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Students vulnerable to Internet problems



Graphics: Los Angeles Times/Washington Post

RIAA files over 250 lawsuits

BY JEN MALCOM

From 12-year-old girls to senior citizens, people all over the country have been effected. Could the files downloaded on your computer make you their next target?

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has been working closely with the university community to stop

copyright infringement, according to a press release from the RIAA.

Earlier this summer they subpoenaed records from Loyola University Chicago in order to obtain names of students allegedly involved in the distribution of copyrighted songs over the university's computer network.

SEE "RIAA" ON P. 4

Worms continue to wiggle through campus 'net

BY STEVEN ANDREWS

Though the scene in the Barone Campus Center has calmed down over the past week, the message to Fairfield's students is still the same regarding the computer virus that has caused Internet access to become erratic and unstable.

"Our biggest problem right now is communicating with

students the need to come to the BCC," said Jay Rozgonyi, Macintosh Services/Network Manager of Computing and Network Services (CNS).

As of Sept. 15, more than 1,700 students have brought their computers to be fixed by CNS technicians, which included installations of Norton Antivirus Corporate Edition and updating all virus definitions and, at least

for some students, adding Windows patches.

This leaves approximately 800 students remaining to bring their computers to the BCC. However, the flow of computer repairs had slowed to a trickle: by the afternoon of Sept. 15, only 35 students brought in their computers.

SEE "STUDENTS" ON P. 4

Arrests drop over 75% at the beach

BY ETHAN FRY & ZACK FINLEY

According to a report released last month, disorderly behavior at Fairfield beach plummeted over the past year. From August 2002 to August 2003, there were 25 arrests at the beach, compared to 112 arrests from September 2001 to August 2002.

Sgt. Edward Greene of the Fairfield Police Department said that the town's "disorderly conduct ordinance" enacted in Sept. 2000 played a role in

curtailing bad behavior at the beach.

"The ordinance has reduced the number of noise-related complaints we've received in the Fairfield beach area," Greene said.

According to Greene, the fine for creating a public disturbance is \$88, payable by mail.

The ordinance lets the town recoup the cost of sending police to the same property on noise complaints.

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Mirror file photo

Can do: New rules and fines have helped to clean up the beach.

Irish Prime Minister to speak at Quick Center

PRESS RELEASE

Bertie Ahern, Taoiseach (Prime Minister) of the Republic of Ireland, will deliver the annual William and Mary Stack Lecture in Irish History and Culture at Fairfield University on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Ahern, who will also receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, will present "Ireland Today: Building on Peace" at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts.

Ahern, the tenth Taoiseach of Ireland, has had a 30-year career in politics and government. As his country's leader, he has been instrumental in the difficult peace process in Northern Ireland, playing an important role in the 1998 Good Friday Accord and in the modernization of the Irish economy.

"It is a particular honor to have Mr. Ahern deliver the Stack Lecture since he has played and continues to play such an important and constructive role in the peace pro-

cess," said William M. Stack of New Canaan, who established the program in memory of his father and to honor his mother.

Along with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Ahern has been a tireless worker in the ongoing struggle for peace in Northern Ireland. In 1998, the two prime ministers, political leaders in Northern Ireland and U.S. President Bill Clinton, played a major role in producing the Good Friday Accord, an attempt to stabilize the region. Ahern encouraged Nationalist and Republican leaders in the North to engage in the peace process and, in a show of good faith to Unionists and Loyalists, he convinced voters in the Republic of Ireland to give up the constitutional claim to Northern Ireland.

Since 1998, Ahern has worked to give effect to all of the provisions of the Good Friday Agreement and to overcome the problems that have arisen in implementing some aspects of this hugely ambitious and far-reaching Accord.

The lecture is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. To reserve seats, call the Quick Center box office at 203-254-4010.



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Events explore Arab life in U.S. after Sept. 11 attacks

PRESS RELEASE

A poetry reading, lecture on civil rights, concert and film screening are all part of "The Arab-American Experience," a series of events sponsored by Fairfield University's Humanities Institute this fall. All four events are free and open to the public.

On Thursday, Sept. 18, poets D.H. Melhem, Ph.D., and Nathalie Handal will read their own poetry as well as works from earlier Arab-American writers such as Khalil Gibran and Mikhail Nuaymah.

The daughter of Lebanese immigrants, Dr. Melhem is the author of several books of poetry and literary criticism and is the vice president of the International Women's Writing Guild. Ms. Handal, who teaches at Hunter College, is the director of the Summer Literary Seminars in the Dominican Republic and chair of the Pushkin Society in London.

On Thursday, Oct. 2, civil liberties Attorney Abdeen Jabara, founder and past president of the Association of Arab American University Graduates, will speak on the civil rights of Arabs, Arab-Americans

and Muslims since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Mr. Jabara has been involved in many high profile cases affecting civil rights and government surveillance in New York and Michigan.

Internationally acclaimed musician Simon Shaheen and members of the Qantara ensemble will offer a concert of traditional Arab and fusion music on Thursday, Oct. 16. Mr. Shaheen performs throughout North America, Europe and the Middle East and has recorded many albums, including the recent "Blue Flame." His music can be heard on the soundtrack of the films, "The Sheltering Sky" and "Malcolm X."

The final event is a screening of the film "Caught in the Crossfire" on Thursday, Nov. 13. Produced and directed by Brad Liechtenstein, who will lead a post-screening discussion, the film examines how the lives of three Arab-American New Yorkers were changed by the September 11 attacks.

All programs will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Room of the Barone Campus Center at Fairfield University. For more information, call Dr. Ralph Coury, professor of history, at 203-254-4000, ext. 2110.

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CAMPUS CRIME BEAT

CASEY AMMERMAN

Tuesday, September 9

3:04 p.m. - There was a complaint of an unwanted guest at the Barone Campus Center reported by Sodexo employees. Security assisted in escorting the individual out.

5:23 p.m. - A man was arrested for soliciting on campus.

11:03 p.m. - Animal control was called to assist with an injured canine at the Quick Center.

Friday, September 12

12:13 p.m. - There was a campus-wide power failure. A University electrician tracked it to a bad wire located on the corner of North Benson Rd. and Dill Rd.

Saturday, September 13

7:27 p.m. - Security assisted Fairfield Police in locating an individual with an outstanding warrant.

11:09 p.m. - A non-student was escorted off-campus for failing to comply with an RA. To avoid this, students are asked to register all guests in the future.

Sunday, September 14

12:13 a.m. - License plates were vandalized on three vehicles in the area of the village complex.

12:57 a.m. - Four lights on the walkway between the parking lot and village complex were vandalized. Anyone with information regarding this, please contact security.

CORRECTIONS

The band Up, Up, Down, Down... was incorrectly identified as Mates of State in last week's Entertainment section.

A story about community service in last week's Campus Life section contained incorrect contact information. For updated contact information, visit the Campus Ministry Website at www.fairfield.edu/jesuit/campusmin/campmin.htm

The Mirror strives to report accurately in our stories. However, if you are aware of any errors, please call Editor In Chief Ethan Fry at x6529.

Diner improves its delivery

BY JAKE PIERSON

Students who returned to campus looking for the old familiar Stag last week were in for a shock: Sodexho and Fairfield University were busy over the summer completely redesigning the school's diner with the brand new Rob & Iggy's Pizzeria and the Sky Ranch Grill.

"The facelift was done in conjunction with Fairfield University and Sodexho," said Steven Schleifer, executive director of dining services. "Rob & Iggy's is something unique to Fairfield, but Sky Ranch is a Sodexho design that has been used at many other schools."

"It was done with non student funds. The construction didn't affect the cost of a meal plan for students," added Schleifer.

Students are happy with the new design.

"It's much nicer than it has been in the past," said Nicole McGuckian, '04.

However, the look is not the only thing that has changed. The food itself, the service and hours of operation have changed as well.

"We revamped all the recipes, presentation, and overall standards at the diner this summer," said Schleifer. "We also have allocated more time and effort to training the entire team as well as setting new standards and goals."

Some student responded positively to the change.

"I like it. It's good for campus food," said Marisa Tolve, '04.

"The comment cards we've received this year have said that the quality of food has been good to very good," Schleifer. "The biggest concern we've received is the wait at the Sky Ranch being long. We're addressing that issue as it is a very important



Elizabeth Cooper/The Mirror
Bon Appetit: Ed Thompson, '06 gets some grub from the Sky Ranch Grill.

concern according to the comment cards."

However, one complaint that some students have strongly expressed is that there has been no change in variety at the diner.

"They wasted more money to have the exact same things," said Jack Kershaw, '05. "They just made cute new signs," said Jack Kershaw."

"I like the new look, but I don't feel that the food is very different," said Rebecca DeSanto, '05.

The biggest change in service at the diner began Sept. 15, where pizza and grinders can now be delivered directly to students' rooms and townhouses by fellow students.

"For the first night, we had one person on, but I expect that we'll have to add an

additional delivery person very soon due to the volume of traffic," said Schleifer. "The longest someone waited was 35 minutes because the delivery person was unable to enter the residence hall."

"The average wait time per customer from the moment of ordering to when they received their order was between 10 to 15 minutes," Schleifer added. "We hope to add new items and longer hours to the delivery service in the near future, but we're concentrating on quality first."

Pricing and food quality of restaurants including McDonalds, Burger King, Pennys, and Dominos were all evaluated by the new diner, according to Schleifer.

At Rob & Iggy's, for instance, the pizza is an 18 inch pie, the largest pizza available

in the area. The sauce is now made in house, instead of being brought in.

The burgers at Sky Ranch Grill are 5.3 ounce burgers unlike the normal 2.3 ounce burgers served at most fast food restaurants. The combo meal with a 5.3 oz cheeseburger, fries, and a 20 ounce soda is \$5.49, compared to the \$5.29 combo meal at McDonalds with a 4 ounce burger. Along with a larger burger, Sky Ranch provides fresh meat instead of the frozen patties used in the past and at fast food restaurants.

At the deli, the only holdout from the old Stag, the sandwiches grew from 4 ounces of meat to 5 ounces of meat. The sandwiches are still made with Boar's Head meat.

The hours of operation has changed since last year. Sky Ranch is open from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday thru Friday and opens at 12 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and closes at 7 p.m. Rob & Iggy's is open from 12 p.m. until Midnight from Sunday thru Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, it opens at 12 p.m. and is open until 1 a.m. The Deli is open from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. from Monday to Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, it is open from 12 p.m. until 11 p.m.

These changes are only the beginning, according to Schleifer.

"We want to continue to change our operations to fit student needs and wants," he said. "However, we need constructive comment cards to do this, so I encourage all students to give us ideas and concerns so we can address them. We read every single card we get. We want to work with students to address their concerns."

The student response to all the changes that have taken place at the diner has been mainly positive.

"It's cool that they gave it a new look with some color," said Steve DeVoe, '05. "The food is good and is better than Barone."

\$wipe this: Dining dollars dwindle

BY ASHLEIGH EGAN

Reductions to the quantity of dining dollars available for upperclassmen seeking campus meal plans have disappointed some students, indicating that the flexibility of meal plans offered in previous years is favorable to students.

Christine Dauksewicz, '05, is one of many upperclassmen living in Kostka, Claver or Dolan Halls who expressed disappointment regarding meal plan options this year.

"I feel like we just got shafted again," she said.

Many juniors, who were already dissatisfied by living arrangements in residence halls for the third year, instead of the upperclassmen dominated townhouses and apartments, expected to come back to school with at least the benefit of the meal plan that was offered to some juniors and seniors last year. This plan consisted of \$1,750 in dining dollars per semester and no meals in the Barone dining hall.

Instead, upperclassmen were mailed a pamphlet this summer saying that the previously offered meal plan was no longer available. Juniors and seniors are now offered

a plan of seven meals per week and \$600 dining dollars per semester, for the price of \$1,825 per semester.

"Not only are we not in the townhouses, but we have to have a seven meal plan, which I don't use," said Dauksewicz. "If I lived in a townhouse, I wouldn't choose to have a meal plan, and if I had the option while living in Claver, I definitely would have chosen the all dining dollars plan instead."

In addition to the disappointment of not being offered the previous meal plan options, some students feel like they missed their window of opportunity.

"I lived in Claver last year as a sophomore and thought it was ridiculous that I couldn't have the all dining dollars plan," said Bob Gekle, '05. "When I asked about it, I was told that sophomores couldn't have the plan because it was for juniors and seniors without townhouses or apartments, even though I lived in the same building with them and paid the same amount of money to go here. The fact that we don't have the option of the plan this year is disappointing."

According to Jim Fitzpatrick, assistant vice president of Student Services, the meal plan for juniors was changed for

"purely financial reasons."

Fitzpatrick added that the goal of changing the meal plans was "to try to build a realistic budget and to cover Fairfield's expenses. These plans are a good balance and give good flexibility to students, especially juniors and seniors in the residence halls," he said.

According to Fran Koerting, director of the Department of Residence Life and Housing, there were 104 juniors in Claver Hall, 43 in Kostka Hall and 33 in Dolan as of Sept. 1. These figures, however, are similar to those of last year, when meal plan options for upperclassmen were offered.

In addition, room and board fees have increased from \$8,560 last year to \$8,920 this year. This increase leaves some students wondering where their tuition money goes.

"There is no reason why it [meal plans] had to be changed other than it being just another example of the school being greedy," said Kevin Bott, '04, who lived in Claver Hall for the first semester of his junior year.

Upperclassmen, however, are not the only students upset with their choice of meal plans this year. Freshmen and sophomores,

all of whom are required to have a meal plan, found out this summer that their meal plan options had been altered as well.

Meal plans are offered as an option for 12 meals and \$100 in dining dollars, 14 meals and \$50 dining dollars or just 19 meals. All of these options offer fewer dining dollars than were offered last year.

"Even though it's mandatory for freshmen and sophomores to have a 12 meal plan, we don't want it," said Adam Klich, '06. "No one uses all 12 meals. We'd rather have more dining dollars."

This past summer, Fairfield renovated the Barone Snack Bar, adding the Sky Ranch Grill and Rob and Iggy's Pizza. As of Sept. 15, the figures were still unavailable for the cost of this renovation, according to Fitzpatrick.

Students, however, want the opportunity to eat in the snack bar more often, by being allotted more dining dollars per semester. Some simply enjoy the food more. Others shared the opinion of Gekle.

"I was really looking forward to the all dining dollars plan because I wouldn't have to eat in Barone with all the freshmen anymore," he said.

Computers must be fixed by the end of the week

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For those computers in need of repair, Rozgonyi predicted Student Services will have to get involved by the end of the week.

"They may have to go knocking from door-to-door to make sure every computer is checked," Rozgonyi said.

Even for students who have followed the school's instruction, some said the virus has created nothing but a hassle.

"I'm going to get a new laptop when I study abroad next semester," said Andy Gargiulo, '05. "However, I still have to buy a new CD drive and motherboard fan for my computer so they can install the virus software."

In fact, the virus is causing many students to spend upwards of \$100 to upgrade their computers.

"Apparently Windows Me does not work with the virus software, so I have to buy XP," said David Catalane, '05.

The cost not only affects students, but it also has put a dent into the university's funding. As previously reported, the cost of the license for the antivirus software was close to \$10,000, which does not include technician charges. For CNS, which has hired 12 additional technicians to supplement their staff during the crisis, the work will have to extend beyond installing the virus software.

"We have some students who bring in computers where we flip the power switch and nothing happens, or the CD drive is broken," said Rozgonyi.

For Brett Ritterbeck, '05, the situation is not only costly, but time consuming.

"I have no trouble typing papers or using the Internet on my computer, but they told me that not only would I have to completely reformat my system, I would also have to pay a technician to work on it for several hours," Ritterbeck said.

Rozgonyi sees this crisis as a result of a lack of clear computer policy on the University's part.

"Currently, there are no standards for people with computers at Fairfield. Because of this, we saw a huge amount of differences in hardware and software which made it very difficult to implement the changes we needed to," said Rozgonyi.

With the virus situation beginning to settle down, Rozgonyi sees this as a chance to create new policies and to educate students on computer issues.

"Signing onto a school network without understanding how a computer works is like handing car keys to someone without a license," Rozgonyi said. "Hopefully, what will come out of this is that next year we can work with FUSA or Student Services to set up workshops to educate students on how to keep their computers up to date and to clean to avoid any future mishaps."

RIAA has not targeted Fairfield students

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"I think it's unfair that they are suing the individual downloaders of the files. They should stick with the providers," said Jackie Grenus, '06.

Colleges all over the country have been issued a formal letter from the RIAA and have since gotten more stringent with restrictions and sent out warnings informing their students of the consequences of trading pirated music and movies.

"In short, the RIAA stated its position on file-sharing and copyright and indicated its intention to pursue individuals or ISP providers who they feel violate the law," said Mark Reed, dean of students.

"So far at this point in time Fairfield University has not been served by the RIAA. If they ever are, it will be up to our legal staff to decide how we will comply," said Don Adams, director of computing and networking services. "We do not monitor any student website activity at all. I don't believe it's our responsibility and I have never been told to do so."

Since Fairfield has not been sued or issued subpoenas by the RIAA, they have not been instructed to take any specific action. "However, in order to inform and advise our students, the office of the Dean of Students, in conjunction with the division of information services and the office of Computing and Networking services, sent a letter via e-mail to all students about the RIAA's recent efforts and actions," said Reed.

This leaves some students worried about what they have on their computers.

"I've stopped downloading because of it. I agree in principle with the law, but I don't agree with the way they're going about it," said Evan Trowdrige '07.

Brian Torff, music program director, agrees, "I feel, as a musician, that while you don't like to see people steal your work, this is a troubling intersection where no one wins," said. "I don't think suing the 12 year old or someone who is a grandmother or a grandfather is the solution. And I think the recording industry is going to have to find a different way to being their audience back."

Fairfield maintains that our rights to privacy will be held up.

"The University protects students' right to privacy in accordance with state and federal laws," said Reed. "Therefore, student

information would not be released to anyone unless that release was lawful."

Back in April the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) sued four students for having programs that searched other computers connected to their college networks for MP3 song files.

The students then shared the copyrighted music from their computers. They were sued by the RIAA for up to \$100 million dollars and settled on payments totaling between \$12,000 and \$17,000.

The latest in lawsuits occurred on September 8th when the RIAA filed 261 lawsuits against alleged file swappers charging them with copyright infringement with more lawsuits emending. The recently filed lawsuits involved defendants of all ages including a 12 year old girl who reportedly used KaZaA.

According to authorities, the RIAA is not specifically targeting college students, but the lawsuits intentionally came at the beginning of the academic year to promote awareness to the university community.

Over the past three-years significant increases in file-sharing have lead to a considerable decline in music sales, according to the RIAA website.

In order to encourage music fans to buy CDs, Universal Music Group, who represent artists including U2 and Elton John, decided to issue a cap on prices lowering the wholesale price of CDs from \$12.02 to \$9.09, according to an Associated Press article.

"I'm a big advocate for protecting artists and authors original ideas and for copy right laws they are entitled to profit for their ideas and creativity," said Jennifer Barrett, '04. "The whole purpose of art, though, is to culturally infuse itself with as many people as possible so I pleased that they are lowering the prices."

But some aren't convinced that's enough.

"I think it's a good idea to lower the price, but I'm not sure if that's the solution," said Emily Pendolphi, '06. "If people are getting the music for free now, they're going to need more than that to start buying it."

"The Recording Industry has basically lost the loyalty of the consumer by constantly over charging them and it has lost the trust of the musicians by continually taking advantage of their creative works and efforts," Torff said.



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COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Women rip open the gift to lift at the Rec Plex

BY HEATHER MANNING

A typical Thursday night in the Rec Plex weight room is a male-dominated affair. The tables turned, however, when the Rec Plex weight room threw its inaugural Ladies' Night, on Sept. 11.

Ladies' Night is designed to give female students the chance to lift weights without the presence of the opposite sex. The night will now run every Thursday from 6:30-8p.m.

"One of the biggest trends in the fitness industry right now is for female oriented health clubs and classes," said Paul Cantrell, assistant director of the Rec Plex. Cantrell

attended the annual National Intramural Recreation Sports Association Conference this year and found that female oriented gym times were a major topic around the country.

Also, in a survey given to students last year, females voiced the most concerns regarding these issues.

On a typical night, Rec Plex employees estimated there would be at most three females in the weight room at any given time.

"I think it's a great idea because most girls are either too shy or too embarrassed to lift with the guys," said Deanna DiPaola, '05. "Once females know about it, they defi-

nately will make an effort to go since they don't have to be embarrassed."

On the other hand, Ladies' Night is "completely unnecessary. I never get a negative vibe from males," according to Drake. "If anything, it encourages me. When it's really crowded you get motivated by everyone else there. Most people keep to themselves anyway... you're there for yourself, not other people," she said.

However, Drake did give credit to the idea of Ladies' Night. "It's a considerate idea for those girls that are in fact intimidated," she said.

Some males were skeptical of the new program.

"I bet this is what will happen: he first week, 20 of the feminists will go, then after two weeks, maybe two or three masculine girls will go," said Kyle Mascarenas, '06.

Cantrell said Ladies' Night was created to be "a very positive experience." "It's designed to get more females feeling comfortable in the weight room, developing better techniques, and instilling more confidence in them so they will go lift at other times too," he said. "Our ultimate goal is to not have to run it all."

If Ladies' Night turns out to be a success, the Rec Plex may add an additional night as well.

Some students are enthusiastic about the new program.

"I think it's a good opportunity for girls who weight lift to have a chance of not being intimidated by guys," said

Tara Chapell, '04.

Ladies' Night takes place at slightly off-peak hours. The weight room is open 100 hours per week, and Ladies' Night takes up an hour and half of this time.

Mark Spellman, Fairfield's Strength and Conditioning Coordinator for Athletics, will be moderating the sessions. Spellman is on hand to help with questions that females could have about strength training.

Some female students feel the presence of a trainer diminishes a woman's self-worth.

Maressa Drake cited the presence of a trainer as making her feel "inferior." "There's no trainer there for guys, why would we need one?" she said.

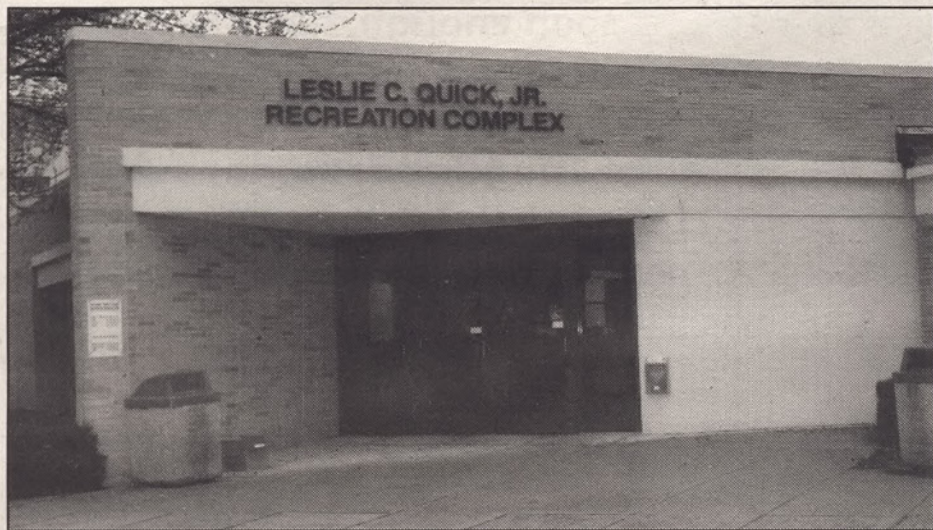
However, Michaela Chatel, '05 said, "I feel like it's great that the Rec Plex is finally giving girls a chance to have a private workout time and to also to have a trainer there to help with any questions."

"At the same time, girls who really want to work out shouldn't feel intimidated to go down to the weight room while guys are there any other day of the week," she said.

Cantrell said most females who lift weights are "very knowledgeable."

However, Angela Gentile '05, who works out in the weight room regularly, said she thinks the concept is "ridiculous."

"The girls who come here, already want to be here. This is not a playhouse, it's a weight room. If you are serious then great, but most of the girls do a couple of sets with five pound weights, and then go to the bar and down a pitcher of beer. Stay home if you cant hang," she said.



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Workin' it: Fairfield follows popular trend with women only workout time.

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Could beach become "one big calculator club"?

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For the ordinance to take effect, police would have to respond to the same property at least two times within six months.

Police are allowed to issue a warning after the first response, and an arrest and conviction are required after the second response before the town can bill the landlord.

Dean of Students Mark Reed downplayed the effect of the ordinance. "To be honest, I don't think it has had much impact on students," he said in an e-mail. "What I do think the ordinance did, however, was focus attention and generate discussion about what is appropriate behavior and what is truly inappropriate or disrespectful, and I don't think that is a bad thing."

Reed also said that the university was not involved when the town adopted the ordinance.

"The University was not involved in the writing or adoption of the ordinance, as it was a local town government issue," he said. "To the best of my knowledge, our opinion was not sought during the ordinance discussion and debate."

Student beach residents interviewed by The Mirror seemed skeptical about the ordinance and its effects.

"Pretty soon nobody will come here to party anymore, and we will just turn into one big calculator club," said Sarah Posnick, '04.

Both Sandra Costa, '04 and Dana Warzenski, '04 said they weren't aware of the ordinance, but added that they do not think it will help relations.

"If they will not respect us, then we will not respect

them," said Warzenski.

"It wouldn't affect partying," said Costa. "Torture me with fines and I'll torture you with noise."

Reed added that the university is still taking steps to improve "town-gown" relations.

"At this time, we are working with our students to educate them about the responsibilities that come along with the right to live where they choose," he said. "The efforts we have taken in the past few years—the opening meeting of beach students with Father Kelley and others, the efforts of the Coordinator for Off-campus students, and open dialog with students—have all been helpful and we will continue with them."

Reed also took issue with the university being billed as having bad town-gown relations.

"Unfortunately, we do have students whose behavior is unacceptable and unreasonable," he said. "However, we also have a large number of students who are great neighbors and responsible young adults."

"The biggest change in the past couple of years that has had the most positive impact, in my opinion, is that landlords are no longer invisible players in this situation," Reed added. "Rather, they have been more proactive in making clear their expectations of their tenants and what will be tolerated and what will not be."

Greene said as long as students are responsible, they can still have fun living at the beach. "Enjoy yourselves and the company of your friends, but just respect your neighbors," he said. "Keep the windows closed if you're going to stay up late with friends, things like that."

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All access pass to campus crime logs

BY PATRICIA MCGAHAN

Universities throughout the country have been battling against students who claim the rights to access university police logs. At Fairfield, such students face less hurdles than those at other colleges.

Student journalists at Harvard University are currently in the process of a lawsuit against their own Harvard University Police Department. The students were denied access to campus police records, which they felt violated Massachusetts open-record law.

According to Frank Ficko, associate director of the Fairfield University Security Department, not only are Harvard police officers in possible violation of the state law, but they also may be violating a newly amended law commonly known as the Jeanne Clery Act.

The Clery Act, or Campus Security Act, was established in memory of a female student from Lehigh University who was raped and murdered in a residence hall. This law requires all institutions of higher learning to provide a campus crime log of all crimes reported.

Although only the parties directly involved can view Fairfield security's complete report, any student, faculty or staff member, or even a person not affiliated with the university has complete access to Fairfield University's public log.

The public log complies with the Clery Act and gives the date, time, location, nature, and disposition of the reported incident.

"It kind of sucks that we can't find out names, but I would be happy they didn't release names if I was involved in a problem", said Christine Shanley '06. "At least they give you something though."

Also required every year by law, security produces a campus crime statistics report. This report will be available to all students in a booklet form by Oct. 1 and is currently available online.

Harvard University's police officers and Fairfield University's security department differ in that Harvard police officers are sworn in as special state police officers and have the power to arrest all across the state of Massachusetts. Fairfield's security members are considered "supplemental first reports" for the town of Fairfield, yet are privately employed by Fairfield University, according to Ficko. Fairfield security, however, is permitted to carry handguns and tickets for speeding.

The fight between students and university security policies has been going on since college institutions opened. In the 1980s, Boston University students were arrested



Mirror file photo

Sneak a peak: Learn about the crimes and fines around campus.

after they refused to leave an area police station without viewing their campus crime record. Students at Boston College and the University of Richmond in Virginia have had similar incidents to that of Harvard University and Boston University.

"I think it's good that Fairfield gives us access to the campus crime log," said Jaelyn Drake, '06. "We live here, and we should be

able to at least know what's going on if we wanted to."

Ficko said that a few students each year come in to view the log, but also stated that the log can prove useful to perspective students and their parents. These records can be viewed in the office of security in the basement of Loyola Hall any time during normal business hours.



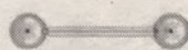
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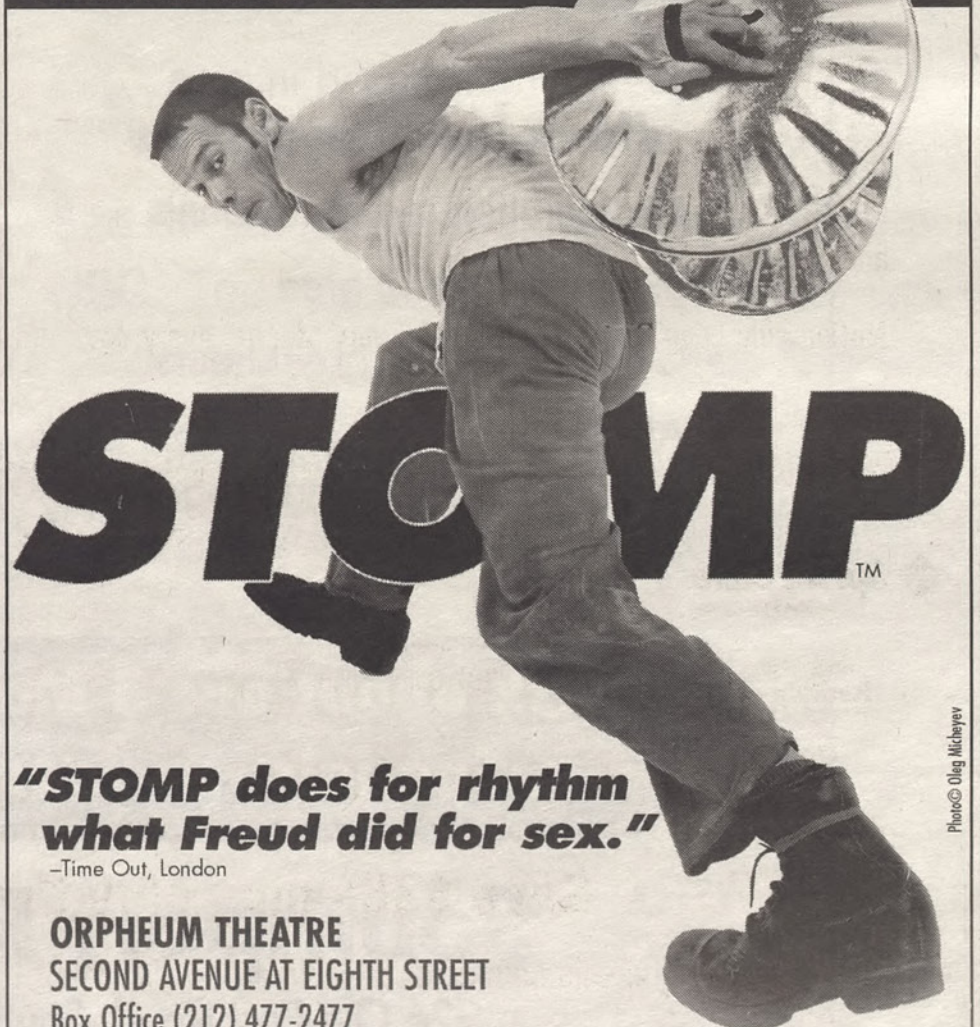
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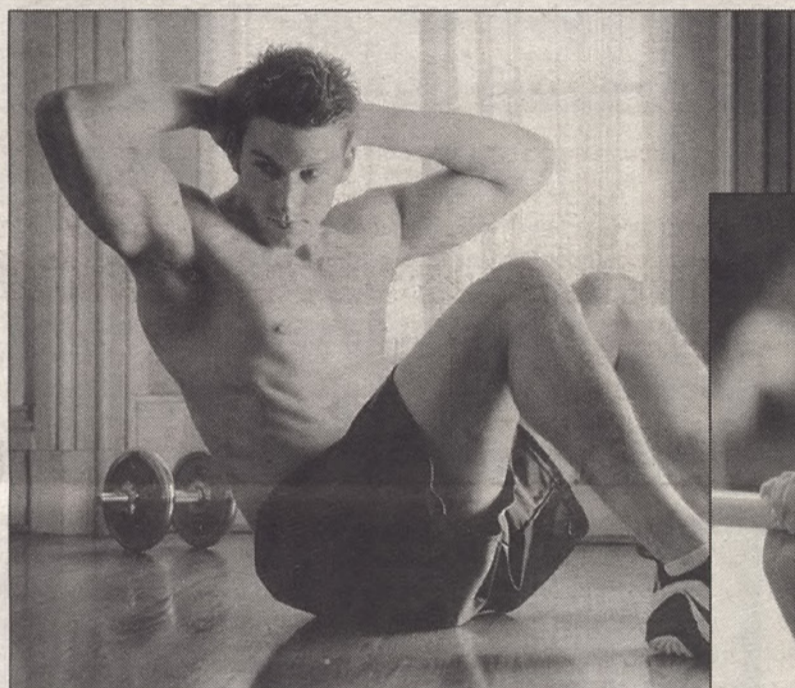
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Why am I the only sweaty one?

I'm not an athlete or a health nut, but I try to stay in shape. After all, this is Fairfield University, Land of the Beautiful People. I go to the Rec Plex four times a week to clear my head, relieve stress and work off the three slices of pizza that seemed like a good idea at 11:47 p.m. the previous night.

A few days ago, as I wheezed and grunted my way through the weight loss program on one of the elliptical runners, I looked around and it hit me. I am apparently the only female at Fairfield who sweats when she works out.

The dewy glow that some of the ladies get at the gym, the kind that needs only the gentle dab of one of the white towels to vanish, is not what I am talking about. I am talking about red-faced, liquid streaming down my face, check-out-the-sweat-ring-forming-around-my-collar perspiration that one gets after running a marathon (or, in my case, using one of the cardio room machines for a half hour).

I am part of an older school of thought, one that believes women ought to sweat when they exercise and look foxy and un-sweaty at townhouse parties. I suppose I can take comfort in the facts that a) I am likely getting a better workout than other, less damp people at the gym and b) there never seem to be more than three or four guys, tops, in the cardio rooms at once.

With the recent decision to have women-only hours at the weight room once a week, I started to think, *If the Rec Plex is going to allot certain hours to specific individuals, why not go all the way?* I propose sweaty workout time (SWT) from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

No longer will those of us who actually look-gasp!-unattractive as we work out be forced to watch women who don't sweat daintily climb up stairs to nowhere without so much as a strand of hair out of place (I have yet to find a hair product in this Earth that successfully tames my fly-aways...ladies, you know what I'm talking about).

No longer will we wonder how anyone can workout without smearing their Full Volume mascara.

No longer will we feel shame in not being able to "work it" as we work out! Sweating women of the world unite! There is only one downside to SWT that would have to be endured:

The cardio room would start to smell like the weight room.



Carleigh Brower/The Mirror

More bang for your buck: Take in a feature at the Community theater.

Cruising Fairfield's cheap thrills

BY CARLEIGH BROWER

Editor's note: This weekend, Campus Life decided to put reporter Carleigh Brower's thriftiness to the test. The challenge: scout out cheap dates in Fairfield with a budget of \$20 per date.

Couplehood in Fairfield can get pretty pricey, so I was skeptical that my boyfriend and I would actually find somewhere cheap to go besides Nutmeg Lanes. We all know there's nothing sexy about bowling shoes, though, so we gave it a shot.

Friday night. We decided to give the Community Theater on Post Road a try. Amazingly, tickets are only \$3, compared to \$9 at Fairfield Cinemas. True, you can't catch the newest releases, but popular box office titles eventually make it to the Community Theater, and for the price, it's worth the wait. Plus, they usually show cool independent films that you probably wouldn't see anywhere

else. This past week, "The Italian Job" and "Bend it Like Beckham" were showing. The theater itself is nicer than you'd expect; it's not stadium seating, but there's ample room and comfortable chairs, so really, what more could you want? Popcorn, candy, and soda are relatively inexpensive too.

We topped off the night with a stop at Sunny Dae's, which has the closest thing to gelato in America. And it's cheap: we paid \$5.41 for a sugar cone with a scoop of tartuffo and an M & M-coated waffle cone with 2 scoops of mudpie ice cream. **Total spent: \$18.41.**

Saturday afternoon. We grabbed sandwiches at the Firehouse Deli on Reef Road. The Firehouse definitely beats your average deli: not only are the sandwiches good, but there's outdoor seating, which makes it a popular hangout.

After we ate, we browsed at Borders. Seriously, what's not to

like about Borders? You can listen to music for free, read for free, and get a decent cup of coffee (with a refill) for \$1.65. If you get fancy and order a large Cara Mocho, it will set you back \$4. **Total spent: \$16.30.**

Saturday night. We were planning to try and find an inexpensive place to go out to dinner, but since The Mirror wasn't exactly paying for our weekend outings, we decided to make dinner ourselves instead. It may sound corny, but it's actually kind of fun to cook together. It's especially good if you want to seem romantic and you're strapped for cash. After all, if you can't afford Cinzano's, why not make your own chicken parmesan?

Since we were already staying in we figured we might as well watch a movie. We even saved the cost of the rental by tapping into our own DVD collection and watching *Old School* for the 85th time. As far as date movies go, you

can't get much more romantic than *Old School*, but if you feel the need to expand your horizons, there's always Blockbuster. **Total spent: \$14.75** (at Stop and Shop).

Sunday afternoon. We packed the car with some sandwiches and a blanket and drove down to the public beach on Sasco Hill Road. (To get there, make a left on Reef Road, a right on Oldfield Road, and then a left on Sasco Hill Road. Take it down about a mile, and the beach is on your left). After our makeshift picnic lunch, we took a walk along the water. It's already getting cold, but if you wear a sweatshirt and you can still take advantage of walking on the beach for the next couple of weeks. **Total spent: \$11.57** (at Stop and Shop).

All in all, we made it through the weekend only \$61.03 poorer. Not bad for four dates, considering we're college kids without deep pockets. And we didn't even have to set foot in the bowling alley.

Women's Wisdom creates forum for females

BY CAITLIN CALLAGHAN

A group of women gather together once a week to discuss issues concerning their gender, sharing their experiences and thoughts on various topics. They "envision a new world." No, this is

not a commercial for "The View" or "Oprah." This is Fairfield's own Women's Wisdom.

Women's Wisdom is a program at Fairfield University that tackles drug and alcohol abuse by holding meetings and a variety of academic and social events.

The project was established in the spring of 2003 as a way to help females make smarter decisions and to lower alcohol and drug abuse.

Shannon Young, a graduate assistant in Wellness and Prevention, heads the project that attempts to build self-esteem and

self-confidence. It also focuses on reducing substance abuse and ways to help women comprehend the unique effects alcohol can have on their bodies.

A major goal for Women's

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Fairfield females wise up

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Wisdom is to help women make healthier choices involving alcohol.

"We want to show women that they cannot consume the same quantity of alcohol as men," said Young. "Women need to know that there are unique risks for them regarding alcohol."

Tanya Chavez, '04 joined Women's Wisdom and encourages others to join the program.

"I was initially unsure about Women's Wisdom, but once I went to the meeting, met everyone and started participating, I really opened up. It is such a great experience,"

Chavez said.

The project began when Wellness and Prevention, Counseling Services and Health Services saw that alcohol abuse was becoming more of a problem among female students on campus. They collectively drew up a grant and an anonymous donor funded for the program.

"Women's bodies contain more fat deposits and are less water based than men's bodies. Women are simply not biologically able to drink the same quantity as men," said Jeanne DiMuzio, Head of Wellness and Prevention,

DiMuzio feels that Women's Wisdom is a good program since studies show that students are drinking at a much earlier age

than ever before.

"The national average ages for consuming one drink are 11-13," DiMuzio said, "Thus, college students are entering college with pre-established drinking patterns and drinking experience."

Women's Wisdom is hosting a women's retreat in Mystic, Connecticut on Oct. 3 and 4. At the retreat, women will share their personal experiences with others.

"I am really looking forward to the retreat this year," said Young. "It will give females a time to get away from campus and to bond with other females in a healthier way."

Young is planning a new event for Women's Wisdom entitled "Last Call," which will be held at the end of October. "Last Call" is an in-dorm drama production that will cover alcohol issues related to depression, sexual abuse and eating disorders. The presentation will include monologues performed by female students.

"I want to bring women's issues into residence halls so that other women can hear and relate to the stories being told," said Young.

Women's Wisdom also sponsors the "Great Campus Drink Out," a 24-hour, alcohol free Saturday. The Drink Out features On the Spot, Fairfield's own improvisational group, and has games and prizes and an open microphone.

The program also sponsors a "Pamper Yourself Party" which includes nail painting, massages, and speeches from dieticians, chiropractors and massage therapists. The speakers discuss how alcohol can harm the body and ways for the girls to create a healthier body.

Chavez feels that Women's Wisdom is a necessary program on campus. "I think Women's Wisdom will slowly but surely reach out to more and more women," she said. "It is a great program because you get comfortable with the other members and you learn from each other. It really teaches women that you do not have to party to have a good time."

For more information on Women's Wisdom, contact Shannon Young at extension 2369. Look for their ads that are posted bi-weekly in the female lavatories on campus.

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Real friends don't screw around

Having friends of the opposite sex is perfect and carefree... when you are twelve. At our age now, it is infidelity and continual denial slapping you in the face each time you "hang out" with that person.

Consider this, ladies: Every guy friend that you have at this school has, at one time or another, fantasized about what it would be like to have sex with you. Guys, every girl friend that you have has thought the same.

But is this so inherently wrong? I say no. Thinking these thoughts is natural and there are definitely advantages to having a friend of the opposite sex over just same sex friends. I mean, it was my next door neighbor who showed me how to unhook a bra back in the day.

In my experience with girl friends, most of them have had serious boyfriends at the time of our friendship. Sounds like bad-news-bears at first, but it is actually a prime situation for friend-making: You can make friends with the boyfriend just to ease your conscience as you picture you and his girlfriend naked together.

All kidding aside... Great things do come out of opposite sex relationships. Girls are great listeners when we guys need to vent and our roommate couldn't give a crap. Guys are great shoulders to lean on when the girls

have had a fight with their parents, or your pal, the boyfriend.

But it's more fun to talk about the scandalous nature of this, right? Each time you become friends with a member of the opposite sex, you are walking on thin ice. If attraction is present, the relationship, although it says platonic on the outside, has deeper roots. I mean, hasn't every character on "Friends" kissed each other at one point?

So where does the blame go?

Nobody teaches us how to be "just friends" with the opposite sex. We have all had these discussions growing up about the rules of dating, the birds and the bees and how guys are supposed to treat girls.

Emotional attachment is, in my eyes, synonymous with romance and sexual desire these days. Yes, your close friend from your FYE group may seem like the quintessential friend, and he or she may just be on the outside. But the point I'm trying to make is that he or she, at one point, has thought about more.

Yes, I think opposite sex relationships do exist. However, if attraction is present, they are full of facades, denial and natural desires that we cannot help. It's OK to think those thoughts, just admit that they are there.

Maybe I'm optimistic and live in a fantasy world. Or maybe I am so naïve that I really shouldn't be writing this column. But, as I look at my group of friends, I find myself to be surrounded by more guys than girls.

Don't get me wrong, you can't get anywhere in life without a "Sex and the City" group of girlfriends, but the majority of my friends tend to be males.

Every encounter with a person of the opposite sex requires you to evaluate the situation, bringing you to a crossroad: whether or not to take the high road or the low road, sex or friendship. The obvious answer for most: sex. I can't argue with the obvious fact that hormones start racing and you are dying for the chance to tell all your girlfriends about the scandalous rendezvous you plan on having with your new guy.

But choosing to test the waters with sexual escapades could possibly cause you to lose the friendship you worked so hard to gain. Yet, there are rare occurrences where guys that you may have once had a "thing" with actually turn out to be some of your best friends. I mean, they know what you like, how to push your buttons and all of your

idiosyncrasies; what more could you ask for in a friend? Think 90210.

One of my best friends from home is a guy and I really couldn't ask for a better friend. He tells it like it is when I need an answer. It's reassuring to know that I get all the insider trading tips on the guy I'm dating, knowing full well that at some point, my guy friend has felt the same way that my significant other has. Of course, there was a time when a box of Franzia and holiday spirits got in the way, but being mature about the mishap only made our friendship stronger.

Is it really worth the risk to come to the beginning of what could be the end? Maybe yes, maybe no. I say, just go with the flow.

If you can manage to keep a handle on your hormones, I'm talking to you guys, who think that the only way a guy and girl can hang out is in a sexual manner, platonic relationships will never lead you in the wrong direction if a game plan is laid out. If you are looking for good solid friendships, the opposite sex is a good choice.

I mean, who else can you turn to when all you want to do is kick back, relax and let your hair down... hell, you'll have first dibs on all the guys at the bar.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

JAIME BIVONA & REGINA LAWRENCE

How do you feel the school is handling the ongoing internet and worm problems?



Badly, because not enough information was circulated.

--Valerie Lombardo, '06



I still don't have internet but I like the french fries.

--Charly Thornton, '07



I could have used more cow bell.

--Damien DiGiovanni, '06



I thought it never should have happened. But I feel they handled it well.

--Sean Kelly, '05



Things started to go smoother when they decided to hold the computers.

--Mike Calabrese, '07 & Marty O'Sullivan '07



They handled it poorly because we couldn't get on bodybuilding.com!

--Frank Giusti, '06 & Dom Pirraglia '06

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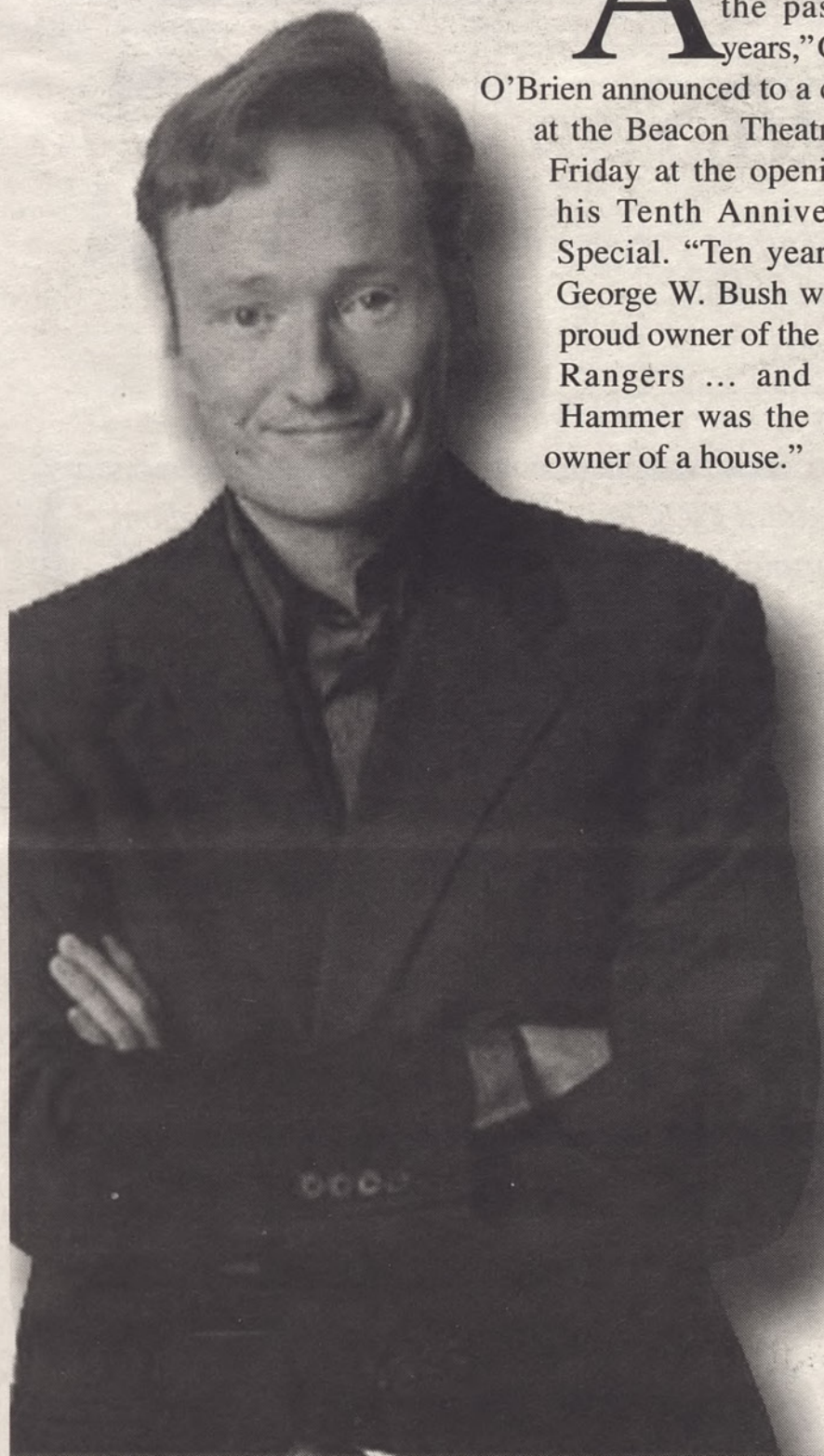
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Conan O'Brien turns ten!

BY TARA LYNCH



“A lot has changed in the past ten years,” Conan O'Brien announced to a crowd at the Beacon Theatre last Friday at the opening of his Tenth Anniversary Special. “Ten years ago George W. Bush was the proud owner of the Texas Rangers ... and M.C. Hammer was the proud owner of a house.”

True. But so much more has changed for O'Brien in the past decade.

The once obscure host of NBC's "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" has reached new peaks of success in the past few years with his self-deprecating sense of humor, memorable monologues and innovative skits such as "Clutch Cargo" and "If They Mated".

That success was celebrated in a television special that aired Sunday evening in prime time on NBC.

Ten years ago critics cruelly dismissed O'Brien when he took over David Letterman's position as "Late Night" host in September of 1993. NBC initially refused to him to a contract that lasted longer than 13 weeks.

"There was a time when a beeper went off every 20 minutes on (former NBC entertainment chief) Warren Littlefield's watch, and they had to decide whether to renew me," O'Brien once joked to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Things have changed since then.

Ratings soared through the roof and O'Brien, who once held onto his job by a thread, was given a hefty \$8 million a year to stay on with "Late Night" through 2006, making him the highest paid television host ever in the 12:35 timeslot.

Since 1996, O'Brien and the "Late Night" writing team have consistently nominated for Emmy Awards for Outstanding Writing. In addition, he and the writing staff have won four Writer's Guild Award for Best Writing in a Comedy/Variety Series.

The Brookline, Mass. native and Harvard graduate began his comedic career in college, working on his schools' comedic magazine before moving to Los Angeles

and joining several improvisational groups, including The Groundlings.

In January of 1988 O'Brien moved to New York City and became a writer on "Saturday Night Live". In his three and a half years with the show he produced such memorable skits as "Mr. Short Term Memory" and "The Girl Watchers".

In 1991 O'Brien moved to Fox network where he wrote for the animated series "The Simpsons". Later he became the show's supervising producer, before leaving the series to audition for "Late Night" in the spring of 1993.

The rest, as they like to say, is history.

The Tenth Anniversary Special celebrated that history with an array of guest appearances, a collection of favorite clips and various celebrity tributes to O'Brien.

Highlights included a visit from former sidekick Andy Richter, a striptease from Will Farrell and a musical tribute from Jack Black.

Conan was also joined in celebration by the whole ensemble of "Late Night" characters including Preparation H Raymond, Little Jay Leno, Pimpbot 5000, The Coked-Up Werewolf, The Masturbating Bear and everyone's favorite - Triumph the Comic Insult Dog.

It was a memorable night for the self-effacing O'Brien whom admitted to *USA Today* he always knew deep down he'd leave his mark.

"I used to tell myself that even if the show was on for just five days, I'd still be in the TV encyclopedia with Johnny Carson and *Petticoat Junction*."

Ten years strong, it's safe to say O'Brien will be remembered as much more.

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Conan's top ten memorable moments

- 10. "Celebrity Secrets". Snoop Dogg reveals his secret desire to open an ice cream parlor and change his name to Scoop Dogg.
- 9. Roberto Benigni gets Conan to take off his pants.
- 8. Conan introduces the world to a new line of action figure: "Jesus Plays Sports".
- 7. Desk rides. Enough said.
- 6. "If They Mated", for anyone who ever wanted to know what the love child of Cameron Diaz and Justin Timberlake would really look like.
- 5. Chris Rock, Jim Carrey, Nathan Lane and others make their predictions of what will happen "In The Year 2000".

- 4. Conan, Andy Richter and Rebecca Romijn Stamos play "Suck and Blow".
- 3. John Malkovich and Conan wrestle; Malkovich flips 6'4" Conan over his head.
- 2. Martha Stewart eats a fast food burrito ... and downs a 40.

And the number one, funniest Conan moment: Triumph the Comic Insult Dog goes to the premier of *Star Wars II: Attack of the Clones* and interviews some "Jedi Knights"



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Toga! Toga!

College classic celebrates
25 years with new DVD

BY ASHLEIGH EGAN

"Fat, drunk and stupid is no way to go through life son."

These few insightful words, spoken by Dean Vernon Wormer to Kent 'Flounder' Dorfman in the college-classic *Animal House* have spoken to years of college students since the landmark movie debuted in 1978.

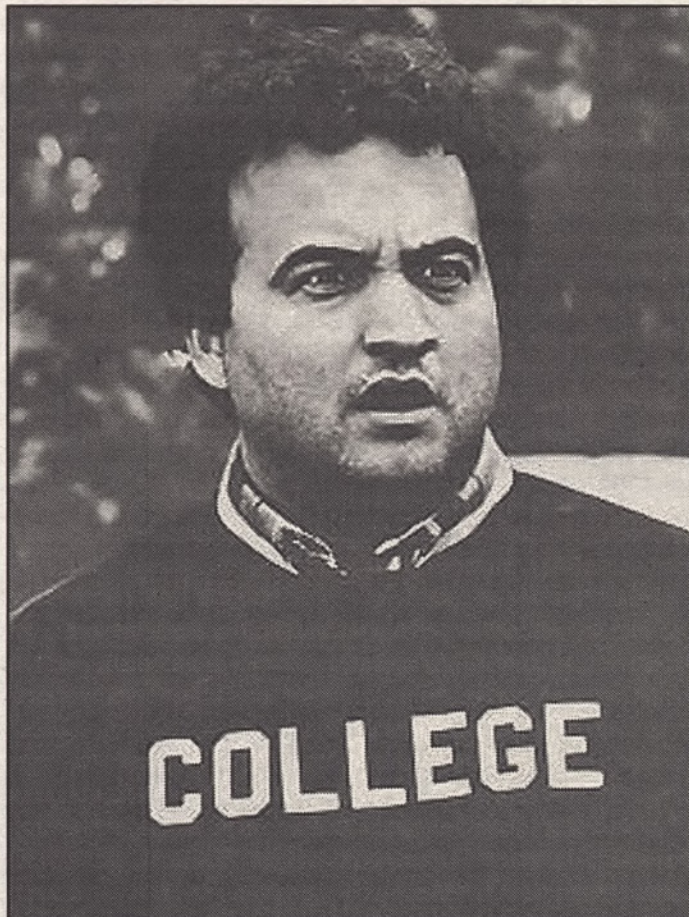
Animal House, a movie focusing on the fictional Delta fraternity in 1962 at the equally fictional Faber College has truly become an American comedy classic. On Tuesday, August 26, Universal Studios re-released the film as part of a new DVD package set.

The DVD set, subtitled "Double Secret Probation Edition" after the punishment covertly given to Delta house by Dean Wormer, celebrates the film's 25th anniversary.

In addition to the digitally remastered movie, the DVD offers a "Where are they now?" mockumentary of the Delta Alumni, animated anecdotes about the original production of the film, and a remade version of "Shout" by MxPx.

To some, *Animal House* was simply another movie, but to many it was so much more. The low-budget film went on to gross \$141.6 million in the box office. According to the Associated Press, many cast members said this success was "because people could see part of themselves in its array of lovers, losers, jocks, preppies and wannabees."

"The movie came out and complemented the culture, which was in a very anti-authoritarian state of mind," said Peter Reigert, who played Donald 'Boon' Schoenstein, in an AP interview. "It's about the rejection of uniformed foolish authority."



You're an animal!: Belushi defined party in "Animal House."

To those seeing *Animal House* for the first time, its message is the same as it was to those in 1978. Seeing John Belushi as the drunk-yet-lovable Bluto chug a full bottle of

Jack Daniels in his infamous COLLEGE sweatshirt still makes college students laugh.

"*Animal House* is one of those movie you could watch a million times and not get tired of," said Lauren Fedechena '05. "It's not even from my time, it's from my parents', and I still feel that I can relate to it."

Maureen Hession, '06, agrees: "It's a cult classic. Even though it came out in 1978 it still reflects college life today better than current movies do."

As stated in the DVD extras by many of those involved with the film, one of the main draws to the movie was that people felt that they knew the characters. Looking around any college campus there is a Bluto, a womanizing Otter, an all too innocent Pinto and a way too uptight and authoritarian Greg Marmalard. These archetypes never change, and neither does the appeal of their situations.

Many movies have followed in the successful footsteps of the snobs vs. slobs format of *Animal House*. Some of these successes include *Caddyshack* and *Porky's in the 1980's* and most recently the new college staple of *Old School*. As *Old School* star Will Ferrell to the AP, "We aspired to try to be that [*Animal House*]."

The legacy of *Animal House* can be best summed up by Bluto in his famous drunken speech, "Over? Did you say 'over'? Nothing is over until we decide it is! Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor? Hell no!"

Just as it wasn't over after Pearl Harbor, the legacy of *Animal House* was not over after it closed at the box offices. Twenty-five years later audiences are still viewing the movie and quoting its memorable lines. The spirit of *Animal House* will endure because, as said by John Vernon who played Dean Wormer in an AP interview, "Whether they actually went through something like that or not, they wish they had."

Cash, Zevon, Ritter: *The Mirror* remembers

BY ETHAN FRY

Since coming to school, many of us have been shocked and dismayed by the deaths of three beloved entertainers: music legend Warren Zevon, comedic actor John Ritter, and Johnny Cash, possibly the coolest man who has ever lived.

Zevon's unique brand of rock music brought us such songs as "Excitable Boy," about a prom night rape and murder, "Roland the Headless Thompson Gunner," an ode to a decapitated Norwegian soldier of fortune, and his most famous song, "Werewolves of London," about werewolves who prowl the SoHo singles scene.

Zevon died last week at age 56 after a year-long fight against inoperable lung cancer. "I made a tactical error by not seeing a physician for 20 years," he explained to longtime friend Dave Letterman on Letterman's show last year.

His final album, "The Wind," released last month, drew praise from critics and fans alike.

John Ritter, known mostly by our generation through reruns of the kooky '70s sitcom "Three's Company," collapsed unexpectedly last week because of an undetected heart problem while filming his ABC comedy "8 Simple Rules ... For Dating My Teenage Daughter." He was taken to a hospital, but despite the efforts of surgeons to save his life, died at age 54.

Son of Western film star and country musician Tex Ritter, Ritter hit the big time on "Three's Company," a show about a goofy bachelor who pretended to be gay so he could live with his two female roommates. The show regularly en-

joyed high ratings, but was hampered because of off-stage problems between Ritter and co-star Suzanne Somers. Somers was eventually written off the show, but reconciled with Ritter before his death.

Cash, whose brusque demeanor and rebellious looks made him an icon for decades, died last Friday at the age of 71 due to complications from diabetes.

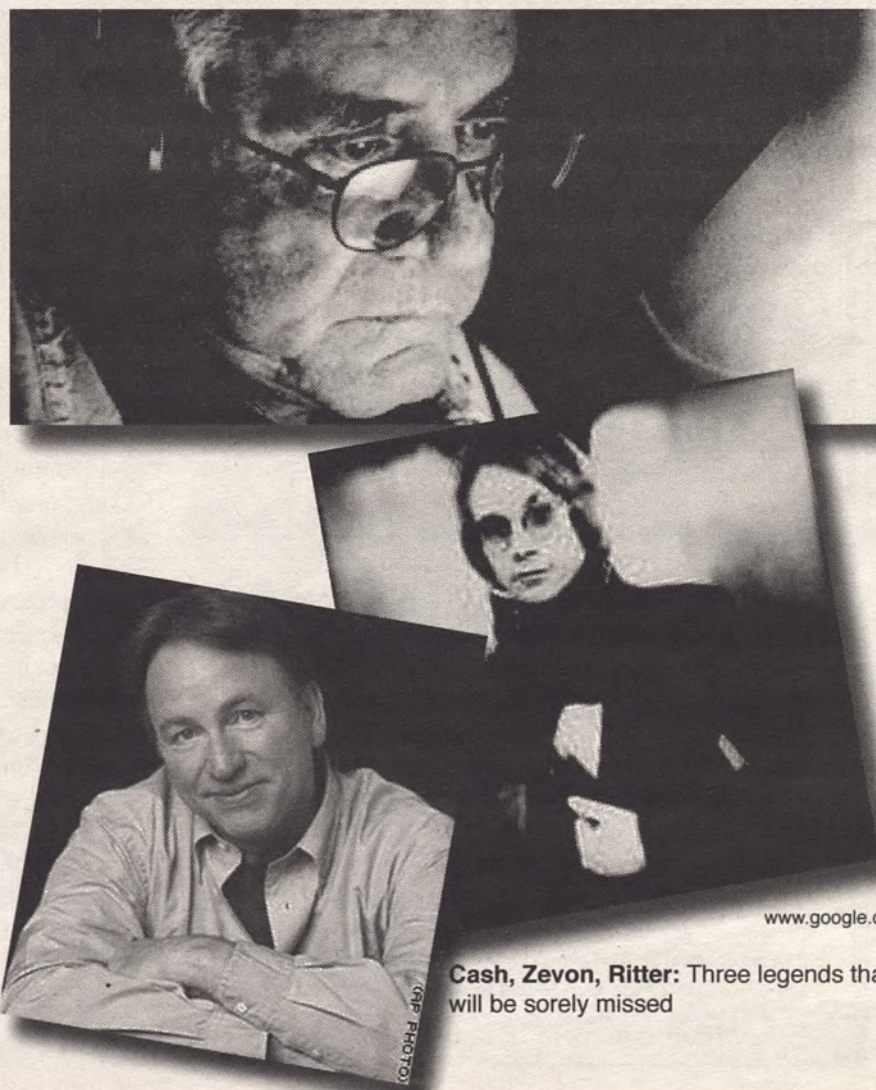
Recently, Cash enjoyed mainstream success for the first time in years by covering the Nine Inch Nails song "Hurt" on his most recent album "American IV: The Man Comes Around." The video for "Hurt," which displays old home footage of Cash visiting his childhood home and stowing away on boxcars interspersed with a recreation of the crucifixion, was nominated for six MTV Video Music Awards, winning one.

Cash's career spanned over five decades, and was marked by memorable songs such as "Folsom Prison Blues," "I Walk the Line," and "Ring of Fire."

He also had several cameos and guest appearances on television shows, including a recurring role in "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" as an aging Old West gunslinging lawman. He guest-starred on the show with his second wife, June Carter Cash, who died in May.

The deaths of these three notable entertainers serve as clarion calls to all, reminding each and every one of us of our own mortality. As Cash sang roughly and unsteadily in his most recent hit, "Hurt," "Everyone I know goes away in the end."

Indeed, Johnny. Indeed.



Cash, Zevon, Ritter: Three legends that will be sorely missed



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Net nuisance

The Internet headaches that greeted us all upon arrival at Fairfield have largely disappeared. Computing and Network Services (CNS) has done a superb job of purging the virus from the network and installing free up-to-date anti-virus software on every student's computer.

However, some students still cannot connect to the network due to others who refuse to take their computer to CNS. The network is set up to shut down parts of the campus when virus activity is detected; because of this, students who have not brought their computers to CNS should do so immediately.

The viruses that caused this problem were fortunately benign, not corrupting and damaging computers. In a way it is better to have the holes in our network exposed now before something far more destructive spread. Now, we are all becoming equipped with valuable free software that will ensure that the Internet stays on.

A large amount of credit for handling the problem so quickly and efficiently goes to all the technicians who worked tirelessly in the campus center to eradicate the virus.

Credit is also due to the university. So often on this campus, students can be heard muttering something like "I pay \$37,000 a year to go here" and following up these comments with complaints about Internet connectivity, mediocre food or registration problems. Evidently, students who make such comments would prefer the university to just throw money at any problem that comes their way.

In a way, the school did just that in this case. Paying for a costly license for software and hiring several extra technicians, the administration tried to solve the problem as expeditiously as possible. *The Mirror* undoubtedly believes that if the school approached every problem with the speed and efficiency of their approach with respect to this problem, students would not be heard muttering the "\$37,000 question" quite as much.

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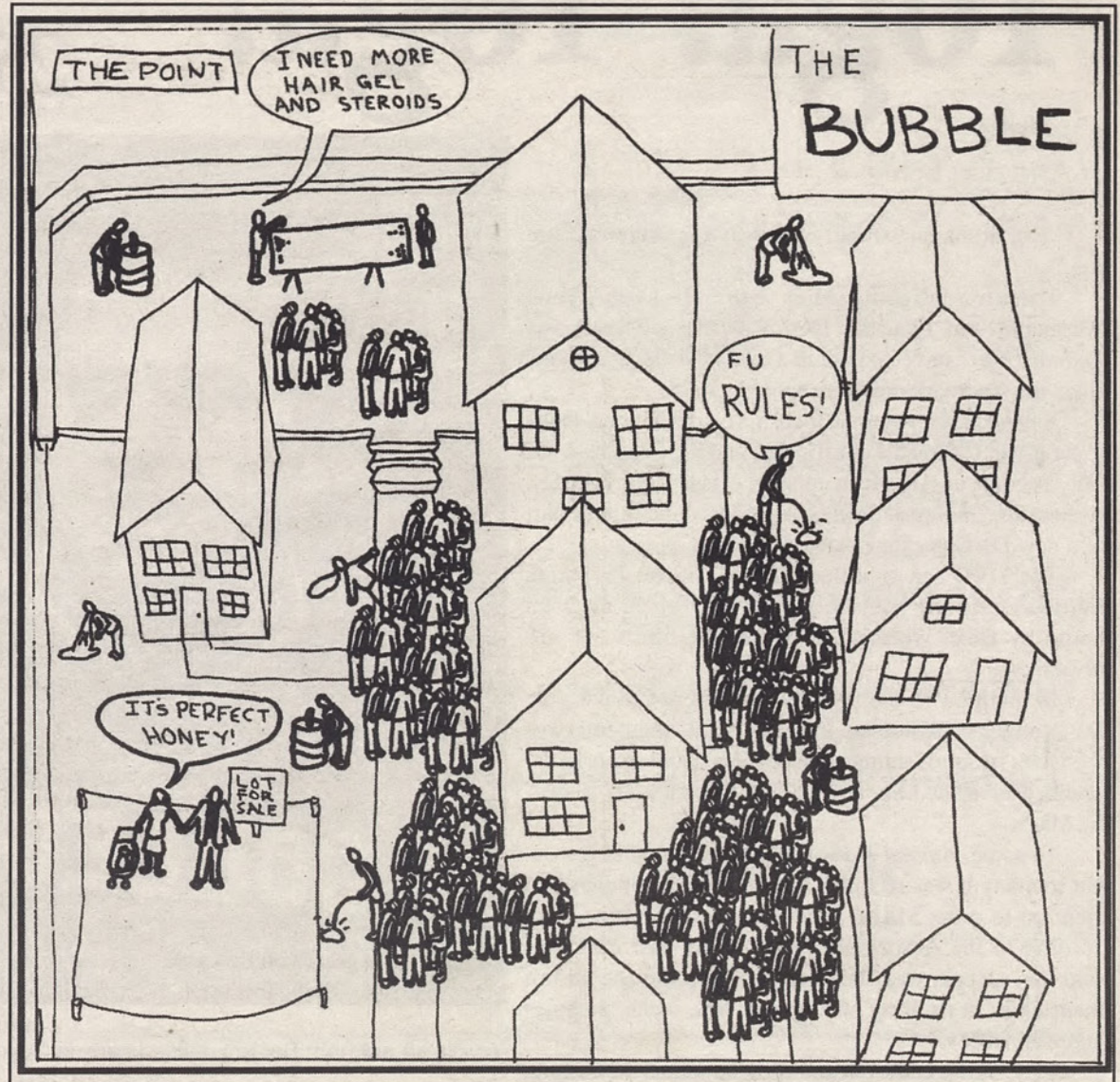
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Awkward first year

Don't worry freshmen, it gets better

BY TARA TOULOU MIS

It could only get better. Just stick it out. Try to make the best of it. Give it a little time.

I heard so many encouragement phrases during my freshman year, I could single-handedly put Hallmark out of business. My first few weeks at Fairfield University were much like something you would see on a cheesy WB sitcom. I was the very confused, very lost freshman girl with frizzy hair that the viewers cannot help but pity.

At first, I blamed all of my tragic mishaps on rotten luck. Perhaps the planets were misaligned during those weeks or maybe I was cursed with bad karma, but everything just seemed to go so wrong.

I had unreasonably hard professors, a difficult living situation, and a demanding work-study position. Most of all, I just missed home, and this is coming from a girl who could not wait to get out of Smalltown, USA and greet the real world.

Bubbly, friendly, and usually optimistic, I could not understand why all this was happening to me. I quickly acquired transfer applications. My conclusion was that if it wasn't me, it had to be the school.

I originally dismissed those

encouraging phrases I received from family and friends as utter nonsense. After all, they hadn't the slightest clue what I was going through. However, it did not take long until I began to discover the wisdom each little phrase held.

"Making the best of it" and "giving it a little time" were perhaps some of the best things I could do at the moment. One thing was clear: running away from Fairfield was not the answer.

I was so anxious to leave, but as time went by, it began to feel more and more like my home. I made a few really good friends, joined several organizations, and simply just "stuck it out."

As I grew closer to other freshmen, it came to my attention that feeling like a spastic mess was totally normal, and lucky for me and the rest of the former freshman class, it does eventually pass with the arrival of "sophomorehood."

Adjustment is by far the largest juggernaut a freshman faces. Whether it is adjusting to a plane ride back home or simply adjusting to wearing shower flip flops, the road may be or overwhelmingly bumpy.

One's adjustment period has the powerful potential to make or break his or her college experi-

ence. I use myself as an example: I almost transferred as a result of a rocky adjustment period. Recognizing that homesickness will eventually pass or your philosophy professor will not gobble you up if you ask for extra help during office hours are little things that will make the transition smoother.

Likewise, getting involved is an excellent way to pass the time, explore your interests, and meet new people. Combat your jitters by staying active. Finally, focus on the positive. So, you may be struggling a bit, but at least you are growing stronger.

Although my adjustment period was both trying and even distressing at times, the bottom line is not only did I make it through alive, but I actually adore college - and all the ups and downs that come with it.

Remarkably, I am grateful for my horrific first year because I had taken more strides in the period of a year than I had my whole life. I am no longer the awkward girl bumbling to class! Moreover, freshman year is an experience, and although it can be tumultuous, I am living proof that those cliché encouragement phrases are absolutely true: it *does* get easier with time, if you make the best of it.

California casting call

BY CHRIS ZEITZ

The California gubernatorial recall election has lapsed into an odd limbo that is certain to keep the late night comics—and crappy college columnists—feasting on cheap jokes about Arnold Schwarzenegger and Gary Coleman.

For Coleman and Schwarzenegger, the bad news came early this week when an appeals court decided it would not be a good idea to have a major election with a great deal of national scrutiny and use the same controversial punch cards made infamous by the senile state, Florida.

In all likelihood, this will prove to be a temporary halt by the courts. And, sometime in the near future the recall election will resume. When that happens, the elephants and lion tamers can march back into the ring of their choice and resume the spectacle and competition for control of the weirdest state in the union.

This seems to be the way the peculiar legal and electoral system of the former Republic of California will play itself out. Unless, someone or some court realizes the danger of aging Hollywood has-beens, Never-was-its and Austrian body builders vying for the helm of one of the world's largest economic entities.

The other interesting component of this election is the almost universal absence of experienced politicians, with the exception of the current Lt. Governor Yadda-yadda Bustafante. When you put this entire mess together you see a large and powerful state teetering near financial disaster with a clear leadership crisis.

Furthermore, if this recall provision remains a legitimate political maneuver, it is only a matter of time before another 50-year-old action star crosses from the limited thrills of stunts and well planned explosions to the fun and excitement of rolling-brown outs, wild fires and Los Angeles smog.

That's right, Arnold, just because you might win this year doesn't mean that the always plotting Sly Stallone or blue-collar hero Bruce Willis can not oust you in the summer of 2004.

Sound absurd? Californians have a long-standing tradition of ire against the existing government and ill-conceived revolts.

Captain John C. Fremont of the United States Army was sent to Mexican controlled California with sixty troops on a "scientific expedition." Fremont's mission was to promote turmoil between the Mexican authorities then in power and American settlers. Fremont spread a few politically motivated lies and inspired thirty settlers to attack a town under the control of Mexico.

Somehow, this band of laid-back settlers managed to take the town and after a rousing speech, William B. Ide was declared president of the new Republic of California by a band of a few dozen Americans.

You can plainly see that this is not the first time those kooky Californians have decided to drastically change their government on the whim of a few individuals.

If Gary Coleman wins, he will have a much easier time of solving the economic woes of California. Ide would be jealous of the cushy job Coleman would get to enjoy; for Ide—and a few of his closest friends—had to tell the government in Mexico City that he was now in charge of a vast swath of resources and some excellent surfing spots.



COLEMAN AND KIT

Abandoned without AIM

BY KELLY SHEEHAN

Upperclassmen can all remember the excitement of being a freshman. Feelings of independence and maturity are just about to set in when an unexpected pang of homesickness creeps up on you. After a long day you creep back to your dorm room to read e-mails from home and check the comforting messages your loved ones left you on AIM.

Of course, freshmen this year couldn't be comforted during the first few weeks of school due to the worst nightmare of college campuses and lonely freshmen alike—a computer virus that downed the Internet.

Not that college is so completely alien and frightening to freshmen, but it is nice to fall back on what's familiar that first week. Internet would have made the transition from home to school easier.

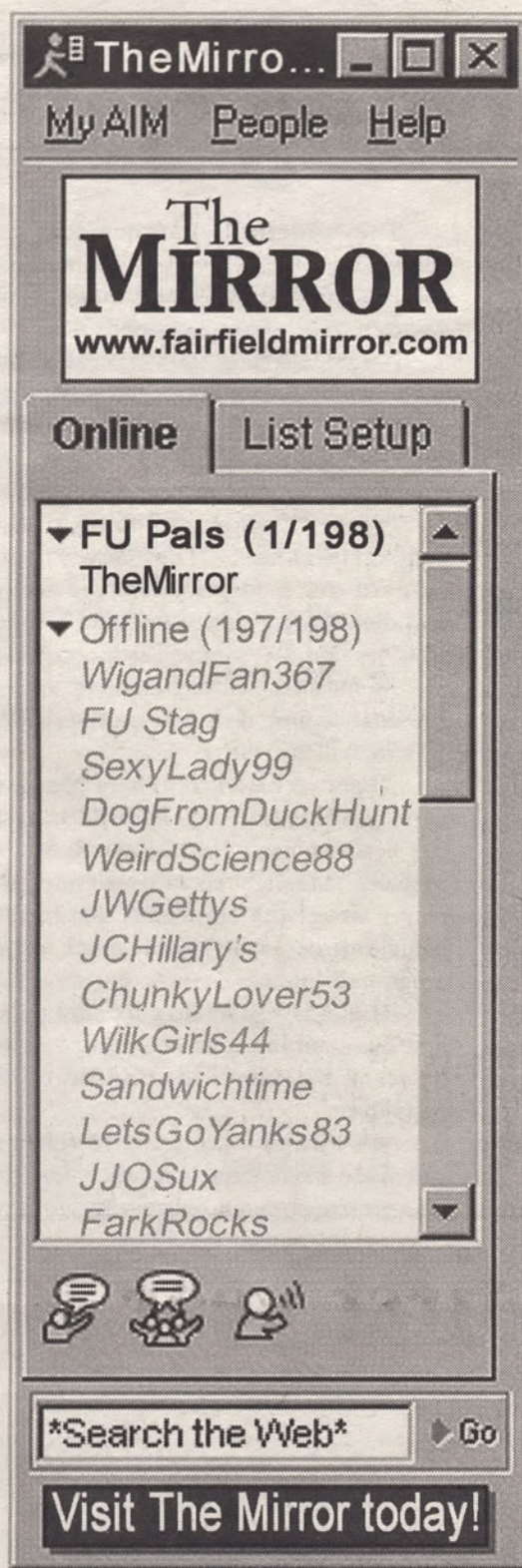
The transition into school would have been a lot easier also. The Internet isn't just a security blanket for freshman, but our link to each other. Not only is it infinitely easier to communicate with your next-door neighbor via AIM, but infinitely cooler.

This coupled with the added challenge that was presented to the freshman class in having to guess where classes would be held on a campus we've never been on before because the schedules were online. Professors understood this, but when they expected us to access online programs and e-mails regularly, that became another problem. Not that we couldn't go to the library to find all of this information, but there's only so many trips you can take before the librarians start to greet you by name.

On the upside, all the freshmen (not to mention the upperclassmen) got to know the Barone Campus Center really well. Since conversation over AIM was out, a good substitute was bonding during those seven hours you waited for CNS to get to your computer.

During this age of the Internet we are all pathetically dependent on it, so perhaps it wasn't such a horrible thing that we freshmen had to rough it during the first few weeks. Instead of covering in our dorm rooms we had a reason to get out of the room and into the sun, a chance to meet other Internet deprived freshmen, and even a chance to do homework. (That trend will probably not last).

In any case, if your computer is fixed, but your Internet is still down you can always trek to the Jazzman's Café Internet station to read your e-mails from home while enjoying an Oreo blizzard.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor: JAY SMITH

Picture this scenario: it is September 10, and I am at home in New York, instead of at school in Connecticut. For the second straight year, I am at the place where I was longing to come to following the September 11 attacks my freshman year at Fairfield. As I am browsing the Internet, doing some research (since I haven't been able to be on my computer all week), I decided to check out whether *The Mirror's* latest edition had been published online.

As the newscasters talk about the ceremonies that will occur tomorrow, the newspapers are scattered on the floor with stories of people affected the tragedies, I am reading stories about the events of 9/11 on the *Mirror* Web site. I must say I was quite surprised and disconcerted to read Mr. Fry's perspective on 9/11. Is it really proper to admonish the United States for past actions and insinuating that what goes around comes around, on the second anniversary of the worst terror attack in United States history?

While I do not fault *The Mirror* for publishing stories that are supposed to make its readers pause and reflect, I do fault the Editorial Board and Mr. Fry for their incredible insensitivity. Some issues permit a bold statement to generate a reaction. September 11 and the thousands of innocent people who died, the devastation caused to the surrounding businesses, the heartache of not only the families of those

who perished but the heartache we all feel, is not a subject that can be approached in the same way. September 11 is a day none of us will ever forget. It is a day of a national tragedy and mourning.

It is also a day that requires compassion and not justification.

As a side note, by stating that the history of this country is a history of rich white men brutally repressing everyone else and therefore implying that perhaps the 9/11 terror attacks were deserved, Mr. Fry neglects to mention one very important fact. Citizens of over thirty countries from around the world died in the terrorist attacks of September 11.

How many "destitute immigrants" were trying to earn a living, perhaps as busboys in the Windows on the World restaurant? How many professional women who were also mothers and daughters, died? Does any innocent person deserve to die?

Of course not, no matter where it is or how they died—as a Vietnam villager, a United States soldier at Pearl Harbor, an Israeli on a bus, a schoolchild taking a trip as a reward for schoolwork well done—a trip that ends in a plane crash on September 11.

Suggesting otherwise is inhumane.

Liz Collins, '05

Alumni abound on Stags' coaching staff

BY BRYAN MAHONEY

While walking past the coaches' offices in the Walsh Athletic Center, one may be surprised at how many familiar names are posted on the doors.

Many coaches, such as men's basketball coach Tim O'Toole and women's field hockey coach Jackie Leonard are former Fairfield University student-athletes, returning to their alma mater to coach their former sports.

While O'Toole and Leonard have already spent a number of years coaching at Fairfield, in the past few years, the Athletic Department has witnessed an increase in the number of alumni coaches, including the recent addition of three members of the graduating class of 2003.

Although Athletic Director Eugene Doris does not place special emphasis on hiring alumni, he does feel it provides a positive effect on the Athletic Department as a whole.

"When hiring coaches, we always want the most qualified," said Doris. "But if everything is equal, we'll look towards alumni. They know the place, it's easier for them to mesh in as coaches, and they can relate a different message to student-athletes than someone coming from the outside can," he said.

When looking to hire a new coach, Doris seeks someone who possesses a passion for the university and a good feeling about the institution. "In general, we look for coaches with an upside rather than someone who will just come in and fill a spot," he said.

In many instances, this passion is most clearly evident in alumni applicants.

"In my case, the main thing was that I knew what Fairfield needed and what needed to be done, which gave me a distinct advantage," said men's and women's cross-country coach and '02 Fairfield graduate, Andrew Harrington.

"I personally think that if I walked into a program I didn't know, I wouldn't have been as motivated to succeed," he said.

The additions of '03 graduates Erin Heslin (cross-country), Dani Brown (field hockey) and Meghan Main (women's lacrosse) to the Fairfield coaching staff has provided the Athletic Department with a new group of talented, yet inexperienced



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assistant coaches.

Their inexperience however, is not expected to be a concern because Doris believes each of the young coaches is capable of succeeding in their new positions.

"Sometimes with young coaches it's more important that they have the passion and relate well with the students," he said. "Sometimes this is more important than their years of service."

One issue that has been a growing concern within the Athletic Department involves the unusual situation these young coaches will face in instructing their former teammates, a task viewed by others as quite complicated.

"It was definitely the most difficult thing I had to do," said Harrington, who acquired his head coaching position only a year after graduation. "The most difficult thing was going from relationships with friends to not being able to be in social settings with them," he said.

The Athletic Department has acknowledged the difficult situation these coaches face and said that they are sensitive to it.

A new coaching staff orientation has been established to begin the mentoring process for the new coaches and assists them through any difficult situations they may end up in.

"These situations are going to happen," said Doris. "They now have a different role than before and are seeing a whole different side of Fairfield University," he said.

As for the new coaches, many are excited to see how their inaugural coaching seasons will turn out.

"I am very excited to have Meg join our coaching staff," said Fairfield University head women's lacrosse coach Stacey McCue. "Meg's success as a collegiate player along with her enthusiasm for the game will be an invaluable asset to our program."

Heslin is also looking forward to her first season at the helm of the cross-country team, but admits it's difficult to not participate.

"It's hard to watch from the sidelines and not be part of the action," she said. "But it's a great opportunity to begin my coaching career at my alma mater."

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THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL

The women fell 0-3 to Eastern Washington Saturday. Kristin Anderson was named to the URI Invitational All Tournament Team.

FIELD HOCKEY

Lost it's first Patriot League opener 2-1 on Saturday at Fairfield. Kelly Rath scored Fairfield's only goal late in the second half.

MEN'S SOCCER

A late-in-the-game goal allowed Boston University to come from behind and beat Fairfield 2-1 in Saturday's match-up. Mike Troy registered for his third goal and Fairfield fell to an overall record of 1-2.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Megan King scored Fairfield's only goal in it's 5-1 loss to underfeated Boston College Saturday at Newton Campus Field, Mass. Katie Ely made 12 saves.

MEN'S GOLF

The men finished in 10th place at Central Connecticut State University Blue Devil Invitational at Stanley Golf Course on Sunday. Jonathan Vannelli, '07, placed 25th overall with a two-day total of 154 (+10).

WOMEN'S GOLF

Allie Schick shot a career-low and finished in 8th place at the Dartmouth Invitational at Hanover Country Club Sunday. The team finished 8th overall.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The men's team finished 15th overall, and the women finished 11th overall at the Fordham Invitational at Van Courtland Park, NY.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Taylor Barvoets and Ashley Hill, '07, lost in the finals of the second flight to Holy Cross, 8-4, at Fairfield's double festival Saturday. They defeated URI, Sacred Heart, and Stony Brook.

PLAYER PROFILE

Katie Ely

- 2 Year starting Goalkeeper
- 2002 All MAAC Rookie Team
- Recorded seven shutouts, 2nd best in the MAAC
- Allowed only one goal in conference play
- .806 save percentage
- 1.38 goals against average, sixth overall in the MAAC
- Played in all 19 games last year, starting in 16 of them.



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Tennis players confident early in season

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match in the finals.

The men's first doubles team, Kevin Nyarady, '05, and Jonathan Fernando, '07, also lost in the finals.

"I was very impressed with both the men and women on Saturday's tournament. Last year at our tournament, no team reached the semis. This year, we had three teams reach the semis and two teams reach the finals", said head men's and women's coach Jeffrey Wyshner.

"The men had a tough situation because the teams had to be switched around due to first singles and doubles player Steve Kouri being out for some time due to an injury. We had to put out two first doubles teams out, but the teams stepped it up and played well," said Wyshner.

Wyshner believes that the team has improved greatly since last year, and each has a good chance of winning the MAAC this year.

"We're much improved this year, both

in and out of conference. Our goal for both teams this year is to win the MAAC'S," Wyshner said.

Players also believe their chances to win the MAAC this year and receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament are more promising than recent years.

"We have improved a lot since last year. Our new freshmen have made an immediate impact on the team right away. This is the strongest team I have played on since I've been here," said Reeves.

Nyarady also voiced a similar opinion that the men have a stronger team this year than in previous years.

"We definitely have a chance to win the MAAC. We need to work hard and support each other. We're twice as good as we were last year and that's going to go a long way," said Nyarady.

This weekend, both the men and the women will host the Fairfield 5-1 Invitational Duals. The women will play Saturday at 9 a.m., and the men will play Sunday at 9 a.m.



The line up: The women's team gets a pep talk from coach Wyshner.

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March Madness is comin' our way

BY CHANDANA RAVI
& KRISTINE LYNCH

The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee has chosen Fairfield University as one of the 16 first and second round hosts for the 2004 NCAA Championship Tournament on March 21 and 23, 2004 at the Bridgeport Arena at Harbor Yard.

"The University is excited about hosting the 2004 NCAA Tournament," said Athletic Director Gene Doris. "With a venue like the Arena at Harbor Yard, and the experience of the Fairfield County Sports Commission, I am confident that this will be a memorable event for the University, women's basketball, the participating teams and the surrounding community."

The process for hosting an event of this size is much like the process for bidding for the site of the Olympics. A university who wishes to take on such responsibility puts in an application years in advance and the NCAA committee reviews each application and selects schools that have appropriate accommodations.

Since moving home games from Alumni Hall to the Arena at Harbor Yard, Fairfield, according to Associate Athletic Director Pat Murphy, "is in more of a favorable light" for hosting such events.

While the pairings for the tournament will not be released until "Selection Sunday", women's basketball coach, Diane Nolan has high hopes that her team will be making an appearance on the court rather than in the stands.

"Playing in the Arena at Harbor Yard gives us the flexibility to go after such events [as the Tournament]. Our team challenge is to start our NCAA Tournament run at home," Nolan said.

In order for the women's squad to gain entry into the first round, they must first clinch the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title. Even then, it's not guaranteed

The road to the Final Four

Other first and second round tournament sites

Site	Seating
Arizona State	14,141
Iowa State	14,100
Ohio State	13,276
Florida State	11,682
Notre Dame	11,418
Duke University	9,314

that they will play at Harbor Yard. Teams are assigned game sites after the pairings are released depending on their rank and opponent's rank.

The NCAA Tournament games rake in millions of dollars each year, but since Fairfield rents the space from the arena, Fairfield itself will not see any of the profits from ticket sales. This begs the question why Fairfield would want the responsibility of hosting such an event.

"It's a prestigious situation to host an event of such magnitude," Murphy responded.

The small venue in Bridgeport allows a capacity of 8,754 for basketball events, but there should be no problem selling out the seats. Audrey Mesta, Director of Athletic Marketing and Promotion has been receiving phone calls inquiring when ticket sales begin.

"Because of the growing popularity of women's basketball and the centralized lo-



2004 Division I Women's Championship
First/Second Rounds
Bridgeport, Connecticut
Fairfield University, host

cation of Harbor Yard, tickets will go fast," Mesta said.

According to Sports Information Director Jack Jones, non-student season ticket holders will have an opportunity to order tickets first, through a pre-sale as part of the season package. On Nov. 29 and 30, two-session orders will be accepted at the Arena box office, beginning at half time of the second game on Saturday, Nov. 29 through the end

of the third game. On Sunday, November 30, orders will again be taken throughout the double header. Orders for general public will begin on December 1, 2003.

In addition to the bid granted for the 2004 first and second round tournament games, Fairfield will also host the 2006 Regional Games. Regionals are the games following the first and second rounds.

Tennis team looks to serve up an ace of a season

BY ANNIE MULLOWNEY

Fairfield's tennis program looks promising for the 2002-2003 season due to the addition of six brand new courts and talented freshmen recruits.

Last year, the team played on six old courts, two of which were nearly unplayable due to cracks after last year's rough winter.

The new facilities show the players that the school is starting to upgrade the tennis program.

"Last year, our courts were cracked and old. This year, they are really nice which makes us want to go out and practice more," said co-captain Diana Webb, '05.

Co-captain Erin Reeves, '04, also agreed that the new courts will benefit the team greatly.

"New facilities show us that the school is taking tennis seriously, which makes us want to show Fairfield that we can bring the program to where it used to be. We have a very good chance of winning the MAAC this year," Reeves said.

Both the men's and women's team competed on the new courts for the first time at Fairfield's Second Annual Doubles Festival this past weekend.

The tournament hosted seven other teams.

The two teams had a solid showing at the tournament. First and third doubles on the women's side reached the semis, along with second doubles for the men.

The freshman second doubles team of Taylor Barvoets and Ashley Hill lost a tough

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