Several weeks ago, homophobic graffiti was discovered on campus. There were two separate incidents, one in which, Mark Hoffman, director of student activities and manager of the college center, was the target.

In response to both instances, Dean Ferrari, Acting Dean of the College, sent out a bulletin broadcast message that condenmed the act as well as announced a meeting that was to be open to the students and administration to discuss the matter.

In both cases, concerned students and faculty expressed their views regarding the matter during the open meetings. "I think everyone here recognizes the community of all oppression," said Dean Ferrari at the outset of the first meeting.

Hoffman expressed his gratitude to the students and the Student Life office for their support.

Later on, he expressed different sentiments. "For me, when I found out, my first thought was 'what ever' and then three hours later I started to think 'I'm really pissed off," said Hoffman.

In the college's five year strategic plan there is the suggestion of forming a committee to look into issues of sexual orientation. "It's really an issue that needs to be brought up here," said Hoffman.

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Several dorms in the Plex and Quad were broken into during the Sophomore Formal last week. Among items stolen were computer equipment, stereo and money. Sophomore Ian Scrivner's Park dorm room was one of the one's broken into. Scrivner said that his stereo receiver, printer, camera, and watch were stolen while he was at the Sophomore Formal. Thirty dollars were also taken from that room. He said that he had left his door unlocked.

He described the events surrounding the break-in as 'weird'. According to Scrivner, one of his friends saw four kids congregating around one of the freshmen rooms on his floor.

The Sophomore Formal was a social event to which all members of one class, would be inappropriate. Maritell Yoders, SGA president, said that she presented the students' opposition to the administration, and that senior administrators said they would review the policy.

Lynn Brooks, vice president for finance, said that the policy was recently adopted by the faculty to allow students' financial aid to travel with them when they study away, a policy which 'will have an effect for the class of 1998', the trustees, the college's budget, as the cost of operating the college with hundreds of students paying tuition all semester when they study away.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees in March, the Trustees voted to hold off on charging Conn tuition for study abroad until the class of 1998 could study away with full financial aid. In the meantime, they voted to impose a semester $750 processing fee on students who study away in order to offset the need for further revenue to the college. According to Brooks, the processing fee was introduced to the administration to be a compromise to the students' opposition to the charging of full tuition.

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**PRESIDENT**

**William Intner**

William Intner, SGA presidential candidate, wants to ensure that all students have a voice and if elected president he has several ideas to ensure that this happens. He wants to see student concerns become campus issues. Intner feels that there needs to be a more direct communication between SGA and students. He has several ideas including utilizing sena-
tors more effectively. He wants students to be able to voice their concerns and believes that this would be an effective method.

"I would challenge the senators to talk to five or ten people each week and bring back these issues to assembly," said Intner. He promises to communicate with the student leaders as well as other students. One idea he has is to meet with a variety of randomly selected students.

He also suggested that SGA Executive members meet with students for lunch or dinner in order to hear their ideas. "It is in the job of the president to utilize assembly members to get information out and in," said Intner. Intner believes that at times communication breaks down between administrators and students. "It is very important to have a strong working relationship with administrators," said Intner. He believes that through his work on college committees he has developed strong ties with administrators.

Intner believes that the Honor Code should be valued and upheld by all students. He has never commited a serious infraction of the Honor Code and does not believe student leaders need to be held to a higher standard. "I believe that all student should be held to the same high standard," said Intner.

Intner believes his wide range of campus involvement makes him the best choice for president. His involvement in student govern-

government includes Academic and Administrativa-

committee, Dean's Grievance, Library and Bookshop Committee, Academic and Advising Task Force, College Committee on Diversity, Vice President of the class of 96, Finance Committee as well as many other committees and positions of leadership. He has been involved in other campus activities through his work in the theater and his par-
ticipation in the ski team.

**John Biancur**

Biancur wants to get back to basics and straightforwardness. He plans to bring his "moral tone in leadership style" to the Student Government Association Executive Board, hoping to stick a simple, to the point, "no rambling" seal on the assembly. Biancur also believes students should be better in-
formed on campus. He is looking to use all of the media here at Cono - e-mail, posters, the Daily CONNECT - in order to better inform and involve our student body.

Biancur wants to establish a "statewide coalition" of colleges and universities to discuss problems that student governments face. After all, other schools may have other ideas and suggestions which could be useful to the student body. Biancur also supports the Yom Kippur Proposal. However, if the proposal were to be shot down, John would not advocate a sit-in. He will just accept it and move on.

On the topic of diversity, which, in his opinion, is one of the most important issues faced by the Connecticut College community this year, he would like an increase in diver-
sity in all areas, including SGA, noting that only which two minority members currently hold seats. Talking to Unity and the Minority Students Steering Committee as much as possible will hopefully aid this process.

And finally, in terms of communication with students, faculty, and administration, he plans to meet regularly with all three groups on a monthly basis in order to gather and exchange information between these groups.

This candidate wants more than a pasta bar in Harris or a Guest Meal Pass in Ctri, two of his accomplishments this year. Increasing diversity, making this campus a more inter-
active community, and "making legislation to better the lives of all students" are Biancur's
goals.

Biancur is currently SGA presidential asso-
vocate and is a member of several commis-
sions.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**Kristin Page**

Kristin Page, junior class J-Board representa-
tive, puts faculty evaluations at the top of her agenda in her campaign for next year's Student Government Association chair of academic affairs.

"If we don't express our concerns about a professor, they're not getting heard," Page said. Page, a transfer student from Muhlenberg College, plans to change evaluations into a form used at her former institution. Page said that for an evaluation, students were given two separate sheets of paper, a formal evalua-
tion sheet and another on which students would "just vent." Page said that these sheets were kept in a book and were referred to when evaluation the professor in the future.

Page does not support academic credit for extra curricular activities. She said that students take part in extracurriculars because they love how they spend their extra time.

Page believes that faculty tenure should be evaluated every few years.

"Tenure is a privilege. A person should not have tenure if they don't deserve it," Page said. Page also mentioned a possible "critical review" which would "keep professors on their toes."

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**Dan Shedd**

Dan Shedd, class of 1996 and current J-

This year's freshman class, he noted, has a higher percentage of students of color than any class in the college's history.
Sophomore Damon Krieger's platform for SGA vice president stresses his experience in the finance process. Krieger has served on the Finance Committee for two years. He said that after participating in the process several times, he has seen both the positive and negative aspects of the process. Krieger stated that he would improve the process in several ways.

First, Krieger wants to educate finance committee members on the guidelines of the process as well as get them to voice their opinions. Secondly, the vice presidential candidate would like to see four students at large and four SGA members serve on the committee to improve balance and perspective. During this year's budget process, two SGA members served on the committee.

Lastly, Krieger suggests computerizing the process by compiling a budget database. Krieger said that by starting off with a standard budget, the process would be much more efficient and productive.

Krieger also spoke of looking into increasing student activities budget and making SAC work within a fixed percentage each year. This method would eliminate the bureaucracy of the budget process for students, which is an organization that plays a large role on campus," says Krieger.

Krieger also addressed the issue of student involvement in campus government. He said that most students do not understand what SGA positions are about. "It's tough for me to say what we can really do to change that," he explained. Krieger continued by describing the vice presidential position and his need to act as a "bridge and model for the community," in order to promote involvement and efficiency with student government. Krieger plans to work with club leaders to increase understanding of SGA on campus. "We have to force students to hear what is happening," Krieger said.

Krieger said that he feels the student body has the ability to rally behind or against an issue. As an example, he cited this year's trimming of the student activities budget. He wishes to make use of students' "rallying power" within several parts of student government.

Ted Svehlik, class of 1997, is running unopposed for the position of chair of the Student Activities Council. According to Svehlik, the most important issue facing the college today is the fact that student morale is low. He believes that it is necessary to create more all-campus events and increase the quality of the food. He also has ideas for the College Center and would like to work closely with the athletic department to encourage club sports to gain varsity status.

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SAC CHAIR

Ted Svehlik

Rob Erda is running for the position of Young Alumni Trustee for the class of 1997. He feels that the future for Connecticut College looks bright.

Erda believes that his experience as a varsity captain, dorm governor, school leader, class executive board member, and legacy gives him, according to his platform, a "sound idea of where Connecticut College is today and where it needs to go to continually improve into the future." In his platform, he expresses five main attributes that he feels makes him the right candidate. These include his understanding of adult groups, involvement in all aspects of student life, understanding of how a business is run, decision making skills, and an understanding of the representation of his class.

Erda feels that he has the realistic outlook a Young Alumni Trustee needs in order to be successful in this position. "A YAT must think past tomorrow to understand the future when making decisions," he says.

He wishes to add new programs, sports and extracurricular activities in order to improve the college.

Erda was unable to attend The College Voice recommendation project work, therefore, not interviewed.
Is there a place for me in the Civil Society?

Before Spring Break, Dean Ferrari sent several voice mail messages regarding homophobic graffiti found at Connecticut College. As a member of the Connecticut College community who is gay, I am writing to express my concern, voice my opinion and provide some of the reasons that I believe will help our community begin to address the problem.

After hearing that the graffiti specifically named me ("Mark Hoffman AIDS Head Homo"), I experienced a range of emotions. At first, I laughed the situation off, thinking, "Someone has too much time on his or her hands." Walking home from work, I began to feel fear as I realized that an individual on this campus has some very strong, negative opinions about who I am. The feeling of fear intensified, as I realized I was vulnerable and could be the target of a hate crime. Fear changed to sadness, as I began to feel isolated and powerless. Sadness changed to anger as I reflected on the current campus climate for people who are gay, lesbian or bisexual and how the College is a passive contributor to this negative climate.

Regarding the graffiti, I want to thank Dean Ferrari for his quick and forceful response, as well as the entire Student Life and Dean of the College staff for their support. I was, however, disappointed that the response from the President's Office, the faculty and students was markedly different from their response to the racist graffiti of last year.

As I sat in the first all-campus discussion regarding the graffiti, I realized that my anger was not directed at the graffiti, but toward the College's hypocritical stance regarding equal rights and discrimination. The College's approach (or lack thereof) to issues of sexual orientation is a mockery of what I have heard for the past few years about creating and living in a Civil Society.

During the past five years that I have been employed at Connecticut College, I have heard and read that we must lead society (not mirror it) to build a Civil Society. A Civil Society strives to conform prejudice and discrimination in all its forms. A Civil Society strives to provide all of the members with an equal opportunity to succeed and contribute. A Civil Society recognizes the value of difference and does more than "tolerate" them, it celebrates and supports them. Unfortunately, I do not feel that Connecticut College is a "Civil Society" when:

- The College denies insurance benefits for my partner because we are not "married." Although it is impossible for two people of the same sex to be legally married in all 50 states, it is not impossible for the College to grant equal insurance benefits.
- According to the employee handbook, I would not be allowed time off for grieving, in case my partner was hospitalized or died.
- I am told that I cannot have my partner's name listed in the college phone book, as heterosexual spouses are listed, but instead have to resort to "slipping it in" right before the phone book goes to press.
- As a rule, I can not receive tuition remission for my partner, unless it is by exception.
- The College provides no financial support to address the concerns and needs of students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or gay (unlike Unity House and the Multicultural admissions recruiter for students of color, the Office for International Students and students with disabilities, and the Employee's Center).
- Before I came to Connecticut College, there were no consistent policies or report to the President, by December of 1995. Because this issue concerns, faculty and staff, the committee must include members from the entire College community, not just within the Dean of the College division. The committee should include:

  1. The Director of Human Resources, as so many of the issues are related to students (include benefits, tuition remission, etc.).
  2. A representative of the Provost's office to consider issues of inclusion and discrimination within the academic side of the college (course offerings, faculty support, library holdings).
  3. The Director of the Alumni Office, as we have many alumni who are gay, lesbian or bisexual who have unique issues.
  4. A member of the Development staff, as they are soliciting alumni (present and future) who are gay, lesbian or bisexual, especially as the amount of alumni giving usually is directly related to the quality of life one experienced as an undergraduate.
  5. The Affirmative Action Officer, as the issue at hand is discrimination.
  6. A member of the Admissions officer, as many high school students are coming out of the closet and looking for schools that are inclusive. This is especially important in light of the shrinking pool of potential applicants.
  7. The Director of Campus Safety, to consider issues of personal safety on campus for people who are bisexual, lesbian or gay.
  8. A member of the Career Services office, as there are unique concerns and challenges that a person who is lesbian, bisexual or gay faces when conducting a job search.
  9. The Director of Counseling Services, as being gay, bisexual or lesbian in a homophobic world takes a psychological toll on a person.
  10. The College Chaplain, as a representative of a religious body who are gay, lesbian or bisexual.
  11. The Department of Unity House, because our community transcends race and ethnicity.
  12. A member of the Dean's staff, as they work with all types of student problems and are concerned about students' desire to transfer (which is a common theme I hear among many students who are lesbian, bisexual or gay).

Mark Hoffman
Director of Activities/College Center

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Candidate Profiles

PR-DIRECTOR

Jesse Roberts

Jesse Roberts is running for a second term as SGA public relations director on a platform of combating student apathy and improving school-wide awareness of the college's history. He is running unopposed.

"I think the biggest problem facing stud-
ents every year is student apathy — it's a very big, broad, umbrella-esque term that
covers many issues," He said moving
the voting location from outside of the mailroom
to the Alumni Connection has had a detri-
tmental effect on voter turnout. But, Roberts
commented, there is only so much a PR
director can do to combat the problem of apathy, which he sees as campus wide.

"So, I have to wonder how much farther
can we reach out," Roberts commented.
"Should be cutting five hundred more feet
to lie on the floor of Crot?"

He explained that it is very difficult to
motivate anyone out to do anything on the
campus. Roberts has tried to raise aware-
ness of campus events by convincing the
office of College Relations to print the Com-
municator in The College Voice.

Roberts is very concerned about the lack of
knowledge of the college's history on campus. For example, he said that very few
people know that the college shut down for
four days in 1972 to protest the Vietnam war.
While working on the Legacy Project, a series of twenty-five poster size
placards to be placed in the College Center
depicting interesting moments in campus
history. Seventeen of the placards will be
time specific, and the other eight will have
general themes, such as the history of the
massacre and the school total, diversity, shared
governance.

Roberts' experiences include a full year as
PR director, a member of the College
Center Advisory Committee, the Library
Committee and the C-Book Revision Com-
mittee. He has worked throughout the 94-95
academic year as a member of both the SGA
Executive Board and the SGA Assembly.
He is most interested in increasing the amount
of institutional pride on campus. He plans
on continuing his efforts to motivate stu-
dents into becoming more aware of student
government and institutional issues.

J-BOARD CHAIR

Deirdre Hennessey

Deirdre Hennessey is running for the posi-
tion of Young Alumni Trustee. After serving
as a J-Board Representative for two years,
class vice president, class president, and dorm
donor, she believes she has the experience
necessary to hold the position of YAT.

Hennessey stated, "Everything falls un-
der low mire. I think that people are getting
tired of having nothing to do but I think it is
going better." She is interested in the quality of
life on campus, specifically citing dorm
renovations and class accessibility.

She also promises to be in close contact
with students on campus. She stated, "It is
really important that the YAT is constantly
here and knows what is going on."

Hennessey said, "I will be coming back to
Conn ... I will find out what important
groups are coming up before SGA or if there is an
important issue for the college."

However, Hennessey qualified this state-
ment by stressing that as YAT she would be
working through the year, not simply prepar-
ing the week before a trustee meeting. She
believes that as YAT she would communi-
cate with both the students and the trustees on
a regular basis.

She promises to be familiar face on the
campus with the goal she would be more
accessible to all students. In addition to this
promise, she is planning to live at home after
graduation which is only an hour away from
campus.

As for her campaign promises, she would like
to stress her past record, stating, "I would
like to think that my past record for keeping
my promises is trusted by the senior
class." Hennessey is also dedicated to ensuring
that as YAT she would be more
available to the students, hopefully before it is too
late for the students to give the trustees their
input. She cited the recent study away contro-
very as an example.

Hennessey stresses she is most concerned with
the well-being of the students and less
concerned with the rank of the college. She
believes that if the student body is satisfied
then this satisfaction will be obvious to pro-
spective students and will, therefore, also be
reflected in the rankings.

In her interview, Hennessey invited all to
look at her past history to judge her future
performance as the Young Alumni Trustee
for the class of 1995.

Nick Smolansky

Nick Smolansky, a sophomore, is running
unopposed for the position of J-Board Chair.
He is currently serving as the coordi-
nator for the J-Board, an appointed position.

According to his plans, Smolansky be-
lieves that, "Ideally the Honor Code is a tool
to foster a sense of community." When asked
about whether students should come to a
unanimous consensus about the Honor Code,
Smolansky replied that the issue is really
about personal choices and responsibility.
He would like to instill next year's freshmen
with the idea that they are joining a commu-
nity that has a certain standard of respect.
Smolansky wants people to look toward the
spirit of the Honor Code and make choices
about what it means to them. He is currently
working on a written definition of the Honor
Code with this year's chair.

Speaking on the issue of the "friendship
clause," Smolansky replied that it does not
formally exist, but that it is very important
that confidentiality on campus be maintained.
He said if a J-Board representative or some-
one brought before the Board needs to talk
to someone, she or he may talk with "off cam-
pus" friends and parents, bringing into ques-
tion whether confidentiality is absolute. He
believes it is important to have a cohesive
and close Board.

In reference to honor Code standards for
student leaders, Smolansky replied that he
believes that everyone should be held to
the same standard, but the ramifications
would be greater for student leaders who should be
aware of the consequences. When asked
about any personal honor code infractions,
he replied, "I guess that depends how you
define serious infraction. I'd say the only
thing that I've done...would be underage
drinking which I have done, still do, and will
do until I'm 21 next September."

Smolansky believes that the biggest issue
for J-Board is accountability. For this reason,
he feels that publication of the J-Board log is
important. He feels that the students have a
valid complaint about this year's lack of
logs, and he wants to publish them next year
in one month to six week intervals. He also
thinks that the contact sessions the J-Board
has are a good way of getting in touch with
people, and he wants to have more sessions
next year.

YAT

Wes Simmons

Wesley Simmons is running for the posi-
tion of Young Alumni Trustee for the class of
1995 because, he says "Connecticut College
has done a lot for me over the past four years
and I am an alumnus of the school, [I would]
be able to give something back.

Simmons feels he has been "exposed to a
lot of different student concerns" and this
exposure has enabled him to get to know
the issues that relate to the student body. He
decided to run for Young Alumni Trustee,
he would try to inform himself about students'
concerns through e-mail, friends on
campaign, mailings, and campus publications.
According to Simmons, this connection
with students would help him present trustees
with students' attitudes and most relevant
issues. But he admits that being off campus
will limit his access to all sides of student
concerns.

He has long been involved in SGA and
several campus governance committees such
as the Financial Strategic Planning Team
and the Priorities, Planning and Budget Commit-
tee.

He says it is unlikely that he would "never
all tie" with the school's leaders after gradu-
ation because of his allegiance to these
organizations.

Simmons cites his experience as a repre-
sentative on campus committees and work-
ing with numerous administrators as an indi-
cation of his qualification for the position.

Regarding his ability to work with the other
Trustees, Simmons stated, "I'm not afraid to
ask questions when I don't understand." This
comments expressed his dismay about the $750
fee to be charged to students studying
abroad next year. He believes students need
to be consulted about issues such as this one,
instead of decisions being sprung on the
students.

Simmons acknowledged that in his fresh-
man year, he was brought before the Judi-
ciary Board on charges of underage drinking
and creating a nuisance to the community.
However, he did not consider himself to have
committed a serious violation of the Honor
Code. Simmons said that student leaders
should be held to higher standards regarding
the Honor Code because he sees these stu-
dents as representatives of and role models
for the student body as a whole.
Candidate Profiles/Platforms

YAT

This year Ben Tyrrell was an involved and effective SAC chair as well as an active member of the Minority Student Steering Committee and Unity House. Tyrrell is aware of the changes that have taken place at Connecticut College and next year and lamented that he had only been following this issue for a year. Tyrrell has been following this issue and hopes to continue to do so as the Young Alumni Trustee. He has served as Housefellow of Branford and hopes to keep in touch with the student life on Conn’s campus in various ways and on different levels.

Tyrrell believes in the importance of the Honor Code. He gave an emphatic “yes” in response to the question of whether people in office should be held to a higher standard than the general student body. He also replied that he had never had a serious infraction of the Honor Code. Tyrrell is aware of the changes that have taken place at Connecticut College and believes there are more to come. Tyrrell feels that the Young Alumni Trustee must represent the entire student body, not just the minority students.

Towvim brings a unique perspective to the race for the position of Young Alumni Trustee. He has served as Housefellow of Branford for the past year. Towvim is extremely well informed about residential and student life issues. In his platform and his interview, He stressed his desire enhance student life on campus. As an example, he plans to make sure Plex renovations become a reality. Regarding other issues of student life, he seeks to incorporate a broad range of opinions. If elected, Towvim will meet with the newly elected SGA officers for next year. Establishing a working relationship with these individuals will help Towvim to keep in touch with student life on Conn’s campus.

Towvim also proposed his monthly forums open to the student body to discuss current issues of concern. He plans on living in New England in the coming years to make this idea feasible. Towvim wishes to consult with alumni to find out about their experience at Conn and to discover lost traditions. With this research he hopes to re-establish older traditions. The discussions with past an present Conn students will enable Towvim to keep the morale and to effectively serve as a YAT.

Towvim brings a mixture of experiences to his platform. He has served on the Study Abroad Advisory Council, serving as chairperson on the Class Community Service Committee, in addition to his Housefellow position. Towvim was on the Senior Pledge Steering Committee which raised over twenty-thousand dollars, a record breaking amount. Among other activities he has worked on the Study Abroad Advisory Committee and has held the position as a Campus Tour Guide.

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Priya Mathur, write-in candidate for Young Alumni Trustee and an active member of the Minority Students Society, believes that diversity is one of the many concerns on campus today. Through her experiences as the co-chair of MSSC, chair of the Everywoman’s Center Advisory Board and as political chair for Society Organized Against Racism, Mathur has played an integral leadership role on campus. Through these leadership experiences, she has taken on the responsibility of the Student Trustee Liaison Committee, chair of several student organizations and has co-authored proposals for SGA. In an interview with The College Voice, she voiced her reasons for running for the position of YAT. “I am very invested in this school. This is a college which can do incredible things.” She feels that Connecticut College has made many “incredible leaps and bounds”, and is “moving in a positive direction.”

When asked about the responsibilities of a student leader, Mathur feels that it is the job of any and all student leaders to set an example for every student on this campus. She holds herself accountable for every action that she takes and makes the decision based on her role as a student leader. She has voiced concern on such issues as the recognition of women faculty members and a need for increasing the endowment.

Mathur feels that there is “too little communication with other organizations” and thinks that she can better integrate the entire campus community by talking to all of the student leaders. Not just specific ones. “When you talk to a wide group of people, you get a clearer picture of how things are being run.” Mathur believes that there is another point raised. It is important that she keep in touch with all student leaders and receive input on the happenings of the college as a whole. While living in Philadelphia, she would be within driving distance of the campus and would visit as frequently as possible.

She strives not only to listen and inform the students of the minutes during trustee meetings, but to get the trustee’s themselves to integrate with the college community to better understand the concerns of the students as well as the faculty and administration.

Jesse Roberts

Public Relations Director

Public relations is not just about making a group of people look good. Instead, it is about thorough and honest communication. Quality public relations is vital within every facet of life; especially when it concerns an organization such as the Student Government Association. SGA needs strong, reliable and consistent communication with the campus community.

As Public Relations Director this year, I have worked very hard to improve such communication: whether it be through the House Senators, through forums such as publicity or the SGA Newsletter, or in improving existing forums of information, such as the Communicator, which will soon be published in the Voice as a weekly events calendar. In a second term, I would look forward to continuing such efforts in increasing quality communication.

Yet, the role of PR Director extends past the framework of publicity and communication. The PR Director also serves as Chair of the Election Board. This year we have run several elections, more so than in an average year. I have also led an effort to revise and restructure the elections process to ensure efficiency in procedure as well as integrity in voting.

Aside from my specific duties as PR Director, I have worked throughout the year as a member of both the SGA Executive Board and the SGA Assembly. Much has been accomplished this year in both forums; issues ranging from dorm renovations to C-Book revisions to building institutional pride.

My committee involvement includes sitting on the College Center Advisory Committee, the Library Committee, the C-Book Revision Committee, as well as chairing the College Relations Advisory Committee, the Election Board and of course, the Public Relations Committee.

I feel that if re-elected as Public Relations Director, I can only improve upon the work I have begun this year, continuing to enhance the themes of representation and communication.

Don't forget to vote - 4/12 & 4/13 in the Alumni Connection.
Platforms

William Inter
SGA President

Student Government has the ability to make Conn a better place. The SGA President has the capacity to make that happen by guiding SGA to work for the students, about their concerns. I think it is important for a Student Government leader to become college issues — that would be my goal as SGA President. However, that goal will only be as effective as the communication between the students and SGA. It is important that we work to make sure that students know what the students want so the SGA Assembly can be used effectively to address these issues.

The administration and leaders want to work for a better Conn for tomorrow — however, they cannot achieve that without working with us to do it. Working with them, rather than against them, is what will get us, as students, productive change. My activities throughout the community have given me experience working with faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and especially students. I have worked with many student organizations from all of the branches of student governance, including the clubs. From this experience I have learned that there needs to be a concerted effort to ensure that student concerns become college issues.

Diversity Issues

Though we have achieved higher numbers of minority enrollment in recent years, we still need to move forward. This can be accomplished through more course alternatives and better campus-wide programming, to mention but two possibilities. To excel among our peer institutions, this cannot be an area left out of student concerns.

Food/Dining Services

The quality of the food service can certainly get better. It is important that student leaders are there that are able to remind the administration that in all their plans for the future, they cannot allow to forget the students of today.

Residential/Social Life

With the enforcement of the alcohol policy, it has become even more important for the administration to get behind alternative activities. As this semester has draws to a close, that has begun to happen on a small scale from student life. However, improvements could be made by allowing for more money and support for clubs by increasing the amount of money the school puts into the student activities fund.

The Laundry List

College Governance: Academic and Administrative Policy Committee Dean’s Grievance Library and Bookshop Committee Academic Advising Task Force College Assembly on Diversity Student Government: Vice President of the Class of 1996 Chair, Representative to the Class of 1996 SGA Senator Counseling Services Committee, Chair Philip Goldberg Internship Committee, Chair Financial Aid Liaison Committee, Chair Financial Affairs Committee SAC Coordinator Student Advisor Chubs and Sports: Ski Team Dancin (Ultimate Frisbee) Chavard

What the List Means

• On AACP have worked to make sure that student awards for the facts that they deserve when applying for the SGA programs.
• On Assembly I spearheaded a year effort with the Board of Governors to create a Residential Life position to ensure the Residential Life issues are addressed better in the future by SGA and the administration.
• On the Executive Committee I worked with the administration and students to make sure that they understood the system and to work to make it better for them, so that I could be an effective force.
• On the Finance Committee I encouraged and understood of many of the clubs and organizations on campus. I have seen and identified a need to change the process so that the resources and can spend more time and money bringing events to the campus and less time fighting for money.

The above is a very short list of what I have helped do. However, I hope that indicates my commitment to working for the students. Thank you.

Dan Shedd
SGA President

Philosophy

I advocate a realistic approach to student government. Where issues are taken seriously without taking ourselves too seriously, and ideas are valued over being able to affectively defend and promote student rights is crucial, however, responsibility must be tempered by a mature understanding of the issues we face, and realistic decisions of which battles to choose.

As President I would be a leader and spokesman for all students, furthering communication to inspire successful cooperation. My first priority will be to help everyone about any idea or concern they have, and to help them develop and promote these ideas, or lead them to those who can. I ask a strong group of individuals to become involved who will drive me and each other to wiser decisions that best represent and support the student body.

Issues

Next year, we will be dealing with many issues, all of which require a strong student voice.

Including:

• Dorm Renovations: Our input will play an important role in the redesign of the plex. We need to ensure that the changes are a reflection of our present and future needs.

• Social Life: The success of SAC’s co-sponsorship has increased the opportunities for student initiatives. This, and other ways of empowering individual ideas must be further developed.

• Diversity: SGA must grow to meet an increasingly diverse student body, with its many changing concerns and needs. Ignoring this responsibility and all it entails will undermine everything I stand for.

It is essential that we bring together many differing opinions to best represent students on these and many other issues. As J-Board Chair I have learned to listen, to understand, and to embrace diverse perspectives, while constantly re-evaluating priorities as conditions change.

This experience, along with my experience on the SGA executive board, has prepared me to meet the challenges of the upcoming year. Change to a mature body that represents students rather than itself has already begun, and should only continue. I believe I am the right person to lead this change, and I ask for your support to make it reality.

Thank you for your time. Please call me at 3318 with any questions, concerns, ideas, or thoughts.

*Editor’s note: This is Shedd’s second official platform.

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Previous experience-
Judiciary Board Coordinator
Student Government Presidential Associate
Chair, Dining Services Committee
Chair, C-Book Revision Committee

Accomplishments include-
- the addition of a pasta/potato bar in Harris
- extended hours for the campus bar
- initiated revisions to the C-Book
- the declining balance system of $40 per semester in the snack shop
- co-sponsor of the Yom Kippur Proposal
- initiated the use of guest meal passes in the snack shop

This past year has been a learning experience. I have had the proper training on both SGA Executive Board and on Assembly. We have made some large strides to make this campus a better place, yet more work does need to be done. The following ideas will allow the work to be done in the best way possible.

In the upcoming year, I hope to initiate a state wide coalition of colleges and universities in an effort to pool our resources to better solve problems that all colleges experience. The knowledge that other institutions have is valuable to us. We can only benefit from tapping into that knowledge. This would establish Conn as a leader among peer institutions and would guarantee that our concerns could be dealt with in an efficient and thoughtful manner.

I hope to better inform the campus community directly through e-mail, posters, and the Contact. This would allow the campus community to become better informed and more involved. People should not have to search for information, SGA should make it easily accessible.

Finally, I believe that SGA needs to return to basics. I will be always in contact with students, so that I can take care of student concerns first. SGA must be accessible, available, and dedicated to what the campus community wants. Too often SGA forgets its purpose. I will, along with the Executive Board and Assembly, ensure that the purpose of enacting legislation to better the lives of all students is upheld by SGA.

The time is right and the time is now. VOTE JOHN BIANCUR FOR SGA PRESIDENT!!! VOTE JOHN BIANCUR FOR SGA PRESIDENT!!!

For further information or questions please contact John @ X3325.

Kristin Page
Chair of Academic Affairs

The chair of Academic Affairs is a unique position. This person is responsible for articulating the concerns and views of the students regarding academic issues to the administration and faculty. At the same time, it is the goal of the chair to do everything in their power to ensure that students are provided the best possible academic atmosphere. It is, therefore, imperative that this person be a responsible, articulate individual with a strong sense of the issues that need to be addressed. As a rising senior with experiences in many different areas, I feel that I could effectively serve in this manner. I ask for your support. Thank you.
Platforms

**Experience**

"Experience" is the term that comes to mind when I think of what qualities a successful SGA vice-president must possess. Experience in creating a student activities budget is important because clubs cannot solidify their plans for the year until they are told what their budget will look like. A vice-president who has previously experienced the budget process from all angles will be the vice-president who leads Finance Committee to rapidly produce a solid budget which the campus will whole-heartedly accept.

I have been a member of the Finance Committee since I came to Connecticut College almost two years ago. In that time, I have seen budgets passed and budgets failed. I have experienced what I would dorm as good decision-making, and I have experienced what I would view as poor decision-making. Mistakes were definitely made over the past two years, but now, having been such an active part of the process, I am able to look back and learn from those mistakes. My ability to take a "historical perspective" will prevent repeating the errors which Finance Committee made in the past, and it will enable me to carefully consider revisions to the entire finance process. Having a "frame of reference" is not something that should be overlooked. It is the ability that ultimately separates a successful vice-president from a not-so-successful one.

The SGA vice-president’s primary responsibilities are the financial process and serving as a liaison between the SGA Assembly and all student clubs and organizations on campus. The vice-president, however, also serves as a figurehead for the SGA Assembly and campus community as a whole. I have been an active leader on this campus and throughout my life, and I feel confident that I would be able to effectively assist the SGA president in leading this campus.

This piece of paper does not say everything, and I encourage you to contact me personally if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you very much for taking the time to read a little of what I have to say. I hope it will give you something to think about.

Damon Krieger
for
SGA Vice-President

Nicholas Smolansky
Judiciary Board Chair

People might argue about the degree of importance the Honor Code plays on our campus. I am unable to gauge the feelings of the campus as a whole, so I will only discuss my own. I think ideally the honor code is a tool to foster a sense of community. It forces you to think of how your actions will effect those around you. Any infraction of the honor code you might commit will in some way damage the community that you have chosen to join by matriculating at this college. This college has many rules and regulations, but I would ask you to look past the letter of the law, and more towards the spirit of it. It is this spirit that I think can be found in the Honor Code.

This previous discussion of the Honor Code is the springboard to how I see the position of J-Board on this campus. The board is not a group of individuals who are out to bust students for underage drinking or smoking pot. We are concerned with students who do not at as a responsible members of this community. I am satisfied with the role of J-Board is to help these students learn to take responsibility for their actions. This is the first step in helping someone think about how their actions have affected those that they must live with. Once we get people to think, then the next time a person is put in a similar situation, the results may be different. If J-Board can do this, then I think it will have done its job. As chair, this would be my goal. Thank you.

**Initiative I seek to**

1. **Explore methods of increasing the Student Activities Fund, such as**
   - Investment (money from Senior Week could earn $650 in interest)
2. **Raising the Activities Fees**
3. **Explore more ways to encourage Club Sports to go Varsity**
4. **Provide assistance to Treasurers, and insist that bad budgets be rewritten, so money is allocated according to the quality of the event, rather than the quality of the budget.**
5. **Implement a deposit system for any club with individualized capital expenditures, such as clothing or protective gear, etc. This is being done with the Rugby Team now.**
6. **Keep detailed inventories for any club with capital purchases.**
7. **Involves clubs more in the allocation process, by requiring a prioritized budget, indicating which events are the most important to the club.**
8. **Semesterize the budget process, so that**
   - **Money is more tightly controlled and wasted less often.**
9. **Clubs are budgeting only one semester in advance.**
10. **More money is available for investment.**
11. **Run SGA without Paper and use that success as a model for future paperless campus initiatives.**

**Commitment**

I have done the following for the campus...

- Worked to keep the Campus bar and the Oasis open until 1:30. This increases the safety of students and lessens the liability of the college by reducing off campus drinking and driving.
- Worked to have better food in the Oasis and Bar, to have table service in the bar, and have a bar menu Oasis foof.
- Sponsored the Yom Kippur proposal, which asked the administration to have classes on Yom Kippur, the highest Jewish holiday.
- Worked on the Creation of Chair of Residential Life, a new SGA Executive Board position, to manage the Board of House Governors with SGA Assembly.
- Sponsored J-Board proposal, which allows the Coordinator and the Assistant to ask questions during hearings.
- Worked with the PR Committee and College Relations to get the Communication priests in the Voice, to help publicize campus events.

**Experience**

- House Senator for Blackstone
- Alcohol Policy & Recreational Comm. Chair
- Land Use Committee
- SGA Public Relations Committee - Ass. Chair
- SGA Assembly - VP
- The College Voice - Viewpoint Editor
- Teaching Assistant for Negotiation Workshop during Intensive Skills Development (Dean's Term)

**Platforms**

**SAC Chair**

I am running for the position of SAC Chair because I believe that it is time for SAC to create new and innovative programs in order to stimulate the social life on this campus. If I am elected SAC Chair, I will be dedicated to augmenting existing "traditional" activities such as Florida and the Winter Formal, while also infusing unique weekly events into the school's social calendar.

For years, Connecticut College has relied mostly on large traditional events to promote a strong social life on campus. Activities like Harvest Fest and Floralia are created as "big weekend" events, while for the rest of the year we are basically forced to either stand around kegs or watch outdated movies because there is simply nothing else interesting and fun to do. I want to strengthen the social life on campus and there are some of the ways that I will do it:

- **Create theme weekends.** For example, one weekend might be designated as Dorm Olympic Weekend and would be filled with crazy inter-dorm competitions for prizes.
- **Create More late-night activities.** This would include things like midnight basketball tournaments, all-night movie festivals, and midnight comedy shows.
- **Create a spirit organization as a sub-branch of SAC.** The job of this group would be to boost campus morale by supporting athletic teams, creating campus traditions, etc.
- **Promote intra-dorm.** Things like dorm study breaks, dorm assasins, and dorm game nights are important weekday events which help break up the rigors of academics and also help dorm members bond.
- **Create unique events.** It is time to try some new stuff like casino nights, bingo, jump-creating on the Darkness Green, a Verclo wall party, and a real homecoming weekend (rather than the foolish thing we now call homecoming).
- **Push for improvements to Cro.** Cro is supposed to be a student union where people can gather together and hang out. Instead it is a sterile environment which is completely unconducive to social activities and gatherings. Cro definitely needs more games, a big screen TV, and other stuff to make it more "homey".
- **Improve traditional events.** Many of the traditional events have become stale over the years. We must put the life back into them!
- **Promote movies.** SAC needs to ensure that current popular movies are shown at CCC on a regular basis. If the Film Society or other organizations do not wish to fill this void, then SAC must.

To put it simply, I want to ensure that there are enough activities on campus so that if you are bored on a Saturday night, it is by choice, not necessity. There is no reason that you should settle for less!

If you support my ideas for improving the social life on this campus, I respectfully ask for your vote on April 12th and 13th. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at x3611.

April 11, 1995
Deirdre Hennessey  
for  
Young Alumni Trustee

Institutional pride and a strong belief in the values of this college are essential in a Young Alumni Trustee. I would dedicate myself to not only preserving the many things that Conn has to offer, but ensuring the advancement of the college as we enter the Twenty-First Century.

As YAT, my goal would be to act as a liaison to facilitate and motivate the student body and the Trustees to work together for the common good of the college. I am confident in my ability to work with a variety of different people. I also have had a great deal of experience in standing up for issues I have found important, being confident, while being respectful of others. One example is my effort to fail the budget at the all-campus referendum which resulted in a huge increase in the amount of money allocated to the Senior Class.

For the past four years serving as Class President, Class Vice President, J-Board Representative, Senator, and in many other roles, I have consistently made promises to my constituents and have always followed through. My commitment and performance over the past four years speaks for itself. As YAT, I would be as dedicated as ever, working hard to learn as much as I can, frequenting Conn as I will be living close by, and remaining true to the college as an active and motivated Trustee.

As long as there are people who believe in Connecticut College and will work to improve it, there is a very bright future ahead. I will be a strong Trustee, tempering the importance of long-term successes with the short term sacrifices that often accompany important decisions. I guarantee that the Trustees will be clearly informed of the impact new policies could have on the student body before any decisions are made.

I am seeking the chance to show my appreciation for all of the opportunities that Conn has given to me and to my peers. Although I have been working to do this over the past four years, I feel that I can contribute much more to the college serving as Young Alumni Trustee. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at ext. 4066 or in Knowlton 217.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Ben Tyrrell  
YAT

As the college embarks on its second 5 year Strategic Plan and the beginning of the Capital Campaign, the position of YAT will be vital to ensure that important student issues are not ignored or left unsaid. I believe that the role of the YAT as a connection to the student body and the issues they are facing and concerned about is a key. I believe that the experience I have gained over my four years provides me with an insight to help lead the college to achieve the goals that have set for itself, without sacrificing the needs of current, future and past students.

EXPERIENCE

SAC Chair- In this position I was able to work with students, administration and staff to gain insight into the social life on campus and the needs facing the college community as social life changes.

SGA Exec. Board- Through the Student/Trustee Liaison committee I had the opportunity to work with trustees and gain an understanding of the issues currently facing the campus. Through Exec. Board I worked with all three current YATs and learned what their role and job entails and what is necessary for a YAT to provide the best leadership.

ISSUES

Strategic Plan: As the college starts this initiative the needs of students must be kept in mind. The goals to increase diversity and the financial strength of the college are issues which have immediate effects for students on campus. Insuring that these issues are dealt with and that the needs of students are being met is essential.

Dorm Renovations: This issue will impact all students on campus in the next 10 years and for decades after. The plans to redesign the dorms are key to the college moving effectively into the next century. The buildings must be updated to provide for the next generation of students not simply the current needs. As a member of SGA Exec. and being active in student life as SAC Chair I have been able to follow this issue and hope to continue that in the next three years as the renovations become a reality.

Capital Campaign: The effort to increase the financial strength of the college is a central point of the new Strategic Plan. This campaign to raise over $100 million will help insure the college can continue to be a leader in its own field and continue the dedication to providing quality financial aid and keeping the cost of college affordable.

If you have any questions please call me at ext. 3964

Wesley Simmons  
for  
Young Alumni Trustee

This year Connecticut College has begun the first year implementation of A Time to Lead II, the second Strategic Plan. This plan charts a course for the college for the next five years and will be instrumental in making sure that Conn continues to be a first rate institution. In a time when the economy and rising costs are forcing small liberal arts colleges to make hard choices, we must assume the lead and plan for the future. In doing so we must also ensure that the student voice is heard. It is easy, when planning for the future, to forget those who are here in the present.

I have served as a student member on four committees which make important decisions about the future of the college, the Priorities, Planning and Budget Committee, the Financial Strategic Planning Team, the Strategic Planning Team for Technology, and the Social Responsibility Committee. It is on committees such as these where tough decisions are made, decisions which set the course of the college. These positions have given me much insight into how Conn works and how to plan for its future. I have also worked towards the future of the college as a member of the Intensive Skills Development/Dean's Term Coordinating Committee. I feel that making distinctive programs such as this part of Conn will be essential in continuing to attract and retain top quality students.

The Young Alumni Trustee must not only keep their eyes on the future, they must also stay in touch with student issues. I have been committed to student government since freshman year and have served in many capacities. In my roles as a Senator and as an Executive Board member I have worked with many important student issues and presented them to the faculty, administration, and trustees. I believe that the student voice must remain strong and that the Young Alumni Trustee is an important conduit for ensuring that the trustees hear that voice. I have been an advocate for student issues here at Conn during my time as a student and I would remain one as Young Alumni Trustee.

During my time at Conn I have worked for both the future of the institution and for the concerns of the students. I have had to make tough decisions concerning both, and I am prepared to continue make those decisions. It is an uncertain time for small liberal arts colleges; in the past few years we have had to make some difficult choices and we will have to do so in the coming years. It is important that the Young Alumni Trustee be someone who has the experience and vision to keep Connecticut College at the forefront in higher education.

As a Co-Chair for the Minority Student Steering Committee (MSSC) last year, I met with the Trustees on a quarterly basis to discuss the issues of students of color.

Last year, I, in partnership with a SGA Senator, led the initiative to determine student sentiment regarding reinvestment in South Africa. We formulated a proposal which unanimously passed in MSSC and SGA. We then presented our findings to the Board of Trustees.

For the past three years, I have acted as Chair of the Everywoman's Center Advisory Board, a group of students, faculty, staff, and administrators which meets monthly to address issues pertaining to women. I also act as a member of the Collective, the executive board of the Everywoman's Center. As such, I organize campus-wide activities, facilitate networking, and fundraising.

As Political Chair for the Society Organized Against Racism and as an active member of the MSSC general body during my sophomore year, I made presentations to the Trustees about Faculty Hiring and Financial Aid Retention. I chaired subcommittees regarding these two issues.

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Priya Vathur  
WRITE IN FOR YOUNG ALUMNI TRUSTEE  
YAT
Young Alumni Trustee

When I was first accepted to Connecticut College I knew relatively little about the school. I had a picture in my mind what my home for the next four years would be like ideally, but I was yet to find a school that fit that image. I started reading anything about the Conn that I could find. Every time I found out something about Conn I realized that it was exactly what I was looking for; my abstract image of what college should be began to become a reality.

After touring the campus when it was thirty-five degrees and raining, I fell in love with it. I figured that if I liked it in this weather, imagine what it must be like in the spring! Needless to say, I was not disappointed. Conn has been everything that I hoped college would be.

Freshman year I wasn't involved in much beyond intramurals, but as the year ended I realized that I wanted a piece of the action. Before I knew it I was extremely involved. I joined Class Council, chairing the Class Community Service Committee, I served on the Study Abroad Advisory Committee, and was a Campus Tour Guide, to name a few of my activities. I have really enjoyed being involved in this school, I have found it exciting, and rewarding being a part of the decisions that are made on this campus, and would like to continue to do so as a Young Alumni Trustee.

As Housefellow this year I have gained a much better understanding of how this school works and what it takes to get things done. I have also had the opportunity to build working relationships with many of the administrators, acting as a liaison between them and the students. I see this type of liaison as an important part of the position of YAT as well, and it would therefore be an easy transition from Housefellow. Having been involved in residential life will also provide me with an important perspective as the Plex is renovated, something I want to see done right.

As a member of the Senior Pledge Steering Committee I helped to raise over twenty thousand dollars for the annual fund, by far the most any senior class has raised to date. I now know what is involved in raising money, an extremely important part of serving on the Board of Trustees, insuring that the programs that make this school unique continue to get funding.

As our class Young Alumni Trustee I will do my best to see that this school continues to be the place that I had pictured in my mind, and was lucky enough to attend, so that others may benefit as I have. I would appreciate your vote.

Thank you,
Dan Truwit

Robert G. Erda
for Young Alumni Trustee

I am optimistic about the future of Connecticut College. As I prepare to leave Conn after four exceptionally great years, I realize how important it is for me to be able to express the ideas and visions that my classmates and I have about the future of Connecticut College. Being elected the Young Alumni Trustee would give me the opportunity to work towards a better future for our college.

There are several important attributes that make an excellent YAT. I have experience in all of these key areas:

- I understand how to work with adult groups and gain their respect. As a newly elected YAT it is vital to build a rapport with the Board of Trustees so they will gain the respect of my ideas and opinions.
- I have been involved in all aspects of student life at Connecticut. As a varsity captain, dorm governor, active class member, four year school leader, executive board member and legacy, I have a sound idea of where Connecticut College is today and where it needs to be to continually improve into the future.
- I have practical understanding of how businesses are run. A YAT needs to understand what is realistic, what makes sense and how time frames influence decisions and outcomes.
- As YAT, it is important to make decisions that make sense over the long run. I have the ability to weigh the effects of important changes into the future. A YAT must think long term to understand the future when making decisions.
- I understand how to represent my class to the Board of Trustees. As a four year elected leader, I understand the importance of voicing the opinion of those people that I represent. I would like the opportunity to represent you to the Board of Trustees.

I believe that these are the five most important attributes for a YAT. As a well rounded student taking part in all levels of College activities and pursuing interests outside of Connecticut College, I have developed the skills that make me a strong Young Alumni Trustee candidate for the class of 1995.

Thank you,
Eager candidates make up for lack of numbers in Executive Board elections

BY NATALIE HELDT
Features Editor

While the positions of J-Board chair, PR director, SAC chair and chair of academic affairs are unoccupied in the upcoming Student Government Association Executive Board elections, candidates still fielded some tough questions on speech night.

Kristen Page was the first to take the stage in Tuesday’s exhibition. If elected to the position of chair of academic affairs, Page cited the three main issues she would address: the changes in gen ed requirements, standardized professor evaluations, and an enhanced peer tutoring system.

“Gen eds shouldn’t be an annoyance, and for some students they can be,” Page said, adding that she supports the new gen ed requirements which involve the elimination of the Area Eight requirement. “The number of classes required to graduate has gone down, which is a good thing,” Page said. She also thought the changes in gen ed requirements on one gen ed requirement is a good idea.

As far as the tutoring, Page said, “I work as an organic chemistrystudent, and it’s something I enjoy. I’d like to get tutoring to more students. I think that being able to stay that way.” He then challenged anyone to devise another type of system.

April Ondis, EdS, coordinator of the Affective Disorders Unit at Yale University, will also speak. She will share her personal experiences with mental illnesses. "Dr. Semyak will speak on psychopharmacological treatment of clinical depression. Since college-age students are so commonly affected by these illnesses, illustrating how genetics play a role in the illness can't hurt. It can only help you."

Dr. Semyak is the department chair of psychiatry at Yale University. He will be addressing the neurobiological basis of depression. "Dr. Anand will be addressing the neurobiological basis of depression. This year I will push for more Co-Sponsorship funds. It was very successful this year. Clubs need money and help and support."

When asked how he would implement these ideas, Svehlik said that he would need a good Executive Board to delegate authority and good management. The SAC chair needs to sit down with different clubs and plan out a calendar.

Lately, Svehlik spoke about the coffee Ground space and the idea of the Camel Club in relation to Crouzer Williams. "I think more of a hospital than of a student union. He proposes to make the building more homey and appealing with things like rugs, more games, and a big-screen TV. "I think the Camel Club is essential. There needs to be some staple activities on this campus," Svehlik concluded.

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Jeremy Roberts, incumbent PR Director, was the last of the unchallenged candidates to take the microphone. As Roberts told the audience of the Board trials and deliberations, the degree of accountability of the J-Board and the student body is often questioned.

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Experts to address stigma of depression

BY CYNTHIA PEZZUTI
The College Voice

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Although 20-25 percent of people age 18-25 have experienced some sort of depression, few people are aware of the causes of depressive disorders or what they can do to combat mental illness and the social stigma attached to it. Through open, candid discussion and dissemination of facts rather than rumors, people can begin to understand themselves, their colleagues, and their friends.

On Wednesday, April 26, a presentation regarding the illnesses of clinical and manic psychiatry will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Hood Dining Room.

Dr. Amit Anand and Dr. Mike Sernyak, both experts from Yale University, will speak to the topic of depression. Dr. Anand is the medical director of the Affective Disorders Unit at West Haven VA Hospital and a faculty member at Yale University. Dr. Sernyak is a professor of psychiatry at Yale University and an expert on manic-depressive illness. Both doctors will be speaking on these disorders which affect over twenty million people in the United States.

A representative from the Connecticut Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a non-profit organization in Hartford, will also speak. She will share her personal experiences with manic depressive illness, illustrating that individuals with mental illnesses appear no different from the average, "normal" person. CAMI officials say she is an articulate and highly intelligent educator who will "help to decrease the stigma against people with mental illnesses."

Dr. Anand will be addressing the neurobiological basis of these disorders. Lou Carter, organizer of the event and member of the Counseling Services Committee, claims this "will help explain how depressive illnesses are often biologically and genetically based rather than a result of a lack of enthusiasm for life."

Dr. Sernyak will speak on psychopharmacological drugs and their applications to these illnesses, explaining how genetics play a role in the illness. Carter says that the purpose of this presentation is to educate the community about these illnesses and to decrease the stigma against those who suffer from depression. Since college-age students are so commonly affected by depressive disorders, this is a relevant and important topic for Connecticut College students.
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ARE AMONG THE MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO SUFFER FROM GENETIC DEPRESSIVE ILLNESSES
SGA presidential candidates debate on television

In the college's first televised debate, the candidates in this year's three-way race for SGA president engaged in a lively discussion of their differences and similarities, as well as some of the bigger issues facing student government today, in a forum organized by The College Voice Publishing Group last Thursday. The debate was broadcast live by Eastern Connecticut Cable.

The candidates in this year's presidential race are John Biancur, William Intner and Jesse Shedd. The debate began at 7 p.m. at the Student Union, with 200 students asking questions. From that point on, the candidates asked for the "bickering" to come to an end. Despite some chaotic moments, all questions posed by the panelists were answered fully. Following a series of questions to be answered by all three candidates, each candidate asked a question pertinent only to their personal leadership history.

Last year, John Biancur held the position of Judiciary Board coordinator, an appointed position that includes acting as J Board treasurer. According to last year's J Board chair, the Board requested $700 from the Student Organizations Impacts Fund for dinner at Bravo Bravo, as part of an end-of-the-year celebration.

The check request for the funds submitted by Biancur was denied by Student Organizations Fund on the grounds that "dinner and gifts" not only inhaled but also never inhaled "the process". He went on to say that he had never inhaled "the process". Biancur added that the Board had never definitively decided on going to Bravo Bravo.

The Board, after being informed of the Student Organization Fund's policy of keeping the cost of meals to $10 a head, ultimately ate at the Recovery Room.

Sheed, chair of 1996 J Board, representative last year and current chair, was asked to comment on the check request. He said that the request was a mistake and that he had done "something wrong". The question was pertinent only to their personal leadership history.

According to Intner, the Board was not disbanded as the Callege Voice had reported in the middle of the year. Shedd, class of 1996 J Board treasurer, was asked to comment on the check request. He said that he had never inhaled "the process". He went on to say that he had never inhaled "the process".

William Intner answered a question about leadership style formed on his actions during the dismantling of the Philip Goldberg Internship Committee. The individual who donated funding for the Committee, which established an internship at the University's Center in women's issues in the local community, pulled funding from the committee this year in order to disrupt the gift to the college in another area.

The Committee, which did not have much money in its account to support an internship from the beginning of the year, was not disbanded until February, according to Jesse Shedd, SGA PR director.

Students, especially the Young Alumni Trustee candidates gathered together in an uncrowded Coffee Ground last Wednesday night to speak on their experiences as Conn students and on their plans for the college as alumni.

Wes Simmons, who has had experience on the SGA Executive Board, SGA Assembly, and on several college committees, including the Financial Strategic Planning Team and the Priorities, Planning and Budget Committee, said he sees the college's most important task in the coming years as the need to distinguish itself as an institution. He sees the new Strategic Plan as a foundation which will propel the college toward a ranking in the top-25 of U.S. News and World Report. "I have a vision for the college," he said. "I know where it should go, and where it has been." In terms of the college's continuing budget restructuring, he said that "You are easier to cut than destroy..." but you need to make sacrifices of old programs in order to make room for more effective ones.

Ben Tyrrell, current SAC chair, cited recent changes the college has made to strengthen itself in terms of implementing more rigorous admissions policies, and erecting and renovating facilities such as Olin, the Athletic Center, and the Student Union, especially the Young Alumni Trustee, said Tyrrell, need to be aware of the ways in which the new SGA Strategic Plan and a new Capital Campaign of the Development Office can affect the future, and need to take a leadership role on the Board in terms of articulating where current and future students need the plan to go.

The candidates responded to questions from panelists as well as from audience members. One question raised was how the college should meet the needs of the increasingly diverse student body. Tyrrell responded in French, stating that the college should continue to invest in technology in the classrooms, an initiative in the Strategic Plan which he believes would make the college appear more rigorous and desirable to prospective students of all backgrounds.

Deirdre Hennessey, senior class president and YAT candidate, asserted that creating a better intellectual life on campus would improve the desirability to all students, and enhance the college's experience. She suggested that increasing communication between faculty and students and building new traditions would help to achieve this goal.

Asked about their sense of the role of the YAT, the candidates responded that they feel it is appropriate to have more contact with students than merely returning for the Board meetings four times a year.

"I'm not going to be in Cairo," said Tyrrell. He went on to say that the YATs are responsible for communicating to students what the perception of the college is in various ways. He said in order to better enable student leaders to know how to present their concerns, in terms of "choosing their battles" without losing the respect of the Board. The Capital Campaign, according to Tyrrell, is far away and away from the most important factor in the college's future, because without building the college's endowment students cannot build and maintain the quality of life and academics of the school.

Simmons emphasized the fact that the Board holds many possibilities for students in the YATs, including service on committees and sub-committees which accomplish work between Board meetings. Erda said he would bring his knowledge of student issues such as the dorm renovations to the Board.

"Being a YAT means bringing issues to the Board," said Hennessey. "And knowing what's going on here means coming back more than four times a year." She went on to say that she believed she would be living in Moscow for the next couple of years. She would have the opportunuity to return to the campus not only for the Board meetings and important SGA meetings, but also for other significant meetings and events, she said, citing the contact sessions organized by Arthur Ferrari, interim dean of the college, on the recent racist and homophbic graffiti.

"We need to talk the talk as well as walk the walk," said Erda. He discussed the excellence of the college now, emphasizing its strong sports teams, "unbelievably strong student government" and unique Honor Code.

"It's my opinion that I think it's a lot of the campus' low morale on a lack of school spirit, which he believes has dissipated since the school went coed.

Said Towvim, "I'm not entirely up to date on every issue of student concern, but next year, that will be my job." He said that he would be concerned not only with ethical and cultural diversity, but also with socioeconomic diversity at the college.

Hennessey said that raising money is extremely important to the college, because, without it, the college cannot hope to attract top-quality faculty. At the same time, morale needs to be raised for other significant meetings and events, she said, citing the contact sessions organized by Arthur Ferrari, interim dean of the college, on the recent racist and homophobia.
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