. Spoonheim said that she believed that the executive board of Intercollegiate Pride had eaten out at Bravo Spoonheim said that she believed that the executive board of Intercollegiate Pride had eaten out at Bravo

Earth House is an environmental model for all

BY NATALIE HILDT
Features Editor

"Environmental activism isn't just a one meeting a week thing for these folks. It's a way of life," said Peter Esselman, class of 1994, of the residence of new thematic housing called Earth House. The group doesn't really have an entire house, but shares two apartments in 360 Mohagen Avenue.

The six men and women who live in Earth House are concerned about the fate of the planet and are working at the local level to educate and motivate the college community.

"A lot of my enthusiasm and commitment to this program was inspired by Pete," said Matthew Matthews, vice president of enrollment management. Matthews added, "The rankings do not measure what happens in the classroom or the extraordinary personal growth Connecticut College students achieve in their years here.

Bucknell University and Colorado College, with average SAT scores of 1180, are newcomers to the top 25 category, after being placed in the first quartile along with Connecticut College last year.

This school rose in the rankings the previous four years, climbing 15 spots from its ranking of 41 in 1990.

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Features Editor

Mark Lacey, Peter Esselman, and Jenn Hilke are resident of the Earth House.

See front, pg. 5.
CONTHought

Minority student states that our strength lies in our diversity

People have asked me a million times to try and explain what it means to be Korean. The question seems simple enough at first, but it really isn’t all that easy to explain. I could sit and talk about the culture, clothing, and the arts until I am blue in the face, but it doesn’t really get any- one anywhere. These superficial differences do not make up a culture, and they do even less when trying to explain one.

To be Korean is to be different in spirit. This spirit is not exclusive to Koreans or Asians in general, but make up the differences in all people. The spirit is what drives an African to survive years of slavery, and helps to al- low a Jew to survive a holocaust. It’s what drove people to im- migrate as pilgrims during the 18th century and it’s what drove people to immigrate during the 1950’s. To be a minority is to walk on cra and be fully aware that you are not the same as the other people strolling beside them. To be a minority is to live a life that someone else finds different or even weird. If minorities were truly understood we wouldn’t have any problems. But we are not, and there are.

The picture featured on page 20 is of Sukey Richmond ("Conn student interns in China," The College Voice, September 14, 1994.)

We have things we can learn from one another. It means we have not reached our goals, and that we all need to work harder. Instead of trying to be great in spite of all our differences, we need to strive for greatness because of them.

Yung Kim
Class of 1997

An appeal to the community:

Join the Finance Committee

Student organizations provide a substantial contribution to our community both socially and education- ally. By planning parties, lectures, designing publications, and playing sports, the organi- zations at Connecticut College enrich the lives of many members of our community. However, there are several pieces which must be put together before we see the success of these efforts.

The first part of the puzzle is leadership. An organi- zation needs strong, motivational leadership to ac- complish its goals, rally its members and organize many details.

The second aspect is supportive members. Without supportive membership, the leaders will not be effec- tive and the club will not sponsor successful activi- ties.

The third piece is funding. To accomplish some of these goals, funding is determined by a student fi- nance committee, however the finance committee is missing one member. The important role that student organizations play on this campus mandates that the finance committee has competent membership which represents all parts of our community. I urge you to consider running for this position!

The Finance Committee is responsible in many ways for life outside of the class room. Its members determine how much money is spent on Floralia, The College Voice, Dance Club performances, and several other organizations on campus. In recognizing the importance of the Finance Committee, I must also address the serious time and dedi- cation which members contribute. Beginning this Fri- day afternoon, the committee will hold open hearings for all clubs. These will continue during the weekend. This process will continue from Sunday, September 25- Wednesday, October 5. We will start at 6:45 p.m. and end at approximately 1 a.m. Although the extent of these hours seem ridiculous to some, in reality the Finance Committee is a unique learning experience. In addition to knowing about the plans of every club on campus, the experience may be used to learn about group dynamics, conflict resolution, questioning skills, event planning, and several other personal development skills.

I encourage anyone who may be interested to please give me a call at x87/2. I also urge you to attend committee elections during the SGA meeting on Thurs- day evening at 6:45 p.m. in the 1941 room, College Center. It’s easy to get caught up in our own lives with academics and friends, but this is an opportunity to leave our mark on the college. Please take this time to think about how you can shape this community through your associations and contributions. I thank you for your interest and I look forward to hearing from many people about this position.

Ryan Polfer
SGA Vice President and Chair of Finance Committee

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Earth conscious students educate campus on environmental issues

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motivation was squelched on campus. "It's a-broader agenda than just the consumerism," said Bill Lunde, a senior house member who is also a member of the Earth House coordinators. "It's a way of life. All of the house members are motivated to do what most students seem to feel that after being at Conn for a while, many become apathetic. "I want to have something at the school to show people that there are people who are actively working toward environmental goals," Jens said.

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Gaudiani receives letter from President Clinton

BY LINA ZLURYS
Head Copy Editor

Last Monday, Claire Gaudiani, president of the college, received a letter from President Bill Clinton- an interesting story, but one made considerably more interesting given that she helped shape the content and ideas presented in the letter.

Last July, Gaudiani became the chair of Campus Compact, a coalition of 475 colleges and universities throughout the nation devoted to the ethic of service and volunteerism. Connecticut College has always maintained a positive record of community service, and the number of volunteers and diversity of service sites have increased tremendously over the last five years, according to Chris Cory, director of public relations.

During the Bush Administration, Connecticut College was designated as one of the country’s thousand points of light. Connecticut College provides service learning courses, which give students the opportunity to combine service to the community with academic experience. Gaudiani herself teaches one of those courses this term, titled “Literature and Social Reflection.” Her dedication to community service led to her involvement with Campus Compact, and subsequently to her leadership of it.

In Clinton’s letter to the presidents of institutions of higher education throughout the country, he urged them to provide leadership in “inspiring an ethic of service across our nation.” Gaudiani was one of a very few to work in Clinton’s staff to reduce this letter.

Clinton stressed the importance of volunteerism in our country, citing six possibilities for ways to “promote civic education.” First, he called upon institutions to support AmeriCorps, the national service initiative in his domestic plan which he inaugurated last week. He asked colleges like ours to “develop AmeriCorps programs to engage students in service,” and suggested that we could request financial support for that initiative through the Corporation for National Service.

Secondly, he suggested inclusion of “community service as a significant criterion for college admissions.” Other points include a redirection of work-study money toward students who prefer to serve the community, an emphasis on formally encouraging students who have very little time to actively participate in the community, and “bribing service into the classroom.”

Finally, Clinton suggested that we “smooth the path from school to service,” allowing graduates to pursue low-paying jobs in community service despite the ever-growing debt from loans. He claimed that federal student loan programs have been “redesigned to meet these students’ needs.

Gaudiani will be responding to this letter point-by-point next week, both in a letter to President Clinton and in a letter to The College Voice, according to Chris Cory. Clinton stated that “higher education in America is truly a pillar of [its] strength,” and volunteerism is clearly a pillar of Connecticut College’s commitment to that education.

For once, a cut in educational spending that actually helps students.
Vice president of development brings the endowment into focus — past, present and future

By BEN RUBIN
News Editor

A relatively small endowment has made the development process at the college a constant challenge, according to Bob Rasmussen, vice-president for development. But it has the means to be overcome, he said.

"Can you fall behind and catch up? Yeah, it's been known to happen. But it's hard when you're behind the curve," said Rasmussen.

"We've chosen to compete with the very best... we are working very hard at utilizing every other source of income before we touch the endowment," said Rasmussen.

He is hopeful that the upcoming Capital Campaign, which will solicit donations from alumni and friends of the college, will make a large contribution to the endowment and Annual Fund. Rasmussen believes that the college will set a $130-$150 million fundraising goal for the campaign.

The campaign is a fundraising initiative that has been under development for four years. Rasmussen hopes that the campaign will go from the planning to the active phase sometime this spring.

The Annual Fund usually contributes over $2 million per year to the college's operating budget. The Fund, combined with tuition, room and board, and part of the earnings on the endowment, make up the school's operating budget.

The college's endowment consists of funds which are rarely used except to gain interest and to help the school afford costly projects which have no other means of being paid.

This school's current endowment is 1.2 times bigger than the budget it supports, while 18 of Conn's peer colleges have endowments which are at least four times bigger than their budgets, according to Rasmussen.

"We are so underendowed that it is almost impossible that any gift to any project will leave enough left over to give back," Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen said that the total cost to educate a student for one year is actually $34,000, but the college maintains tuition at a more affordable $25,000. Therefore, said Rasmussen, "every student has a built-in scholarship when they come here."

Rasmussen explained that the history of the school's budget has contributed to its present state of relative weakness.

Within 20 years after its opening, Connecticut College was one of the hottest schools in the country as an all female school, he said.

However after World War II, many of the other schools expanded and began to "siphon off more bright students from Conn.," Rasmussen said.

"In 1970, the whole world went co-ed and we gave no thought to endowment. We inevitably got bigger" [from 800-1600 students] and the endowment was neglected, Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen feels that alumni giving will be a major resource that the school will use to strengthen itself and to reach the goals in its new strategic plan.

"Alumni giving was once regarded as a nice little thing to do. Starting four to five years ago, it became our core support," Rasmussen said.

You won't find these guys in the Arboretum

Once you reach the first quartile, you're up against a bunch of gorillas," said Christopher Cory, director of College Relations in response to Conn's placement in the first quartile of liberal arts colleges in the country (rated by US News & World Report).

Although Lucy is a juvenile chimpanzee at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens and not a gorilla, we're sure she'd be right up there in the ratings.

A shoebill stork peers out from amidst an artificial jungle of native African and Midwestern US vegetation at the Zoo's Jungle Trails exhibit.
Hybel discusses study away revisions at SGA Assembly on Thursday

BY JENNY BARRON
The College Voice

The newly developed Study Abroad/Teach Abroad program will sponsor its first trip this year, pending approval by Claire Gaudiani, president of the college.

The new addition to the Office of National and International Programs, in the works since the summer of 1993, will send 20-30 students and two faculty to study in Puebla, Mexico in the spring.

Edward Roca, director of the Mexican program and instructor of Hispanic Studies, and Jane Madelin, associate director and professor of anthropology, spent part of last summer in Mexico researching the area and planning some of the educational programs. The students will take two courses with each faculty member, as well as courses at the local University of the Americas in Cholula.

Students would get Conn credit for all courses taken.

"The learning experiences of this trip would not be limited to classroom study. "We want to enrich it enough to allow our students to connect with the Mexican culture," Roca said.

Among other activities, the students will go on an archaeological dig, participate in writing workshops with local writers such as Elena Poniatowska and Maria Luisa Poga, and attend cultural events in Mexico City which include everything from lectures to the opera.

The group will stay with families in Cholula, just outside of Puebla. Cholula is the oldest living settlement in the Americas and has a rich indigenous culture. Puebla was the first continuously inhabited Spanish settlement in Mexico.

There are also four active volcanoes in the area. "It's an immense contrast of culture," Roca said. In addition, the area has little crime or pollution, and has a lot of local entertainment, Roca explained.

Roca also hopes that the group will become involved in the community. They will establish a house on campus where students and their friends from the community can get together informally. Roca would also like to see it serve as a springboard for community interaction programs. He sees it as a great opportunity for the students to really give something back to the community.

Often when individuals come back from time abroad, they have difficulty relating to the college. Roca explained. He said that this program will differ from existing study abroad programs in that the group will bring something back to the college community as a whole. The experience will be shared by both students and faculty members in classroom situations, rather than experienced by a single student or faculty member abroad. When the group returns, Roca said that he would like them to share what they've learned through presentations, papers, and other useful methods.

The selection process for the Mexican program will begin with an informational meeting on September 21. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA and enough proficiency in Spanish to attend classes in the language.

Other Study Away/Teach Away programs are currently being planned. Marion Doro, professor of government, is currently in Ghana confirming that the area is safe and adequate for studies. Alex Hybel, dean of international programs and professor of government, hopes to send a group to Ghana this spring as well. He said that they are considering environmental studies and possibly theater as concentrations for this program.

Other countries presently being researched include the Republic of Georgia, India, Brazil, Tanzania, Kenya, Morocco and China.

The emphasis of this program is the less-travelled nations. It is part of President Gaudiani's goal that Conn students become more culturally aware, said Hybel.

At the Student Government Association Assembly meeting last Thursday, Hybel said that he will be analyzing the college's entire study abroad program as a whole. "We use 40 institutions to send students abroad, and some programs leave a lot to be desired," he said.

Hybel mentioned the semester in Washington at American University and a study program in Costa Rica as two programs in which students have had poor experiences or found the academic programs to be wanting.

"We want to increase the quality of education across the board and make sure that when you come back (from abroad) we can claim that we provided you with a quality education," Hybel said.

He continued, "One of my hopes is to actually bring about change... and possibly develop an exclusive relationship with another institution..."

With an exclusive relationship, this college would use one school's program to send all of its students to a particular country, but Connecticut College would dictate the classes and program that the students would partake in, according to Hybel.

Hybel also indicated that he is considering phasing out the 12 college exchange program, since it is being utilized by very few students.

The Student Activities Fair was held on Monday in the 1982 Room of the College Center. Several hundred students turned out to sign up for campus clubs and organizations. Here students gather in front of the AIDS Education/Sexual Health table which offers free condoms to all who passed. Instead of condoms, most clubs offer interesting student candy, balloons, and information on their respective clubs. The Volunteer Fair was held on Tuesday and, like the day before, hundreds of students signed up to give their time to a variety of organizations.

The Camel Heard...

"Wouldn't it be great if there was a Ding-Dong man riding around campus to sell us ice cream?"
- Diane Myers

"You plug it in, and I'll pull."
- Overheard from various student leaders at Foxwoods last Saturday.

"I can't sleep unless there's a lot of weight on my back."
- Delphine Aubourg

"I can't either."
- Dan Cunningham

"My ovary is cooking."
- Male overhead in Botany 225

The Week in SGA...

Alex Hybel, dean of International Programs and professor of government, presented his plans to enhance the programs which offer study abroad opportunities. See article page 7.

Dan Traum, house senator of Branford, stated that workers fixing the lights in Branford entered student rooms without waiting for them to answer their doors. They also left some rooms more dirty than before they began their work. In one instance a worker on the outside of the building looked in the window of a female student and made, according to Traum, "a harassing comment."

Dan Shedd, J-Board chair, reported that the first two J-Board cases of the year were heard last year.

Allison Terpock, President of the Class of 1997, said that the ad-hoc Honor Code Committee would begin to accept applications for the J-Board advisor system after freshman elections were held.

To correct a parliamentary foul-up, the Assembly voted again on the Issues Project which it passed incorrectly last week. Last week, a motion to close discussion on the issue was incorrectly passed because it needed a 2/3 vote rather than a 1/2 vote. It was correctly passed this week.

A proposal to eliminate the Phillips Goldberg Committee, which allocates funds for the Phillip Goldberg Internship, was tabled until next week in order to attain more information about the committee. The committee does not currently have any funds.

The South African Scholarship Fund Committee was disbanded by a vote of 24-1.

A proposal establishing the rules for midterm elections and class of 1996 J-Board representatives was passed with two amendments. The voting table was moved to the Cro CONNection outside of the bookstore, and the class of 1996 was given the right to distribute pamphlets.
Does anything ever happen that makes you feel like you are twelve all over again? Sometimes the relationships on this campus bring me back to the good old days of junior high. A time that I, frankly, do not wish to relive. How?… you may be wondering. If I rename our school and call it Conn College Runner Mill perhaps it will begin to make sense. Think back to the days of acne and angst… do you remember knowing all about someone’s life before even meeting them? Such are the hazards of life in junior high and college as well. At times it seems we have hardly changed from the days of our youth.

Just like in junior high, we know who is and isn’t a good connection. Most of us don’t want to make bad choices and will have our opinion of someone here on campus without ever speaking with them. It can be scary when someone calls you and asks “how was last night?” when you know for a fact you never told this person about... last night. We are all guilty. Who among us does not listen gleefully to a piece of juicy gossip? Take, for instance, my next door neighbor. Every day she receive a new piece of news about her boyfriend. Not that she says bad things… she just fills me in on their relationship.

So here I am, fully immersed in their life, asking like I know the guy when in actuality he is someone to whom I’ve only spoken a few words, tops. I like both of them, but I am certain I am far more involved in their relationship than they are and I am always worrying about how things are going, and what the next day’s news will be. New rumors arise, we all engage in some other “junior high” behavior. In junior high, when a couple broke up, one person may have found themselves eating lunch in the bathroom in order to avoid the other person. Here we simply redo the entire structure of our day to ensure to the highest probability that we will never run into that person.

Think of the poor people caught in the middle of a broken relationship. If you are close to both of them and care deeply for the two it can be difficult. Is it like they are fighting for a Barbie doll and they each pull… and then Barbie’s head falls off.

There is one other typical junior high behavior. You never want to cut alone… no that there’s anything wrong with that, but I felt those pangs of junior high again just the other day. I was eating with one friend and waiting for another. The first friend had to leave… but the other (gasp) had yet to arrive. There is something about sitting alone in a crowded dining hall that freaks people out.

I know that it bothers me because it reminds me of Thursdays in junior high school. At the beginning of the year we had to choose our table. After that it was assigned seating for the rest of the year.

There were two lunch periods, and well... I made a bad choice. It turned out that my friends couldn’t have lunch at the same time as I did on Thursdays. So I late lunch in the bathrooms on Thursdays. Now I just sit looking anxious and checking my watch to make it obvious that I am waiting for someone. I am not saying that we all have the maturity of twelve-year-olds. I know that there are many “adults” who exhibit these same habits. The reason that we all HATED junior high is because we had yet to perfect the art of handling awkward situations. Thank goodness for secondary schooling. After all, practice makes perfect.

Horoscopes by Michelle

**Virgo** (Aug 23 - Sept 22) This weekend will find you feeling slightly lonely, but just remember that far away there is someone who really loves you. Spend time with your friends, and focus on a big project that you have been developing for some time now.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22) Try to have a relaxing week. Hey, you know you deserve it. It's that one year of your significant other as he/she has not been feeling well. You will receive a phone call from a long-distance friend.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21) Get ready, cause soon you will be traveling to an exotic place. Adventure is on the horizon, so feel bored no more! Just let things unfold around you, and you will be surprised with the results.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) Try to stay awake through those long, boring meetings. At the very least, pretend to look awake… and well... I made a bad choice. It turned out that my friends couldn’t have lunch at the same time as I did on Thursdays. So I late lunch in the bathrooms on Thursdays. Now I just sit looking anxious and checking my watch to make it obvious that I am waiting for someone. I am not saying that we all have the maturity of twelve-year-olds. I know that there are many “adults” who exhibit these same habits. The reason that we all HATED junior high is because we had yet to perfect the art of handling awkward situations. Thank goodness for secondary schooling. After all, practice makes perfect.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) Your new plan to make money will not work. Sorry, but you will have to come up with some honest work before you will get any cash. Have you met that magnetic person yet? You may be having difficulties at work or with something in which you are involved. Take a step back from it and re-evaluate everything. Don’t panic, everything will work itself out in time.

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You’ll always find something that you’ve never seen before...
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The air was heavy with the distinct aroma of weed. Shirts soaked with beer and sweat clung tightly to the moshing throng. The song “Chump” boomed across the field and seemed in some way to justify the madness of moshing. So this was Green Day live. I must admit, I liked it.

The opening chords of “Welcome To Paradise,” there could be no mistaking who had taken the stage. I quickly realized how many people were crammed into the park to catch these guys in action. There was a churning sea of white college kids that stretched to the edge of the green in time to hear the main line.

I was leaping wildly around the stage, gry.mob, and beer bottles shattered in riot gear. Maybe what happened next wasn’t really Green Day’s fault. But I don’t think they helped the situation. Things were already getting out of hand when they played their two singles, “Longview” and “Basket Case,” back-to-back.

Being the nice guys they are, Green Day agreed to give a royal welcome to all the returning college students by playing a free gig at the Hatch Shell in Boston on the night of Friday, September 9th. It was some kind of welcome.

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Collective Obsession: Many Americans are joining in the Danish Float pen craze, and Conn's own Mark Hoffman is one of them

Many of us know Mark Hoffman. After all, we see him every day performing his duties as the coordinator of student activities and manager of the College Center. But did you know Mark is also an avid collector of Danish float pens? Mark began his collection about ten years ago. He had been on a six-week-long biking tour of Europe. He bought a few pens that displayed images of cities; he had visited to bring home as mementos. "I didn't intentionally start collecting pens," notes Hoffman. "It just happened. That's what I love about my collection; I just did it. It wasn't anything planned." You may ask, "what exactly are float pens?" Well first off, though sold throughout the world, Float Pens are manufactured exclusively in Denmark. The top half of the pen's barrel is filled with a clear liquid. Mark does not know what that liquid is, but he is fairly confident that it is some sort of alcohol.

As people look through the liquid, they see a seemingly three-dimensional picture in the background, and an object or character suspended in the foreground. As the pen is tilted, the floating character swims back and forth across the background. Typically, the pens display images of famous cities, corporate logos, or simply decorative scenes.

What began as a handful of travel keepsakes evolved into a true collecting hobby. Hoffman is now the proud owner of an impressive 187 Danish Float Pens. "The pens represent Hoffman's first true collecting hobby. As a child, he briefly collected coins but did not find them terribly captivating. He did, however, learn an innovative trick to maintaining a coin's natural beauty: "If you put a penny in taco sauce - or even those little Taco Bell packets - you will wash the penny in richer detail than on the index card. This gives him a sense of ownership of the pen, which sursumarized the history of the pen - where it had come from, and from whom it had been given.

Unfortunately, be learned one pen-cleaning lesson the hard way; a friend tried to clean the glue residue from a pen's price sticker using nail polish remover. "Bad, bad, bad," bemoaned Hoffman. Polish recovery causes the clear portion of the pen's plastic shell to turn cloudy. Despite the astounding quantity of float pens Hoffman displays, heBorderies' Service; smiling little sperm pass between a bull and a cow. Perhaps more poetic is an image of Graceland, with Elvis dancing back and forth in front of the mansion. Another favorite is "from the Hawkeye Breeders' Service; spilling little sperm between a bull and a cow.

Hoffman doesn't mind such "bugs" with any collection, you can't put a price tag on something that's really valuable." Hoffman explained. Float Pens cost about $3.50 each. Not including the logistics of creating a Conn pen; he found a catalogue that was not water. Hoffman engineered his own system; above his office desk, he strung a series of picture hooks. An object or character suspended in the foreground. As the pen is tilted, the floating character swims back and forth across the background. Typically, the pens display images of famous cities, corporate logos, or simply decorative scenes.

When he began taking his hobby seriously, Hoffman stored his pens in a file box. Each pen was attached to an index card that summarized the history of the pen - where it had come from, and from whom it had been given. But wait, there's more. Hoffman has also created a computerted filing system for his pens. In this file he describes each pen's price detail, and on the index card. This gives him a connection to the people and places associated with the pen, making it all the more meaningful. He also notes how and when the pen came into his collection. This catalogue is eight pages long.

Hoffman later decided to display his pens. Not sure how to begin the collection, Hoffman asked for suggestions from other Float Pen collectors with whom he had come into contact. One fellow pen-lover had used a baker's wire cooling rack. Another had built a display cabinet. Hoffman engineered his own system; above his office desk, he strung a series of picture hooks. The pens are alphabetized for easy reference.

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Hoffman's office when they hear about the pen collection. Mark does not collect float pens in hopes of making a profit. "A; duplicate that he has given to other pen collectors, Hoffman explained. He even has a couple of X-rated pens, he says he doesn't love having them, but he believes they are important to include in a Float Pen collection, because they were probably among the first produced.

Many students and faculty members come to investigate Hoffman's office when they hear about the pen collection. Hoffman doesn't mind such attention. "I get excited when people want to look at [the pens]," he said.

Hoffman wants his spectators to feel comfortable when viewing the line of pens. "People are apprehensive about taking the pens off the display, but I welcome anyone who would like to come in and see the collection," his office is located in the Student Life suite on the second floor of the college center. Danish Float Key Chains are also produced, but Hoffman only has one; an image of Nantucket. He does not count the key chain in his pen tally. "That taints the collection," he explained. Float Pens cost about $3.50 each. Not including the duplicates that he has given to other pen collectors, Hoffman estimates that his collection is worth over $650. But Hoffman does not collect Float Pens in hopes of making a profit. "As with any collection, you can't put a price tag on something that's really valuable."

Hoffman is not alone in his passion for Float Pens. He trades his duplicate pens with a small group of collectors from across the nation. One trader, with a collection of some 200 pens, wants to arrange a group tour of the Danish factory. The production manager of Vogue Magazine has about 450 pens. Hoffman plans to ask the American importer of the pens if he knows of any other collectors. Someday, hopes Hoffman, Connecticut College will have its own Danish Float Pen. "Maybe it could be a canoe crossing in front of Harkness and Palmer and other buildings," he envisions. Mark has even done a bit of research into the logistics of creating a Conn pen; he found a catalogue that sells personalized float pens. If the school were to have only 100 pens made, the cost to the college would be only $1.24 per pen. If we bought, say, 24,000 pens, the cost would be just $1.90 per pen.

Everybody has a dream.

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IM football kicks off season, Poor Billy's offers great food and great football

BY SCOTT UHLON AND JONATHAN "RAZOR" RUDNICK
The College Voice

Because we feel it is our responsibility to keep you up to date, we wanted to inform you that has just reached the Schmoozing office that the baseball season is officially over. Isn't that a shame?

The Fall 1994 IM Flag Football season finally got underway this week. The Madder Greats and Poor Hoolie's (a.k.a., the Rugby Club) began the season as the expected favorites.

At press time, there were only two games played, both on opening day. One game saw the Madder Greats continually trouncing into the Monkey Popper's end zone. The game was highlighted in the final seconds by an interception and about two dozen lateral passes as the Madder Greats attempted to run down field for another score.

The second game of the doubleheader saw your own Schmoozers help lead Pass the Trash to a 16-8 victory over a battered Planting the Jumbos' tail. At one point in the game, the Schmoozers were leading 13-0, much to the chagrin of the Jumbos' fans. The Jumbos' coach was not impressed with his team's performance and threatened tobench his starting quarterback.

Come the fall season, the Schmoozers will be back in action, ready to show the world how to play football.

Sports

Schmoozing with Scott and the Razor:

Tuesday Night Football Pick

Last week's result - Eagles 50, Bears 22. That's two in a row for the crack Schmoozing team (we gotta get out to Vegas). This week's game features the Dallas Cowboys at home taking on the Detroit Kitten. We know who's gonna win, we just don't know by how much. Emmitt's team is favored by a ridiculous 12 1/2 points (sound like a Miami/Rutgers spread? Think whatever you like, Emmitt is better than Barry. Mr. Smith may have gotten a little banged up playing Texas rival Houston last week, but his wheels should be enough for Dallas to cover the spread (don't forget about Troy and Michael). Take Dallas to smash the Kittens by more than 12 1/2 and get a good night's sleep.

Men's soccer comes up short

BY SAM FORDON
The College Voice

The men's soccer team lost their season opening game to the Tufts Jumbos by a heartbreaking score of 2-1. Although the loss is disappointing, the game was an exciting one to watch.

Both the Camels and the Jumbos played an aggressive first half. Toward the end of the half, though, the Camels showed signs of fatigue. This was when the Jumbos took their advantage and turned it into the first and only goal of the game.

After the second half began, the Camels showed a renewed vigor, keeping the ball in the Jumbos' territory for most of the half. The Camels were given some very good scoring chances in the second half, many coming from corner kicks and free kicks.

The most exciting time of the game came with only 25 minutes left to play, when the Camels applied constant pressure to Tufts' goalkeeper, getting off four of their six shots in a five minute flurry of activity. In the end, however, the Camels just didn't have enough to come back. The game was decided by the Jumbos' first period goal, and it ended 1 to 0.

This was the first game for new goalkeeper Gus Campos. The Camels' regular starting goalkeeper, co-captain Tom Hudser, is sitting out the next six weeks with an injury. Campos played a solid game, blocking four out of five shots. This being his first game, he was nervous at the beginning. "Everybody can see this and it's a little nerve-wracking," he said. "Now with this experience, I'll be more relaxed in the future. Everybody played well today, we just came up short."

This sentiment was echoed by head coach Bill Lesawi. He said, "When you outshoot a team six to one, you expect a little more. We've got a nice team here. We're also a young team. I definitely see better things to come." With the Tufts game in the past, the Camels are working toward their next game, a home game against Guard on Tuesday afternoon, with their sights set on getting their first victory of the season.

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COACH SHIELDS HITS ANOTHER MILESTONE:

St. Lawrence Hall of Fame accepts new member

BY YUKY KIM
Acting Sports Editor

After a record setting lacrosse career at St. Lawrence University, Head Coach Fran Shields has been inducted into the St. Lawrence Hall of Fame.

Shields was an All-American at St. Lawrence, where he captained his NCAA semifinalist team in 1979. Shields is the Saints #2 all-time scorer with 272 career points, and he had a 54-13 record during his four years.

Shields attributes much of his success to the support of his father. Said Shields, "My dad never missed a game in high school or college. People would ask me if my dad had a job. He did, raising and supporting successful children."

Shields has been the head coach of the men's lacrosse team since 1980. He inherited a club team, and has helped turn it into a national power. The Con has been ranked as high as #14 in the national Division III poll, and has a potential ECAC power. The Camels have five straight ECAC playoff appearances, and have reached the semifinals the past two seasons.

In 1993 Shields was named the Division III coach of the year following a 10-3 season and finishing season ranked #15 in the nation. Shields' career record stands at 85-85, but is 51-31 in the past six seasons. In his distinguished career, Shields has coached three All-Americans, seven first team all

NESCAC, and one North-South senior all star in the past five years. Shields also holds the rank of adjunct associate professor of physical education at Conn, director of intramurals, and is also the assistant director of athletics. Shields has performed many duties for the college over the years. His career also includes stints as athletic trainer, women's soccer coach, assistant men's hockey coach, and manager of Dayton Arena.

Shields has served as president of the National Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association and is currently on the executive board for the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. Shields is also active in service to the New London Community College, where he is Director of the National Youth Sports Program, a free summer day camp serving over 300 at-risk youth for five weeks. The induction ceremonies will take place during the St. Lawrence homecoming festivities.
Sports

Women's soccer puts pressure on Tufts in first victory

BY ERIK RAVEN

The College Voice

In life, previous experience leads you to expect certain outcomes. When clouds darken, you expect rain. When the groundhog sees its shadow, you expect a few more weeks of winter. And when Tufts and Connecticut College meet, you expect a close, aggressive game.

Tufts proved unable to mount more than a few serious challenges, despite their vaunted offense.

Both Conn coach Ken Kline and Tufts coach Bill Gehling expected no different. “(Tufts) has won the first two games this year, and they’ve always been a very strong team,” said Kline. “We always look for great games from Conn. Even as far as I can remember, it’s always been a nail-biter.”

Was this game considered an early test for each team? “The test here, the first match was an easy match for each team,” said Gehling. “The first half never really test us. What we do in the future will be defined by what our opponents show to be weaknesses in the game.”

Gehling saw similar chances ahead. “I see this as a test for us as well. I think every year is sort of a benchmark. We beat two teams that we should have beat, and this game here lets us know where we stand at this point.”

The early conventional wisdom was that Saturday’s game would be a close, offensive struggle. That prediction was entirely accurate through 35 minutes of the first half, with each team showing the kind of fitness each is capable of: good passing, ball control, and few fouls.

The course of the game changed with a key foul and injury however, when Tufts mid-fielder Molly Herlihy made a flagrant tackle from behind on Conn’s Justine Oppenheim. Despite the overly aggressive tackle, no yellow card or verbal warning was issued by the referee.

The event seemed to spark a bad streak in the Camels who then matched Tufts’ aggressiveness with their own.

Despite the physical play for the rest of the first half, few penalties were called on either team. The first half ended scoreless, despite the tenacious control Conn displayed by keeping the ball in Tufts’ end for most of the period.

The second half was marked by the return of Oppenheim to the field, apparently without serious injury. The half opened with each team playing a fast-paced and controlled game, and the defenses of both teams seemed capable of withstanding the other presented.

The deadlock was finally broken at 53 minutes, when sophomore mid-fielder Betty Woods drilled her second goal of the season just under the crossbar for the game’s only score.

Tufts proved unable to mount more than a few serious challenges, despite their vaunted offense. Much of the credit is due to Conn’s defense, highlighted by the play of junior sweeper Lisa Perner.

While it took 63 minutes for the only score of the game, the Camels were able to put together periods of total ball control, keeping the pressure on Tufts’ defense, already weakened by pre-season injuries. Conn travels to Trinity on Wednesday, beginning a two week stint of road games. Look for the women to return on Friday, October 7 against Wesleyan.

Field hockey suffers opening defeat at the hands of Tufts

BY RICK STRATTON

Photo Editor

It was a beautiful, lazy Saturday on Dawley Field, and a respectable large crowd had gathered to see if the good weather would bring good luck to the Connecticut College field hockey team in their season opener.

Although the first half was scoreless, the second half was an easy win for Coach Anne Parmenter’s squad, and the Camels eventually lost 3-1.

The game was dominated early by Tufts, with most of the play being held in the Camel end, but Conn’s defense remained solid.

Sophomore Wendy Kanter had several stellar kick saves to keep the Tufts Jumbos scoreless throughout the first half. Conn’s offense also remained quiet, experiencing few opportunities, and the half ended scoreless.

Parmenter must have given a fiery halftime speech, or maybe there was something in the water, because the Camels came out charged and controlled the opening minutes of the second half.

But Tufts set the air out of Conn’s tires at the 16:38 mark when Kanter was beaten stick side to put Tufts ahead, 1-0.

To some spectators, it looked as though the referee made a bad call in allowing the goal. The Tufts player looked to have kicked the ball, which should have stopped play and given Conn a free shot rather than a goal. But there’s no instant replay in NCAA field hockey, and the goal stood.

The Camels seemed disappointed, and their control of the game seemed to slip away. Just two minutes later, Tufts scored off a well placed corner, increasing their lead to 2-0. The pass was well struck, leaving the Camel defense with minimal time to adjust.

Conn’s highlight of the game came when, with four minutes remaining, Isadora Kriegal scored on a breakaway to cut Tufts’ lead to 2-1.

The Camels definitely deserved a goal after all their hard work, and their hope seemed to be restored. But their hope rested on the referees when, with only three minutes remaining, Tufts was awarded a stroke. Kanter dove correctly but couldn’t stop the goal, and Tufts increased their lead to 3-1.

The Camels put on the heat as they win their opening game defense then went to work, and Conn was denied the chance of a season opening victory.

Senior captain Louise Brooks seemed disappointed with a loss after all the hard work done during the pre-season.

“We were working really hard, and we wanted to come out and win,” said Brooks, “but Tufts was a really good team. We still have a ways to go, and that’s fine. Hopefully this will turn into motivation.”

The Camels next game is this Tuesday against Southern Connecticut State University, a school with a very long name. Everyone should try to make it out to Dawley Field to catch the action.

Athlete of the Week

This week’s award goes to senior Martha Vivian who led the women's volleyball team to a victory in the championship game of the Invitational Tournament at Roger Williams. She was the tournament MVP.