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## SPORTS

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# Election Results: New City Council Decidedly Democratic

By DANIEL JARCHO  
STAFF WRITER

The Democratic Party rode to victory in the New London elections, as Democrats won six of the seven City Council positions during the upcoming two-year term.

On Tuesday, four council members were re-elected. There are three newcomers in the Council, including Angel Vazquez, the first Hispanic ever to be elected to the city council.

Beth Sabilia, Gerard Gaynor, Peg Curtin, and Lloyd Beachey will represent the Democratic Party on the new council, along with Hewett and Vazquez.

The lone Republican elected to the city council was Rob Pero, who received 2,341 votes, the most of all the candidates. Pero, a special investigator at the state Department of Consumer Protection, begins his fourth term on the Council.

Among the most pressing issues facing members of New London and the city council today are conflicts with the New London Development Corporation.

"It will take two more years to finish the re-development plans that began when I was first elected four years ago," said Hewett.

City Council members, even those from the same party, are split about how to interact with the NLDC.

"There's a place for everyone in Fort Trumbull," said Beachey. "A new council will be making smarter decisions."

In particular, the opinions of members in the city are split concerning the option of purchasing and renovating three of the city's largest state buildings, including the former Crocker House, and the Cronin and Bacon Buildings. This project would require a \$10 million dollar grant from the city, roughly \$4 million of which would be used to purchase the buildings from Cabrini Inc.

The City Council also plans to focus on cultural and economic development of the city.

Anthony Basilica, chairman of the Democratic City Committee, said, "The next council will be faced with the task of finding ways to attract new businesses to downtown."

While Democratic and Green Party candidates support a more conservative approach to development, the Republican party members advocate a big push that will keep the city's current forward momentum going.

Republican City Committee Chairman



A supporter for New London City Council candidate Gerard (Rod) Gaynor campaigns outside a polling place on Tuesday afternoon. This year's council will contain six Democrats and one Republican. (Day)

David Hersant believes that the Democrat-controlled council has slowed city development in the past, and credits NLDC president and former Connecticut College president Claire Gaudiani for initiating the push that convinced Pfizer Inc. to come to New London.

Among the six democrats elected to the council was current New London Mayor

Ernest Hewett. Hewett returns to the council for his third term, after having served as mayor for the past year.

Beachey, a Democrat returning for her fourth term on the council, has long been involved in the issues surrounding Fort Trumbull. She opposes the attempts by the NLDC to acquire land on the site, and pro-

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# College Looks to Educate Students on Sexual Misconduct Policy

By COLEBY WARD  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Wednesday, Area Coordinator Kristie Greenhall and Director of Health Services Cate Moffett organized a meeting to educate the students about the College's sexual misconduct policy. The meeting was held in the college House Living room and was open to students, faculty, and staff.

Greenhall said they devised the meeting's agenda with outreach and education in mind. "We wanted to get people together who were interested and to help educate people about the college's sexual misconduct policy through proactive, educational means," she said.

Connecticut College has an extensive Sexual Misconduct policy, which is described in the student handbook. The College is also very active in educating students about responsible sexual behavior and substance use. A majority of sexual aggressions are linked to alcohol or drug use.

Recently, the College received a \$22,000 grant from the Governors Prevention Partnership to study binge drinking and to develop programs to reduce alcohol-related problems on college campuses.

Connecticut College defines "sexual misconduct" as any non-consensual sexual contact. Non-consensual contact includes a variety of behaviors ranging from unwanted sexual touching to sexual intercourse, if the person who is being subjected to the contact indicates, either verbally or non-verbally, that he or she does not wish to continue.

Roughly eight people attended Thursday's meeting on the sexual misconduct policy, illustrating the dilemma that faces alcohol and sexual assault educators across the country - how can we compel students to listen?

Gretchen Saule, a Community Educator at the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut, said her organization has tried several different approaches to reconnect with young people.

"At the first one we tried to get a number of things that would involve the students more - group exercises, rather than speaking or lecturing to them. The second time we had a personal safety person showing them different ways to protect themselves. This third time we tried to get parcontin-

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## Former Faculty Residence May Become Student Housing

By SARAH GREEN  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Faculty members living in a college-owned residence at 87 Onico Street have been asked to relocate to different school-owned housing.

Although the College is planning to sell the residence, other options include using it as faculty, staff, or student housing.

Joseph Alchermes, a visiting assistant professor of art history, lived in the house.

The Board of Trustees has given the college its consent to do with the house whatever it deems best, that decision has yet to be made.

Ulysses Hammond, the President of Administration, said, "The future plan [for the residence] is that we've been authorized to sell that property... We would want to take advantage of the upswing in the housing market right now."

In addition to a strong real estate market, the residence is currently in need of repairs.

"The college has asked the residents of the house I'm in now to vacate it," said Alchermes. "I'm not sure what they're going to do with it... it needs renovation."

While there has been talk of using the property for student housing, that plan is not currently under serious consideration.

Conway Campbell, the Director of Residential Life and Housing, had not heard that an option for the property could be converting it to student housing.

"That's not something that's been talked about yet," said Campbell. "If we get to a point when we need more housing, we always will go to that office and say, 'Is there anything you have that we could use on a temporary basis?'"

Campbell mentioned an incident three years ago when students lived in a house on Williams Street for a semester when housing

was tight.

"We don't know how the September 11 thing will affect things like study abroad," said Campbell, "it hasn't come up yet, but you never know... there are certain unanticipated things that come up."

"There's still faculty and staff that need housing."

MaryAnne Borelli, an associate professor of government, recently moved out of college-owned faculty housing.

"After a while, when you get established, I knew I was going to be here so I bought a place," explained Borelli. "But it was invaluable in letting me get my feet on the ground and get established."

"I've been very happy in the house that I've been in since I started with the college 6 years ago," said Alchermes. "Now I'm moving into another house about three blocks away, and I expect I'll be very happy there."



Fundraiser participants perform yoga on Saturday in the 1962 room. The event was held to raise money for people affected by the September 11 attacks. Participants paid a minimum of \$30 a piece. (Novak)

## Yoga Fundraiser Benefits HOPE Foundation

By BRYAN SERINO AND MELISSA QUICK  
STAFF WRITERS

On Saturday, a group of more than 30 people gathered in the 1941 room to raise money in a unique manner through yoga.

The event, coordinated by Laura Smith of the HOPE foundation in the greater New London area, was a fundraiser for the people affected by the events of September 11.

A minimum donation of twenty dollars was required to participate in the fundraiser, which consisted of spiritual yoga classes and the recitation of prayer, sponsored by the Serenity Yoga Studio.

With a pastoral foliage backdrop as their inspiration, a group of students, faculty, administration, and members of the New London community congregated to support the victims of the September 11th tragedies. The yoga consisted of sun salutations,

yoga exercises that channel the positive aura of the sun. These exercises were meant to give the participants positive energy to help them sort their thoughts on the tragedies.

The peace prayers consisted of readings from various religious texts including Bahai, Buddhist, Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Shinto, and Hindu.

Because all the yoga leaders and masseuses volunteered their time, 100% of the donations by the participants went to the funds. Oranges, apples, tea, and other organic foods were also donated for the event. All donations went to United Way and the Juliana Valentine McCourt Children's Fund.

The Juliana Valentine McCourt fund, an organization devoted to the promotion of tolerance and understanding among children, was established in honor of McCourt and her mother, both victims of the September 11 tragedies.

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## J-Board Statistics Reveal More Male Honor Code Violations

By JAMIE RODGERS  
STAFF WRITER

Last year's J-Board statistics revealed that an overwhelming majority of student offenders were male students.

There were 562 cases brought before J-Board last year, and of those cases, 70% of the offenders were male.

The statistics, which showed that more males than females are brought before the Case Review Team, do not show that more cases are found guilty than females. In fact 72% of females brought before J-Board are found guilty, while 68% of males brought before the Board receive adjudication.

The Judiciary Board, which is 90% male, seems to have no sexual bias

Cait McIntosh ('05), the only female on the board remarked, "there isn't much difference in my opinions versus the guys' opinions."

The Board only oversaw 47% of the adjudicated cases last year. Over half of the cases were reviewed and given to the Office of Student Life, where sanctions were placed and disciplinary action was taken, similar to J-Board decision.

"It depends on the sensitivity of the case," said Conway Campbell, Dean of Residential Life at the College.

The Office of Student Life oversees those cases that cannot be dealt with on a peer-to-peer basis, although the adjudication is generally the same.

"It doesn't make it any less; it doesn't

make it any more," said Campbell.

The root of the gender discrepancy does not lie in the judiciary procedure, but in general difference in conduct between males and females on campus. Academically speaking, males and females are on equal standing. Out of the eight academic-related violations last year, 5 were males. The bulk of the disproportion lies in violations related to drug and alcohol abuses.

In fact, approximately 94% of last year's judiciary offenses were related to drug or alcohol abuse. Surveys have shown that drinking is more prevalent among males than females, and thus more males are prosecuted for related offenses. "Women tend to keep a lower key than

# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## City Council Should Work in Concert with NLDC

Since Tuesday's elections, New London City Council members have been pledged to work more closely with the New London Development Corporation over the next two years.

Rob Pero, a Republican who was re-elected to the city council this week, said that while on the campaign trail, many people complained that it seemed like the NLDC was making decisions without consulting the council.

This will come as no shock to the faculty of Connecticut College or to any student who has been here long enough to remember the Claire Gaudiani era.

The College is still paying over \$300,000 a year to lease space in the Mariners Square office complex in New London. That was a decision that Gaudiani made on her own, without consulting faculty, and the office space remains vacant two years later.

Now Gaudiani is busy bringing about social justice on behalf of the NLDC. Predictably, this progress did not come without some struggle. As Gaudiani is fond of saying, "Nothing great in this world has ever been accomplished without leaving some skin on the sidewalk."

Over the past few years, the NLDC has been the most controversial organization in New London. The decision to force Fort Trumbull residents from their homes via eminent domain has been heavily criticized, and a lawsuit over the issue is pending.

That the New London City Council wants to work more closely with the NLDC is understandable. The last time Claire Gaudiani was left to operate without supervision, the repercussions were serious and lasting. The City Council would be well advised to work closely with Gaudiani and the NLDC in order to promote development that truly benefits the city.

Working with the City Council will give the NLDC's decisions a legitimacy that they currently lack. Maybe, if city government is consulted, residents won't feel that a private corporation has the power to run the city regardless of who is elected into office.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Rower Seeks Greater Exposure for Crew Team

To the Editors:

Connecticut College supports many varsity athletic teams, each with individuals who dedicate extended hours every week towards practice and competition. The members of each team strive to excel every time they hit the "field." They unite to form an alliance based on mental and physical prowess. And they work diligently to make a name for themselves and the College.

As an integral part of the Connecticut College campus, sports teams are given the opportunity to demonstrate their skills against opposing contenders. Spectators offer support and the team's progress is covered and recorded by the school, for general knowledge. However, there is one team that continually lacks recognition and that is the rowing team. Like every other team, we work hard to be the best among our competitors. This fall we were fortunate enough to be invited to the world's largest two day rowing event, the Head of the Charles in Boston, Massachusetts. Two of our crews competed at the championship level in lieu of past successes at both the New England and ECAC Avaya National Championships. At the Charles, these crews faced fierce opposition from rivals including, US Rowing, our national team, Harvard, Yale, University of Michigan, and various international teams, and held their own.

All of our crews have enjoyed numerous successes that have gone unnoticed and unmentioned. One would think that competing on both national and international levels would foster a sense of pride for our accomplish-

ments, or at least warrant a reaction. This is not the case, has not been in the past, and merits a change.

-Clare Dreyer '04

### Student Blasts Previous Writer, Defends American Policy

To the Editors:

In Dluogo's last letter to the editor, he suggested "that people like Dong... read a book or two about history or sociology" so they could better understand the socio-historic context the recent tragedies took place in. So I did exactly that (the history part that is, I wasn't "daring" enough to read a book about sociology, but I'm getting there) and conducted some research into the accusations Dluogo has been throwing around. This is what I found.

Dluogo begins his October 5th letter by stating how America armed our one time ally, Iraq in their war against Iran. In Dluogo's own words he explains, "Iraq was our good, loyal friend all throughout the 80's, as long as they were using the weapons we [America] supplied them [with] against Iran." The one problem with this is that America didn't supply Iraq with weapons to use against Iran. Rather, the Iraqis used Soviet and French arms against the Iraqis. Perhaps Dluogo's is referencing the controversial "Iraqgate" that was investigated during the Clinton administration. The U.S. did sell "duel use" technology such as sophisticated computers and ambulances to Iraq, in addition to extending them a farm credit, but Dluogo's assertion that Iraq was supplied directly by U.S. weapon sales in their war against Iran is far from accurate.

Dluogo also used the recent terrorist events to vilify Israel, casting claims which were grossly inaccurate and purposefully deceiving. Dluogo makes reference to the curfews that Israel imposes upon the Palestinians, but leads the reader to believe that Israel enforces these measures anywhere and everywhere without reason. The truth is, more than 95% of Palestinians live under the Palestinians Authority (known as Area A) which is under the rule of Yasser Arafat. This means that Israel has no ability to impose curfews in this territory. In Area B (shared security control) and Area C (Israeli administered areas) Israel can and has imposed curfews after terrorist attacks or when they receive intelligence indicating future attacks. In addition, Israel has the power to impose closures, meaning they do not allow Palestinians to cross from Palestinian controlled areas to Israeli controlled areas. These closures are instituted during times of fighting and Palestinian terrorist activity. Ultimately, Israel has just as much right to close its borders to Palestinians, as the United States does with Mexico.

Dluogo goes on to allege that Israel has launched "repeated massacres of villages and bombing of civilians" but fails to mention any examples. He then follows this ludicrous claim with an equally laughable one when he blames Israel for "the displacement of millions from the formation of Israel." But by all accounts there were not even one million Palestinian Arabs in Mandate Palestine in 1948 during the time of Israel's formation.

call me un-American because I'd prefer not to run around Afghanistan murdering children." Admittedly, I was wrong to jump to conclusions about pacifism, for I have since gone home and talked to members of my own community willing to uphold freedom without searching out the terrorist network abroad-by giving blood and giving food-and that is fine with me. However, I simply cannot process the notion that nothing should be done in the face of a force that threatens everything Allen Ginsberg believed in, and more. For I, too, am a writer with many liberal propensities, and I dread the day I would lose the right to be myself. Take it from Salman Rushdie, who for over a decade has dodged his own death since the publication of his controversial novel, *The Satanic Verses*. In a Washington Post editorial entitled, "Fighting the Forces of Invisibility", Rushdie writes, "The fundamentalist seeks to bring down a great deal more than buildings. Such people are against, to offer just a brief list, freedom of speech, a multi-party political system, universal adult suffrage, accountable government, Jews, homosexuals, women's rights, pluralism, secularism, short skirts, dancing, beardlessness, evolution theory, sex...terrorism is not the pursuit of legitimate complaints by illegitimate means. The terrorist wraps himself in the world's grievances to cloak his true motives. Whatever the killers were trying to achieve, it seems improbable that building a better world was part of it."

Of course, as someone who supports the war abroad, I will inevitably be reminded of the United States' own misdeeds, and I will not overlook them, as Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon are not my personal heroes. For I'll never forgive the callousness with which Reagan treated gays at the height of the A.I.D.S. epidemic, or Nixon's indifference toward Henry Kissinger's criminal actions as Secretary of State. However, as Rushdie rightfully notes, "To excuse such an atrocity by blaming U.S. government policies is to deny the basic idea of all morality: that individuals are responsible for their actions." Indeed, this carries about as much sway as to borrow two oft-used analogies, the "Gay Panic" defense and blaming a rape victim for entering a nightclub in a tube top. Furthermore, while I do not exactly idolize former presidents Reagan and Nixon, I do admire former presidents Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, and John Kennedy, as well as current senators Max Cleland (a democrat from Georgia who was rendered a quadriplegic in Vietnam) and Tom Harkin, (the Iowa democrat who backed both the Americans with Disabilities Act and the recent Supreme Court ruling supporting the golfer Casey Martin's right to use a cart), so I refuse to believe that the tainted legacy of Reagan and Nixon nullifies that of those whom I have grown to admire. Additionally, something tells me that neither Osama bin Laden nor anyone aiding him could ever conceive of the Emancipation Proclamation, the New Deal, the Marshall Plan, the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or the Casey Martin decision; if these are the works of a government propelled by the same feelings that led terrorists to attempt to bring two major cities to their knees, than I am Batman.

As I've said, ours is not a flawless government (and if those so quick to criticize it can find one, I'd be astonished), and it is our responsibility to hold it accountable, through PEACEFUL means. Want to see Kissinger tried for his actions, or Bob Kerrey tried for his? Get in touch with your representative or Senator(s), and get a group of like-minded people to do the same. Granted, it's a long and daunting process, but if it's what you truly want, it will pay off. Also, there is the responsibility of protecting Middle-Eastern Americans from harm. As a disabled citizen, I, too have been harassed for the wrong reasons, and although I know not exactly sure how being pointed at while I limp down the street or being laughed out of competitive sports compares to being left off an airline, I believe there's a common sense of pain and humiliation, and to say that Ashan Baig "cannot live in the United States" because of the indignity he faced is unfair. Was Rosa Parks deemed unfit for this nation after the hell she endured for remaining seated on a bus? No, for her struggle strengthened all of America. That said, our responsibility to Middle-Eastern Americans is clear: if we see a harmful act being perpetrated before our eyes, we must do what we can to stop it; we must turn to family, friends, religious and political leaders for the guidance we need, and we must continue to listen to the stories of

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### Kreit's Pacifism Oversimplifies War Effort

To the Editor:

Still smarting from attacks on his pacifism, Brad Kreit offers a scathing critique of the war. "Some people









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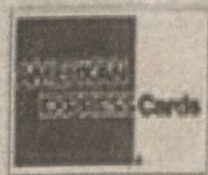
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## Camel Ice Hockey Looks to Rebound After Dismal Season

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level, Conn's defensive unit will need to gel quickly for the Camels to be competitive.

"We're looking for our defense and our goaltending to help us a lot this year," said Coleman. "In the past we have been weak, but we have gotten much stronger back there this year."

Yet, the pressure cannot rest solely on the young, inexperienced core. On a team that features a goaltending unit composed primarily of freshman, Conn is going to need the entire team to play at both ends of the ice.

"The real key to success is playing an overall strong team defense in front of our goalies," said Coleman. "We're really fast, and we have a really skilled team upfront, so

I don't think we are too worried about offense. But, we are really worried about our defensive play."

With the added depth, and new offensive surge, Camel Hockey is poised to do some damage this year in the NESCAC. To be successful it will need upperclassmen Vealitzek, Hasenauer, Matt Heath '02, and co-captain Tim Flaherty '02 to step-up and emerge as greater scoring threats, capitalizing whenever possible. Also, defenseman Andy Holland '03, Jesse LaRusso '04, and Tony Ceci '04 will be looked to for big years in order to take some of the burden from Coleman, help solidify the defensive side of Camel hockey, and aid in the development of the younger players.

While no one can be sure how the men's hockey team will perform in 2001-2002 in

one of the strongest conferences in Division III hockey, the team is optimistic for the season. As Opening Day approaches, the Camels are sure of two things. First, the team will need each player to take his game to the next level and contribute at both ends of the rink. Also, they know that success in their first few games will be vital in building for the rest of the season.

"If we win some games early, we can build some confidence for the rest of the season," said Hasenauer, with Vealitzek offering this about the opening weekend: "The first weekend will be important for the rest of the season. If we do well in the first few games, we'll have a good idea of where we stand."

-1-1 last year, and took home the Division III national championship. Second place Williams College (20-6-1) will also be tough, as will Bowdoin and Colby, who rounded out the four opposing NESCAC teams with winning records.

In their extremely young program, the Connecticut College women's ice hockey program has never enjoyed a winning record. However, this could be the year, although it will be a very tough one for the Lady Camels. A third coach in three years and four departed graduates with no new recruits are not easy things for any program to deal with. Johnston thinks that the team will have a good year regardless of their final standings and record. She said, "I am really excited about this year. We have some good players and last year we really improved. I think that this year we are ready to work hard and challenge even more teams."

## Women's Ice Hockey Enters Fifth Year with New Coach

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'03 lead the team with 21 points (10 goals and 11 assists) and an average of just under 1 point per game. Forward Caley Boyd '03 finished second with 16 (6 goals and 10 assists) and an average of .73 per game. Janet Hanson '04 led the team in goals in 2000-2001, netting 12 goals as a freshman. Trafton got the bulk of the goaltending work last year, appearing in 21 games, playing 1250 minutes, ending with a goals-against-average of 3.36, and a save percentage of .89. Trafton ended the season with a record of 7-14-0, with the other Camel win going to now graduated goaltender, Lauri Flanagan '01.

As a whole, women's hockey was outscored by their opponents, 72-51 in 2000. On special teams, the Camels had a dismal power play percentage of .098, going 6 for 61, and a penalty killing percentage of .873, killing off 62 of 71 penalties. The team hopes to improve in all areas, and to be much more competitive in the 2001-2002

season. Coming into this season, women's hockey lost four seniors and will unfortunately have no new faces for the 2001-2002 campaign. However, none of the members of this year's squad will be studying away. This year's seniors include forwards Johnston, Duffy Markham, Laurel Dudley, Haney and Katri Morley are on defense and Trafton is listed as the lone goaltender. Juniors are forwards Sundberg, Boyd, Katie Dubendorf, and Natalie McEachern will play on defense. Sophomores on the squad are forwards Hanson, Stacy Sifleet, Stephanie Morgan, and Beth Landes, while Kyle Ridgeway, Beth Landes are listed on defense. These players will most likely bounce around on the ice, as the team will most likely go with only four or five defense-women.

Connecticut College Women's Ice Hockey will be up against some stiff NESCAC competition this season. Middlebury boasted a 1st place record of 23

## Men's Basketball Optimistic

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"People don't know what to expect from Conn this year. Now that we don't have an All-American, first team all-selection player, they are all looking to dish out the punishment. Well, let me tell you that we're not going to give in and that they're in for a big surprise."

This attitude and sense of commitment doesn't stop with the coach. One of the biggest differences this year from last year is that the players have finally started to believe in the system.

Shooting guard Kevin Herrington '03 noticed a marked improvement in the manner with which the team carries itself. "Staying positive is the key to our success,

and there has been a big change in the team's overall attitude. We are finally on the same page, and as a result, we are a much more positive group than ever before. Now, even though everyone has written us off and counted us out, we are ready to come out as a team and prove them all wrong."

Players aren't just confident in the system. They're confident in each other.

"Watch out for 'D. Bizzle'" said Ayers of senior center Dave Browne '02. "Because he hit the weights in the off-season and is in better shape. He also committed a great deal of time this summer competing in top tournaments in NYC summer leagues. He's going to be tough."

## Women's Squash Prepares for Second Run at National Title

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ber one player from last year's lineup, Allie Strawbridge, as well as Wendy Strait, who played in the number six slot, are both studying away this semester, but are expected to return to the lineup for second semester. Number two and three starters, Laura Betz and Emily Stieff are veterans who will also support the Lady Camels at the top of the lineup. Comments Morgan: "Laura is a beautiful player to watch. She makes it seem effortless on the court, but she is always motivated and focused during practice. Emily Stieff is a different type of player who goes for a lot of kill shots and hits the ball very hard."

The rest of the team consists of sophomores Emily Sedlis, who played number one for the women's tennis team this year, and Caitlin Ruane. The freshman recruits are Hadley McLoughlin, younger sister to Johanna McLoughlin, and Rachel Diamond. The McLoughlin sisters, according to McNally, are expected to be playing next to each other in the lineup.

Much credit for the success of the squash team last year and its anticipated success this year should be given to second-year coach McNally. McNally coaches both the men's

and women's teams and has earned the respect of all his players. "We really like Coach," says Morgan. "He is probably the most enthusiastic of us and he has the most confidence in us." One aspect that players seem to like about McNally is that he will pick his battles, focusing on one overall goal for an individual player instead of trying to teach her too many things at once. Players also mentioned that he helps every member on the team equally, it does not matter whether the player is the number one on the team or plays in the exhibition spot. "The coach is phenomenal," says Ellis. "He creates drills and training programs specifically for the team."

It will be exciting to watch the women dominate the courts this year. From watching practice, it is easy to see that they are both motivated and excited for the upcoming season. They are also excited to have a few home matches on the schedule this year, hosting Wesleyan on January 24th, Smith and Bard Colleges on February 9th, and Tufts College on February 10th. This semester, they will be playing in the Wesleyan Invitational Tournament at the end of November, and will then travel to Vassar to play there on December 8.

## New Era Dawns for Women's Basketball

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few weeks, captain Kennedy exclaimed, "I have been very pleased with the way preseason has gone this year. Everyone worked hard in our lifting and conditioning workouts, and maintained a positive attitude throughout, which is very important for us. During preseason play, I was really encouraged due to both returnees' improvement and newcomers' strong talent."

Agreeing with her teammate, Shields added, "Everyone has been working hard at preseason. We have a great group of freshmen that are bringing up lots of talent to the team as well as a number of returning players."

Hopefully the hard work will continue

and these women will bring new respect to Connecticut College women's basketball. Coach Hungerford knows that she is facing a challenge, but she is determined to usher the program into a new, successful era. With their tough schedule, and losing season against them, the coach recognizes that the team's confidence will be tested early. Nevertheless, she is sure that "once everyone learns the new system and knows their roles, things will start to gel. We just have to believe in ourselves and know the road may be bumpy at times, but we will never give up."

Coach Hungerford's confidence has already started to rub off on to her athletes, and they are excited about playing for the

new coach. As Kennedy stated: "I have been quite impressed thus far with our new coach. There has been a lot of turnover in our program, which is hard to deal with, but I have a really strong feeling that this year is going to be the big step up and in the right direction for us."

Whether the step up Kennedy refers to will be big or small may be up for debate, however, the team will unquestionably move forward. Following a 6-17 record last season, the team has no where to go but up, and with Coach Hungerford leading the way, the lady camels will make incredible leaps into an era in which they will, as Hungerford proclaimed, "develop a reputation as a relentless and fearless opponent."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONTINUED)

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those of various backgrounds, while ignoring those whose hatred of pluralism is nearly indistinguishable from the Taliban's. Consider the pundit Ann Coulter, who lost her job at the National Review for proposing that "all swarthy looking males" be detained at airports; coming from this blonde troglodyte, who was fired from MSNBC for telling a wheelchair bound Vietnam veteran, "You're the reason we lost that war", what else should we have expected? Then, there is the usual suspect, the dixie demagogue Jerry Falwell, who, in the wake of the September 11 attack, blamed "the pagans, and the abortionists...the feminists...the gays, the lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU, People for the American Way" and "all of them who have tried to secularize America".

Do these people deserve our respect? Certainly not, for war has revealed their true colors. Do they deserve to be censored? Certainly not; let them stand on their soap-boxes, for they will soon fall to the strength of those who believe in safe living for and equitable treatment of all people. Addressing a segregated South Africa, Robert Kennedy remarked, "Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope; and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

In Afghanistan, there have been mistakes, and there will be more, which is why, in particularly serious cases, the Hague exists. Make no mistake, I did not attend the Zell Miller school of moral relativism; I DO NOT WISH TO SEE CIVILIANS DIE, and this is not the rhetorical throat-clearing of a nearsighted war hawk who is simply trying to cover all the bases as a way of advancing

his own agenda. Rather, these are the words of someone whose religious faith and common sense tell him that the deliberate murder of innocent civilians is not conducive to justice, these are the words of someone who has friends in the armed services, and who shudders at the thought that a war criminal may live within each of them; these are the words of a person whose friends have lost loved ones, these are the words of the son of a government worker who has been on edge since 9/11, these are the words of someone who recognizes the global menace that is Osama bin Laden, and that the only way to ensure that he does not strike again is with force.

Given the fact that bin Laden has followers in some 60 nations, the possibility of a trial before the World Court is minimal, yet a sceptic whom I consider a friend contends that "not a shred of evidence" has been revealed implicating bin Laden. Sceptics should consider the work of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who witnessed the attacks a continent away, but who, according to the associated press, assembled "a dossier of evidence" indicating bin Laden's complicity in the mass murder before verifying it in the House of Commons; if his findings in my book, were this man, a liberal hero in my book, were named our "shadow president" tomorrow, I'd have no quarrel with the decision.

Yes, there is evidence I'd like to see placed before me, but have the sceptics also considered that complete disclosure to the public might trigger immediate harm to the public?

What will happen before we realize there is trouble afoot? Will a "suitcase nuke" render a major city uninhabitable? Will George Bush be assassinated? Bill Clinton? Blair? Jacques Chirac? Ariel Sharon? Yassir Arafat? Will there be a global redux of that which we vowed would never again occur? Woe be the day the world collapses as the price of our own inaction.

-Jared Tester, '04

## Student Distinguishes Between Meat and Poultry

To the Editor:

I was innocently browsing through The Voice this past week and was shocked and offended by one of your opinion/editorial letters. Mr. Massey's arrogant proclamation that chicken is a meat is absolutely absurd. Although many people seem to think otherwise, chicken is not a meat! There has been a lot of talk recently regarding this issue of poultry being included in the definition of meat, but it is as clear as day to me that although similar, chicken is poultry, not a meat.

Anyone who eats both chicken and steak on a regular basis should be able to tell from experience that there is a distinct difference between the two types of food. Given a blind tastetest, I am certain that anybody could tell them apart. Meat has a much chewier consistency and is normally tougher than

chicken. Even lamb, which is arguably the most tender meat, is not at all like chicken. Chicken is much weaker than meat and does not require a fork and knife to consume. I would like to see somebody try to eat meat without a knife. Ha.

They would quickly learn the error of their foolish assumption that chicken is a meat.

Mr. Massey may refer to definitions in dictionaries or encyclopedias to resolve this issue of chicken's food categorization, but this bigot needs to wake up and smell the chicken!

Simply view the two categories (meat and poultry) objectively and the answer is clear: Chicken has never been, is not, and never will be, a meat. Word.

-Eric Mattes '02

# SPORTS

## Reading the Camel Ice Hockey Looks to Rebound After Dismal 2000 Season Break

BY MATT PRESTON  
SPORTS EDITOR

"And now on the First tee, making his tour debut, hailing from Coventry, Rhode Island, Ryan Woodward."

With that announcement from the starter, I tip my hat to the small gallery that awaits my debut on the Feature-Writing Tour, step up to the tee box, and prepare to take my first swing.

I have paid my dues in the minor leagues; by writing for the men's hockey and lacrosse teams last season, and the women's soccer team this past fall. Now, I am ready to play my game and to step into the batter's box with the big boys.

I am the person the advertisement on page 9 of the October 26 issue of the Voice was modeled after; it featured a picture of what may as well be me, face down on the ice, in full hockey gear, framed by the words: "Not going pro? Try writing Sports for the Voice." I'm trying.

Growing up I played every sport offered to me: hockey, soccer, baseball, basketball, Nintendo, golf, chess, lacrosse, tennis, and ping-pong. And I was in shape. Times have changed. As a member of the Conn golf and club hockey teams, I lead a slightly less motivated life. My body does not enjoy movement as much as it once did; the only things still in shape are the fingers that gracefully glide over the keyboard, and the only time I'll ever push myself to the next level involves the glowing-yellow elevator buttons in the new plex, as I consciously avoid stairs.

I know my sports, but I do not plan on imposing my opinions of the greater sports world on un-wanting ears. I was told by Division I coaches that I could've played Division I soccer, if only I could grow two more inches. I tried, but came up short, at a measly 5'11." I was told by Division III coaches that I could've played Division III hockey, if only there was one more spot in the locker room for me. There was space left, unfortunately it was in the bathroom, and I'm not even allowed to use that anymore. So through my lifelong process of being good at the sports I loved, just not talented enough, or not big enough, or even not good-looking enough in uniform to make the team, I have learned that for me, life extends far beyond the boundaries marked by white chalk, dasher boards, or red stakes.

This is true for many people on this campus; as a Division III school, many Camels have lives off of the court as well as on, and there are also many things going on behind the scenes that are just as interesting as what is happening on center stage. From my Left-Wing position here on the back page I hope to show you that.

Through the power vested in me by the Lords of the "Featurials" I have been given free range.

The term feature-piece is uninteresting and makes me feel like focusing my attention some place else, so now I write Featurials (a little term I conceived for lack of better description of my efforts). Random House Webster's College Dictionary says that to feature means, "to offer as a main attraction; to give prominence to," and "to play a major part in." So sit tight, and look forward to me shedding new light on some of the main attractions here on campus. Most importantly, though, be sure to let this, and future Featurials, be a part of your weekly readings.

My debut performance is over now, but you and I are on the putting green together, involved in a different match. You are faced with a very difficult, but make-able putt to close out your opponent. I am your caddy. You must feel the correct speed. I can check the grain of the grass, and try to relax you, but it's your putt. All I am here to do is read the break.

The Connecticut College Men's Varsity Hockey Team had a miserable 2000-2001 season.

After starting the year strong with a victory over the eventual New England Small College Conference Athletic Conference Championship Runner-Up, Amherst College, the team fell apart, winning just three of its final sixteen games, ending with a final record of 7-13-1.

However, the 2001-2002 campaign promises to lead Camel Hockey down a much different path, as the Camels add quickness, experience, and depth to what is now a veteran roster.

As result of losing several players throughout the 2000-2001 season, there was little competition amongst players for the starting positions. However, this year the Camels have expanded their roster, causing teammates to have to fight for position.

"With the loss of some guys around midseason last year, there was not a great deal of competition for spots," said forward Nick Vealitzek '04, the team's fourth leading scorer in 2001 (2-10-12). "But now we have a full roster with a lot of guys fighting each other for spots, pushing us to play the best we can."

This is could be the team's



Matt Levinson '02 carries the puck during a game last season. This year, men's hockey is looking to improve on last year's seven-win season. The success of the team will likely depend on its ability to score on a more consistent basis (Brown).

biggest asset of the season, according to Vealitzek, because if there is no job security, each player will need to be at his best at all times, pushing himself to be better than the rest for fear of losing his spot.

One of the key reasons for the

downfall of the Camels last season was the team's inability to produce goal later in the season.

"We had a good start last year," said junior forward Mike Hasenauer, "but in the second half we ran into some tough teams, and we just

weren't putting the puck in the net."

Last year when the offensive weight fell on the shoulders of what was an inexperienced, undersized core of freshman and sophomores. In 2001, however, the team will now rely on a deep, veteran core of soph-

omores and juniors that is quicker, dedicated, and more talented group than in the past.

"Hard work is a definite key [to the season]," said Hasenauer, "we are giving away some size, but we have some speed. We are going to be a smaller, faster, craftier team than we usually are. If we get down in the corners, muck and grind, and cycle, we'll be able to work the puck well."

"Burying the puck, and finishing this year are big. We had a lot of chances last year and we could not come through. Finishing and getting on teams early is going to be key."

In the NESCAC, where most teams have a quicker, more finesse style of, Conn feels that their speed and skill is an advantage.

"I think with our skill we can match up with anybody," said co-captain and defensive stalwart, Matt Coleman '02, "Against the few teams that are bigger we should be able to adapt with our speed."

While the Camels are pleased with their newfound depth and offense, they still hope to improve their defensive. Anchored by Coleman, the 2001-2002 defensive unit consists mostly of young, raw underclassman. With four of seven of the team's blue-liners coming from the freshman and sophomore classes, and three net-minders who have never seen a shot at the college

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## Men's Basketball Has Something to Prove

BY ALEX MACY

STAFF WRITER

Trust. Communication. Caring. Responsibility. Pride. These qualities are what third year coach Lynn Ramage views as the five key pieces to success for the men's basketball team this year.

While he has seen glimpses each of these qualities in his first two years at Conn, this season marks the first time in which he has seen all five simultaneously. "Sure, each one individually is important to say the least," he conceded. "However, the difference is that together they make you unbeatable."

Even though there are several question marks heading into the 2001-2002 season this has not discouraged Coach Ramage and his players. Rather, these uncertainties have inspired the team to go out and prove their critics wrong.

For the past six months, Ramage and assistant Mike Culley have been left to figure out how to fill the void created by All American stand-out Kareem Tatum's '01 graduation. While they are not expecting to replace Conn's all-time scoring leader in a single off-season, they believe that they still have enough pieces to put together a successful season. Ramage is confident that this year's team has the talent and desire to compete with the other top programs in the New England Small College Athletic Conference, and he won't settle for anything but the best



Leland McKenna lays the ball into the hoop on a drive during a game last season. This year's men's basketball team is hoping to bring home a NESCAC championship (Brown).

of his players.

"I'm not going to accept mediocrity, and this year, it's not like anyone is going to give us anything for free. If we want it, we're going to have to take it ourselves. If we stay healthy, we are just as good as anyone else...and still better than most!"

This year's team will be led by Mizan Ayers '02, who, for two years in a row, has distinguished himself as one of the best point guards in the NESCAC. He, too, has high hopes and feels that they have the potential to be a dangerous team.

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## Women's Squash Prepares for Second Run at National Title

BY DAVID BYRD

STAFF WRITER

It is hard to improve on winning a national championship, but the Connecticut College women's squash is trying to do just that. Last year, the Lady Camels won the Division I National Championship in the C-class and ended the year ranked 17th overall in the nation.

This year, they are hoping to jump up to the B division; teams' rankings are continuously changed throughout the season, and division assignments are based on these rankings. "It's hard to tell how good we are without seeing some of the other teams," explains Coach Bill McNally, "but I expect that we can do even better this year."

The Lady Camels look to improve on their championship year while fielding a slightly different lineup. Three seniors graduated, and two of the team's juniors are studying away this semester, so the women will be forced to play out this semester with at least five new

players.

The women, though, are not worried about their new-look lineup. According to senior co-captain Julia Morgan: "the team is looking very strong in the first few practices." Senior Heather Ellis agrees and adds that it appears that the team "has made a concerted effort to improve during the off-season." Team members feel that they will be good enough to make the move up to the B division, as they are perhaps even stronger this year than they were during their championship run. Although they graduated their number four and five players after last season, several seniors who studied away are returning to fortify the lineup. Besides Morgan and Ellis, co-captain Kate McAlaine, Shauna Ginsberg, Johanna McLoughlin, and Amelie Baudot are all seniors who will bring experience and leadership to the squad.

There are also a number of juniors playing this season. The num-

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## Women's Ice Hockey Enters Fifth Year with New Coach

BY MATT DIAPELLA

STAFF WRITER

Last May, the Connecticut College Women's Ice Hockey Team learned that Kristen Steele would be their third coach in three years. Steele replaces last season's interim head coach, Bernie Cassell. Cassell had replaced three-year coach Melody Davidson. Neither Cassell nor Davidson were able to finish with a winning percentage over 0.370 (0.364 and 0.370 respectively).

Prior to being named the new coach, Steele spent the last three years as the assistant women's ice hockey coach and Recruiting Coordinator at Niagara University. In 1997, she served as an assistant coach in the women's program at Colgate. Between 1991 and 1994, Steele was an undergraduate at the University of Maine, where she played hockey for the Black Bears, and was the team captain.

Assistant captain Christina Johnston '02, a forward for the Camels said: "It's been hard with three different coaches in three years, but the team has done an amazing job adjusting to all of the changes. Kristen is a knowledgeable, experienced coach. She has gotten us to push ourselves on and off the



New hockey coach Kristen Steele (Savage)

ice." Assistant captain Jessica Haney '02, and standout captain goaltender Anna Trafton '02 will join Johnston and Steele in leading women's hockey into just their fifth season of NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) varsity play. The Camels finished last year with a record of 8-14, finishing eighth in the NESCAC standings.

Last year, Lindsey Sundberg

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## New Era Dawns for Women's Basketball

BY BONNIE PROKESCH

STAFF WRITER

This season marks the beginning of a new era for Connecticut College Women's Basketball, an era with a new coach and high expectations. Finishing at the bottom of the NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) last season, and playing for Athletic Director Ken McBryde, who had assumed the role of head coach, the women and their new coach, Laura Hungerford, must prove themselves to their opponents and fans this season.

Coach Hungerford comes to Conn, after coaching women's basketball for five years at Rochester Institute of Technology, and hopes to propel the Camels into the competitive realm of play, and no one doubts her ability to do so. While at R.I.T. she was named the Empire Eight

Conference Coach of the Year for the 2000-2001 season after guiding the Tigers (10-15) to the highest win total since the establishment of the program in 14 years ago.

Hungerford hopes that, by implementing a new system of strategies and tactics, she will be able to lead the Camels to success. Commenting on the elements she hopes to focus on this season, Hungerford claimed, "I am stressing the team concept, as we plan to run, press, and to do that, we have to use several players. The most important factor will be team chemistry and our ability to work cohesively as a team. We cannot be successful without everyone's contributions."

Contributors are still yet to be determined, as tryouts are nearing an end. Nevertheless, Hungerford knows that she will have to rely on many newcomers, as four of the team's key players, including last

season's top scorer Margaret Guernsey '03, will not be back until January from studying abroad.

When asked about returning players, the new coach was confident, stating that "Captain Kacie Kennedy '02 will be a leader on the court this season for the young team, and Emily Carroll '04, Katie Osmond '03, and Erin Shields '04 will all contribute in the back-court for the Camels." The "Fab 5" freshmen, as Hungerford like to call a few of the newcomers to the team, are Mary Bushnell, Katie Chisholm, Molly Gage, Laura Rosenshire, and Barbara Silk.

If preseason training and tryouts indicate the strength of the upcoming team, then there is no doubt in anyone's mind that the Camels are ready to make a name for themselves. Regarding the training that has been taking place over the past

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