State of the College

Leo I. Higdon, Jr. May 31, 2008



Vision

Increased recognition for this extraordinary education in the liberal arts and sciences



Liberal Arts and Sciences

Best preparation for life and career

- Rigorous academics interdisciplinary
- Learning beyond classroom
- Faculty, teacher-scholars
- Diversity, core community value
- Educate the whole person



Achieving the Vision

- Investing in historic strengths
- Investing in our future:
 - life sciences
 - internationalization
 - residential life experience
 - financial aid



Achievements: Academic Excellence

- 10 Fulbrights in two years
- Marshall & Truman finalists, Goldwater
 & Udall honorable mentions
- Freshman seminars in residence halls
- Faculty scholarship





Achievements: Excellence & Diversity

- Admission outreach
- LGBTQ Center thriving
- Opened Women's Center
- Launched 'Science Leaders'





Achievements: Reputation Building

- Enhanced alumni programs
- Integrated marketing
- Strong national media placements



CONNECTICUT

83 percent of our alumni felt reputation was a key element of lany of you also suggested that the quality of education here merits I agree. At my inauguration in October 2006, I pledged, "We will tanding and influence it so richly eople across the country will know it." I am writing to tell you about some of the ways we are building the College's reputation



HOW WE EARN OUR REPUTATION

We earn our reputation by the quality of the education. Connecticut College is built on a strong foundation of academic excellence and innovation. Our interdisciplinary centers are models for other colleges and universities. We are recognized for our international programs, environmental studies and stewardship, community service learning and the arts, among others. We're beginning to see the impact on our student body of our new diversity initiatives, which strengthen our community and enhance learning for all students.

As we approach our Centennial, we are introducing new interdisciplinary collaborations between the life sciences, mathematics and computer science. We are building new connections between academic and residential life. And we are introducing programs that will instill a global perspective into every aspect of the curriculum and campus experience. In this way, we are re-imagining liberal arts education for a new century and a changing world.

We earn our reputation through constant improvement. As the cost of higher education rises, there is a national conversation about how to measure the effectiveness of learning at colleges and universities. We are using a number of studies and evaluation tools that enable us

to focus on learning outcomes and adjust our practices as necessary. For example, several years ago, despite our average class size of 18, our research revealed that incoming students were taking larger introductory classes and were not getting to know individual faculty members until their second or third year. In response, we instituted a program of first-year seminars—some of which are held right in the residence halls in renovated common rooms—each limited to no more than 16 students. This program is transforming the freshman xperience and enhancing our reputation.



The Providence Journal

Leo I. Higdon Jr.: College president-trustee relationship

Sunday, May 18, 2003

NEW LONDON AT CONNECTICUT

Hartford Courant.

Liberal Arts Schools Are Producing Tomorrow's Leaders By Leo I. Higdon Jr.

Faced with a contracting economy, Conn future depends on the talent of our next g workforce. Today's college graduates will manage as leaders amid a thriving, health wring their hands in frustration as knowle jobs continue to flow out of the state and country.

Among college graduates, those who hav comprehensive liberal arts program wil

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Strong relationships between indiv administrators and trustees: The tr

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Wednesday, August 15, 2007

Commentary

College tuition: A great investment

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versation about the rising nual budget

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includes residences for near- ters and more, which we offer ly 2,000 people - complete to enhance our students' resi-

Private colleges cost more ty. Staffing and maintaining than public institutions, in I lobbed this sentence this site and its services ac- large part, because they are into a lively dinner-party con- count for nearly half our an- not funded with public monev. Other reasons relate to





May 2, 2008

Tips to Help Wait-Listed Students Get

A well-written letter can help your chances. Sta By Kim Clark

The New York Times

March 15, 2008

Credit Cards Are Frothy, Not Bubbly

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JUDGMENT ČALLS Robert J. Samuelson

The Great Shopping Spree, R.I.P.

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

April 21, 2008

THE JUNGLE | Focus on Recruitment, Pay and Getting Ahead | By Erin White

Economic Bumps Bounce Interns

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Achievements: Campus Renewal

- New fitness center
- Common rooms
- Classrooms
- Plaza/walkway





Achievements: Alumni Support

- Strong fundraising record seven-figure gifts
- Alumni participation high
- Senior giving 96%
- Class of 1958 100%



Help Us Be Extraordinary

Spread the word

Bring back unconnected alumni

Remain involved/get involved

Invest in the College

Join us Oct. 24-26 for Celebration 2008

Help kick off the College's future

