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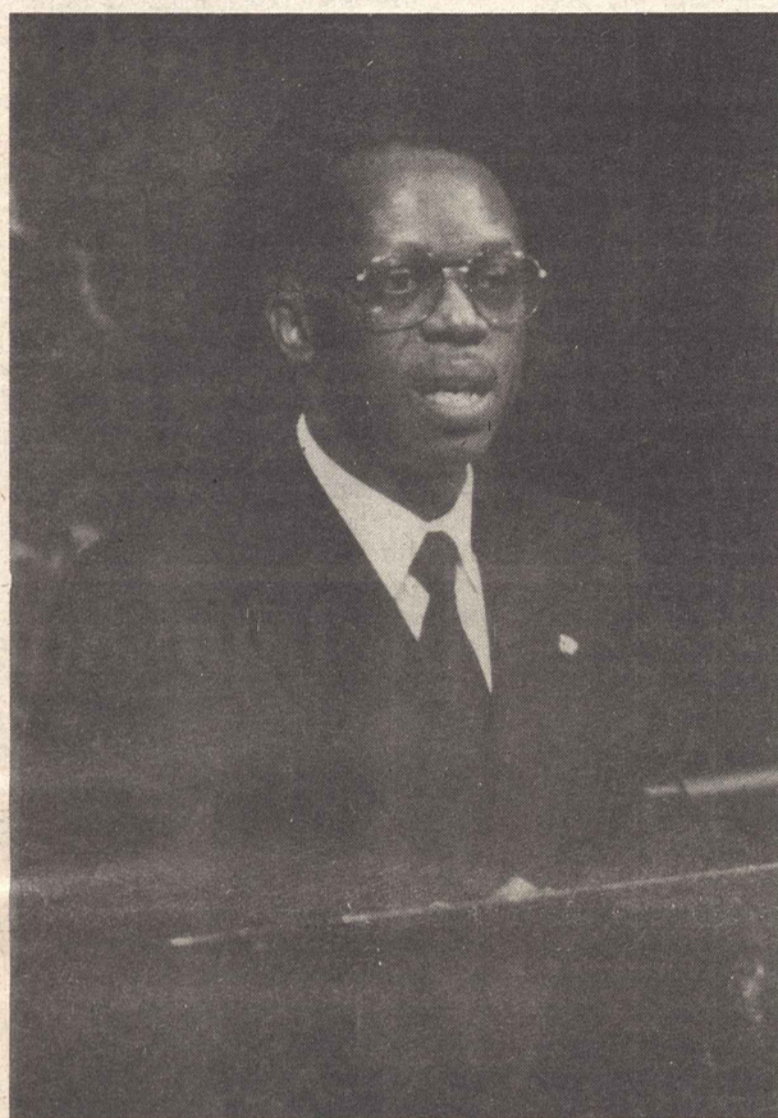


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Former Haitian leader to address students

Kristen Sullivan
Assistant News Editor

Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the former president of Haiti, will deliver a lecture entitled "Democracy, Literacy, and Other matters" at the Quick Center's Kelley Theatre on Monday, October 7, at 8 p.m.

The lecture is sponsored by FUSA, the College of Arts and Sciences, and Campus Ministry. Additional contributions were also made to support this lecture.

Aristide was elected president in 1990, following a UN-monitored election in which he garnered 67.5 percent of the vote. A year later, he was forced into exile in the U.S. by a violent coup d'etat. As the country's legitimate president, Aristide continued to monitor and direct the nation's affairs while in exile.

In 1994, the U.S. backed

Aristide's return to power. He then completed the remainder of his term in office. He formed a civilian police force and assisted in the transition to the next democratically elected presidency.

Aristide, a former Roman Catholic priest who is fluent in seven languages, founded the Aristide Foundation for Democracy which promotes education in Haiti, and La Fanmi Selavi, a home for street children.

Student tickets for Aristide's lecture are on sale this week from noon to 2 p.m. daily in the Campus Center, and in Dolan Hall from 5 to 7 p.m.

The general public may obtain tickets by calling the Quick Center at 256-4010 on Saturday, October 5 beginning at 10 a.m.

Tickets are \$2 for students; \$5 for faculty and staff; and \$7 for the general public.

Fairfield drops in U.S. News ranks

Heather Wade
Staff Writer

For the past ten years, *US News and World Report* has published an edition entitled "America's Best Colleges." This guide provides readers and prospective students with the rankings of 1,400 of America's most competitive schools. The schools are rated by geographic region and are ranked according to reputation and educational data.

In the 1996 edition, Fairfield University ranked as the second best regional university in the North, behind first-place Villanova University. The rating for each school in a region is relative to the school with the highest regional ranking, which is rated one hundred percent. Fairfield was not far behind Villanova with a score of 98.6. Providence College was third, scoring 97.1.

In the 1997 edition, however, Providence leaped over Fairfield and stole second place, while Fairfield slipped to third with a score of 96.0. This setback resulted from an analysis of school-provided data, using a weighted value for each individual category. Fairfield's academic reputation was ranked third in the region, tying with Providence in that category.

The academic reputations of the schools are determined by the expert opinions of 2,730 col-

lege presidents, deans and administrators. Their conclusions are valued at 25 percent of the overall total. The educational data is based on several different categories of academic quality which include student sensitivity, faculty resources, retention, and alumni giving. Although there were minor changes in every category, the only one with a significant change was the faculty resources. Fairfield's ranking dropped in this category from 14 to 54.

The faculty resource category is based on the student to faculty ratio, the percentage of full-time faculty with doctorates, the percentage of part-time faculty, the average salary for professors, and class size. The drop in ranking may likely be attributed to the increase in school enrollment this year. This has caused some classes to be overcrowded, therefore affecting the student to faculty ratio. It also resulted in the University hiring more part-time faculty to handle the increased population. This category has a weighted value of 20 percent of the overall score.

The only other major change in the educational data was in the alumni giving category, which dropped from a rating of 31 to 54 having little effect on overall score since it was valued at just five percent.

IRHG festival captures spirit of New England

Theresa Vitello
Staff Writer

The Oak Room patio was transformed into a fair on Friday, September 27, as raffles and games were sponsored by each residence hall in celebration of Fairfield's annual New England Day.

At 4 p.m. the booths were all set up, boasting some of the most creative and unique games ever sponsored by residence halls.

Dark clouds and the threat of rain worried many of the volunteers, as the fear of having to set up inside the Oak Room passed through their minds. Yet, the weather seemed to take a turn for the better once more and more students showed up making this year's New England Day have one of the greatest turn-outs ever.

"New England Day is a fun

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Campus Beat

JoAnn Gometz
News Editor

On Tues., Sept. 24, at 9:52 p.m., there was a two-car motor vehicle accident on the road by Jogues Hall. No one was injured. The Fairfield Police Department is also investigating the case at the request of an involved party.

On Wed., Sept. 25, at 2:04 a.m., there was a report of vandalism to University property. The lawn on the traffic island at Bellarmine Hill was torn up by a motor vehicle.

On Thurs., Sept. 26, at 12:31 a.m., there was a harrasing phone call complaint from Dolan Hall. It is being investigated.

Also on Thurs., Sept. 26, vandalism to University property occurred when a fire lane sign was torn up outside Campion Hall.

On Fri., Sept. 27, at 1:04 p.m., the Dolan Hall attic was burglarized. Furniture was removed. The case is under investigation.

Also on that day at 1:10 p.m., narcotics were found in a room in Gonzaga Hall. The report is being sent to Judicial, and the Fairfield Police Department is investigating the case.

Also, at 4:32 p.m. a vehicle mirror was broken off a car in the Jogues Hall lot, constituting vandalism to personal property.

Also, at 8:57 p.m., illegal switchblade knives were removed from a room in Kostka Hall. The report is being sent to Judicial.

On Sat., Sept. 29, at 1:23 p.m., there was a complaint of trespassing. An individual ran through the security checkpoint, was stopped, and the Fairfield Police were called. A criminal trespass warrant was issued.

On Sun., Sept. 29, at 2:26 a.m., two non-students were arrested by the Fairfield police Department for trespassing in Campion, after the individuals refused to leave at the request of Residence Life staff. Criminal trespass warrants were issued, banning the two from campus.

Campus Crier

Brian Torff and Brooklyn Thunderstick return to the Quick Center's Wien Theater on Thurs., Oct. 3 for performances at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

This week's FUSA Film, *The Rock*, will be shown in the Gonzaga Auditorium on Fri. and Sat., Oct. 4 and 5, at 8 p.m., and on Sun., Oct. 6, at 3 and 9 p.m.

Stags Football vs. St. Peter's under the lights at Alumni Field on Sat., Oct. 5, at 7 p.m.

Beach Clean Up takes place Sun., Oct. 6. Contact FUSA for more information.

Cultural Celebrations Week begins Mon., Oct. 7. See displays in the Campus Center.

Jean-Bertrand Aristide will speak in the Quick Center's Kelley Theatre on Mon., Oct. 7, at 8 p.m.

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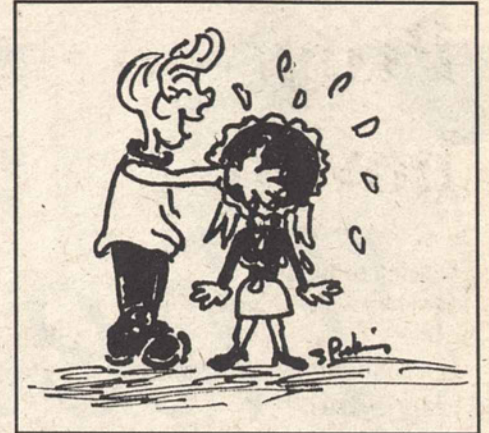
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BOOS

...to being in love with your best freind and not being able to tell him...to landlords that are crime lords...to Oct. 9...to laundry...to the stalking Jet...to guys who tell lies...to wet couches...to not remembering...to shots of vinegar...to thinking people are together when they aren't...to having to go to the library...to not looking perfect...to typos...to the football team losing again-good luck guys...to leaving earrings in other people's beds...to fights...to hooking up with visitors (for the 2nd time)...to new positions...to calling a stranger "white trash"...to the Icebox and their harrassments...to embellishing the story...to thinking you are one of the top five...to taking advantage of poor, innocent friends...to decorating too early...to the worry about Harvest already...to the chanting at the Chicken House...to the coach's or coaches' whistles in the morning...to the housemate problem...to friends who miss their "favorite class" twice in a row...to talents wasted...to deadlines approaching...to too many paers and not enough time...to Wednesday encounters...to not enough...to all the talkers and no action...to catching a cold on the weekend...to showing up on the wrong day - check the calendar...to not having your watch on the right time...to people thinking you are in high schol when you're in college...to freshman girls and senior guys...to University computer deliverers-why bother to order one...to stealers of marker board pens...to Dolan...tolong-distance relationships...to guys in Claver who are only after one thing...to not having e-mail hooked up...to there never being a dryer when our clothes are done washing...to eighth period long classes...to tennis players who are only after one thing...to changing the sheets...to all of the loud people in the hall at 9 a.m. on Saturdays...to missing out on sippy bread...to bad situations...to chronic complainers...to not being able to pronounce...to fried brains...to weird looks...to looking pretty for class and class being cancelled...

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Program teaches students how to prevent crime

Kristen Sullivan
Assistant News Editor

Crime Prevention Week, which is sponsored by the security department, is being held in the Barone Campus Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The purpose of Crime Prevention Week is to "refresh everyone's mind on crime prevention—people need to take precautions," said Associate Director of Campus Security Glenn Griffin.

The information table that is set up by the Info desk offers

crime prevention brochures, information on how to use anti-theft devices such as the "Club" and bicycle locks. Security is also giving away complimentary whistles, so that in case a student finds himself in an emergency, he can attract attention to himself by blowing the whistle.

Griffin suggests that students take an interest in their own safety by locking their doors, being aware of the six call boxes that are on campus, and knowing security's phone number, which is 4090. Griffin said that he has

been helping with Crime Prevention week for over six years and the need for crime prevention is still strong because "the crime rate has never been zero," Griffin said.

In conjunction with Crime Prevention week, the security department will be sponsoring "Women's Self-Defense and Rape Prevention," an informational session to help women protect themselves in emergencies. The session will take place October 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Oak Room.

Thank You!

Christine Hamel
Managing Editor

We, the staff of the *Mirror*, would like to thank several people who helped with our first issue's problems.

On Friday, September 20, we discovered a problem with our computer system. It turns out that our Mac SE/30's hard drive will "die" if we turn the computer off. Our Mac IIs needed a disk, however, we never used a disk in prior years. The only computer that was operational was our Power Mac. This allowed for one computer to do everything that it usually takes three computers

to do.

We would like to thank the following people for helping us to remedy our computer problem: Mike O'Rourke, Bruce in Computer Technology, and Michael Cioffi.

We would like to especially thank William Schimpf. Without his assistance and patience, we might not have been able to produce the first issue of the *Mirror* on time or at all.

Last but not least, we thank Andi Rierden, our advisor, for helping us to cope with the situation.

Due to the computer malfunctions, we only had one computer to work with for layout. This led to the editor-in-chief and I to be in the

office till 3 a.m. Wednesday morning to make the 6 a.m. deadline. We apologize for the spelling errors and any misinformation in the September 26 issue. We tried to proof the paper as well as we could but at 3 a.m., we were lucky that we could still see after looking at a computer screen since early Tuesday morning.

This week, we are in a better position. Two computers are operational. We hope that we will not have to experience a similar problem ever again. We would like to thank our readers for understanding what we went through last week.

Beach update: What's the plan?

JoAnn Gometz
News Editor

"This weekend was much better. I think the police officers handled themselves a step up from before," FUSA President Mike Reardon said.

Kate McIntyre, SBRA president, agreed. "This weekend it wasn't bad at all. Everything seemed to be fine. Alumni Weekend may have just reflected the demands that residents of Fairfield were putting on the police."

Both leaders went on to say that students still need to remember that responsibilities come along with privileges, and that there is still the possibility of trouble with both the

police and neighbors.

"I wrote a letter to beach residents this week to explain how to document possible cases of rights abused. If it appears that there are a great number of responses, then we plan to seek legal counsel and find out what our next course of action should be," McIntyre said.

Both Reardon and McIntyre said that they hoped to see students attend the Sandcastle Playground building project this weekend, or to help at the Beach Clean Up on Sunday.

In addition, McIntyre said that children from Bridgeport will be invited to trick-or-treat at the students' beach houses the day before Halloween.

"We want the Town to see that we really do care," she said.

Fairfield University requires diversity courses for students

PR - Fairfield University now requires all undergraduates, beginning with the Class of '99, to take at least one course that treats the issues of diversity and pluralism in American society. A faculty committee is developing the list of such courses and has approved four, will vote on 13 more this fall and is considering 29 others. Students may fulfill the diversity requirement from among the courses in the core curriculum as well as in their major or minor or as an elective.

Dr. Alan Katz, professor of politics and chair of the Diversity Course Subcommittee, announced that the four courses approved by the subcommittee and by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee are: Law, Women and Work, (a Business law course in the School of Business); Working Women in the Twentieth Century (History); Introduction to Feminist Theory (Politics); and Race and Ethnic Relations (Sociology).

Also approved by the subcommittee and to be considered early in the semester by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee are: Introduction to Black Studies (Black Studies); Excellent Women, Deviant Women: The Female Experience (History); Liberation Theology (Religious Studies); American Class Structure (Sociology); U.S. Latino/Latina Literature (Spanish) and eight courses in the English Department: Introduction to Literature; Race, Culture and Realism; African-American Literature and Culture; Early African-American

Literature; Africa-American Fiction; Introduction to Cultural Studies; and African-American Women's Writing.

Dr. Katz said, "The creation and approval of these diversity courses is another indication of the faculty's recognition of the need to sensitize our students to the increasingly diverse nature of American society."

The approval of the courses culminates a three-year project that began with a presentation to the General Faculty by several African-American students concerned about racism in America. Over the next year, Dr. Katz and the then-Dean of the School of Nursing Dr. Nancy Fasano co-chaired a subcommittee that received a variety of suggestions from the faculty, including the proposal that every student at Fairfield complete a course dealing with diversity. The faculty approved the proposal in the spring of 1995 and over the following summer 21 faculty members and consultants participated in workshops. In addition, four faculty members attended a 10-day conference at Williams College on multiculturalism and diversity.

At the end, a statement was approved declaring: "The required diversity course will explore in a systematic manner the connections among race, class and gender in looking at issues of privilege and difference in U.S. society. These courses may also consider additional issues, such as religion, sexual orientation and ethnicity. Although diversity components are encouraged in all courses, introductory courses by their general nature will not normally fulfill this requirement."

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New England Festival, from p.1

event organized by IRHG which inspires competition amongst the residence halls," said Amanda Writer, Inter Residence Hall Government president. This year the stakes were even higher as each residence hall came up with impressive ideas for their respective booths.

Claver sponsored a ball in the fish-bowl game, Kostka made buttons with people's photos on them, Campion had a pie-throwing contest, Loyola played the game of "Operation" for raffle prizes, Gonzaga sponsored a hoop shoot, Dolan played "Name That Tune," and Regis hosted a balloon dart-throwing game.

Yet, according to many students, the raffle at Jogues seemed to be the hot spot. Maybe that's because Writer and other students agreed "one of the hottest prizes was a date with Lan Cameron." Cameron, an attractive R.H.C. at Jogues, will be taking a lucky residence life secretary out for a meal at Boston Chicken. Another popular booth was the "Dunking Booth" sponsored by the executive board of IRHG. Apparently students were lining up for the chance to see Mike Roth, a Jogues floor governor, take a swim.

In addition to the games and raffles,

student bands provided some great entertainment. The Heathers, Mugwhams, and Douglas Leader Orchestra (D.L.O.) all had the chance to perform their tunes at New England Day. This was the third appearance at Fairfield for the "beer drinking, Cadillac driving" D.L.O. Although this upbeat ska band is based in Syracuse, their leader, Joe Fattorini, is an R.A. on Gonzaga Three at Fairfield.

The Mugwhams, a more traditional ska band, are based in Connecticut, with members hailing from local bands J.C. Superska and Springheeled Jack. The Heathers are an alternative rock band from Columbia University who incorporate a lot of textured harmonies into their sound. The music stirred the student body; several were seen dancing to the bands' original songs.

New England Day festivities were in full swing until seven, with the biggest crowds around dinner time. Keeping with the carnival theme, Sodexo prepared a barbecue inside the Oak Room. With all of the outstanding games, prizes, music and food, this year's New England Day not only had all the makings of a summertime carnival but an immense student spirit to back it as well.

Parking correction

Christine Hamel
Managing Editor

Due to the problems of the last week's issue, there was a mistake in my article on "Parking: Are the spaces available?"

Residents can park in any of the residence hall lots, by the Townhouses, by the tennis courts, and the lot between the Barone Campus Center and Alumni Hall. From 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., residents can park in all faculty lots except for Canisius. They also can park to in front of Loyola, the Barone Campus Center, by Xavier and Berchmans Hall, and the Nyselius Library.

All other students can park in the residence hall lots, by the Townhouses and the tennis courts, between the Barone Campus Center and Alumni Hall, the lot behind the Rec Plex and Alumni Hall, in front of Kostka Hall, and the lot between Alumni Hall and the School of Nursing. From 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., students can park in all faculty lots except for Canisius. They can also park in front of Loyola, the Barone Campus Center lot, by Xavier and Berchmans Hall, and the Nyselius Library.

We regret any inconveniences for the mistake.

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How helpful is the Career Planning Center?

Lauren Pandolfelli
Campus Life Editor

"I attended one of the meetings and it was so futile," senior Kara Sherwood said about the orientations offered by the Career Planning Center in September. "I'm an English writing major and the meeting seemed so geared toward business majors."

Sherwood's complaint is shared by many students, whom feel that the Career Planning Center, designed to help students find careers post-graduation, benefits only students in the School of Business. Other students believe that regardless of your major, it is difficult to find pragmatic assistance at the center. One senior economics major said, "When I went to the center, I was told 'there's the resume bin' and then told to write my resume. I was hoping for a little more direction."

Michael Dalton, director of the Career Planning Center, was surprised to hear these complaints. He said that some students may not "really be investigating what their opportunities are. The fact of the matter is," he continued, "most of the companies recruiting on campus have openings for all majors." Dalton also

added that if a student is interested in working for a company that doesn't recruit on campus, the Career Planning Center will help the student establish connections with that organization.

Dalton did say that accounting majors are the most highly sought after by recruiting organizations, but other business majors fair no better than arts and science majors. "Majors are not the issue," he said. "The most important thing in terms of students getting employment is finding a good internship." According to Dalton, recruiters want to hire people with "track records of contributing."

Companies will also look at grade point averages since they are indicators of accomplishment, but, as Dalton explains, if a student is paying her way through college, or tackling other responsibilities, she cannot devote as much time to her grades. Most companies consider these factors in their recruiting processes.

Dalton urges seniors and juniors to participate in some of the fifty events scheduled by the Career Planning Center throughout October and November. Over the summer juniors and seniors should have received a preliminary schedule of these events. An updated list can be found

at the Career Planning Center located in Dolan Hall. Dalton and his staff are currently working on placing the list of events on E-mail, therefore making it more accessible to students whom find it difficult to learn when activities are being held. The menu for this semester includes 15 to 18 career panels, including panels on humanities and graduate schools. A common complaint of students however, is about the times at which these meetings are held. One senior said, "I wasn't able to attend any of the three orientation meetings. How am I supposed to research a career when I can't even make it to the information sessions?"

Dalton said it is impossible to find one time that will appease all students, and if enough students are interested in the same meeting they missed, he will schedule another one. "I need feedback from students, though," he said. "It's your center. We'll create a program with you."

Oct. 15 is the last day for seniors to hand their resumes in to the Career Planning Center in order to have them included in this year's resume book, which is sent to approximately 250 employers, predominately in the local and regional areas. For those students interested in international employment, Dalton said

most of the hiring will be done directly through European operations, and therefore those companies do not recruit on campus. However, the staff at the Career Planning Center will try and connect students to alumni in those areas.

Students can schedule private appointments with counselors over the next few days if they need help writing their resumes or simply have other concerns they want to address. Dalton suggests that students bring rough drafts of their resumes into the center. Workshops on writing resumes will be offered to juniors throughout the semester since there are now plans to organize a junior resume book.

Students who are considering volunteer work after college may wish to consult the Campus Ministry, but Dalton urges them to talk to a staff member at the Career Planning Center as well. "We can help to make decisions," he said.

Some seniors already know their post-graduate plans, while others only hope they won't be back on campus next September. Regardless of your situation, Dalton suggests to "turn the whole energy around. There's lots of anxiety, but there's also lots of excitement." He added, "This is your life... and your entitled to explore it."

Fairfield Faces: More than just an English teacher

Jennifer DeFrancisco
Contributing Writer

Professor Janet Krauss walked into her office Thursday, scuffing her patent leather shoes against the tiled floor. The English professor removed her long black raincoat, fluffy hat and placed her umbrella in the corner of the office. Realizing one of the umbrella's metal spokes was popping out of the plaid nylon, Krauss said, "Oh dear," with a smile. "My husband must help me fix this when I get home. I've had this umbrella for so long, I never want to part with it." Krauss looked at the umbrella's carved handle for a moment and tilted her head as if to say, "Don't you understand that when things have meaning you want to keep them forever?"

Krauss has been a writing teacher for over twenty years. Although most of her teaching time has occurred at Fairfield University, she has also taught at other institutions such as St. Basil College in Stamford. Krauss' main goals, as a teacher, are "to inspire and motivate." She said, "I desire to help students feel confident in their ideas so they can discuss them freely through their writing." Junior Nicole Fontanella, a former student of Krauss', said, "Dr. Krauss' sincere and caring manner helped me to feel relaxed and to explore my thoughts, which made me plunge deeper into myself and find my unique voice."

Krauss is also a serious author. Although most of her writing time takes place in the morning, she said she refuses to restrict herself to any formula. Simply,

she writes when the "rush" motivates her and lets "the writing do the writing."

"As long as the feeling stays, I can write anywhere. Recently, I wrote a poem in the airport," she said. Krauss draws inspiration for her short stories and poetry from art and nature. One can see her appreciation for aesthetics the moment he/she steps into the professor's office. It is dotted with posters, old photographs and postcards of glorious landscapes, sculptures, colonial houses and skies.

Although Krauss draws creative energy from her pictures, she said her best writing centers around what she knows which is why most of her work is family based. As she said, "I take certain instances that have occurred within the family, play them out, and rework the piece toward universal quality."

The Time Between

for Amy

"Is there a star in the apple?"
you ask as I halve the fruit
into hemishperes
the whitest of planes
free of flaws.

I would like to find
stars for you
seeds positioned

in a pattern
ready to foresee
far-reaching wishes
that stir lights
in your eyes
and purse your lips.

I would like to find
silver shoes for you
the kind that snatch
you away from fear
and whisk you back
to your room
near the window
the jungle gym below
and space between trees
where the hammock
swings in summer,

that time
when the band concert
swells the gazebo
on the town green
with sweet brass sounds
that lift your arms
as you run unaware
of the grass prickling
your pre-school legs,

that time
between the first leafing
of spring-
when trees are bouquets
in the distant hills-

and the flush of fall
in the turn of wind

when you will step up

into the yellow bus
your hair in place
eyes steady,
ready to survey
the lay of the classroom.

But right now
come listen
to the doves at dusk
in the whiteness of the sky
part the air
as they make troughs for dreams
with their murmurs.

Krauss was introduced to writing at a young age. Her mother stressed the importance of communication and began teaching her daughter the art of creating essays. By the age of nine, she was writing short stories. Although Krauss delved into writing at a young age, she did not trust it immediately. "At first, I was very afraid of writing. It was complex and new," Krauss said. "But once I realized how beautiful writing was, I needed to learn about it." She has since published much of her work and is currently working on a book of poems with "hopes of never losing the passion to write and following through with it."

In addition to Krauss' success as a writer, she too is also an effective teacher. Her creative poetry classes motivate students to draw from their inner selves and to use words as vehicles to formulate that self. Although Krauss' classes involve poignant inner journey's and analyses of the self, above all, "the point of the writing course is to have fun and let go."

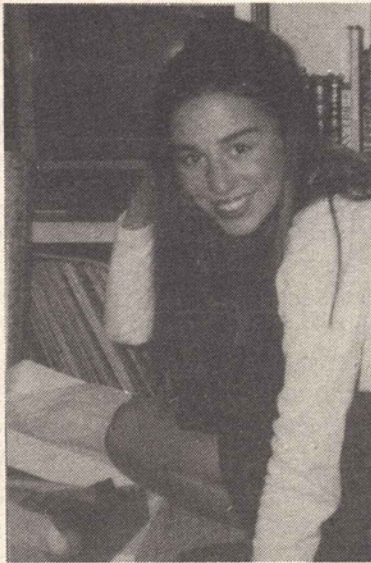
Signs of Life

Student relays struggle with Lyme disease

Heather Wade
Staff Writer

I woke up and looked outside. The nice weather motivated me to get out of bed. I decided to go for a short walk, since I hadn't felt well enough to do so in weeks. I hadn't walked far when I began to feel dizzy and confused. Since I only vaguely remembered how to get back home I decided I better turn around. At this point I began to feel very tired. I felt as though some sort of sedative was being pumped through my bloodstream. With every heart beat my body became more drained. I was so exhausted that I couldn't even make it to the neighbors' door for help. I lowered my lifeless body onto the ground and waited for help. I don't remember what happened at that point. The next thing I remember was my grandfather pulling the car up next to me on the side of the road and helping me in.

Incredibly, this is just one example of the many frightening incidents I've experienced since I was infected with chronic Lyme Disease. I've suffered from this condition since age ten. By the time I was 15 I was so sick that I was forced to withdraw from school; at which point I was tutored at home and in the hospital. Graduating high school on time would be a major struggle for me, but I was determined. I was tutored during the summers to make up for lost time. When I graduated my doctors and fam-



ily agreed that I was not well enough to attend college. Against their advice I registered for school anyway. Consequently my health had slowly begun to improve. I went part time the first year and full time the second. This was a milestone for me because it was the first time that I had gone full time since the eighth grade. As my health improved, my grades also improved. I was able to achieve a 3.5 GPA. I am now beginning my third year, a goal that seemed unattainable.

Many people do not realize how devastating Lyme Disease can be. If not detected early it can become a chronic condition, as it is for me. Lyme disease is transmitted by an anthropoid, the Ixodes Scapularis. It is transmitted when an infected tick attaches to one's body. A usual carrier of this type of tick is the white-footed

mouse and the white-tailed deer. However, ticks are not biased and will feast on any warm-blooded animal. A popular misconception is that these ticks can only be found in the woods. Ticks can be found in your backyard, wooded areas, in tall grasses along the beach, around stone walls and compost areas. These types of ticks are found in 48 of the 50 states.

Lyme Disease causes a wide variety of symptoms including: fatigue, flu-like symptoms, paralysis, loss of reflexes, meningitis, headaches, hoarseness, fainting, light and sound sensitivity, sleeping disorders, cognitive changes, behavioral changes, problems with eye sight, ringing in the ears, deafness, heart problems, pain in muscles and joints, nausea and many other symptoms. Lyme Disease affects everyone differently. In fact, only 40 percent of those infected get the classic bulls-eye rash. If treated immediately Lyme Disease can usually be cured. If it is left untreated it can become a chronic condition.

I suffered from Lyme Disease for five years before I was properly diagnosed. Prior to my diagnosis I had been misdiagnosed and treated for several other illnesses. Lyme Disease is called "the great imitator" because it mimics so many other diseases. Therefore doctors usually end up treating one symptom at a time rather than realizing that all of the symptoms are

connected. Before being diagnosed I saw a whole array of doctors to treat my many symptoms. Initially I was suffering from mild Lyme Disease symptoms, but by the time I was diagnosed I was suffering from vertigo, heart palpitations, chronic encephalitis, accompanied by optic neuritis, dizzy spells, hundreds of seizures a day, and arthritis. I also suffered from major neurological problems including confusion, dyslexia, inability to urinate, short term memory loss and a mild bells palsy.

My memory problems became so severe that my curriculum at school had to be altered to a much less challenging one, and my tutors were told to teach it to me as though they were teaching someone with a learning disability. I could no longer attend school because of my illness and chronic fatigue. I slept between 12 and 18 hours a day. I was placed on intravenous antibiotics for the next four and a half years, and I was frequently hospitalized. It became impossible for me to keep up with my friends or to participate in the activities I loved, including ballet, jazz, gymnastics, cheerleading and horseback riding.

I still suffer from Lyme Disease. However, due to years of treatment there has been a significant improvement in the intensity and duration of the symptoms. Although Lyme Disease has totally disrupted my life, it has also benefitted me in many

ways. Four years ago, I had the opportunity to participate in a Congressional hearing on Lyme Disease. I've also been interviewed by the New York Times, CT Magazine, and the Connecticut Post. Lyme Disease has helped me to appreciate some things that I didn't appreciate before the onset of the disease, such as my studies.

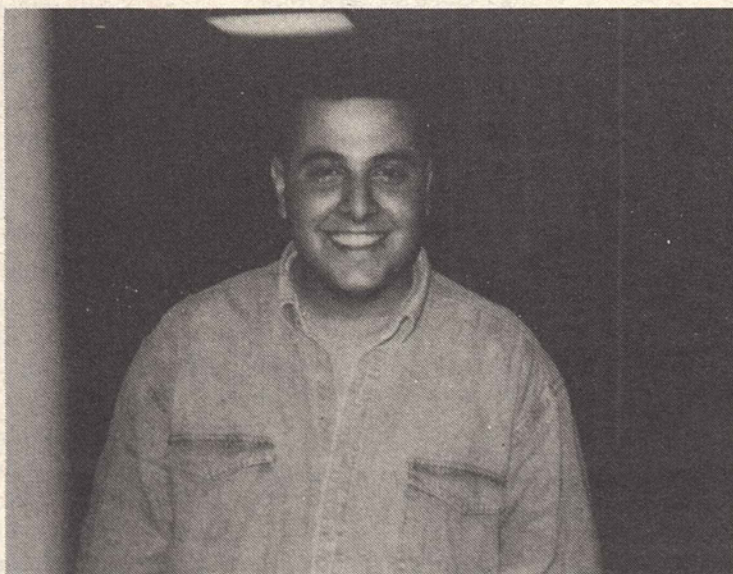
From eighth grade until my senior year in high school, it was a major struggle for me to attend school regularly. Throughout almost all of my high school years, it was necessary for me to be tutored at home and in the hospital. Not having the opportunity to attend school on a regular basis made me appreciate the entire school experience much more than I ever had before. The proof of this lies in my grades which are better than I had anticipated or hoped for.

Lyme Disease has also given me a new outlook on life. I feel that, no matter what situation I encounter, there's always hope of improving things. My goal has always been to beat the illness and to stay in school. It's been a real test for me, but I am determined to succeed. The fact that I've been able to do so gives me a real sense of confidence because I know that nothing can hold me back. I am now filled with a strong determination to succeed at everything I do.

If you have a personal story to contribute to Signs of Life, call Lauren at x2533.

Student Leader of the Month

This month's Student Leader of the Month award is presented to Nick Segretario for his accomplishments as Communications Club president. Nick has taken on this stagnant club and turned it into an active organization with over 100 members. He has completed his first of many fundraisers, a carwash, and has planned trips to Maury Povich, Ricki Lake, ABC studios, and David Letterman. Nick is a sophomore International Studies major. We commend him on his hard



work, dedication and overall positive attitude and look forward to seeing the outcome of his future endeavors, while praising him

for those already accomplished. If you would like information on this or any other club please call the COSO desk, x2685.

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Dole/Kemp Republican Campaign in need of volunteers

May help ease student/town relations

Jennifer Imperia

Assistant Campus Life Editor

"The Fairfield beach situation is so tough because it won't get resolved to the point where one side is completely happy. Students and residents have to learn to live with one another, and maybe then they'll be able to respect each other," said James Millington, the Town of Fairfield Republican Campaign Coordinator.

In light of the recent controversy between students and residents at the beach, Millington proposed an opportunity to help bring the two sides together in efforts to reach a mutual understanding. Working for the Dole/Kemp Republican campaign, Millington is in need of volunteers to help run the town headquarters located at 1429 Post Road. "If I can get the students and residents working together towards a common goal, for once we'd be able to unite them to-

gether as people, not just as college kids and town residents," Millington said.

James Millington is a 1996 graduate of Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and a native of the town of Fairfield. "Growing up here, I always knew that Fairfield students lived at the beach. However, it wasn't until recently that the problems down there got to the point where residents complained as vigorously as they do now," Millington said. Having just graduated from college last May, he is able to identify with both residents and students. When the elections are over in November, Millington hopes to become a part of the Fairfield Police Department, so improving relations between students and residents would hopefully improve relations with the police.

Carl Dickman, a State Representative of the 133rd district, which includes the town of

Fairfield, believes that for the most part, students have a positive effect on the town. "I think there is a great cooperation between students and residents, except for the parties in the spring, but those are problems that can be overcome," Dickman said.

Paul Tymniak is not only a State Representative, but a property owner at Fairfield beach. Since he is in such a unique position, Tymniak is able to sympathize with both sides of the issue. "The University is an important part of the community. They contribute in community projects, they spend money in our town, so somehow we must learn to co-exist in a manner that can be respected," Tymniak said. As a former beach resident, he understands that this is easier said than done, but Tymniak believes that if residents recognize the fact that an ideal living

situation will not always be maintained, they can prepare themselves to accept it.

Millington believes that if students and residents were working together they would have the opportunity to get to know each other on an individual basis. "Both sides would see that the stereotypes are untrue. Not all residents hate the students, and not all students hate the residents," Millington said.

Volunteers for the headquarters are asked to answer phones, hand out literature and assist the elderly in getting to the poles on election day. "What I am trying to do is not completely a political move, it's more of an attempt to bring a diverse community together. By this I mean that in this town, which is largely Republican and controlled by Republicans, we have students and residents," Millington said. Both groups represent different

ideals and can offer different perspectives on a common goal.

If Fairfield students would like to continue living at the beach, it is important to recognize that there are opportunities available to help the situation. The negative image of the students has been created by a select group of residents who are passionate about getting them out of the beach area. This stereotypical image of the irresponsible college student however, is not shared by every Fairfield resident. Therefore, Fairfield students must take advantage of the opportunity to prove themselves and disprove angry residents.

"Things are better now than they were in the past, but students helping out will build a great impression on residents," said Dickman.

Boy Scouts Club Forms on Campus

John Grifferty

Contributing Writer

Some of the most important ideas in history have developed under some of the strangest circumstances. Newton discovered gravity when an apple dropped from a tree onto his head. The invention of electricity began with a kite and a skeleton key. The newest Fairfield University club began with a belt?

When sophomore Joe Jette sat down to his first psychology class, he instantly felt a common bond with his professor, Dr. John Boitano. He noticed the Boy Scouts of America belt that adorned Boitano's pants. After class, the two struck up a

conversation and reflected upon the memories that the Boy Scouts had left upon them. Promptly, the conversation turned to their desire to remain active in the Boy Scouts here in Fairfield. The idea snowballed into what is now Fairfield University's newest club. Why not? There certainly is no lack of leadership from Jette, an Eagle Scout registered in numerous merit categories, and Boitano, an active participant in the Boy Scouts for 35 years. With this in mind, the two set out to begin Fairfield's first Boy Scout organization.

Some may ask why we should have a Boy Scout organization on a college campus since scouting ends when a boy turns eigh-

teen years old. There are, however, plenty of opportunities to remain active even through college and beyond. When a boy turns eighteen, he develops from a scout to a "scouter" whom has the authority to take the younger kids out on expeditions. Also, former scouts can be registered to teach and hand out merit badges to the younger generation of Boy Scouts. Boitano certainly knows something about being a scouter. In fact, both he and his father have earned the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor given by the Scouts to recognize service.

Certainly the Boy Scouts has

not been just about service for Jette and Boitano. They feel that they have received much more than they have given throughout the years. This is why, according to Boitano, "It's payback time." The two feel that they have "gained a great deal" from the international organization, and they plan to give back what they have already learned and experienced to the young Boy Scouts in this area.

The club will offer much assistance to inner-city youth in neighboring cities such as Bridgeport. The Boy Scouts of America have established 25 scholarships for inner-city kids who have an interest in the Scouts. However, in order to be eligible for the scholarship, one must be a first class scout. The new Fairfield scout organization will be able to help kids whom otherwise might not find the leadership they need to obtain this status. Another benefit of the club is to help kids become Eagle Scouts. The prestigious title of Eagle Scout is given to only one percent of all Boy Scouts in America. Thus, the title can open doors for anyone who attains it.

Boitano has taken the idea for a Boy Scout club at Fairfield to the mecca of the scout world, the annual Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. The Jamboree hosted 35,000 scouts and 100,000 total attendees at the

Natural Amphitheater. Boitano introduced the concept for the new club to the Jamboree committee chairman of Fairfield who considered it a breakthrough idea. He agreed that the club will fulfill a real need in the area, serving the youth with the leadership and knowledge gained from being a Boy Scout or an Eagle Scout. Because the club is such an innovative idea, there is also the potential for expansion to other Universities in the area and perhaps throughout the world. Eventually, Boitano would like to venture to places such as Maine and beyond. "Who knows? If we start with this, the sky's the limit," Boitano said.

Of course, since this is such a groundbreaking organization, the two leaders have extended an invitation to anyone interested in becoming involved. Anyone from a devoted Eagle Scout to a person who simply wants to get involved can become an active member. Those interested can attend the first meeting on Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in Bannow 334. The University is also hosting a Merit Badge College for local children on Saturday, March 15. All are welcome.

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From the Editor's Desk...

It has come to my attention that some people were agitated by the number of errors in the September 26 edition of the *Mirror*. I would like to take this opportunity to explain.

Over the summer, I came to campus several times per week upgrading the quality of the *Mirror*, changing the layout and adding new features. Our advertisements were increased and production seemed better than ever.

After having graduated almost all of last year's editors, I was hesitant, but come September everything seemed to be running smoothly.

To my dismay, however, on Friday, September 20 when I entered the *Mirror* office to lay out ads, I discovered that all three computers were down. Spellcheck and many other programs were erased entirely from the system. The school failed to notify me when there was an electrical storm this summer. The wires were surged and the hard drive was erased. Only one computer was restored by Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. This left us less than 24 hours to lay out and proof the entire paper. My managing editor and I worked until 3 a.m. in order to meet advertisers' requests and promises made to the University.

It is my hope that those of you who were so dissatisfied with the first issue can understand that sometimes mistakes are made. Despite all of our setbacks, I tried my best and production began. In the future weeks, the *Mirror* will strive to meet everyone's expectations. Keep in mind that from Sunday night to Wednesday afternoon, a staff of 10 oversees the *Mirror's* production. We work to the best of our capabilities. I suggest that those of you who can't find anything better to do than to criticize the *Mirror*, come and offer your services.

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Fairfield Alumnus speaks out

Editors Note: This is a copy of the letter that was sent to the 1st selectman Paul Audley on September 24, 1996. It was sent to us to print.

Dear Mr. Audley,

On the weekend of September 21, my friends and I were in Fairfield for Alumni weekend at Fairfield University. As a former student, I realize that the student/town relationship is not a particularly healthy one. This is clearly evident at the beach where much tension exists between the students and the Fairfield Police.

This weekend was a reminder of how outrageous this situation is. Over the weekend the Fairfield Police Department decided that it was necessary to set up a mobile command center outside the Sea Grape Bar where they could "overlook" any Fairfield social event or "threat" at the beach. At the

same time police officers patrolled the streets outside the bar as if they expected a riot to erupt. It was then their duty to attempt to break up any party they saw or any place where these "threatening" students were gathering. These same officers could not help from giving out tickets to as many students/alumni whom they spotted with a beer near the street regardless of their age.

Perhaps the highlight for the police department came when an altercation occurred on Saturday night between two students near the front door of the Sea Grape Bar. As the officers quickly broke this up, they decided to spray some form of gas/mace throughout the bar causing the 99.9% innocent to evacuate the bar more than a half-hour before closing time. Apparently these officers decided that all of us were dangerous and the fun was over.

It is a shame that a supposedly fun weekend with friends will always be remembered as the "Weekend of the Fairfield Police." It was interesting to notice that these officers seemed

to "get a kick" out of harassing students and breaking up any fun that

we could possibly have. I find it hard to believe that the Fairfield Police Department should have harassing/ticketing and breaking up parties as their number one priority in town. It is obvious that this was the case that weekend and it appears that most officers rather enjoy it.

A healthier relationship must start to exist between students and officers. As an alumnus of Fairfield University and a former beach resident I sympathize with those students who will have to endure this all year long unless something is done. These officers are needed to protect the town from danger. Students and alumni who want to share time with their friends at the beach should not be seen as a threat needing a dozen patrolling officers.

The situation will not improve if officers continue to harass students. I strongly hope something can be done to ease the tension that exists.

Sincerely, Daniel P. Rynkar

New courses in Catholicism

To the Editor,

Fairfield University is foremost a Catholic institution. The classes and professors must show toleration and respect for our religion, our philosophy of life, and our commitment to certain values. We expect that some faculty members will disagree with traditional Catholic teachings at a University, but it is proper for them to show both sides of the argument. In the book *Why are the Fairfield University Buildings named after Dead Jesuits*, Father Joseph MacDonnell states, "...Jesuit Tradition, a much abused term, frequently called upon to defend academic practices that have nothing to do with tradition or with Jesuits." (Introduction) We ask for toleration and respect for our culture, our religion, our Church. We request the following:

•In the Religious Studies Department that there be a course entitled *The Official Teachings of the Catholic Church*, which

will teach the Catechism, Papal Encyclicals, Doctrines of the Church, The New Testament and Old Testament and remain faithful to the official Catholic teachings.

•In the History Department there must be a course similar to the one a few years back. This course should be entitled the *History of the Jesuits*, which should be open for both faculty and students. This course will analyze the events and people that have developed the Society of Jesus. These Jesuits have had a tremendous impact on the world and are definitely worthy of their own course.

We believe in the right of students to be able to choose to take a course on Catholicism. We believe in the right of students to be able to grow in their Catholic heritage within their academic studies. We believe that these two courses will help in these two aims.

Melissa Dollan
 Brian Neville
 Christopher Maroney

Campus Voices:

Although many of you voiced your concerns and frustrations with the beach/town relations, not one person responded on behalf of the students, or the town for that matter in the form of a letter to the editor.

If this is really a concern that many of you have, let us hear your comments.

The problems will not disappear if the issue is ignored; come forth and share your views.

Write for Commentary

Response to Bellarmine

Letter to the Editor:

I had to add to the discussion regarding St. Robert Bellarmine and the presence of religious objects at Fairfield University. These topics were discussed in separate articles in the September 26 issue of the *Fairfield Mirror*. The history dates back to before the undergraduates now here were born and before most faculty arrived at Fairfield. These changes were made in response to a legal suit that attempted to remove federal funding from our University because of our supposed religious affiliation. The suit went to the Supreme Court which

found in our favor in a 5-4 decision. Those were rough times financially and the University might have folded if the suit went the other way. I have a Web site homepage that I use in my courses and I have placed the Court's decision there for those who might want to read it. The URL address is:
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/jcmacdonald>.

The changes referred to in the articles were warranted at that time and should remain in effect.

John C. MacDonald
 Professor of History

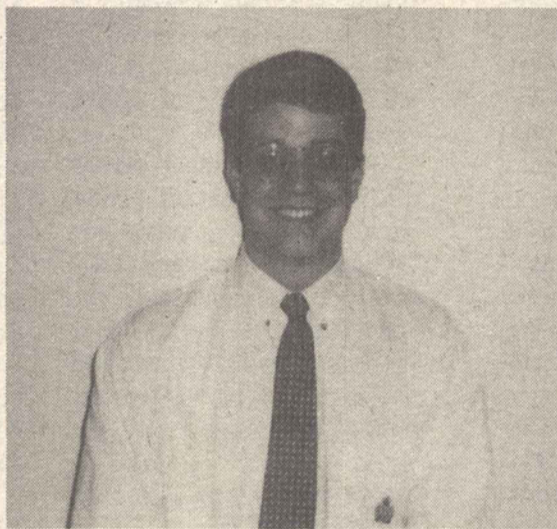
FUSA President Mike Reardon addresses student body

People often ask me, "What do you do?" I would like to take a chance to answer this question and explain a little about what FUSA is all about and what we do. I must first explain that I do not do it alone. I have an extremely talented and bright group of people whom I work with and who do a fantastic job or really running FUSA. My primary responsibility is to represent the concerns and rights of students on this campus and off. I am committed to being the advocate for the students and hope that you feel that you can come and talk to me about any issue that you feel is not being handled properly. Remember without students there would be no Fairfield University, do not feel that your opinion does not matter.

Over the summer, I attempted to remain true to many of the promises that I made while running for FUSA President and I am happy to report that many of these promises have been turned into tangible realities. The mailroom is now open for Saturday delivery, although the window is not currently open, this is a start. The path from Regis to Canisius was completed and the need for upgrades in the computer labs was brought to light and addressed. Unfortunately, attempts to get a student discount at Gold's Gym was unsuccessful, but an attempt was made. I will continue to look towards advancing the recreational needs of the undergraduate student population until the need is satisfied. This summer, I also worked with the University administration to ensure that students had a fair and reasonable tailgating policy and free tickets to Football games.

Recently we have been faced with increasing pressure and tension at the beach. Let me first start by saying that FUSA and the University are working on the students behalf to ensure that our rights are being protected. I must also add that with rights come responsibilities and we must always remember this fact. We must take responsibility for the actions that we take and be

willing to accept the consequences of those actions. If people act responsibly and respect the rights of the residents of the beach community we will have less problems down there. If you feel that you have been harrassed at the beach and been wrongly targeted for a ticket,



and Goody Mob, so it should be and incredible show. Along with all of this activity we are still sponsoring movies in Gonzaga auditorium on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We are also sponsoring movies in the Grind and student spotlights in that facility as well. If you are interested in performing in the Grind, please give a call or stop by the FUSA office.

One of the biggest events FUSA is working on right now is the annual Midnight Madness event to kick off the 1996-1997 Basketball season, one that should prove to be highly successful. Last year this event was a huge success and really gave Fairfield a chance to come together and support the Stags.

The way things are successful is by having everyone share their ideas and resources and get behind events. In order for this year to be a success, it is up to us. The future of Fairfield is in our hands and we have the potential to make it a very bright future.

It is my most sincere belief that it is through everyone working together that positive things get accomplished. It is my honest hope that the positive relations that have been established with UNITE, IRHG, The Commuter Club, SBRA, the Resident Assistants, Alumni Relations and FUSA will continue to foster a sense of spirit and cooperation on campus. This year Fairfield is poised to have a fantastic year but we need you. FUSA is attempting to be responsive to student needs and are extremely interested in what you have to say. In order to help facilitate better communication, FUSA has established a web page that can be accessed through the University Home Page and we welcome any comments or suggestions that you might have for us. If you have any questions about any issue facing Fairfield please do not hesitate to call me at extension 4040, or e-mail me @FUSA. Together let's work to bring more pride and enthusiasm back to Fairfield. GOSTAGS!!

please let FUSA or the Dean of Students Office know and we will help you rectify the situation. This weekend FUSA is working with SBRA to sponsor a Beach Cleanup on Sunday at 1p.m. Shuttles will run from the Campus Center starting at 12:30 and will run continuously until 3p.m. Please come down and take responsibility for keeping that area clean. We will also be providing free food and entertainment, so bring a friend and come on down. This year FUSA is committed to bringing quality programming and entertainment to this campus. Recently FUSA spearheaded an effort to bring fireworks to campus and really start the year off with a bang. This event was a great success and things should only get better. Every Friday night at the Levee we have a Comedian and on Saturday we have bands. A few of the bands we have are: Might Purple, Angry Salad, Little John and Suprox, to just name a few. All of these Levee events are free, so you really can not lose. Also, Jean Bertrand Aristide, form President of Haiti will be coming on October 7, Tabith Soren on October 22, and the Harvest Weekend concert and dance on October 25 and 26. The concert will consist of four bands, The Might Mighty Bosstones, Fishbone, De La Sol,

THANK YOU from Operation Hope

Letter to the Editor:

WOW! On August 30, sixty marvelous student resident assistants from Fairfield University amazed everyone at Operation Hope with their energy and volunteer spirit! The students were organized into small groups which focused on areas of need at Operation Hope. One group painted and cleaned parts of the building which houses our shelters for men, women and families. A second group weeded the garden and tidied our grounds and still another large group helped to move and organize donations for our Tag Sale fund-raiser.

Operation Hope is located in downtown Fairfield and operates three shelters (for men,

women and families) as well as a Food Pantry, Community Soup Kitchen and a Daytime Drop-in Program. On behalf of the guests, staff and Board of Directors, I want to extend a big THANKS to all of the students involved in making us "sparkle." Your enthusiasm and hard work were a true gift. We are grateful for your active participation in helping those in our community who are hungry and homeless. And, you are welcome to join us again anytime! Please contact Meghan Lowney at 254-2935 if individuals or groups are interested in volunteering. Best of luck in the year ahead. Sincerely yours,
 Meghan K. Lowney

Letters to the editor are due by Sunday night to the *Mirror* office or Box AA.

Letters to the Editor Continued Spelling wizards correct the *Mirror*

To the Editors and Staff of *The Mirror*:

It has never been clear to the students of Fairfield University that our alma mater's appellation might be else transcribed with variation. This year's first edition of *The Mirror* clearly marked this possibility with such spellings as "Fairfield University" (If these Stones Could Speak...), "Fairfield" (ibid.), and "Fairfiled" (Suprox: In the House!). Creative spelling may be fun or typographical, but it is wrong. Further than "wrong," one might suggest "embarrassing," "unprofessional," or "lazy."

Certainly, Fairfield University (note the spelling) is an institution which prides itself upon academic endeavor, but the quality of *The*

Mirror is an outright contradiction of what Fairfield University should reflect. We submit an edited version of volume 21, number 1, with notated mistakes just on immediate review. Most of these mistakes, such as the spellings of our university's NAME, could have been easily avoided by reading the articles prior to publication or with a "spellcheck" review.

Editorial discretion is valued discipline in journalism. While such discretion may not "emanate[]" (A vegetarian's delight...) from "homeopathic literature" (If these Stones Could Speak...), it could become quite respectable in the weekly editions of *The Mirror*.

Sincerely,
Bill Hulseman '98
B. Parker Sullivan '97

See "From the Editor's Desk" explanation to "Spelling wizards"

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When one Bill doesn't know what another bill is doing

Joseph Marcello
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, September 26, 1996, was a tragic day in the history of the United States. By a vote of 57 for and 41 against, the Senate failed to override President Bill Clinton's veto of H.R.1833, the bill that would have outlawed a procedure known as partial-birth abortion (PBA). Senator Don Nickles, (R.-Okla.) observed recently, "...it is unbelievable that this unspeakable abortion procedure even exists in this country, much less that we have to take legislative action" [to ban it]. We all know just what the partial birth abortion is, so I won't enumerate the horrible details. Still, when one hears just what happens to a child during a PBA, one wonders why anyone would support it.

When President Clinton, over the objections of the nation's eight Catholic Cardinals, many members of Congress, and millions of decent Americans, vetoed the bill that would have outlawed the PBA, he skillfully set forth certain half-truths about the PBA and his actions in its regard, so that the electorate would not perceive him as a pro-abortion extremist. It is no secret that the President vetoed this bill because he did not want to risk alienating politically powerful pro-abortion groups such as the National Organization for Women and the National Abortion Rights Action League. Still, he gave some superficially legitimate reasons that he felt he could not, in good conscience sign the bill. With a care-

ful examination of each of his objections, however, one clearly sees that his objections have no basis in fact. These objections are as follows:

-The PBA, despite what the President would have us believe, is never necessary to save the mother's life. "There are absolutely no obstetrical situations...which require a partially delivered human fetus to be destroyed to preserve the life or health of the mother" (Testimony of Pamela Smith, M.D. in U.S. Senate Hearing Report 104-260 [Testimony of November 17, 1995] p. 82.).

-H.R.1833 actually included a provision for the mother's life, but the President also wanted a provision for the mother's health. Notwithstanding the fact that health, defined in the context of abortion is defined to include all factors (physical, emotional, familial and social) and that this definition creates a loophole large enough to justify any abortion, the leading PBA authority in the United States, Dr. Warren Hern, stated in *American Medical News* (November 20, 1995, p.3) that the PBA is never necessary to preserve a woman's health. Furthermore, on September 17, 1996, the Physician's Ad Hoc Coalition for Truth (PAHCT), an organization comprised of approximately 300 medical specialists, including former Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop, published a statement in many newspapers, including *USA Today*, that "partial-birth abortion is never medically nec-

essary to protect a mother's health or future fertility."

-Finally, proponents of the PBA assert that it is rare and only done for very serious reasons. The fact of the matter is that 600 to 2,000 PBAs are performed yearly in the United States; however, after a state-wide investigation, the September 15th issue of the *Bergen Record* reported that at least 1,500 PBAs are performed annually in New Jersey alone, thus suggesting that the nationwide total is much higher than 600 to 2,000. Furthermore, the abortionists themselves report that most PBAs are purely elective and that the others are performed to abort handicap fetuses (U.S. Senate Hearing Report 104-260, p. 23.).

Although many people that otherwise consider themselves pro-choice cannot bring themselves to condone the malignant evil of the PBA, the more hardened members of the pro-choice camp see the bill permitting partial birth abortions as a first step towards overturning *Roe vs. Wade*. Conversely, people that hold the pro-life position view the continued legality of the PBA as the first step towards legalized murder of children. Everyone must admit that if the child were a few inches more out of the birth canal the partial birth abortion would constitute murder. I don't know about you, and I don't know about the President, but I'd much rather see *Roe vs. Wade* overturned than infanticide legalized.

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The HAM Channel gears up for new season

Bridgette Cirrincione
Staff Writer

Fairfield's one-and-only student run television station, HAM Channel 51, is gearing up for the 1996-1997 season. HAM is looking for new recruits to help in all aspects of this season's stellar line-up.

This year's HAM Channel is eager to surpass the success of last year's first ever season, when students produced seven shows, ranging from weekly news and sports to games and music video. Last season's favorites will return during mid-October along with some new additions that promise to be creative, hilarious, and even more technically advanced.

HAM's executive producer, John Stys, states that he

"really wants this year's executive board to be part of the circles and not be afraid to put their two cents in."

Stys is eager to make this circles as large as possible. "The more people we have means more ideas, talent, and man power," he said. There are unlimited positions open, ranging from producer, writers, editors, and technical crew persons to directors of business, publicity, sales and commercial production. The HAM Channel offers invaluable opportunities in many areas at a time when college students have trouble finding work experience.

There are many different ways to become part of the HAM family. By enrolling in TV Scripting & Production I, students not only learn how to

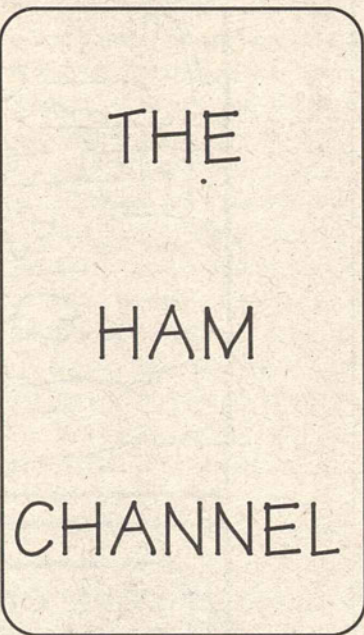
run equipment and create their own shows with state of the art technology, but also learn from and work with HAM faculty advisor, Father Jim Mayzik, S.J. "Being in this class is not only fun, but actually useful because you get real hands on experience with real television equipment. It's one of the greatest classes I've taken here at Fairfield," Meegan Wenk, junior TV Scripting & Production I class member, said.

Beyond TV I, students will be able to further improve their skills, and work toward personal goals in TV Scripting & Production II. The television curriculum and Fairfield is only beginning. It is in the process of receiving support through a new minor in television and film production

from the Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

If the class route is not the road you wish to take, simply join the HAM Channel as a "Club Member" and participate only when it is most convenient for you. HAM offers several training sessions and socials to get everyone comfortable with the station.

If either the television industry strongly interests you or you simply want to see what HAM is all about, contact the HAM Channel at x4118, Xavier Hall, Ground Floor. You can also speak to Father Jim Mayzik, Department of Visual and Performing Arts x7239 or x2268. Don't miss the chance to be a part of a great season of HAM!



The Del McCoury Band comes to Quick Center

Nell Bateman
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Del McCoury Band will open the 1996-7 Bluegrass music series at The Quick Center on October 5. "Del McCoury's voice is as good as has ever been heard in Bluegrass," says the New York Times, and the band swept the awards at the International Bluegrass Music Association convention. The awards included "1996 Male Vocalist of the Year," won by Del McCoury, "1996 Entertainer of the Year," also won by Del,

"1996 Instrumental Group of the Year," awarded to The Del



McCoury Band, "1996 Mandolin Player of the Year," given to Ronnie McCoury, "1996 Bass Player of the Year," went to Mike Bub, and "Instrumental Album of the Year" appropriately awarded to Ronnie and Robby McCoury.

Now in its fifth year, the series is being presented by

the Walton Hollow, Inc. in cooperation with the Quick Center and is the only one of its kind in Connecticut. Claire Lynch and The Front Porch String Band opens the show. Tickets are \$18 (\$13 for Fairfield University students and staff,

and seniors.) A big pickin' party from 5-7:30 precedes the show.

The Del McCoury Band is one of the country's premier Bluegrass bands, and tickets are selling as quickly as their grass grows blue. Call the Quick Center for ticket information at 254-4010.

A comedy by the Reduced Shakespeare Company

Nell Bateman
A & E Editor

The Reduced Shakespeare Company returns to Fairfield's Quick Center on Sunday October 6, at 7pm, with its latest comedy "The Bible - The Complete Word of God (Abridged)."

The trio comprises talents Reed Martin, Matthew Croke, and Austin Tichenor. These zany cast members perform a hilarious show, promising to answer such important theological questions as: Did Adam and Eve have navels? Did Moses really look like Charlton Heston? And why isn't the word "phonetic" spelled the way it sounds?

Without becoming tasteless, humor runs rampant with scenes where Jacob

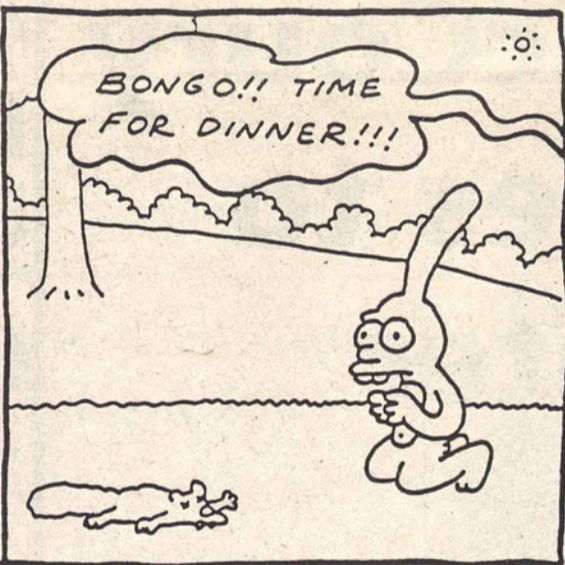
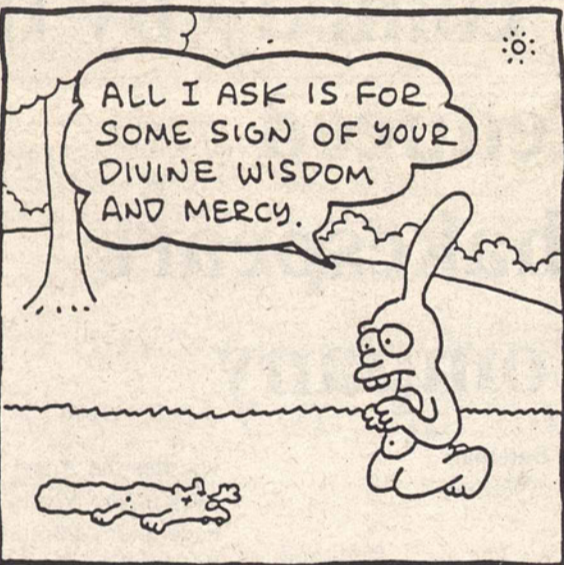
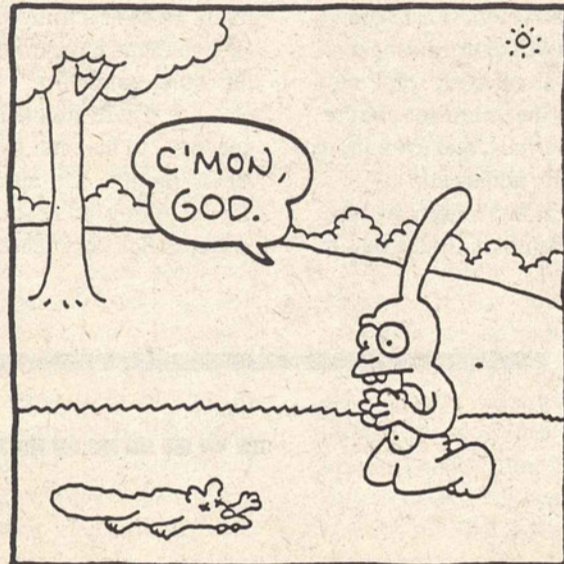
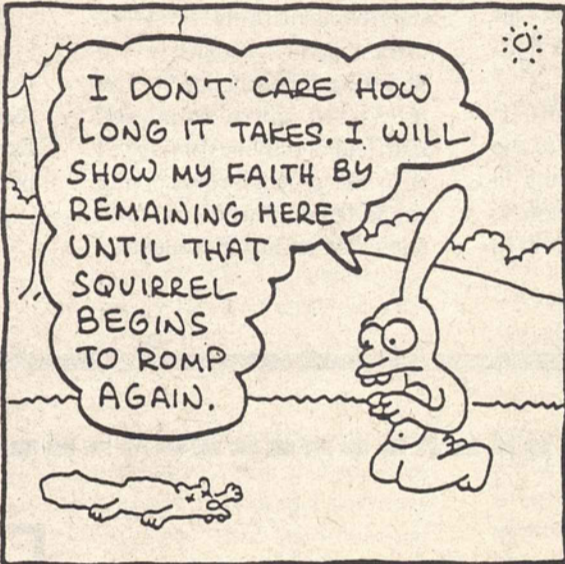
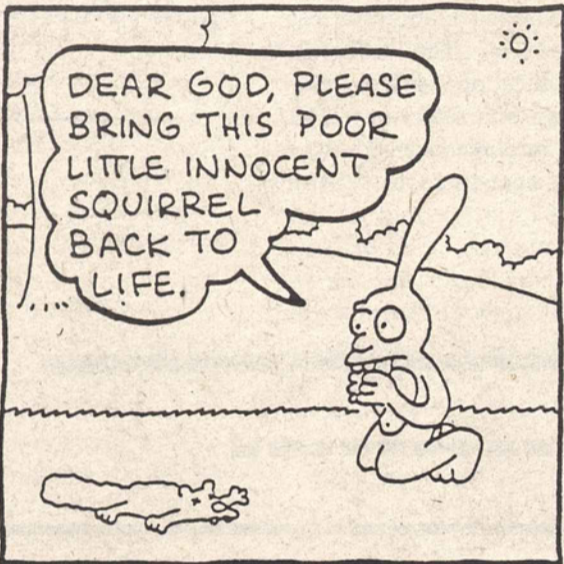
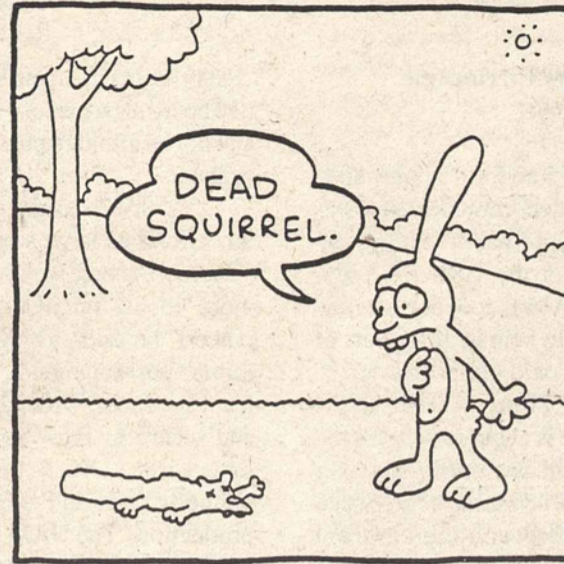
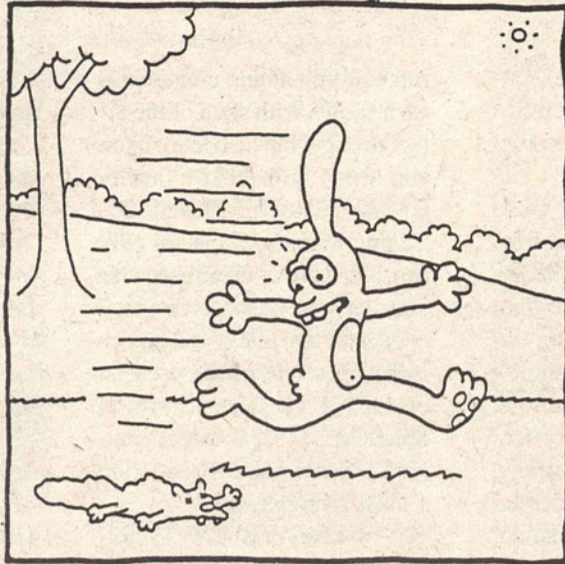
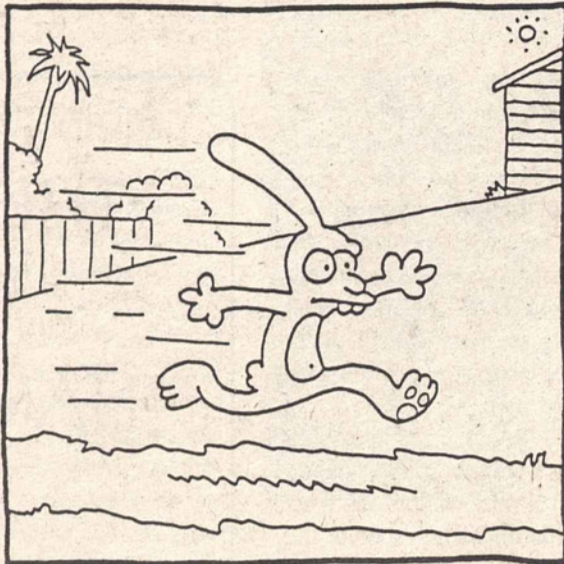
wrestles the Angel Gabriel as seen in the World Wrestling Federation, Pontius Pilate is World War I's flying Red Baron, and Noah's Ark takes on semblance of Old McDonald's farm.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company have appeared on NBC's "Tonight Show," "Entertainment Tonight," and CNN's "Showbiz this Week," among others. The talented troupe sold out last year at the Quick Center with their "Complete History of America," so the public is encouraged to buy tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are \$25, \$22, and \$19, with discounts available to students, seniors and large groups. For information, call the box office at 254-4010.

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Bertucci's brick oven pizza receives positive rating

Phil Bloete
Staff Writer

Chew on this....

After being quickly seated, our waiter greeted us with the same congeniality as that of a friend. He brought over a bottomless bowl of salad and an unlimited supply of bread, both a definite plus. Upon his suggestion, my guest and I went with the specialty of the house, pizza. My guest went with The Panino (\$8.25) which was substantially adorned with Italian sausage, mushrooms, mozzarella and plenty of tomato sauce. I ventured for the Romano (\$8.25), topped with green peppers, mushrooms, white onions, mozzarella, and again, plenty of tomato sauce.

Both pies were excellent, like the service so we tested our luck with desert. Since Jay (our waiter) was right about the main course, I asked him again to point me in the best direction. He led me to the Chocolate Torta (\$2.95) which, although very, very tiny, was very, very good. It consisted of a chocolate mousse sandwiched between dark chocolate cake.

To top it off, it was covered with a savory chocolate sauce. My guest was equally pleased with her Italian Cheesecake (\$3.95) which was smothered with Raspberry sauce and rested on a chocolate biscotti crust.

As well as pizza, it offers an array of other Italian creation.

Lunch is served between 11-4 and dinner thereafter. Next time we may "create our own." Medium pies start at \$6.25 and large start at \$9.25. Toppings are \$1.30 and \$2.00 respectively. Bertucci's is located at 833 Post Road East in Westport.



Rating system: one drink is fair, two is good, three is very good, four is excellent.

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Baseball Team Looks Strong in Fall Competition

Terrence McCarron
Staff Writer

This fall exhibition season, Fairfield University baseball head coach John Slosar is getting valuable opportunities to evaluate his players during practices and a competitive exhibition schedule.

In recent exhibition action, the Stags defeated the University of Hartford 15-7, and lost to the University of Massachusetts, a national powerhouse. Despite the loss to UMASS, coach Slosar was pleased to have had the opportunity to face such a competitive opponent.

"It gives us a chance to see what it takes to compete and

win on that level," Slosar said.

This year's team will have to deal with the departure of some key players, most notably, outfielders Mike Pike and Justin Kern, and pitcher Jim Manias. Pike, who rewrote school record books with record breaking or tying performances in nine offensive categories, and Kern were the top two offensive producers in the Stag's lineup a season ago. Jim Manias logged the most innings on the pitching staff last year with a total of 64.

Returning senior outfielder Sal Gianone will have to pick up much of the slack this year for Fairfield.

"Sal does a lot of things for us. He bats for a high average, gets many extra base hits,

and steals bases too."

A major factor in determining the success of the Fairfield pitching staff will be the return of three pitchers. Southpaw Rob Elinskas, MAAC South rookie of the year Jared DeCore, and newcomer Joseph Bruderek.

Coach Slosar once again has high expectations for his team and he understands the hard work it will take to reach the top of the MAAC conference.

"We always shoot to win the division," Slosar said. "The teams that establish themselves with consistency, fundamental play, and producing on an everyday basis are the one's that win."

Golf Team Continues to Impress

Rick Thomson
Sports Editor

The Fairfield University golf team, fresh of last week's second place finish in the MAAC championships, finished in sixth place this past weekend at the Dartmouth Invitational in Hanover, New Hampshire. The team greatly improved on last year's ninth place finish in this same event, despite playing against better competition.

"The field was a lot stronger this year than it was last year," head coach Dan McCabe said. "We were pleased at where we finished up."

Individually, Tom Furey finished second overall,

firing a two-day total of 142, including an even-par round of 69 on Sunday.

"Tom played some great golf this weekend," McCabe said. "He's really come close to winning a tournament on a couple of occasions in his career."

This week, the Stags travel to Rhode Island to compete in the Eastern College Athletic Conference qualifier on Thursday, then head to Amherst, Massachusetts for the Toski Invitational, a tournament that Fairfield finished seventh in last year.

"I would say we are probably in the top ten in New England right now," McCabe said. "I think people are really starting to notice us."

Cross-Country Looks to Run Over Competition at Fairfield Invitational

Matt Pitucco
Circulation Manager

Founded by the immortal Father Victor Leeber, S.J. in 1947, the Fairfield University cross-country team took to the trails for the first time. It's been decades since the harriers were officially known as "the men in red," and this Saturday the 50th edition of the Fairfield cross-country team will hold the Fairfield University Cross-Country Invitational. Fittingly, Father Leeber will fire the shot that will start the race.

Buoyed by a strong recruiting class, the 1996 edition of the women's team has high hopes for the future. Two weeks ago at the Siena Invitational in Saratoga Springs State Park, New York,

the women finished first in a tri-meet versus Siena and Hartford. Senior Anne Marie Levesque has looked strong thus far this season on a team laden with underclassmen.

On the men's side, senior Ian MacNeil has already been stamped by some as the greatest runner Fairfield has ever seen. He will forever be recognized in the history books after setting the course record last year on Fairfield's home course. This past weekend, MacNeil led the Stags to an 18th place finish at the Iona Invitational at Van Cortland Park in the Bronx.

Co-Captains MacNeil and Eric Roland have been the spiritual leaders behind the cohesive, senior laden team. Sophomores Dan "Nature Boy" Whitney and Dave "Lurch"

Dzurek have fashioned quality results for the squad as well. At the Siena Invitational, Whitney finished second overall, with MacNeil third and senior Dan McHale fourth.

"By the end of the season, we should have eight guys running under 30 minutes," Roland said.

He also senses a breakthrough for the team at the MAAC championships on October 26 at Van Cortland Park.

"We were fourth last year," Roland said. "This year we may surprise some people."

As for this Saturday's Fairfield Invitational, the women's team will run at 11:15 a.m. and the men will run at 12:00 p.m. Remember to come out to Alumni Field and support the Stags.

Stags lose heart-breaker to Lehigh

Jeff Woelpper
Staff Writer

One bad call can change the entire complexion of a game. The men's soccer team found that out last Wednesday when they fell to Lehigh, 1-0. During the 119th minute of play, the referee granted Lehigh an indirect kick after a questionable call against a Stag defender. Lehigh took advantage of this and converted it into a goal, scoring off a deflection.

Field had previously dominated the entire match, outshooting the heavily favored Lehigh contingency 30-8. The Stag's greatest opportunity to score came in the second half of the overtime period. After receiving a beautiful pass from Claudio Barrientos, Barry O'Driscoll's shot hit the top of the goalpost and their chance slipped away.

"That was our best performance so far," head coach

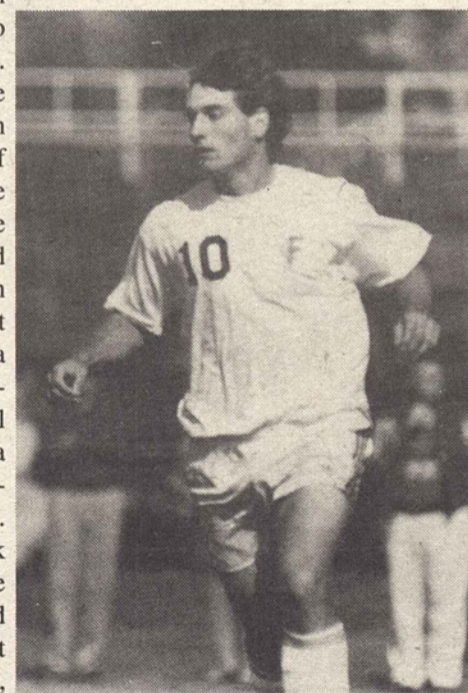
Carl Rees said. "They came in as the favorite and we took it to them."

A pivotal part of the Stag's season begins Wednesday as they begin a string of four straight road games. Three of these games come against MAAC rivals Iona, Manhattan, and St. Peter's. The other game pins the Stags up against 11th ranked Connecticut.

"They're all going to be difficult games," Rees said. "This is the critical part of the season, and the fact that we are on the road also makes it more of a challenge."

Despite the tough road that lies ahead, Rees is optimistic about the team's chances.

"The first half of the season has been a good preparation," Rees said. "We've established a team personality and we've proven that we can be a formidable foe."



Xavier Egurbide

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Volleyball vs. Columbia
Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Underclassmen pace volleyball team to first place in MAAC

Rick Thomson
Sports Editor

The new-look Fairfield University women's volleyball team is turning many heads throughout the nation, as a host of new faces, a determined coaching staff, and some well-played matches have helped place the Stags atop the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference with 3-0 record.

"Things are very positive right now," second year head coach Todd Kress said. "We have a bunch of players dedicated to turning this program around."

The stags conquered their biggest challenge of the year two weeks ago, as they wiped out Sienna 15-13, 13-15, 15-10, 15-5, handing Sienna its first conference loss in three years.

"We made people realize that we are for real with that victory," Kress said. "They were the team to beat, and now the conference is wide open."

This past weekend, The Stags showed no signs of being sluggish after their big victory over Sienna, as they rolled over Canisius, Northeastern, and Niagara in straight sets.

"Those were big matches for us, we really came out strong" Kress said. "We proved to people that the Sienna match was no fluke. Canisius beat us in three sets last year, and this year we beat them in three."

The Stags have also played very well in some tough non-conference matches. Fairfield made a strong show-

ing against a talented Indiana State contingency in the first match of the year. Then, last week, the Stags travelled to Boston College and gave the perennial Big East powerhouse all it could handle. However, Fairfield came up a little bit short, losing three very tightly contested sets 18-16, 15-12, and 15-11. Despite the loss, Kress was pleased with his team's gutsy performance.

"It was a very competitive and winnable match," Kress said. "This match was a stepping stone that has made us even stronger."

Surprisingly, Fairfield has put together a great season with a team made up of six freshman and one sophomore. Leading the way is Jen McLaughlin, a freshman who earned MAAC player of the week honors early in September, as she recorded 61 kills in three matches for the Stags at the Army Invitational.

"Jen absolutely refuses to lose," Kress said. "She is competitive and tenacious, a real fighter out there."

Kress also noted that the team really seemed to come together after Sarah Harris, a key player at middle blocker, was forced to step away from the team for personal reasons. In her absence, Freshman Kim Thomas and Erin Ellis have stepped in and played extremely well.

This week, the stags look to improve on their 10-6 overall record with a slew of non-conference matches. Fairfield will face Vermont and Brown on Saturday and Dartmouth and Harvard on Sunday.

Women's tennis comes up short against Dartmouth

Rick Thomson
Sports Editor

The post-Jim Giachino era began on a sour note this past weekend for the Fairfield University women's tennis team, as they dropped a tough match against a talented Dartmouth contingency, 6-1.

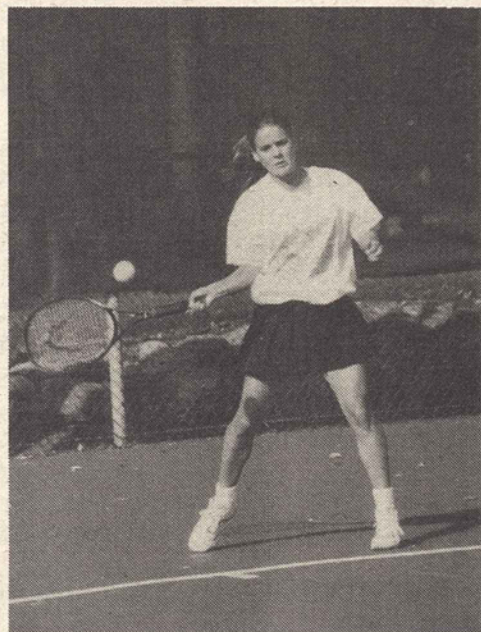
Giachino's replacement, at least for the time being, is Tim Norton. Last spring, Norton volunteered with the men's tennis team as an assistant to head coach Doctor Joseph Grassi. This year, Norton was once again helping out with the men's team before taking over the women's program on an interim basis.

Unfortunately, the Stags could not come up with a victory for their new coach. Fairfield's lone winner was Nancy Searle, who easily won her match at number five singles, 6-4, 6-1. The closest match of the day was at number three singles, as sophomore Dierdre Tindall split the first two sets with her opponent

before losing a very close third set, 7-5. Candice Srubar, a talented junior also played well in her match at number six singles, but came up a little bit short, losing 6-4, 6-4.

"There were a lot of close matches," Norton said. "A few points here and a few points there, and the outcome may have been different."

With the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championships looming just a week away, Norton is full of confidence and very impressed with his new team.



"Obviously, they have done very well under Jim's tutelage," Norton said. "They are very disciplined and work extremely hard at practice."

Norton also stressed the fact that the team has accomplished a lot over the past few years, and as long as they keep playing with the same intensity and desire that has brought such tremendous success in the past, a fifth straight MAAC championship is not out of reach.

Women's soccer still searching for consistency

Brian Manning
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's soccer team continued to play up and down ball last week, as they went 1-1 bringing their record to 3-4 on the season.

The team opened the week with a very convincing 3-0 win over Iona, controlling play the entire game. The Stags defense was superb in holding Iona to almost no scoring chances. Christen Veach continued her excellent play in goal, as she gained her first shut out of the season. Leading the way for the forwards was junior Kelli Hurley who scored a hat-trick, netting all three Stag goals.

The high was short lived for the Stags, however. In their next game against Siena, they were dealt a disappointing 1-0 loss. Even though Fairfield clearly had more talent, and set the tone for the game

right from the outset, holding Siena to just 4 shots, the Stags couldn't put the ball in the net. The only goal of the game came on a beautiful passing play, that ended with a Siena forward heading the ball past Veach.

"We completely dominated Siena," head coach Dave Tanner said. "Our quality of play is improving quite a bit, we just simply failed to score."

The team doesn't seem discouraged yet, however, and still feels there is time to turn the season around.

"Hopefully over the next couple of games we'll pick it up offensively, and get back on track," senior Diana Grande said. "These next few games are extremely important."

The Stags played at Fordham on Tuesday, and will face St. Joseph's at home on Sunday.

Too little, too late for Football Team in Loss to St. John's

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Sports Editor

This past Friday, the Fairfield University football dropped its second straight Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference game. This time, St. John's University ripped through the youthful Stags, exploding for 36 points in the first half and cruising to a 43-22 victory.

"We left the locker room and didn't really play football," head coach Kevin Kiesel said. "They really took us out of the game early on."

St. John's scored the first 33 points of the game before Freshman quarterback Jim Lopusznick connected with his brother, Tom, on an 11 yard touchdown pass with just over two minutes left in the first half.

Tom Lopusznick went on to catch 11 balls for 115 yards, earning rookie of the week honors in the MAAC. He is currently fifth in the nation in receiving, averaging 7.5 catches and 120 yards per game.

Jim Lopusznick finished up with 269 yards passing, completing 23 of 45 passes on the day. He threw two touchdown passes, but also had five costly interceptions.

The Stags did come out strong in the second half, as both the offense

and defense began to click in outscoring St. John's 14-7 over the final 30 minutes. Dwayne Fowlkes ran 34 yards for a touchdown midway through the third quarter and John Haug hauled in a 35 yard touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter to close out the scoring.

"We finally woke up in the second half," Kiesel said. "We started to work together and realized that we really can compete."

Unfortunately, the road doesn't get any easier for the Stags this week, as they face a talented St. Peter's contingency Saturday night on Alumni field.

"They are a lot like St. John's," Kiesel said. "They are very solid on defense and they have an outstanding tailback."

Despite his team's slow start, Coach Kiesel is still optimistic about Fairfield's chances this Saturday, as the Stags hope this will be the week for number one.

"We can really see ourselves progressing this weekend," Kiesel said. "If we can just put together a lot of positives, we may just walk away with a win."

Men's tennis team trounces Queens College, drops a close one to Fordham

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The Fairfield University men's tennis team continued its fine play this past week, destroying Queens College 9-0 and playing very well despite losing a tough match to Fordham University, 6-3.

In the match against Queens College, everyone cruised to victory. Brian Robertson, a sophomore competing at number one singles, continued his fine play with a hard-fought 6-4, 7-6 victory, while fellow sophomore Brendan Gaetner looked sharp in a 6-4, 6-1 win at number two singles. Tim Norton, the interim head coach of the women's

tennis team at Fairfield who is also filling in for Doctor Joseph Grassi for the time being, offered much praise for the two stellar sophomores.

"Brian and Brendan came into this season very well prepared, and are playing very well as a result."

The rest of the team was also impressive in the Queens College match, as John Coakley, Brian Stipe, and Dave Briones all cruised to straight set victories. Mike Twardowski dropped the first set of his match at number four singles, before bouncing back and winning the next two sets 6-0, 7-6.

"Everybody played very well," Norton said. "obviously, we have a very well

rounded team."

In the loss to Fordham, Fairfield dropped some very close matches that certainly could have gone either way. Coakley lost his match at number three singles 6-4, 7-5, while Twardowski narrowly missed defeating his opponent at number four singles, falling 7-5, 7-5. Stipe and Briones came away with the only two singles victories for the Stags.

Fairfield will be back in action this week, as they face Marist at home before traveling to Poughkeepsie, New York to face some of the top men's tennis programs in the region at the Eastern College Athletic Conference championships.

Lady Stags pushing for Patriot Tournament

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The women's field hockey team is driving along towards a successful rebuilding season. Despite recent losses to Columbia and Ursinus, they are determined to continue working to complete the goals for the season. Head Coach Jackie Kane is pleased with the improvements that the team has made over the last few years and is looking for this improvement to continue. "Our main goal is to make it to the Patriot Tournament this year," Kane said. "We also want to score 40 goals this season and be at .500."

So far, it seems that these goals are within reach, since they are ranked third in the Patriot League and have already scored a quarter of their projected number of goals. Kane expressed her enthusiasm for the progress of the team so far.

"We've brought the team's academic average to a 3.1," Kane said. "Their priorities are to academics first and field hockey second. Everyone is dedicated to

the team."

Kane's sentiments are shared by everyone on the team.

"We have 18 dedicated players with a strong work ethic, and a desire to win," senior captain Jackie Metz said. "There are lots of ups and downs, just like other years, but this year we have more confidence. We've



been playing a much more offensive game."

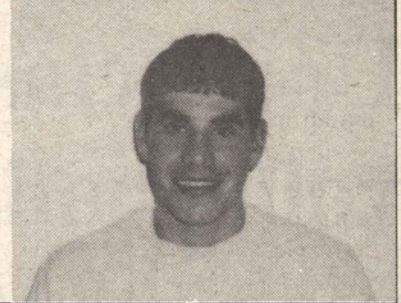
Some evidence for this improvement can be seen by the first half of the game against

Columbia. Although Columbia ended up coming away with the win, the first half of the game was completely dominated by the Lady Stags. Throughout the half, Fairfield was only on the defensive side of the field for less than two minutes. In addition, Freshmen goalie Kandiss Kulp was named the Defensive Player of the Week.

"I was like 'Where did that come from?' but it helped me set my standard for how I should play," remarked Kulp, who was originally going to be a backup. "There was a senior goalie, Amy Shandling, who was going to start, and they were just going to gradually work me in, but she injured her knee on the third week of practice."

One thing that all of the members of the team expressed was their strong desire to make it into the Patriot League Tournament and to perform well in it. If things keep going they way they have been, it looks like the players will get their wish.

For what it's worth



Rugby team gets the run around in loss of field

Rick Thomson
Sports Editor

"The University agrees that the new field will be primarily for the rugby club's use and that any scheduling of other University events will take place only after prior consideration is given to the rugby schedule of games and practices."

This was the contract that Fairfield University and Mrs. Hans J. Grauert agreed to 28 years ago. Mrs. Grauert donated the 12,000 dollar rugby field to the University as a memorial to her son, Hans, who died in the Vietnam War. Yet if you were to peruse the field on any given day, you would not find Fairfield University rugby players out there. The field is now the practice sight for the Fairfield Prep football team, as football goalposts now stand where the rugby goalposts once were. The Fairfield University football team now practices on Campion field in order to preserve the smooth surface of newly-sodded Alumni field, while the rugby team carries on its practices at a field located a few miles from campus.

Although the displacement of the rugby team from their field is a major issue in itself, the way the whole situation was handled is worthy of even greater criticism. Everyone knew that the addition of football to Fairfield University would call for many sacrifices from other sports and that field space would certainly be an important issue. This is something that the members of Fairfield's rugby club fully realized, and the team probably would have been willing to reach some kind of agreement about the use of the field if they had been given a chance to state their case. Instead, the team returned to school and was shocked to find the traditional rugby goalposts replaced with football goalposts. This type of disrespect and lack of discretion is a problem, and it is also unacceptable.

So, a few weeks ago, the team countered by practicing on Bellarmine lawn, the sacred land that a Fairfield student is only supposed to set foot on at freshman orientation and at graduation four years later. Naturally, the administration was infuriated over the incident, citing the disrespectfulness of using the land as a practice field. However, the administration specifically stated that sacrifices were going to have to be made to allow all teams to practice. So, if the rugby team is forced to give up their field, the least the administration can do is give up theirs.

The point is that the current deliberations are absolutely ridiculous. First of all, this entire scenario should have been resolved before the school year even began. The arrival of varsity football to Fairfield University was announced well over a year before the first practice even took place. This would seem to be ample time to reach some kind of agreement about how the Fairfield Prep football team, the Fairfield University football team, and the rugby team could split up field time. Instead, this issue did not even surface during the 1995-96 school year. It really seems hard to believe that the University administration could possibly make such a tremendous oversight. It is more conceivable to think that the big plan was to drop this bombshell on the rugby team when students arrived for school in September.

However, the fact remains that the sign at crest of the hill where the Fairfield Prep football team practices clearly states that the field below is, for rugby use. All the rugby team needs is six hours of practice each week on the field, and it is not at all unreasonable for them to have requests for specific days to use *their* field. After all, each member of the team devised class schedules that would leave the hours of 3p.m. to 5p.m. open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays so the whole team would be able to attend practice.

A case could be made for this situation being another in the long line of direct neglect towards club sports at Fairfield University. But really, the main issue here is respect. Respect for a group of individuals that go out and work hard to succeed in a sport that offers no scholarships and minimal school funding. Respect for a sport that has a deeply rooted tradition and a long history of success at Fairfield University. And finally, respect for the wishes of Mrs. Hans L. Grauert, who dedicated the parcel of land that lies just beyond the old tennis courts "primarily for the rugby club's use."