SGA Assembly fails to ratify student activities budget

Budget returned to Finance Committee for revision

BY JENNY BARRON

The Student Government Association Assembly voted against the student activities budget proposed by the Finance Committee at its meeting on Oct. 25. As a result, the budget must now be reconsidered by the Assembly.

At the meeting, several Assembly members expressed concern over the budget's allocation of funds. The budget, which was presented by the Finance Committee, included $273,233 for student activities, $273,233 for student fees, and $273,233 for the student activities budget.

However, some Assembly members argued that the budget was not sufficient to support the activities that students wanted. "We need more money," said one Assembly member. "The budget is too small to support all the activities that we want to have.""We cannot judge the importance of one group in relation to the next," said Poitier. He stressed that in passing clubs' constitutions and legitimizing their existence on campus, the SGA tacitly assured them adequate funding to carry out their purposes. Therefore, according to Poitier, the quality of clubs' budgets was the most important factor taken into consideration by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee did not decide whether clubs merited more or less money in terms of their relative value to the campus.

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How should Conn respond to racist graffiti now and later?

The following is a summary of the meeting held in President's Office on October 6, 1994 regarding recent racial vandalism:

The participants were asked to share their thoughts on two main issues: how should the community respond to the most recent act of vandalism and how can we develop a long-term plan of action to address racism and strengthen community.

The unfolding of recent events was recapped following the course of action from the discovery of the graffiti on Friday, September 30, to the present meeting. Dorm meetings had been held in order to address the incident, but attendance was very low. A discussion followed in which debate focused on whether or not dorm meetings of this nature should be mandatory.

Students expressed their various reactions to the recent incident including feelings of anger, isolation and frustration.

It was stressed that we should all consider that the perpetrator is not necessarily a product of anger, isolation and frustration.

The protocol should also include a procedure for correctly handling the evidence of a racist act. It is more important that photographs be taken and all appropriate parties be notified before evidence is removed.

Discussion turned to the need to steer away from reacting to each individual incident and developing instead a comprehensive plan to address the long-term issue of tolerance and diversity awareness. Various ideas were suggested to encourage the entire campus to commit themselves to tolerance and community and to combat racism.

The Dean’s Task Force will seek input from SGA, MESC, Housefellows, Umoja and other campus representatives to form a committee to draft the protocol and take action on the other items discussed at this meeting.

- Action items currently in progress:
  - A protocol for responding to future acts of racist graffiti now and later?
  - A pledge to be taken by all members of the campus community. This would include an oath to uphold the Honor Code and to respect and tolerate the rights and views of others. It was suggested that the oath contain a selection of choices in addition to mandatory elements so that one might design an individual oath within general guidelines.
  - Whether one semester of the General Education tutorial should focus on racism stressing community and common ground.
  - Have the college take a campus-wide approach to racism reminiscent of that taken to construct the budget cuts. All groups and individuals on campus should be charged with discussing diversity issues, finding ways to make it clear the racist acts will not be tolerated, and encouraging positive acts of unity.
  - A 1/2 day “Teach-In” to take place on the Friday prior to the Civil Rights Symposium.
  - A review of this meeting to be submitted to the Voice as a ConnThought article.
  - Whether future dorm meetings should be held to discuss racism, diversity and community. Discuss whether or not it is appropriate for these meetings to be mandatory.

Arthur Ferrari
Acting Dean of the College

A campus update:

The Study Away Teach Away program is ready to start spring semester 1995.

During the past year Connecticut College’s Study Abroad/Teach Abroad (SATA) program has moved rapidly from the planning stage to implementation. Designed to provide students as well as faculty with experience outside the Eurocentric realm which will influence their judgments and teaching methods about societies which will affect their lives in the 21st century, SATA will establish programs in Mexico and Ghana during Spring Term 1995.

Plans for programs in Tanzania and India during Fall Term 1995 are underway. Site visits by various faculty members to Mexico, Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana and the Republic of Georgia, were made during the summer and early Fall to explore the possibilities of establishing connections with other academic institutions: a visit to India is scheduled for January. Final site selections will be based on the goal of establishing a global and regional balance so that ultimately there are opportunities for study and research in a wide range of countries. The inclusion of diverse faculty exchanges which will further enrich the College’s academic offerings.

While each of the country programs will be based on similar patterns of study and research they will also vary in terms of the specific locations and circumstances in which they operate.

Both programs for Spring Term 1995 - Mexico and Ghana - follow a similar educational pattern including a focus on language/culture study, course work within a national university, and opportunities for individual study based on academic research or internships with local non-governmental organizations.

SATA’s connection in Mexico will be with the University of Las Americas in Puebla, located in Cholula. Students will take courses of their choice at the University as well as with the two Connecticut College faculty who are directing the program: Professors June Macklin and Edgar Rocca. They will also participate in a workshops for writers and artists, and take field trips to archeological digs, historic towns and colonial cities.

The Ghana connection will be with the Koko School, which is located near a coastal village about fifteen miles from the capital city of Accra. This SATA program provides a unique rural/urban combination where the language/culture segment of the program will be at the Kokrohitey School and the course work will be at the University of Ghana, in Legon, outside Accra. This program combines rigorous academic work with the variety of experiences in living in another culture. It is designed for students eager to play an active role in their own education and for those who enjoy close community living.

Dr. Tyrone F containers planning for these programs, and faculty who will give them insights into other cultures that will ultimately affect their lives in the 21st century.

Many of the faculty participants in the initial phases of the program will include persons who are already familiar with these areas of the world, and they will serve as facilitators to implement long-term programs which will ultimately be directed by faculty who have not had experience in these areas and who wish to explore comparative evidence in their respective disciplines. This can be illustrated by the program in Tanzania for which a second year’s planning is already underway, in which a connection with the Marine Science Institute in Dar es Salaam may be made with Connecticut College faculty specialists in marine biology.

Students who are interested in participating in the programs in either Mexico or Ghana during Spring Term 1995 should call ext 2092, the office of the National and International Programs.

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process. Tyrrell said he believed that a number of clubs that were dissatisfied with their budgets were told by Finance Committee members that they would receive more money from the club that had budgeted the most money.

"We're not going to have money left for clubs in January ... who are in dire straits," said Tyrrell. Tyrrell also said that he had a problem with the fact that SAC's non-alcoholic budget had been cut more than its budget for alcohol.

Deirdre Hennessey, president of the senior class, also spoke against the budget. She was particularly upset that the Finance Committee did not allocate the class money for a party that already took place. "We spent $568 for a welcome-back party, which they cut by $300."

Hennessey said that Finance Committee members had misunderstood about the receipts that the class had kept but did not ask the class members any questions about it during their committee meeting.

"Two other clubs were waiting ... they were rushed," said Hennessey.

"This makes me think that this philosophy of 'the club that has the best budget gets the most money' is totally wrong," she said.

William Interner, House senator of the Finance Committee, expressed the fact that the Finance Committee could not look at the relative value of clubs on campus. "The people who ran for this committee... were asked questions. They responded, they said, 'this is how we think the processes works,' and SGA said 'OK.' It's that simple."

Throughout the meeting, Assembly members brought up the small allocation to the sophomore class as an example of the problems with the budget process.

Tyrrell said his current plan is for the Finance Committee to deliberate during this week and then present to the Assembly made last week and the key groups. "It's easy to say, 'I want more' ... but who gets less?" asked Shedd.

After the budget is passed by the Assembly, it will be opened to a vote of ratification by all students through their dorms.

Student organizations must spend without working budget

by Ben Rubin
News Editor

For the next several weeks, clubs will be forced to spend money without a working budget, since the Finance Committee's allocations were failed by the Student Government Association Assembly last week.

"Ryan [Poirier, SGA vice president and chair of the Finance Committee] and I need to approve big expenditures... but we would tell clubs to go with the budget that you were originally given and stay around or under that," said Neelu Mulchandani, head of the Student Organization Fund and Finance Committee member.

All clubs must work to take money through the student organization fund, and since the Finance Committee's proposed budget for clubs failed, Mulchandani and Poirier will monitor clubs' expenditures until a revised budget is sent from that area.

"All decisions will be made on an individual basis," Poirier said.

If a club wants to withdraw a large amount which may exceed what they are allocated, then Mark Hoffman, coordinator of student activities and manager of the college center, will be involved in the decision, according to Mulchandani.

Poirier acknowledged that though the finance committee that each student pays into the Student Activities Fund for use by clubs and organizations, has not significantly increased in 10 years, the Finance Committee was forced "to make some difficult decisions."

Dan Traum, house senator of Branford and Finance Committee member, echoed Poirier's comments.

"We're not going to have money to spend," Poirier said. "To make some difficult decisions."

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Frank Black

Selections from their new album included "Extra Savoir-Faire," "AKA Driver," "Stump Box," "The End Of The Tour," and "Sleeping In The Flowers," a song about Flansburgh's version on a "copy shop clerk" which was arranged with the chorus at the beginning of the song, different from the album version. The crowd was also extremely receptive to songs which were not极致 to their shows such as "Whis
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Dorm environmental coordinators carry torch and banner to announce first annual Ecolympics

Dorms will participate in energy conservation contests

BY NATALIE HILD
Features Editor

Did you see those freaks parading across campus today? What the heck were they yelling about? And what were they wearing? If you saw the marauders, you may have been disturbed and amused to recognize your friends among them.

They were your dorm environmental coordinators, all decked out and making fools of themselves to announce the start of Connecticut College's First Annual Ecolympics.

They carried a torch and a banner in the Olympic tradition, except theirs were made from recycled material.

The whole fiasco is the brainchild of senior Mark Lucy, director of environmental coordinators. In past years, dorms have participated in energy conservation contests, and Lucy had the vision to improve the contest, expanding it to a larger, more fun, and more publicized event.

"My idea was to expand the energy contest and include more facets of school life," said Lucy. "I also wanted to make something that was fun and not just a drag."

The gist of the contest is for dorms to conserve as much electricity as possible by doing things like turning off unnecessary lights and appliances, and keeping refrigerators at a lower setting.

Environmental coordinators will then calculate the per capita consumption of electricity for each dorm and award points to those who conserve the most.

The recycling part of the contest involves students separating their garbage into high quality paper, low quality paper, bottles and cans, and non-recyclables, something that should be done already.

Housekeepers will record the amount that each dorm recycles, and the dorm with the per capita high of recyclables will win this section of the contest.

To win bonus points, dorms may do something creative, some are planning to make sculptures out of trash.

The incentive for all of this effort is that the dorm that accumulates the most points for recycling and conserving will win its own Ben & Jerry's ice cream party.

Russ Lebo, a freshman and environmental coordinator for Branford, is chairing the Ecolympics. "My goal is to help students establish habits," says Lebo, "and to lead an earth-conscious lifestyle on a really basic level."

The environmental coordinators are certainly having fun with the project and want other people to as well.

They hope to teach their peers that these small changes in everyday habits can have a big impact when practiced by everyone.

"I wanted something that people could really get into while raising awareness about environmental issues," said Lucy. "I hope to see the contest grow year after year and become permanent at the college."

Russ Lebo and Mark Lucy are co-chairing the first annual Ecolympics.
Ethics conference brings businesses and government leaders to the college

BY NATALIE HILDT

Connecticut College is the only academic institution which has agreed to support the upcoming International Conference on Ethics and Government in Washington, D.C.

Claire Gaudiani, president of the college, believes that since the college is one of only 12 colleges with a student-run Honor Code, support for discussion of ethics in the global community would be strong.

This vision is what lead to "The Culture of Ethics: Civil Society and the Future of Democracy," a symposium which confronted issues of ethics in government, business, and the college community as a microcosm.

Opening remarks were made by Gaudiani, who referred to attending a private liberal arts college as "the opportunity to live as citizens in a model civil community." Gaudiani commented that Connecticut College is very special because it has held an Honor Code since its inception 80 years ago, and it is one of only eight colleges in the country that still lives with an Honor Code. She emphasized that not just any society is a civil society. "The concept of civil society is profoundly linked to the concept of democracy," Gaudiani stated. "There is an emerging consensus that democracy is the government of choice."

The president talked about the need for democracies to promote economic systems that are good for all people, leading into the talk by William Bailey, Chair of Terra Nova Insurance Co. and former Director of MBIA. His talk, "Ethical Behavior and Business Do Go Together," focused on his experiences in business and what he deems to be ethical behavior.

Bailey congratulated the students in the audience for taking an interest in ethics. "I truly feel it will make you happier and better citizens in a model civil community; that businesses put short-term profit ahead of community needs. We pay too little attention to our obligations to each other."

Bailey then turned to government. "We've gone too far in our legal professions," he said, citing O.J. Simpson's defense as a classic example. People ignore their consciences by "explaining away bad behavior by saying it was not illegal," said Bailey.

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Bailey then took his place among a panel of individuals involved in ethics in government and business. Stuart Gilman, from the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, told the audience that there is a "quiet revolution going on out there," and that there are 45 states with ethics boards, and many more in the private sector. "If government were angels, there'd be no need for government," he said.

"The whole issue of ethical behavior is very timely and current in our society." Bailey quoted a recent poll which reports that most Americans distrust their government employees. "We pay too little attention to our obligations to each other."

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Bailey then took his place among a panel of individuals involved in ethics in government and business. Stuart Gilman, from the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, told the audience that there is a "quiet revolution going on out there," and that there are 45 states with ethics boards, and many more in the private sector. "If government were angels, there'd be no need for government," Gilman said.

"Ethics is not the essence of democracy," Gilman continued, "it's a piece of the puzzle without which it's almost impossible to have a government."

"The job of government is to work for the people," Gilman commented. "They are civil servants; this is the essence of democracy."

Richard Werksman, Ethics Officer for the U.S. Information Agency spoke about the role of government in the private sector. "The work force is expected to live up to standards," Werksman said. "They and the public should know what these standards are, so they have a way to monitor them."

"We're going to have to work hard," Werksman concluded.

"I have my foot in two different camps," said David Nassef, Corporate Ombudsman for Pitney Bowes, Inc. and also one of several ethics commissioners for the state of Connecticut. Nassef spoke of the contrasts between the public and private sectors.

In business, he said, there are obligations to the stockholders, employees, customers and community. "You have to satisfy all four."

"Businesses and government are "only as good as the people within them. When ethics don't work, individuals lose; the organization always survives." "You never get a reward for being ethical," Nassef said.

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Students respond to President Clinton's letter on service

By NATALIE HILDT
Features Editor

Eight students and the president of the college recently responded to a letter from President Bill Clinton which he had sent to thousands of colleges and universities, encouraging them to become active participants in their communities.

Dan Shedd, J Board chair, volunteered to draft the letter at a meeting with Claire Gaudiani, president of the college, and the rest of the Student Government Association Executive Board.

Shedd explained that he wanted to make a connection in the letter between the school's Honor Code and volunteer work in the community.

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ACUI conference brings delegates from many colleges

BY MICHELLE RONAYNE
A&E Editor

110 delegates from twenty different schools including England and Wales came to College last weekend to attend the College Union Conference. The event, which is aimed at delegates from community colleges in the United States, brought together people from many colleges, including the College's own.

According to Shedd, he and Spoonheim went to Florida without the expectation of getting a new Honor Code, or even a principle to follow. They visited the school in order to facilitate the creation of an Honor Code along the lines of Conn's own.

In fact, the school already had a governing code. However, it was written and imposed by the students' parents and the school administration. Known as the Citizens' Agreement, the code involved little more than a set of rules which students were compelled to follow.

As a result, Shedd and Spoonheim started with the basic idea: Should students be expected to follow the Code?

And, according to Shedd, discussion and debate ensued.

"They were angry at the money that ran the school, the students," said Shedd. He told them to imagine that there was no government, and no laws. "I just said to them, 'suppose you have an apple tree, and your neighbors pick over and steal an apple? What happens?'"

Shedd said that this encouraged the students to start thinking about the concept of universal laws and principles. "They began to accept the need for an impartial person, or one who would provide a good opportunity to help connect the students," said Hoffman.

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On Friday there was a pre-conference session on Human Dynamics. "It focused on your personality, and the basis for why you do what you do and on how you deal with things that it is important," said Ryan Poitier, student president of the planning committee and SGA vice president.

There was also a session on group dynamics that focused on the various stages a group must go through. "This was very practical for me and I am going to take back and use with Finance Committee, in SGA," and to help other clubs and organizations," added Poitier.

Sandy Queen, Founder and Director of Lifeworks, Inc., was the keynote speaker. Her organization works to create programs that humbly, laugh and play to examine the issues of stress. "She was absolutely wonderful," said Hoffman. "The theme she chose was to lighten up life;" said Poitier.

The main reason was to continue the conference but because they felt the idea of a new Honor Code was "out of the question." "It is a lot of ideas come from the organization... it may be to be in other places," said Hoffman.

The conference is a tool for meeting people and getting one idea lending to Hoffman. "It's also nice to get compliments saying that people are friendly and that scheduling was wonderful, and that dining services was excellent... it is easy to be dissatisfied with what you have until you hear from others," said authority.

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Traveling is an odd concept. It does not seem natural for humans to be caged in a train, plane, car or whateverfor hourse, only to eventually end up exhausted at their destination and ready to sleep.

Train travel is my least favorite mode of transportation. I would dare say that I loathe travel by train... my poor friend got a real chance to test her friendship with me on an eight hour train ride to a concert in Washington, D.C.

Well, I really got a chance to test the true strength of our friendship as I slowly deteriorated from a fairly likable, agreeable person to a nervously and easily agitated person that my friend called Michelle II. Now, I normally have trouble from two hour train rides to New London to Boston, but this was a real endurance test.

We were able to reassure ourselves for most of the train ride down to D.C. (I do believe, however, that the rest of the trip may have found us a little fliriting. I believe I must add that this was a sleeper train that we grabbed at midnight... to get there bright and early, for what I am about to say...)

It seemed strange to me that we sang all the songs that we could remember from the past. Everything from those noteworthy tunes like “All I Need” and “The Search Is Over” to the more obscure music of the hit “T.V. Show,” “Scarecrow and Mrs. King.”

Around 5 a.m., someone from the train crew informed us that we could no longer sit where we were, and we were relocated to our sleeping compartments. Hey, they may not cost a little extra, but it is worth it if you want to try to sleep in this coffin-like room, lying on your pull-out bed that will jar you awake every time the train starts again.

When we finally got to D.C around 8 a.m., it felt as though I had spent several years of my life on that train. Amazingly enough, we did not know where our hotel is located. We wandered, bagged up in our轮流 around, in our usual bottle of cash, looking for the orange roof that would be an indicator of the Howard Johnson’s at which we were residing.

Mercifully, a good samaritan came along, obviously taken by the fact that we had luggage and were staring at a map, and he told us how to get to our hotel. We could sleep! The only problem with our alarm clock, and we needed to arrange for a wake-up call... but we didn’t hear the phone. Let me digress and tell you about a wake-up call I did receive a few weeks ago.

Trustee weekend, orange cones and many of them missing... don’t ring that bell? At 5:45 a.m. I got a call, and it went like this:

“Hi, this is so-and-so from campus safety. Your car is parked out on Cro Bouwell Rd.” I was thinking, “oh thank god she reminded me, otherwise I would have no idea where it was,” but “said huh?” She repeated herself as if I would know why this was wrong, for I knew the orange cones just as well as the parking student. “People were moving the cones that were saving spaces for the trustees. You will have to move your car by 6 a.m.” she informed me. So I am happy for those of you who now have orange cones to decorate your room, but I wish I had not to get up for decirate your room, but I wish I had not to get up for...

There isn’t really a point to the story. I just kind of wanted to mention the orange cones in a light-ink... when I want to sleep, I am awakened, and when I need to get up... no call.

Though I was banging my head against the wall by the end of the train ride home, I managed to survive thanks to my friend, the Peanut Butter Cups that my friend bought, knowing that I would be reduced to a child-like status by the end of the trip. Traveling is not an easy process... but sometimes there are things like candy that can make it a little easier.

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**Horoscopes by Michelle**

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You finally got a break from all your hard work. Now it is back to business as usual. Don’t let yourself get too stressed out and remember that life will not always be so difficult. If you are looking for love, it might be around the corner.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You enjoyed yourself a great deal on a recent trip. Acquire the trip, though you didn’t have to go far as your friends. Have fun now because in a while the workload will really pick up.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** A recent “incident” did not cause you any harm, though it probably will change. Who knows, maybe even-
The Dead are alive and well and still pleasing the crowds

BY PITE LEVISON
The College Voice

In this age of Grunge and Raves, the Grateful Dead stand out as a band whose popularity is based on talent and originality, rather than juvenile antics. Nobody in the band has to dive from the stage, wear diapers or participate in MTV Sports to gain the attention of their audience. In fact, Jerry Garcia and the rest of the band hardly move during their performances and rarely speak between songs. Fans flock to Grateful Dead concerts simply to hear great music and have done so for almost thirty years. The Dead certainly lived up to their reputation last week in New York City and dispelled the frightening rumor that Garcia was actively using heroin.

Though all six shows at Madison Square Garden were received well by Deadheads, Friday night was especially nice. Starting things off with a lively "Jackstraw," Bob Weir set the quick pace which would continue for the better part of the evening. Jerry kept the crowd engaged during "West L.A. Fadeway" before Weir picked up the Bob Dylan song "Queen Jane." Despite Rose, both crowd pleasers. When bassist Phil Lesh stepped up to the microphone and belted out the first verse of "Bolt of Rain," the audience was excited and hungry for the second set.

To everyone’s delight, the Dead opened this set with a lengthy version of "Scarelet Begonia." As customary, the song shifted into "Fire on the Mountain" and kept the crowd dancing ecstatically. Giving us a chance to rest, Bob sang "Looks Like Rain," a mellow yet highly emotional song. Unfortunately, the show was marred at this point by the inclusion of two new songs, "Samba in the Rain" and "Cerima." By the time "Cerima" gave way to the surreal sounds of "Drums and Space," many people had already fled to the hallways.

The combination of "I Need a Miracle," a moving "Attics of My Life," during which Jerry seemed on the verge of shedding tears, and "Lovelight" was a nice finale. The fans' satisfaction was evident as they cheered the band back on stage for a "Liberty" encore.

Their performances in New York should convince any skeptics that the Dead are alive and well. Despite their age, the Grateful Dead continue to thrill their devoted fans with energetic and charismatic music. I would strongly recommend that anyone who has not seen the Dead in concert do so before it’s too late. After all, they are not immortal. Just don’t tell that to a Dead-head.

Disclosure puts author Crichton on bestseller list yet again

BY JOHN ROBERTS
The College Voice

Once again, the well-known name of author Michael Crichton has been hovered on the New York Times top-ten list for well over a month now. This time, Crichton receives praise for the recent paperback release of his 1993 hard-cover bestseller, the novel Disclosure. Crichton certainly no stranger to top-ten bestseller lists. Almost every one of his previous fourteen novels has at one point found its way onto the charts. Five of these novels have been made into his movies throughout the last twenty-five years, which proves currently in the works.

This recent report of these includes the blockbuster Jurassic Park and Rising Sun, though the well-acclaimed 1970s version of Crichton’s The Great Train Robbery, starring Sean Connery, should not be forgotten.

Crichton began his writing around age 20, as a Harvard medical student living in Boston. His many novels, written under a variety of pen-names, supported his education in medicine. Though graduated as a medical doctor, Crichton chose the alternative path, continuing on as a successful author.

Throughout the past two decades, Crichton’s works have slowly infiltrated the shelves of bookstores worldwide. In recent years, with the publications of both Rising Sun and Jurassic Park, there has been a remarkable boom in Crichton’s popularity.

Now renowned as a versatile and talented author, many of Crichton’s previous works are being re-released. Two of these recently re-released novels, written previously under the name of Jeffrey Hudson, include Five Patients and A Case of Need.

Crichton’s latest project has been the creation of the riveting new television series, ER, which gives an inside look at the operations of a hospital’s emergency room and the daily lives of those involved therein.

So, author Michael Crichton is now to neither success nor popularity. In fact, they seem to be old friends. His recent paperback release of the novel Disclosure proves this yet once again. The plot line of Disclosure develops easily and fluidly. Crichton smoothly drives the reader onward, writing in a style that offers the reader just enough to want more, waiting eagerly to see all the questions answered, and all the mysteries solved.

Even at first, the plot line seems flawlessly developed. In a multinational corporate world, Tom Sanders, a rising star of the computer company Digicomm, finds himself suddenly trapped in an intense and shocking game of cat and mouse. His career and success fluctuate on the edge as he becomes entangled in this game of corporate secrets and individual deceit. And an intricate and well-planned revenge starts to take its toll.

Yet the plot grows in intensity and complexity quickly, as Crichton incorporates into his work a variety of themes, including sexual harassment and abuse, gender discrimination, the functions of both law and society, and of course, the corruption of a corporation and its patriarchal hierarchy. Yet not once does Crichton drop the ball and fumble. Every question is answered, and every mystery is revealed, all in the intriguing and entertaining manner for which Crichton is so well adored.

The characters are also very well developed. None seem of stereotypical nature, for Crichton is known for both the flexibility and diversity of his main characters. Tom Sanders is a sincere and honest man, caught helplessly in someone else’s game. Meredith Johnson, his supervisor, plays the role of the vixen. Philip Blackburn is a one-idealistic, now-corporate lawyer. Bob Garvin is Digicomm’s money-making owner. And finally, we have Louise Fernandez, a realistic lawyer seeking justice despite overwhelming odds.

Together, these main characters combine and interact to create a fantastic plot line full of non-stop adventure and intrigue. Following very much in the fashion of his Jurassic Park, Crichton provides a seductive thriller that will not let you take your eyes off the page. In its cleverness, Disclosure is an elaborate and intricate story, that like any of Crichton’s other masterpieces of fiction, falls perfectly into place only in the end.

(Published in paperback by Ballantine Books, Disclosure is available at many bookstores for $6.99.)
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Sports

Schmoozing with Scott and the Razor:

Changes in NBA allow too many free rides

BY SCOTT USLON

The College Voice

Welcome back from Fall Break, just in time for the Canadian Football League to begin winding down its season. Did you know that those idiots up in Canada have two teams in the league named the Rough Riders? Apparently the creative part of their brains has been damaged due to prolonged exposure to the cold winters.

Can you imagine an NFL game like the Cincinnati Bengals and the New Orleans Bengals? Absolutely ridiculous. The Baltimore franchise doesn’t even have a name. They are fighting in courts of law to be allowed to use the Colts name, but the NFL has the rights to that title. Why don’t they just call themselves the Baltimore Crab Cakes and get on with it?

Did you know that CFL teams only have three downs to go to 10 yards? Do you care?

There are new rule changes in the NBA this year. There will be no hand checking allowed, and the three point line has been shortened. This means that former superstar Michael Jordan could fly down the court untouched, leap from the three point line and stuff it home for a quick three.

This rule will hurt physical teams like the Knicks, who are built around tough defense and constantly annoying ball handlers.

The shortened three point line should do two things. First, it will allow mediocre shooters like Chris Morris and Charles Smith to slam down three-pointers. Second, it will allow guys like Reggie Miller and Chris Mullin to average 60 points a game. We disapprove of both these rule changes. The NBA games are going to turn into Loyola Marymount free for all shootfests.

Schmoozing would like to congratulate the women’s rugby team for their first win this past weekend. Originally thought of as the “best dressed team never to have played a game,” theConn women finally proved that they are a force to be reckoned with, with a score of 35-10. The men’s club won their third straight game this weekend, and it was their third shutdown of the season. Schmoozing wishes both teams the best of luck for the rest of the season.

Hats off to Brad Dolan for throwing a party in celebration of his birthday. And it was semi-formal, so dry cleaning bills are sure to follow.

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**BY DAVID ISAACSON**

*The College Voice*

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The men’s fours competed in a tough field, finishing 26th with a time of 19:52, well off of McGill University’s winning time of 15:42. "We felt good," said sophomore Scott Williams, "but we were rowing against the big schools, and that’s really tough."