Olin holds first classes, students, faculty review

BY NATALIE HILY
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With a dusting of snow blanket- ing the campus, a sizable group of faculty, students, staff, and administra- tion braved the frosty morning air on Monday to christen the F. W. Olin Science Center, a seven mil- lion dollar facility that has been as many years in the making.

"So many of us have worked to- gether to make this day possible," Claire Gaudiani, president of the college, said in an address to the group. "Today is the family open- ing: all of us gather together to put it to work for the family."

After the fanfare and ribbon-cut- ting ceremony, the doors opened to the first day of classes in the state- of-the-art building. Some students, however, were surprised to find that their classes had been temporarily relocated to other buildings as work- ers hurried to install seats in the lecture halls.

"The building is 98 percent com- plete," estimated Steve George, controller, Beverly McMillen, who had never calculated studentactivi- ties before, said she withdrew the15 percent of the total allocation in- vestment because those are the suggestions we have been getting from students, SGA, and the phone line," said Poirier.

In addition, McMillen's estima- tion for the funds that students con- tribute for health insurance turned out to be three dollars more than necessary. These two factors in- creased the funds that are taken from each student's tuition for stu- dent activities from $135 to $147, according to Pointer. Pointer hopes that a new budget will be presented to the SGA by February 16.

Clubs and organizations will con- tinue to deficit spend as long as their expenditures are approved by the Student Organization Fund, which approves all of the checks written by student-run organiza- tions.

"If the budget doesn't pass by spring break, we're going to have to freeze accounts," said Poirier.

After the budget failed the cam- pus-wide referendum, three mem- bers of the Finance Committee re- signed from their positions: Sonia Shah, member at large; Dan Traum, house senator of Branford; and Charmaine Servis, member at large. Alex Cote, house senator of Blackstone, was elected by the SGA as one replacement. Elia Drum, SGA parliamentarian, was ap- pointed to the finance committee as a non-voting member in order to facilitate the process.

Elections for the final two of eight voting positions will be held for students at large at the next SGA assembly meeting.

Political Correctness debate resurfaces as students react to comedian Larry Myles

BY MICHELLE ROSAYNE
A&E Editor

First there was the uproar over Chivas Clem's senior art exhibit "Reservation 1993" which featured hate speech, then Marie Martin in- troduced gender neutral language in management, students were vocal in their responses to what the comedian felt were jokes about sensitive subject in relationships, a female audi- ence member called him a "bas- tard."

"What we will do is talk about each organization and decide whether or not we want to look at it in depth ... we will still most likely need to take money from some or- ganization because those are the suggestions we have been getting from students, SGA, and the phone line," said Poirier.

The first budget was failed by the Student Government Association in the fall, and the second budget pro-
CONN Thought

Resources are available for campus activities, if students are willing to ask

As the school year progresses, it seems like more and more people are complaining that there is nothing to do. For the spring 1995 semester, The College Voice has tried to improve the on-campus atmosphere. Each week there are literally dozens of events, concerts, classes, and programs on campus. As a newspaper or student publication, we cannot do the impossible, but we can try to provide help and assistance to those interested in improving the quality of life on campus.

Most often, students are often too lazy or too apathetic to attend the existing events. Many may argue that the events which are taking place on campus are "just not their type of events," but this is unfortunate, every time we tune on the ignition to our car, throw out our trash, buy a Disney product, or go to a Wendy's drive through for a cheeseburger, we are paying for the sins of the people who used to appear once-upon-a-time used to appear on campus wishing to run a campus-wide event.

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Student remembers Auschwitz liberation

January 1995 marks the 50th anniversary of the Red Army's liberation of Auschwitz, the Nazi death camp, in Oswiecim, Poland - a small town located outside of Krakow. As World War II was winding down in 1945 and the soldiers started liberating the extermination camps, the world was confronted with the inhumane realities of Hitler's "Final Solution" - the massacre of the European Jewry. Although Auschwitz was the largest Nazi concentration camp, where more than four million people once lived, nothing remains of their existence as their bones and ashes were scattered by the wind long ago.

Auschwitz, the site of Dr. Josef Mengele's monstrous medical experiments, was one of the many Nazi concentration camps where innocent victims perished in the gas chambers or died from torture, starvation, and disease. Now, as a result of this symbolic date, stories about the significance of Auschwitz are prominent in the media, ranging from the untold terrifying experiences of the survivors to the Germans coming to terms with the most atrocious chapter in their history. In addition, survivors are presently meeting at the camp in Poland to honor the Jewish suffering and face the memory of the most horrific Nazi concentration camp in Europe and site of the largest mass killing in history.

During this past month, I have been reflecting on my visit to Auschwitz last summer while backpacking through Eastern Europe with a friend. Arriving at the camp on a beautiful summer day, I immediately felt like I had encountered a massive amusement park as numerous vendors were selling everything from ice cream to hot dogs; ironically, everyone walking around the grounds was munching on something. While the parking lot was filled with brightly colored buses and cars, people were sunbathing on the grass; the old barracks, a large tourist attraction, now house a hotel. The horrendous living condition and the magnitude of suffering of Auschwitz has disappeared and been replaced by a gallery of photos, documents and films. The camp museum, neat, efficient and small, made me feel as if I were visiting another historical museum in Europe. Although much of Auschwitz is still intact, the camp is now orderly and antiseptic.

The tourists that visit the site of Auschwitz today have no means for fully comprehending the misery and despair of its victims. How can this camp, with its blooming landscape and brightly colored leaves, accurately depict the horror of the life or death sentence, the evil of the SS, the smell of the burning bodies, or the sight of the smoke from the gas chambers? While many barracks contain confiscated possessions, such as hair, combs, dentures and artificial limbs, the core, the substance of the Holocaust - the daily camp life has disappeared. Auschwitz today, like Disney World, is simply another tourist attraction. In an effort to memorialize the concentration camp, we may have lost sight of the intensity of suffering and anguish the occurred there; how can we prevent the commercializing of reality in our attempts to create a physical shrine? As Auschwitz epitomizes the horror of the Nazi's crimes from over fifty years ago, how can the preservation of memory come close to the actual suffering and misery? I was extremely disappointed by my trip to Auschwitz; I was left feeling that the core of the experience was a replica of a tourist attraction as my visit raised questions on the gap between re-creation and reality. However, I still believe that it is important that the site of Auschwitz remain as a tribute to those who suffered and died there.

Rebecca Rosen
Class of 1995
Sale of paddle court meets with opposition

By April O'Meara
Editor-in-Chief

Although it remains on campus, the paddle court outside Cro was sold two years ago. The sale did not come to light, however, until just before winter break when some paddle tennis players discovered it would be removed soon.

Several students have expressed dismay over the sale, saying that they are angry over the fact that the court was sold without a thorough enough investigation of the amount of use it receives and without making the sale known to the campus at large.

According to Malekoff, director of athletics, a buyer approached him two years ago, offering a sum of $5,000 for the courts, which can be removed intact from campus. He said that he did not make a definite decision at the time, but rather brought the matter up in discussion with the Athletic Advisory Board. "I tried to get as much information as I could," said Malekoff. It seemed that the use of the court was quite limited.

Malekoff said that the decision to sell the court, which was made in consultation with Lynn Brooks, vice president for finance, was made on the basis of several factors, including the cost of maintaining the court, which regularly needs resurfacing, and the quality of the removal service, which would be provided by the buyer.

Malekoff said that if he could change one thing about the sale, it would be to publicize the sale so that more people would be aware of it. He added, however, that he could have had the court removed over the summer, but decided to wait until the fall semester began so that students would not be surprised.

Senior Nigel Mendez is a frequent paddle tennis player who is upset at the sale of the court. He said he found out that the court had been sold only a few days before winter break, and talked to Malekoff soon after that.

Marinelli Yoders, SGA president, announced at last Thursday's SGA assembly meeting that the funds from the sale had been used to purchase two new stepping machines for the Athletic Center.

Malekoff acknowledged that, in discussing the potential sale with students and faculty members, a few answered that they were not in favor of the sale of the court. However, said Malekoff, "You have to realize...you have three other racquet sports options at the college, limited use of the paddle courts, and something which seems to serve a small constituency."

"I don't think if two people protest, you don't stop it if it would affect thousands of people," Malekoff continued.

Mendez said he was concerned with the sale. Malekoff had not gone through the appropriate collegial channels when he approved the sale of the courts. Although the Athletic Advisory Board was consulted about the effect of the sale of the facilities, Mendez said that the Board, which he believed mostly consisted of varsity sport players, should not have been the only means by which the student body was consulted.

Malekoff said that the Advisory Board, which he said consisted of students interested in athletics, not merely varsity players or inter-collegiate athletes, discusses many issues which are not directly related to inter-collegiate athletics, including intramural sports, recreation, and physical education. "It has been a voice for needs other than needs that serve inter-collegiate athletes...these are students that happen to be inter-collegiate athletes."

Mendez said that he felt uncomfortable with the student athletes on the Athletic Advisory Board being the major source of input from students on the sale.

"It's like asking the Board about people who jog on campus they don't know about it," said Mendez.

Mendez and other students upset at the sale feel that the college is losing something distinctive with the sale of the court. He said that he was his understanding that only a handful of small liberal arts colleges maintain paddle tennis courts, and while he understood that this was one of the reasons that the college wanted to sell the courts, he viewed it instead as a reason for keeping them.

"If it is something that sets us apart, then I don't think we should get rid of it," said Mendez.

Zach Manzella, another senior who is angered at the sale of the paddle court, said that while it is true that few students use the paddle court, it is also true that the school neither offers playing equipment nor classes in the sport. So, while there are many students and faculty members who play racquet sports and might enjoy paddle tennis, it is not as accessible to them as racquetball, squash, or regular tennis.

Manzella suggested that it would take little for the school to facilitate interest in the sport. "For a minimal amount you could purchase paddles and a ball and keep it at the Info desk," said Manzella.

The sale is final, and the court is to be removed soon.
people were way too sensitive," said freshman Alec Todd.

"He dealt with issues that are touchy on this campus... I wouldn't say that it was because of political correctness, it was just poor taste," said Michelle Fortin, a senior who attended the event.

"I believe if a comedian is coming, he should research his audience... politically correct isn't what comes to mind... people are just more open minded and accepting of differences here... people don't tolerate that kind of humor here," said senior Kirstin Howard.

There seem to be a number of people, with both positive and negative reactions to Myles' act, who attribute the dismay of the audience to an atmosphere of political correctness at the college.

"Even in a comedic environment we are critical and analytical... it is hard for us to just sit back and laugh... [it is] exactly because of our politically correct atmosphere that we have a more critical and analytical mindset. He just didn't know his audience... it wasn't his fault," said Winn Keaten, a senior.

Todd agreed that the audience's reaction was indicative of an atmosphere of political correctness at the college.

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Many of the jokes were about women. The comedian made jokes about his own relationships with women as well as the new "wonder bra." Some members of the audience found the negative reaction was because the material wasn't politically correct," he said.

"I don't know his audience... it was generally funny... when you start heckling a guy in the middle of the performance it really ruins it," said Todd.

"He definitely lost steam and confidence when the people had a negative reaction," added Shah.

The campus debate over speech continues.

While many are against jokes that "go too far," others seem to feel that the issue of political correctness itself may indeed have gone too far. The latest incident raises questions about whether a comedian or any other artist should change his regular material to suit the "atmosphere," at the college or, whether it is the members of the community, as Shah and Todd suggest, who are being "too sensitive" and must allow others the right to free expression.

Perhaps, as many students have said they hope, the reaction to the comedy routine will be the impetus for the campus to engage in a dialogue that strikes at the heart of the issue—the right to free speech.

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Turning apparent, considering the time of the incident. The theory could have been involved. If the leniency were less than doilarseach, it was not for an anial project, as he had told the campus safety officer at the time of the incident. He explained that he lied because he was afraid, not a secret, covert mission. In fact, in their eyes it seemed harmless. He admitted, however, that he never really thought about the consequences. Gordon, who drove the car and was ruminating in it for the incident, admitted that at the time he didn’t think what he was doing was harmful. His rationalization was that the cinder blocks weren’t worth the trouble, and that they wouldn’t be missed. Gordon expressed immense guilt for having brought his friend Gordon into the situation, and made it known that he wanted to take full responsibility, as it was all his idea. Gordon felt that he should receive equal blame because it was Arnold’s idea, he didn’t chайте a part of it. Gordon did add that, in his opinion, work hours would be unjust because he already knew how the cinder blocks were used. "I wouldn’t pound it into his head anymore.”

Decision: Guilty: Guilty of Trespassing, Guilty of Theft To College Property

Property: Guilty of Theft of College Property

For: 5
 Against: 0
 Abstain: 0

Reason: All members felt guilty that theft was apparent in both cases, considering they had accepted full responsibility. Gordon had not left the car, and thus was not trespassing, hence the not guilty vote.

Recommendation: Arnold received four hours of work service work, and his suspension was viewed as more favorable, as he had not left the car, and thus had not caused significant damage. The board felt that work hours would serve little if any purpose.

Attendance: All members were present.

Case Summary #3

Accused: Arnold/Gordon

Accuser: Campus Safety

Charge: Trespassing (On the Olm Construction Site)

Evidence: Cindere blocks on the roof of the library. The thief of college property (Four Cinder Blocks)

Discussion: Arnold admitted that he wanted to build a screen without taking immediate responsibility for his actions because that was his natural instinct. He also said that he didn’t really want to deal with the angry neighbors he had woken up.

Decision: Guilty: Guality of Underage Drinking, Guilty of Disorderly Conduct

For: 6
 Against: 0
 Abstain: 0

Reason: James was not in attendance. The decision was made in an absence of the guilty person.

Attendance: All members were present.

Case Summary #4

Accused: James

Accuser: Campus Safety

Charge: Underage Drinking, Disorderly Conduct (Failure to Control Bladder)

Evidence: Unattended Entry (Of Dorm Room)

Discussion: James stated that he began drinking rather early that evening, and estimated that he had consumed 20 shots during the night, though he admitted that it might have been more than that. He explained that his recollection of the events is vague, and that although he remembers Campus Safety being there, he does not recall anything else from that time, including the incident, and cleaning up. He stated that he must have thought the room he entered was the bathroom, and must have mistaken the desk for a toilet.

Decision: Guilty: Guilty of Trespassing, Guilty of Theft To College Property

For: 5
 Against: 0

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Attendance: All members were present.

Case Summary #5

Accused: Yuri

Accuser: Dining Services

Charge: Deception, Forgery

Evidence: Mistake of Dining Privileges

Discussion: Yuri claimed that he was in possession of two ID’s: one valid one, and one invalid. He stated that on the day of the dining hall incident, he was in his room asking a friend. His friend then came in and asked to borrow his ID. Yuri explained that in his grogginess he allowed John to take the invalid ID without question. Yuri mentioned that he did not realize the wrong in this because of the hall regulations concerning ID’s were never explained, and so he did not question. Yuri also mentioned that Safety never looked like him, so he feels the woman who checked the ID at the dining hall was partially at fault in this incident. As for further details concerning that day, Yuri explained that he couldn’t remember much else because his memory is bad.

Decision: Guilty of Misuse of Dining Privileges

Recommenidation: Not Guilty of Deception

Attendance: Les Baquiran was not in attendance.

Case Summary #6

Accused: Billy/Butch

Accuser: Campus Safety

Charge: Failure to Comply With A College official, on 2 counts:

1. Failure to Stop Car
2. Running from an Offi- cier

Recommenidation: Butch: Failure to Comply With A College official (Running from an

Evidence: Written statements, Campus Safety Report

Discussion: Both Billy and Butch claimed that, contrary to the Campus Safety report, they were not driving with the another car, but instead were speeding down the road for fun (Billy admitted to a speed of 35mph). When asked why he had been speeding, Billy said that he didn’t really have a valid excuse.
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He explained that it was a spontaneous act, and that if he thought he'd be endangering anyone, he wouldn't have done it. As for the actual charges, they both agreed they were guilty of failure to comply, Billy on both counts. The students explained that they fled the scene because they anticipated that the officer would not be understanding of their actions. In order to clarify his motivations, Billy gave the analogy of a gambler, who, in attempts to get out of debt, keeps gambling, only to find himself deeper in debt. He mentioned that he feels humiliated for the actual charges, they weren't able 10 sign out, so they were 10 hit on Gus's room ra er...

**Case Summary #7**

**Accused:** Trevor/ Robert

**Accuser:** Student Life

**Charge:** Trevor: Illegal Keg Deception

Robert: Illegal Keg

**Evidence:** Written Statements, Housefellow testimony

**Discussion:**

Trevor and Robert both admitted they were drunk, but made it clear that they didn't think this was relevant to the situation. They said the the living room was not signed out, so they went to knock on Gus's door to do so. Because Gus wasn't around, they weren't able to sign out the living room; however, both students admitted that they didn't leave him a message telling him about the situation. Gus returned shortly, and after being asked by Trevor that the beer (which was being drunk in the living room from plastic cups) was obtained from individual cans, he found a keg in the dumbwaiter.

Trevor addressed the deception charge by explaining that he was just kidding around about the beer coming from the half empty cans in his refrigerator. He said that he was being sarcastic because he thought he was already caught, and didn't think Gus would take him seriously anyway. Gus responded, saying that he felt Trevor did act with the intent to deceive.

Both students in question denied having bought the keg, explaining that it was "probably" purchased by two off campus friends who were the two visitors stayed in Gus and Trevor's rooms.

Gus stressed the fact that illegal kegs are a serious violation of the Honor Code, and are being much more strictly enforced this year. He also mentioned that hiding the keg in the dumbwaiter was careless because it created a mess in the pantry, in the halls, and on the stairs, as a result of people going back and forth to get beer.

**Decision:**

Trevor: Guilty of Illegal Keg Deception

For: 7

Against: 0

Robert: Guilty of Illegal Keg

For: 7

Against: 0

**Reason:**

The Board determined that each student assumed responsibility for the keg by hosting the students in question, though there was considerable doubt that neither had participated in buying the keg. In the charge of deception, The Board felt that Trevor knowingly lied about where the beer came from, and whether or not his intent was sarcastic, he did not correct himself and attempted to argue his way out by showing the housefellow some cans of beer in his refrigerator.

**Recommendation:**

Alcohol purchase is the from of not being able to sign out a living room or house parties until spring break. Robert was assigned two shifts in dining services, and Trevor was assigned three. All were to be completed in Dining Services by winter break.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**Reason:**

The Board felt that this was the most appropriate reaction to the offenses. The Board accounted for the fact that the drinking took place in the living room rather than in a hallway (a reason kegs are illegal because it causes safety hazards around the keg if it is tapped in a confined space). However, The Board realized this could be a further attempt to avoid being caught, rather than a "considerate gesture" as Trevor felt free to define it. Trevor was given an additional shift of work hours, on account of his deception.

**Attendance:**

All members were present.

**Case Summary #8**

**Accused:** Miles

**Accuser:** J-Board (student turned himself in)

**Charge:** Cheating

**Evidence:** Written Statements from professor and student witnesses

**Discussion:**

Miles admitted to cheating on his chemistry exam, but stressed that his medical circumstances are such that he is not directly responsible for his action. He explained that because he is a manic depressive, he is under medication which affects his memory skills and makes it difficult for him to concentrate. Miles mentioned, however, that he did not want to inform his professor about his illness because he did not want to be seen as a less capable student or one who needs "special" treatments (such as extended test-taking times). Throughout the trial, Miles stated clearly that he felt he should only lose credit for the question on which he cheated. He focused entirely on his medical condition, even when directly questioned about having cheated he expressed little to no remorse.

**Decision:** Guilty of Cheating

For: 7

Against: 0

**Reason:** Regardless of the motivations behind the cheating, he cheated.

**Recommendation:**

- receive a zero on his chemistry exam
- academic probation until graduation
- a session with Theresa Ammirati to discuss academic options (in regards to his illness' effect on his academic performance)
- proctored exams until the end of the '94-'95 school year

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

**Reason:** The Board decided Miles should receive a zero on his exam. On his own merits Miles had only earned 50 points, and The Board felt that there should be a greater penalty. The Board decided that Theresa Ammirati could help motivate him to deal with his academic issues by explaining all available options, and making it clear that these options should not be seen as humiliating, but as compensation for his natural disadvantage. It was inconsistent that Miles was refused to ask his professors for special treatment due to his illness (because he wanted to earn his work from an "equal" position) and yet he asked for leniency from I-Board for that same reason. The Board was consistent with the circumstances under which Miles cheated, however regardless of the motivations, The Board was not convinced that he would not cheat again. He didn't express remorse over the cheating action itself, and in fact barely mentioned it. Thus, as a senior, academic probation until graduation was appropriate. In addition, proctored exams were seen as the best option, as they would hopefully remove the temptation of cheating in the future.

Kristin abstained because over the course of the deliberations she remembered information that would have biased her.

**Attendance:**

All members were present.

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College Days spells fun for winter weary

BY NATALIE HILDT
Features Editor

Picture it: twenty-six Twistermats going simultaneously, whirring bodies entangling further as the announcer calls the move, "left hand on knee!" Sounds pretty wild, doesn't it? The giant game of Twister will kick off eight days of fun and games, and even a bit of intellectual stimulation for College Days '95.

Mark Hoffman, director of student activities, brought College Days to Connecticut College last year saying that it "helps the College Center fulfill its purpose of bringing together students, staff and faculty."

Hoffman has designed College Days as a kind of mini-vacation, and he plans to decorate Crozier-Williams in a tropical beach motif. "I think it helps with the winter doldrums," he said of the week.

"Winter, especially February, is a very depressing time for a lot of people," Kimball said.

The great prizes, free popcorn and the dessert contest are back. In addition, popular favorites like the College Bowl, billiards and table tennis return. Winners of those tournaments will compete at the regional level against about 20 other schools. "We hope to build the College Bowl into a big tradition," Hoffman said, adding that 16 teams matched wins last year and went on to send the winners to Boston. Connecticut College won most-improved in that competition as it made its debut, beating Dartmouth University.

"I've tried to infuse College Days with some new activities to keep it interesting for the campus and me," said Hoffman of the new events he has cooked up. These include card tournaments, a mock summer fashion show, free caricature portraits, and Salsa dance lessons co-sponsored with La Unidad.

On Saturday night, what could be better than a movie and some dancing? The twist: the 1941 room will be covered with sprawling mattresses for the showing of Spike Jonze's "CronkY." After that, things will clear out for some platform dancing as Umeko joins U.F.O. in co-sponsored a Soul Train dance. Other featured events include a Socratic Dialogue on political correctness and a panel on study abroad opportunities. Also, Bokott Travel Agency is sponsoring a meeting on planning your summer trip.

Set-up for the competitions begins Tuesday, January 31 at the Information Desk. A three dollar security deposit will be requested for the more serious tournaments to be refunded upon entry. Hoffman needs volunteers to help run the tournaments, which are being co-ordinated by junior Penny Assy. "It's going to be a lot of fun to run events like Twister and the College Bowl, and volunteers get a free T-shirt," Hoffman said.

Camel Connection

Middletown College - A weakened pipe burst last week in the administrative building of the college spewing 2,000 gallons of water. Officials have said that they do not believe that cold weather caused the break.

Workers and administrators, including the president of the college, have been working all week to dry out everything from light fixtures and computers to oil paintings.

A dollar amount has not yet been estimated for the damage.

University of Massachusetts at Amherst - The University's men's crew team recently broke a record in rowing the ergometer for 336 straight hours, or 14 days. The 64 member team, including 8 female coxswains, beat the record set by Simon Fraser University of 287 hours.

Each team member rowed about 7 one hour shifts. The team raised over $8,000 to help buy a new racing shell.

West Chester University of Pennsylvania - The University opened its doors to shelter the homeless over winter break. When local churches had to suspend their programs due to holiday activities, they asked the campus to step in.

The University turned a ballroom into sleeping quarters for about two dozen men and women. All supplies were provided by a local organization. University officials said that providing the space was easy with students away for the holidays.

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Chaplaincy advisory council writes statement on Yom Kippur proposal

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The Chaplaincy Advisory Council forged a consensus statement on the proposal to remove the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur from the academic calendar. The council recommended that the council make sure that students were informed of the current policy and ask them to suggest changes.

Steve Schmidt, chaplain of the college, wrote the draft of the report that came out of the meeting. He said that he was glad that the council could produce a statement that everyone could sign and support. "I view it as a positive statement, others may view it as not a total unequivocal endorsement," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said that he understood that some people were upset that the council did not decide the issue at the meeting in December. "I think that the way to deal with the issue of Yom Kippur was not to give the day off but to revise the current holiday policy so that students could miss classes on that day more easily. "Multiculturalism can best be accommodated if students can take classes away they would have liked, but it is generally in favor of the course and the train wasn't moving so fast that it would take a leap on its own initiative," he explained.

Schmidt also said that he was saddened by the fact that people questioned the proposal were seen as being against it. "Both Father Larry and myself were vigilant to the point where people were implying that we were antisemitic," he commented.

John Bancroft, SGA presidential associate, said that the council and the council of sponsoring the proposal, said that he was satisfied with the report of the council. "In a less than facile manner, the council has supported the proposal," he commented.

Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg, Jewish chaplain of the college, was also satisfied with the result of Wednesday's meeting. "Although personally I would have wanted a much stronger endorsement for calling classes on Yom Kippur, I decided not to hand the issue of Yom Kippur to the student body. He said that he hoped that the faculty would have the empathy to understand that Yom Kippur means to the Jewish community of the college.

The statement will be read at this Wednesday's faculty meeting.

Dean Ferrari explains campus-wide common hour at SGA meeting

By BEN RUBIN
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A common hour, to be used for conversations, group discussions, and other campus-wide events, may be put into effect next semester.

Arthur Ferrari, acting dean of the college, discussed the plan with the SGA assembly Thursday, and it will go into effect next semester if the faculty approves it at its next meeting.

According to Ferrari, there would be a block of time on Fridays, currently scheduled from 12:30-2:00, when no classes or meetings would be permitted to be scheduled.

Events at this time would include "Cornell West-style lectures," ad-hoc student discussion groups, or nothing at all; it is open to ideas, according to Ferrari.

Before next semester, the college will have a new theme each campus-wide common hour. Ferrari said that the college would be flexible and open to all themes.

Ferrari said that he hoped that the new common hour would facilitate attendance at college events.

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The week in SGA...

Marinelli Yoder, SGA president, announced that the paddle tennis court was sold last summer. See article, page 4.

Arthur Ferrari, acting dean of the college, spoke about a proposed campus-wide common hour. See article, this page. Yoder also announced that the move of the Coffee Grounds Cafe from Cro to KB has been delayed because of renovations needed for the handicarp regulatios which must be done in KB. Therefore, the cafe may remain in Cro for the next several weeks.

Jessica Friedman, chair of academic affairs, announced that the faculty will review the two proposed general education plans at their next meeting. The meeting was advertised to occur before winter break to discuss the professor evaluation system.

Steve Schmidt, chaplain of the college, spoke about a proposed faculty evaluation for the student evaluation forms. Bronwen Welos, assistant to the chair of academic affairs, is looking for sugges- tions about how to improve evaluation forms of tenured professors. Dan Shedd, J-Board Chair, is looking for volunteers to create Honor Code rules.

Shedd also announced that he is looking for students interested in discussing the Honor Code. He wants to form an informal group which will work to identify general responsibilities of individuals living under the Honor Code, since no such statement exists.

Shedd announced that the J-Board log will be printed in next week's issue of The College Voice. He apologized for the delay, as this is the first time this year that the log has been printed.

Jesse Roberts, SGA PR director, presented a proposal for election rules for the upcoming student election. See article, this page.

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Ryan Paitier, SGA vice-president, announced that the shortage of students has made it possible to have small scale or less structured events during some of the common hours, such as a faculty and student gathering which was once a tradition at the college.

"It sounds like a perfectly plausible idea." Ferrari recon-
Singleton’s “Higher Learning” depicts grim portrait of today’s University Life

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If you thought you had problems interacting with your roommates, then spend a week at Columbus University. It would probably change your mind.

Columbus University is the setting for director John Singleton’s new movie, “Higher Learning.” The film attempts to cover every possible problem that could arise in a multicultural environment. This seems to be the film’s one downfall, but though not minor, it does not destroy the merit of it.

The film begins by introducing various freshmen that are followed throughout the course of the film. Malique Williams is an African-American, he is a student at the University on a track scholarship. He has been there a little longer than most of his classmates. This is due to his intelligence and the work he put in during high school.

As a track star, he is promised by a coach to be a national champion. It is clear early on that he is not the type to accept defeat. This is the impression that he gives to the audience.

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The 1995 Intensive Skills Development Workshop (the name’s not gonna work, everyone is STILL going to call Dean’s Term) was a week of hard work, stress, laughter, sadness, and joy. The quality of the acting and the importance of what is actually being said detracts from the impact the audience has not pathized and feel awful, but the emotion is surprising that is not the answer to the problems. It seems to be the way everyone handles their differences throughout the film. Perhaps that is the reality of it all.

The quality of the acting and the importance of the social issues the film takes on make it worth watching. However, don’t expect an escape from reality; prepare to take in and accept that we need more than a Band-aid to fix our social problems.

This is a very in-your-face film. This might be uncomfortable to some, but the issues of racism and prejudice sometimes need to be thrown in the faces of viewers. It makes the film a little hard to take at times, because it seems on this campus there is a race war going on between the black and the white students.
Why is it always so hard to come back second semester? One would think that five weeks at home would make any of us eager to come back, but then again good food and a warm room are sure hard to beat. Fall semester never seems to be so awful a concept, but then when Mom’s stocked fridge and your comfy old bed wear thin after a while, and after a long summer, people seem ready to get back and be with their friends. It just must be something about those winter months that makes people want to crawl in bed and pull the covers up over their heads.

It also seems to be a time for taking stock. Much time is spent reflecting on the past, maybe because of the New Year, and the thinking about how you could do things differently. Now taking stock is a good thing, but too much can do you harm. I believe it was Sachel Page who said, “Never look back—somebody might be gaining on you,” (though I thought for a long time my dad coined the phrase). I am still unsure if he is right or not. I thought for a long time my dad coined the phrase, “Never look back—somebody might be gaining on you,” (though I thought for a long time my dad coined the phrase). I am still unsure if he is right or not. We, after all, a baseball player and have a lot of people running after him. We also spend much time preparing ourselves for the coming challenges. The New Year always makes people resolve to change things, and then they are upset when it doesn’t happen. My dad also used to tell me, “Don’t wish your life away,” and it’s amusing that he had a line for every problem.

There is a certain amount of inner harmony one can make from reviewing the past. I know that recently I have been thinking of all the changes I want to make—be sure to get better grades, try to be at least a little organized—things along those lines. I have also given a lot of thought to resolving past differences and learning to get over past disagreements. To a certain extent, these realizations are helpful, but after a while you can get bogged down in the melancholy and have trouble finding your way out. The future isn’t any different. I want to plan for it—be prepared—and as such I have also spent much time brooding over how to increase the potential that I will actually be able to get a job in a year and a half. The point is that while it is good to realize past mistakes and work on fixing them, the past is not a place where you can live and neither is the future. Dwelling over things you can’t change isn’t worth the time and energy. In reality, though decisions we may or may not have made may be mistakes, they are a part of who we are. We probably would do a lot of the same things over given the same circumstances.

If you find yourself caught up in problems to which there are no easy answers, take heart. You are not alone. These long and cold winter months bring out the dweller in all of us. I am sure that some seniors are pretty frantic, but it will all work out—it has to, because I will be leaving this hallowed hill in a year, and I have to believe that I will be pursuing a career.

Maybe Sachel Page and my father have a point. Maybe it is too bad to reflect a little, but if you spend too much time looking back, people are not so much catching up with you as passing you by. Learn from your mistakes and prepare for the future, just live in the present.

**Horoscopes by Michelle...**

**AQUARIUS (JAN.20-FEB.18)** Break was quite relaxing and you don’t seem too certain that you want to be back... you are wondering if you need all this stress. Don’t worry. Things won’t be half as chaotic as last semester, and if they get that way, then you will know how to handle it.

**CAPRICORN (DEC.22-JAN.19)** Things should go along quite well for you in the next few days despite any misgivings you may have. Don’t let little things bother you, because you don’t need any undue stress. Spend some time catching up with some old friends that you haven’t seen in a while.

**PISCES (FEB.19-MARCH 20)** The transition back into the swing of things has been rough, but you will get through it. Your classes seem excellent, but some of them will require much work. Give yourself some time and that bad mood will soon start to fade.

**CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)** It will be rough getting away sooner than you think. You and your friends will all be spending a lot of money, because if you do, by the end of the semester finances will be tight. You are wondering if you need all this stress. Don’t worry.

**CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)** Don’t let your new love talk you out of spending time with your friends. You need them too. Don’t forget that you have to go to class and do some work as well. If you don’t do it now, you will regret it at the end of the semester.

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In my mind, the key difference between the two is plot vs. character development. While both shows have intriguing characters and captivating storylines, the differences between them make, in my mind, "Chicago Hope" my favorite show. With "ER" you get lots of plot. The show is fast-paced and has a younger crowd consisting mostly of interns and residents with some medical students thrown in for good measure. The very nature of the ER setting makes it move quickly. The characters are younger and newer to the game of medicine than the characters on "Chicago Hope." It makes sense that "ER" would appeal to a younger crowd, as they might be able to relate to the woes and self-doubts of the newer doctors. Sometimes the characters seem too self-absorbed, making it harder to like them.

Recently on "ER," Dr. Benton, the young resident who wants to be chief surgical resident, has had some issues to deal with. His mother is aging and has Alzheimer's, and now the doctor's sister must make all the decisions, which Peter doesn't like at all. There are many other social issues on "ER." Kids being abused by their parents, mothers being abused by their kids, teenage runaways and a host of other "hot" social topics. The story is good, but the characters are undeveloped and not as likable, making the show a little lower quality than "Chicago Hope." The show is still worth watching every once in a while, but the reasons to watch "Chicago Hope" are greater.

With "Chicago Hope," you get heart and lots of it...sometimes even on the floor. The characters on this show are a little older, and most of them are heads of their own departments. The characters have been allowed to reveal themselves a little bit at a time, making their lives all the richer. Plus some marketing genius for the show aired an entire week of the show so that people were bound to see it at least once. For people that watched every episode, the show was all the more enjoyable and the characters became real. They have mishaps and issues as well. Camille, the head surgical nurse, drops a heart in the middle of a manicure operation, leaving her feeling very guilty. Dr. Geiger is a brooding, somewhat gruff surgeon, who still loves his wife despite the fact that she drowned their baby and he knows that she will probably never recover from her mental illness. Dr. Geiger is revealed to be more than just a busy surgeon in many ways, but this viewer finally had her doubts put to rest on a recent episode when he got involved helping his wife with the holiday pageant at the mental health center where she resides. He sang a very special song, just for her, admitting he loves her even though she will never be the same.

Personally, character is much better, but some people are more into plot, and maybe some just want to be loyal to the show that they watched first. Me, I always watch "Chicago Hope," but I keep close tabs on "ER" as well. Which is better? The choice is yours, really. A piece of advice, though—never confuse the two. You'll only embarrass yourself.

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Conn Drops Two More, Frustration Continues

By SCOTT USILTON AND JONATHAN L1

Welcome back, sports fans, to another semester of Schmoozing. In case you haven’t noticed, the NHL has overcome its petty little disputes between the players and management. But the season would be even tougher if the players and owners continued to refuse to return to the ice. There will be an abbreviated 48-game season, but we strongly believe that this is better than no hockey at all.

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Men’s Basketball

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The Rangers, at long last, will finally like to give you our picks for this year’s division winners. In the Northeast Division, we’ll take the Buffalo Sabres to beat out Montreal.

Look for the New Jersey Devils to take the Atlantic crown away from the Rangers.

In the Central, Komen and St. Louis will battle the Maple Leafs for the division, but in the West, we like the Devils to win their first Stanley Cup by defeating the Los Angeles Kings in six games. The Stanley Cup will traverse the Hudson and bury itself in the swamps of Jersey, right next to Jimmy Hoffa.

And finally, the Vancouver Canucks (last year’s true champions) will easily pull away in the West. We like the Devils to win their first Stanley Cup by defeating the Leafs in six games. The Stanley Cup will traverse the Hudson and bury itself in the swamps of Jersey, right next to Jimmy Hoffa.

Arclight and Sunlight again began to ruin our lives (thankfully for the final score, we like to take this opportunity to complain about the clowns we didn’t notice--barely missed the cutoff for Humanities 437-Seminar in Never-Going to Class, taught by Professor Richard A. Grau). The beauty part of this class is that it never meets. The R做人 tried valiantly to get entry into Mathematics 209: Card Tricks, taught by Professor Sean Burke. Logic 318: How to Play Poker while Totally Bombed, taught by Professor Michael Ober, was cancelled due to lack of interest.

And the perennial favorite, Zoology 334: A Study of the Effects of Alcohol on the Brain, taught by Professor Bradford Dolan, filled up a week before pre-registration even began.

We wanted to talk about the Super Bowl, but obviously it’ll be over before this paper is printed. Therefore we will give our readers now and look like absolute fools on Monday. We could go out on a limb and take the Chargers, but that would be dumb. Therefore we are predicting that the final score will be Steve Young/Jerry Rice 44, Dan Fouts 17. As usual, the commercials will be much better than the game. Look for Deion Sanders to pick two and return one over 60 yards for a TD.

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Sports

Men's basketball struggles: lose to USCGA, Lehman, and Trinity College

BY ERIK RAYEN
Sports Editor

When you were at home during winter break doing nothing but watching TV, eating Doritos and wondering what happened to those great high school years, January probably seemed like a pretty long month. Then consider how long January must have felt to the Camels, fighting to rebuild the basketball program while being held back by injuries and seven straight losses.

The Camels crossed Mohegan Avenue on Tuesday to take on the Cadets. Conn played well in the first half, keeping the match to a 34-34 stalemate. The Cadets pulled away in the second half, giving Conn a 87-73 loss. Coast Guard was led by Joe Morgan, who had 20 points on the evening. Aaron Guckian was the game’s high scorer with 32 points. Aaron Golub followed up with 27 points and 3 three-pointers. The Camels moved on to Lehman College on Thursday but were unable to find the win column. Despite 21 point efforts from Guckian and Golub, Lehman held on 81-69.

Conn hit the road one more time Saturday night, visiting Trinity. Trinity has put together a great season with a 12-1 record, and a #4 ranking in New England. Trinity put on a scoring show by spreading the ball around, led by Craig Moody’s 17 points. Aaron Guckian had his own show working, however, scoring 31 for the Camels. Tom Sampogna and Justin Prien scored 12 a piece, with Prien sinking 4 treys.

The overall strength of Trinity was simply too much, and they cruised to a 101-71 win. The loss gave Conn a 3-10 record for the season. Wheaton visits Dayton Arena on Tuesday, and then the Camels pack up for games at MIT on Thursday and Manhattanville on Saturday.

Women’s basketball comes out roaring

BY ERIK RAYEN
Sports Editor

Prior to winter break, the Conn women had compiled a 3-5 record under first year coach Carol Anne Beach. Not a bad start, considering a new coach and some bad breaks resulting in losses. Since returning from the break, however, the team has been on an all-cylinders.

Conn took on Coast Guard on Tuesday, and the Camels’ defense was in high gear. The Cadets were limited to 28 percent shooting, and Bern Macca’s 20 points and 7 rebounds provided the offense for a 61-50 Camel win. Tara Sorenson contributed eight points in the game.

On Thursday the team hosted Eastern Connecticut State University and was anxious to make a show for the local crowd. Strong offensive play put the Camels up at the half, 32-27, but ECSU wouldn’t roll over. Dana Curran’s 20 points and nine rebounds complemented Bern Macca’s 30 points and four three-pointers, and Conn came through with a hard fought 60-57 win.

Up next for the women was a trip to Trinity, which seems to be doing its impression of UConn’s basketball program, with Trinity having only one loss between the men’s and women’s teams. Trinity’s women’s team has compiled a 13-0 record this year, and Conn’s strong record in 1995 was clearly in jeopardy. Trinity did indeed prove too strong for Conn, winning 74-51. Despite the loss, Macca put 19 points on the board, and Curran chipped in with 10.

What is the cause of the team’s sudden improvement? “We’re a young team, and we have just really come together," said Dana Curran. “I also really enjoy Coach Beach’s coaching. She has really brought the whole team together...Everyone has also improved a lot individually.”

The Camels have a short rest and then return to action on Thursday at home against Albertus Magnus. On Saturday, Conn heads out to play Manhattanville. Be sure to catch Thursday’s game at Dayton Arena.

Athlete of the Week

Men’s basketball’s Aaron Guckian garners our Athlete of the Week honors. Guckian stepped forward with several stellar performances over break, with 32 points against Coast Guard and 31 against Trinity.