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Happy Easter

C Calls for Voice in Budget Decisions

Debra De Shong News Editor

With the talk of tuition raises and new budgets, the next logical question is exactly where is the money going? The Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC) would like to know as well. They are calling for a faculty voice in the budget process as well as asking the administration to examine the number of non-faculty employees.

FWC has discovered that seven out of every 10 employees at the University are non-faculty.

Mariann Regan, member of the FWC salary committee, said, "I wonder how we have come to such a state that out of every 10 people, only 3 are faculty." By her calculations, increasing the salaries of the full-time faculty by 3.5 percent, and maintaining the same level of health and requirement benefits is the equivalent of a \$175 rise in undergraduate tuition. Increasing the salaries of all Univer-

sity employees with the same conditions amounts to a \$551 rise in tuition. This is a \$376 difference. Regan also said that since 1976, approximately 200 non-faculty positions have been added, as opposed to 11 faculty positions. She feels that the administration traditionally links tuition hikes with faculty salary increases, but as seen, this is not the case.

This trend toward a disproportionate amount of administrators is not unique to Fairfield; it is a national trend. According Academe, the Bulletin of the American Association of University Professors, "In the 1980's, administrative budgets-the expenditure for presidents, deans, and their assistants-grew 26 percent faster than instructional budgets-the budgets for professors." This trend is termed "administrative bloat" and an expert gives two reasons for this widespread phenomenon: the desire of each administrator for more underlings and a governance

problem. According to Regan however, the "administrative bloat" at Fairfield exceeds the national average.

Chairman of the Faculty Welfare Salary Committee, Kevin Cassidy, said, "We acknowledge



that the administration has the right to examine this problem first, but then we would like to bring in an outside consultant to evaluate the size of the Fairfield administration." So far, administration has opposed the proposition.

The FWC is not advocating layoffs, just the chance to evaluate the situation. "We don't pretend to have all the answers, but we would like to have a voice in the budget process," says Regan. She claims that the FWC had proposed several plans to further cut the tuition hike for 1992-1993, but the administration was unreceptive. "They haven't let us help them," said Regan. This is what the FWC has been calling for, and Rev. Aloysius Kelley, S.J., University President has finally responded.

The FWC wrote a letter to Fr. Kelley saying they did not approve of the monopoly on resource allocations by the administration. Fr. Kelley finally formed an internal finance committee, comprised of administrators, faculty and students.

"Traditionally, we are presented with the amount of money we have been allocated and asked how we wish to spend it, but it is fundamentally unacceptable for the administration to make these decisions itself," said Cassidy.

With the formation of the new committee, hopefully the administration will work with faculty and students concerning issues of allocation. Cassidy calls this a step in the right direction but there is also a downside to this.

"The downside is that administration could use this internal finance committee to pre-emt salary negotiations," said Cassidy. He hopes that this committee will not be used as an excuse to demand that the negotiating committee relinquish the right to negotiate on salaries and benefits since a few faculty members were a part of the initial budget process. Cassidy said it remains to be seen as to whether or not it is a real effort or a facade to include faculty and students.

> The FWC has been advo-(continued to p. 4)

Aryan Literature Found on Campus

Debra De Shong News Editor

Last Sunday, James Kantor, a freelance lighting technician, was walking to work as he does everyday, but this day was different. Something in the bushes caught his eye. At first glance, he thought it was a liberal publication because it displayed a picture of a white woman embracing a black man.

It wasn't until he saw the caption that he realized what he was holding. Underneath the picture in bold lettering reads "The Ultimate Abomination," and the headline on the newsletter reads "The DEATH of the WHITE RACE." It is a piece of propaganda printed by Aryan Nations based in Idaho.

"I wasn't going to say anything when I found the newsletters on Sunday, but when I found more on Tuesday [a total of about 6 was found], on campus grounds, I felt someone had to know," said Kantor.

He removed the newsletters found by the Barlow entrance to campus and alerted The Mirror because he feels that it is important for students to know that this type of message is being pushed on campus and because some of the students who work at the Quick Center have seen the propaganda and are upset "as good moral people should be," said Kantor.

He does not believe that the newsletters were on campus by chance and feels that they were left in the bushes for someone to curiously pick up and read.

The newsletter is a compilation of distorted facts and hateful messages directed toward both blacks and Jews. It claims that the white race is being destroyed by inter-racial relationships and that

the next generation of white children will be outnumbered 50 to1 by colored people who have been inflamed to hate whites by the "Jewsmedia." It also includes a map with arrows depicting the "Alien Invasion of North America."

When the discovery of the newsletters was brought to the attention of Larri Mazon, director of multicultural relations, he was upset but not surprised. According to Mazon, it is about the third time this kind of hate propaganda has been found on campus.

He feels that it is just further evidence of the escalating tensions on campus. Mazon was referring to the racial incidents on Dolan campus in early February.

Two black students were harassed on more than one occasion, sending a wave of frustration and anger through Fairfield. Both Mazon and Kantor believe that the appearance of the pamphlets at a time when racial tension is at a peak is not a mistake.

According to Mazon, "College students are a vulnerable group. It is a time when young people make decisions about their identity which is why groups such as these target college students."

Mazon fears that if the education system does not give the students the ability to process this information in a scholarly way, they will react to this kind of influ-

Our current education system does not teach students how to analyze this type of information and they are not given the real facts to counteract this propaganda. "There are people on the fence, and the seeds for this are already there, but we cannot allow them to

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New Academic VP Chosen to Replace Stepsis

Emily Okenquist News Editor Emeritus

Rev. Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J., University President, has announced the appointment of Dr. Robert E. Wall, the vice president for academic affairs at Gannon University in Erie, Penn., as Fairfield University's new academic vice president, succeeding Fr. Robert E. Stepsis. Wall will assume his position on July 1, 1992, immediately following Stepsis' departure.

Wall comes to Fairfield with in depth experience in academics and administration at both state and religiously-affiliated institutions. "We're pleased to get someone with such solid experience, who is collegial, and has a sense of humor," said Dr. John A. Barone, University Provost and Chair of the Academic Vice President Search Committee. "He is very creative, but also able to deal well with problems."

After graduating from the Holy Cross, he earned his M.A. and Ph.D in history at Yale University. His career as a professor includes teaching history at Duke University, Michigan State University, Concordia University in Montreal, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and Gannon.

As an administrator, Wall was history department chair and provost at Concordia, as well as provost and acting vice president for academic affairs at Fairleigh

"Working at a Canadian university has given him a different point of view," Barone said. Growing up in New York City, "he also has a feeling for the demographics of this area," Barone added.

Wall's key work involved establishing a strategic planning

knowledge of the outside world.

"He's got a good feeling for what's going on in a border field," said Barone. "He understands issues such as multiculturalism and finances. He's looking toward the enhancement of the school and understands that everyone has to be heard."

As academic vice president, Wall will oversee the operations of the schools within the University, with each of the deans reporting to him. He is also responsible for the Nyselius Library and will provide educational leadership and financial management.

In addition to his academic and administrative experience, Wall has also published two books on the politics of the Puritan colony of Massachusetts Bay and ten sions, and Barone.

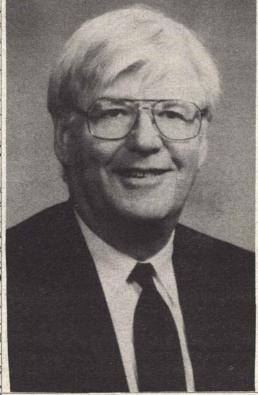
works of fiction. His scholarly articles have appeared in the Journal of American History and the William and Mary Quarterly.

"He has written in a creative manner, which is important for presentations and conversations," said Barone.

An eleven person committee conducted the six month search for a new academic vice president, screening approximately 80 candidates. Following a preliminary review and elimination, they interviewed the most qualified applicants, considering letters and references,

process at Gannon, using his three candidates to Fr. Kelley, who made the final decision.

The search committee included Dr. Janine M. Bernard, professor of the Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions, Joan Fleitas, assistant professor of nursing, Stephen Jakab, assistant provost and director of human resources, Dr. George Lang, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, Kathy Latek '93, William Lucas, vice president for finance, Roger Lynch, chair of the Board of Trustees Physical Plant Committee, Dr. Richard Regan, professor and chair of the English department, Dr. Walter Ryba, associate professor of business law, Dr. Antonio Simoes, dean of the Graduate School of Education and Allied Profes-



then recommended Dr. Robert E. Wall

photo: PR

Former Fairfield Professor **Speaks on Teaching Ethics**

Jennifer Luongo Assistant News Editor

Dr. Sally Purvis spoke on "Servant Leadership in the Teaching Profession" last Thursday in the final part of the Wright Lecture Series on ethics.

Dr. Purvis is an Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics at Candler School of Theology of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She previously taught in Fairfield's religous department from 1988-1990.

Lisa Hansen, '93, a former student of Dr. Purvis, introduced the dynamic and energetic speaker to a large audience in Gonzaga Auditorium.

Dr. Purvis began her lecture by saying, "Teaching and ethics, two of the things I most love in the world." She went on to speak about teaching method, describing herself as an "inductive ethicist," in that she must see the

concrete situation a person is in, in order to discuss the ethics of it. "Ethics is about real people, real lives, real loves," said Purvis, "We must deal with that reality."

She then explained that in order to talk about the ethics in teaching, she must first discuss what teachers do "when they are doing what they should." According to Dr. Purvis, "Teachers train lovers and love doing it." This "loving" is the student's process of learning. She objects to the conception that teaching is only "the practice of imparting information."

She explained that imparting information is secondary to the overall learning process, which includes "critical thinking and nurturing the spirits of students." Dr. Purvis stressed, "The process is more important than the product...Focus on mystery, not mastery.'

Dr. Purvis then discussed the actual relationship she believes teachers and students should have.

"The practice of teaching is an opportunity for the practice of

"Love creates safety. Safety makes risk possible," explained Purvis. "Nothing is pos-

In concluding her lecture, Dr. Purvis focused on authority in the teaching profession. Opposed to a hierarchical educational structure, Dr. Purvis spoke of the importance of trust and repect between teacher and stu-

"Trust constitutes our authority," she said. Reflecting on her role as a teacher, Dr. Purvis explained, "Just as our bodies need nourishment, so do our minds. Providing that nourishment is

agape," she said. Agape, Christian love, is the reverant respect Purvis feels teachers should have for their students. Without this, students become "passive, tentative, even silent.'

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what teaching is all about."

Provost Position Replaced by VP for Adminstration

Emily Okenquist News Editor Emeritus

The resignation of University Provost Dr. John A. Barone at the end of the academic year signals the termination of this job, which will be replaced with the newly created position of vice president for administration, effective July 1.

This new position will be filled by L. William Miles, a business executive and former chairman of the University Board of Trustees. He will assume responsibility for many of the present provost's duties, with the exception of the general oversight func-

"Bill Miles will bring to Fairfield his extensive leadership experience, his unique knowledge of the University, and his dedication that led to his recent selection to receive a University Jubilee Medal," said Rev. Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J., University President, who announced Miles' appoint-

As vice president for administration, he will supervise the directors of the Computer

Center, Telecommunications, Academic Computing Service, Administrative Computing, Media Center, Security, Engineering Services, Energy Management, Physical Plant, Management Information, Grants and Sponsored Programs and



L. William Miles

Human Resources.

Upon graduation from Gettysburg College, Miles went on to receive a master of science degree at the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has been a lecturer Association in 1991.

and consultant on patent litigation.

He has been the senior vice president of Call Interactive and was founder and chief executive of University Patents, Inc., engaged in the evaluation and licensing of inventions arising from research at universities. Miles spent 15 years in computer data processing sales with IBM and was also an officer in human resources in the Air Force.

Miles was elected to the Board of Trustees of Fairfield in 1973 and served as chairman from 1978 to 1989. When he received the Jubilee Medal, his citation read, "While many individuals contributed to [the University's] progress during its fifth decade, it was all accomplished under the quiet and perceptive leadership of Mr. L. William Miles."

After retiring from the Board of Trustees, he served as vice chairman of the Campaign for Fairfield. In recognition of his service, he was awarded an honorary doctor of laws from Fairfield in 1989 and was named an honorary alumnus by the Alumni

Cheers

to TH 108 and Chainsaw Bunnies... to foul balls that hit Security Car windshields... to not having your mattress stolen... to 400 Nights and 'We're too sexy for this school."... to a tree that just became legal... to the Fairfield Police for giving a friend "5 minutes"... to the bartenders at 400 nights... to Operation Sticky Buns... to bonding on the balcony... to the nurses at 400 Nights- thanks for the bandaids... to mystery bus rides... to Sky Top Lanes and bathroom bonding... to wet movie theatres and scared movie goers... to TH 103 and co-ed naked showers (you know who she is)... to the new FUSA couple... to COSO and Class Council... to repeat hookups at the Rimila... to 'Master Calendaring' at Camp Jewel... to the upcoming long weekend... to us...to the little one (I had to!)...to the thing...to voodoo dolls...to the birthday girl and surprise parties...to the long weekend...to bike rides...to finally having time to talk...to Slurpies at midnight...to the cutest man alivehe will make his identity known during senior week...to TH 105...to. the girls at the deli who serve a great pound cake...

Boos

to cereal killers... to Tetrisinduced nearsightedness... to bodysurfing on the jetty... to roof ratsdidn't you think we'd know it was you?!... to toilet paper and matress thieves... to weakies getting rejections from law firms... to mixed signals...to grapes and whipped cream that went bad at TH 134... to being ill... to stress weeks... to the housing policies... to bad lottery numbers... to closed classes... to waiting... to guys who "don't want to commit"... to no Dogwoods date (yet)... to weakies in general... to empty mailboxes... to leaving work at 3 a.m....to sprained ankles...to cool weather ... to not making it into House #1-maybe tomorrow...to Stop and Shop meatless Spaghetti Sauce...to no drink mix...to the never before made episodes of Gilligan's Island...to dryers that blow cold air...to thinking you are in control when you really aren't ... to scraped knees...to winning a softball game by forfeit (we wanted to play)...to muppet face...to siblings who are on vacation...to only one month left til graduation...to stiff necks...to all the pounds you'll gain from eating Easter candy..to getting the same grade on all work...

ATTENTION!

If you are interested in dancing to the beat of the Stags, come out Tuesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. to the Alumni Hall Gym. For more information, call Marissa at 254-4402 or Soraya at 254-5824.

Aryan Literature

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continue to live with just one per- we see it as a problem," said Maspective," said Mazon.

It is the responsibility of the educational system to stress that we must respect each other. Mazon feels that this message of respect and understanding must start at the entry level and continue to the exit level.

He is not happy with the level of discussion on this campus concerning multi-cultural affairs and affirmative action. "Instead of the celebrating multi-culturalism,

zon, "and we cannot continue to go in that direction."

Referring to the people who spread the type of propaganda found on campus, Mazon said, "Hate has consumed their bodies and they are beyond help.

University Security has been notified of the incident and is conducting an investigation. They also plan to patrol the area in case such literature appears on campus

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Campus Crier

On Sunday, April 26 at 11 a.m., there will be a special mass honoring the victims of violence and their families. The Mass will be called "Healing of the Heart," and Congressman Chris Shays will serve as the guest speaker for the event.

Calling all International Students! You are invited to the home of the Provost, Dr. and Mrs. John Barone, on April 25, 2 to 3:15 p.m. There is the choice of sharing poetry and taking part in the Annual Great Decisions' Discussion led by Dr. Dew of the Politics Dept.

After the discussions, Seniors Christina Hennesy and Eileen Lopez will receive the outstanding students award from the Fairfield University Women. RSVP by April 19, 259-3850, weekday mornings.

The Southern Connecticut Gas Co. has established the James W.Gibson Community Health Care Outreach Program which allows five university nursing students to provide health care for the needy in Bridgeport. Mr. Gibson graduated from Fairfield in 1951, Fairfield's first graduating class.

There will be a Holy Thursday Mass in the Egan Chapel at 8 p.m. tonight.

Dr. Leo F. O'Connor, professor of English and American Studies, has published a book called "The Protestant Sensibility in the American Novel," It is believed to be the first compilation of its kind and includes 701 novels in the list of titles.

What in the World

Kurds in Danger

Debra De Shong News Editor

Just because we have stopped hearing about the Kurds does not mean that they have gone away. In fact, their situation is getting alot worse, not better. With the melting of the mountain snow, now many Kurds are running into the land mines left over from the 1981-1988 Iran-Iraq war. The land mines were laid in the mountains near the border of Turkey and Iran and they range from small green ones that maim, to spike-topped tan ones that kill. Some are buried while others lie on the ground. There are no figures available as to how many Kurds have been injured, but response with allies.

medical officials say that at least 2 and sometimes as many as 10 victims report for medical attention each day. The Kurds are attempting to clear the mine fields, but it is speculated that there are millions and they have only 2 metal detectors.

The Kurds are also alarmed because according to Brent Scowcroft, the National Security Advisor, Iraq is making preparations to attack the Kurds again. Iraq illegally installed surface-to-air missiles in the north. The U.N. warned Iraq that it would face "serious consequences" if it interfered with spy plane flights over the area, and President Bush is discussing a

Dean Danahar Heads to Loyola -**New Orleans**

Jennifer Luongo Asst. News Editor

Dr. David Dananhar, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since 1985, has resigned from his position in order to become Vice President for Academic Affairs at Loyola University in New Orleans, beginning July 1. Prior to coming to Fairfield seven years ago, Dr. Danahar was director of general education and professor of history at the State University of New York at Oswego.

At Loyola, Dr. Danahar will be working for more financial assisatnce for students, as well as maintaining the admissions profile. He is also hoping to strengthen the University's position in the South and the Southwest. About half of Loyola's student body is from within 500 miles of New Orleans. Aside from the geographical difference, Dr. Danahar feels that Loyola and Fairfield are similar in some dimensions, including "the types and varieties in pro-

Regarding his career at Fairfield, Dr. Danahar said, "What I've enjoyed most was the opportunity to be involved with the hiring of new faculty." He added, "I've been able to work effectively with a broad range of faculty and recognize how committed they are to the students."

Dr. Danahar feels that the Arts and Sciences awards ceremonies have been some of his best experiences at Fairifeld. "To be involved with the recognition of academic excellence is a very rewarding experience, " he said.

Dr. Danahar will miss many aspects of the Fairfield community, especially the students and the close friends he has made during his years here. "I will miss the support and confidence of so many people, as well as the energy and excitement of the students, " he said. He hopes to have a good deal of contact with students "as frequently as time allows," he said. "It's an important way of measuring a school and its programs."

University President Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J., thanked Dr. Danahar for his service and effective leadership for the academic excellence of the College of Arts and Sciences. Fr. Kelly has announced that Orin Grossman will be Acting Dean, effective July 1. Fr. Kelly cited Dr. Grossman's experience as Chair for the Department of Fine Arts and his distinct role as a concert pianist and long affiliation with Fairfield University. He will hold his position as Acting Dean until July, 1993. Fr. Kelly also announced that a search committee will be formed in the fall to seek a succes-



Gov. Lowell P. Weicker, center, signs proclamation to mark State's recognition of Fairfield University and Fairfield College Preparatory School's fiftieth anniversary. Rev. Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J., university president, and Rev. James C.L. Arimond, prep headmaster, flank Weicker. photo: PR

Did You Hear?

*Tennis star of the 60's and 70's, Arthur Ashe announced that he has contracted the AIDS virus through a blood transfusion during one of two heart bypass surgeries in 1979 and 1983. He has known that he has the virus since 1988 when he underwent brain surgery. Ashe said that he did not want to go public with this information but was forced to when confronted by a journalist who had been leaked the information.

*Yasar Arafat, the President of the PLO, had a near death experience last week when the plane he was on crash landed in Libya. His plane was forced down due to a sandstorm and was later spotted by a Libyan Air Force Plane. Three of the 13 people on board were killed.

*Vice-President Dan Quayle seems to be in hot water over the disclosure that he used military planes several times in the last two years to take trips, but mostly to play golf. Quayle was accompanied by Samuel Skinner, the White House Chief of Staff.

*Pope John Paul II is coming to America. He announced this week that he will be visting Denver, which has been chosen as the site of the world youth conference next year. The tentative date for his arrrival is August 13, 1993 and his stay will last two days. The Pope's last visit to the United States was in 1987,

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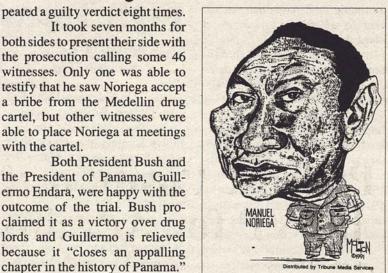
Debra De Shong News Editor

General Manuel Noriega, the former leader of Panama, was found guilty of eight counts of drug trafficking, racketeering and money laundering last Thursday in Miami. The former leader is the first foreign head of state to be convicted of criminal charges by an American jury.

Noriega, who surrendered to American military officials after an invasion of Panama in 1989, sat in the courtroom in full four star military dress and did not show any emotion as the jury repeated a guilty verdict eight times. It took seven months for both sides to present their side with the prosecution calling some 46 witnesses. Only one was able to testify that he saw Noriega accept

Both President Bush and the President of Panama, Guillermo Endara, were happy with the outcome of the trial. Bush proclaimed it as a victory over drug lords and Guillermo is relieved because it "closes an appalling

with the cartel.



Alumni Association Honors Outstanding Seniors

chapter in the history of Panama."

Lisa Gaffoglio Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 9, Fairfield University Alumni Association held an awards dinner that recognized nine outstanding seniors of various organizations and activities. Among the honored were Edward P. Hardiman, Colleen Leavitt, Matthew Hart, Camille M. Banks, Douglas Perlitz, Kevin Talz, John Tedesco, Mark Justin, and Christina Hennessy.

Hardiman received the Alumni Association's highest honor, the Loyola Medal. Hardiman is a politics major with an education minor. He created Fairfield University's Mission Volunteer Program. Hardiman is also involved in FUSA and the Campus Ministry Council, as well as being a Resident Advisor and Eucharistic Minister. Hardiman served as Senior Week Co-Chair, and is a member of the 1992 Class Council. After graduation, Hardiman plans to return to Ecuador to spend a year living and working among the poor. "I want to go back and finish what I started," says Hardiman, "I don't feel my work there is complete."

Leavitt received a Student Achievement Award for Combating Issues On Alcohol. Leavitt is a chemistry major and a math minor. She was responsible for recruiting 60 speakers for her programs. Leavitt is also a mission volunteer, the Alpha Sigma Nu treasurer, and a freshman facilitator. A a junior, she was a Resident Advisor. After graduation, Leavitt hopes to work in the Jesuit Volunteer Corp.

For his contributions as president to Circle K, Hart received an Achievement Award. A psychology major and philosophy and math minor, he is a mission volunteer, Eucharistic Minister, and freshman facilitator. Hart claims that his favorite Circle K Project was the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute, which aids children suffering from accidental injury.

Banks was presented an Achievement Award for her contribution to UMOJA. Banks is a Sociology major and a religious studies and English minor who plans to attend graduate school to study education. Banks is also active in the Sociology club, the debate team, and the AHANA Student Council. She is an advisor and a tutor for the College Access Program, and she has performed in a University drama play. Banks is credited with helping minority students at Fairfield adapt to being a part of a larger group while maintaining a sense of their own identity and a sense of their own cultural unity.

Perlitz received an Achievement Award for his work in the Campus Ministry. Perlitz is a religious studies major and a philosophy minor. He is a Mission Volunteer, a Peer Counselor, a member of the Student Coalition for Haitian Refugees, and a leader of the Rites of Christian Initiation. Perlitz coordinated the student campus ministry groups and after graduation hopes to join the Jesuit Volunteer Corp.

An Achievement Award was given to Talz for his work as a Resident Advisor. Talz is a double major of psychology and economics. He is a Peer Counselor and a Freshman Facilitator. As an R.A., he had the responsibility of looking after 30 freshmen. He said that he loves to watch friendships grow between his floormates, as well as between himself and his floormates. Talzsaid, "I love the relationships that I can develop with my guys." After graduation, he plans to go on to graduate school.

Tedesco was given an award for his contribution to the FUSA Senate. An accounting and finance major, he is also President of the Financial Management Association. He served on the Traffic Advisory Board, the University Council, and is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu. As FUSA Senate President, Tedesco was the chief liaison between the administration and the students. He decides what issues to pursue and emphasize and where to place the resources. After graduation, he will enter the Financial Management Training Program at the G.E. Capital.

Justin received the Achievement Award for his work in FAIDRA. Justin is an economics major and a theater-fine arts minor. He is WVOF Disc Jockey, a member of the economics club, and served as an Orientation Day Chair. As FAIDRA President, Justin helped to coordinate four shows per year. He was also a member of the FAIDRA Improvisational Troupe and the planning committee for the American Theater Festival. After graduation, Justin wants to work for a financial services company.

Hennessy received the Achievement Award for her work as the editor in chief of The Mirror. Hennessy is majoring in communication arts. She is involved in FUSA and Alpha Sigma Nu, and served as an Orientation Day Chair. As Mirror editor, she was responsible for making sure that the newspaper got out, as well as managing the staff, handling the business aspect, and writing articles. Hennessy said that she'll miss working for The Mirror. "It's the idea that you're doing something that you really want to, "she said. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in the communications or journalism field.

Scholarship Honors Fr. O'Neill

(PR) Fairfield University has received a gift of \$100,000 from the TransAmerican Natural Gas Corporation to establish a scholarship for students in honor of the Rev. W. Laurence O'Neil, S.J., a counselor to students at the university for almost 30 years.

The scholarship stipulates that 75 percent of the funds will be used to assist needy Hispanic students, particularly whose of Mexican-American descent, based on need and academic achievement. Twenty-five percent will assist any student with financial need.

John Stanley, chairman of the board of directors of Houston-based TransAmerican Natural Gas Corporation and the husband of Mrs. Eileen Stanley, sister of Father O'Neil, said they wanted to honor him because of his dedicated service to students at Fairfield over the years.

Fr. O'Neil entered the Society of Jesus in 1948, came to teach at Fairfield Prep in 1955, then served as dean, assistant principal and director of guidance until 1970. He returned to Fairfield in 1972 to become the University's director of career planning and placement, then director of the Counseling Center until 1987 when he was named to his present position as dean of students.

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FOB Turns Smoke-free

Claire St. Louis Editor-in-Chief

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On February 1, the Faculty Office Building became smoke-free, said coordinator Gary Will of Human Resources. "There is an effort underway to make other buildings smoke-free as well," said Will. "But FOB is the site of the most recent change."

"It was a mutually cooperative effort," said Stephen Jakab of Human Resources. "We hoped to make it as cooperative as we could. It was a matter of responding to the needs of individuals."

According to Jakab, smoke-free is the direction in which many people want to proceed. Enacting the policy involved discussing its feasibility with the necessary deans. "It's a positive way to go, a positive direction," says Jakab.

This direction will include other buildings in the future, though Human Resources is still deciding which ones. As with the Faculty Office Building, Will and Jakab will put out an announcement to members of the commu-

nity alerting them of the change, as well as getting a feel for what the community wants in terms of smokefree work sites.

International Students Present Cultural Fair

Emily Okenquist News Editor Emeritus

Ethnic food and music, colorful balloons, and posters and trinkets from faraway places filled the Campus Center Lobby last Friday afternoon as the International Students Club presented their segment of a week dedicated to cultural awareness.

This organization, incorporating foreign students from all countries such as Greece, India, Spain, China, Sweden, and others, holds events of this nature to promote the different cultures represented at Fairfield. "This is a good opportunity to show there are international students on campus," said Thalia Cocconi '92, co-vice president of the International Students Club. "Although we're a minority, we want to create an awareness of other cultures.'

A part of AHANA, the minority students organization, this club of approximately 60 members includes American as well as International students, making them different from other clubs."We're creating a two-way street of learning," said Shawn Ahern '92, co-vice president. "We help the international students get adjusted to American life and customs, and they teach us about their different cultures. This is an inclusive, not an exclusive, club."

During their fair, three students, dressed in colorful costumes, presented a Merengue dance, with authentic music from the Dominican Republic. Ethnic food and drink was also available in the Stag-her Inn during lunchtime.

Members of the organization meet frequently to watch foreign films, take trips to New York City to see plays with international flavor, and go to international restaurants for dinner. At each of their meetings, someone presents a different country, talking about the culture and showing pictures.

In addition to this fair, as part of Cultural Awareness Week, UMOJA presented pictures, postcards, and ethnic displays in the Campus Center, SALSA held a Fiesta Night in the Stag-her Inn, and the Asian Students Association presented the dance club "IT."

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cating this kind of change since it was formed three years ago. It is comprised of 90 percent of the current faculty and is currently negotiating a new contract, hence the faculty toting the red buttons lately. The negotiations should be finished in a week or two.

The FWC hopes that in

the future more channels of communication can open with the administration.

Regan said that dealing with the administration on these issues has been "extremely frustrating" but says that the faculty is not going anywhere and that they will keep trying.

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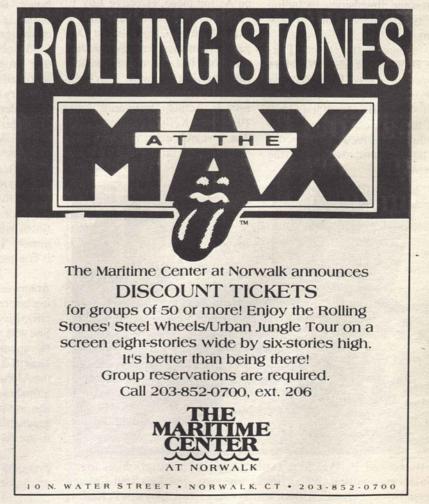
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Fairfield Faces

Mlodynia: It's All in the Genes

Dana A. Felmlee Features Editor

"I'm a planner" is how senior Deborah Mlodynia describes her personality. And a planner is something this double major in nursing and biology has to be to balance her amazing list of commitments. In addition to her double major which includes 15 hours of clinical per week and her research in the Biology department, Mlodynia works in the free weight room at the Rec Plex in order to earn money for her graduate studies. She has maintained consistent dean's list status and is also a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the nursing honors society. She tutors for another three hours, participates in the Student Nursing Association, lifts weights and plays intramural sports.

As if this were not enough to make any self-respecting person faint, this summer Mlodynia, through her work for the past five years on a genetic research team at Cold Springs Harbor laboratories in New York isolated the anther ear gene, a gene that stunts growth in maize (Indian corn) and causes abnormal floral development in the ear. The gene makes the corn inedible and the discovery could lead to a cornucopia of good things for scientists by increasing the understanding of the effect of mutant genes and transposable elements on the growth of

For everyone who is not a scientific genius, Mlodynia explains her work this way, "In normal corn the anther, a floral, pollen-bearing male organ, is contained in the tassel at the top of the plant. In corn containing the anther ear gene, however, anthers develop alongside the kernels."

At the Cold Springs Harbor laboratories, Mlodynia's research team was headed by Drs. Sundaresan and Colasanti. They were responsible for the hypothesis that transposons were responsible for this mutation.

For the purposes of this experiment, a plant was isolated that had a new mutation of the anther ear gene. Mlodynia was responsible for "cutting" the plant DNA and then separating these fragments of DNA by size. The separated fragments were then exposed to a radioactively-labelled probe containing a "tagged" piece of DNA. The probe contained a certain sequence of nucleotides and attached to or "tagged" those fragments that contained the same sequence allowing the scientists to isolate the anther ear gene.

"Working in the lab was a wonderful opportunity and it was a great feeling knowing that I was advancing scientific knowledge," she says.

"By gaining understanding of how transposable elements and mutant genes operate in systems such as corn, this information might one day be applied to larger systems, maybe even humans. It might have future applications in cancer research and/or genetic disease research."

She is also involved in another research project as part of Fairfield's independent study program and is assisting Dr. Phyl-

with her studies of candida albicans, a common yeast. The experiment could have clinical applications to such diseases as thrush and the common yeast infection.

"I'm extremely happy to have Debbie assisting me on the project," said Dr. Braun. "She is an excellent student and very intellectually motivated. She really keeps me on my toes. Her past research experience has also been a big help since I didn't have to take time away from the study to teach her the basics."

The relationship between Mlodynia's nursing major and biology major is important. "I love people and I love helping people. This semester I worked in Critical Care and I think I've found my niche in nursing. Nursing pro-



vides you with the opportunity to share moments with people that I would not have had in research. I never want to be isolated from people in research. I 've always liked the medical aspect of science. Also, the steps you take to do a project in research translate over to nursing. Research goes hand in hand with pathophisiology. It teaches you to set priorities and manage your time."

Fairfield has also taught her this self-awareness of her abilities and limits.

"I chose Fairfield for four reasons; first, because it has an excellent nursing program. Second, because I was impressed with it's Jesuit background. Third, because the campus was so beautiful. Lastly, because when I came to visit there was a poster that said INXS was playing for the Dogwoods concert. I'll never forget that! My freshman year I worked like crazy all week and partied hard on the weekends. I was a puddle, just really unhealthy. Fairfield taught me to find a happy medium, otherwise I would have burned out."

Her three nursing major housemates help Mlodynia balance her time. "I guess to people who aren't nursing majors we must seem pretty lame, but we have a great time."

Judging from the assorted streamers, balloons and other birthday party paraphanalia in Mlodynia's living room, it does not seem like her social life is suffering to any great degree.

"We go out a lot too. My roommate Michele McCann always points it out to me when I start to cut off my friends. I tend to get into work but to Michele, friends are her first priority."

"Going to the clubs in New Haven is our latest thing," she adds. The Commack NY resident often is bored by the plain old bar scene. "Here there are bars only and they all close at two. Heck I'm just getting started at two! I love pumps, miniskirts and dance music. Oh my God what a

frown on this at this campus."

Mlodynia also belongs to a traditional Polish folk dancing group and in addition to her academic achievements this year she had the honor of being selected Miss Polonia, representing the Polish Association of Long Island in the annual Pulaski Day Parade on October sixth. "It was such an honor to represent out Hall for me. It was something I always wanted to be like Miss America or something. I don't care how many people make fun of me or make Polish jokes. I'm extremely proud of my ancestry."

In the time Mlodynia has left over from all of her activities, she says she makes a "killer homemade pizza" and likes to watch, appropriately enough, "Young Frankenstein."

"That was the best movie ever made. I must have watched it about fifty times." Considering her scientific expertise should the rest of us worry about her choice of entertainment?

Mlodyniacomes from a scientific family. Her father is an electronics engineer who has supported himself since the age of fifteen. her sister, Susan Golembeski, graduated from the top of her nursing class, while her sister, Patricia Kosinski, a mathematics teacher never scored below 100% on an arithmetic exam. "I guess thats where I got my motivation from," she says. "I hope it doesn't run out though. You can only push yourself so far."

But what about the future of Deborah Mlodynia?

"The Nursing Department always thought I wasn't happy with nursing and that's why I was a Biology major too. But that isn't true. I love nursing, but I want the choice to go to medical school and be prepared for it if I want. I've been interviewing for nursing positions at Yale New Haven, St. Francis Cardiac on Long Island and North Shore Hospital on Long Island.

"I'm not sick of school, but I just feel like I need a year to sit back and assess what I've done, what I'm doing, and what I want to do. I can't make a quick decision about something I'll be doing the rest of my life."

She is considering becoming a M.D. geneticist.

Mlodynia says that she used to just live for tomorrow, but that now she is going to begin living more for the moment. Considering her past achievements, success in whatevershe does seems guaranteed. Deborah Mlodynia is a person of tomorrow and as a result of her dedication all of our tomorrow's may be a little bit easier.

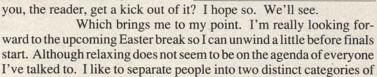
My Sentiments Exactly

Lifestyles of the Spoiled Middle Class

Dana A. Felmlee Features Editor

Readers of this first submission of my brand new column will soon come to realize that I perceive the world in orderly little generalizations. Is this attitude narrow? Maybe. But it keeps me sane.

Is it sarcastic and cynical? Yes, thank you. Will



vacationers: those who are productive and those who are unproduc-

I belong to the unproductive group of vacationers. This motley crew is usually seen as being unhealthy, lazy and unmotivated. We're a charming group that can be sub-catagorized into two characteristic behaviors:

The Coma-this person is so overwhelmed during class time that she, upon returning home, retreats to her bed for sixteen to eighteen hours per day. Rising only to grab a peanut butter and fluff sandwich and use the bathroom.

The Zombie-I belong to this category, which is characterized by those of us who are accustomed to pulling at least one all-nighter per week. The Zombie may seem normal, but her insane sleep pattern and cable TV deficiency forces her to spend late hours mesmerized by such entertainment giants as the USA Network's "Up All Night" bimbo, and PBS specials on "Mustards of the Globe". These people often own Soloflex, Didi Seven, or some of the assorted Victoria Jackson products. I personally have "Where There's A Will, There's An 'A'".

As for the people on the productive end of the spectrum, I hold only contempt. These people can be just plain annoying. They fall into several categories:

The Latter Day Saint-or "Golly, I just feel for all humanity" I know I'm going to get crucified for this category, but these are the do-gooders who feel they need to save the world in their spare time—and make everyone else feel guilty about it. Often they'll come up with catch phrases like, "You have so much while others have so little. When I was in Calcutta visiting the leper children I sponsor..."

Often they refer to Mother Theresa as "Mom." These are also the people who fantasize about having the stigmata appear on them. You get the point.

The Arrogant Egghead-This person's motto is, "Stress? I love stress!" These people cannot remove themselves from the class schedule mode, so they work ahead over the break to make the rest of us look bad when we get back. Or they pick up some light pleasurable reading like "The Iliad" in its original Latin form. The Arrogant Egghead likes to "improve himself."

Finally there is that FABULOUS category of FABULOUS people who, upon returning to their FABULOUS home and FABULOUS friends, go to FABULOUS parties or take a FABULOUS trip to a FABULOUS port-of-call. When you ask them how their break was, they say, of course, "FABULOUS!"

Some of you will be like my productive roommate and criticize your unproductive friends. For you do-gooders, note well that unproductive people really do not want to be like you. In fact, they think you are big geeks.

For my fellow lazy bums, don't be so hard on those people who are ambitious enough to get some work done. They're the people who really try to make themselves and the world a good place.

And to all the groups: Let's consolidate against the FABULOUS people because I'm sick of hearing about their damn vacations!

What NOT to tell your professor when you blow off class What to tell your professor when you blow off class 1. "A distant relative died, and I had to go 1. "I died."—BAD (Not only will this create to the funeral."—GOOD (But, be sure you immediate suspicion, but it is very difficult make up the relative, because if you use a to prove.) real person and that person dies than you'll feel really bad.) 2. "I was very very ill."-GOOD 2. "I was very very ill because I washed down a bottle of tequila with a bottle of vodka, and spent most of the night projectile vomiting."-BAD (Too much detail.) 3. "While off campus visiting my sick 3. "Your lectures are so boring they make me want to run from your classroom, screaming. grandmother, I got a flat tire."-GOOD and slit my wrists."—BAD (Honest, but bad.)

Around Campus

by Kevin Guterl

Who is your favorite Presidential candidate?



Christine Hathaway '94"Bush—He's the only one with real experience and really the only direction he can go is up since right now he's about as low as he can go."



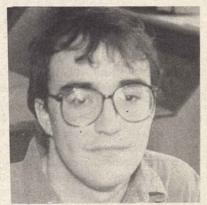
Nick LoBrasso '95-"Brown—People think he is not fit for office because they don't understand where he is coming from. He has the ideals and insight to make the kind of changes this country needs."



Mark Resnick '94-"Unfortunately, there are no outstanding candidates this election year. But I think George Bush should be elected President again. He is the chief scapegoat for so many things, especially the economy. Besides, I'm a Republican."



Dan Roe' 94-"Bush—Clinton seems as if he is jumping on the bandwagon for every cause. Bush is working on plans to reduce our economic problems and besides he is not a liberal. I think we'll be alright voting for Bush."



Matt Fisher '92-"If I could vote for him I would vote for Edmund Burke. He called for change but within the organic limits of the nation state. Healso has a good record in that he was one of the few British statesman to support the American Revolution. The only problem is that he has been dead for two-hundred years."

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Students Dwell on Homelessness while Dwelling in Cardboard City

Claire St. Louis Editor-in-Chief

Fairfield University is anything but an inner-city college. But this past weekend, it was the site of an inner-college city.

Cardboard City, to be exact. Population: Too Many, as the signs posted at the entrance attest.

Although this makeshift urban setting is far from a perma-

nent settlement, it serves a sturdy purpose in reminding people of less.

"We do not think that we are in any way like homeless people," states Laurie Willitts, who helped to organize the event along with Carmela Telese, Laura Fleissner, and Sue Jacabanco. "We know we have security. But we know a little more than before how bad it is for these people."

Cardboard City housed between 15 and 20 students, who slept either within its walls or outside on the Campus Center patio.

tures dipped on Sunday evening.

But if it were warm and cozy, the experiment would lose

Although it did not rain, tempera-

its impact.

The students erected the cardboard structure at 11 a.m. on Sunday, and held "closing ceremonies" at 4 p.m. on Monday. In between, they went around to the dorms collecting toiletries from the students.

"A few students who didn't have toiletries offered me money instead," says Mike Bonelli. "But that's the easy way out. We need substantial things, like toiletries. It's too easy for a lot of students here just to give money."

The toiletries will be donated to Alpha Home, a homeless

shelter in Bridgeport.

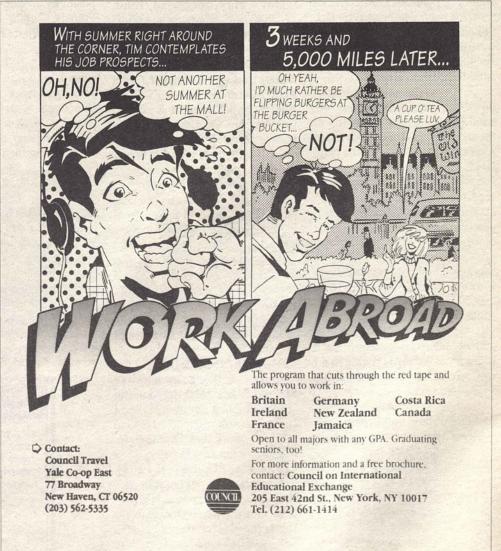
Seiler's fulfilled its traditional role for Cardboard City by donating coffee and hot chocolate. Marsillio's Appliance Store donated all the cardboard for the structure.

Cardboard City was the brainchild of three Fairfield students of the class of 1990: Mike Boucher, Scott Arnold, and Lynn Scarpoli — make that Lynn Scarpoli Boucher: she and Mike were married last November.

The slogan for this year's City was sparked by Fr. Paul Carrier, who has often been heard to use it in his sermons and daily conversations: "Live simply so that others may simply live."

Fr. Paul Holland also joined the "homeless" students for the weekend experience.

Besides being seen by passersby on campus, Cardboard City made its presence known off campus as well, as local newspapers helped to spread the word about the event.



Claire Clamors On... Can I Get in One More Game before the Tetris Anonymous Meeting Starts?

Claire St. Louis Editor-in-Chief

Hello. My name is Claire St. Louis, I am 20 years old, and I am addicted to Tetris.

Haven't heard of Tetris? Allow me to enlighten you. Tetris is this demonically-possessed, mind-altering Nintendo game. Its object is to fit variously shaped tile formations together to form lines. At least, that's the object they want you to think you're supposed to pursue. But the real object of the game is to drive you insane.

You see, this seemingly harmless little game isn't as simple as just fitting tiles together. The tiles fall from the top of the screen, first slowly, as if suspended in space or jello. But as you build up your confidence and score some serious points, these little buggers come at you faster and faster, changing color and never quite fitting in the places you designate for them. And it's not like you have twelve days to decide where to put them, either. As you proceed through the different skill levels, the time you have to situate each tile becomes as fleeting as those dreams your alarm clock terminates just when they're getting good.

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After even the first contact with the game, playing it becomes an obsession, until it swallows up every last morsel of your time. You cut class just so you can play another fifteen rounds of this cursed thing. You plan your life around it. You reschedule job interviews, weddings, even your own funeral so you can fit in one more game.

It's all a conspiracy cooked up by the college profs. You see, once you start to skip class for Tet
They designed this infernal game

ris, your grades begin to slip. You're in a particular pickle if your profs are infatuated with that "mandatory attendance" bunk. Before you know it, you have failed out of school. Then you can't graduate, and you can't even transfer, because you have been blacklisted due to your high Tetris scores. Then your future is as good as gone, because these days you can't get a job without a piece of paper convincing potential employers that you can indeed read. You see? What did I tell you — a prof plot!

because they're afraid that we're going to gain enough knowledge to prove that we do in fact know more than they do! It's all part of their grand scheme to maintain their "we're older so we know better" persona.

I know all this, and yet I am powerless to stem the tide of Tetris enslavement. I can't take my eyes off that damn Nintendo screen. Since the introduction of Tetris into my life, my nearsightedness has quadrupled, and I dream of nothing but those Satan-tainted tiles

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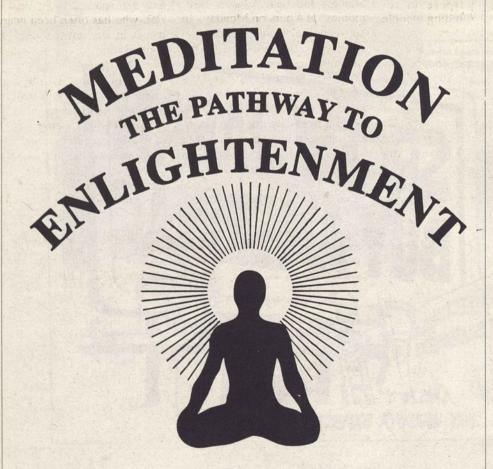
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Curbing the Drive to Drink

Last week, entertainer Sam Kinnison was killed in a car accident by a seventeen-year-old

drunk driver

Too often we hear about lives being ruined by the careless and inebriated acts of those who drink beyond legal limits and then insist that they are okay to drive. There are two major factors at work here: one, the ego of these drivers that makes them ashamed to let someone else drive for them, and two, the ignorance of the drivers' friends for letting them drive while intoxicated. The result of ego trips and displaced loyalties is often death, and often death of an innocent bystander.

"Don't drive drunk" is a messge that has

"Don't drive drunk" is a messge that has been repeated over and over to us all. We see this impassioned plea on television, we hear it on the radio, and hopefully we say it to our friends and those around us. But hearing and listening are two different things, and while we may be delivering the message, there may be no one receiving

Drinking is extremely prevalent in our society, and on the college campus. But drinking and driving do not go hand in hand. It is neither cool nor intelligent to drive while under the influence. But all the statistics in the world about delayed response time, blood alcohol content, and alcohol-related deaths will not deter people from drinking and driving. Unfortunately, it usually takes a real-life situation, such as killing Sam Kinnison, for a drunk driver to realize that he or she needs help. Alcoholism is not the only alcohol-related disease; DWI is also a serious illness. And unless these drunk drivers seek help to cure their problem, this illness will become a terminal one.

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Letters to the Editor

Students propose open forum to air out differences with administration.

To the editor:

We are writing to inform the student body, faculty, and administration that we are currently searching and developing a proposal for an open forum to be implemented on campus.

Due to the recent biased incidents, housing policies, and other important issues on campus, our group feels that an open forum is necessary for all students to be

able to express their feelings and concerns openly with members of the administration. Our preliminary research indicates that the majority of students surveyed desire the creation of a forum and would participate in an open discussion about campus issues.

At this point, we are interested in any suggestions or particular concerns you have as a member of the Fairfield community. If you have an idea, concern,

or would like to participate in this process with us, please drop a note in any of the following mailboxes: Box 291, Box 2243, Box 2762.

If we all work together to air grievances and problems, we can make Fairfield a better place for all members of the University community.

> Laura Coffey, '92 Kristen Hoffman, '94 Mari Tere Montilla, '94

Student expresses outrage at last week's pro life article.

To the editor:

If Jen Edwards' "The Last Word", written in the April 9 issue of **The Mirror**, is truly the final say on abortion, then what have we, as a society, resolved? First, that "pro-choicers" are angry. Second, all "pro-lifers" do not consider themselves sexist, etc. Third, women "need more choices than abortion." Fine, true. All three conceded.

But also true: First, that Oppressed have justification for anger. Second, the inherent conflict in a pro-woman, anti-abortion stance constitutes an unfavorable tipping of the scales against women, i.e., sexism. Third, women's other "choices" amount to, in sum, both extreme and even life-threatening self-sacrifice and

unwanted children who may lead impoverished, abused, ill or even fatal childhoods as a result of their legislated births.

And, if "life is an unalienable right," then whose life - the mother or the child's? They are in conflict at times. Men engage in "justified" massacre of an army of 14 year old children in Iraq last year, but women have absolutely no right to self-defense? I get it.

Women's lives are more at stake in this argument than ours were in any propagandized war yet. No wonder Ms. Edwards was "screamed at" by pro-choice activists last week.

Trivializing pain and rights with lines like "its not my fault if she can't read" can cause such outbursts.

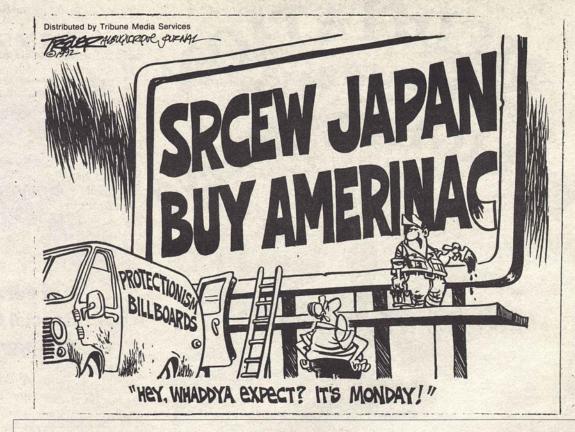
As for the Letters to the Editor from Ms. Crowe and Mr.

Vallely, refusing to acknowledge reality does not help this war.

Did anyone notice that neither of their arguments included the word "woman" or even the pronoun "she"? Ms. Crowe calls the guilty "abortionists" and Vallely speaks of voting as if the candidates and the voters themselves are all male. This is an issue integrally tied to females. If one cannot even see that, how can s/he legislate female human beings?

In terms of Catholicism's mortality tale, it is beyond me that no institution which will never participate in this choice or dilemma (as it chooses to remain male and celibate) could possibly have the gall to threaten hell at women who are living in an oppressive one already.

Ellen Sauer '92



Quoted This Week

"So, do you play any balls?

- a student trying to meet a member of the opposite sex.

"Spinning? That's an understatement!"

-Mark Verdino, '93, upon returning from 400 nights and being asked "Is the room spinning?"

"Where is Gonzaga Hall?"

-a prospective student, at Open House, while she was standing in Gonzaga Auditorium.

"So, that's what he looks like."

-a senior, at the Glee Club concert Saturday night upon seeing Father Kelley for the first time.

"Yah soo weak !"

-an ex-Fairfield student, on any given weekend he was here, after asking everyone to "pound beers or die."

It's Been A Long Year At Fairfield

From ABC News to Magic, Racism, and The Last Of The Dinosaurs. The roller coaster ride is almost over.

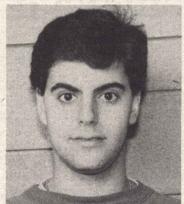
Nick Ritrivi Commentary Editor

When each school year ends, we usually think about how quickly the semesters went by and how little we remember. A thought like this is quite understandable, especially if you have had a great time during the year. Yet, when you really sit down and think about it, you realize how much went on, both here at Fairfield and in the "real" world.

The year really started for most of us last May when the Class of 1991 graduated amidst controversy over Billy Joel making the graduation speech and receiving an honorary degree. Needless to say, the speech went over well, everyone had a good time and Fairfield got on national news (for the first time).

Fairfield experienced its first June Orientation as the Class of 1995 made its debut appearance at this school. The orientation, headed by co-chairs Stacey Irwin and Steve Shannon, was a big success. The Class of 1995 would later prove itself to be a great asset to this campus.

When the actual school year began back in September, the student body didn't know how many ups and downs it would experience over the next eight



months.

ABC news made a "surprise" visit to the beach one weekend night during the fall. Not only was this story set up by members of the town, but the newsmen who covered the story encouraged the students to commit some embarrassing drinking "acrobatics." This story would later enable some town members to pass a drinking ordinance which prohibits walking outside with open cups containing alcohol.

Both the story and the ordinance exemplified the school's continuing loss of power and authority at the beach. This is something which must be confronted by the administration, by FUSA, and by FUBA. The school will need to gain back some of its lost power, or build quite a few more townhouses in the future.

The school hit an all-time

low in the spring when the bias attacks in Dolan took place. Although this topic has been discussed to the point of overkill, it's important and also needs to be addressed, this time by the student

Fairfield also lost two members of its student body, Aileen Thomann and Jamie Cantwell, during this academic year. Their passing was shocking, yet it reminded us of the fragility of life. Their memories will not be forgotten by the people they touched and knew.

Fairfield was also confronted with a rape incident earlier in the fall. Not only did this take the school by surprise, but it showed many of us that Fairfield isn't impenetrable to the world's problems.

On the positive side, when we got back to school last fall, the bookstore received a facelift. It looks pretty good.

On the other hand, the Stag Her Inn also got a facelift. Unfortunately it looks like an airport snack bar or a Howard Johnson's (take your pick). Another piece of Fairfield tradition

Jogues Four looked a little like the former Soviet Union this year as students had to evacuate and relocate because of dan-

gerous fumes coming into their rooms. You can live here, but just don't breathe the

Campion Three and Jogues One had the most exciting and best floors on campus this year. There's hope for all freshman floors yet.

Squeeze came to the school for the Fall Concert . I'm not sure what they play, as I was only 11 when they were popular, but I'm sure they did a good job.

There were the usual 192, 92, 593, 400 nights as both seniors and juniors celebrated graduation's clos-

ing in on all of us. Outside of Fairfield, The Soviet Union collapsed just after Christmas. This not only marked the beginning of a new era in the world, but marked one of the most important events in our lifetime. It remains to be seen if we will ever experience something as great as this again.

While the Soviet Union was falling, the major news networks managed to concentrate on the William Kennedy Smith trial. At least the media knows what's

In another famous trial, a rather uncaring Mike Tyson was found guilty of raping a Miss Black America contestant earlier this semester. He is currently in prison awaiting an appeal. Word has it, he doesn't like the food - no joke.

Donald Trump, looking for something else to buy, almost bought Tyson out of jail.

Apartheid was put to rest in South Africa earlier this semester. However, Nelson Mandela's job is far from over.

Who could forget Clarence Thomas and his Long John Silver, Coca Cola hearings. Or George Bush throwing up in Japan at a dinner. And they say the Democrats aren't electable.

Magic Johnson surprised the world when he retired from basketball following his discovery that he was HIV positive. If any good can come out of this it is that we all are a little more conscious about AIDS and AIDS prevention. Just as Magic said, anyone can get it. Nobody's immune.

In the rest of the sports world, it was a year for underdogs and the city of Minneapolis. The Atlanta Braves and Minnesota Twins played each other in the World Series back in the fall. Arguably, it was the most exciting series in history, as the Twins came out on top four games to three.

In football, the Washington Redskins beat the Buffalo Bills in the Super Bowl (held in Minneapolis). The only exciting thing about the game was the live, halftime "In Living Color" and Bugs playing some pickup basketball, with Michael Jordan, during timeouts.

Inhockey, the Pittsburgh Penguins defeated the Cinderella Minnesota North Stars, while Duke repeated as NCAA basketball national champions up in MInnesota.

In pro basketball, the Chicago Bulls took top honors, defeating Magic and the Lakers.

The winter Olympics, taking place oddly enough during the winter, were held in Albertsville, France (Or "Albertosville" said by Alberto Tomba, the Italian slalom skier). Tomba along with Americans Bonnie Blair and Kristie Yamigucci were standouts during the games.

In another sport, politics, Bill Clinton seems to have wrapped up the Democratic presidential nomination. It looks like another four years of George Bush and no health care, no education, no economic progress, and no domestic policy. Maybe he can go to Japan and beg the Japanese not to make any of their efficient and economical cars. Oh wait... he already did that this year.

Jerry Brown brought his take back America "show" to Bridgeport, back in March. Where's Mario Cuomo when you need him?

At Fairfield, Steve Shannon won the FUSA presidency as he defeated another qualified candidate, Jen Paventi, in a very close election. 50 years and still no female student president.

Once again, to the displeasure of many students, the administration created another "amendment" to the housing policy (quotas on each floor). The administration needs to consult the students on this issue in the future. The students who are being hurt by this policy (the classes of '94 and '95) also need to become more vocal. For example, the current seniors and juniors held a rally outside of Bellarmine a few years ago (over the same issue).

Music's continuing deterioration exemplified itself as songs like "Ain't to Proud To Beg" and "I'm Too Sexy" made it to the top of the charts. Meanwhile, nobody knew that James Taylor, Bruce Springsteen and Aerosmith came out with new albums.

Everyone knew about Guns and Roses and their two new albums which hit the stores back in the fall.

Even more people got ripped off by paying \$18.99 per disc the night they came out in Fairfield.

Nostradamus gave us all a scare back during Halloween when we found out he predicted a mass murder would occur in a L shaped building on a small Jesuit University, located in New England, on a hill, overlooking a body of water. Loyola and Gonzaga were never so quiet as on October 31.

Tuition went up again. Where are all those \$100,000 donations going? Can inflation really be this bad?

Silence Of The Lambs cleaned up at the Oscars a few weeks ago. Other great movies this year included City Slickers, Boyz in The Hood, Cape Fear, Terminator 2, Prince of Tides and Hudson Hawk (just kidding).

The U.S. News and World Report ranked Fairfield 4th on its top ten regional colleges and universities list for the Northeast. Academically, Fairfield is gaining more respect throughout the country, even though we're losing respect among ABC news viewers.

The beach, besides making national television, was hit by a massive wind storm which put most homes under water for a few days. The school was also hit by a major winter storm two days before spring, giving everyone a

Finally, last week, Professor Carmen F. Donnarumma was officially named commencement speaker for graduation. This "last of the dinosaurs" has been with the school since its beginning. He will retire this year and leave Fairfield with the class of 1992: Needless to say, F.O.B. and Canisius will be much different without him next year.

Almost one month from today, the Class of 1992 becomes alumni. This class was one of the reasons why Fairfield has grown and been able to gain an outstanding reputation in the academic field.

As the Class of '92 goes out, the Class of 1996 will take its place.

The Class of 1996 will have four years to make their mark on Fairfield and try to fill the very big shoes of this year's graduating



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Handel's "Messiah" and **Our Core Curriculum**

Professor Walter Petry Contributing Writer

Last Monday, April 13, was the 250th Anniversary of a significant moment in western culture: in 1742, Messiah, by George Frederick Handel had its first performance. It was also a significant moment in Western imperialism: that premiere took place in occupied Dublin, in "wretched Dublin, in miserable Ireland" (Jonathan Swift), a Protestant event in a colony whose native born Catholic Irish were deprived of all civil rights and liberties and most property rights by the Ulster Presbyterians and Church of Ireland) Protestants, who, by that date had seized 90% of all the land in Ireland, naturally, of course, in the name of geopolitics and religion.

The proceeds from the first presentation of "Mr. Handel's new Grand Sacred Oratorio" were for the relief of Prisoners in the Several Gaols, and for the Support of Mercer's Hospital in Stephen Street, and of the Charitable Infirmary on the Inn's Quay." Pending contradiction from further research, it would seem probable that the vast majority of those prisoners were native victims of the penal laws devised by the 17th century English conquistadors to break the body and spirit of the indigenous population.

Who attended this and the subsequent Dublin performances

of this most accessible of classical masterpieces which has become the longest running 'hit' in the repertory? How did they make their money? Surely some of the latter had slithered over to the new conquest elite who would be in need of some native talent familiar with the ways of their only recent subdued sullen brethren and could help impose English yoke on them.

What was the condition of the masses of conquered Irish? How did they survive? How many Irish perished from malnutrition and starvation? What was the role of the Roman Catholic Church in succoring the faithful Irish?

What was the reaction of the latter when they heard that their Holy Father, Innocent XI, had a Te Deum celebrated in the Vatican on news that the Protestant King William III's army had defeated Catholic King James II's forces at the Battle of Boyne? The fact that the mass of Catholic Irish were forcefully alienated from their land, language, religion and wealth was not a priority concern of the Roman hierarchy.

It seems to me that moments such as this- which are infinite in number- constitute occasions for tremendous learning opportunity and of which the Cole Curriculum here at Fairfield could take great ad-

To understand this particular event fully, for example, could involve every discipline in the university, including the natural sciences (which might address the problems of diet, mobility of ship, the workings of musical instruments, fire arms, etc.) and obviously the social sciences and humanities. What does this incident reveal of the nature and origins of modern Western capitalism and the latter's relation to colonialism? How many beaten down Irish did it take to create "liberties" for one elite Englishman? (How many oppressed Central Americans does it take to put cheap in our breakfast cereal?)

It seems to me that if the Core set up and dealt across the disciplines with events and questions such as this (How does eating a Burger King hamburger help destroy the rain forest, what is so important about the rain forest

Fairfield University would go a long way in its task of presenting the real world as it is, was and will be (?), addressing the real ethical issues that arise from this reality, showing the interconnectedness of all the disciplines and developing the habit of critical analysis which is the essence of a responsible graduate and the U.S. citizen.

Happy Easter, and at least listen to the 'Hallelujah Chorus' over the holiday.

The Last Word

The seventies can make it in 1992.

Jen Edwards

Assistant Commentary Editor

I don't know about you, but I am sick and tired of the presidential election and it's only April. There's still over six months of the campaign trail left. All the candidates are the same - they're into sound bites, images, and empty promises. Most Americans realize the candidates' platforms won't pass through, so why don't George, Bill, Pat, Jerry, and Ross save their b.s. and their time?

It's time for a new candidate, one who will make us laugh and forget our cares. Yes, John Travolta (or Vinny Barbarino as you may know him from Welcome Back Kotter fame) is the man to lead us into the 21st century.

In fact, the whole cast of Welcome Back Kotter could be the Cabinet. Think about it... Mr. Kotter could be the White House Chief of Staff, Boom-Boom Washington could be the Vice-President, Arnold Horeshack could be the Defense Secretary, Juan Epstein, the Attorney General, and the principal could be the Speaker of the House.

With the Sweathog party in power, the United States would be the envy of the entire world. Disco would once again be the rage.

Maybe other 70s personalities could join the Administration. Barry Manilow could head the National Endowment for the Arts.

Shirley Jones could chair Health and Human Services with the rest of the Partridge family working under her.

Donna Summer could be Secretary of State, and the Village People could be the President's liaison to act up and other special interest groups.

We could also try to throw the casts of Gilligan's Island, the Brady Bunch and Chico and The Man into the government.

The 70s was multi-culturalism - funk was in and everyone was accepted. Let's face it., polyester and bell bottoms are not the most flattering.

My fellow passengers on Flight 182, last weekend, seemed to like the idea, except for the two yuppies in First class. They probably would want the cast from thirtysmething to run the government.

I think the middle class is ready for Travolta in '92 and '96.

THE WRITER'S BLOCK

The Gulf War Revisited

G. Simon Harak, S.J. Guest Columnist

My students tell me that Van Halen sings a song called "Right Now". Some of the lyrics are, "Right now, our country is doing things we think only other countries are doing."

The Pentagon has just put out its own "final report" on the Gulf War. It seems, they say, that we were not as accurate as we originally said we were in the Gulf War, and that we inflicted a lot of "unintended" damage.

100% of the bombing shown on television was "smart bombing". This leaves the impression, of course, that all our bombing was super-accurate. In fact only seven percent of the actual bombing was "smart bombing," and even then, some thirty percent

of those missed their target. The other 93% of the 88,500 tons of bombs we dropped were not smart bombs, and were rained down mostly on Iraqi civilians.

Some facts about our "accuracy" include:

and health centers Our bombers hit 688 schools and 95 hospita

We destroyed 80 percent of Iraq's farm production. We destroyed 90 percent of Iraq's fisheries. Oftentimes, these farms and fisheries were only targets for miles around.

It is a war crime to destroy hydroelectric dams (Geneva Convention, Article 54). Iraq had eight such dams. We destroyed seven of them.

We destroyed all eleven major electrical generating stations and 119 sub stations

A United Nations team visited Iraq after the war and said that nothing they had read or heard prepared them for the "near apocalyptic destruction" they witnessed in Iraq. This hardly sound like "unintentional activity."

This war on the civilian population of Iraq continues. The U.S. continues to blockade food and medicine that would help the Iraqi people recover from out attacks.

A Harvard Study Group reported that because of this destruction and continuing blockade, Iraqis would die in their thousands every day from disease and famine. They estimated some 500 children would die every day from disease and hunger without the medicine and food we are blockading.

Why did our country do such a thing? Why are we continuing to do it? We say we want Saddam Hussein out. For the good of the people? Are we destroying them for their own good? Who gave us the right to decide on th rulership of other countries? Will Hussein's replacement be better?

The fact is, that we will achieve something whether we replace Hussein or not. We can be sure that, to achieve our goal, we will have made ourselves into the killers of children. If man is doing something you are morally opposed to, and so you threaten and kill his children and friends...he may change, but so have you. What have you become?

We can stop our country from doing things we thought only other countries are doing. We can write to our Representatives in Washington and tell them to end the blockade. We can stop telling ourselves we can do evil to achieve good.



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Column

Patrick McCarthy Arts & Entertainment Editor

I knew I was in trouble at 400 Nights when the Mayor asked me if I needed a lift home. Due to the extreme damage I inflicted on my brain last Friday, I had a great deal of trouble coming up with a clear focus for this week's column. So, that being the case, and since this is the last issue before



the senior issue (scary, isn't it?), I decided to write a little bit about a bunch of things and try to pass the whole shebang off as a real article. So let's spill it on the porch and see if the cat licks it up...

1. The Elvis Stamp - Now here's a tough choice: Would you rather lick a picture of Elvis dressed like Tony Bennet or Mr. Furly? The raging controversy over which Elvis the Postal Service should commission has gotten those Elvis fanatics still sleeping outside Graceland to stop inbreeding long enough to argue about it. Does it really matter, as long as the King is rightfully immortalized? Seems no one voted for the third Elvis depiction that was proposed: the aged Pelvis gorging himself on Ding-Dongs while thumbing through a Girls' Preteen Underwear Catalog. Go figure.

2. The Return of Bruce - It was enough that U2 justified a long absence from the studio with perhaps their greatest effort, last year's "Achtung Baby." Now Bruce Springsteen has come back with a bang: his two latest, "Human Touch" and "Lucky Town" are four star efforts. From the gorgeous "Book of Dreams" and "I Wish I Was Blind" to the straightforward rock of "Man's Job" and "Better Days," the Boss has proven that he didn't need the E Street Band (though Professor Bittan did lend a hand) to rock 'n roll with the best of 'em.

3. The Non-Return of Bloom County - I'm not denying that cartoonist Berke Breathed handled the slow death of everyone's favorite comic strip with dignity and poignance. Nor do I disagree with his admission three years ago that the strip wasn't whacking at the funny bone the way it used to. But Breathed's Sunday only "Outland" just isn't satisfying enough - and it's run by very few papers. C'mon Berkely, start draining that inkwell: We miss Binkley and the boys.

4. Sharon Stone's Missing Underwear - When Sharon crossed her legs at my showing of Basic Instinct, four ushers fainted. Leave it to excessive director Paul Verhoeven (Robocop, Total Recall) to pack more sex and violence into his latest release than went on at 38 Nights. It must have pleased newly-rich screen writer Joe Esterhaus to know that a script with nonstop nudity, a dash of S&M, and a few icepick murders shot in close-up could pay off to the tune of \$3 million. And Michael Douglas isn't complaining either.

5. The Sex & Wrestling Controversy - The World Wrestling Federation may have trouble proclaiming itself a recognized symbol of excellence after this one. Heads turned last month when midget wrestlers accused the company brass of sexual abuse. A little shocking to say the least. We haven't heard midgets squeal like this since Mr. Rourke put a mousetrap in Tatoo's underwear. And this bombshell comes on the heels of the steroid controversy that recently rocked the sqaured circle. Blessed be the undying faith of all the little Hulkamaniacs out there.

OK, there you have it. So the column was a little skimpy and a bit freewheeling, but the quicker it takes you to read, the quicker you can start home for Easter break, right?

FUSA Turns "Cape Fear" Into "The Blob"

Niall McArdle Staff Writer

Last Friday, I checked out FUSA's screening of Martin Scorcese's Cape Fear, starring Robert DeNiro. I had missed the movie when it played in theatres, so I was really looking forward to seeing it

Everything was going to be fine up until the moment the film melted. Yes, you read right: MELTED! De Niro was looking so menacing, taunting Nick Nolte: "Come out, come out, wherever you are!" and then all of the sudden the screen resembled something from a bad sci-fi movie: all white and yellow blobs filling out De Niro's face.

To make matters worse, when they finally got the film going again, they skipped a whole reel, thus cutting out a whole twenty to thirty minutes of the movie.

Apparently this is not the first time this kind of thing has happened: a similar meltdown occurred during the screening of The Rocketeer. Now I am not going to blame the projectionist, but I am blaming FUSA for not getting better equipment.

The sound, if you can hear it, is so muffled, it seems like the actors are talking into their hands. Let's face it, my stereo speakers are louder and clearer than those Marconi-era soundboxes.

FUSA does have the opportunity to turn the Gonzaga auditorium into a decent cinema, but it is just going to have to put in the money. Or else, as De Niro tells us in Cape Fear, it's gonna learn about loss.

The Morning After Holy Spring/Summer Movie Preview, Batman!

Chris Snyder Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

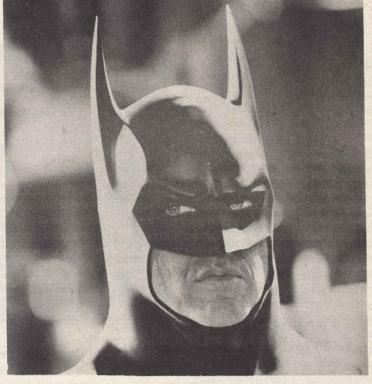
In looking at this year's upcoming summer releases, it appears that it is going to be a season of sequels. Actually, this summer's offerings are almost identical to those of 1989, the only difference being a higher numeral after the title. After a couple of very disappointing years financially, the box office is looking to regain some of its moneymaking power with the following projects:

Batman Returns - I guess it comes as no surprise that Warner Brothers would finance a sequel to their all-time record breaking hit. Although Jack Nicholson and Kim Basinger will be gone, Tim Burton will return to the director's chair and Michael Keaton will once again play the Caped Crusader. The screenplay is by Daniel Waters (Heathers) and Wesley Strick (Cape Fear).

New additions will be Danny DeVito as The Penguin and Michelle Pfeiffer as Catwoman. Little is known about the plot except that the two villains, in order to seize Gotham City into their domain, attempt to frame Batman.

The previews look fantastic, and this film (to be released on June 19) should blow away all of the competition at the ticket window to be the year's top blockbuster; thus, probably paving the way for Batman 3.

Lethal Weapon 3 - The third installment of this series will reunite Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci, and director Richard Donner, most likely for the last time. Early indications suggest that Detective Martin Riggs will be working with a new partner to investigate the confiscation of millions of illegal handguns. After



The Caped Crusader (Michael Keaton) in "Batman Returns"

the new partner is killed, Riggs looks to his old buddy Sgt. Murtaugh for help. The only catch is that Murtaugh is just a few short days from retirement. This promises to be an action-packed bonanza which might become the highest grossing film of the trilogy (the first made \$60 million and the second made \$147 million). It should be blasting its way into theatres during the Memorial Day weekend. With Lethal Weapon 3 and Batman Returns, it should be one heck of a bankable summer for Warner Brothers.

Alien 3 - The original Alien, directed by Ridley Scott (an Oscar nominee this year for Thelma and Louise), was a good, scary film, even though it suffered from too many boring sequences. It did very well at the box office, as did the more exciting sequel Aliens (directed by James Cameron of Terminator fame). Now, firsttimer David Fincher will take over

behind the camera to make the third movie. Hollywood is keeping mum on this project but, judging from early trailers, the gross, slimy creatures come down to earth to terrorize the entirely bald cast. Sigourney Weaver returns as Ripley, the female alien-fighting machine. Alien 3 is set for a mid-May release.

Honey, I Blew Up The Kid - Nothing is known about this film at all except that it is scheduled for a July release date. Disney's follow up to their enormously successful Honey, I Shrunk The Kids will once again star Rick Moranis as a wacky in-

It should do well on the basis that it is one of the only family movies coming out this season besides the reissue of Disney's wonderful animated classic Pinocchio.

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Entertainment News

Maggie Hart Staff Writer

NEWS:

Tap dancer Gregory Hines stepped out of line last week, posing nude for May's Vanity Fair. Hines is promoting his new Broadway musical "Jelly's Last Jam," about jazz pioneer Jelly Morton.

Comedian Sam Kinnison was killed in a car accident last week. The comedian and his new wife were hit by a drunk driver

The New York Public Library was the host of Vogue's 100th Anniversary party last week. Fashion models such as Cindy Crawford, Beverly Johnson, Claudia Schiffer and Shana Zadrick showed up, sporting their favorite designer clothes, to admire the 100 year's work of vogue photography.

Despite the dual threat of Bruce Springsteen's "Human Touch" and "Lucky Town" to the top of the music charts, British rockers Def Leppard have the number one release in the country this week with their latest, "Adrenalize."



A new production n of Tennessee Willaims' classic "A Steetcar Named Desire" has returned to the same New York stage where it premiered, when Marlon Brando and Jessica Tandy once starred in the lead roles. The new interpretation remains very faithful to the legendary Elia Kazan production and stars Jessica Lange (in her Broadway debut) as Blanche, and Alec Baldwin as Stanley.

BOOKS:

A new biography of Eleanor Roosevelt came out last week. The book Eleanor Roosevelt: Volume One, 1884-1933, by Blanche Wiesen Cook dishes dirt on the former first lady, claiming that Eleanor had an affair with her male bodyguard and with her journalist friend Lorean Hickock.

MOVIES:

Robert Altman's new movie, The Player, is opening soon. Altman, who directed M*A*S*H takes a harsh look at the backbiting in the movie business in this satire of Hollywood life. The Player stars Tim Robbins, Greta Sacchi, along with 65 cameos of celebrities who play themselves and pop up unexpect-

Madonna, fresh from her appearance in Woody Allen's newest, Shadows and Fog, has two movie projects coming soon: one in the can already, and one just entering production.

She's just wrapped up Penny Marshall's comedy A League Of Their Own, a comedy about a womans' softball team which also stars Debra Winger.

And she's getting ready to team with Last Exit to Brooklyn director Uli Edel for Body Of Evidence. She'll play a woman who kills her lover with...her body. Willem Defoe is the lucky guy.

Students Ride On Space Shuttle in Bridgeport

Francesca Rubicco Contributing Writer

Have you ever wanted to take a ride on a Space Shuttle? Professor Liftig's Writing for Science Fiction class not only took a shuttle out for a ride, but also rendezvoused with Halley's comet. Well, sort of. Last month these fearless Fairfield students visited the Discovery museum in Bridgeport to take a simulated space ride.

When our crew arrived, we were quickly divided into our specialty units - - there was a life support crew, isolation crew, medical crew, data, and, most important, communication and navigation. We felt a little anxious, this being our first mission; however, all fears were wiped away as we saw Earth become a green dot and the complexities of space lay before us. We quickly settled into our tasks, which included checking the navigation charts, sampling air and water quality aboard ship, and making sure we had no alien visitors.

Our mission: to send a probe to meet Halley's comet, and collect ice crystals from its tail. Needless to say, our crew of trained space pioneers managed to pull it

In two hours, we success-



Fairfield University Students Prepare for Takeoff at **Bridgeport's Museum of Discovery**

fully completed our mission, and headed home full of ideas for our next science fiction stories.

The space shuttle simulator is only one of the few in the country, and is the only one in Connecticut. It was built with the specific purpose to educate people, especially children, about the space shuttle program, which was marred of its clean reputation after the it's only a few minutes away.

Challenger disaster in January of 1986. The families of the crew donated their money and mementos to the museum so that others can enjoy the legacy their loved ones left behind.

The Discovery museum is a short drive from Fairfield, so if any of you space nuts ever wants to catch a ride on the space shuttle,

FAIDRA's Newest Musical, "Working," to Premiere

PR - The world is a stage for the Fairfield University fine arts department and Drama Society (FAIDRA) as they perform the musical "Working" on April 23, 24, and 25 at 8 p.m., in the Kelley Theatre of the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts.

A fast-paced musical based n the book by Studs Terkel, Vorking" dramatizes the life of ierican workers. Stephen hwartz and Nina Faso adapted show which focuses in an exing and insightful way on steel vorkers, firemen, secretaries and masons. Celebrating Fairfield's 50th year, FAIDRA's performance of "Working" is a tribute to America's past and a message to its

Jennifer Stock, who has

ture films, will direct this production. Steve Baranski will act as musical director. He has worked off-Broadway as a pianist in the "Fantasticks" and served as musical director in repertory and stock theatres around the country.

Stock says the tales in the musical are filled with "good human stories," and summarizes "Working" as having a blue-collar American, pre-high tech feel. "It glorifies America and the American worker by pointing out the worthiness of what we do."

Vanessa James, the scenic designer of the production, has created a five level set which can be used by the actor and actresses to create the many different environments for "Working." Also, using slide projection, the musical offers a spectacular multimedia

The musical has an ensemble cast of 25 singing and dancing students. The five soloists are: junior Jay De La Cruz from Flushing, NY, will be singing, "Fathers and Sons." Freshman Lori Ann Feeley from Rye, NY will perform "If I Coulda' Been," Anne Guerin of New Rochele, NY will sing "Millwork" and Erin Pender from Lake Rokonkom will cant "Mason." Sophomore Maureen Shove from Wolcott, CT will perform "Un Mejor."

Tickets are available at the Regina A. Quick Center Box Office, Tuesday through Saturday from 11 p.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$8 for general admission, and \$3 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call 254-

Laserdiscs: the Wave of the Future

Chris Snyder

Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

During a recent visit to Sound Playground, an audio/video warehouse in Orange, Connecticut, I witnessed that the movie Who Framed Roger Rabbit was playing on two large television screens. I was astonished to discover that both TVs were of the exact same brand and model, because the film's reception on each was hardly similar. One set was showing the feature via cassette, and the overall picture was hazy with muffled sound. The other set displayed a laserdisc format of the movie, and the picture and sound were both remarkably clear. While watching the videocassette is adequate for most people, laserdiscs could represent the technology of the future for avid film buffs.

Laserdiscs and their component players were invented only a couple of years ago by a company named Pioneer. A typical machine runs for an average of about \$300-\$500. The discs themselves, which resemble giant, album sized CDs, range in price from about \$30-\$100.

A laserdisc operates in an almost identical fashion to a compact disc. The disc is placed on a tray which closes into the machine. When commanded to play, it will spin around rapidly, and a small laser will emerge on it producing a sharp, beautiful picture with crisp sound like that from movie theatre speakers. Watching a laserdisc is about the best possible way to watch a film outside of the actual

"All movie buffs have a dream to open their own movie theatre," says Rick Gennaro, a manager at Sound Playground. "With a big screen TV, a good laserdisc player, and a high quality set of surround sound speakers to attach to the apparatus, they would have the ultimate system for viewing movies at home. It would almost be like having an actual theatre in the comfort of your own room."

Magnificent reception and sound are only a couple of advantages to watching laserdiscs over videocassettes. There are several other noteworthy benefits.

One significant difference between discs and tapes is their endurance over time. If it is taken care of properly, a laserdisc will always produce the highest possible viewing of a film. It never wears out, unlike videos which deteriorate with age.

Most laserdiscs show movies in what is known as the letterbox format. This is when black bars appear at the top and bottom of the television monitor to give off a wider picture. As a result, the film is being seen in its original 2.31:1 aspect ratio, giving us the exact same frame as we would see on the actual theatre screen. Videocassettes are seldom letterboxed; instead, about a third of the aspect ratio is cut off so that the movie fits on the TV screen without black bars and, consequently, we are not seeing the entire frame as it was shown in the cinema. This is a travesty, because by watching a cassette version of a film, we are not seeing it the way in which the director

Some laserdiscs come in what is known as the CAV format. With this type of disc, one is allowed to use all of the special features of the laserdisc player. For instance, the film can be watched slowly, frame by frame, thanks to crystal clear freeze frame and pausing privileges. This is completely different from a tape which gives off a white, snowy screen when paused. In addition, a CAV disc can be viewed in several speeds ranging from very slow to very fast. There is also no need to rewind a disc. Unlike cassettes, laserdiscs can instantly be programmed to go to any part of the movie desired.

One of the most incredible features that some of the more expensive laserdiscs have is a second audio track. While one track plays the regular sounds from the movie, the other has the director (or some other noteworthy person) analyzing the film scene by scene. Some examples of discs which have these commentaries are The Graduate, Midnight Cowboy, Taxi Driver, Raging Bull, and

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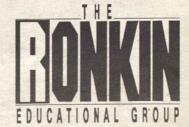
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Dinosaurs Set To Storm the Quick Center in May

PR - Was there really a dinosaur named Elasmosaurus who roamed the world millions of years ago or was he just the concoction of a mad-cap scientist? Children and their parents can find out the answer in American Family Theater's Dinosaur Express, an exciting musical which takes its audience on an adventure-filled ride into prehistoric North America. Dinosaur Express will play for one day at Fairfield University's Regina A. Quick Center on Sunday, May 3 at 2 and 4 p.m.

Dinosaur Express is loosely based in a real life mix-up that occurred years ago when two scientists at The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia were competing to make an important paleontological discovery. In his rush to be first, one scientist accidentally put the head on the wrong end of the dinosaur leading the public to believe he had discovered a new species of dinosaur!

In this version of the story, both scientists have access to a spatial transporter, a wonderful machine that transports objects through time and space. Professor Elmo Ashley and his assistant young Billy Bailey plan to use the machine to benefit mankind. The evil Mr. Swampwater Sludge has other ideas, however, and plans to use the transporter in his villainous schemes to rule the world.

Before you can say "gee willakers" everybody is transported back to prehistoric North America. Excitement and laughter are



the order of the day as the heroes and villains are stalked by giant birds and marvelous beasts. To complicate matters, Billy befriends a baby dinosaur and when everyone is transported back tot he lab, the dinosaur goes too. From there, its thrills, chills and spills as Billy and the Professor work to thwart Sludge and his kooky assistant "Hey You" in their scheme to make the young dinosaur an amusement park attraction.

Osborne Focht does a terrific comic turn in the role of Professor Elmo Ashley. Focht, who has performed for five years with the Opera Company of Philadelphia, is currently part of the Merv Tones, the back up singers for Merv Griffin's night club act. Jeff Hice, as Mr. Sludge, is deliciously nasty as Ashley's arch rival. A graduate of the University of Connecticut, Hice has appeared as Winnie the Pooh at the Chile Theater and as Gipetto in American Family Theatre's production of Pinnochio.

Patricia Hemenway Cook,

manager of events and special programs at the Quick Center commented, "Formost kids I know, dinosaurs are a favorite fascination. This musical uses robotics, special effects and a fabulous score to bring the great lizards to life in a story that is sure to amuse and inform. I think its our best children's show yet."

Founded in 1971, American Family Theater is the oldest and largest producer of musical theater for families and young audiences.

In 1990, they were selected to represent the U.S. in the 1990 International Festival of Theater for Young People in Moscow, and received the Freedom Foundation's Medal of Honor for enhancing the quality of life for young people nationwide. In 1983 the group received the White House Citation for theatrical achievements on behalf of young people. The productions have served business, community, and educational sponsors alike and in this year alone, will reach an audience of over 2 million.

Single tickets for "Dinosaur Express" are \$5 and \$7. Parents may be interested in the Quick Center's birthday special which allows children and their friends to enjoy a performance and a party right in the Quick Center at \$1 off regular ticket prices.

The party can be held before or after the performance.

For more information contact (203) 254-4010.

Summer Preview

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In addition to all of these sequels, several other projects look to make an impact on the summer business.

Patriot Games - Author Tom Clancy's follow up to his sensational The Hunt For Red October will star Harrison Ford as Jack Ryan. Ryan takes his family on vacation in London, but their fun is cut short by violent international terrorists. Ford has an excellent track record selling tickets, so this film should do well.

Housesitter - Steve Martin plays an architect who has just been dumped by his girlfriend. He meets and beds a beautiful woman (Goldie Hawn), while being totally unaware that she is a con artist. Eventually, much to his dismay, she begins to take over the house. Frank Oz directs this comedy from Universal pictures.

Cool World - Director Ralph Bashki, who has won critical acclaim for his adult cartoons such as American Pop, Heavy Metal, and the infamous, X-rated Fritz The Cat, takes a crack at reaching a wider audience with sort of a mature version of Who Framed Roger Rabbit. Peter Weller (Robocop) stars as a cartoonist hopelessly in love with one of his characters. This drawing eventually comes to life and is played by Kim Basinger. It looks like a gutsy movie which could prove to be a sleeper hit.

Laserdiscs

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Tootsie. I have seen the **Midnight Cowboy** disc, and I was astonished that in addition to watching a clear, high tech version of such an old film, I also had the option of simply pushing a button and listening to director John Schlesinger talk about his joys and endeavors in getting his visionary style on camera.

With so many advantages to owning a laserdisc player, I guess the basic question is: why aren't they more popular? Perhaps the reason is because the machines are only limited to playing movies. Most people, rather than buy a whole new appliance, are probably content with watching films on their VCRs. Another reason discs are not more widely used is due to their inability to tape television programs.

"I think when they invent laserdiscs that can tape television channels, you will see the demise of videocassettes," says Gennaro. "Laserdiscs are the technology of the future, and I predict that they will someday become as common in households as the VCR is now."

Only time will tell regarding the future of laserdiscs but, for now, they are one heck of a luxury.



Attention Seniors!!

The Fairfield Mirror's Senior Edition will now be published on April 30.

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Former Fairfield football coach speaks to prospective players

Jeffrey Taylor
Contributing Writer

On Tuesday April 7th, former Fairfield Football Club Coach Ed Hall spoke to an enthusiastic group of students who are interested in seeing football return to Fairfield University.

The meeting was arranged by Jeff Taylor and Frank Longobardi, two sophomores who are trying to reestablish the former Club Football Team.

Mr. Hall reminisced about his coaching years and told the students that, "Football at Fairfield was fun but also required a lot of discipline."

He joked about the good times the team had, but also took pride in the many wins that his team put together. Acknowledging the fact that organizing a team is very difficult, Mr. Hall advised

the students, "not to get discouraged, to be patient, and to stick with it." In the end, Mr. Hall told the students that he would help out in any way he can.

Taylor and Longobardi have been attempting to organize a team since November of 1991. While support for the team has been relatively mild, Longobardi said, "We have realized we can't form a team overnight, but we have a goal and we will do whatever it takes to obtain it."

Taylor added, "We know that there is more support than is being expressed. It is just a matter of getting those people to come out and help us." Taylor and Longobardi have set a goal of September 1993 to begin play. Anyone interested in playing or helping out with Club Football is urged to contact them: Jeff at 254-5756 or Frank at 254-5848.

F.U. SPORTS RECAP

Lady Stags, Stags suffer rough week

Amy Kolenik Staff Writer

WOMEN'S LACROSSE: The team fell to the power of Army 11-2 last weekend in a game that was called on account of rain with only two minutes left to play. Sophomore Julie DiFilippo scored the two goals to put F.U. on the board. According to junior DeeDee Pollack, "We played pretty well. They were just really good."

MEN'S TENNIS: The team dropped their last 3 matches, struggling against Connecticut College 7-2, Vassar 7-1, and Hartford 9-0. This puts their season record at 1-5. Against Connecticut second seed Matt Sordi won his singles match 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 and doubles partners Dru Damico and Kevin Jones won their match 6-4, 6-0. The only match won in the Vassar match was by the doubles team of Jones and Sean Hattrick.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL: The team split their doubleheader against Yale, losing the first game 4-0, but rallying back to win the second game 1-0. In the second game Kathy Murphy hit a double in the fifth, and was sent home by Sue Bly to lead the team to victory.

The team struggled the rest of the week, dropping both games of their doubleheader against Boston College 2-1 and 4-2, and both against LaSalle 4-1 and 6-5.

Trivia Time: Last Week's
Question- Who was the last player
to reach the 3000 hit plateau?
Answer- Rod Carew, in 1985.
This Week's Question-This past
Sunday, Boston Red Sox pitcher
Matt Young threw 8 no hit innings
against the Cleveland Indians.
However, the Sox lost 2-1, and
Young was the losing pitcher. Who
was the last player to hurl a
complete game no hitter, yet come
away with a loss?

Desmarais, Hennessy named Intramural Athletes of the Year

Michael Siuta Sports Editor Emeritus

Junior Chris Desmarais and senior Christina Hennessy were recently named the Male and Female Intramural Athletes of the Year, by the Intramural Depart-

In all, 6 awards were given out. The others: Sportsmanship Awards- Kevin Robinson and Tricia Hunt; Official of the Year-John Collins; and Rookie Official of the Year- Chris Clarke.

Desmarais was recognized for his part in two intramural championships, and two second place finishes. His teams won the Flag Football and Indoor Soccer

Titles, while finishing second in the Schick 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, and in the Volleyball competition. He displayed his all around ability throughout the entire year.

Hennessy showed no limit in her athletic ability, as she participated in every sport offered. Not only did she participate in each, but in many, she was clearly one of the most talented players. Though she has not won a championship this year, her softball team, 'Playing The Field,' is the favorite to take home the championship.

Robinson, also an outstanding official, is a model competitor, one who others should try to emulate.

Hunt excels both on and off the court. Her biggest athletic achievement this year was leading her 3-on-3 Basketball team to the Regional Championships at the Meadowlands.

The 6'4, 120 Collins made his presence felt on the court and the field. With his high pitched "Fox-40" whistle, no one dared question one of JC's calls.

He recently finished in the 99th percentile in "Knowledge of Intramural Rules-Just the Tricky Ones."

Clarke always found time to ref a game, day or night, rain or shine. When in doubt, it was, "Who ya gonna call?-Chris Clarke." He has become a true gym rat.

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

Men's Baseball: Saturday, April 18 vs. Brooklyn(2) 12noon.

Women's Softball: Wednesday, April 22 vs. Providence(2) 3p.m.

Men's Tennis: Monday, April 20 vs. Fordham 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22 vs. Western Connecticut 3:30 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse: Wednesday, April 22 vs. Columbia 7:30 p.m.

NBA Playoff Preview: Can the Chicago Bulls repeat as champs?

Matt Barron Staff Writer

With the NCAA tournament over now, basketball fans across the country will be focusing their attention on NBA action and the upcoming playoffs. Here are some teams of interest and the reasons why they will sink or swim in the playoffs.

Boston - Going into the final week of play the Celtics are the hottest team in basketball, winning 12 out of their last 13. Five of these victories have come without superstar Larry Bird, the best player ever, and have been against tough teams like Chicago, Cleveland, and New York.

The Celtics have had a successful year with three of their top six players injured most of the season. With two of them, Dee Brown and Kevin McHale, now playing much better and with Bird rejoining the team for the playoffs, the Celtics will be tough for anyone to beat.

New York - First of all, the Knicks are in a battle with Boston for the top spot in the Atlantic Division. The Knicks have tougher games remaining than the Celtics, and I feel the two will end with identical records. In the event of a tie the Celtics have the advantage which would mean the Knicks would play Detroit in the first round. If this happens, you can count on an early exit for the Knicks.

Portland - Portland is an extremely talented team which should have homecourt advantage throughout the Winter Conference Playoffs. Look for Portland and Cliff Robinson's ugly headbands not to get back to the league finals, though.

Golden State - The Warriors also have outstanding talent in players like Tim Hardaway, Billy Owens, and of course Chris Mullin. I feel Mullin and Hardaway have the potential to carry Golden State to the Finals and show that the Warriors should be considered one of the games' finest teams.

Chicago - The defending champion Bulls should be heavily favored to repeat as champs. They certainly have the talent to repeat

lantic Division. The Knicks have but if a team can expose their tougher games remaining than the Celtics, and I feel the two will end guard, the Bulls can be beat.

My predictions for the playoffs are:

East: The four teams that will advance to the second round are Chicago, Cleveland, Boston and either Detroit or New York. If New York and Detroit play in the first round, it will be Detroit and if Boston plays Detroit, Boston will eliminate the Pistons and New York will be the fourth team.

Look for a Boston-Chicago final series with the underdog Celtics advancing to the league finals for the first time since 1987.

West: The key word in the west is balance. All eight playoff teams will have records above .500. This translates into a wide open race. Look for Golden State to play Portland in the Conference finals with the Warriors winning in seven games.

The NBA finals between Boston and Golden State will go seven games with the Celtics pulling it out. Following the game season look for the retirement of a wounded and aging Larry Bird.

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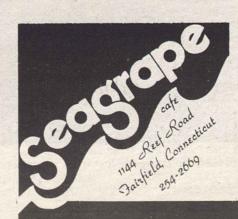
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SPORTS

Next Week: sports teams finish out seasons; 'The Coach's Corner says goodbye.

Stags blow chance to move up in MAAC standings

Split doubleheaders with Manhattan; record stands at 5-7

Fred Vital
Asst. Sports Editor

The Stags again split yet another two conference double-headers this weekend. This time, they played host to the Manhattan Jaspers in a four game series, and came away with two victories and two defeats.

The scores for the four games were as follows: Stags lose 3-1; Stags win 8-0; Stags win 3-0; and Stags lose 3-2.

In the second doubleheader Monday the Stags bats came alive for ace Chris Roberge. Ed Kiernan scored on an error with 2 outs in the top of the second to give the team a 1-0 lead.

The Stags went up 2-0 in the second off of singles by Kevin Welch and Todd Wise. The Stags then added another in the third off of Eric Manahan's sacrifice fly. Manahan ended the day with 3 RBI's and two sacrifice flies.

In the second game the Stags came out with an early 1-0 lead in the second inning off of an RBI single by sophomore Manahan.

The Jaspers answered with a 2 run double followed by a single to take a 3-1 lead in the third. The

Stags fought back, though. In the top of the seventh John Johnson singled to start it up.

Brian Franco followed and reached on a error. Manahan added a sacrifice bunt to move both runners into scoring position. Bill McMahon scored one runner with a groundout to cut the lead to 3-2. And there the score stood till the final out, as the Stags bats went dead

The Stags are playing well outside of the MAAC. It seems that in MAAC games, which should be easy wins, the Stags don't get the breaks and don't play up to their potential.

They've beaten solid tournament bound teams such as Central Connecticut, Holy Cross, UConn, LIU, Marist, and Yale. They have shown that they are capable of playing with these teams, and have the offense to be a contender in the tournament.

But losses to LaSalle, who finished in third last year-(Mind you there are only five MAAC baseball teams)-and now Manhattan, who is in fourth, have been major disappointments. The team needs to get their act together and start to play some good baseball.

The Stags have a solid pitch-

ing staff, play solid defense and have solid bats. The bats seem to quiet down in a hurry, though, when MAAC teams come to town.

Manahan commented, "We have to get a little more aggressive and a little more focussed for our MAAC games. A strong finish can possibly get us an at-large bid in the tournament."

Kiernan has continued to be the team catalyst. He's hitting the ball extremely well day in and day out. He has been the clutch hitter for the Stags so far this year. He hits the ball hard and with power. He is undoubtedly the best hitter right now in the Stags lineup.

The Stags now stand at 5-7 in the MAAC. A repeat of last year's championship may be out of reach, but they have a good chance of getting an at-large bid in the tournament.

They need to finish up with wins against Providence, Hofstra, and especially the last four games against last place St. Peter's. If the Stags can raise their level of play a notch the wins will come.

STAG NOTES: Keith McCall missed the last two games with a sprained knee. He is listed as day to day.

BMO.C.



Intramural Awards: Well, not really.

Brian Marks Sports Editor

Well, inside the sports section you will see the intramural departments' awards for the intramural seasons of 1991-1992. But here are my intramural awards:

Best 1st at bat in softball: Steve Grosso (strike 3)
Best softball catch by a guy with a brushcut: Matt McGuire

Most immobile quarterback: Jeff Hoyt

Worst wearer of shorts: Joey Martino (please pull them up)

Worst clock management: Vanilla Thunder
Best looking team: Lethal Weapons 3(voted by gorgeous girls)
Hardest name to spell: Patty B_c_g_l_po

Best bench cheerleader: John "Mitch" Mitchell Most collisions at home plate with a girl: Mark Kirsch

Most collisions at home plate with a girl: Mark Kirsch Ugliest softball hat: Vinny Novelli

Best "dippers" while playing a sport: Tom Dondero and John Berchem

Best softball player on "Abarro" named Ringo: Pete Thompson Best quarterback under 5'6": Matt Baron

Most technicals in a career: Mike Locke Highest vertical leap for a sports editor emeritus: Mike Siuta

Most overrated team: Gino and the Boyz

Longest amount of time to round the bases: Dave Flaherty (1hr 20 minutes)

Best female volleyball player who I ve had for a teacher: Dr. Kathy Nantz

Most talkative interviewer: Mark Ciampi Fuzziest athlete: Chris Arena

Fuzziest non-athlete: Ron Tadross

Biggest pretty boy defensive back: Tim Geneco

Wildest lineman with a neat hair -do: Mike "Magic" DeMarco 2nd most intimidating athlete in the school: Mike Kirkutis(I was 1st)

Worst nickname: Johnny O

Only player to never make a layup: Erin Patton
Easiest point guard to dribble by at 10am on a weekend: Billy Reilly
(that's if you can find him)

Best hoop player who looks like he played in the 60's: Jim Cronin *NOTE: Dr. Lane was left off all ballots

For all you hockey fans, it must be nice to see the strike over and pucks flying across the ice again. Well, now it's only about a month until we see the Minnesota North Stars upset Dino Ciccerelli and the Washington Capitals in the Stanley Cup Finals.

Watch for the NBA draft next month to go like this if the top juniors go hardship: Shaquille O'Neal, Christian Laettner, Alonzo Mourning, Jimmy Jackson, Harold Miner, Todd Day, Byron Houston, Don McLean, LaPhonso Ellis, Clarence Weatherspoon, Malik Sealy, Anthony Peeler, Adam Keefe, Popeye Jones, and Tom Gugliotta. They should be the first fifteen.

Anyone who likes to hike or camp may be interested in knowing that recently in the outdoors section of the sports page in the Worcester Telegram and Gazette, it was reported that April is a great month to watch beavers. They are coming out of hibernation and are fun to watch eat and build dams. The only worry beaver lovers have is that beavers are unprotected from others in some areas.

This goes out to all you avid hoop fans: Come join me in Kennebunk, Maine this coming August 8-9 for the Arena-Tilton Park Street Playground 3 on 3 Basketball tournament. This event is NCAA sanctioned and Spalding sponsored. The two day double elimination event costs \$25 to enter, and awards trophies to the winning team, the runners-up, MVP, and Slam Dunk Champion. Fairfield's own Lethal Weapons are the early favorites.

Cyclists compete in West Point Military Academy Criterium Biniak, Spillane finish in Top 25

Scott Biniak
Contributing Writer

The Fairfield Cycling Club Team has been flexing their frames the last couple of weekends at eastern collegiate events. This past Sunday the team raced at the West Point Military Academy.

Brian Spillane and Scott Biniak competed in what proved to be a treacherous sixteen mile road race through the area's Harriman State Park. The winding course, with steep climbs and quick descents, was the National Road Championship course in 1981.

On the steepest descent, Spillane noted, "I saw 50 miles per hour on my computer, and people were passing me."

"The riders were going faster than the bikes wanted to go," added Biniak. "I saw many cyclists who were forced to slow down because their bikes were shaking so violently from their sheer speed. You could smell burning rubber, everyone was braking so hard."

At the end of the descent both riders report seeing numerous crashes, as the cyclists were forced to try to slow down enough to make a hairpin turn. "I saw one guy go over his handlebars," said Still, the course offered other challenges. It rained, making it difficult if not dangerous to maneuver. The turns were short and sharp, and the course was open. That meant that the racer had to literally dodge cars coming from both directions.

With over one hundred and ten other cyclists in the category, both Spillane and Biniak did admirably well, both finishing in the top 25 riders. More importantly, neither of them crashed.

The previous Saturday,

Dennis Caro, Mike Tamulis, and Biniak also competed in a criterium race at the University of Massachusetts. Caro and Biniak placed, sixth and third respectively, scoring points for the team.

"Mike would have placed too," noted Biniak, "But he chose to race in a different category."

As the competitive season winds down, the team says it is going to concentrate on recreational rides and bike clinics that will be open to anyone interested. "Signs will be posted," they promised.



Cyclists turn the corner at last week's competition.

photo: Cycling team photo