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Attrition rate low; but quality of life a factor in withdrawal

BY APRIL ONDIS
News Editor

According to statistics on the college's attrition rate, Connecticut College students are satisfied with their experiences here.

The attrition rate measures the rate at which students leave the college. Mark Putnam, institutional research, bases his figures on the difference between the number of students in an entering freshman class and the amount of those original freshmen who remain at the college until their senior year.

The retention rate, on the other hand, is the percentage of original students who remain at the college for four years, or approximately 86 percent. According to Putnam, Connecticut College falls in the middle of the list of all 25 liberal arts colleges which have the highest rate of retention.

"High retention is a reflection of a quality education experience. So retention is considered to be a very important indicator of institutional quality. If you're in any business and your customers stay with you, it's a good sign," said Putnam.

Putnam addressed factors that he believes may lead to higher retention rates for highly selective colleges.

"I think there's a selection process unique to highly selective institutions. People who enroll there want to be there, and are capable of doing the work to graduate," said Putnam.

Putnam also noted that Connecticut College has a strong retention rate, Putnam tracked former members of the class of 1994 to identify the reasons that they left.

"There are three basic reasons that students [withdraw of don't return]. One is financial, which can occur for a variety of reasons; a change in their family income so that the amount of financial aid contribution [that they are eligible to receive] is assessed differently, and also just the rising cost of tuition," said Putnam.

Barron claims silver medal at NCAA

BY SEAN HANLON
Sports Editor

Dave Barron continued his incredible run at the shot put throwers in the country in the 35-pound weight class this weekend. He finished second at the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships, becoming the first Conn track athlete to earn a medal at the event.

His throw of 61 feet, five and 1/4 inches was only three and 1/4 inches shorter than the gold medal throw by Trevor Hitchcock of the University of New York at Fredonia. That throw marked the fifth time this winter that Barron has broken his personal and college record.

"I think it was the level of competition," Barron said of what drove him to his best throw of the season, "It was the right time, right place. I guess I just got lucky.

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BY BEN RUBIN
Associate News Editor

$1.7 million grant will provide endowed chair and equipment for college physics department

BY BEN RUBIN
Associate News Editor

A $1.7 million grant was awarded to Connecticut College by the Sherman Fairchild Foundation to be used for the advancement of the sciences, according to Claire Gaudiani, the president of the college.

"I think it will attract more students interested in physics and the physical sciences. The college will be able to provide an increasingly richer science department. I am very grateful and very excited," said Gaudiani.

The grant, to be paid over four years, will be used toward the endowed chair for the physics department, to purchase a new telescope, and to provide equipment for the Olin building to be used in physics courses and in a new research lab, according to Michael Monee, chair of the physics department.

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Let’s revisit the confidentiality issue.

Under the college’s policies, any violations of the Honor Code are disciplinary except for the few facts that can be revealed by an accused party. At last week’s Judiciary Board contact session, two J-Board members explained that there are times when the confidentiality may not be an enforceable policy because of the high visibility of some individuals involved in cases.

A number of questions about the effectiveness and the merit of the policy. First of all, confidentiality is not necessarily the best manner of fostering rehabilitation. Potentially, both guilty parties and accusers who press false charges hide behind the veil of anonymity, and never have a chance to face each other. Confidentiality is hardly the best way to prepare for life after college. We are not prepared to stand up and be accountable for their transgressions against our society.

Examine the speech codes at Conn.

The problem here, I’Il explain. There are two very big issues that need to be addressed here. One is the double standard, and the other is the one I’ll call a vague racial and sexual harassment policy. I address the double standard first. Ultimately, what got me on a Thursday night to write this article after the toughest academic week of my life. It’s one of the most fundamental issues in the system and determines whether it serves the best interests of the Honor Code and the student body bound to uphold it.

An unconstitutional double standard is in the C book.

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I am pissed! I was pissed at this college’s double standards. I was just walking into Harris for dinner on Thursday night, and I noticed an advertisement for a party called Dominitaris Party. The ad caught my eye because of the picture of a dominant woman standing over a crotch man. That picture did not bother me as much as the requirements:

Men Must Dress As Slaves.

Now, if everyone reading this article hasn’t already noticed the problem here, I’ll explain. There are two very big issues that need to be addressed here. One is the double standard, and the other is the one I’ll call a vague sexual harassment policy. I address the double standard first. Ultimately, what got me on a Thursday night to write this article after the toughest academic week of my life.

I would take this party is but a memory. I do not wish to have either. I also believe that SOAR should think that SOAR should have either. And guess what folks? Mr. Vitkoria’s appeal to the Supreme Court was found to be unconstitutional. I got off. The Court categorized his burning of the cross as fighting words. But as Justice Scalia notes in writing the Court’s decision: "[t]he First Amendment’s guarantee of freedom of speech on the college campus [is] the most fundamental of the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment."

This phenomenon of one where individuals are afraid to say what is on their mind because of the consequences that they may face. That fear of expression stems from such vague policies as the St. Paul city ordinance and our college’s policy on racial and sexual harassment. And in my hypothetical situation, if I were to face serious consequences, but the college would face more severe consequences. Realistically, I would never sponsor such a party, nor do I think that SOAR should have either.

I would also like to note that SOAR could be waiting to Thursday night to post their advertisements. They were clever because Thursday night is the deadline for letters to the Voice, and there will not be another issue until the second week in April, long after this party is but a memory. I do not wish to file an official complaint. What do I wish to do is encourage the college’s officials to sit down and take a hard look at their policies and what they are doing. Wesleyan recently abandoned their similar policy because their attorneys told them that it would result in loss of the law. I urge Connecticut College to do the same.

Thomas R. DiNunno
Class of 1995

The lacrosse player on p. 16 was Damien DePeters The College Voice, March 8, 1994.

CONNThought

Examine the speech codes at Conn:

Women Dress Dominantly

Men Dress Like Slaves

This poster appeared on Harris walls, among other places, to advertise a dominatrix party sponsored by SOAR.

Where in order for men to attend, they must dress as slaves, and therein lies the double standard. If I ever advertised a party where women, African Americans, or Latins were cast as slaves in order to attend, the school would most likely expel me before spring break. I would be expelled for violating the college’s policy on racial and sexual harassment policies and procedure. The policy states, "The distinction is that the purpose of communication cannot be to harass, harm or cause psychological stress, i.e., withdrawal, fear, anxiety, depression, to others."

Well, let me tell SOAR a little something. Rightnow, my friends are coming into my room telling me cooled because I am pissed off that I’m shaking and yelling. I would be arrested and convicted for violating the 1989 R.A. V. Supreme Court case on such vague policies, R.A. V. City of St. Paul, Minnesota, 112 S.C. 2538 (1993). In that case, Robert A. Vitkoria burned the lawn of a black family in St. Paul. He was subsequently arrested and convicted for violating the 1989 St. Paul city ordinance against placing any public property burning cross, swastika, or other symbol likely to arouse "anger, alarm, or resentment in others on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, or gender." Doesn’t the St. Paul city ordinance look strikingly similar to the college’s policy on racial and sexual harassment? And guess what folks? Mr. Vitkoria’s appeal to the Supreme Court was found to be unconstitutional. I got off. The Court categorized his burning of the cross as fighting words. But as Justice Scalia notes in writing the Court’s decision: "[t]he First Amendment’s guarantee of freedom of speech on the college campus [is] the most fundamental of the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment."
Conn leaves Stone Age: allow cable in dorms

"Are you watching 90210?" "Nope, we're watching the Olympics!" This sums up a few weeks ago in the 1A living room, and one that I have seen frequently occurring for three years on this campus. Group A wants to watch show A, Group B wants to watch show B. Sometimes Groups Cand D are equally interested in the TV show. This problem is obvious. 100 people in a dorm +1 Television Set = TROUBLE!

The idea that 100 people can happily share one television set is ridiculous as this is the Stone Age, the Ranger can win the Stanley Cup. And this problem can only be alleviated in one way: let students access cable TV in their dorm rooms.

Now I must go to lie and that I want cable TV in my room so that I can watch CNN and the Discovery Channel. I've probably turned these channels on a total of 10 times in my life. But I do want to be able to watch "The Jezons" or "Levarne and Shirley" at my convenience, and not based on the hope that one of the other 99 people in my dorm are using the TV. Surely there are a lot of people on campus who like to watch CNN and the Discovery Channel. I am not one of them, but the point is clear. We should all have the option to watch whatever we want whenever we want to. After all, we are all adults here. The dorms are already wired for cable, LET THE CABLE COMPANY IN!!!!

Television is an important part of our culture. People love television, and Americans especially love it. At 6 p.m. on any given night one student may want to watch the news, two want to watch "Full House" and three others "Skiing from Aspen."

Why should the decision of what is being watched go to the party that arrived first? It does, however, and the reason is because 100 students, 30 channels, and one set is no way everyone can be happy.

What are the reasons that we don't have cable TV access in our rooms already? I seem to remember reading somewhere that the President feels that it will interfere with the work that students here are to do. This is ridiculous. Almost all of us had cable TV in our homes during high school and we all did well enough there to gain entry to this school. If we, the students here, can watch "Cheers" on a Tuesday night I feel like I should have to walk around campus for 20 minutes to find a vacant dorm living room.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that New London CT lies somewhere between Boston, New York, and Outer Mongolia. Even with my high powered antenna (Radio Shack, $69.75) that picks up everything from 2-13 in NJ, the signal at my room is Channel 26 New London. This channel is great for three things, Yankoo games, Infomercials, and the "Movie Greats Network" where I have been treated to such late night fare as "Duckman" and "Nobody's Perfect." The constant watching of this channel has now lowered my grades at all, but has enlightened me to the perfect way to clean an oil stain off my car's glove compartment. Cable TV is the only way we can get any TV reception in our dorm rooms.

Nobody is asking the college to pay for student's cable TV. I'm sure those of us who want it will be thrilled to pick up the tab. And judging by the 1,000 signatures garnered last week, I don't think I'm the only one who wants cable TV. The solution is simple. President Gaudiani should make a call to the cable company immediately, and those blue cable vans should arrive at the dorms on this campus right after spring break for anybody who wants cable. Is it really necessary to study how cable TV has affected students at other institutions?

What college has a statistic that said the average GPA was 2.9 before Cable TV and 2.748 after? We all love television. Many highly successful people probably even have more than ONE Cable TV wired for cable in their mansions. I cannot possibly see how cable TV is going to destroy the college's reputation.

I hope this issue is settled quickly. Otherwise you may see a huge riot on this campus in a few months if the Islanders/Rangers Game 7 is on the same night that the world finally discovers that Andrea's baby is actually Jim Walsh's.

Jonathan Rednick
Class of 1995

Anonymous letter spurs internal discussion on policy

Recently The College Voice received an anonymous letter to be published in the CONNThought section of this week's issue. It is Voice policy not to print anonymous letters.

The policy, enforced almost unanimously by publications nationwide, exists both as a safeguard for the paper in legal matters, as a means of maintaining the integrity and credibility demanded by the ethical code of journalism, and simply because the facts presented in an anonymous letter cannot be attributed. Usually, this policy presents no dilemma for the editors.

This week it did.

The author of the letter, whose identity is unknown even to the staff of the Voice, claimed that he or she has AIDS. The author's purpose was to convey a sense of reality of the existence of the virus on the campus community. The letter was succinct, and used plain, straightforward language to convey its point. Yet, the relative value of printing must be weighed against the breaking of policy and the many risks involved. Among these risks, there is a very real possibility that the letter is a hoax, perhaps written by a well-meaning individual trying to press his/her own agenda. It is understandable that such an individual would find it very tempting to write a letter as though they themselves had AIDS; it is plainly contrary to all that I'm sure he/she feels about the campus to have safe sex habits on an entirely different meaning when it is written in the first person. But the implications of publishing an unsigned letter are more than the newspaper being used to further a student's agenda. The College Voice staves its credibility each week on the letters it prints. And although the CONNThought/Viewpoint section is a public forum, the Voice implicitly pledges that letters in the section meet at least the minimum criteria.

Under the policy, individuals who wish to submit a letter, but would like to have their names withheld for publication, must provide reasons to at least one staff member. Usually when this occurs a student has concerns for job or academic security. It is recognized that an individual with a stigmatized disease such as AIDS might have difficulty following this guideline.

The staff of The College Voice considered the strong potential positive results of the letter's publication, the fact that generation of campus discussion of AIDS and prevention of this disease. However, the editors believe that to suspend policy would not only be an irresponsible decision but would set a poor precedent. The staff of the Voice decided not to publish the piece as CONNThought and instead discuss the reasons behind our decision.

As always, please feel free to express your opinion on this matter. Letters to the editor are welcomed, on IBM or Mac disk, in Crc 215 on the Thursday before each issue is published.

The College Voice

Antisemitism is present on Conn campus

Two weeks ago I was sitting outside the post office selling hamantaschen for the Jewish holiday of Purim. This holiday celebrates the Jews' triumph over one man's plot to kill them.

A man came up to the table and said that he wouldn't buy my pastries simply because Conn is a Jewish college. He informed me that all Jews in this country are malicious. When I told him that he was entitled to his opinion, he told me that he was not just an opinion, but the truth.

I was stunned that anyone would be so blatantly hostile, especially in the Connecticut College community. I tried not to think about the statement that he had just made about many of my friends. At the same time I laughed that he thought that he could hurt me with this statement. After all, I'm not Jewish.

Nevertheless, his words did hurt me. It belied a group of people who I love very much, from my friends here at Conn to my step-father and the family members he added to my life. This man belittled the Jewish traditions which I have participated in since my mother remarried when I was seven.

Yet I hesitated to say or do anything I didn't feel like I had the right. After all, he didn't actually make a statement about me. However, what was said to me was unacceptable. He made a very serious accusation about a large group of people, he declined to support it with any sort of fact, and he denied my statement that I could believe differently. At this point I have decided that I have not only the right to say something about this incident, but the obligation. Dialogue about issues such as this one is a very important part of life, and particularly of a college campus and education. However, blanket statements and an unwillingness to listen to other people simply breeds fear, hate, and separation. The best thing I have heard about this incident is that the following night, at the Christian Fellowship meeting, they prayed for the Jew on this campus. I was touched by this gesture, and I know my friends feel the same way.

This campus is supposed to be a place where people of many different backgrounds can live together, engaging in many different activities. Along with this must come an attempt on our part to take some responsibility for the people around us. A blanket statement hurts everyone. Eventually the blanket will cover you too.

Kimberly Doughty
Class of 1995
CONNThought/Viewpoint

Open letter to Chair of the Board:
Faculty finds little merit in pay raises

At the strong urging of many faculty members, the Faculty Steering and Conference Committee has been discussing the recent announcements of the Board's budget decisions. We recognize that the FSCC, and the faculty in general, has no official authority in fiscal matters. Yet these decisions obviously affect us directly, and we think it important that the Board understand our views.

In a word, we are disappointed. First, the Board has chosen, yet again, to ignore the overwhelming faculty vote on a resolution in 1991 that called for merit pay to follow, not surpass, across-the-board raises equal to increases in the cost of living; by that resolution, if funds were insufficient for a cost-of-living raise, no merit pay would be given. While some faculty favor a merit-pay system (though we certainly advocate the kind of reform on which we are working with the Provost/Dean of the Faculty), when raises aside from merit fully significantly below the cost of living a "merit" system unmistakably devolves into a punishment system. It implies that the majority of faculty doing their jobs are in fact falling below expectations, and it is surprisingly taken as an insult. Furthermore, in an academic community that relies on collegiality, such a "demerit" system is dangerously divisive.

Second, the Board has ignored a vote by the FSCC urging a delay in the final year of gapping for faculty salaries. Again the issue is divisiveness — not only within the faculty (appalling divisions were inequitably distributed), within the larger College community. Especially coupled with the decision not to offer any across-the-board raise for staff, it introduces damaging and unnecessary ill-will into a community that, as the president has repeatedly said, needs to offer itself as a model for cooperative civil existence.

Jesse Roberts
Class of 1996

In Response to Strategic Plan:
Reconsider modifying need-blind admissions policy

Letter to the Voice:

I am writing in response to the draft of the new Strategic Plan that was in the Voice two weeks ago. Hidden beneath the many initiatives and priorities is the shocking fact that Connecticut College is unfair to me that students' economic backgrounds need to be considered when determining whether they are admitted. Within the Plan itself it is written: "We must continue to take steps if then there would be more new student diversity within the College community..." Especially coupled with the decision not to offer any across-the-board raise for staff, it introduces damaging and unnecessary ill-will into a community that, as the president has repeatedly said, needs to offer itself as a model for cooperative civil existence.

Charles O. Hartman
Chair of the Faculty Steering and Conference Committee

Letter from ex-student
is anti-woman

A letter to the Voice

I am writing to clarify some misinterpretations regarding my December, 1993 letter which was published in the Voice. Firstly, I was disappoointed to find a demeaning and misleading cartoon placed in the middle of my letter! Not only did this act demonstrate a lack of professionalism on the Voice's part, but it pathetically showed the college's need to try and discredit the merits of my factual essay. Of course it is completely acceptable for one to offer differing viewing opinions — however inappropriate publications in the "real world" usually generally don't appear in the middle of the other person's argument. If the amateur writers of the voice wish to move up the journalistic ladder, perhaps they should implement the important qualities of character and integrity in their work rather than propaganda tactics. The creation and particular placement of the cartoon by the Voice's editors simply supports the claim that media brainwashes the weak minded.

At no point in my letter did I use a condescending tone or say anything remotely offensive about women. After reading the tainted cartoon some people were obviousy swayed to believe something that never existed — simply for the point of controversy. For those who missed the supposed anti-woman comment here it is:
"Connecticut College is still a woman's college. The women in power positions -President, Dean of Admissions, and Registrar must have felt personally cheated that a male they felt they were doing a favor for had to accept into their prestigious school without having done enough grunt work." Now if one still thinks that there is some hidden antiwomen message - then there's more knee jerking going on at Connecticut College than I ever imagined. The last time I checked, my father died in 1980, and my mother got two master degrees, spoke five languages, became a stock trader, lawyer, and single handedly paid my way through private elementary, boarding school and college. So don't tell me I don't know the accocliades, virtues or qualities of women - for they are not better or worse than men.

Sincerely,
Chadthea Barwood
Formerly Class of 1994

Review of An Irish Evening was far from accurate and fair

A letter to the Voice

In response to the poorly written review of the IACS performance "An Irish Evening," entitled "Irish angst played out in Cro," by Tim Devin, it seems to me personally, that when Tim Devin reviewed the IACS performance of last Friday, March 4, he was perhaps in the wrong room. I'm not sure what it was that he reviewed, but it appears barely reminiscent of our performances' purposes or intentions. While it is true, as Devin pointed out, that some actors are prone to moments of overacting and melodramatic tendencies and that our performance was not perhaps Broadway material, it seems to me that Devin missed the overall picture that the IACS was attempting to portray in this performance. The purposes and intentions behind "An Irish Evening" were numerous. Yet Devin's review accords to miss the majority of them. I shall explain.

First, our organization's name is The Irish American Cultural Society, not just the "Irish American Society." That Devin missed most of his information from the playbill, and still missed the largest of letters on the cover, in our repertoire, is not acceptable.

Second, throughout the review, Devin mentioned only half of the eight cast members, and none of the crew. Among and aside from the few cast members he had mentioned, were myself, Beidand Baggett, Kathryn Tewson, Meredith Kasten, Chris Coni, Rudi Riet, Suzie Erb, and Michelle Ronayne (his forgotten editor at the Voice).

It is insulting to think that of only eight, only four of the cast could be mentioned, especially in the capacities that those performers fulfilled. For example, Suzie Erb performed a Traditional Irish Folkdance, and Kathryn Tewson, accompanied once by Rudi Riet, did two musical performances. That Devin missed not only the cast as a whole, but the diversity of their functions in "An Irish Evening," is merely ignorant.

Third, there were several purposes behind "An Irish Evening," beside displaying the angst between the Irish and their British Invaders, which were depicted in "Borstal Boy," by Brendan Behan. It appears to watch: Brendan Baggett's reading of Leon Uris' "Irish." Unfortunately, that too was wrong. Devin made a small error in this one—but he had the wrong scene. The scene described was in fact from "Borstal Boy," by Brendan Behan.

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Sincerely,
Jermaine Landrigan
Class of 1995

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Sincerely,
Jesse Roberts
Class of 1996
The new Strategic Plan:

Team members address reasons for modifying need-blind policy

BY NATALIE HILDE
The College Voice

Members of the Financial Strategic Planning Team discussed the initiative in the draft of the new Strategic Plan which addresses the modification of the college’s need-blind admissions policy at Thursday night’s Student Government Association Assembly.

Members of the team explained the reasoning behind the decision, most importantly the college’s low yield on getting accepted students to matriculate at the college.

Whereas many institutions once practiced this need-blind admissions, fewer and fewer continue to do so, according to Claire Matthews, vice president for planning and dean of admissions. Matthews said that MIT is the only highly reputed college that she knows of that continues to be purely need-blind. Under this college’s current policy, the college’s low yield on getting accepted students to matriculate at the college.

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Matthews referred to the plan as “new institutional methodology,” and said that it will help to “attract students at the top of the pool.” Said Matthews, “We need to continue to attract very high quality students.”

It was emphasized that the plan is intended to increase both social and economic diversity at the college, and is geared toward what the group that is being called the “sensational middle class.” These are the families who earn between $60,000 and $90,000 a year; the “middle class” range of Connecticut College students. These are “people that look good on paper, but have mortgages, and other children in school,” said Roberto, associate dean of the college, and coordinator of Strategic Planning.

These are students who may not qualify under federal guidelines as middle-class, but for us they are our middle-income kids; it’s relative to our costs,” said Matthews.

Given the cost of a Connecticut College education, “having people from lower income groups in classrooms and dorms is a very high priority,” Matthews said, adding, “The goal is to bring together students that will most enrich each others lives when they form a student body.”

Offering stronger financial aid packages will in theory allow many students to come to Connecticut College who may have been deterred by the rising cost of private education. Just last month, the college’s Board of Trustees that tuition for next year would increase by 25.25%.

“I think once colleges moved past $20,000, a lot of families just said ‘Uncle,’” said Matthews. “I think $25,000 is going to hurt us a bit, and I can watch that trend. I also said an reference to the latest tuition raise.

Matthews said that this plan is more morally acceptable than an “accept/deny” policy, in which students are accepted to the college regardless of their ability to pay, but the college makes no commitment to give financial aid to students, a policy adopted by some other colleges.

Matthews emphasized the drawbacks that preferential packaging or an admit/deny policy would have. She said that being admitted and not receiving the necessary aid to afford the college sends the message that the candidate is somehow not qualified to be a student, when the real reason is that they cannot afford to pay tuition.

Another plan from the team calls for the implementation of merit scholarships to admitted students. The modified plan would include about ten merit scholarships, which Matthews called “a modest concept, an experiment. It would be to woo people from Harvard and Yale; to attract people we felt pretty sure would not come.”

Matthews said that the idea is to try to entice people to choose the college without considering their ability to pay.

“We don’t want to distribute aid in an ad-hoc situation, we want to base it on need,” said Matthews. “When I think with makes the difference is an expanded definition of aid. Matthews described the system where candidates would be considered by virtue of their contributions.

For these students who would bring fewer contributions and less diversity to the school, their ability to pay would be more heavily weighed.

“It’s going to complicate the lives of financial aid and admission enormously,” she said. “Do this is going to cost the College some money, but I think it will yield us the kind of student body that we want to have.”

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Gen Ed open meetings focus on role of science requirement

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of courses in science, then you’re inviting the increase of courses in other areas,” Ammirati said.

Ammirati said, “I think the gist of the discussion (thus far) was that in a two-course science requirement, people were comfortable with psychology being included in those courses. But if it were a one-course requirement, they were uncomfortable with psychology being included.”

According to Ammirati, it is the content of the science course, and the kind of course that should fulfill the requirement, that is at issue.

“I very much come down to if Psychology 101 is representative of the content and methodology (of a general education science requirement),” Ammirati said.

Stuart Vyse, professor of psychology, said, “But someone can still escape introductory chemistry and physics by taking introductory biology and chemistry.” Vyse continued, “What about breaking the sciences down into biological, behavioral, and physical, and making a course required in each?”

Hanlon argued against the idea of expanding the requirement further and said, “My inclination would be to hold out against the two semester requirement. I think one semester in behavioral and one semester in the social sciences are acceptable for general education.”

“I don’t tend to think of this as science and not science.” Hanlon continued, “If Psychology 101 is representative of the content and methodology (of a general education science requirement), people were comfortable with psychology being included in those courses. But if it were a one-course requirement, they were uncomfortable with psychology being included.”

— Thomas Ammirati, associate professor of physics and EPC member

Although Vyse believes that psychology straddles many areas of the curriculum, he said, “I think it wouldn’t be a mistake to have students leave with the impression that psychology is a science.”

In the psychology department, Vyse said more than half of the courses could be identified as science courses and said, “We are an applied science like medicine.”

Vyse presented the argument that psychology is an applied science because it involves laboratory work in controlled experimentation. Vyse said physiological psychology is a discipline in which emphasis is placed on the human being under study taking place in controlled laboratory settings.

“I’m still concerned that in the end, and maybe the science requirement is not the right way to go about it, but the core issue is that there is a common mistake that methods science can’t be applied to human behavior,” Vyse said.

Vyse mentioned the idea of a separate general education requirement, a category of courses that would include other psychology courses besides Psychology 101, and other courses which meet standards of scientific methodology.

However, Vyse said there is a unifying element within the sciences and “That does not hold very easily against the spasm of social sciences.”

Hanlon responded, “I’m uncomfortable with one course in psychology in one area and the rest in another.

Besides the Psychology 101 debate, Ammirati sounded to feel that the main focus of the EPC at the moment should be the strict definition of the science requirement.

“One of our focuses is to separate the number of semesters from what the requirement would be,” Ammirati said.

The goals of the existing science requirement need to be laid out, according to Ammirati, who said that the college must decide if the general education requirement should be training students for pre-apprentice work or showing them experiments relative to what they’re actually learning, as many laboratory science courses are geared towards pre-apprentice work.

Cory alluded to the necessity of giving students a “bird’s eye” view of the sciences and use of certain basic investigative techniques.

He also said that general education science courses do not necessarily need to be general survey courses. “You can often get the principle of an entire field by getting to be good at just one thing,” Cory said.

Cory also discussed the opposing sides of the same argument. He said that students major in certain areas in which they want to specialize, so it seems as if a general science course might fill the requirement adequately.

However, Ammirati stressed that it is necessary to know scientific methodology in depth, since much of it is needed to function in the modern world, and personal experiences and high school experiences with science are just not enough to obtain a sufficient understanding of scientific methodology.

Matthews says polls indicate graduates satisfied by college; reflected by low attrition rate

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natural freshman.

Claire Matthews, vice president for planning and dean of admissions, said, “One reason that we choose these students in the admissions process who are most likely to be successful and are a good match for the institution.”

Also, I think that Connecticut College apparently satisfies the academic and social needs of a larger number of students,” said Matthews.

Matthews went on to say that seniors graduating seniors made in an exit poll, she believes students are in general pleased with the quality of life. “The satisfaction level of graduating seniors, on a whole range of questions that we ask them, is very high. I think that the safety net that the dean’s office is in terms of contacting students who are having academic difficulty early in the semester helps,” said Matthews.

Matthews said while the attrition rate is low, the college must take responsibility for strengthening any areas of weakness which may cause students to leave.

“One of the ways we stay alert to quality of life issues is by watching the attrition rate,” said Matthews.

“I think that the administration is responsible for the quality of life on campus, academically, intellectually, in terms of additional cultural events, and socially as well in terms of extra-curricular planning. I do think it’s the responsibility of the administration to be concerned about the quality of life,” said Matthews.

Jennifer Scott, SAC chair, said while the rate of attrition may be comparatively low, it is important to consider that quality of student life may be an issue at the rate. “It has been my observation, over the last three years as a member of the SAC executive board, that the social life is adequate, but not phenomenal. We’ve reached a plateau, where when a student leaves, he or she can say, ‘Yeah, I had a good time at Conn, but not now. What a place,’ and right now, the system is not designed for that phenomenal experience,” said Scott.

Scott said she feels the college expends much effort attracting students and maintaining a connection with alumni, but does not show the same concern for enrolled students.

“I don’t think that enough attention has been paid to the students who are here now. We are the future alumni,” said Scott.

Large grant to enhance physics department

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foundation annually and two years ago I spent a good [amount of] time with the vice president detailing the information [surrounding the science department] and the arrival of the Olin building,” said Guadini.

Then, I sat down with the foundation that she was interested in receiving a large scale grant.

“A team of scientists [from the foundation] made an extensive site visit to the college and looked at all the programs we had made in strengthening the sciences,” said Guadini. Guadini said that this strengthening had taken place in various ways, including increases in internships for students in the sciences, and more opportunities for student and faculty research projects.

“It’s all part of the achievement of the first five year plan,” said Guadini, “The grant made sense in that context.”

Guadini added, “We got exactly what we asked for.”

“The Strategic Plan implemented five years ago identified strengthening the sciences as a goal for the college.

THe Camel Heard ...

"Things that don't get in the Strategic Plan tend not to get the same emphasis." -Carmen Hanlon, professor of Child Development and EPC member, at an open meeting to discuss the Gen Ed plan last week.

"Oh ok. That was my last reason for being at Conn." -Lauren Matthews, reacting to an out-of-order sign on the milkshake machine in Plants.

"It was chocolate too." -Student behind Lauren.

"Honestly, all my life I have wanted to kick someone's ass." -Shelli Catalina.

"So what are we voting on?" -Lee Rawle, head cashier of Park, having just sat in the SGA Assembly meeting with a new cup of hot chocolate in the middle of a vote and raising his hand.
Math department warns that loss of
faculty slot harms computer science

BY BEN RUBIN
Associate News Editor

A recent petition has alarmed the
student body to the possibility that
the computer science program will
not be able to continue as a result of
the proposed faculty reduction in
the math department for the 1995-
96 academic year.

The school currently offers a com-
puter science minor through the
math department. Ernest Schles-
singer, professor of mathematics,
teaches the majority of these courses
but he is retiring after this year.

According to various faculty
and students, the college is planning
to hire a replacement faculty in an-
other academic area, and is not plan-
ing to replace the position in the
math department. If this happens
the department will have only 5.5
full-time equivalency (FTE) fac-
ulty, rather than the six it currently
has. Because some instructors, such
as part-time faculty or endowed
chairs, teach less than the normal
3.2 load, the FTE number refers to
the total of full courseloads taught
by all the professors in a depart-
ment.

Stephen Loomis, provost and
dean of the faculty, and Claire
Gaudiani, president of the college,
made their proposals to the Faculty
Scheduling and Conference Commit-
tee for the structuring of faculty
within each department for the 1995-
96 academic year.

The math department has re-
sponded to the proposal through the
FSCC, which will then make its
recommendation to Loomis and
Gaudiani, who will make their final
proposal to the Board of Trustees.

"The computer science program
will be lost if there is a staffing cut.
A visiting committee agreed with
our conclusion that it would be the
computer science department that
would be lost. We are very upset;
we think it is a terrible mistake," said
Bridge Baird, chair of the phys-
ics department.

Sandra Carrigan, chair of the math
advisory board, encouraged students
to sign a petition to protest the pro-
posed cuts. Carrigan plans to sub-
mit the petition, which tallied ap-
proximately 600 signatures, to the
FSCC and Gaudiani.

"It is ironic that [Gaudiani] is
really trying to push for the scien-
tific side of liberal arts but at the
same time she is destroying the com-
puter science department," said
Carrigan.

Carrigan explained, "Every one
of our peer schools has a computer
science department, we're not go-
ing to be able to compete with these
schools. The visiting committee said
that it would be terrible to lose the
computer science department. [The
loss] may hurt the reputation of
Connecticut College."

A February draft of the math
department's response to the pro-
posed faculty reduction stated, "The
elimination of a computer science
program...would be a mistake of
dramatic proportions that would have
repercussions for students through-
out the college and for the future
prosperity of the college."

The draft outlined the decrimen-
tial effects that the cuts would have
on other science departments, The
Center for Arts and Technology, and
the many students from other
departments who minor in com-
puter science and who use this ex-
erience to gain employment.

"This faculty has talked to Dean
Loomis, and they have said if you
cut this position, the computer sci-
ence minor will be lost. Originally
the position was going to be cut at
the end of this year. We are losing
students on a regular basis because
we don't have a computer science
department," said Ken Rosark, chair
of academic affairs.

Loomis said, "The final decision
has not yet been made. I have not
seen the math department's evalua-
tion yet."
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**The Camel Connection**

* A compilation of other schools' news

**CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** The student newspaper at the school was shut down by the Student Association because the newspaper was planning to investigate incompetence in a student government election, according to the editor in chief. The association's president and the dean of the college claim that the newspaper office was closed down due to "suspicions of people," such as denying membership to an aspiring writer. The newspaper's staff is seeking a lawyer and the editor states that the paper was actually shut down because it was planning to investigate a story about bribery by a student senator.

**MICHIGAN STATE:** Six students at the school were arrested on gambling charges after a gambling operation was discovered in a dormitory. An undercover officer accompanied a student who owed $500 to the operation, as that student paid the debt. The officer then cashed a check of his own. Two students were charged with operating a gambling house and four others were charged with furnishing a gambling house.

**JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY:** Approximately 2,000 students protested the state's attempts to desegregate its schools, by marching from the university to the Capital. The students chanted, "No closing, no merging" in response to the state's decision to close one black college and make another merge with a predominantly white school. In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court declared that the state's colleges were segregated.

*This information was compiled from The Chronicle of Higher Education.*

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**Don't wait!**

Volunteers needed to help raise money, support efforts to inoculate area children

**BY KIM CONNIF**
The College Voice

It is 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, and you have two choices of activities: you could either be lumped in a sloppy state of incoherence, not ready to join the world of the living for another five hours, or be out reenacting that very body and helping a couple hundred children, all before most people even stumble down to Harris.

During the weekend after spring break the Rotary Club of New London is sponsoring a "Walk/Sroll/Fun Run" to help fund the immunization of New London children. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Mitchell College, and the walk will commence at 9:30 a.m.

Dubbed "Don't Wait, Inoculate!" the goal of the program is to help assure "every New London child be immunized" by the age of two, according to Tracee Reiser, director of the Office Volunteers for Community Service. The funds from the walk-a-thon will be used to ensure access to immunizations for all children in New London.

The need is extremely prevalent in this area, and was brought to the attention of the Rotary Club by health care providers, city officials, human service providers, and people working in the school system. Now, many community members lack knowledge about, and access to, primary health care. Many children are growing up without having received crucial immunizations.

As a member of the Rotary Club, Reiser is the liaison between this project and the community college. Joan Hunter, director of human resources, is also actively involved in the fight for immunizations. Reiser insists that the college has the potential to be a considerable resource for the walk-a-thon, through faculty, staff, and student participation. She suggests that people organize groups of friends to join together on Saturday morning. Pledges from Mom, Dad, and friendly neighbors could be elicited over break.

Activated will collect pledges before the walk, and then embark on a five-mile excursion through New London along the banks of the Thames River. The more bouncy types, a.k.a. the runners, will shorten the distance to a five kilometer run. "Hopefully it'll be a nice day," said Reiser, although the walk is set to take place rain or shine.

Will she be sporting it herself that weekend? "Yes," Reiser said, "I'll be part of it because I think all children should be immunized and this is one strategy that'll help that happen."

Those interested in opting for a fun way to spend Saturday morning should visit OVC and pick up a pledge form. Your body will thank you, and so will the children of New London.

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**Construction worker on Olin Site injured in fall**

**BY ALEX JENKINS**
The College Voice

A laborer on the Olin Science Center construction site suffered minor injuries Tuesday when he fell from scaffolding and was hit in the head with a plank.

According to Stephen George, manager of capital projects, thirty-six year old David Coleman was taken by ambulance to the hospital where he received six stitches for a cut on his head.

Joe Silvestri, associate director of college relations, said Coleman was a scaffolding working when a concrete form slipped, knocking him fifteen feet with the falling plank.

Coleman is employed by the J.S. Nason Co., the general contractor for the Olin project. George said the college is not liable for injuries to workers on the site. "By contract, the contractor carries liability insurance," he said. George also said he doesn't know of any other injuries on the site. "It's been a very safe site," he said.

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**Contact session discussion suspends athletes as means of punishing**

**BY APRIL O'NEIL  
News Editor**

Granting the Judiciary Board the power to remove a student leader or student athlete from their position or team if they are found to have committed a serious Honor Code offense was the discussion topic last week’s J-Board contact session.

Dan Shedd, sophomore class J-Board member, said, "Obviously we're going to have to punish people, but one of the main goals of the J-Board is to rehabilitate. We don't think the main things are their team, and we don't want to take that away from them.

Kevin Mulvihill, J-Board direc-
tor, said, "I guess the thing that comes to mind is does the J-Board want to set policy for student par-
ticipation in the competition or do they want to separate for other activities"?

Makoff said that the same pen-
alties that would apply to student athletes should be applied to all stu-
dents involved in activities. "If a

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**The Week in SGA...**

Sara Spoonheim, J-Board chair, bid an informal discussion about why the Academic and Administrative Proce-
dures Committee to prevent students who have been charged with credit card fraud by the Waterford Police. The two were

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**Informal SGA Discussion: SAC discusses restructuring of student activities**

**BY APRIL O'NEIL  
News Editor**

Significant changes to the struc-
ture of the Student Activities Coun-
cil were the focus of last week's SAC executive directors' presentation at last Thursday's Student Government Association Assembly meeting. Jennifer Scott, SAC chair, opened discussion by saying, "I think everyone would agree that campus events have reduced in number. And it seems to me that the only way to get past the plateau is to make some positive changes, "

"People are demanding better quality bands and better quality entertainment," said Ben Tyeil, SAC events director.

Scott, Jamie Poff, SAC music direc-
tor, and Tyrell talked about The National Association for Campus-
us Activities conference and said that many of the concepts that were discussed at the conference and the National Association for Campus Activities conference and the National Association for Campus Activities conference and the National Association for Campus Activities conference. SAC counterparts on other campuses do not function as well as SAC, Scott said.

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Ska band consisting of Conn and Wesleyan students hits the Connecticut music scene

by Tim Devin
The College Voice

"But it's just another day of ska." This is the idea behind one of Connecticut's newest bands, Ska King Crab.

Made up of two Connecticut College students, Randy Smith and Jordan Scott, and seven others from Wesleyan, the ska band has only been together for five months, and has already had several paying shows. They are scheduled to play in the Boston ska festival this coming April 2.

In addition, the band won second place in Wesleyan's rock contest, in which they were allowed to participate even though Smith and Scott do not attend Wesleyan University.

The band has had a verybrief history. It formed in October when Smith and lead singer Allen decided that Wesleyan and Conn needed a ska band. Allen, a transfer to Wesleyan this year, met up with a bassist, and put together the horn section -- two sax's, a trombone, a trumpet, and at one point, a tuba -- and, four drummers later, the group was complete.

Ska King Crab's set is made up of original songs, as well as several covers; among the latter are ska versions of Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire" and A-Ha's "Take On Me." These songs take on a new light in Ska King Crab's hands; the playful, amor de la salska of the band members' previous bands give way to more serious, extended, and at times, quite heavy, performances.

"We play music because ska is fun," Smith explains. "According to Smith, people want a more aggressive style of music to listen to, and instruments have been created so that sounds are harsher, with more attack than before, to the point that the mellower sound of the early ska bands is unavailable."

The first song, ' 피카로区块' - and only one - on-cam purg was at Abbey House last month. Their hour-long set was energetic, with some breaks proving to be entertaining as Allen teased the bass player, Mike, or gave out free stickers. Allen put on a show of his own, dancing the microphone up and down, yelling to the audience, seemingly to be the ideal front man for a ska band.

The band was dressed up in true "rody boy" fashion: suits with thin ties and 50's style sunglasses. According to Smith, all the rapping and symbols -- from the scooters to the fiddors, 50's sunglasses, and the custom of dressing up for shows -- are an expected part of ska; something that sets ska bands apart from other types of bands.

Along with the customary paraphernalia goes the ska attitude, something which Ska King Crab seems to possess. The band tries, "to be nice to everybody," something that they feel other bands need to learn to do.

The band also thinks that there is too much competition in music, and they try to avoid it. "We play music because ska is fun," Smith explains. "People who assign anything more to ska than that are missing the point."

For those interested in seeing them, Ska King Crab will be performing in the Boston Ska Festival April 2 -- along with Skacowboys and the Connecticut College Ska Band at the Wesleyan Spring Festival in April. They are due to have a demo and a seven inch disc out on their own label in May, available through the band.

The Connecticut College Theater Department and Theater One brought one of their annual Brazilian one-act plays to the theater last weekend with the performance of two Brazilian one-acts, dramatized for the English language by the director, Michael Kinghorn, with the pleasing and surprising translation of the play, not from the actors' performances. Kinghorn, through his relationship with the performer of the play, Stella, dressed up to imitate his idol, Marilyn Monroe, especially successful in the pant of the Judge, his father while he was still a young boy. His performance was driven by an aim to be a young boy.

The first scene opened with all four actors simultaneously lighting a cigarette, a technique used to represent that they were indeed all different parts of the same person.

The second scene, "In Pieces," also by Smith, shows the complications of a young boy's life, and relationship to his now deceased father. Allen, now an adult, goes the ska attitude, something which Ska King Crab will be performing in the Boston Ska Festival April 2 -- along with Skacowboys and the Connecticut College Ska Band at the Wesleyan Spring Festival in April. They are due to have a demo and a seven inch disc out on their own label in May, available through the band.

By CARU SOULlZ
A&E Editor

Ska, a genre of music with West Indian roots, has become popular in recent years. While it originated in the early 1960's, it was not until the late 1980's that it gained widespread recognition. One of the most influential bands to emerge from this genre is Ska King Crab.

Ska King Crab is a band that has gained popularity due to their energetic performances and unique sound. Their music is characterized by the use of horns and off-beat rhythms, which set ska apart from other types of music. The band has had a very brief history, but it has been successful in attracting a following.

In addition, the band has won second place in Wesleyan's rock contest, which is an indication of their popularity on campus. They are scheduled to perform in the Boston ska festival this coming April 2, which is an exciting event for ska fans.

The band has a very unique style, which is apparent in their music and stage presence. Their performances are often accompanied by costumed attendees, which adds to the overall atmosphere of their shows.

Ska King Crab's music is unique and catchy, with a lot of energy and spirit. They are a great addition to the ska scene and are sure to make a name for themselves in the music industry.
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would be split into nine "playlands" with themes that include slavery in America and the wounding of the Vietnam War

-N.Y. Times

March 15, 1994
Flock Theater presents
O'Neill's "The Hairy Ape"

by Michelle Ronayne
Associate A&E Editor

The intimate gathering in the Vanguard Gallery in New London was treated to a talented performance of Eugene O'Neill's "The Hairy Ape."
The cast, consisting of local actors and two Connecticut College alumni, was exceptional. The play was performed under the direction of Derron Wood, Connecticut College class of 1988.
The gallery itself is quite small and there was no actual stage on which the actors performed. The space was, however, well-utilized as the cast even worked with the pillar that was in the middle of the space provided. The lack of a stage made the performance more intimate; the audience could actually be immersed in the lives of these people.
The play focused on the life of Yank, a fireman on an ocean liner and played by Michael Lerner. The one thing that Yank wants is to belong to something. He considers himself and avoids feeling like a slave to the owner of the ship by pretending it is his actions which make the ship move.
The second scene brought the audience to another side of life-the daughter of the ship's owner, Mildred (Cynthia Generous), and her aunt, played quite humorously by Patrick Goodnow. She sits and discusses the possibility of Mildred visiting the statehouse where the firemen work. She arrives in the statehouse and Yank erupts in a fit of anger at the engineers. She states to him she is to become a "hairy ape."
Yank wants revenge for those feelings of inferiority. He claims he has "fallen in hate." As Paddy (Rob Richer) explains, Mildred looked at him as "if a great big hairy ape had escaped from the zoo."
In response, Yank laments, "Who the hell is she... isn't she the same as me?" It is this struggle between the classes that is so evident throughout the play. It is more than a struggle to find somewhere to belong than it is an attempt to understand human failings and why it is that we will not accept each other.
The final scene is the ultimate study of the rejection we feel as humans. Yank, after attempting to find something to which he can belong, finally goes to the zoo and visits the gorillas. The irony is that he discovers that he does not belong to the apes any more than he belongs to the world of people.
Lerner gave one of the finest performances as Yank. The character needs to be simultaneously powerful and naive. Lerner gave the performance his all, and the energy level with which he performed was constantly high.
The only criticism would be that Long, played by Bud Stav, was in times difficult to understand because he was speaking with some sort of British cockney accent. The accent itself is difficult to maintain throughout a performance, but at times some lines were lost and Long had a lot of important ideas to convey. For the most part, Stav's performance was good.
The Flock Theater and Tuvaen Players put on quite an amazing performance. In the future, perhaps they can have a slightly larger theater in which to perform. This small theater worked for this performance because of the in-your-face nature of the piece, but other plays would require more space to be effectively run.
Sports

Intramural Update:
Goldman's wins battle of the undefeated
Women's hoops finals Monday: Hockey; Basketball finals on Wednesday

Share 'Your As' recorded their first win of the floor hockey season Tuesday night by defeating Bobbit 2-1. Nathan Heard and Mark Weiswanger each tallied goals for the overpowered squad, Jon Zaff connected with Jeff Gilbon for the sole Bobbit goal.

Also on Tuesday, The Mighty Water Fowl were victorious over The Branford Bears by a score of 6-4. Dan Strom scored a hat trick for the Mighty Water Fowl, while teammates Tim Martin and Ben Bailey each tallied goals and one goal, respectively, to the winning score. Todd Maguire had two goals for the losers, and teammates Sean Burke and Dan Traum each scored a goal.

In Tuesday's late game, Goldman's Squad put to rest any questions as to who is the best team in the league with an impressive 5-3 victory over Wildpilhips. Both teams entered the game undefeated and toting high-powered offenses.

Barron takes second at Nationals
Continued from p. 7 (Championships) and was a nobody," said Wuyke. "He did his best," Wuyke said. "He almost got the gold and he has an abundance of talent and he's been working hard this year. His talent is coming through because of his work ethic," says co-captain Jay Don Francisco. "The best thing about him is that he's a quiet leader. He's really modest and then he just goes out and does everyone's butt."

Next on the busy senior's agenda is to begin throwing the hammer in preparation for the outdoor season. His goal is undoubtedly to qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Chicago in May.

"Dave's going to be ready for that," predicted Wuyke. "He's actually better at his hammer than he is at the weight."

But for now Barron, Wuyke and his team can enjoy his success. "He did his best," Wuyke said. "He almost got the gold and he represented Conn very well. When he got back [from Wisconsin] I told him, 'you have to eat brunch with me.'" Wuyke added, "the rest of the freshmen are pretty even and it will be hard to fill out the top six, although he added, "the rest of the freshmen are pretty even, and it will be hard to fill out the top six, although.

Freshmen add depth to men's tennis
Continued from p. 16
Along with Penicud, Metzendorf will be asked to help lead this year's group of freshmen. Metzendorf played in the number two spot on last year's squad and compiled Conn's best individual record.

These two juniors also combined to form Conn's number one doubles team. Kline points out that "They both played strong last year and took the top doubles team in the nation to three sets," Kline hopes that this team will continue their success in this coming season.

Thompson spent last season studying abroad in France, but is expected to take one of the top two spots on this year's team.

With a small number of returning players, Kline has to rely on six freshmen to fill the rest of the roster. Included in this troop of new players to Conn's hard courts are Jeremy Barons, Antoine DeMain, Gauri Giordano, Matt Hyoute, Ajae Kasergod, and Jon Newlin.

Kline indicated that Barans and Giordano are the most likely candidates to fill out the top six, although he added, "the rest of the freshmen are pretty even, and it will be hard to tell."

Penicud also added, "There is very good depth among the freshmen."

The team has been working extra-hard throughout this pre-season, Metzendorf said. The Camels got to travel to sunny St. Martin in the U.S. Virgin Islands to continue their workouts. Once there, they will be hosted by the St. Martin French West Indies Tennis Club which will provide players and courts for the team.

The Camels will then travel back to the mainland for their first match against Wheaton College. The match will be held on Conn's hard courts behind Crossman Williams on Tuesday, March 29 at 3:30 p.m.
Schmoozing foresees UNC repeating as hoops champions

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The College Voice

Sports

Schmoozing with Josh and the Donut:

Schmoozing foresees UNC repeating as hoops champions. That really is nobody else.

NL WEST: San Francisco Giants: There is ABSOLUTELY nobody else.

Schmoozing has recently compiled a list of sports cities where no athlete (in their right mind) would want to play. Here we go:

(1) Cleveland: The Indians are always miserable. The Browns are now miserable. The Cavaliers are boring to watch. Even the Cleveland Barons no longer exist. The only thing the city will have is the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.

(2) New York: The fans, the pressure, the media, the smell.

(3) Buffalo: Four straight Super Bowl losses with no other teams but the Sabres. Have fun dealing with that January temperature.

(4) Edmonton: Either you play for the miserable Oilers or the CFL, and why?

As a college drunks and the funniest city of winning, providing Doug Jones with the “balls” to finish first. However, Michael Jordan will not resemble the old Orlando group. He is also very optimistic about the future. We’d like to see that.

Senior captain Erin Marvin echoes Wolter’s sentiments about the strength of the squad. “Things are shaping up for a very strong season, one of the strongest Coats has seen in years — in all categories,” Marvin said.

The team will remain on campus throughout spring break. They will continue their hard work by participating in difficult twice-a-day workouts. Then it is off to a hand full of scrimmages against teams in their league before the New England Championships in Worcester, Massachusetts on May 7.

Having finished second at that race last year, the Comets hope to fare even better this spring. “We would like to do better this year,” said Marvin. “Or at least it’s my personal goal. We’d like to come in first.”

A good showing in Worcester could catapult Comets to the Championship Regionals in Virginia. “That’s definitely one of the goals,” Marvin said.

Coach calls this year’s women’s team one of the strongest in over a decade

BY ED METZENDORF

Associate Sports Editor

After a strong fall campaign the women’s crew team is looking forward to a strong spring season. The fall season included impressive showings at several regattas and was highlighted by the varsity boat’s sixth place finish in the Head of Schuykill regatta as well as a freshman boat that compiled an impressive 39-4 record.

The sport of crew is growing in popularity all the time, a fact which is evident right here at Connecticut College. Most notably, for the first time in twelve years there is the distinct possibility of having four separate women’s 8s-boats.

Head coach Claus Wolter said not only is the number of crew competitors up, but the depth of the boats has increased as well. “This is one of the strongest groups since 1983,” he said, alluding to the squad that 11 years ago won the New England Championships. He is also very optimistic about the freshmen who will hopefully continue The College Voice

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Women's Lacrosse looking to conjure last season's magic:

Despite inexperience, team ready for season to commence

BY SEAN HANLON
Sports Editor

Last season, the women's lacrosse team produced one of the more memorable campaigns in school history, an underdog regular season that culminated in an East Coast Athletic Conference tournament and a semi-final loss to Middlebury on Hardness Green.

For the 1994 Camels, the goal is to play at the same level as last year, which means making a splash in the ECACs. It will be a tough row to hoe when you consider that Conn has lost such stars as Sarah Ball, Robin Wallace, Carter Wood, and Este Wood.

"I think it is an unrealistic goal to be unbeaten," head coach Anne Parmenter said. "But we can definitely aim for the ECACs." As much as Conn wants to get the ball rolling, mother nature has impeded lacrosse all over New England with her snow and rain confining many teams to gymnasiums and off the fields. For these Camels, their strength is now in their bench strength, Miller's inexperienced squad has the potential to be an NCAA Final Four. Contract games against Hamilton, Union and Bowdoin will all count towards their record.

Parmenter is chomping at the bit to get the season underway. "I want to get down to Florida and get outside and hope life is a whole lot better there," said Parmenter, who is chomping at the bit to get the season underway.

Young men's tennis squad hopes to bloom this spring

BY FRANK DEPINO
The College Voice

After a disappointing season in which the men's tennis team posted a 5-8 record, this year's squad is hoping to bring Camel tennis back as a power in the NESCAC.

The Camel tennis team has not had a losing season since 1994, but assistant coach Ed Metzendorf said, "We gained valuable experience from last year's disappointing sea- son and I feel that with the addition of four returning players, we can compete in the highly competi- tive NESCAC's and do very well.

Head coach Ken Kline added, "We are a young team but we are getting better."

Athlete of the Week

This year's award goes to Dave Barron who finished second in the 35 pound weight throw at the National Division III Indoor Championships this weekend. For the fifth time this season, he broke his own school record, this time with a throw of 61 feet, five and 1/4 inches.

Glen Miller accepts contract extension

Hopes high for future of Connecticut College men's basketball program

The Connecticut College athletic department announced on Wednesday its decision to hire Glen Miller as the men's basketball coach on a permanent basis.

Last year, Miller was hired on an interim basis to replace former coach Mo Schoepfer, who became the college sports information director.

After a long national search that attracted over 100 applicants, the search committee, made up of student and faculty members, reached the conclusion that, despite the team's 6-18 record this season, Miller is the most qualified individual to turn around the Connecticut College basketball program.

Athletic director Bob Mulock said, "Miller's ability to develop players and strong group of coaches was the major factors in the decision." He added, "Glen Miller is a genuinely good person who fit right into the program."

The committee was impressed with the potential Miller showed last season, as he functioned with limited resources, and still managed to make his team give everything they had every night on the floor. This year's team had only one senior and did not have one person over 6'3" on the roster. Realizing that Conn would not be able to defeat their opponents with size and strength, Miller used full court pressure and three-point shooting to spread out the floor to compensate for his team's lack of size. This strategy was effective in helping the Camels' stay competitive in games against bigger and more talented teams.

Throughout the season, Miller's inexperienced squad showed flashes of brilliance, and with the development of a solid core of underclassmen, Conn looks to have the potential to develop into a strong program over the next few years.

"Within two years I hope that, and with some luck, Conn will have the opportunity to be competitive in every game," Malekoff said.

Throughout the winter, Miller's assistant Kevin Jaskiewicz showed his strong knowledge of the game and his ability to coach. "Jaskiewicz had a large hand in the team's success this season," said Malekoff. He also said that he hoped he would retain his position as Miller's assistant.

Coach Miller joined the Connecticut College community after seven years as an assistant under Jim Calhoun. Malekoff said, "Coach Miller has a chance to qualify for the NCAA Final Four. Contract games against Hamilton, Union and Bowdoin will all count towards their record."