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## Holocaust survivor shares his experiences

Jen Salfi  
Staff Writer

Holocaust survivor Zev Kedem shared his personal hardships, struggles, and triumphs with the Fairfield University community on Sept. 29 at the Quick Center as part of the Open Visions lecture series.

Kedem recalled memories of his childhood during the Nazi regime. According to Kedem, his nightmare began September 1, 1939 when his mother fled from the Nazis with her children to the town of Krakow. Kedem's mother feared the Nazi soldiers that were invading their neighborhood. Reluctantly in 1942, Kedem's mother put him on a truck heading for a concentration camp in Plaszow. She believed eight year old Kedem would be safer in a camp than in their small village that was pending invasion by German soldiers.

Kedem's nightmare continued as he first entered the concentration camp. He witnessed people being herded into the camp, stripped of their clothes, shaved and forced to march across the camp. According to Kedem, these actions showed him that the German soldiers were undoubtedly in control.

Kedem recalled feeling trapped and wanting to be invisible his first night at Plaszow. "Once you arrive the dehumanization process begins," he said. "Your name is gone, now you are just a number."

He explained that the Nazi's goal was to increase the level of productivity of the people in the concentration camp through fear. As a young child, Kedem had to reassure the German soldiers of his worthiness. "[I do] more work, and yes, I am little, but I eat less, and am a more productive human being," Kedem remembered telling a Nazi soldier.

Kedem remained in the concentration camp in Plaszow for several years until he heard about Schindler's list. He applauded Schindler for his dedication to those trapped in the concentration camps. "He tried to protect them in some way," he said, "even through bribery and corruption."

Kedem's adoptive father secured a place for himself and Kedem on Schindler's list. "We had been saved," said Kedem. "There was finally a sense of relief."

Yet, his journey to freedom was far from over. Kedem was sent to Auschwitz where he endured a death march and re-

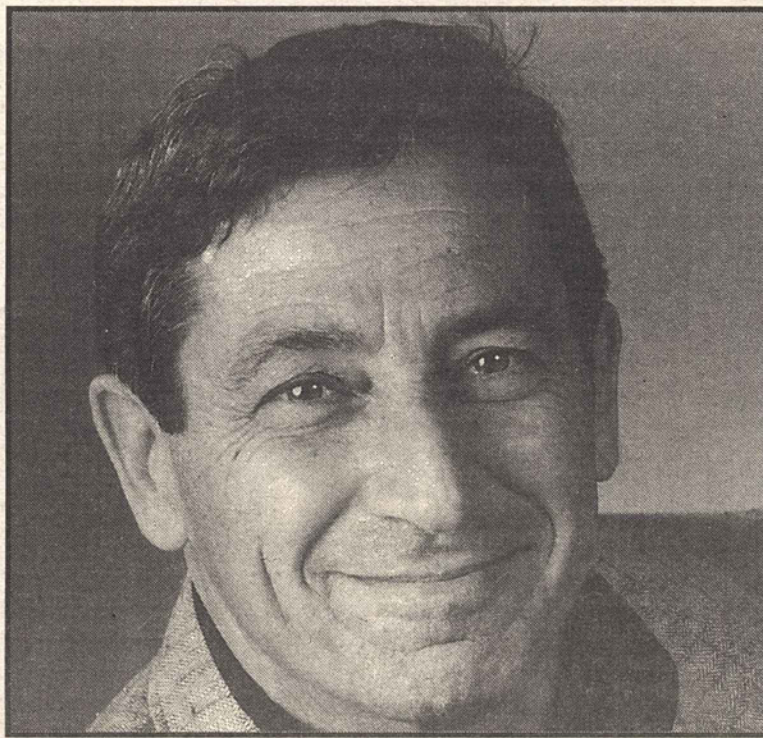


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ceived his permanent tattoo concentration number. After struggles in Auschwitz, Kedem was finally freed in 1945 after spending three years in concentration camps.

Kedem fled to London where he received a degree in engineering from Oxford University. For a long time, he suppressed his terrible memories of the Holocaust. "The perception was such a terrible experience that I couldn't relate this to anyone, not even to my own children who I love," he said.

He began to speak about the

Holocaust when he returned to the concentration camps years later. All of the painful memories came back to Kedem and his 50 years of silence was over.

Kedem recently became a successful producer of documentaries such as, "Only in Jerusalem" and "The Jerusalem Quartet". In 1994, Steven Spielberg contacted Kedem requesting him to attend and assist in the filming of Schindler's List. Kedem accepted Spielberg's invitation and since then has traveled the world speaking about the Holocaust.

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## Homecoming plans made for campus and beach

Maura Parsons  
New Editor

Homecoming Weekend kicks off on Friday Oct. 3 with a slew of campus activities for Fairfield students and alumni. However, FUSA and the Fairfield Police Department are taking precautions for the unofficial Homecoming festivities that are expected to take place at the beach.

The campus activities begin on Friday, Oct. 3 at 9 p.m. with a pep rally on Alumni Field. Immediately following the pep rally, fireworks will be launched over Campion Field. Both the pep rally and the fireworks display are sponsored by FUSA.

Homecoming festivities continue on Saturday with an

afternoon football game. The Fairfield Stags will take on the Central Connecticut Blue Devils at 1 p.m. on Alumni Field. Homecoming weekend concludes on Sunday with the annual FUSA Beach Cleanup at 2:30 p.m. at the point.

Off campus preparations have been made for the large number of students and alumni expected to gather at the beach for weekend parties. According to FUSA president Chris Cipriano, an increased police presence is expected. Unlike last year, the Fairfield Police Department has not released plans to install a mobile police command unit on Fairfield Beach Road.

"We urge students to be conscientious and careful at the beach this weekend," said

Cipriano. "The police are there for the protection of the students, alumni, and town residents."

FUSA will also offer Safe

Rides from the beach to campus from 11 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Volunteers will transport students back to campus in two university vans.

## Homecoming 1997 Festivities

Homecoming weekend will officially kick off for students on Friday night with a pep rally. The FUSA sponsored pep rally will start at 9 p.m. on Alumni Field. A fireworks display over Campion Field will immediately follow the pep rally.

At 1 p.m. Saturday, the Fairfield Stags Football team take on the Central Connecticut Blue Devils on Alumni Field.

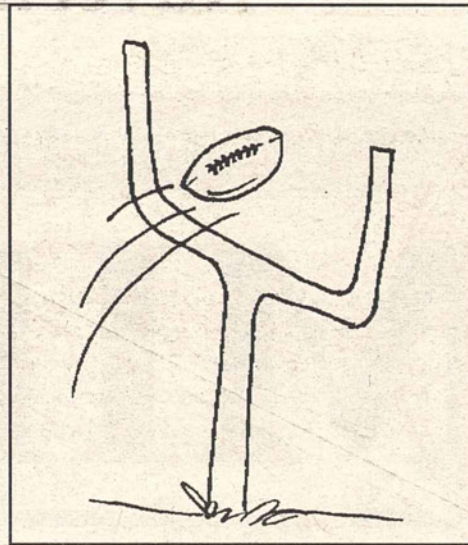
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# Campus Beat

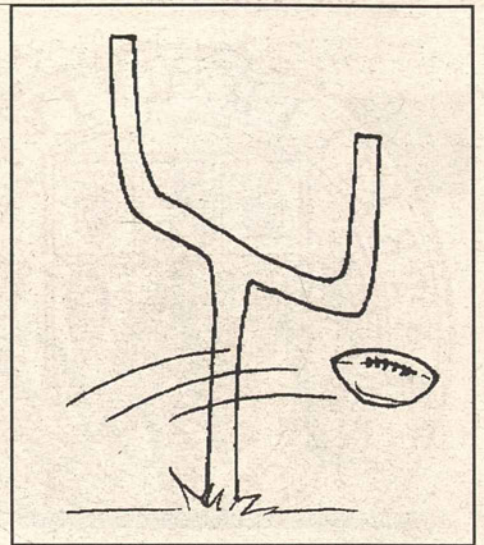
**John Griffith**  
Assistant News Editor

- Sept. 19  
-3:31 a.m.- A Jogues student found a person sleeping in his room whom he did not know. The unknown non-student had a falsified license which was confiscated.
- Sept. 20  
-8:37 p.m.- A Fake ID was confiscated from a male non-student at the Levee.
- Sept. 21  
-12:23 a.m.- Another fake ID was confiscated at the Levee. The Levee does not accept fake ID's!
- 3:17 a.m.- A fire extinguisher was sprayed into a smoke detector in Kostka. Security requests that anyone with information, please contact Campus Security. This is a very serious matter.
- Sept. 22  
-3:15 p.m.- A Narcotics violation was issued to a student in Dolan Hall. The incident was referred to judicial.
- Sept. 23  
-3:36 p.m.- A student was caught misusing a parking permit. The student created his own permit.
- 9:19 p.m.- The Loyola Hall first floor security card access system was destroyed. Wells Fargo was called.
- 10:54 p.m.- Unwanted Guest in Dolan Hall. A female student requested that she does not wish for her ex-boyfriend, who is a non-FU student, to visit her.
- Security reminds everyone to be safe and lock their doors. Thank You.



## CHEERS

to the letter... to Brad the RHC - we didn't want you to feel left out... to your friends awesome townhouse party... to the guy you want wanting you back... to the college... to Frank the Freshman Boy Toy... to Shags... to cookie dough parties... to tuck-in service... to lime green and orange... to TH 75 for finally having a full house... to great housemates and friends... to the girl next door... to the guys next door in 74... to house "bonding" dinners... to having a good week... to mere - good luck in Japan... to the Undertow, Frozen Shamrock, and White House... to Gov's girlfriend - even if you don't think you are, you are!!!... to Chris - With your drive a 3.8 will come easy... to finally having great guy friends... to Joe for a sore butt... to Liana - I miss you ROOMIE! Love Bianca... to the SALSA party Rockin' the Levee... to the Dolan RA staff: Michelle, Dom, Nancy, Matt, and Lauren... to Maria - the sassiest RHC on campus... to Piglove... to Beirut Challenges... to Protesting Sodexo on the stairs... to Windows of the Word... to the Light house Beirut table at the Luau... to D.J. Bob at the Luau... to friends from home coming up and cleaning your house the morning after the Luau... to searching for profolactics... to paying for kegs with credit cards... to all the meatheads - you know who you are... to ping the Panda... to dancing in the streets of DC... to waitresses who pay your cover and put you on the VIP... to the whole party lying on the same fold out couch... to Carla - and the dozen guys who want to flirt with her... to the cat fight at the Mirage (rar)... to Fran and Nell being escorted out of the Grape over Tommy's shoulder... to Alumni Weekend coming up... to getting layout done as soon as we could... to seeing old friends... to having food in the frig... to not being able to walk... to the VIP section... to roommates who listen....



## BOOS

to being his "pal"... to boyfriends too far from school... to not being special... to walking in on "Him" with another girl - twice!... to no margarita mix... to being the only one sober on your friends 21st b-day... to friends who drink too much and then puke all night... to friends who fall head over heels WAY TOO FAST... to friends who can't stop talking about how happy they are... to Alums who won't come back - we miss you... to too much work and not enough beer to fix it... to bleached blonde hair - BE REAL... to being an RA and losing all of your friends... to your friends signing a beach house without you... to having an 8:20 in Jogues... to missing your old roommate who lives in Kostka while you live in Dolan... to hoochies let in to TH parties... to \$7 a cup... to 3:30 AM fire alarm in Loyola... to SoCo... to throwing up next to the pinball machine at the Grape and thinking no one notices... to housemates always locking you out... to having to find a dangerous way to get in when you get locked out... to the annoying randoms who won't leave your house even when you untap... to housemates breaking 10 year old glass tables... to puke coming out of your nose... to poor people who bug you for a credit card... to people who bite... to maniacal bus drivers... to a townhouse that constantly argues... to toe-steppers... to the guy who drinks whiskey on the rocks... to computers that don't work at all... to freezing screens... to cars that don't work... to not finding a parking spot... to getting ads last minute... to being in debt... to checks that bounce... to not having enough time to eat... to classes and the piles of homework... to having to clean a dirty house... to signs being ripped down... to not finishing your resume in time... to the townhouse road being closed... to having to go the long way... to interlibrary loans....

# Town Beat

**Maura Parsons**  
News Editor

Plans are underway to convert the vacant Fairfield Store on Post Road into a retail outlet center. The developers plan to spend \$7 million renovating the 40,000 square foot store. If the town approves, the new center will house six retail outlet stores and several offices. More details will be available next month.

On Sept. 14, Fairfield police arrested a Fairfield student for underage drinking and carrying an alcoholic beverage. The arrest occurred at 12:17 a.m. on Fairfield Beach Road.

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# Gonzaga deli gone belly up over the summer

**John Griffith**  
Assistant News Editor

The Gonzaga Deli was created in 1979 by a student in a marketing class as a non-profit class business project. After staying open for 18 years, due to financial reasons the Deli was forced to close at the end of the 1996-97 school year.

The Deli was not a Fairfield University student organization, rather it was an outside corporation and therefore received no funding from the school. Because it was an outside organization, the Deli was required to file taxes with the state and federal governments. Tony Mannello, a Fairfield student who ran the Deli in its last year of operation said, "The main problem was that students who ran the Deli in past years let bills and taxes pile up." Mannello tried to correct the problems and pay all the bills and taxes. In order to do this, he had to change the name on the state of Connecticut tax returns to his own name, but he was unable to do this and therefore Mannello could do nothing about the unpaid taxes.

Regarding the taxes Bill Schimpf, Vice-President of Student Services, said, "One of the main problems with any student-run organization is that the management is on a one to two year cycle. On top of that, students want to leave school as soon as the school year is over and unfortunately that is when the tax forms are due. With the Deli, many years the taxes did not get done and were

left for the new management to take care of in the fall. This caused the Deli's taxes to get piled up to the point where it

FUSA president Mark Resnick. Students wanted a bar with food. The Levee was not something we did to kill the Deli."

## It provided a break from the usual routine of cafeteria food and it was in a convenient location for students who lived in the Quad.

could not pay all the taxes and still stay open."

When the Deli was created it did not have much competition. It provided a break from the usual routine of cafeteria food and it was in a convenient location for students who lived in the Quad. Today, the Levee and the Stag, both Fairfield University supported food services, offer much more than the Deli ever did. Mannello felt that the Stag and Levee played a part in the Deli's demise. He felt that Student Services did not feel it was necessary to keep the Deli because, "the school did not have the controlling hand," like they do with the Levee and Stag.

Schimpf disputes this saying, "There was no focus on the Deli regarding the creation of the Levee or improving the Stag. The Levee developed out of student initiative under former

According to Schimpf, from a business standpoint the Deli had its highs and lows. "We offered to help the Deli financially, but they wanted to be independent from the school,"

said Schimpf. "Then it became extremely popular and they did not need our help. Now it is just too late for anybody to help."

Mannello wanted to keep the Deli running but simply could not rectify problems created from previous years. Schimpf said, "Tony Mannello did all he could but, understandably, did not want to be personally responsible for the accumulated debts." One idea was to sell it to an outside organization, however because it was a non-profit organization, selling it is against the law. The only option left was to close the Deli.

"We are in the process of dissolving the assets of the corporation," said Schimpf, "and returning the charter to the state of Connecticut. It was a great experiment but its time on campus has come and gone." So too has the Cheapie Sandwich.

# Fairfield University sells 13 acres on North Benson Road

**PR** - Fairfield University has sold 13 acres of open land on North Benson Road to a local developer for \$4,770,000. The University bought the land for \$3 million as part of a 25-acre tract from the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namour in 1989.

At that time, it was stated that the University would use about 12 acres to form what is now the Dolan Campus which includes Dolan Hall, Dolan Commons and Dolan House and would sell the other 13 acres. During the eight years the University held the prop-

erty, the carrying charges for interest, municipal taxes and legal fees totaled more than \$1.6 million.

At the University's request, the Fairfield Town Plan and Zoning Commission had approved a proposal to divide the 13 acres into a 40-plot subdivision. However, a neighbor filed a law suit and after a six-year legal fight, a compromise was reached earlier this year to divide the land into 36 lots.

Purchasing the land was Munson Properties, Inc. with exclusive listing for Century 21 Richter Real Estate.

## Announcement:

Beach Clean Up sponsored by FUSA. 2 - 4 pm, Sunday October 5, Lantern Point. Shuttle will run from BCC to Point and back. Foods, Folks, and Fun. Games, Prizes, Volleyball, etc.

# Preview Day for Admissions

**Meghan Horgan**  
Staff Writer

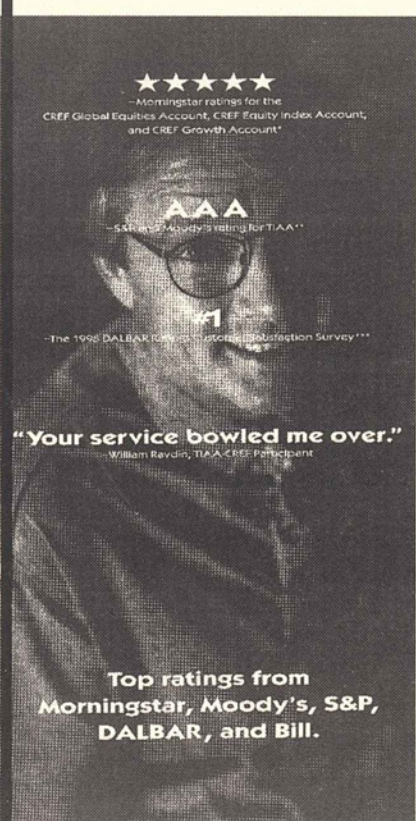
The weather may have been a bit dreary and overcast, but there was a feeling of excitement on campus as Fairfield University welcomed high school students and their families to take a closer look at what the university had to offer them. On Sunday, September 28, 1997, approximately 1,000 people came to campus to preview the university.

The day consisted of a full schedule of events coordinated by the Office of Admission. The morning began with a campus mass at the Egan Chapel. Mass was followed by campus tours which ran until 4:00 p.m. While participants were not touring, students and their families attended the academic and student life fair in Alumni Hall. The fair gave participants an opportunity to speak with faculty, students, and alumni while gathering information about student services and academic departments and student activities. There were also various panel presentations and financial aid seminars given throughout the day. In addition to the informational events, there was also an opportunity to relax and enjoy lunch while listening

to the music of the Fairfield University Jazz Ensemble. Others may have watched the demonstration by the Equestrian Team or the men's varsity soccer game, or perhaps visited the Quick Center to view Colleen Browning's "A Retrospect" or caught a movie in the Gonzaga Auditorium.

It seemed as though the university community was pleased with the overall success of the day. Megan Loiaconi '00 had this thought about preview day. "The perspective students seemed really enthusiastic and I think that may have come about because of the enthusiasm of the tour guides." The staff of the admission office was also pleased with the outcome. Elizabeth Ostapchuk, an admissions counselor who helped coordinate preview day, said, "The day was very successful. We received very positive feedback from faculty and families about the panel presentations, tours, and student life activities fair. The Admission Office would like to thank the university community for their assistance. It was greatly appreciated and we couldn't have done it without them."

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## Ryba becomes interim dean of the School Of Business

Dana Ambrosini  
Staff Writer

Dr. Russell Boisjoly has resigned from his office as Dean of the School of Business. Following a six month sabbatical, Boisjoly will return to Fairfield in the upcoming spring semester as a professor of finance. Dr. Walter Ryba, Associate Dean and professor of Business Law and Management, serves as the interim Dean.

Ryba, who came to Fairfield in 1982, has expressed excitement about the opportunity to serve as interim Dean at a time when the School of Business is flourishing. "We are expanding enrollments in all of our programs and we want to continue that trend. We think we are doing something right which other business schools may not be," Ryba said.

The something that Ryba refers to includes a unique undergraduate curriculum designed as a response to calls from the business community to train students to better understand various fields of business.

To accomplish that goal the school has departed from the traditional teaching style of having a particular class, such

as finance or marketing, taught by one teacher. According to Ryba, group taught classes enable students to not only learn about the individual aspects of

ready been received.

Ryba is eager to expand on these initiatives as they have made Fairfield students more competitive in the job market and

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business, but to see the interaction between the branches.

Also a topic of enthusiasm for Ryba is Fairfield's expanding MBA program, which is one of the fastest-growing in the state. Particularly important for Fairfield students is the five year program which will enable business students to receive their masters after only one additional year of schooling. Members of the class of '98 are the first class eligible to apply for the program, applications have al-

Fairfield's business school a model for others. Currently, the School of Business is one of only three in Connecticut with accreditation from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. The position is enjoyed by only 25% of the business schools in the country.

The search for a permanent Dean for the School of Business, which Ryba is a candidate, will begin in the Spring. Dr. Milo Peck, assistant professor of accounting, is currently the interim Associate Dean.

## Finance Club Event

**On October 8, three representatives from Swiss Bank (including one 1996 F.U. graduate) will be coming to Fairfield to talk to you. Topics include:**

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# Internship opportunities available . . .

**Kerry Kivlan**  
Staff Writer

With the beginning of the school year comes the reuniting of old friends and the inevitable question, "So, what did you do this summer?" While many students held a typical summer job of waiting tables or lifeguarding, a handful of students spent their summer being an intern.

Now is the time for juniors and seniors to think about acquiring an internship for next summer. The Fairfield University Career Planning Center will be sending out a resume book for the class of 1998 in December and the class of 1999 in February. Sue Quinlivan, assistant director of the Career Planning Center, said, "The resume book is a marketing piece and is sent out to companies in all business sectors." So far, the Career Planning Center has gotten positive feedback from students regarding the book and how it is helpful in obtaining internships and jobs.

Roseann Vrola, a senior marketing major, went to the Career

Planning Center last year for help with her internship search. "I went to the center at least once a week to check out internships that had been added to the internship binder." The internship binder is a huge compilation of possible internships, and new possibilities are continually arising. Vrola was able to get an internship this past summer at The Swiss Bank with the help and guidance of the Career Planning Center.

The common misconception of students is that the Career Planning Center is geared towards business majors. Deidre Walker, a senior English and psychology major, has never been to the Career Planning Center. "I am very nervous about starting the job search," said Walker, "but the Career Planning Center has nothing to offer me. The only students they care about are those in the business school." Quinlivan disputes this view, pointing out that the Career Planning Center is actively cultivating a network between students and alumni through the

mentor program. "Alumni make great contacts," she said.

Those students who feel the same as Walker usually begin the job search alone and without guidance. "The Career Planning Center can help with resumes and the interviewing process," Vrola said. "It is difficult to motivate yourself to go all the way up to the office in Dolan, but the help they offer makes it all worth it."

Lynn Andriani, a senior com-

munications major, found her summer internship on her own. "It was hard to write cover letters to various companies when I did not even know what a cover letter should include. I found myself using job search books for references rather than going to the Career Planning Center," she said. "This year I plan to do things a little differently. In fact, I just handed in my resume for the class of 1998's resume book."

Although it is possible to get an internship on your own, help from the Career Planning Center makes the search a little easier. Currently being offered is the opportunity to take part in career panels, resume workshops, employer presentations, and the mentor program. To make an appointment at the Career Planning Center call x4081, or just stop by and see what they can do for you!

## . . . If you want to be a Wiener

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Oscar Mayer is looking for people who want to be wieners.

Each year college graduates get paid to travel all over North America. They attend exciting events like the Super Bowl and Mardi Gras, as well as parades, fairs, and charities. They are goodwill ambassadors for Oscar Mayer Foods. And they travel in 27-foot-long hot dogs on wheels.

The Hotdoggers, pilots of the Wienermobiles, spend a full year travelling from border to border and coast to coast making promotional appearances. They are responsible for coordinating much of their fun and hectic schedules.

The year begins with training at Hot Dog High where they learn all about Oscar Mayer's history and products, planning special events and how to maneuver their buns in traffic. If they cut the mustard and graduate from Hot Dog High, they are given their wiener keys and they hit the hot dog highways.

A major portion of the job is participating in television, newspaper and radio interviews. The Hotdoggers basically become celebrities for the year. Jason Clark, former East Coast Hotdogger said, "Driving a Wienermobile was the most chaotic and fun year of my life. I loved it!"

What really sets this internship apart from the others is the amount of creative freedom the Hotdoggers possess. "We give the youngest people in the company the most responsibility and the least supervision," said Russ Whitacre, program manager. So much freedom, in fact, that Hotdoggers have hauled buns

The Wall Street Journal featured a front page article on the job stating that, "if you cut the mustard you will relish this job." Even Jay Leno mentioned the job in his monologue: "The Oscar Mayer Company is looking for recent college graduates to drive their Wienermobiles. Who says there are no good jobs for

Liberal Arts majors?"

After gaining all of this valuable public relations, marketing, and sales experience, Hotdoggers have gone onto some very successful careers. Hotdogger alumni include television anchors and producers, account executives at public relations firms, and sales representatives for Oscar Mayer and Kraft.

In 1995 Oscar Mayer launched the latest model of the Wienermobile. This high-tech example of Wienermobile technology features televisions, VCR's and a condiment control panel. It truly is a meaner, keener, leaner wiener.

If you think this internship satisfies your appetite for fun, excitement and adventure, contact Oscar Mayer, Wienermobile Department, P.O. Box 7188, Madison, WI 53707.

onto the Oprah Winfrey Show, a Rodney Dangerfield movie and have appeared on hundreds of local and national media outlets.

Hotdoggers also play a role in the annual "Talent Search," where 30 Hotdoggers in ten Wienermobiles spend the summer auditioning children across the nation for an Oscar Mayer television commercial. Not only do Hotdoggers execute the events, but they manage and promote each of their appearances and act as their own mobile marketing firm for Oscar Mayer.

## Where to work out

**Ann Marie Spota**  
Staff Writer

Many college students experience the typical first year weight gain, commonly known as the Freshman 15 (or in some cases, the Freshman 25). Where can students go to work off those extra pounds?

Luckily, Fairfield University is equipped with its very own gym. Students can work out at the Recreation Complex, or Rec Plex, by presenting their student identification card at the front desk. This enables them to play racquetball, volleyball or basketball, swim in the pool, use the sauna or Jacuzzi, work out in the free weight room, the nautilus weight room, or on the cardiovascular equipment. There are also aerobic, dance, and karate classes available for a fee.

While the Rec Plex seems like the ideal place to exercise, many students are now finding it beneficial to become members of off-campus gyms.

Eric Efstathiou, a senior, worked out at the Rec Plex his freshman year. Now he belongs to the Southport Racquet Club. "The free weight room is not suitable," said Efstathiou. "It's too crowded and too small. I don't like to work out in a claustrophobic area like that. I'd rather pay the extra money so I can get a good workout."

The Southport Racquet Club charges \$150 for a three month membership. People who joined before the price increase paid \$135 for the same membership. The price was raised \$15 this September, because so many students were becoming members.

Michele Grether, a junior, has been working at the Southport Racquet Club since her freshman year. "We are now up to at least 30 student members," she said. "Students receive a huge discount and their membership includes no restrictions. They can work out at any time and are free to use all of the equipment."

Steve Takla, a senior, occasionally works out at the Southport Racquet Club. "The University keeps promising to invest money in the renovation of the Rec Plex, but they never seem to do it. The equipment is outdated and I don't like that type of workout environment," said Takla.

Many students, however, feel that the Rec Plex suits their exercise needs. Scott Alberi, a senior, frequents the racquetball courts at the Rec Plex. "I think the racquetball courts are great," he said. "I definitely approve of the equipment available to me."

The main complaint about the Rec Plex seems to be about the nautilus, cardiovascular equipment, and the free weights. Students feel that the equipment is outdated. Those who are serious about working out prefer modern equipment in a more spacious environment. However, the aerobics, dance, and karate classes are always successful.

So, instead of sitting home on the couch with a bag of chips, think about shedding the Freshman (Sophomore, Junior, or Senior) 15; take advantage of the exercise facilities available to you!





# Students promote health awareness in Bridgeport

**Cori Martindale**  
Contributing Writer

As most people know, Fairfield University offers many internship opportunities for students to expand their knowledge and experience in their particular field of study. This past summer, Theresa Baldwin and Heather Flynn, members of the class of '98, took part in an internship at the Health Promotion Center, located at the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport. The Health Promotion Center was created in 1993, in conjunction with the Fairfield University School of Nursing and is sponsored through the Southern Connecticut Gas Company. The center's main purpose is to raise nutrition and health awareness among the residents, especially children, in Bridgeport. Programs and activities are created by the center's directors and participating students to respond to the needs of the community.

A major health concern for the Bridgeport community is lead poisoning. Statistics show that a person living in Bridgeport is three times more likely to have lead poisoning than in any other city in the United States. Often, lead poisoning has no obvious symptoms, and, if untreated, can result in brain damage and behavioral changes. This health problem is especially a concern among children. One in five children in Bridgeport has contracted lead poisoning. Many of the children and adults who have contracted lead poisoning are not aware that they are sick and do not have the education to treat the illness.

Baldwin and Flynn are in the School of Nursing at Fairfield University. They became involved in the Health Promotion

Center this past May, when they began their internships. Their participation in the center has allowed both students to apply the information and education they have received at Fairfield.

When asked what their individual goals are in participating in the program, Flynn replied, "I want to reach out to as many people as possible, especially children."

Baldwin's response was similar, "I want to educate the people of the community on health issues and to assess their needs in the community."

Baldwin and Flynn have many roles as members of the Health Center. Together with Mary M. Ross, Project Director, Sara Vientre, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, Norma Jirmenez, and Philip Greiner, Director of the Health Center, Baldwin and Flynn create programs that teach children about the dangers of lead poisonings and how they can prevent themselves from being infected. Through these programs, both students have improved their teaching skills and their sensitivity toward different cultural groups has risen. They have also administered lead screenings provided by the center.

In addition to lead poisoning awareness, the Health Promotion Center has created programs to teach children, adults, and elderly, the importance of nutrition and good health. Such programs include The Healthy Heart program, CPR and First Aid, Nutrition for Health, and Parenting/Child Care activities. The center also recognizes health programs that may be ignored or hidden in the surrounding community. The center discovered that a certain medicine taken by

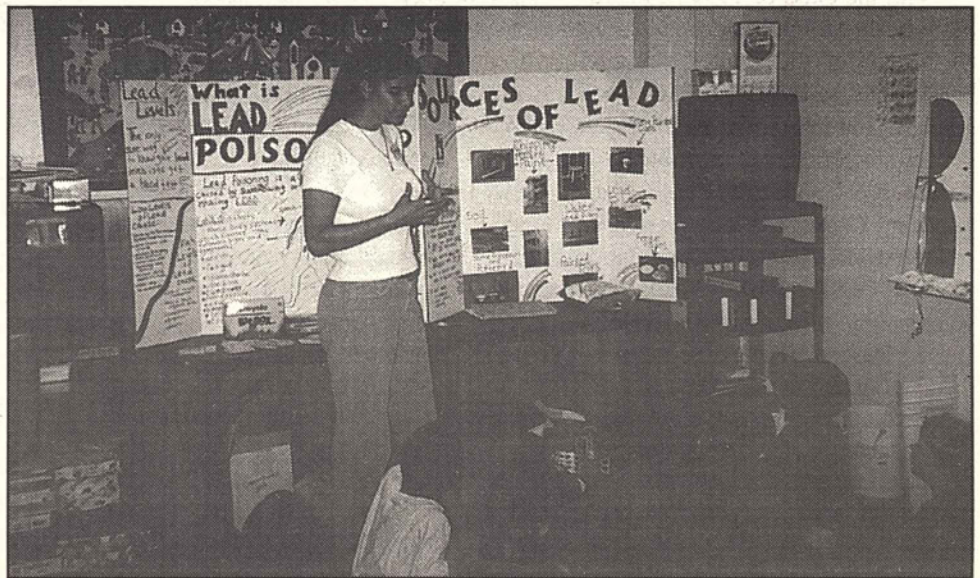
women to relieve menstrual discomfort was the cause of high lead levels in one of their patients. This discovery could now save many women from being exposed to dangerous levels of lead.

The Health Promotion Center has made great progress since its opening four years ago. As of Aug. 31, 3,500 Bridgeport residents have been educated about health problems and over 361 residents have been screened for lead poisonings. Ross said the center is a place for "tremendous growth for students and for the program."

The center is searching for other dedicated students like Baldwin and Flynn to help expand their programs and activities. The major goals of the center are to implement its programs into local schools, become a nursing clinic, and gain national recognition for their achievements.

It is important to note that students who are interested do not need to be in the School of Nursing. The center is looking for students in all fields of study, from Marketing and Financing to Language Arts and Education. Any student interested in teaching, designing classes, or providing human power for the center should contact anyone in the School of Nursing. Information about the Health Promotion Center is located on the bulletin board in the nursing building.

The Health Promotion Center is a wonderful way for students to reach out and help others in a surrounding community. Baldwin and Flynn are both examples of hard working students who have given of themselves to help other people live healthier, happier lives.



## New study abroad program in England

**Jodi DiGregorio**  
Campus Life Editor

Next semester, Fairfield University will be offering for the first time a semester abroad program at Wroxton College in England. The program is designed to offer students the opportunity to completely submerge themselves in British culture, both academic and nonacademic. Unlike other programs to study in England, students will be able to earn Fairfield University credit instead of transfer credit. This is especially beneficial for transfer students or other students who have a substantial amount of transfer credits.

It was through the interest of Dr. Robert Wall, Fairfield University's academic vice president, that the program at Wroxton was established. Wall spoke very highly of his experience at Wroxton. After one year of research and development, the program was finalized.

Situated in the rural heart of England, students will live on the Wroxton College campus in a picturesque abbey built in 1618. Complete with maid service, towels, and bedding, students will stay in either a single or double room with a private bathroom. Afternoon tea, a British tradition, will be served daily. Nicholas Baldwin, a political science specialist and director of the program in England, will live in the abbey with the students. Program director Susan Fitzgerald said, "[Life at Wroxton] is much more contained than city living. It's a quiet, suburban area. It's quaint."

Classes at Wroxton, which will be made up of American students only, will be taught by highly qualified British professors. The

unique opportunity is offered to participate in the traditional "British Tutorial" experience, where one or two students work directly with a professor. Most of the courses offered will fill general core requirements. Wroxton will also cater to those students who wish to pursue an independent study in one particular area. A wide range of topics can be pursued through independent study, including the English Judiciary, the police and penal system in England, poetry, and creative writing.

To complete the submergence into British culture, an average of ten trips and activities a month have been tentatively scheduled. Students will have the opportunity to travel to London and Oxford, visit such historical sites as Warwick Castle and Stonehenge, and see various theater productions. A semester break in March will enable students to travel even more. Tickets and transportation for all scheduled theatrical performances, group social activities, concerts, banquet dinners, and special museum visits are included in the tuition.

The semester at Wroxton offers a solid academic program with the opportunity to travel and experience new cultures. "In the future, I see more students going abroad as part of their undergraduate experience," said Fitzgerald. "The advantage with Wroxton is that Fairfield University credit is earned and goes into your cumulative average, and the appeal is that everything is taken care of for you." For more information about the program, call x4220.

## Tutors Needed

The Peer Tutorial Program is in need of tutors in the following subjects:

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**ACCOUNTING**  
**EP LAB**  
**ITALIAN**  
**ECOLOGY**  
**ABSTRACT ALGEBRA**  
**ANALYSIS I-IV**

Please come to Dolan 214, Student Support Services (ext.2615) for more information.

Tutors must have a quality point ration of at least a 3.0 and a recommendation from a professor.



## Walking for your heart

Jessica Martinesi  
Assistant Campus Life Editor

Now that the colder months are quickly approaching, you will have fewer opportunities to exercise outdoors. But there is still a chance for you to get some fresh air and to walk by participating in the American Heart Walk. Throughout the Fall walking season, the American Heart Association is sponsoring walks in Connecticut to help increase awareness about heart disease. You can participate in one or both of the following walks: Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Rocky Neck State Park in Niantic and Sunday, Oct. 26 at Sherwood Island State Park in Westport.

The American Heart Association has invited heart disease, stroke, and heart surgery survivors to join the walk and to wear red caps which symbolize their victory against these deadly diseases. Get involved and show your support by joining approximately 350,000 walkers of all ages nationwide in this event. Corporations and businesses such as Aetna U.S. Healthcare, Electric Boast and Pitney Bowes have organized company walking teams in order to encourage health and wellness.

"Supporting the American Heart Walk makes good business sense," said Peter Goldfarb, chairman of the Greater Hart-

ford Walk and Managing Partner of Ernst & Young LLP.

"The economic cost of heart disease and stroke in 1992 totaled over \$164 billion for medical and healthcare expenses and lost productivity due to disability," Goldfarb continued.

With expenses amounting to more than \$251 million during fiscal year 1995-1996, the American Heart Association is in constant need of donations so they can continue implementing health programs and research projects. You can even try organizing a group of walkers by encouraging your campus club or team to raise money and walk together. All monetary donations will be used toward research support, public and professional education, and community programs.

If you plan to walk, you should also aim to improve your diet. The American Heart Association makes eating well effortless with its cookbook "Around the World". Filled with healthy and easy to make recipes from all over the world, this cookbook can help you improve your eating habits by offering recipes that control the overall fat intake in your diet. Start walking and cooking so you can stay healthy! For more information about the walks and the cookbook, contact the American Heart Association Affiliate in Connecticut at 294-3575.

### Help Your Heart Recipes

#### Italian Tomato-Mozzarella Salad *Insalata di Pomodori*

1 medium red onion, very thinly sliced  
2 tps finely chopped fresh basil  
4 large tomatoes, preferable vine-ripened or greenhouse  
3 to 4 cloves of garlic, minced  
black pepper to taste  
1/2 pound nonfat or part-skim mozzarella, thinly sliced or shredded  
2 tbsps extra-virgin olive oil  
2 tps red wine vinegar,  
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley or to taste

Place a layer of onion in a glass or ceramic serving dish. Cover with a layer of tomatoes and a layer of mozzarella. Sprinkle with some of the parsley, basil, garlic, and pepper. Drizzle with a little oil and a splash of vinegar. Continue layering the rest of the ingredients (the number of ingredients will depend on the size of your dish). Refrigerate until well-chilled. Serves 4. Contains 210 kcal and 8gm Total Fat.

#### Spanish Fruit Cooler *Sangria*

1 48-ounce bottle no-sugar added red grape juice, chilled  
1/3 cup sugar  
3 tbsps fresh lemon juice (about 1 medium lemon)  
3 tbsps fresh lime juice (about 2 medium limes)  
5 cups club soda, chilled  
2 peaches or nectarines, each sliced into 6 pieces

Combine the grape juice, sugar, lemon juice and lime juice in a large glass pitcher, stirring well. Slowly pour the club soda

into the juice mixture and stir. Serve over ice in wineglasses. Place a peach or nectarine slice in each glass. Serve immediately. The fruit juice mixture will keep for up to 2 days in a covered pitcher, but for best results, pour the club soda in just before serving. Serves 12, 8 ounces per serving. Contains 107 kcal and 0gm Total Fat.

#### Mexican Corn, Zucchini, and Tomatoes *Elote y Calabacitas y Tomates*

1 tbsp acceptable\* margarine  
1 medium onion, sliced  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 cups fresh or frozen corn (about 8 ounces)  
1 pound zucchini, thinly sliced crosswise  
2 large tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and diced  
1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth  
1/4 tpsalt  
1/4 tsp ground coriander seeds  
1/8 tsp black pepper  
1 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro

In a large skillet, melt the margarine over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and saute for 2 minutes, or until tender. Add the remaining ingredients, except fresh cilantro. Bring mixture to a simmer over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low and heat, partially covered, for 4 to 5 minutes, or until vegetables are just tender; do not overcook. Stir in the cilantro and remove pan from heat. Serve warm or cold. Serves 6; 3/4 cup servings. Contains 94 kcal and 2 gm Total Fat.

\* Select margarine with liquid vegetable oil as the first ingredient and no more than 2 grams of saturated fat per tablespoon.

## "I had no idea what I wanted to do"

Christine Gualtieri '96

This is not a perfect story about sending a resume, going on an interview, and getting hired. That story is neither interesting, nor true. It's too perfect to believe. Although somehow, I thought it would be that simple.

In October of my senior year I started my panic. Looking back I see that I didn't want to face the music. I had no idea what I wanted to do, and was paralyzed with terror. I applied to law schools, probably looking for a way to put off facing the real world. After careful thought, I realized that I had no more desire to become a lawyer than any other job, and I couldn't justify 100 grand and three years of my life for something that didn't make me excited.

I started to try and find out what did excite me - what I envisioned myself as. Early in my senior year, I decided to utilize the Career Planning Center. I figured that my parents were paying plenty of money, and I had no excuse to do otherwise. I needed help.

I made an appointment with Sue Quinlivan, and we talked for much longer than the allotted time. I found her to be very understanding, and felt she was truly interested in helping me. She guided me in discovering who I was, who I wanted to be, and calmed me down. She gave me exams to help indicate my interests and strong points. It was a start.

I started a self-discovery process that will probably continue for the rest of my life. I started to accept the next stage of my life. Although psychological, it was the biggest step I took in finding my first job.

I have always been practical. All through college, while plenty of my friends sunbathed and lifeguarded their way through their summers, I interned for a securities firm in New York. As an English major, I needed the practical experience gained from opportunities like internships. During the second semester of my junior year, I also interned in a financial planner. The experience I had accumulated was invaluable to prospective employers.

I went on so many campus interviews that I wore out a suit. I applied for a job in sales, insurance, investing, and more. I was so nervous the night before each interview that I drove everyone, including myself, crazy. I agonized over every detail of my outfit, make-up, and jewelry. I rehearsed what I wanted to say, and became what I thought they wanted. I ended up coming across nervous, unsure, and I messed up a lot. It took me a while to realize that I had to somehow take the pressure off this experience, and allow my personality to come out. I was being who I thought I should be, and not who I was. I pretended to be interested in things that I wasn't. The pressure I put on myself to get a job turned into desperation, and it showed. I found when I just relaxed, asked the questions I wanted answered (no matter how stupid), I got positive feedback. It sounds so cliché to "just be yourself" but I found it to be so true. I got a job offer in sales working for a chemical company. It wasn't exactly what I wanted, but it renewed my confidence and revitalized me. I began to exit my denial stage and honing in on jobs I was serious about.

I began doing my homework, as painful as it was when it seemed everyone around me was having the time of their lives. I started reading the Sunday Times and attending campus workshops involving topics such as interviewing and networking. The ideas presented empowered me to take control of my life. I applied for an entry level position at an investment bank who had interviewed on campus during my months of denial. I talked to classmates who already had been hired, and read up on the company. It seemed like a good opportunity for an English major to get into banking. I sent out my resume in late April and tried to forget about it and enjoy the rest of my fading senior year.

I got called in for an interview, and then asked back for five more. I got the offer during my last week of my senior year, not a moment too soon. I accepted their offer. It seemed like a good opportunity for me to learn. The salary was right, the location ideal, and most of all, they thought that I fit the profile they were looking for.

I've been working there since July now. My perspective on this whole job thing is so different. I see now that my first job is just the beginning of my life. I treated it like I was getting locked into something forever. I was too serious about it; I didn't see that this first job is just another learning experience and nothing is written in cement. I didn't understand this last year, and because of that I went through a crisis my entire senior year. Now I realize that this isn't a neat part of life. There is no beginning or end, just a series of steps we take.

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## From the Editor's Desk...

### Attention Dual Majors:

If you think you are getting two diplomas at graduation, you are sadly mistaken. This policy holds true if your majors are in the same school or two different schools. The diplomas are marked by the school; BS or BA; and signed by the school's dean. Your first major is where you sit for graduation and that is the diploma you will receive. For example, my first major is marketing. I will receive my BS from the School of Business. My second major is Communication. I will receive nothing for my work in this major. However, only my transcript will be marked with my two majors.

Is this fair? Trying to graduate in four years with two majors requires summer classes and 18 credit course loads. Does the result really reward students who do this? The student only receives one diploma in accordance with University policy.

"A student has the option of pursuing a second major at Fairfield University. The courses that constitute a second major must meet the stated requirements for a major program and must be approved by the department or interdisciplinary program in which the second major is located. Students declare second majors by completing a 'double major' form that is available in the dean's office of their school." This is according to the Undergraduate Course Catalogue. They forgot to write "don't bother, you're not being rewarded." It's about time that University policy changes.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Priest offers to teach course using Catechism of the Catholic Church

### To the Editor:

As a member of the Fairfield University Community, I have read the essays and letters in the *Mirror* concerning the question of the Catholic identity of Fairfield University with much interest, not merely because of the arguments put forth on both sides, but more importantly because this discussion gives me great hope that Catholic university students are finally taking an interest in faith issues and are refusing to buy the false dichotomy between faith and intellectual pursuit which has been the controlling model in academic departments of religious studies and theology in the years after the Second Vatican Council. A Jesuit friend of mine said to me that the past thirty years in Catholic academia in America, with its anti-Roman, anti-dog-

matic pseudo-objectivity, and its Brady Bunch celebrations of Mass (which they would always call Liturgy), will be seen as a bubble of aberration, a bubble that will burst when those of my own generation die off.

I agree wholeheartedly with those who believe that it would be a good thing if there were a rigorous course taught on basic Catholic theology which uses the Catholic Catechism as its primary text. I taught such a course for two years to a group of Yale undergraduates who wanted to deepen their understanding of their faith in a rigorous and challenging academic setting. The basis for the course and attendance at the meetings of the course was faith commitment. They were there in faith to seek understanding. Far from being boring, the

course stimulated much good discussion and truly broadened their understanding not only of their Catholic faith but how and why it differs from the secularism of modernity.

I would be happy to teach such a course on Catholic doctrine to undergraduates at Fairfield University, either on a formal basis for credit or as an extracurricular activity as I did at Yale. To provide such a course is an important part of the re-evangelization of the West that the Holy Father speaks about so eloquently. The best place to begin this re-evangelization is precisely here at Fairfield. I look forward to the response of the University and the student body to my offer.

Yours in Christ,  
 The Rev. Richard G. Cipolla,  
 Ph.D., D.Phil.(Oxon.)

## RTM candidates running together

### To the Editor:

After two weeks of student profiles, we have now all seen the student candidates for RTM. I feel honored to have a shot at representing the student body in the town of Fairfield. The experience and challenge has been both enjoyable and exhilarating thus far. The student response has been nothing but positive, and I believe in my heart that this is a defining year in town relations with the University.

However, I feel compelled to write to clear up some sticky issues that might weigh on the students' conscience. The Re-

publican students and Dom and I are NOT in competition. This is not a race among the four of us. In reality, the way RTM works, Fairfield town is divided into 10 districts. Each district elects 5 people. Voters in the booth check off 5 people out of a slate of candidates in their respective district. Therefore, to win, one needs only to come in the top 5 of the candidates.

This means that all four of us could win. Students need to ask themselves if this is the ideal. Would 4 students on RTM be better than 2? Is 2 better than 1? The four of us are running with the intention of working for you.

Therefore, do not think of this as a race among the students where only one or two can win. It can be all of us if the students so desire.

Domenic Panaccia and I refuse to be pawns in town politics and it is assumed that Chad and Jerry think the same way. So it only makes sense to work together and do what is best for the University. That's simple common sense.

I hope this cleared some things up for those who were confused.

Mike Franz, '99

## What is Fairfield University thinking?

### Alex Ordenez Staff Writer

When I began to study at Fairfield University, it seemed committed to educating and preparing its graduates for the world outside its walls. Maybe, but that was then. Welcome to now. It appears that Fairfield University has somehow lost its focus on the commitment it had made to all the students who chose to attend this university to better their future by receiving a quality education.

I'm sure all the students have

seen all the efforts that Fairfield University has been putting into building and improving the athletic center near the football field. About \$4.7 million worth of effort to be exact. For what? All that money has been spent for a total of about 500 student athletes.

500 student athletes as compared to about 2,500 full time students, not to mention part time students. What is more important: an athletic center which is restricted for only about 500 student athletes, or improving the library, where the entire student

body, including the athletes, can benefit?

Anybody who looks at these numbers would think that Fairfield University regards student athletes as more important than the average student. The layout for the new athletic complex shows how dedicated Fairfield has become to its student athletes. First, the complex will include a resource center designed for academic support and access to the campus computer network. In other words,

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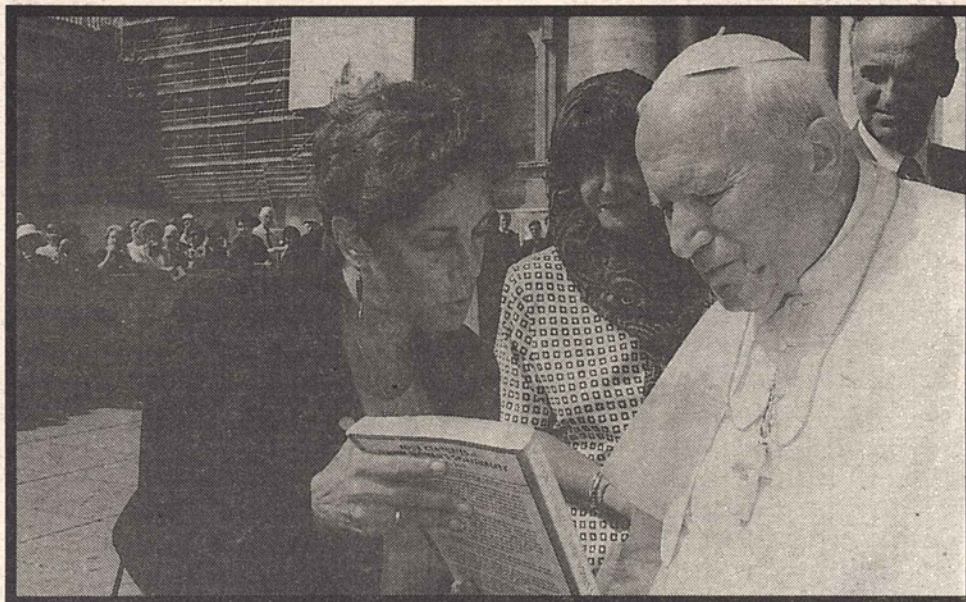
# Judaic Studies Chair Meets Pope

**Prof. Ellen M. Umansky**  
Department of Religious Studies

On Wednesday morning, September 10, 1997, I had the privilege of being personally presented to Pope John Paul II. One of eleven men and women chosen from the three hundred and fifty in attendance at the Biennial Colloquium of the International Conference of Christians and Jews (ICCJ) held in Rocca de Papa (an hour south of Rome), I was introduced to him outside of St. Peter's Church just after he had finished delivering - in nine languages - his weekly address. By the time I stepped forward to shake his hand, describe my position at Fairfield University as Carl and Dorothy Bennett Professor of Judaic Studies, and give him a copy of my book, *Four Centuries of Jewish Women's Spirituality: A Sourcebook*, for "his own use or for the Vatican Library," the more than 20,000 visitors and religious pilgrims who had come to hear him had begun to leave the square. So had the scores of newly married couples, still in wedding attire, and the dozens of men, women, and children either in wheelchairs or slowly walking with the as-

sistance of others, who, just prior to our private audience, had come forward to receive the Pope's blessing.

In all honesty, I can't remember either what I said to him, or what he said to me; what I do remember, though, was stepping forward, away from our semi-circle of eleven, extending my hand, watching as he leaned forward to hear me, his eyes locked with mine, his head slowly nodding as I spoke about my book and about Fairfield University, our talking to one another in English (only seconds after he had conversed with an Argentinian rabbi in Spanish and minutes before he would offer his blessing, in Russian, to a Russian Orthodox woman from St. Petersburg, both from the ICCJ), his thanking me for the book and taking it from me, and my stepping back to join our "delegation." Pictures taken by Vatican photographers, have me looking incredibly at ease with the Pope and thoroughly enjoying our conversation. That I could be so, standing in front of St. Peter's, surrounded on all sides by members of the Swiss Guard, cardinals and bishops standing close by as visible reminders of where I was and who I was meeting, says a great deal, I think, about the Pope himself. He made each of us feel that he appreciated



Dr. Ellen Umansky, Carl and Dorothy Bennett Professor of Judaic Studies at Fairfield University, meets Pope John Paul II at St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

our having come from all over the world to engage in interreligious dialogue and seemed genuinely interested in what each of us had to say. In fact, of the visitors and pilgrims whom the Pope publicly recognized before he began his address, it was those of us from the International Council of Christians and Jews that he recognized first, acknowledging both our physical presence and the importance of our work.

Later that afternoon, back at our Con-

ference Center in Rocca de Papa, I delivered my keynote address on the theme "The Challenge of Tomorrow." Speaking in a session that included a Christian and a Muslim, I felt honored to be at the Colloquium, glad to have spent four days meeting so many men and women involved in interreligious work, and eager to return home to share with my family and students all that I had heard, and learned, from being there.

## What is F. U. thinking? (cont'd)

they get their own personal, updated library- just for them.

These are some great additions for about the 500 student athletes who are the only ones allowed to use them. For the other non student athletes though, we can look upon all those improvements we can't use and be thankful that our tuition money is bettering someone else's chances of acquiring information, instead of our own. I guess Fairfield University believes that as long as some people are getting ahead with our money, we'll feel so good about it that we won't even notice that our library should be in a history book, instead of holding them.

Robert DelGiorno, a Senior, said "The library here is ridiculous. Some of the sources are 10 to 20 years out of date. Also, when we need to order books from other libraries, since our own doesn't have them, we can only order two books. This makes acquiring information for projects and papers very troublesome. Libraries should be the main focus of universities. It should be the selling point for potential students, not the athletic program."

What really puts salt on the wound is that a good number of the student athletes are on full athletic scholarships. Not only are most of them receiving a free education from the university, but they are also going to be the recipients of the most modern facilities on campus to further their education. While, on the other hand, some students pay the full tuition, and have to work harder than student athletes to acquire the same kind of information that the library could never possibly have, and now the student athletes will have it at their fingertips next semester.

The question now is why Fairfield

University would compromise its image as a university with academics as its priority to begin to build up athletics? The answer to this question is what everything else in this life usually boils down to: money. Like the old saying goes, "Money talks..." and you know the rest. What will the university get out of investing money to improve the library? Nothing really substantial, except when a few alumni make it big, and they make large donations to the schools, that's about it.

Using this reasoning, what does Fairfield University get out of improving the athletic center? Let's just say it's a good amount of money. For example, when the Stags basketball team made it to just the first round of the NCAA's, they brought in about \$50,000 after expenses for the school. This is exactly why the university is rapidly improving its athletic department. The better and farther a team gets, the bigger the checks become for Fairfield University.

I feel that these are two major reasons why Fairfield has put academics on the back burner for a while, and started improving the athletic department. Most athletics just brings in more money for the school than the library ever could. There was a time when Fairfield University was dedicated to all of the students that attended it, but it's the 90's, and I guess money in the pocket is a better feeling than properly preparing the future leaders of this country.

Fairfield University is just helping itself when it improves the athletics department. In reality, the investment made by the university to improve the athletic center instead of the library summarizes Fairfield's new attitudes. What have you done for me lately? What do we get out of that sort of investment?

## What about us?

**John O'Dea**  
Staff Writer

Sitting in a classroom in Canisius, my mind has a tendency to wander. I look out the window at the campus below, and I look at all of the things that are happening. I see fellow students walking to class, others standing around talking to one another. I see the campus, with the leaves on the trees beginning to change color with autumn upon us. And I see an enormous crane looming over everything. That crane, which sticks out like a sore thumb, is a part of the construction site for the brand spanking new athletic center.

This athletic center is great for varsity athletes, who will now have the best of everything. The center will be equipped with new research materials and computers, a 4,700 square foot weight training facility, and a high tech recruiting center. Coaches and athletic directors will have their offices moved into the new building in the spring. This is a definite advantage for those involved in the sports program. But what about those of us who are not gifted enough to play a varsity sport? What good does this do for us? The benefits of all these advantages is lost on the majority of the student body.

The new athletic center is a \$4.7 million investment in the sports program. I do not think that this money was invested wisely. This is still an academic university. I pay, along with the rest of you, so that I can get a good education. I don't pay in excess of \$25,000 so that my football team will have some new computers to work with. I know that many people do not like going to the computer labs to do work only to find that the place is packed with people using e-mail. Maybe some of the money could have been used to add some new, up to date books to the library.

I don't see how this monstrosity is going to improve my life.

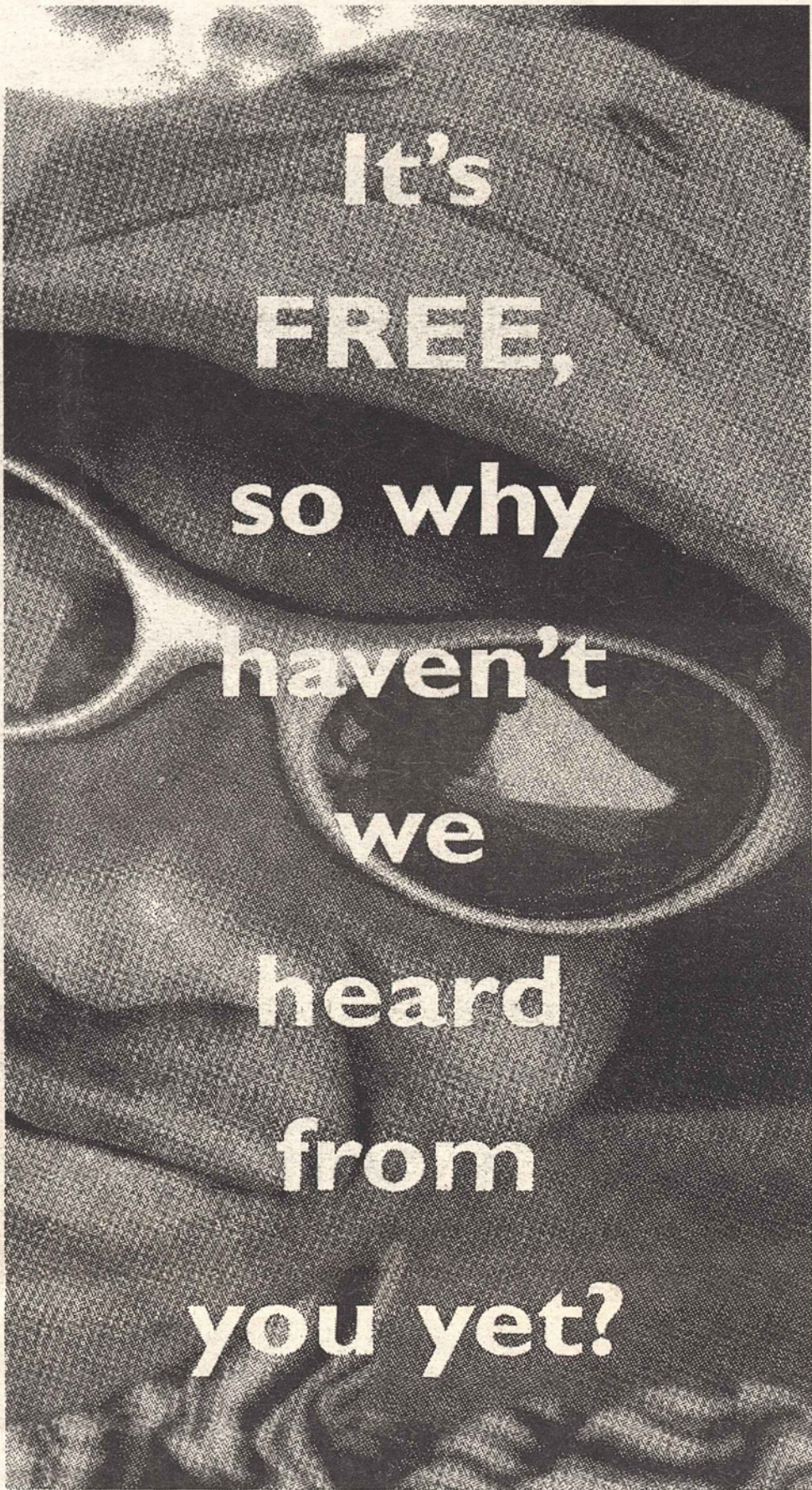
I have talked to my fellow students about it, and the response has been the same from all around. When asked about the new complex, student Vincent Larkin said, "If I can't use it, then I don't want it." I think that this statement sums up the feelings of the majority of the student body.

In last week's *Mirror*, Associate Director of Athletics Alison Sexton was quoted as saying, "the average student also benefits because space will now open up at the Rec Plex for other activities." This is a nice sentiment, that we can now have what is no longer good enough for the varsity athletes, but I can say truthfully that I don't care.

This school is a fine institution, but it definitely does not make some of the finest decisions. \$4.7 million would go a long way towards fixing all of these little problems. I think it is sad that the university decided that the athlete's lives were so unbearable slumming it in the Rec Plex that they had to ignore the problems of the majority of the students.

I have nothing against the athletes. They are students just like you and I. But that seems to be the problem, they are not treated like you and I. They are given preferential treatment by an administration which cares little for those who make this university what it is: the students. At any institution, education must come first. As for the new athletic center, I don't think that the administration has its priorities straight. I don't mind it being there, I just wish that it was not given first priority. That was a very bad decision, one that the "average" student is going to have to live with.





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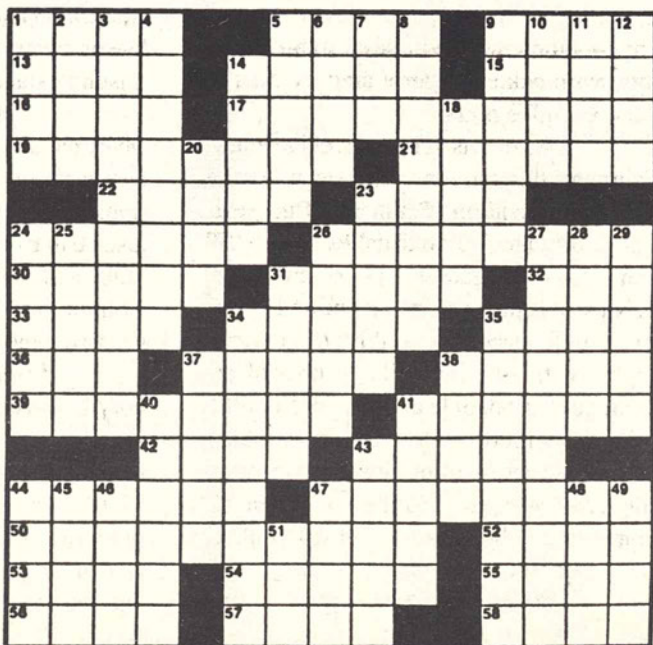




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**TOPOGRAPHICALS** by Gerald R. Ferguson  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Religious service
  - 5 Lead actor
  - 9 Ugandan exile
  - 13 "Dies"
  - 14 "... thereby hangs"
  - 15 Zilch
  - 16 Singer Carter
  - 17 *Salvador* star
  - 19 Sailing ships
  - 21 Ballroom dances
  - 22 Egg parts
  - 23 Optimistic
  - 24 Say no
  - 26 Xylophones' cousins
  - 30 Top-drawer
  - 31 Thesaurus compiler
  - 32 Jima
  - 33 Islands: Fr.
  - 34 VCR input
  - 35 Big family
  - 36 Animator's unit
  - 37 Like O'Brien potatoes
  - 38 Fast dance
  - 39 In a row
  - 41 Participant
  - 42 Like \_\_\_ of sunshine
  - 43 Muse of poetry
  - 44 Grownups
  - 47 Like some literary endings
  - 50 *Pillow Talk* star
  - 52 Pianist Peter
- DOWN**
- 1 Flash
  - 2 Geometric calculation
  - 3 *Norma Rae* star
  - 4 Hit shows
  - 5 Musial and Laurel
  - 6 Scottish caps
  - 7 Pub quaff
  - 8 Puts back
  - 9 Alias
  - 10 Synthesizer creator
  - 11 Subcontinental prefix
  - 12 Famous T-man
  - 14 "Can't you take \_\_\_?"
  - 18 "... something I said?"
  - 20 Alternatively
  - 23 Threw a fit
  - 24 Chill again
  - 25 Actress Barkin
  - 26 Acted pouty
  - 27 "Suddenly" singer
  - 28 Alert
  - 29 Submarine finder
  - 31 Prone to showers
  - 34 Pirate's haul
  - 35 Latex layers
  - 37 Onward
  - 38 Outline
  - 40 Mynah or parrot
  - 41 On one's stomach
  - 43 Unevenly notched
  - 44 War god
  - 45 Campaign name
  - 46 Bruins' sch.
  - 47 "Ain't," correctly
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# Opium for the masses

**Brian Kelly**  
Staff Writer

The lights go on, one by one: pink, yellow, blue, and green. All the shadows come undone, and so begins the waking dream as the smolder of incense rises to meet the break of evening. Bric-a-brac for sale where it resides next to cups of tea steeping.

This is the surreal realm called The Opium. It is a place of peace and relaxation, wonder, and where you can get a really good cheesecake. Located at 2720 Fairfield Ave. in Black Rock (.4 miles past Taco Loco on the left), it is the area's newest coffee house. Two months ago owners Joseph Hatrick and Pablo Suepat put their efforts into opening a coffeehouse, combining Hatrick's twenty-five years in the restaurant business (including being an owner of the Treehouse Comedy Club) with Suepat's artistic intuition as a 3-D modern artist.

With these talents, they have created The Opium, which is more just a shop where you can have some cappuccino and cigarettes. It is an antique shop and art gallery, first and fore-

most. Therefore they have managed to collect a variety of furniture pieces for the shop (primarily '50's and '60's retro). What's more, it is all for sale, as well as the typical odds and ends, from a gold plated punch set to a violin we found in its case under a table. Even the shop is in style. The store location was an antique shop for thirty years, when it changed owners and became a natural clothing and crafts store owned by a family of traditional Vermonters. Therefore, all of the store's beams are hand carved. To add to the somewhat natural feel of the architecture, a driftwood tree was erected in the center, and trimmed with Christmas tree lights, and now occupies the center of the room.

Not only does the shop entertain the sight and taste, but there is constantly music playing. In accordance with the decor, vinyl is always playing period jazz and even as far back as '30's big band. (We even heard a cheesy play-along record of how to play the bongos.) But The Opium also features a regular schedule of live music on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, with jazz and folk performers. Upcoming additions to the live enter-

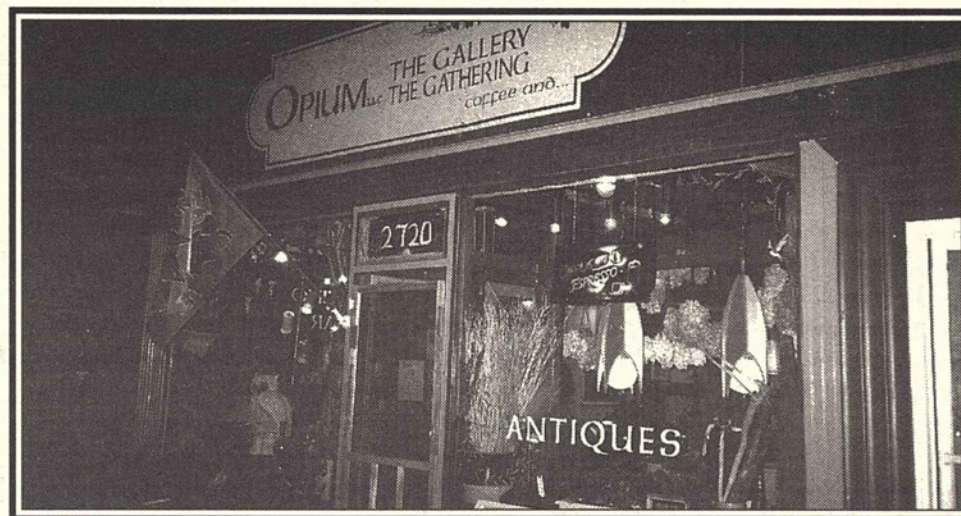


photo: Brian Kelly

tainment will include Tuesday night poetry readings and Wednesday night astrology with neike and tarot, and eventually an open mike night.

As nice as it is to have live entertainment, though, the small stage is in a very poor position. While all of the seating is arranged around tables, they still can't seem to give views of the stage because it is in the corner at one end of the long shop space. According to Hatrick, nights with live music have packed an average of 75 people a night. But I don't think that more than a dozen of those people can get anything close to approaching a decent view. So the layout leaves something to be desired. But with only a \$3 cover for bands, you can't go wrong.

There is another detraction from The Opium, which is the name. Obviously, it is a very biased name, suggesting drug culture, which is not present. In talking with Hatrick, he explained that that was not his intent. "The meaning of the name is to describe the euphoric feeling when you are here...it is a natural feeling." He also went on to say that the incense that they burn in the shop is opium, they wear opium cologne, and the black cat which wanders amid the legs of the

chairs and patrons is named Opium Noir. He is aware of the potential of people misunderstanding the name, but does not foresee any problems, and he stands by it. There are already some regulars, so business is progressing. In fact, he is already hoping to open another venue, which will also be in Black Rock. It will be a supper club, with five nights of entertainment. Both of these projects are participants in the Bridgeport revival program.

Overall, The Opium is a good coffee house, especially considering is brand new. It is BYOB - there is a corking fee of \$4 for a bottle of wine, and \$1 for beer. Those who are a bit more open to new experiences or people will find it entertaining. It is not quite an entertainment staple quite yet; but that should come with time, as more people find out about it and begin their patronage. You may not find any of the Friends there, but you may bring yours.

The Opium is open from 10-1 (except Mondays). For more information, or for entertainment booking, or to get your paintings and sculpture displayed in the artist of the month program, call 332-7002.

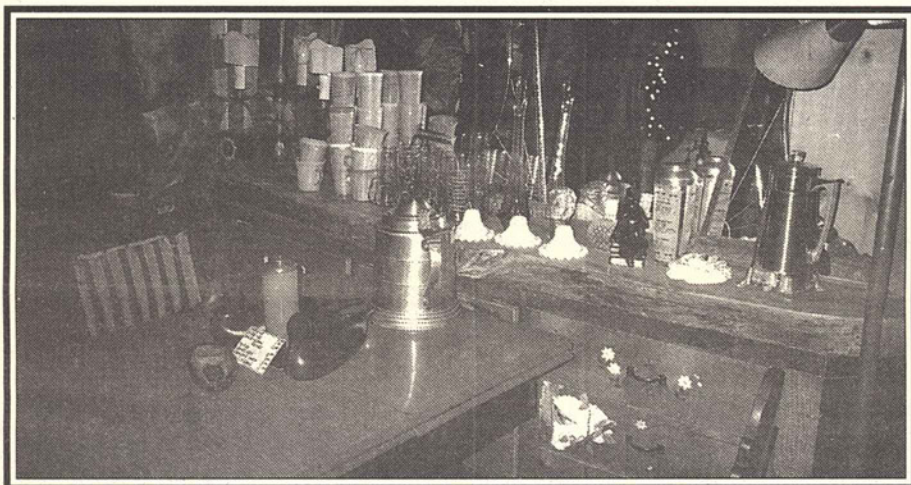


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## Who wins "The Game?"

**Nell Bateman**  
Co-Assistant A & E Editor

Here's the game: you don't know the rules, you don't know the purpose, you don't know who's chasing you, but you're IT. You find keys and you don't know what they open, but when you're in a doomed situation, these keys just so happen to open the necessary locks. All your money is taken from all of your international accounts. Your coffee is drugged and you wake up in a crypt in Mexico. The people chasing you are now trying to kill you, and you begin to realize: maybe this game isn't a game.

Michael Douglas stars in this film as shrewd businessman Nicholas Van Orton—a miserable and very rich investment banker with no time for anybody but himself. When his brother Conrad (played by Sean Penn) gives Nicholas an unexpected birthday present that he says "will make your life fun," Nick hesitantly accepts. The gift is a card for CRS, Consumer Recreation Services, an agency which concocts personalized "games" for the selected customers.

No one seems to give a straight answer as to what the game is all about. Nicholas is a man of control and order, and doesn't like being in the dark concerning the game's object. The biblical reference, "Where I was once blind, I can now see" is the only answer Nick can get, and he is convinced by previous game players that it's a "profound life experience."



But the "game" twists into devastating events leaving Nicholas Van Orton disturbed and distraught asking, "Is this a sick joke? Is this part of the game or is this...real?" Anything is possible in "The Game."

After watching "The Game," I felt as if suffered a couple of heart attacks, and the hair on the back of my neck would appear permanently electrocuted. It was intense to say the least, and I wouldn't be playing "The Game" right if I gave away the ending. Be prepared that anything goes in "The Game" and you can choose to be tantalized by the game being played, or completely exasperated.

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# NEW ENGLAND DAY festivities

**Elizabeth Wheeler Broad**  
Staff Writer

Friday afternoon in the quad was the place to be for throngs of students celebrating Fairfield's annual New England Day. Instead of the previously used Barone Campus Center patio, the quad, along with the perfect weather, provided an idyllic setting for the festivities. The carefully planned university event brought a diverse group from the class of 2001 and many upper class-people (the p.c. term!) together for five hours of fun.

Fairfield has the members of the I.R.H.G. (Inter Residence Hall Government) to thank for New England Day's roaring success. Using their combined energy and enthusiasm the group created a wonderful mini-fair complete with games, prizes and music. The representatives of each hall contributed a different booth or activity at little or no cost to the participants.

The music from Loyola's "name that tune" could be heard all over campus and was a big hit with its prize of compact discs. Before the sun went down, a whipped cream slip and slide created quite a mess; any sticky victims have Jogues to blame for that one! Campion's psychic inhabitants entertained many with clever fortune telling while distributing tattoos for those

who don't see a future of permanent scarring. Dolan kicked off the Halloween season early with an apple bobbing booth and their distinct neighbors Kostka and Claver supplied a game of "hit some balloons with a dart." A local amusement park company set up the ever popular "jumpy castle" and "bouncing boxing" which was organized by Regis. For the student with a vendetta the jousting arena was the perfect place to kick some padded butt or just release pent up Friday frustration. A lover not a fighter? Gonzaga's "find your match" booth put romance in the air. Not only did one lucky couple find each other, but they also will be dining in style with Gonzaga picking up the tab. The "dinner for two" winners are to be announced in the very near future.

Fairfield's Sodexo provided the many hungry revellers with free food. The menu included a basic fare of corndogs, potato salad, chicken and cotton candy. The campus radio station WVOF managed to find bands that played to the wide range of music tastes from the scary to the sublime (the adjective not the band.)

For student's not interested in the booths New England Day was a great excuse to check out the live bands, get a bite to eat and play frisbee with friends. Due to the imaginative efforts of I.R.H.G. a fabulous Fairfield tradition just got better. To all who attended or are planning on it next year, here's to starting the weekend off right. T.G.I.F-I.R.H.G.!!!!

## DLO return to skank it up

**Kristen Sullivan**  
A & E Editor

The Douglas Leader orchestra returned to Fairfield full of the spunk that characterizes them as Fairfield's Ska sensation. The group was joined by a new member named Rufus, formerly of Syracuse's Too Hectic, the biggest ska band in Syracuse.



Collectively they played all of our favorite DLO hits such as Della, Thinking of You and Mr. Belvedere.

The group is comprised of all Syracuse University students with the exception of saxophonist, Joe Fattorini, a senior at Fairfield. Fattorini said that DLO finished recording their forthcoming CD last

weekend.

"We recorded another three song singles that will be released around Halloween," said Fattorini.

The single CD will be entitled, Saturday Night at Matt's House, since the group recorded three songs in fifteen minutes at some guy named Matt's house. The CD single will include a

new song, G-minor, a DLO fave Della, and DLO version of the ska classic, Sally Brown. The full length CD is due for release around Christmas.

DLO, who opened for Run DMC earlier this year, will come back to campus on November 6 to play the Levee.

## The Bluebeats spice up the QUAD

**Kristen Sullivan**  
A & E Editor

It probably hadn't been done before, but a Death Metal band, PYTT, opened up for a reggae/ska band at this year's New England Day. The music certainly was diverse, with everything from death metal, to rock steady to ska. The headliners, The Bluebeats, are a group represented by Moon Ska NYC. They've been performing for two and a half years and emphasize that making good

music is what they are all about.

The Bluebeats played most of the songs off of their album, Dance With Me, including the title track, Dance With Me, Why not, Hardest Working Man, This Cruel World and The Fits is on Me.

It seemed that students were surprised to have The Bluebeats playing at New England Day, since their music isn't



as mainstream as pop, yet the Bluebeats' music had students on their feet, dancing on tables and singing along.

The New England Day show epitomized a fun, laid back spirit. Their good music reverberated all over campus, so much so that, the music of The Bluebeats and The Douglas Leader Orchestra, created an uproar in the community, as everything around here does.

Murray Farber, Director Public Relations for the University, received a complaint from a local woman who lamented that the noise was shaking her house, "You've ruined the beach, now you are ruining the rest of the town."

And if having fun and making music is going to be the downfall of the neighborhood, at least we all will enjoy the catchy tunes of the Bluebeats and DLO, while the neighbors watch in horror.

## WVOF fall programming comes your way

**Joe Fattorini**  
Staff Writer

Here's the format program guide for WVOF:

**Monday — Hip Hop: 4 p.m. - 12 a.m.**  
**SPECIAL: Techno/House 12 a.m. - 2 a.m.**

WVOF starts the week off right with one of the most diverse nights of music featuring Hip Hop, R&B, Techno, Jungle and House Jams. Included is a good mix of your favorite dance hits and underground mixes. The night's special highlight is live mixing by both Fairfield U students and local DJs.  
**Tuesday — Ska and Reggae: 6 p.m. - 12 a.m.**

A delicious blend of Jamai-

can rhythms cooked especially for you. To season the stew with sixties Jamaican roots...and later jump on the bandwagon

with some juicy nineties Ska. The music will have you smackin' yo' lips and smokin' yo' spliffs!

**Wednesday — Metal: 5 p.m. - 2 a.m.**  
Do you have an urge to be bruised, molested and outright violated

by your radio? Then experience the most brutal form of music ever recorded to live out all your masochistic fantasies. **WARNING:** the music only

gets harder as the night gets longer!  
**Thursday — College Night: 6 p.m. - 2 a.m.**

An eclectic mix of new ground breaking music. Open your minds to what promises to be the next rage before it's exploited by commercial radio. This is what college radio was meant to be!

**Friday — Roots Rock: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

At the end of the week, there is no better way to start the weekend than rolling up with Roots Rock. Puff away in clouds of happiness to your favorite bands like the Grateful Dead and Phish, all the way to Medeski, Martin and Wood. So drop on in and smell the sounds, and prepare for the weekend.





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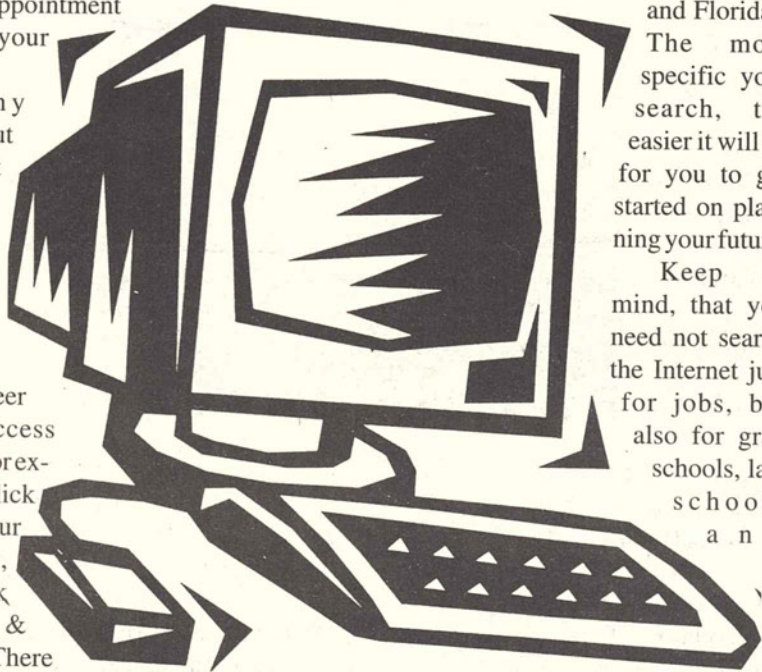
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## ER Premiere not what the doctor ordered

**Jodi DiGregorio**  
Campus Life Editor

Last Thursday, the medical drama ER made television history. It was the first time that the TV drama was broadcast live. There were no retakes. There was no music. There were just actors and a camera.

Being live was worked into the plot of ER, such that a local public service station wanted to document daily life in an emergency room. While this was probably the most effective way to handle going live, some viewers felt that it didn't coincide with the plot of the season finale last spring. Senior Sara Winton said, "Next week's plot fits more with what happened last season. I feel like that will be the season premiere."

The story line, however, wasn't the only change made in going live. The cast of ER had only eight rehearsals before the big day in which they had to adjust to the whole system of cuing. During the regular season, the actors are cued


by people behind the camera. For the live episode, "cuers" had to be worked into the scenes. For example, one of the patients was a man who roamed around the floor, tapping on anything with a pair of drumsticks. He was a "cuer."

Another adjustment for the cast was having one take for each scene. Like any live broadcast, ER had a 15 minute lead time to count for major mistakes. However, some viewers felt that mistakes were made anyway.

"I didn't like the way they did it live," said senior Elizabeth Dias. "It was messier. It seemed like they were making mistakes, but maybe that's what they were supposed to do."

NBC hyped up this landmark event for weeks. Did ER live up to its expectations? According to Winton, "No, it didn't live up to its expectations. In terms of it being a history-making episode, I thought it was good. But in comparison to the regular episodes, it was a letdown. I'm more excited to see next week's show."

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# Football sacked by Georgetown

**Rick Thomson**  
Sports Editor

The Fairfield University football team saw its three-game winning streak come to an end this past Saturday, as the Georgetown Hoyas took advantage of four Fairfield turnovers and rolled to a 34-9 win in Washington D.C. Saturday's defeat dropped the Stags to 1-1 in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, and 2-1 overall.

The loss was especially painful for the Stags because of the injury sustained by freshman running back Marvin Royal, who was leading all Division I-AA schools in rushing with 172 yards per game. Royal broke his clavicle on a helmet-to-shoulder hit early in the first quarter and will be out for six to eight weeks.

"It's really a shame that we lost Marvin," head coach Kevin Kiesel said. "But I'm sure he'll work hard to recover and get himself back on the field."

Fairfield did manage to get on the scoreboard on its first possession of the game, as Jason Butsch's 32-yard field goal gave the Stags a 3-0 lead. But things quickly fell apart for Fairfield thanks to four costly turnovers. Georgetown took advantage of a Stags' fumble and three interceptions by Fairfield quarterback Jim Lopusznic to open up a 20-3 half time lead on two field goals and two short touchdown passes by quarterback Bill Ward.

"We gave them great field position with the turnovers," Kiesel said. "But our defense did a good job of holding Georgetown to just a couple of field goals early on."

The Hoyas put the game away in the second half, as Ward connected with Steve Iorio on a 16-yard touchdown pass early in the third quarter and then hit Joe Todisco on a

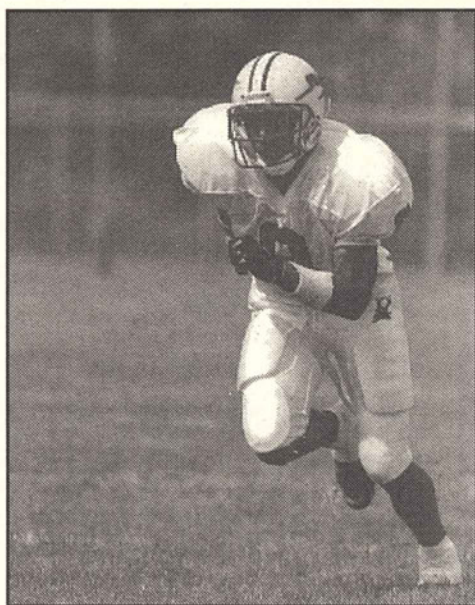


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Eric Wise had 7 catches in Saturday's loss.

19-yard scoring strike to increase their lead to 34-3. Fairfield finally got in the end-zone in the fourth quarter, as Dwayne Folkes' four-yard touchdown run closed out the scoring for the game.

Georgetown held the Stags to just 217 yards of total offense, Fairfield's lowest offensive output of the season. Folkes led the Stags in rushing with 83 yards on 17 carries, while Eric Wise caught seven passes for 45 yards.

"Georgetown really has a great defensive unit," Kiesel said. "This is the highest level of football in the league. With this loss, we learned what it is going to take to be a champion."

The Stags will look to rebound from their first loss of the season this Saturday when they take on Central Connecticut at Alumni Field for the second-annual homecoming game.

"We're really excited about this one," Kiesel said. "We're expecting a big crowd and we want to give the fans a great game. Central Connecticut is a talented team, but we're a much better team than we were last year, so we're expecting good things on Saturday."

# Volleyball spikes Niagara & Cornell

**Brad Tarr**  
Assistant Sports Editor

As expected, the Fairfield University's women's volleyball team continues to improve with each passing day. And, as expected, the Stags have started to garner the national attention that they have worked so hard to achieve. According to the NCAA District Rankings that came out September 21, the Stags were tenth in the second district, tied with Ohio State. This is quite an impressive accomplishment especially since this is a first for the team and head coach Todd Kress.

Last Wednesday, the Stags travelled to Storrs to take on a powerful opponent in the form of the University of Connecticut. Despite a decent performance, the Stags found themselves on the short end of a three set loss.

"We didn't play very well," Kress said, "but we definitely had our opportunities. Our problem was that we failed to take advantage."

Because of what lied ahead for the Stags, namely matchups with conference rivals Canisius and Niagara as well as a tough Ivy league opponent (Cornell) on the weekend, it was not a good time to fret over a loss. Coming out of the UConn match the Stags were fired up and that clearly explains why they demolished every team that crossed their path in western New York.

First up for the Stags was Canisius on Saturday. Despite playing their first five set match of the year, Fairfield managed a victory nevertheless. The big day for the Stags was still to come going into Sunday's games against Niagara and Cornell.

In the first game of the day against Niagara, the Stags absolutely exploded offensively and defensively. In fact, in coach Kress's words, they "manhandled" their opponent. Sophomore co-captain Liz Bower came up big and tallied 31 assists offensively as well as 10 digs on defense. Bower also added a block and a serving ace to her totals in

the match. Not to be outdone, sophomore co-captain Jen McLaughlin and freshman Machel Craig also notched 11 kills apiece against the Purple Eagles.

Next victim for the Stags was Cornell University. Fairfield also had an impressive showing in knocking off this non-conference opponent. McLaughlin, Craig, and another freshman, Corrine Carlson, paced the offense with 17, 15, and 13 kills, respectively. Bower also added 43 assists and four serving aces. Those 43 assists bring Bower's total for the year up to 543. As of press time, the Stags were possessors of an impressive 12-3 overall record and were 4-0 in MAAC play. Obviously, the coach was going to be pleased.

"Even though we played a little sluggish on Saturday against Canisius, we bounced back and had a great day on Sunday," Kress said. "It was the best we've played all year. Machel Craig, Corrine Carlson, and Jen McLaughlin, in particular, came up huge for us. The bottom line however is that these wins were a total team effort in every sense of the word. Our offense, defense, and most importantly our attitudes, were right where they should have been. It is imperative that we keep it that way for the remainder of our conference schedule."

The biggest test for the Stags will come this Saturday when they take on the reigning four-time MAAC champions from Siena, in Alumni Hall (4:00, not 2:00).

"We feel that the Niagara win got us over the plateau, but without a doubt, we gear our whole season for Siena," Kress said. "This match is unbelievably big. In fact, we could be playing for the first seed in the MAAC tournament."

There is no doubt that fan support would be beneficial for the Stags this weekend as they go up against the Saints. Come out and support the Stags' on Saturday and Sunday (vs. Marist; another MAAC foe), as they continue their quest toward a conference title.

## Home Games...

Women's Tennis vs. Iona  
Today, 3 p.m.

Football vs. Central Connecticut  
Saturday, 1 p.m.

Rugby vs. Southern Connecticut  
Saturday 1 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Siena  
Saturday, 4 p.m.

Baseball vs. Concordia (2)  
Sunday, 12 p.m.

Cross Country in Fairfield Invitational  
Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Marist  
Sunday, 2 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Lehigh  
Tuesday, 7 p.m.

## It's home, sweet home for men's soccer

**Jeff Woelpper**  
Staff Writer

It was a homecoming of sorts this weekend for the Fairfield University men's soccer team as they played their first matches at Alumni Field since August 30th after playing six of their first seven games on the road. The Stags took advantage of their home field as they swept the two games against MAAC rivals Canisius and Niagara and got back on track for a shot at the conference playoffs.

Saturday's victim, Canisius, was overmatched and outplayed by an aggressive Stags squad that rolled up a 2-0 victory. Senior captain Paul McSherry and senior Craig Lennon each scored for Fairfield, while goalkeeper Chris Sheckley made four saves en route to the shutout.

Sheckley made it a shutout weekend on Sunday as the Stags blanked Niagara 1-0 in overtime. He was backed by a stellar defense headed by freshmen Gary Robertson and Brian Homowitz and sophomore Tom Bowles, who continued to play despite breaking his nose in

the second half. Sebastian Wojdazka scored the lone goal of the match in overtime, propelling Fairfield to its third win of the year.

"We have played well early on in the season and there was really no major transformations," head coach Carl Rees said. "We have learned our lessons and the older guys have stepped up to lead while the younger guys have almost been forced to mature quickly."

Rees also feels that playing at home as well as playing against MAAC teams added to the intensity of his team.

"Playing at home definitely makes a difference. Plus these in-conference games are 'must-win' so it adds to our motivation," Rees said. "We were playing with more aggression and our emotional level was higher."

The Stags take to the road again in the upcoming weeks. Their next opponent is Siena, who is unbeaten in MAAC play this year. The MAAC is a tougher conference this year with the addition of Rider and Marist, so the Stags have their work cut out for them the rest of this season.



## Cross Country sprints past competition at Iona meet

Rick Thomson  
Sports Editor

The Fairfield University cross-country team, fresh off wins on both the men's and women's side at the Siena Invitational last weekend, put forth another solid effort this past Saturday at the Iona College Meet of Champions in the Bronx, New York.

In the men's open meet, the Stags beat out a slew of strong running schools including the University of Connecticut, Army, and Loyola to finish fourth out of 30 teams. Freshman Ken Poli was the first man across the finish line for Fairfield, as he finished 20th overall with a time of 27:17. Head coach Phil Schuchert offered nothing but praise for his first-year runner.

"Ken continues to be impressive," Schuchert said. "For the last couple of weeks, he has run very steady races and then really turned it on in the end."

Following closely behind Poli were freshman James Butler (27:20) and junior Dan Whitney (27:29), as they finished in 22nd and 25th place respectively. Evan McFarland (28:30) and Dan Petouvis (29:37) also ran well for the Stags, whose team score of 176 was beaten only by nationally-ranked Georgetown and traditionally talented squads from the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Rhode Island.

"We were really just hoping to finish in the top half," Schuchert said. "I was definitely pleased and surprised with our performance. There were really no slouch programs in the field."

The women's team was forced to compete without the services of two of its top runners, as Karen McGuire was sidelined with a hip flexor injury and Meredith Carrey couldn't race because of a bad head cold.

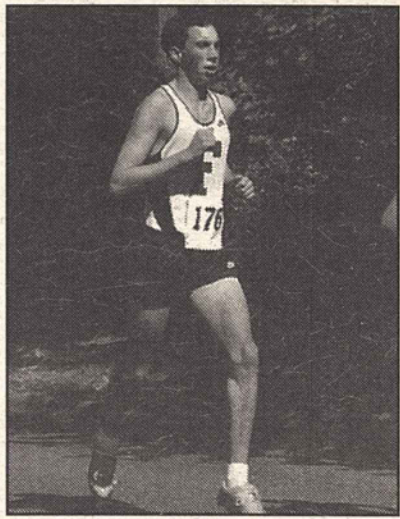


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Dan Whitney finished second in the men's open meet at the Iona meet of Champions.

Despite the absence of these two key runners, the Stags still managed to place 17th overall with a score of 470. Freshman Megan Hayes was the top finisher for Fairfield, as her time of 22:07 was good for 120th place overall. Junior co-captain Rachel Borek took 126th place with a time of 22:17, while Brooke Mikesell (22:50) and Jessica Rawnsley (23:58) finished 137th and 153rd respectively.

"We probably would have finished around 12th place had we been at 100 percent," Schuchert said. "But the women that did run posted substantially better times than last year. Megan stepped up and filled in nicely in the number one spot, and Rachel's time was one and one-half minutes faster than last year."

This Sunday, the Stags will look to outrun local schools including Marist and St. Peter's as they host the ten-team Fairfield Invitational Tournament. The race will take place right here on campus at 1:30 p.m.

## Golf grabs seventh place at Dartmouth

Matthew Payne  
Staff Writer

The newly crowned MAAC-champion Fairfield University golf team brought its recent success to the Dartmouth Invitational in Maine this past weekend. The tournament was held at the Hanover Country Club, a relatively short course with a par of 69. The team had high expectations one week after taking home the MAAC title, but unfortunately, they had a mediocre performance out on the links this weekend.

Talented golf programs including Yale University, the University of Hartford, Dartmouth College, Holy Cross, and Army provided to be quite an obstacle for the Stags to overcome, and although they were not one of the top finishers, they did hold their own. The highlight of the weekend was the play of junior Patrick Matthews, who shot a two-over par, 71 on Saturday and a one-over par, 70 on Sunday. Matthews' phenomenal play earned him second place in the tournament, shooting only one stroke behind the winner, whose total score was 140. Matthews has been solid all year for the Stags. He has scored in the mid to high 70's in each of the three tournaments thus far, and his consistency continues to be a key element in the Stags success.

The team finished in seventh place out of the twelve schools partici-

pating. The team shot decent scores, but the fact of the matter is, that when playing well established programs such as Yale, who won this weekend's tournament, the average score will equal an average finish. Scores under par will bring home the trophy.

"The guys did not play that bad, it just takes a little more to be one of the top finishers," head coach Dan McCabe said. "We need all the guys going out there playing their best."

The Stags finished with a first-round score of 306. The top four scores for the team were Matthews with a 71, sophomore Craig Anzlovar with a 77, senior Scott Hepner with a 79, and freshman Jack Hammond with an 80. On Sunday, the team improved a notch, shooting a 304, highlighted by Matthews' one-over par 70, and Anzlovar's 75. Hammond matched his first round score of 80, and rounding out the top four finishers was senior Dave Marciniowski with an 83.

The Stags play in the Toski Invitational this weekend in Amherst, Massachusetts at the Hickory Ridge Golf Course. Again, it will be a tough task with teams such as the University of Rhode Island, Boston College, and UConn participating. But the team is expecting success, and will hopefully be in the running for another championship.

## Athletes of the Week

Chris Sheckley

Liz Bower

Sheckley, a sophomore from Windham, Connecticut, did not allow a single goal in two matches this weekend as the men's soccer team recorded victories over conference rivals Canisius and Niagara.

Bower, a sophomore from Cincinnati, Ohio, had 31 assists in the volleyball team's win over Niagara and 43 assists in a win over Cornell. Bower has 543 assists through 15 games so far this season.

## Rugby team sinks Coast Guard

Joe Simpson  
Contributing Writer

This past Saturday, the sharply dressed Fairfield University Rugby Club stomped all over Coast Guard, 24-5. Before a crowd of hundreds, the handsome Red Ruggers dominated Coast Guard with brilliant scrum play and a well-executed back line. Trys were scored by Dave "I'm nicer when I'm naked" Smith, George "Cow Tipper" Hemmer, and Rick "Stone hands" Feltre. The win was the first of the

season for the Red Ruggers and Senior Rob "Pack of butts and a Pepsi" Gallagher was very pleased.

"I'm happy with the overall play of the team, it was an impressive victory," Gallagher said. "I'm even more impressed with the way they removed the ball from Rick Feltre's chest."

Come see Fairfield play this Saturday at 1 p.m., as they take on Southern Connecticut followed by a bagpipe extravaganza by the one and only Kevin "I wish we were all from Ireland" Norton.

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# Women's soccer nets three more wins

Paul Pennelli  
Staff Writer

Consistency has become the Fairfield women's soccer team's catchword, after it ripped off three more wins this past week over Iona, Canisius, and Niagara. The Stags dominated all three of their matches, and played to their fullest, even in adverse situations.

Fairfield's 5-0 win over Iona last Tuesday was an outstanding all-around performance. Fairfield was extremely focused for this match, and Head Coach Maria Piechocki, spoke prior to the game about the Stags' need to be consistent throughout the season, regardless of the opponent. Fairfield came out of the gates armed with confidence and talent, and the Stags attacked quickly. Sophomore standout Abby Allan netted three goals in a single game, a rarity in soccer, and the defense blanked Iona for 90 minutes.

After the Iona match, Fairfield took to the road for two back-to-back matches against Canisius and Niagara. The Stags had to face Canisius' tough AstroTurf field, but the team made some adjustments after a challenging first twenty minutes. Once Fairfield started winning the 50/50 balls, especially at the midfield, the tide began to turn, and the Stags dominated for the rest of the match. Sophomore Ann Rosdick played a tremendous game, as well as tri-captain Mary Ann Sadowski. Goalkeeper Anne Lyons recorded another shutout, and the final score was 4-0.

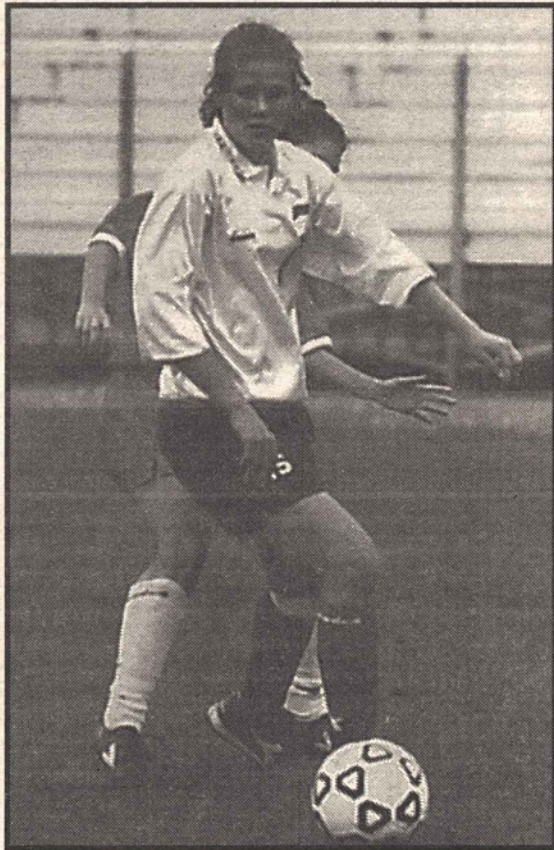


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Abby Allan scored three goals in a win over Iona.

Niagara would prove to be a much tougher match. Coach Piechocki was worried about soreness and fatigue prior to the weekend, and this would play a small factor in Sunday's game. Fairfield came out slightly unfocused, and this was very apparent when Niagara scored first. Once that happened, the momentum was in Niagara's favor. Never to be counted out, the Stags came roaring back, especially in the midfield. Midfielders Mackenzie Bruno, Suzy Folger, Lisa Cerulo, and Michele Savage improved their play dramatically, won balls, and pushed forward. This created a multitude of scoring opportunities, and Fairfield was able to notch three goals for the 3-1 win.

This coming weekend will be one of firsts for the Fairfield women's soccer program. The Stags will head west to Mississippi for two matches against the University of Mississippi and Mississippi State. These two Southeastern Conference teams will be very tough to beat, but Fairfield, with its 6-0 MAAC record, will be expecting to win at least one of those games. The fitness level of the team's members could not be higher, so Fairfield is definitely up to the challenges of the SEC. Once it returns to the east, Fairfield must travel to another MAAC opponent, St. Peter's. A victory at this Jersey City school would all but guarantee a spot in the MAAC tournament, but Fairfield must continue to win if it wishes to gain the top seed.

# Men's tennis flattens Fordham

Troy Beaudoin  
Staff Writer

This past Thursday the Fairfield University men's tennis team improved their record to 2-0 with a 4-2 win over Fordham University. The victory marked the first time the Stags had defeated Fordham in the past eight years.

After falling behind 1-0 with Brendan Gaentner's 4-6, 4-6 loss at number one singles, the Stags quickly struck back with a win at number two singles. Buzz Coakley lost a hard-fought first set before settling down to convincingly win the next two sets 6-1, 6-1.

The Stags continued their winning ways with a victory at number three singles by Brian Stipe. Stipe dominated the first set 6-2 before dropping the second set. However, he bounced back and recovered nicely with a 6-2 win in the final

set.

At number four singles, Brian Robertson crushed his opponent in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0. The victory avenged his loss to the same opponent last year.

"Brain absolutely destroyed his opponent," Briones said. "He looked like a 50-year veteran out there."

The second of Fairfield's two losses came with the defeat of Dennis Ryan at number five singles. In one of the closest and most hard fought matches of the season, Ryan lost 5-7, 7-6, 4-6.

"It was only his first loss of the season," Briones said. "Dennis really couldn't have played a better match."

Mike Twardowski closed out the day for the Stags with a convincing 6-0, 6-0 win at number six singles.

"It was the final match of the day and it really showed

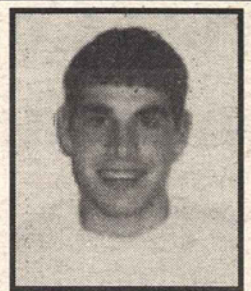
our dominance," Briones said. "Mike's quickness and power overwhelmed his opponent."

No doubles matches were played at the choice of visiting Fordham. Briones sat out the Fordham match and also missed yesterday's match against MAAC-foe Marist due to a mild concussion.

The Stags will spend the next week preparing for the MAAC championships in Kiamesha Lake, New York. Based on their performance against Fordham, Briones is confident that the Stags have the ability to bring home the championship next weekend.

"Beating Fordham was a huge confidence builder," senior co-captain Dave Briones said. "Fordham is usually the toughest competition we face all year. Hopefully with a win like this we'll be a favorite to win the MAAC championship."

# For what it's worth



## Hail to the home run hitters

Rick Thomson  
Sports Editor

The last couple of weeks of the 1997 Major League Baseball season have been some of the most exciting in recent memory thanks to the exploits of Seattle Mariners centerfielder Ken Griffey, Jr. and St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire. Griffey and McGwire made a serious run at Roger Maris' 36-year old record of 61 home runs in a season, but came up a bit short, finishing with 56 and 58 respectively. However, the two slugger's chase for the record brought a lot of excitement to a part of the baseball season which is usually characterized by a bunch of boring, meaningless games that have to be played before the playoffs can begin.

The power hitting of Griffey and McGwire has been the hottest topic in professional sports over the last couple of weeks. Whether or not Griffey or McGwire hit a home run, you could be sure that their performances would be the first clip on the highlight reel. And the fact that the two are positive role models and fine representatives of the game of baseball only helped make their historic run at the record more compelling. As a youth, Griffey lived every child's dream, as he spent his summer days at the ballpark and in the clubhouse of whatever team his father was playing on. Griffey's boyish charm and ear-to-ear smile, not to mention his sweet swing and graceful play in centerfield, has helped him win over the hearts of baseball fans all over the nation. McGwire, on the other hand, is an imposing figure who stands six feet, five inches tall, and is built more like a football player than a baseball player. However, the only thing that McGwire would ever intentionally impose harm upon is a baseball, as this gentle giant literally speaks softly and carries a big stick. He has donated millions of dollars to children's funds and a variety of other charities. In fact, when McGwire was traded from the Oakland Athletics to the St. Louis Cardinals in July, he would not leave the Bay area and his family without the blessing of his son.

While McGwire will be at home watching the playoffs on television with his son since the Cardinals did not qualify for the postseason, Griffey will look to continue his power surge as the Mariners try to reach the World Series for the first time in franchise history. And if this season's playoffs are anything like last year's, home runs should play a major part in determining who will be this year's champion. I'm sure New York Yankees fans can vividly remember Derek Jeter's controversial home run in game one of the American League Championship Series that was pulled over the fence by the most popular 12-year old in New York, Jeffrey Mayer. The home run helped propel the Yankees to a win in game one before going on to win the series in five games. One week later, another memorable home run helped turn things around for New York against the Atlanta Braves in the World Series. Trailing 2-0 in the series and 6-0 in the sixth inning of game three, Jim Leyritz's towering, three-run blast to left field capped a six-run rally as the Yankees came from behind to win that game before taking the next three games and winning their first World Series in 18 years.

I have seen many memorable home runs in my years of watching baseball games, but as a player, I was also a part of a home run that will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it. I was ten years old and playing centerfield for my little league team when the memorable moment occurred. We were winning 21-0 when Mike Checko, one of the best hitters in the Central Coventry Little League stepped to the plate. On the first pitch, Checko hit a blast directly over my head. I sprinted towards the fence in an effort to prevent a home run and preserve the shutout for my team. I extended my glove as I approached the fence, and what ensued was one of the most humiliating experiences of my life.

The humiliation did not lie in the fact that the ball did indeed sail over the fence, as we still won the game by 20 runs. However, on that particular hit, I was so focused on the flight of the ball that I neglected to take the proximity of the fence into consideration. As a result, my mouth became lodged on the top of the five-foot, chain-link fence that surrounds the field. As I covered my face and screamed hysterically, my father quickly ran out to console me. From there, I had to make a shameful walk from the centerfield fence to the parking lot so my father could take me to be examined at the hospital. As I trudged towards the car, a sudden hush settled over the crowd, as every player, coach, and spectator stared intently at the freak with a towel shoved up his mouth and blood all over his hands and uniform. That was a home run that I will never forget - no matter how hard I try.

So whether it's little league baseball or Major League Baseball, home runs are something that fans will always appreciate. The 1997 baseball season will certainly be remembered for years to come thanks to Griffey and McGwire, and the fact that these two sluggers are indeed true gentlemen and not immature, conceited, crybabies like so many athletes of today makes their accomplishment even more special. I also hope that the little league outfielders from my home town will remember and learn from the story of my home run experience, which has been passed down from generation to generation of outfielders in the Central Coventry Little League. I pray that this upcoming Spring, these kids will remember to feel for the fence with their hands rather than with their mouths. And while they are out there, maybe they can do me a favor and find that piece of lip I left on the centerfield fence eleven years ago.