Alvin Poussaint’s speech addresses multiculturalism

by Katie Bishop
Managing Editor

In addition to receiving an honorary doctor of letters degree, Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint will present the 73rd Commencement address at the college on Saturday.

Poussaint, an expert on race relations and the portrayal of society in the media, will be speaking on “The Challenges of Multiculturalism.”

Poussaint is an associate professor of psychiatry and associate dean for student affairs at Harvard Medical School. He also serves as a senior advisor to NBC’s “The Cosby Show” and “A Different World.”

In the 1960s, Poussaint was able to work alongside such prominent civil rights leaders as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Andrew Young and Jesse Jackson.

Poussaint spent two years as southern field director of the Medical Committee for Human Rights in Jackson, Mississippi, providing medical care to civil rights workers and aiding in the desegregation of health facilities in the South.

In a further attempt to encourage desegregation of health facilities, Poussaint became the director of the psychiatry department of a low-income housing project at Tuskegee Medical School.

He has authored a book titled “Why Blacks Kill Blacks,” and has co-authored “Black Child Care,” in addition to writing numerous articles for both lay and professional publications.

Born in East Harlem, Poussaint attended Columbia University and received his M.D. from Cornell University in 1960. After completing his internship and residency at UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute, he served there as chief resident in psychiatry for a year.

Tolliver moves on with Class of 1991’s Commencement

by Sarah Huntley
Editor In Chief

When members of the Class of 1991 receive diplomas on Saturday, they will not be the only ones bidding farewell to Connecticut College. Joseph Tolliver, dean of student life, who took his position in the graduating class’ freshman year, announced last week that he will leave with them.

Tolliver has accepted the dean of students position at Skidmore College. The job description for this position lists similar responsibilities as the dean of the college at Connecticut College.

The promotion is Tolliver’s primary reason for resigning. “I’m not leaving because of any dissatisfaction with Connecticut College,” he said.

Nonetheless, Tolliver will miss his job. He said, “There really is a heavy sadness because I love what I do.”

Reflecting on his experiences, Tolliver said he most enjoyed involvement with student government, publications and the judiciary board. “It really made me feel as if I were being an educator,” he said.

Tolliver was frequently in attendance at Student Government Assembly meetings, observing debates and ready to lend advice.

“I am always, probably to my fault, brutally honest,” he said.

Student participation is one of the college’s greatest assets, according to Tolliver. “Connecticut is the most active of educational institutions,” he said, “SGA will be heard from no matter who their advisor is.”

He added, “The best student culture I’ve seen so far, including the one I was a student in, is Connecticut College.”

Tolliver wrote his dissertation on student cultures. Tolliver said that he was particularly impressed that the housefellow and student government members were able to strike a balance during his term. Prior to the restructuring of Tolliver’s position and his arrival, the two groups were often in conflict.

The most difficult part of his job, Tolliver said, was having to be a disciplinarian. “One of the things I do is be the one who says ‘no’ a lot,” he said.

“There’s a bunch of negative stuff that has to be done in order to do the job,” he added. “It renders you one-dimensional.”

Tolliver believes active positive interaction is the best way to maintain the disciplinary role.

Acknowledging that he will leave with his first class, Tolliver said, “I feel like it was really a full cycle. I definitely feel as if I’m a part of the class of 1991.”

Colin Powell delivers Coast Guard keynote

by Sarah Huntley
Editor in Chief

General Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, delivered the commencement address at the graduation and commissioning of 206 Coast Guard cadets on Wednesday.

Powell was appointed to his current position by George Bush, president of the United States, on October 1, 1989. In this capacity, he serves as the principal military advisor to the president, secretary of defense and the National Security Council.

On Thursday, Bush nominated Powell for a second term.

Powell’s first visit is also the only time that a chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has appeared at the Coast Guard Academy.

Assembling the service of Coast Guard officers, Powell said, “The Coast Guard has always been an essential part of our armed forces, and the Coast Guard has always been good at what it does with us and for us.”

The Coast Guard is generally under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Transportation. However, during the Gulf War, the Coast Guard was responsible for port security, inspection boardings of ships leaving the area and the transport of materials.

Members of the Coast Guard were “on the scene,” Powell said, “to provide an absolutely critical service to our troops in the Gulf.”

“You were always ready, and thanks for your support.”

“We won. Now we can look to the future — the future of America and the future of the armed forces.”

— Colin Powell, chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff

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Hechinger recently retired from his position as editor of the New York Times after twenty years. During his career with the newspaper, Hechinger served on the editorial board, and wrote a weekly column titled, “About Education.” Hechinger has also authored several books, including The Big Red Schoolhouse and An Adventure in Education: Connecticut Points the Way.

An honorary doctor of humane letters degree will also be presented to Grace Hechinger.

As an education consultant, Hechinger is the founder and director of a program at Marymount Manhattan College that illustrates the resources of New York City. Hechinger has published articles in some of the country’s major magazines. She has also co-authored three books: Growing Up in America, The New York Times Guide to New York City Private Schools and Teenage Tyranny.

Powell praises 206 graduating cadets

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graduates to remember the past. “While we are celebrating, let’s reach back and join with our gallant Korean War and Vietnam veterans,” he said.

The general also addressed challenges of the future, saying, “Desert Storm is now over. We won. Now we can look to the future — the future of America and the future of the armed forces.”

Powell cited the “new world order,” the end of the Cold War and the need for lean military spending. While he said, “We will make sure our forces remain strong,” according to Powell, current funding requests reflect the smallest increase since the second World War.

Wishing the graduates to his “family,” the general encouraged them to remember their training at the Coast Guard Academy and their responsibility to the American people.

“The leaders of America’s armed forces have vested in you your wisdom, their knowledge, their time, and yes, their love,” said Powell. “We are pinning all of our hopes, all of our beloved hopes, on you.” Powell issued two commands in closing, “Care for the men and women who are entrusted to you . . . and selflessly serve,” he told the graduates.

Also speaking at the service were Samuel K. Skinner, secretary of transportation of the United States, and Rear Admiral Thomas T. Matteson, superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy.

This year’s graduating Coast Guard Academy class consisted of 185 men and 21 women.

Upon receipt of their bachelor of science degrees, the cadets were promoted to ensigns.

The new ensigns are required to fulfill a five year obligation to the service.

College bestows four honorary degrees

by Kate Bishop

Managing Editor

Connecticut College will award four honorary degrees during the 73rd Commencement ceremony. In addition to the doctor of science degree to be bestowed upon Alvin Poussaint, the recipients are Jacques d’Amboise, Fred Hechinger and Grace Hechinger.

D’Amboise will receive an honorary doctor of Fine Arts degree from Connecticut College.

A former principal dancer with the New York City Ballet, d’Amboise founded the National Dance Institute in 1976. He maintains an active role with NDI as its artistic director. D’Amboise has earned a reputation as the “Pied Piper of Dance” through his continued efforts to recruit his students from New York’s most impoverished neighborhoods.

The college will present an honorary doctor of humane letters degree to Fred Hechinger.

Gaudiani receives honorary Providence College doctorate

by Sarah Huntley

Editor in Chief

Claire Gaudiani, ’66, president of Connecticut College, was recognized as an honorary doctorate recipient at the seventy-third commencement of Providence College on May 19.

In a letter to Gaudiani, John F. Cunningham, O.P., president of Providence College, praised her for “dedication to the highest ideals of post-secondary education.”

Providence College, located in Rhode Island, is a four-year college of the liberal arts and sciences with a coeducational enrollment of approximately 3,800 students.

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Cunningham specifically noted Connecticut College’s Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts.

“It seems clear to me at the present time that Connecticut College will very shortly emerge as a leader in undergraduate international education,” he wrote.

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