Judiciary Board impeachment proceedings kept under wraps

Two members found guilty; four breach confidentiality

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On December 11, 1997, two elected officials of the campus Judiciary Board were found guilty during impeachment proceedings of violating the Honor Code. By December 13, four members of the Board had breached confidentiality concerning these cases.

Letters for an impeachment proceeding were found against Josafan Fasano '98 and Matthew Samet '98 by the provost's offices, in which Fasano was found guilty of violating the Honor Code. Despite the dual decisions of guilt in the impeachment trials, neither Fasano nor Samet was removed from the Board. Samet was suspended for one trial from speaking or voting, but will observe in order to reacquaint himself with the proceedings of Judiciary Board.

According to Fasano, he was found guilty and placed on Judiciary Board probation until the end of February, which permits him to continue his duties provided he is "confident that Fasano's prepared and dramatic response to that same question." Despite Fasano's statements that the Board's sanction places him on probation until February, the letter reveals that Fasano is actually on Judiciary Board probation for the remainder of his tenure on the Board, and if at any time during that tenure his behavior is found unacceptable he will be asked to resign.

Samet stated, "I will deny to my day any collusion between Matt and myself. My opinion is that this was a horrible decision. I was found guilty of the same thing and yet they are letting me remain on the Board. I refuse to step down, because stepping down would signify that I'm guilty. I believe these to be trumped-up charges just thrown at me. I'm doing it [discussing the case] of my own accord, and waiving my right to confidentiality."

Fasano was originally brought to the Board for removing toilet paper rolls from the bathrooms of Morrison dormitory as part of a Camelympics prank. According to Fasano, the Board demanded both him and Samet of conspiring to rig the

Student actions and political climate raise SAlA safety concerns

by Evan Coppola
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On the night of October 5, SAlA student Oliver Wesson '99 left the Cairo Hostel where he was staying and boarded a bus which took him to an unfamiliar part of the city where he became involved in a fight which led to his being seriously injured. Group leader Fred Paxton, professor of history, was unaware of Wesson's whereabouts until Wesson returned from Alexandria, where Wesson had been transported to receive surgery. After learning of the story, Paxton did not contact Connecticut College administrators to inform them of the incident.

The situation developed when Wesson stumbled upon an assault in progress and intervened to help. He was stabbed with "a brass knuckle type weapon" and then pulled a knife to defend himself and the intended victim, causing the attacker to flee. Wesson was made by the Office of the Provost's reconstructed his nose.

When asked to speak on Wesson's incident, Maria Elena Vieira-Branco, director of National and International Programs, stated that she "would have expected to be informed." When asked to comment on this lack of communication, Paxton wrote in an e-mail, "Once it was clear that he was perfectly fine, I forgot about the whole except normal as it highlighted some basic safety issues for the students here.... Had I realized that Olly would become the stuff of CNN legend so quickly, I would have informed Dr. Vieira-Branco and I am sorry that we were caught unawares."

This story comes after a September 17 terrorist attack on a bus carrying tourists leaving the Egyptian Museum, situated in close proximity to the American University in Cairo, where the students took classes. Associated Press and Washington Post articles state that 10 tourists were killed and more injured in the attack. The Washington Post article states that as many as five gunmen were involved in the attack and that the government was calling the event a random act of violence with no political motivation.

President of the College Claire Gaudiani will vote to remain in NCAA post-season play at the December 16 meeting of NESCAC student athletes princi- pal board. The results obtained by six student research groups on the effects of NCAA post-season play were presented at an open forum on Tuesday, December 8. One administration present stated jokingly that he had not been aware that the students had hired a research firm. The forum was in keeping with plans made at an earlier forum held in October to "prepare the president to go to the December 16 meeting with the best solution to the real challenges faced by the intersection of excellent academics, superior ath- letics and the NCAA.

Philosophy behind funding of campus Centers may change

by Dan Tompkins
NEWS EDITOR

A proposal to the Priorities, Planning and Budget Committee (PPBC) was made by the Office of the Provost to include the administrative costs of the college's centers in the annual budget. Approval of the request would shift the centers from a completely off-budget, soft-money funding approach. The $115,000 is the sum of the operating expenses of the Center for International Studies in the Liberal Arts (CISLA), the Center for Arts and Technology, the Center for Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies, the Center for Community Challenges, and this year's fledgling Teaching Resources Center. "The fundamental question is do we know these are appropriate levels of spending," responded PPBC member Mark Putnam, dean of planning and institutional research.

Putnam stated that the first job of the committee and the trustees is to set forth basic parameters of the yearly budget that included tuition increase, salary increase pool for employees, what percentage of the endowment would be made available to the budget and financial aid. When that has been accomplished, the committee can then look at the rest of the budget and determine where adjustments can be made if they decide to fund the request. Don peppard, professor of economics, stated that "it's not clear where it [the money] would come from."

There is "no specific suggestion in the proposal as to where the money would come from," according to Helen regan, associate pro-
Sexual misconduct is key issue in open forum

by Edward Zeltser
THE COLLEGE VOICE

The Committee to Prevent Sexual Misconduct held an open forum on Thursday, November 20 to discuss the current status of the college’s policy toward sexual misconduct, as well as to shed light upon the broad range of actions which may be classified as such.

Rather than being brought about as a reaction to any specific incident, the forum was organized as a result of months of planning in order to illustrate to the college community the major issues which the committee has been addressing over the last couple of years. “It’s an ongoing issue of concern,” said Catherine WoodBrooks, dean of student life and one of the committee’s co-directors. “There are times when a very public incident happens, and then you’ll have marches and protests and open forums as a result of something. This isn’t one of those situations. In fact, things like this have to happen more where it is purely proactive.”

The current Student Handbook outlines a policy toward sexual harassment which includes definitions of both sexual harassment and sexual discrimination. The policy states a narrow definition of each concept followed by lists of actions which constitute such behavior.

One of the main topics discussed in the forum was the revision of this policy. The amended version, which must go through a series of approvals by senior administrators, faculty, and SGA before it can be put into use, will lay down a definition of sexual misconduct which encompasses both harassment and discrimination. According to WoodBrooks, the new policy does not include any drastic changes. Rather, it will make the old policy less cumbersome and easier for everyone to understand. The new policy will also add support networks and lists of resources.

In addition to revamping policy, the committee intended to point out and discuss the ways in which an act of sexual misconduct typically occurs at Conn. The forum, which was held in the 1941 Room, ironically the same room that has recently played host to notoriously controversial posters, featured posters on the walls with various students’ perceptions of “hooking up.” Included among these were “Hooking up and doing things that make you feel good with someone you don’t know and will never talk to again,” and “Hooking up is the typical Conn/Colli relationship.”

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HIV counseling available on campus

by Katie Stephenson
THE COLLEGE VOICE

This semester and in recent years, college students have been forced to take a close look at many serious issues and individually question how these issues will affect them personally. One of the most serious of these issues is contraction of the HIV virus and protection against it. Here at Conn we not only have access to the latest information and contraceptives, but also to counseling before, during, and after HIV testing.

This is the beginning of third year that the College Health Center HIV program has been in existence. The goal of the Health Center is to “increase student knowledge and awareness of all sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV, and to prevent the spread of disease,” according to Ann Dunnington, HIV counselor. The program consists of three steps: pre-counseling, testing, and post-counseling. Pre-counseling consists of a one-on-one confidential discussion about at-risk behaviors, a question and answer dialogue session, and a discussion about the possible results of the test. The testing step is simply taking the blood sample for the test and making an appointment for the results.

The post-counseling session, which occurs about one week after testing, includes receiving the test results and, then, based on the results, discussion on preventative behavior. Counseling sessions are free, but a $20.00 lab fee is required for the blood sampling.

The program was started when physicians in the New London community noticed that there was a need for testing in the college community. The problem was a problem because of the locations of the testing sites. The program at Conn was set up on a trial basis to see whether students drew comfort from the accessibility and whether or not there was actually a need for the program to exist. The program became permanently implemented in January 1995. Dunnington, head of the program, must be recertified by the state of Connecticut every year in order to continue the counseling.

This year, a Masters Degree student of psychology here at Conn is testing students for HIV. See page 3.
Carlos the Jackal goes on trial in Paris

PARIS - Carlos the Jackal, swaggering star of international guerrilla wars, introduced himself as a "professional revolutionary" Friday after his arrest and his request must be heard by a French judge for leniency. She cried openly through her statement and apologized for the pain she had caused them.

The Baltimore hearing has focused on the trial of Jackal, a 35-year-old former professional boxer, for his participation in guerrilla acts of the 1970s and 1980s.

The FAA has written to the American Petroleum Institute asking them to reduce the production of JP-5 at U.S. refineries, and to consider new ways of preventing accidents similar to the July 17, 1996, explosion of a plane at New York's JFK airport.

All residential houses close on Sunday, January 12th. All students, with the exception of those living in campus apartments, must be out of their rooms by 9 a.m. on Sunday, January 18th at 9 a.m.

Winter Break Housing

Winter break housing will begin Saturday, January 18th. All houses, with the exceptions of Lurie House and other non-traditional housing units, will be closed prior to that date.

The Registrar

Fall 1997 semester grades will be mailed to your permanent home address in January, prior to your return to campus on January 19, 1997. Please note that if you want to receive your grade report here on campus instead of at your home address, you will need to make arrangements with the Registrar's Office prior to leaving for break. Duplicate copies of the grade report will not be issued.

The Office of Student Life

All residential halls close on Sunday, December 21st at 7 p.m. All houses will re-open on Sunday, January 18th at 9 a.m.

Winter Break Housing

Winter break housing will begin Saturday, January 18th. All houses, with the exceptions of Lurie House and non-traditional housing units, will be closed prior to that date.

Please be aware that the only students eligible for winter break housing are practicing athletes, approved student teachers, students with approved academic internships, international students, student with special permission to work in campus offices and Den's Term participants. Specific return arrangements apply to these groups.

With the exceptions of Den's Term participants and student teachers, ALL students wishing to reside on campus during winter break housing MUST complete a winter break housing form and return it to the Office of Student Life by December 12th at 3:55 p.m. Firms will be available in the Office of Student Life and from the Athletic Department Coaches.

Prior to Sunday, January 11, students must check in at either Hamilton, Lambdin, or Morison; and should plan to leave campus by 9 a.m. on the current resident who will reside in those houses for spring 1998.

All students residing on campus, with the exception of student teachers, student teachers, and Den's Term participants, will be charged $150/day, December 21st at 3 p.m., but no outgoing flights were expected before 3 p.m.

Florida hostage standoff over, children freed

ORLANDO: Friday sentenced Autumn Jackson, the mother accused of kidnaping two young children.

The Cherry Coke Web Site is inviting people to join in their competition by composing music, designing the world of the future, writing a movie treatment, and designing web screens. Monthly competitions will reward contestants with Coke hats for semifinals and a Sony Digital Camcorder for each month's final. At the end of four months, a grand prize winner will be selected by the "Internet community" and will receive their own home page at the Cherry Coke site. Check it out at www.cherrycoke.com

HIV, ctd.

For more on this project on HIV testing and counseling. The goal of her study is to promote the importance of HIV testing and counseling in those populations. The project, which began this summer, is totally confidential and voluntary. It is a program designed to get people at the pre-counseling session which includes factual, psychological, and personal feeling responses.

The University community and others interested in HIV testing and counseling for HIV. 164 were actually tested for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases is abstinence from all sexual relations which involve exchange of bodily fluids including blood, semen, and vaginal secretions. However, abstinence is not a choice for some but not for all said Dunnington. Health Services provides the most up to date testing and counseling and counseling is available to any member of the college community.

Dunnington also stressed the importance of counseling and testing to a student who was frightened by previous possible at risk behaviors. She also emphasized the importance of the time period in which the testing is done. "Testing done immediately after risk behavior may be inaccurate because of the "window period" that exists between infection and the antibodies becoming active in the body. HIV antibodies can be detected any time after six weeks to six months after infection. Recent studies show that aggressive treatments can be very effective in early stages of the disease and very active.

The ultimate and most idealistic prevention from HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases is abstinence from all sexual relations which involve exchange of bodily fluids including blood, semen, and vaginal secretions.
La Unidad conference brings message of solidarity

La Unidad had its fifth annual conference Saturday, November 22. This year's theme was "Voices" with Gaudiani. He feels certain that Gaudiani will vote for Conn's continued participation in post-season play on December 16.

La Unidad members to GA bring message of solidarity

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trial. Impeachment letters were sent to both Fasano and Samet, though Fasano's letter was ctd. "Our letters were very different both in length and in tone." In addition to the charge of collusion, Fasano's letter was charged with showing "an unacceptable attitude toward his duties," according to the letter.

In addition, Shrallow brought up the point that he was interested in seeing [phone system's] $3 million charge and its own extra fee to their regular fees. This is why phone bills are returned to the campus mail, not US Mail.

According to Megan Middleton, the college's telecommunications supervisor, extra rates are, in fact, added to the phone company's rates, not for a reason. "We have a very expensive [phone system] which costs over $3 million to install," says Middleton. "Students get very few instructions on how to use telephone, there is no fee. In addition, the proposal did not pass through in its original form. Members of SGA felt that more information, such as the statistics on the exact breakdown of telephone service costs, was necessary in order to formalize a final proposal. Shrallow and Cathy Bush '99, co-chairs of the proposal, are now in the process of revising the initial draft for future consideration by SGA.

The proposal was first brought to SGA because some students were concerned that their phone bills seemed high due to the personal involvement of all the members of the J-Board. According to the letter, the college's telecommunications supervisor, extra rates are, in fact, added to the phone company's rates, not for a reason. "We have a very expensive [phone system] which costs over $3 million to install," says Middleton. "Students get very few instructions on how to use telephone, there is no fee.

Santiago pointed out that although the state of Connecticut Latinos make up one of the biggest segments of the population, less than 50 percent of them are being contacted. He feels that the information spread by the Connecticut College is not as effective as he would like.

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SGA investigates phone charges

by Josh Fasano

NESCAC has been considering whether to continue its pilot program in NCAA post-season play amid some concern about the possible adverse effects it might have on academics as well as recruiting and admissions practices. The research presented at this week's forum revealed information through student and alumni surveys as well as statistics from the admissions and registrar's office which determined the possible existence of these negative effects.

The results of the research were delayed in a manner which was intended to prevent both the pro and the con of the issue from being discussed. The message was clear and decidedly one-sided: a withdrawal of NESCAC post-season play would help Connecticut College far more than it would help.

The hour-long presentation of facts and opinions was elaborate and well-received. The research determined, among its most poignant "positives," that student athletes maintained a GPA similar to non-athletes, and that they were admitted under the same academic standards as non-athletes. In addition, testimonials and responses to sur-vey inquiries revealed that athletes felt that their involvement in sports was more of a benefit to their academics than a detriment and that many would still continue to transfer should NESCAC decide to withdraw from post-season play.

In conclusion, the presentations standpoint of a letter from Lee Coffin, dean of admissions, was read in which Coffin further expanded the benefits of NESCAC's pilot program. Connecticut College enjoys a significant positive exposure from our membership in the NESCAC with its prestigeous group of liberal arts colleges. The letter went on to state Coffin's cion that "If asked to vote on the matter, I would cast a ballot for continued play in national championship tournaments. Speaking only as dean of admissions, the benefits clearly outweigh any negative elements I can imagine."

The audience, which seemed to be comprised mainly of athletes and supporters of post-season play, appeared anxious to hear Gaudiani's response to the information presented to her. Students questioned President Gaudiani about her specific and concrete plans for programs and whether or not President Gaudiani was aware of other presidents' positions on the NCCA issue.

Gaudiani's speech reflected her concern that the NESCAC-schooés have been operating on principles under which it was decided its participation in NCAA playoffs would be governed. "When we made the decision to let post-season play happen, we did it believing we could do it and stay clean. We've been very lucky in what's been happening the last couple of years, and it's been getting much riskier and riskier.

Responding an inquiry regarding her vote at the NESCAC meeting, Gaudiani said that she would support staying in the playoffs, but wants to make sure that there is a "middle ground" between a continuation of NCAA post-season play and a commitment to set a limit of the lengths to which a school's athletic program can go to strengthen its sports teams.

According to Jay Golub, SGA president, the forum allowed students to "effectively share their voices" with Gaudiani. He feels certain that Gaudiani will vote for Colle's continued participation in post-season play on December 16.
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ARTS & EVENTS

Dance Department excels with modernity and culture

by Greg Levin
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The Oracle of Adelphi, Filipino folk dance. Diana Ross and The Jackson Five. A budget drum set consisting of little more than a sheet of metal. Of course, the Conn College dance department could such elements be combined into a dance show performed within Connecticut College's Palmer Auditorium in the 1997 Dance Department Concert?

There were seven pieces performed, each distinct from the other, and each with a different theme and setting. The lighting, expertly designed by Stan Pressner, had an profound effect on each piece.

The first piece was entitled Late, a modern-style piece both choreographed and performed by J.M. Rebudal. Using rapid and repetitious gestures, Rebudal expressed a mood of aggressive yet controlled emotion. There was definitely a sense of malaise being displayed. The music was an awkward combination of John Philip Sousa’s Stars and Stripes, Kodo’s The Hunted, and a Zsig Mr. Angry, all mixed and engineered by Gerald Ziegler. The rhythms were excelled and blended well with Rebudal’s precise movement, and the only unsettling aspect of the performance was the singer who remained silent, that blotted the audience. The week was cut from a show a few weeks after the show was performed.

The only other solo performance of the night followed Rebudal’s, entitled Fighting Forces, choreographed and performed by Jaime Santoro.99, hip hop. The pace is faster, the beats are quicker, the feel is different. The piece was a true masterpiece. The piece, as the program states, was “inspired by the Oracle of Adelphi, in Greece, a cave where the desires were consulted. Oracle deals with the quest to understand the paradox of life, our fear and attraction to sexuality, and our communion with the universe.”

This style of dancing, called “tinkling,” is done by a group of dancers who use acrobatic dance steps to create a musical sound similar to the mythical Filipino folk dance called Lattice. M. Rebudal, the professor and choreographer of the piece, was excited to share his love of traditional dance styles to create a musical fusion of rock and jazz that defines Percy Hill. Older standards appearing on albums, such as “Broken Window” and “Scorcer” in their last three performances, are over-enthusiastic and blend with the more modern, rhythmic music that has become more popular.

Robin Williams bounces back with Flubber

by Mitchell Polatin
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Connecticut College, one of the only schools in the United States offering courses in the field of computer animation, had a notable occasion when Percy Hill, a young band from New Hampshire, played a show upstairs at 4 p.m. on November 21. This may be a surprise for some people, for there was little to no hype prior to the concert, with the exception of a small sign hanging in the college’s student center.

Flubber is not until the marathon weekend, Flubber, which premiered in September of this year, is a classic story of a man who invents a new kind of motor that can be used for everything from the most mundane to the most spectacular. The movie, so sunshine wins over her in the end, is a true masterpiece. The piece, as the program states, was “inspired by the Oracle of Adelphi, in Greece, a cave where the desires were consulted. Oracle deals with the quest to understand the paradox of life, our fear and attraction to sexuality, and our communion with the universe.”

The piece next piece opened with seven dancers individually emerging to perform to the tunes of the Ace Low Five. Following this choreography, Doug Vanore performed in yet another unique performance of the evening. Varone created a piece called Strick Lane, combining three hit songs from the seventies. However, rather than using disco dancing, Varone moved the movement into modern dance. Jagged movements created a sense of uneasiness to the typical dance style of seventies moments.

Fighting Forces, choreographed the next piece, entitled Troubadour. This piece was a dramatic change in the mood of the dance. The only other solo performance of the night followed Rebudal’s, entitled Fighting Forces, choreographed and performed by Jaime Santoro.99, hip hop. The piece was a story of a man who invents a new kind of motor that can be used for everything from the most mundane to the most spectacular. The movie, so sunshine wins over her in the end, is a true masterpiece. The piece, as the program states, was “inspired by the Oracle of Adelphi, in Greece, a cave where the desires were consulted. Oracle deals with the quest to understand the paradox of life, our fear and attraction to sexuality, and our communion with the universe.”

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by Luke Johnson
- THE COLLEGE VOICE

In Flubber, this year’s entering retread of Disney’s The Abundant Minstrel, Professor Robin Williams went exactly what was needed—a film that was actually funny to begin with (unlike Jack and perfect for his brand of music. Williams’s shooting, his wacky, zany exploits...)—and managed to steal much of Williams’s thunder.

This new version of the plot, while full of small updates, largely remains true to the original. Williams, as Professor Phineas Brindmaid, teaches at a small, private college and is forced to get student aid. He is surprised to discover that the student aid...
The Elements of Teaching: New Book Helps Teachers On Their Journey

by Christopher Moje

THE COLLEGE VOICE

"What are the characteristics of a great teacher?" These words begin the description of James M. Bunter, by Matthew Fox, in the new book The Elements of Teaching. It is precisely this question and more that the book attempts to answer. Bunter breaks each chapter down into one particular quality of mind or spirit, the authors set out to explain how such things as learning, order, ethics, and compassion are essential to helping "others acquire knowledge through which they can understand and live a good life."

As the authors explain, teaching is an art and these are the tools by which the teacher can perfect his art. They come from within and must be handled in an umbrella to completely fulfill the calling to educate others and help them to grow. Through the precise and logical explanations of each quality, the reader is introduced to the powers within themselves that have perhaps been forgotten or replaced by an endless number of explanation states, this book is geared for veteran and beginning teachers alike. The book is a gem that is geared for anyone who ever will or ever will teach anything in life. Education can take place on many levels and in any situation, and the book attempts to prepare its readers to maximize any learning environment, although the main focus, naturally, is a classroom.

The introductory chapter begins with a description of a particular quality. It then moves into an italicized list of ways in which the reader can let it shine. It is by no means a how-to book. The reader isn't given a step by step list of what they should do, nor does the book pretend to be a survival guide. Instead, it tries to show the reader that regardless of how hopeless a situation may seem or how much they may doubt his decision to teach, the solutions to the problems are never more than a heartbeat away. They come from within the reader's soul. It's just a matter of understanding each quality and knowing its clever nuances. Finally, each chapter ends with a fictitious story, based upon the authors' personal experiences, which demonstrates each quality in practice, both positively and negatively.

The writing packs quite a punch in a light, easy to read style. This book doesn't ramble on and on, dragging out an idea and risking losing its audience's attention. It is indeed a rather slim 142 pages. Each chapter gets right down to the point and gives the reader only what he needs to know. Perhaps the most effective tool the authors use is repetitiveness and repetition. The qualities are indeed interwoven and although it is impossible for one individual to perfectly exemplify each quality, by all means they should exemplify several of them. The book clearly shows that one would be hard pressed, for example, to just exemplify compassion without exemplifying character. With any book of this nature, the text lends itself to debate and criticism. People are different and thus possess different ideas and viewpoints. The authors make quite a noble attempt to win over, if not every, reader over to their side. In reading the book, there are several moments where it seems rather easy to call the authors on their ideas and prove them wrong. Upon further reading, the reader's arguments become weaker and weaker and the authors soundly and concretely demonstrate why their ideas should be heard. A reader would be hard pressed to come away from this book without at least one new idea that will stick with them.
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One-page newsprint from a campus newspaper. The content includes letters to the editor, an opinion piece about confidentiality, and a sports section featuring a headline about mid-season replacements. The piece mentions the difficulty of managing high expectations in athletics, the importance of shared governance, and the need for openness and transparency in certain aspects of university life. The editors note the challenges of maintaining a free press while protecting individual rights, and the role of the judiciary in upholding community standards. The sports section highlights recent athletic achievements and upcoming events, while the letters to the editor discuss various topics including academic responsibilities, campus safety, and personal experiences. The overall tone is informative and reflective of the diverse perspectives found on a college campus.
They're all missing the point
By Abe George
NEWS-COLUMNIST

On Tuesday, December 2, Attorney General Janet Reno decided against employing a special investigator to look into President Clinton's and Vice-President Gore's alleged campaign finance infractions. Reno said that after an exhaustive investigation, which included tracking down and following every lead, she found no reason to believe that the two men had committed any wrongdoing. The President responded with a terse statement, "the Attorney General made her decision based on a careful review of the law and the facts, and that's as it should be." Gore was a bit more enthusiastic: "Obviously I am very pleased by the decision today. Now that there has been a full and independent review, this issue can be put behind us."

However, and unsurprisingly, the Republicans have expressed outrage. Senator Judd Gregg, Republican of New Hampshire, said, "the conflict of interest is so thorough-ous." Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah complained, "There's no question about it, she has changed her standards and changed them for the worse motives; to protect the President."

These lawmakers continue to miss the point. Attorney General Reno should have appointed an independent counsel, because of her too obvious conflicts of interest. Reno has been the most prodigious user of the independent counsel law, because of her too obvious conflicts of interest. She has set a new standard for herself, that makes this latest decision unexplainable and contradictory. It find it impossible to believe that a counsel has worked conducted the highest spirits of the unbiased principals that form the foundation of the American justice system. Reno owed it to public curiosity to appoint an independent investigator.

Despite Reno's misstep the biggest hypocrites continue to be the leaders of the two parties. Clinton has claimed that he never supported any legislation to correct the illegal contributions that mar elections, specifically federal ones. Clinton's policies are notoriously as thin as a sheet of cheap toilet paper. He is overly concerned with earning his place in the history books as one of the most popular presidents; thus his convictions are transitory. Clinton had the chance to be the first president truly aware of the problems facing regular people, misrepresented people, poor people, and hungry people. Instead, like so many before him, he has ignored his roots and squandered a magnificent chance.

Republicans, however, are even bigger hypocrites than the President. While the party screams and clamors for an independent counsel to look into the President's alleged illegal doings, the party continues to collect millions upon millions of dollars from big corporations and wealthy citizens. Undoubtedly, much of that money has been illegally contributed. That's why Republicans aren't in favor of overhanging campaign finance laws. They simply want to see the President fry on the public spit. Republicans have a majority in the house that they didn't have for 40 years prior to 1994. Campaign finance scandals get Republicans elected and re-elected, it's a fact. Why would Republicans want to damage the system that brought them the spoils of government?

The public needs to be able to get involved in politics. The government cannot be controlled by the corporations in this country. The current system of financing a campaign is dated, it needs to be changed, soon. A middle class citizen, not to mention a poor one, has no chance of being elected to office, if he/she plans to be honest and defensible to regards to his/her principles. Personally, I'm sick and tired of watching the best interests of the people at large being sacrificed to the wealthy. I hope Clinton and Hatch, and all the other hypocrites in D.C., read this article and develop a sense of ethics, but I don't expect either party to pay attention to the public, that would probably be too democratic.

In a move that will reduce solid waste, cut costs, and generally lessen Connecticut College's burden on the environment, Dining Services has decided to eliminate the everyday availability of paper cups at the dining halls on campus. This decision was made by Mary Zawieski, Director of Dining Services, upon the recommendation of the Environmental Model Committee (EMC). Zawieski's staff determined that somewhere on the order of 70,000 paper cups were being consumed each year in dining halls alone. Disposable cups were included as a take-out privilege, yet a large percentage of the cups have been used outside the dining halls where glasses are provided.

Paper cups consume trees, energy, water, and chemicals which end up in streams and landfills. They are not recyclable, and they are often ten-wax-coated which further reduces their biodegradability. The EMC, a group of staff, faculty and students whose mission is to direct the college's policy toward greater sustainability, was against the use of paper cups as wasteful and unnecessary. If students wish to take out a beverage, they are allowed to do so in their own thermal mug.

Research into the policies of a number of our peer institutions found that the majority have never had paper cups available for daily use, and use them only in situations like a dishwasher breaking down. In addition, many schools don't allow any food or beverages to be removed from dining halls.

While this policy change may inconvenience some students, the EMC hopes that people will be able to adjust to the change by remembering to bring their own mug if they would like to take out a beverage. Members of the campus community are also encouraged to bring their own mug when they eat at the snack shop.

Eliminating paper cups is one minor lifestyle change that will have far-reaching and cumulative affects. Each year, Connecticut College generates approximately 650 tons of solid waste. Replacing disposable products with reusable ones wherever possible will help us create a more sustainable world.

The EMC and Dining Services thank you for your understanding on this issue, and welcome your input on how we can all make Connecticut College more of an environmental model.

Natalie Hilt '97
Environmental Intern and Chair of the EMC

Dining halls eliminate paper cups

athletics, etc.

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W ridgefield's support and that makes student sup- port all the more important. Last weekend my team lost 9-0 in its varsity debut, but a small but vocal group of fans stuck with us through the end of the third period. Some even congratulated us on our play- ing later that night. They have dedication. I sat in the stands my freshman year and watched men's hockey suffer the same bitter losses, but as a senior I am able to watch them send nationally ranked teams home with their tails between their legs. They have devotion. So give us credit for our victories and sup-port us in a loss. I'm not asking for a signe-coating on the facts, but try and show that you are on our side. Hard work and dedication give us plenty to cheer about and in the end it makes the victory all the much sweeter.

Joanna Montague '98

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In the Stars...

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The accent this week is on important business progress. Focus some attention on creative and cultural interests. A friend's advice this weekend is off the mark.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Prospects on the financial scene are looking up this week. Business meetings bring happy results. This weekend, be on your guard against a duplicitous acquaintance.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Common sense comes in handy, especially in connection with home and family. News on the business front is mixed toward the latter part of the week. However, you manage to get much accomplished.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You're at your self-confident best. Don't allow that to let you slide into cocky or brash behavior, however. Something being proposed this weekend reeks of dishonesty.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Investments and financial security are much on your mind, and partners approach you with good ideas. Be careful of some misinformation which comes your way at week's end. It could mislead you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Pay attention to details, and get projects out of the way this week. Something a friend is telling you makes sense. Later in the week, you're a bit restless and need to unwind.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You are at your productive and efficient best this week. However, be careful with money later on. The weekend looks good for activities of a partnership nature.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Socializing is in your stars — which suits your gregarious nature just fine this week. However, don't neglect the needs of a loved one over the weekend.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The focus this week is on job interests. You achieve much which suits your gregarious nature. You need adjusting this week — leadsto new insights.

**Sagitarius** (November 22 to December 21) The accent this week is on important business progress. Focus some attention on creative and cultural interests. A friend's advice this weekend is off the mark.

**Capricorn** (December 22 to January 19) Dating and leisure events are highlighted. However, don't let that interfere with what must be done at work this week. Private time this weekend leads to new insights.

**Aquarius** (January 20 to February 18) The focus of your attention should turn toward unattended-to domestic concerns. Although friendship and social life are accepted, don't let that distract you. Plans need adjusting this weekend.

**Pisces** (February 19 to March 20) Financial interests are given much your way, as do dealings with bigwigs. The latter part of the week is good for family business. Travel is likely in the next few weeks.

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**CAMEL PAGE**
September 16, 1997
Josh Fasano and Amy Palmer not present
TRIAL: Student A accused of cheating on a final exam in the spring semester of 1997
Student A claimed he could not have cheated off the other student, a friend of his, because they took the exam on different days.
Board presented evidence that they took the exam at the same time. Student A then claimed he thought the other student was taking a different exam.
Both exams were extremely similar.
*Keara Depenbrock moved to find Student A guilty of violation of honor code.

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motion seconded by Kearable
motion passed 3 - 1: Jamie Chisholm opposed

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September 21, 1997
TRIAL: Student A accused of attempting to jump over the trunk of a car causing damage to the car. Student A said he was intoxicated at the time, but that he did not jump on the fender at any point.
*Keara Depenbrock moved to find Student A guilty of violation of the Honor Code.
motion seconded by Amy Palmer
motion passed 6 - 0

SANCTIONS:
*Josh Fasano moved to find Student A guilty of violation of the Honor Code.
*Dan Tompkins motion passed 6 - 0

SANCTIONS:
Board believed Student A's actions were not malicious.

September 21, 1997
TRIAL: Student A accused of violation of the honor code. Student A claimed he could not make that name up. He said he was somebody else. He said he was intoxicated at the time. He was also accused of5 endangerment to others, and possession of attempting to jump over the trunk of a car. Student B was found using texts for quotes.

TRIAL: Student A accused of violation of the honor code.

The Board discussed possible motions seconded by Keara Depenbrock
motion passed 5 - 0

SANCTIONS:
*Josh Fasano moved to find Student A guilty of violation of the Honor Code.
*Dan Tompkins motion passed 5 - 0

Student B: he was just there, not really involved.

*Dan Tompkins moved to find Student A guilty of violation of the Honor Code.
motion seconded by Jamie Chisholm
motion passed 5 - 0

TRIAL: Student A accused of violation of the Honor Code.
motion passed 5 - 0

Student C: failure to comply with campus safety and noise complaint.

*Dan Tompkins moved to find Student C guilty of violation of the Honor Code.
motion seconded by Josh Fasano
motion passed 5 - 0

SANCTIONS:
*Dan Tompkins moved to find Student C guilty of violation of the Honor Code.
motion seconded by Jamie Chisholm
motion passed 5 - 0

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*Dan Tompkins moved to find Student C guilty of violation of the Honor Code.
motion seconded by Jamie Chisholm
motion passed 5 - 0

The Board discussed possible meetings with deans, and the idea of social or residential prohibition.

*Amy Palmer moved to recommend 1 semester social probation and a meeting with the student's dean and deans of the college.
motion seconded by Dan Tompkins
motion passed 4 - 1 (Jamie Chisholm opposed - too early)

Student C: *Josh Fasano moved to recommend 2 shifts in dining services to be completed by Nov. 1

*Dan Tompkins motion passed 4 - 1 (Jamie Chisholm opposed - too early)

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for instance, as one participant in the forum questioned, where is the distinction between sexual misconduct and sexual assault? And who is the victim? Can the committee venture to draw that line? Ultimately, members of the committee stated, one must use his or her own judgment in distinguishing between appropriate and inappropriate sexual conduct.
Camel Round-up

WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY TEAM FALLS TO BATES

The men’s ice hockey team dropped a hard-fought 3-2 decision to Bates College on December 6. With Bates ahead 2-1 in the second period, forward Kasy Nelson ’00 scored the first goal in the history of men’s varsity hockey at Connecticut College at the 12-minute mark to cut the deficit to one goal.

After Bates built the lead back to two goals, defenses-co-captain Lydia Tower ’08 scored on a point shot midway through the third period to once again pull the Camels within a goal. With time winding down, Connecticut College finished with a flurry of shots on the Bates goaltender but couldn’t tie the game.

MEN’S SQUASH TEAM COMPETES AGAINST COLBY, WESLEYAN AND VASSAR

The men’s squash team hosted NESCA intercollegiate matches with Wesleyan and Vassar on December 5. The men’s team lost both matches by a score of 9-0. Against Wesleyan, co-captain Toby Eison ’98 and Ted Robertson ’00 each lost thrilling five game matches. On the next day, Colby traveled to Williams and suffered a 9-0 defeat. The Camels are 1-0 on the year.

WOMEN’S SQUASH TEAM HEADS INTO WINTER BREAK AT 2-4

It was a busy week for head coach Sheryl Yeary’s squad as the team opened the 1997-98 campaign with six matches in five days in the season opener at Coast Guard on December 6.

On Saturday, in a simple dual meet against Williams, the women’s team finished third by a close score of 4-3. The following day, an unsuspecting WPf 1 defeated the women 7-2.

The Camels kept their momentum, defeating host Holy Cross 3-2 behind goals by Cristina, SIDE, and Laura. That was probably the biggest win because we don’t win up there too often. That game during the week, every year come back to this game, and we’re on the road,” we just can’t do that. We have to stick with our system,” said Cassell.

On the following night, former Polar Bear Proulx chalked up 36 wins to lead the Camels (4-2-1) to a 4-2 win over host Bowdoin (1-5-1). The Camels, who got a goal and two assists from forwards Cristina and SIDE, picked up their first-ever win over Bowdoin, which now leads the all-time series 9-1.

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**Men's hockey winning Devilishly**

by Garrett Scheck
SPORTS EDITOR

Attention all hockey fans: the neutral-zone trap has reached Connecticut College. The same opportunistic defensive system created by the Montreal Canadiens and perfected by teams such as the New Jersey Devils and Florida Panthers has helped the Camels run their record to 5-2, just three wins away from eclipsing last year's win total of 4.

"We're playing the neutral-zone trap this year. We just felt at the beginning of the year that we had some talented offensive players, but certainly not the elite in the league that other schools boast. Fifty-point scorers, we don't have a lot of those. We thought we could frustrate and trap them, and let our skill players score off the trap," said assistant coach Bernie Cassell.

Cassell credited a trucor scores such as Parker Siiders '00 (6G, 6A, 9PTS.), Mike DePatie '01 (8G, 8A), and Danrell Carroll '91 (4-4-8), and Jean Laube '99 (5-2-7), but he was quick to acknowledge the work of the team's stable of defensive forwards. "We have a lot of guys that muck and grind and never get any recognition. Guys like Kyle Reis, a guy who got cut by Middlebury his freshman year, and from that point until now he beat them, Paul Trachteberg, a guy who really mucks it up, and Chris Voets, who really gets in the corners," said Cassell.

Much of the credit has to go to transfer goalkeepers Matt Proulx '99 (Bowdoin) and Justin Brackett '00 (Northeastern), "Brackett and Proulx have been alternates. They are two fabulous goalies. They both play well under pressure, they handle the game from totally different points of view. Matt is more of an in-your-face, boisterous kind of guy, whereas you never hear two words out of Brackett. They're both very talented, very quick, and take a lot of a net," said Cassell, who could've just as easily been talking about the Devils' tandem of Martin Brodeur and Mike Dunham.

On the first leg of a Maine road trip, the Camels lost 4-0 to Colby in a penalty-filled game. The White Mules capitalized on the Camels' lack of discipline, going 3 for 12 on the power play, while not allowing Conn any time with the man advantage.

David Waton and Jamie Keough '00 picked up misconduct penalties, and Brackett was given a 10-minute power play goal to brothers Marc and Russ McEwan. "We trapped Colby very well in the first period, and we were just...

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**Women's basketball fights back to beat Gordon**

by J.R. Page
THE COLLEGE VOICE

On December 6, the women's basketball team squared off against the Gordon College Fighting Scots. Katherine Moody '98 won the jump, and from that point until the end of the half, Conn was in control of the game, which it eventually won 58-55.

The game began slowly, marked partially by errant shots but more particularly by the tenacious defense of both teams. The Camels' defense became tighter as the first 20 minutes rolled by, but the more defensive set that Gordon tried to throw at Conn, the easier it seemed to get for Camel players to break through. For the duration of the game, Conn was not much of a threat from the outside, scoring only on 3 of 18 3-point attempts.

The Gordon defenders would still rush towards Conn shooters on the perimeter, opening up excellent opportunities for backdoor passes, open lane drives, and a clear baseline that offered too many uncontested rebounds, including a game-high 15 from Eileen Sullivan, and Moody with 11.

Interestingly enough, Gordon shot better than the Camels from the field during both halves, but Conn proved a game cannot be won by offense alone. The Fighting Scots didn't seem to have much fight in them, as was apparent from their defensive efforts. Gordon turned the ball over 25 times to Conn's 18, was outrebounded 52-46 (no big blowout on the boards), but most offensive woes was Gordon's 14 steals (with a season-high 8 from Hope Maynard) to Gordon's 5.

After the first half, Gordon just could not muster any offensive threat. Many shots went in on what seemed to be desperation, or the anticipation of a foul that was never called. They seemed to be as out of sync offensively as they were defensively, which led to a 29-28 lead for Conn at halftime. The Camels seemed unbeatable.

The second half was very dis- türbing. The Camels who were on their way to pounding Gordon into the floor through the first half disappeared. Fans watched in de- celeration as the Camels' lead began to vanish. The energy level dropped, and the intensity of the game turned over to Gordon. The team that had barely been able to buy a basket suddenly found little trouble working their way through Conn's defense. The first half rules had been reversed. Conn's first half shooting from the field dropped from 27 percent to 23 percent, none of their three-point attempts went in, and the similar 86 percent average at the freethrow line slipped to 56 percent. At the same time, the lackluster stats from Gordon kept getting better. Field goal percentage went up from about 30 percent to 37 percent and the 54 percent free throw percentage went up to 65 percent. Fortunately, Gordon posed no three-point threat in the second half either, missing all 6 attempts. The Camels now appeared to be on the run, and were soon in a position not to be able to comeback, but desperately clinging to a small one.

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