New Alternative Living: Theme Housing to Begin in '89-90

by Jacqueline Sotopoulos
The College Voice

North Cottage and 130 Mohegan Avenue have been designated as alternative thematic housing for juniors and seniors during the 1989-1990 academic year by the Connecticut College Residential Life Committee.

Thematic housing will offer a smaller, intimate form of special interest housing, intended to "complement and supplement alternative housing on campus," according to Christopher Koutsovitis, Coordinator of Residential Life and Housing.

Groups applying for thematic housing must share a common interest and prepare a proposal of specific programs to be accomplished while living in a thematic house.

In addition to the group proposal, individual members must submit statements concerning their own goals and objectives.

The selection committee will review house proposals and include the students on the Residential Life Committee and the Coordinator of Residential Life and Housing, who will interview groups and judge applications "on the strength of the proposal," said Koutsovitis.

"We will be very careful in picking a group ... we do not want it to become a fraternity or a sorority.

CONN Feminists Urge Domino's Pizza Boycott

by Alexandra Sibley
Associate News Editor

Feminists on the Connecticut College campus and across the country have called for a boycott of the nationwide pizza chain, Domino's. The boycott originated when the founder, Tom Monahan, reportedly gave $50,000 to the radical anti-abortion organization, Operation Rescue.

In early January, the court agreed to rule on a Missouri law that limits abortions in that state. If the court rules the law constitutional, it would effectively alter or even overturn landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, which stopped states from passing laws restricting women from obtaining abortions.

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Hold Abortion Rallies

(CPS) Prompted by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to rule in a case that could make abortions illegal, rallies for and against abortion have broken out on a number of campuses in recent weeks, and both sides say they will step up efforts to recruit more students to walk their picket lines.

Group members who will not be on campus during the academic year will be sent an "orientation packet" that is set to arrive within a few weeks.

Students at Stephens College in Missouri, Iowa State, Yale, and Western Michigan universities and the universities of Houston, Washington, Texas, and Illinois, to name a few, have rallied for and against abortion in recent weeks with an intensity unusual even for this issue.

Organizers predict more campus efforts will come as the term rolls on, and the Supreme Court's decision—due this spring—approaches.

In addition, the student government is scheduled to vote on an alternative housing proposal for the upcoming academic year.

North Cottage, site for one theme house

Students have joined the anti-abortion movement, with the result that this year's student government is scheduled to vote on an alternative housing proposal for the upcoming academic year.

According to newsletter of the Connecticut College Women's Center, A Different Voice, "Hundreds of Operation Rescue commandos were arrested outside clinics in Atlanta during the Democratic Convention. They clogged the city jails for several weeks refusing to give their names, identifying themselves only as "Baby Doe."

Mr. Terry, a Bible institute graduate, is adamantly against abortion: "The bottom line is that the blood of babies is crying out for vengeance and God is ready to smash this country." His radical group has also been successful in blocking the election of pro-choice candidates in local and regional elections.

The National Organization of Canadians for Abortion Rights said, "We've never really thought of it as something we'd need to fight for. Now it may be taken away from us.

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The Deeper Issue of Discrimination
Must be Addressed

Letter to the Voice:

With reference to Tim Zielke's recent thoughts concerning labels/naming (Feb 7), for too long name and form has bonded to the American

My six visits to various countries there as well as numerous Caribbean trips taught me part of a large tribal family. Just as there are the Ewe, Hausa and Yoruba people/tribes indigenes to Nigeria, slavery created the American tribes located in Missis
tippi, Virginia, Jamaica, Barbados, Bahia—to just name a few. If we must get technical, the African continent is the motherland of all human tribes: black, brown, red, yellow and white. The problem lies in the notion of superiori
sity based on skin color. It is incumbent upon those of us who understand the deeper issues to seek to dispel and change the direction of misconceptions attached to skin coloration and its role in the origin and survival of the species on planet earth.

Ronald Wilber Reagan and far too many like him have marched their nation further back into the "dark ages" it comes to addressing and educating the general populace about the evolu
tion and importance of human difference. Genetics and biology need to be the first order of educational business for our young and old—especially at this junction of our nation's history. We, as a "civilized" society, need to

shock off the mental blinkers which impair our vision when the question is who is more or less human or created in "God's image."

It's no secret that noteworthy Greek philosophers—Aristotle, in particu
lar—taught that wisdom and knowledge were infused permanently via visual information. They were also wise enough to be flexible in their belief system not to be too trusting in the eyes over the other senses.

There is no argument or discussion necessary since the majority of "people of color" in this nation were transported from Africa—except the indigenous residents, commonly referred to as Indians, who are a fraction of their original population because of the continual slaughter and expropriation by God-fearing men of high moral principles. It must be pointed out and remembered when "We the people," "all men are created equal" was spewed on parchement, Africans were considered another people then. That mindset of ignorance and aver
sive is still etched in the minds of far too many "good white Americans."

Once you have studied deeply the sci
ence and theories of color interactions, it becomes even more arduous to relate other humans by such superficial matters of epidermis hues and values.

It must also be understood that we still are in a relatively new Republic, and the American experiment must undergo a change in order to be
come a great Republic. It is very import
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ral society to define itself without the unfavorable and insensitive input of those unfounded or oblique to the struggle necessary to make this nation/ planet truly equitable environment for all.

With regards to confession, there is bound to be confusion and consen
tration when a society is under construc
tion. Those very small groups of Anglo Saxons who opposed slavery must be hailed and emulated if we are to grow and flourish. They were correct in their position; the problem was caused and maintained by their Caucasian collec
tives and could only be dismantled and destroyed by a united effort of all citizens—especially those who were of color, were a relatively new Republic, and the
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Sincerely,
Barry F. Hendricks
Professor of Studio Art
Connecticut College

No More Priority Housing for Electing Officials?

Perhaps This Is What We Now Need

Next week in the Student Government, the assembly members will be discussing and voting upon whether or not to eliminate "priority" room selection that elected student officials currently enjoy. This would mean that when dorm and room selection petitions are made, SGA Executive Board, dorm governors, senators, SAC representatives and student advisors would be treated just like any other student in the housing process.

Currently, individuals who occupy these positions are entitled to "special" exceptions in housing and room selec
tion and are given "first pick" in their dorms as far as choosing in which room they wish to live. That may soon change, and it would be a welcome event.

There are always SAG and SAC officials who campaign and win one of these elected positions because they wish to serve the student body. There are always those individuals who want to help out an incoming freshman by being a student advisor; there are always people who are entirely sincere in their commitment.

There are probably more, however, that see such an opening as an easy way to beat the "rush for the best dorms/ rooms." Our elected officials should be above this kind of petty greed; they should all be willing to serve in respective capacities as their positions dictate without having to be led into service because of greed for the big room in the dorm.

While some may argue that such perks as special selection privileges serve to entice a greater number of people into such services, and that without them there would be a significantly smaller pool of people with which to work, perhaps this is what Connecticut Col'ge needs now: a smaller but especially determined group of students who are doing a job because they want to do a particular job, not because they want a big room in Blackstone.

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Life Off Campus is Worth Living

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"We're out of milk," I answer.

"Toast them?" she tries again.

"We don't have a toaster," I say, feeling somewhat defeated.

Then the scream comes from the direction of the sink. I turn over in bed. I don't want to know.

"A-N-T-S!"

We opt for paper cups of clean coffee, toasted scones, and a table whose top is scrubbed daily with disinfectant—breakfast is eaten at Two Sisters Deli.

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Oliver North is by Far the Most Exciting Figure in the Iran Contra affair, but by No Means the Only One

He is a hero to many, a villain to others. For a few weeks during the summer of 1987, America riveted its collective gaze to his televised hearings before Congress. Yet, once his testimony was over, newspapers found new covers, bars created new haircuts, and the public by and large forgot about Oliver North. Now he has returned to the evening news as he prepares to stand trial on charges stemming from his involvement in the Iran-Contra affair. Many of those who were most outraged at the scandal complain that North will go free. The trial may yet be aborted altogether, even if it does go thorough, North doesn't stand to lose much. His are white collar crimes, fines are the most likely punishment. As public reaction to his testimony proved, he is a very persuasive man; a jury may very well take his side, especially with the help of Attorney Brendan Sullivan, no potter plant himself as we learned throughout the hearings.

Whether, and how severely, North will be punished, however, is not crucial to the Iran-Contra affair. It is not completely clear how high up the chain of command went, but it certainly went higher than North. He followed the orders of John Poindexter, head of the National Security Council. Poindexter himself has admitted as much, yet almost nothing had been said about him, especially in comparison to North. Critics of the policy only bemoan the fact that North may be cleared.

Those who focus their attacks on Oliver North have fallen under the lingering spell of the Reagan years, and of North himself, even as they criticize them. North is not the most important figure in the scandal; he is merely the most exciting. Unlike Poindexter, he has charm, charisma, and he looks great on television.

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by Chris Wallerstein, '91

by Shannon Stelly, '91
Cro Cafe Set To Open After Spring Break

The groundwork is being laid for a new cafe on the Connecticut College campus that will open its doors to students for the first time after spring break. A group of students led by Trudy Flanery, coordinator of student activities, has organized the establishment of a cafe that will serve as an alternative, non-alcoholic activity that will stay open late on weekend nights.

"We are all very enthusiastic and hopeful for the success of the cafe because we see a great need for it on the Connecticut College campus," said Amy Livingston, '92, who is a member of the cafe planning committee.

The cafe has been planned as a social alternative to other scheduled events on campus and will be located in the Old Cro Bar in Crow-ier-Williams Student Center, Flanery said. "The cafe is going to be a great addition to the campus because there is currently nowhere to go and relax and listen to good music late at night," Livingston added.

The cafe questionnaire recently distributed to the student body asked for their input during the planning stages of the cafe. "Four-teen percent of the students responded, which is about 220 stu-dents," said Flanery.

Despite the low response from the surveys, Flanery said the over-all response of the College community indicated that "many people are very interested in the project." The committee has high hopes for the cafe and they are hard at work to turn their plans into reality.

Although plans are currently being made to renovate Crozier-Williams Student Center, the actual renovations are not set to begin for a few years. In the meantime, the committee plans to set up the cafe in the Old Cro Bar.

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The cafe planning committee is hoping that the new cafe will be open for the first time after Spring Break for one day each week until its location is decided. The planning committee hopes that students will donate loose change into the can that represents their choice for the name of the cafe.

Cafe Mirage.

The five choices have been marked on coffee cans and put on display in the Cro Snack Shop. The five choices for the cafe's new name are Cro Cafe, Java-Jive, The Daily Grind, Ground Zero, Cafe Mirage.

The committee hopes that students will donate loose change into the can that represents their choice for the name of the cafe. The can that contains the most amount of money at the end of the contest will win and it will become the new name of the Cro cafe.

In addition, the February 17 coffeehouse held in ConCave assisted the planning committee in necessary fundraising. The cafe is currently scheduled to be run on a day-to-day basis by students who volunteer to work.

Music will be played in the cafe and the planning committee hopes the cafe will sometimes be able to offer live entertainment.

The cafe is now scheduled to open for the first time after Spring Break for one day each week until it becomes established as a reality for both students and faculty, according to Flanery.

An article in the February 7, 1989 issue of The College Voice stated the a decision had been made to return Dederer House to use for faculty housing. In fact, no decision on the future of the building has been reached. We apologize for the error.
Clinic Fights the AIDS Epidemic Through Education

by Isabel Alexander
The College Voice

The next person you sleep with could have AIDS. It's a strong statement to make, but entirely realistic and possible. The AIDS epidemic is one that people should, and are starting, to take seriously. An excellent source which can help others learn about AIDS and whether or not they may be carrying the virus is a clinic. New London is fortunate enough to have an AIDS clinic, called the New London AIDS Educational Counseling and Testing Service, which is devoted to AIDS prevention, counseling, and testing for the AIDS virus.

Ken Willet, a staff worker and educator at the clinic, stressed that the "number one tool we use in prevention of AIDS is education. That is the most important part." For example, try to teach HIV drug users how to bleach their work tools when they use their needles. We also try to teach people how to use condoms and try to impart to them which body fluids can transmit the virus and which ones can't."

The clinic, part of the City of New London Health Department, is not a haven for people with AIDS, which is a popular assumption. The clinic merely provides counseling and testing for the AIDS virus, otherwise known as "HIV." Willet says that, as a rule, we don't see AIDS patients. We are involved with prevention, counseling, and testing. SECAP (South-eastern Connecticut AIDS Project) is the organization which deals with actual AIDS patients.

"Usually, someone will come to the clinic to be tested for the HIV virus," says Willet. "Adults must be at least 18 years old to be tested.

FOR EVERY ONE PERSON IN CONNECTICUT WHO HAS AIDS...

PEOPLE WITH AIDS

ARC 25 HAVE AIDS RELATED COMPLEX

HIV + 20 - 50 ARE CARRIERS OF THE HIV VIRUS

Most of the people tested are usually in their 20s and 30s. "Before the test is administered, I meet with the person for a half hour in a counseling session. In this session, I find out about the person's sexual history, to determine if the test is appropriate to be given in the first place. Then, I assess the person's mental stability to see how, depending on if he or she tests positive for the virus, he would take the news. The way in which the news has to be broken to them is so dependent on their stability.

The test is an antibody test, which means that it tests for the presence of HIV antibodies. If the test is infected by the HIV virus, their body will naturally have produced the necessary antibodies for protection. This test needs to sit for a period of six to twelve weeks but Willet says, "As a rule of thumb, we let our tests sit for 16 weeks, just to make sure."

Using a graph (picture), Willet describes the frightening statistics of AIDS. "Making up the bottom of the chart are people with the HIV virus. Now," he hastens to explain, "if one has the HIV virus, it does not mean he has AIDS. One with the HIV virus may look and feel fine. In the state of Connecticut today, there are approximately 50,000 people who are carriers of the HIV virus. About 50-55% of these people will go on to develop AIDS.

"The next level on the chart are those with AIDS related complex, otherwise known as ARC. Again, these people do not actually have AIDS, but they are infected with the HIV virus which causes them to develop certain symptoms which may not necessarily be life threatening. These symptoms include flu-symptoms, diarrhea, loss of weight, and night sweats. In Connecticut, there are about 5000 people in this category.

"Actual AIDS patients represent the tip of the iceberg. These are the people whose immune system is devastated by the virus, making it impossible for them to fight off any kind of infection. There are approximately 1000 AIDS cases in Connecticut today."

The epidemic of AIDS has unquestionably been a major influence in the change of many people's sex lives. People are beginning to realize what a life-threatening risk it is to engage in casual or unprotected sex. However, there are still a large number of people who disregard safe sex practices because they believe that it simply could not happen to them.

"People have a sense of immortality about them—oh, I'll never get AIDS," is what a lot of them might say. But nobody is immune. Your race, economical or social status does not make you immune from AIDS. We're all in this day and age at risk. Protect yourself. Take care of yourself," urges Willet.

When asked his opinion on whether Connecticut College should install condom machines in its bathrooms, Willet replied, "I think it's a wonderful idea. Many of the gay bars are doing it, even I think it's fine."
Pro-Choicers Call for Domino’s Pizza Ban

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Women, NOW, supports the boycott. Victoria Avery, chair of South Eastern Connecticut chapter of NOW, said, “South Eastern Connecticut NOW concurs with doing a boycott of Domino’s Pizza . . . I advise people not to eat Domino’s.”

Jane Torrey, professor of psychology at Connecticut College, also feels strongly about a boycott. “The right to choose and/or to motherhood is the most fundamental . . . it should be your own decision, but [to choose whether or not to have an abortion] is the most endangered right.”

Jodi MacKinnon, ’89, organizer of the pro-choice petition that was signed by over 900 people on the College campus, is enthusiastic about the boycott. “It would be great if everybody boycotted Domino’s, especially those who signed the petition.”

Information compiled with A Different Voice, Ms. Magazine, and Time Reader.

Abortion Activists Protest Across the Country

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choice advocates are finessing out how to speak at college campuses whenever they can. The National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), a national pro-choice group, and the National Organization for Women (NOW), have long ignored campuses, admits NARAL’s campus coordinator Marcy Wilder, who now says, “It’s time to focus on them again.”

NARAL and NOW already have pro-choice groups on about 55 campuses, Wilder said, and hope to mobilize pro-choice students at 400 schools in upcoming weeks. Then they will try to draw “hundreds of thousands” of supporters to Washington, D.C., in April to support abortion, she said, to counter the large pro-life actions held in January.

“Abortion is legal. People have a right to choose whether or not to have an abortion.”


domino’s pizza ban

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Crozor-Williams Renovation Plans, 2nd floor

Crozor-Williams Redesigned by Planners

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Connecticut College say that while we have excellent academics and athletics, our number one problem is our student center.

Tolliver cited a study he conducted among a sea of Connecticut College’s soccer competitors. All ten were currently building new student centers or had built one since 1976.

Tentative plans, which only call for renovations to the inside of the building, include moving the campus store and post office to the renovated student center, as well as changing the second story basketball court into meeting areas for students.

The first floor Sykes wing of Crozier-Williams, currently comprised of alumni offices, The Return to College (RTC) Lounge, and Old Cro Bar will become the campus post office and redesigned RTC Lounge.

The area currently known as Conn Cave will be converted into a campus store, with steps leading upstairs to an open meeting area to be called the “hall.”

The loft, slightly larger than Conn Cave, will have twenty-one foot high roof that will allow for improved acoustics and lighting for large meetings and all-campus parties. A third floor balcony will overlook the loft.

Next to the loft, a new “union hall” will provide a casual social area for students with overhead skylights and canvas awnings.

The third floor dance studios will remain intact, and two new studios will be added on a newly constructed fourth floor above the loft.

The current weight room will also be expanded into a larger fitness center, with lighter, less intimidating weights.

Another priority of the renovation is the installation of an elevator and several ramps to improve handicapped access to Crozier-Williams.

A timetable has not yet been made public because of concerns about funding, however Hartman stressed that improving handicapped access has first priority before any other phases of the renovations are attempted.

In addition, current plans call for the construction of another basketball court at the Athletic Center to replace the courts that are being converted into union hall and the loft.

Although the plans have not yet been finalized, some students are already criticizing the decision to convert Crozier-Williams’ basketball court into a meeting area.

“Keep the courts,” said Charlie Haywood ’91, “it’s important to have recreational activities on campus, especially in the center of campus...people can socialize in their dorms.”

Charles Luce, director of athletics and chair of physical education, expressed concern about the loss of the courts but supported the planned renovations.

“The important thing is that space be replaced,” said Luce.

Luce explained that the addition of another basketball court at the Athletic Center will allow for two courts to be reserved for intramural and recreational use at all times, as had been originally planned before insufficient funding forced only three of the four planned courts to be constructed.

“Moving the basketball court is really a great idea,” said Hartman. “The basketball court shouldn’t be there (in Crozier-Williams).”

Although committee members stressed that “nothing’s concrete,” Robert Hampton, dean of the college, who is overseeing the plans to trustees this week and will ask for permission to seek funding for the project.

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The World is your Classroom
Gaudiani to Teach French
Class Next Fall

Claire Gaudiani will take on yet another job next year as a professor for the Connecticut College French Department. According to Gaudiani, president of the college, she accepted the presidency on the condition that she be able to remain teaching.

French 218, "The Faces of Love in French Literature," was designed by Gaudiani and recently received unanimous approval of the french department.

"It will help us out," said James Williston, chair of the French Department, referring to the anticipated shrinkage of course offerings accompanying the likely approval of the 3:2 teaching schedule.

"We all like the idea of a teaching president keeping in touch with the basic college mission," added Williston.

The course will meet twice weekly at 8:00 a.m. at the president's house.

Campus Safety Officer
Suffers Stroke

Campus Safety Officer, Dennis McPherson, suffered a massive stroke at home and remains in the hospital paralyzed. McPherson had worked as a Safety officer for five months, since August 29,1988.

McPherson was not eligible for disability compensation so the Campus Safety Department wants sponsor a raffle with the proceeds going towards his rehabilitation. Approval of the raffle is still pending.

"Dennis was a very good officer. He stepped in after five months in a supervisory function on the four-to-twelve shift when the supervisor was gone," said Ayers.

House Governors Seek
Position Reforms

House Governors are seeking to strengthen their positions in the dorms to set a precedent for future governors.

According to Sam Boman, '89, Student Government Association (SGA) president, the governors decided at their last meeting to create two new positions: a rotating recorder and a facilitator to run the meetings.

House Governor of Knowlton, Peter LeSar, '89, who was elected facilitator, hopes the governors will get the dorms involved in Community Outreach, bringing unity to the entire campus, and making the dorms a central part of campus life. "We have no fraternity or sororities here. We must strengthen the roles of the dorm, and make dorm life more dominant," he said.

LeSar noted that the governors did not come into an already established system, as the role of house governor was implemented by the new," said Calamita.

Aside from having ballots for off-campus students, eliminating the final Assembly vote, and determining the results by total vote instead of dorm voting, the "backbone" allows students the option to abstain in voting.

Munroe said that students "should care enough to vote either yes or no." A vote of abstention would allow "an easy way out" for students, she said.

"It's absurd," said Ayers. "We think there should be a vote just because students don't care," he said.

The proposal to eliminate the chance to abstain was passed just to 16 to 12, meeting the two-thirds majority required to pass.

Brandeis House Senator Ed Lott made a friendly amendment to the proposal, which would have members of the Finance Committee and Election Board present at the dorm meeting. The board members would run the actual voting, and then bring the votes to a central location for a first tally. The Finance Committee could then count the votes a second time.

All the debate seemed to be in vain, however, as the original budget reform proposal with Lott's friendly amendment also passed 16 to 12, again not meeting the required majority.

It may, however, come up again next week.

In other Assembly business, the appointments of Beth Ludwig, '89, and Betsy Grenter, '91, to the Director Career Services Search Committee were confirmed 28 to 0.

Next week proposals regarding dining hall smoking bans, abolition of housing priorities, and charter changes in regard to the SGA Executive Board roles of chair of academic affairs and club liaison officer will be on the Agenda agenda.

Abortion Protestors Appeal to College Grassroots

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"College women are the perfect activists for this issue," said Ronni Rothman of the American Association of University Women. "They're a relatively untouched host for this issue, and many pro-choice activists are already taking up this act to grassroot.

Pro-life activists, too, are recruiting students to pressure the court—and away public opinion—to limit or criminalize abortion.

In Texas, for example, pro-life students have formed a statewide network, Texas Collegians for Life, to press their case.

"We think there should be alternatives to abortion," said Joe Pojman, a University of Texas graduate student who is the group's president. "No woman should need to have an abortion because there are no alternatives."

The Missouri law, which has led to the renewed abortion controversy states that human life begins at conception, bans public facilities from performing abortions, and requires pregnant women to undergo tests to determine "fetus viability" before being allowed to get a private abortion.

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For Colored Girls Brings Enduring Message in Palmer Auditorium

by Kieran Murphy

The College Voice

On Saturday, February 11, Ntozake Shange's play, For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow Is Enuf, opened Palmer Auditorium, and an audience eager to see what the artist she called "the color purple" could ever imagine at Connecticut College, settled down in their seats to watch, listen, and learn. The production was part of Black History Month, and students, teachers, and visitors walked the mat to fill the auditorium.

For Colored Girls was written in 1974 while Shange was living in San Francisco, writing amidst Vietnam War protest, civil rights battles, and the struggles of the women's movement. What started as a set of poems (Shange took the title of the play from a line in the first poem) ended up several years later playing to packed houses on Broadway for a two-year run. Since then it has played in London and across the United States in various national tours.

Although For Colored Girls is fifteen years old now, it has lost none of its power or message. The seven characters in For Colored Girls all were black and female, and so were doubly opposed, not only by white society but also by the men in a male-dominated ghetto. They came from "outside" the major cities such as New York, Baltimore, and Saint Louis, and the term "outside" referred less to the space of their placement on the globe than to the feeling of living as an outsider to American society.

The characters were simple dresses that were the seventh colors of the rainbow, the seventh being brown. The action took place on a bare stage without props, and the only piece of scenery was a huge cloth banner adorned with the title of the play and a representation of an African-looking woman.

The play itself took place mostly as a series of monologues, although usually the other characters were active participants in the speaking character's told her story. But although Shange interpolated speeches at some points, and the characters came into physical contact with each other, there was never any real dialogue, which added to the general sense of isolation that they suffered.

Even though the play was an impassioned plea for freedom, Shange was able to use humor constantly to keep the play from slipping into haranguing or heavy melodrama. Humor can often get a point across better than any other method, and Shange was obviously well aware of that fact. Her humor was sharp and not taken. As the play moved from disjointed subjects such as Vietnam, breaking up, unwanted pregnancy, rape, and murder, humor served the playwright to drive the要点 home with great force. For these are not women who are whining and screaming out with the title of the play, "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow Is Enuf," but rather women who have huge obstacles to overcome and have kept their humanity and dignity intact. That is where For Colored Girls became incredibly uplifting, for the souls of the women survived terrible circumstances and demeaning situations and came screaming out with their talents, and enrich their experiences.

It is heartening to know that the action took place on a bare stage without props, and the only piece of scenery was a huge cloth banner adorned with the title of the play and a representation of an African-looking woman. The College Voice

Hackman Shines in Mississippi Burning

by Simon O'Rourke

Movies like Mississippi Burning are rarely as artistically powerful as they are politically farcical. Other films having to do with black and civil rights like Betrayed or Cry Freedom, are often so anxious to teach a lesson that they sacrifice good acting for "serious" scenes that force an audience to tears. Mississippi Burning is different. Although the film's civil rights themes are obvious and important, director Alan Parker achieves more than a moral or message onto the film. He comes close to showing us more violence and unobtrusive soundtrack is a lighter touch for a movie of this kind.

Parker isn't the only good actor in the film. He brings the role of the FBI's problems. Fortunately, you don't have to know anything about the civil rights movement to appreciate Mississippi Burning—it is an excellent film for art fans or for political reasons. It is not devoid of humor either, subtle though it may be. Especially memorable is a scene where swarms of FBI agents in jackets and ties go storming through Mississippi's humid swamps. Hackman adds a lighter touch to the movie which provides much-needed relief from the obligatory scenes of brutality.

Although Alan Parker is to be commended for tackling such a sensitive and controversial subject in our country's history, we should be more grateful for not bearing a moral or message onto the film. He comes close to showing us more violence than the picture needs to make its point, but he gets away with it. His masterful direction and Gene Hackman's remarkable performance bear testimony to the fact that a good director and a good actor are infinitely more valuable than a "message" meaning. Mississippi Burning does educate and move us. But more importantly, however, it is a work of art.
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SPORTS
Intramural Update

In the Howe Division, Larry Inviso of Sigma Alpha Epsilon advanced to the finals of the double elimination tournament this past weekend. The winning team consisting of seniors Jon Silber and Tom McManus topped the squad, 4-3 in a blistering shootout. Inviso broke Capital Punishments winning streak with a last minute goal to move up on the bracket. In the game against Dort's Demon, Inviso pulled out a big victory, 5-2, to move into the finals.

The Athletic Center squad lead by Frank Sheidt and Eric Wagner looked to be heavy favorites with Inviso needing two back to back victories over A/C to take the double elimination tournament championship.

Inviso pulled off this seemingly impossible task by winning the first game 3-1. Professor Scott Warren broke the ice for Inviso by scoring the first goal. The second game was settled in the last two minutes of the game when Inviso scored to make it 2-1 and took the CONN Action Four on Four ice hockey title. The winning team consisting of seniors Pat Burke, Tom Manfredi, Jeff Gallant, junior Liz Ar- nold, sophomores John Godman, and Botany Professor Dr. Warren deserves credit for their tenacity and effort.

Sign ups for the squash and racquetball tournaments, planned for February 25th and 26th end on Wednesday the 22nd. Call Eric Wagner and Frank Sheidt at the A/C, 57083, for further information or contact your intramural dorm representative.

The Connecticut College men's swimming team continues to struggle in its second season, losing to Trinity College on Saturday, February 11, by a total score of 52-43. Conn's record is now 0-4, against a competitive Trinity squad, Ian Anderson, '89, did most of the winning for the Camels.

Anderson won three events. In the 200 yard freestyle, he won with a time of 1:53.16, beating the closest opponent by nearly five seconds. He then won a very tight 100 yard freestyle by 72 one hundredths of a second (00:51.37), and later the 500 yard freestyle in five minutes, 14.27 seconds.

CONN's only other victory was in the 400 yard freestyle relay. In that race, Mike Mahoney, '91, Paul Clauv; '89, and sophomores Matthew Stormheg and Alexios George Carayannopolas beat the Trinity squad 03:30.29 to 03:42.93.

Men's swimming.
Men's Basketball Team: Is It Just Bad Luck? 

To say it has been a difficult season for the Connecticut College men's basketball team would be an understatement. Filled with a team of able players, the Camels, at this rate, may find themselves hard pressed to break .500 by the end of the season. The last two games were simply illustrative of the entire season. CONN lost one game in the first half and the other in the last minute.

At Williams the Camels faced a tough squad and an even tougher streak of bad luck as they were down by 50 points. "In this case we just hit a run of bad luck," said Martin Schoepher, coach of the men's basketball team.

The first half ended with the Camels only able to put 21 points on the board, just three more than Holy Cross. "They were loose and just kept hitting everything," Schoepher said. "There are always two games going on, you against the other team and you against the basket. When the basket wins, you don't." The game ended 91-41.

In the last CONN game versus Trinity the Camels were down by 50 points. "It was just a bad game," Schoepher said. "There are always two games going on, you against the other team and you against the basket. When the basket wins, you don't."
The game ended 91-41. In the last CONN game versus Western New England, it seemed the basket's winning streak would continue as the Camel's squad faced another "dry spell in the first half," according to Schoepher. However, as the Camel team has proven again and again, this season, they are a team to be dealt with in the second half.

CONN came out strong and outscored their opponent 35-21, unfortunately it was not enough as the game was decided in the last minute of the contest, CONN down by two.

"They had the ball under 45 seconds," Schoepher said. "The guy we wanted to shoot the ball did, and knocked it in." CONN lost the game 59-57.

Ski Team Qualifies for Regional Championships

by Melissa Burns

The Connecticut College ski team recently qualified for the Regional Championships which are going to be held at Waterville Valley at the end of the season. Only the top two teams from the league are invited, which means that the real competition has yet to be faced.

The good results from the weekend of February 11-12 were what contributed to the qualification. Maple Valley, Vermont, hosted a fine race, complete with ready spectators and cooperative weather. The Slalom was technical and tiring, but both the men's and the women's teams managed to capture first place overall, defeating six other schools in the process.

Senior co-captains Jon Shambroom and Mikkel Lippman secured second and third place finishes, while Peter MacGovern, '91, Ward Bledsoe, '89, and Jamie Forbes, '89, kept the competition at bay. They skied to tenth, eleventh, and twelfth place finishes.

The women, however, had some difficulty since three skiers either fell or were disqualified. Julie Timm, '92, after recovering from a recent injury, made a stunning debut with a second place finish which helped keep the women on the scoreboard. In addition, Leslie Goodwin, '91, Cindy Lehman, '90, and Nancy Lefkowitz, '92, all skied to top ten finishes.

Sunday's Giant Slalom was no less exciting, with the women again winning the gold overall and the men winning a bronze. Lippman and Shambroom repeated their fine performances, finishing third and fourth respectively.

Camels Squash Holy Cross Crusaders with Ease

by Melissa Burns

This week the honor goes to senior SHEILA LENIART of the women's swim team. In the meet against Trinity College on February 11 Leniart's first place finish (1:57.84) in the 200 yard freestyle qualified her for the National Division III Meet on March 9-10 at Notre Dame. Leniart also took first place in the 500 freestyle, finishing with a time of 5:22.97.— Rick Komarow.
**SPORTS**

Men's Hockey Team Falls Victim to Iona, 9-7

by Jeff Dorfman
Antioch Sports Editor

The Connecticut College men's hockey team was taught a couple of lessons on Saturday, February 11, against Iona College. It learned that if they don't play solid defensive hockey, good teams are going to beat them. It also learned that a 9-2 deficit with one period to play is insurmountable.

The next night the Camels played a strong defensive game and knocked off Quinnipiac, 3-2. Both Iona and Quinnipiac are contenders for the ECAC South post-season tournament.

Without question, the two first periods of the Iona game were the worst 40 minutes of hockey the team has played this year, possibly the worst hockey any student now at the college has ever witnessed.

Goals by seniors Todd Taplin and Jim Alissi put the Camels ahead, 2-1, early in the first period.

After these two goals, Iona scored eight unanswered goals over the next period and a half to take a commanding 9-2 lead. Tom McCarron and Gene Katz led the onslaught with two goals each. During a stretch late in the first period, the Gaels scored three goals in a minute and a half.

In the second, they tallied four times in five minutes. Six of Iona's nine goals came either on power plays or on breakaways; one other was scored short-handed.

In the third period, the Camels woke up and made a run at Iona, but the lead was too big. CONN scored five times in the third, four on the power play. Geoff Schauer, '90, had two goals and an assist, while classmate Joe Caramo had a goal and three assists.

"We learned a lesson. That will never happen again," Alissi said. "We're going to be tough come play-off time. They'll be scared of us after that third period."

After a scoreless first period against Quinnipiac, Rand Pecknold, '90, converted a pass from Doug Roberts, '91, a minute and a half into the second period. With a minute and a half left in the second, Roberts and Pecknold combined again. This time Roberts gets the goal. The second period ended with CONN up 2-0.

With less than five minutes left in the game, Quinnipiac scored twice within a minute.

Roberts saved the Camels from overtime by beating Quinnipiac goalie Chris Baldino with a blast from just inside the blue line.

The split brought the Camels' overall record to 13-4. After opening the season with a 10-1 mark, CONN has gone 3-3 over their last six. At 10-3 the Camels have the best record within the ECAC South. Trinity is in second place at 9-3 along with Iona at 12-4.

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Women's Basketball Squad Rolls, Raises Record to 13-3

by Ed Hoffman
The College Voice

The Connecticut College women's basketball team is on a roll again, having won its last three games while improving its record to an impressive 13-3.

"Defense remains a key in our ability to get our break going," Coach Bill Lessig said.

Lessig pointed out that CONN's defense held opponents to 34 percent shooting from the floor, which ranks them 5th in the country.

CONN is also ranked 4th in the nation in rebounding margin, averaging 13 more rebounds a game than its opponents. Captain Wendy Merk, '89, leads CONN in rebounding and is personally ranked 10th in the nation with over 12 rebounds a game.

Another key to our game is when Lynn Elliot gets out and gets the ball to Liz (Lynch) and A.J. (DeRoo) or whoever is filling the lanes," Lessig said. On the women's basketball fastbreak, Elliot, only a sophomore, has been quite successful at getting the ball out on the break and to her teammates. She is averaging almost eight assists per game, which ranks her 4th in the nation in assists.

All the keys to CONN's success were fulfilled against the three opponents the Camels recently faced. On Feb. 9th, the team faced Wesley College and won rather easily, 76-52. Wesley was held to 31 percent shooting from the floor by the Camels stingy defense, Pam Mitchell, '90, played an excellent game scoring 20 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Lynch, '92, added 19 points, while DeRoo, '91, and Smith both scored in double figures.

Smaller and Kerck grabbed 13 and 12 rebounds respectively. Smith added 14 rebounds, two assists, and three steals. Mitchell had another fine outing, with a game high 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Smith added 13 points and 10 rebounds, while Lynch added 14 points. Elliot again filled her role by handing out a game high 8 assists.

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