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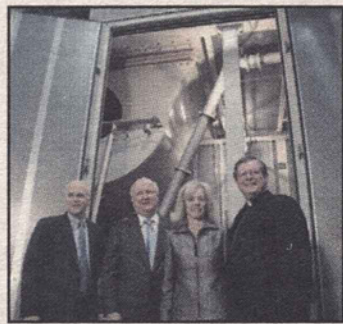
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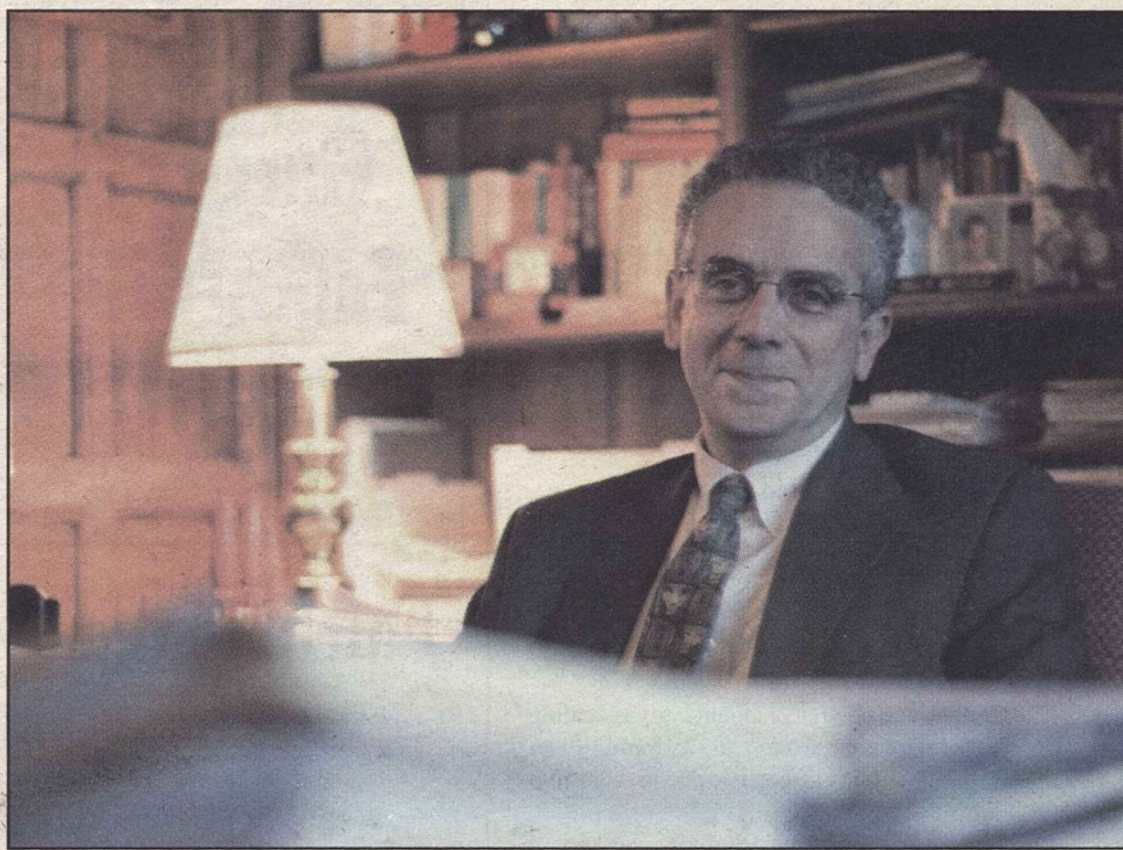
BY TOM CLEARY

Now in his fifth year at the University, President Fr. Jeffrey von Arx is continuing to implement his vision for Fairfield.

One step in that process is to build a power structure that fits the goals of the University.

Last week, von Arx announced that Senior Vice President Billy Weitzer will take on more responsibilities and become the Executive Vice President. Weitzer will now

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Jon Ollwerther/The Mirror

The man behind the University: Billy Weitzer is the man in charge behind the day-to-day operations at Fairfield. University President Fr. Jeffrey von Arx will now focus more on fund-raising.

LGBT posters defaced

BY JOE CARRETTA

Torn down posters. Vandalism. Death threats from off-campus sources.

These are some of the constant forms of abuse lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students say they are being forced to deal with after becoming more outspoken in their pursuit of acceptance.

The issue of these threats and cases of vandalism were addressed by a joint letter to the editor in last week's *Mirror* by Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Tom Pellegrino, Dean of Student Development Deborah Cady Melzer and Sr. Associate Dean and Director of Student Activities Matthew Dinnan.

Assistant Director of Public Safety Frank Ficko did not comment on whether these incidents received special attention from Public Safety, but acknowledged that they fall under the same

categorization of all types of vandalism around campus.

"The Department of Public Safety requests that any and all incidents of vandalism should be reported to DPS immediately," said Ficko. "We also ask that anyone with information regarding the person[s] responsible for defacing posters and bulletin boards to please come forward. We count on everyone within the community to serve as extra eyes and ears in helping to keep campus safe and as free from crime as possible."

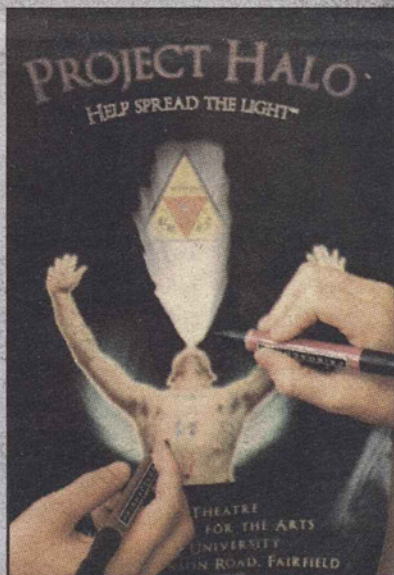


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Intolerant actions: Several posters have been defaced with homophobic remarks.

The letter from the Fairfield administrators acknowledged that "hateful" actions toward LGBT students will not be tolerated, and it made it clear that the administration will stand behind them in their fight for universal acceptance around campus.

"Acts in such an anonymous and hateful fashion do not encourage open dialogue

of difference and undermine our educational

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Law & Order: Fairfield

Cheating scandal goes to the cops

BY KEITH CONNORS

Several months after Academic Vice President Orin Grossman authorized an investigation, the Fairfield Police Department finally revealed findings of its investigation regarding the StagWeb grade-changing incident.

In addition to defining the matter as a closed case, the report failed to identify the student, only referring to him

as "Student #1" and a "[former] resident advisor."

Detective Bernard Kelly said the decision to withhold the student's identity complies with Grossman's decision to

keep the incident an internal matter.

"This simply was not a criminal matter," said Sgt. James Perez, Fairfield Police, who is the public affairs official at the department. "The professors initially felt it may have been

a criminal act, but the school's findings and [Kelly's] investigation found that it was not."

Perez added that the Freedom of Information Act, which mandates that federal governmental and public agencies must release information and legal findings, only pertains to criminal acts.

The report states that the pursuit of a police report by the professors involved began on July 25, the date that Grossman sent a memo to the six faculty

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Mikaela Tierney/The Mirror

A,B,C: Associate Academic Vice President Mary Frances Malone chaired the committee that changed the registration process.

Registration moving to alphabetical system

BY JEN BOOTON

Student concerns about academic registration were answered Thursday as Orin Grossman, academic vice president, released an updated registration process that will be used this fall for Spring 2009 classes.

The committee that was formed last year by Grossman to address registration issues is responsible for the successful wait-list system that was implemented last semester, has recommended changing the system from a computer-generated lottery to one that uses mixed alphabetical groupings of last names.

"Perhaps those students plagued by the 745th lottery number for the

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... where the Louisiana Purchase cost \$316 million, Seward's Folly cost \$106 million (adjusted for today's money). Yankee Stadium costs \$1.6 billion.

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JESUIT RUNDUP
News from the 27 other Jesuit colleges in the U.S.

BY TOM CLEARY

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

Student shot in front of frat house

The Creighton University student body is dealing with increased violence around the community in Omaha, Neb., which has affected students who live both on and off campus.

Eric Nippoldt, a junior at Creighton, was shot in the chest after being approached by three men while parking in front of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house, of which he is a member. He was taken to the hospital and remains in stable condition.

"It's all across the country. It's all across the world. It's not just a Creighton problem," said John Cernech, Creighton's vice president of student affairs. "It's not just an Omaha problem. This is not something we haven't looked at for years, but it gets back to individual involvement. Individuals paying attention."

Source: *The Creightonian*

FORDHAM

Survey shows students continue to smoke, despite rising awareness of health risks

The 2007 Fordham College at Lincoln Center (FCLC) CORE survey, a questionnaire on drug and alcohol abuse administered by colleges around the country every two years, showed that nearly 30 percent of the campus continues to smoke.

The findings go against a 2007 Center for Disease Control survey which showed that New York City has "set an example" for reducing smoking. The CDC said that it believes this has to do with new laws in New York which regulate smoking in bars and restaurants as well as other public places.

Keith Eldredge, dean of students at FCLC, emphasized the importance of educating students about tobacco use, as well as the "delicate balance" between students' health and students' rights. "[FCLC's] health center encourages all smokers that they encounter to consider quitting," Eldredge said. "Fordham also takes part in the National Stop Smoking Day every November," he said.

Source: *The Fordham Observer*

GEORGETOWN

Single beer sales banned around campus

The D.C. council voted last week to ban the sale of individual beers, malt liqueurs and ales in liquor stores in the Georgetown and Foggy Bottom regions of the city.

The ban has already been in place in other regions of the city and so far the council has been pleased by the results.

"From what we hear from anecdotal evidence, trash cans are no longer used as public restrooms," said Charles Allen, Council member Tommy Wells' chief of staff. "There has also been an increase in the quality of life."

Source: *The Hoya*

How GREEN IS FAIRFIELD?

HERE'S HOW THE UNIVERSITY RANKS IN THE NINE KEYS AREAS OF THE COLLEGE SUSTAINABILITY REPORT CARD:



ADMINISTRATION	C
CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY	C
FOOD AND RECYCLING	B
GREEN BUILDING	D
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT	C
TRANSPORTATION	C
ENDOWMENT TRANSPARENCY	F
INVESTMENT PRIORITIES	C
SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	F

Photo Illustration by Peter Caty

Fairfield receives 'C-' on green report card

BY ALEXANDRA GROSS

As students anxiously await the return of midterms, Fairfield University received its own mid-semester mark: a "C-."

This grade was part of its College Sustainability Report Card, given to the University by the Sustainable Endowment Institute, a division of the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors.

Colleges in the U.S. and Canada were assessed in nine key areas: administration, climate change and energy, food and recycling, green building, student involvement, transportation, endowment transparency, investment priorities and shareholders.

However, some Fairfield administrators question the accuracy of certain grades.

"What the 'C-' doesn't reflect is that we are saving thousands of kilowatts [of energy] with the COGEN facility," said David Frassinelli, assistant vice president and director of facilities management.

The University's Combined Heat and Power plant (CHP) provides about 99 percent of the campus's electricity and 70 percent of its heating capabilities.

In a process known as cogeneration, the CHP utilizes fuel, or natural gas, to burn in a generator, which then turns a turbine to create electricity and power. The waste heat is distributed throughout campus through a series of underground pipelines, saving the equivalent energy of 4,000 residential homes.

Besides the environmental costs, the CHP has financial incentives as well. Director of Utilities Bill Auger estimates that the University has already saved an estimated \$1,200 per month in utility fees.

Frassinelli also pointed to the new Jesuit Residence, which will feature a rooftop garden, a geothermal heating and cooling system and utilize recycled materials. Further, the residence will comply with the prestigious Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) gold certification.

Among the 300 universities, 15 received an "A-," including Brown, Columbia, Harvard, Stanford, Carleton, Dartmouth, Middlebury and University of New Hampshire.

Fairfield, along with Jesuit institution Fordham, received a "C-," while Connecticut schools Yale, Connecticut College and UConn received a "B+," "C" and "B" respectively.

While Program on the Environment Director David

Downie agrees that the grade can be used "as motivation" for the University, he recognizes the flaws in this grading system.

"I know for a fact that there were schools that received lower grades that should have received higher as well as those schools that were given higher grades, which deserved lower," said Downie.

The way the Institute also obtained the information may also leave room for speculation. After the collection of initial information for a given campus, university presidents at participating schools were notified to verify the information via e-mail. And, if after two later attempts were not recognized by university officials, the information, regardless of approval, was used by the Institute.

Fairfield, however, was not one of the 10 schools that did not respond to any Report Card surveys, according to the Institute's Web site, greenreportcard.org.

Yet, Downie agreed "these kinds of metrics are useful, but important to recognize that the results are non-scientific."

"It is important to reflect that Fairfield is doing a lot more and is ambitious about its initiatives," said Downie.

Senior leader of the Green Campus Initiative Galen Vinter also agrees with Downie that these results can be used as a motivator for the University and the community.

"Although the grading system used is usually incomplete and inaccurate, public image is highly valued at all universities, which means this 'C-' will hopefully move Fairfield's administration as well as community to action," said Vinter. "Sometimes people just need a feeling of urgency and this might help push the ticket for all the nonbelievers out there."

In addition to the COGEN facility and the new Jesuit residence, University President Fr. Jeffrey von Arx is a signatory of the American College and University Presidents Climate Initiative, an effort for colleges to go climate neutral.

The recent formation of the faculty, administration and student Campus Sustainability Committee leaves some members of the Fairfield community hopeful of a sustainable future, including increased efforts to find ways to measure, track and record the efficiency of such projects like the CHP facility, according to Frassinelli.

"There are so many positive projects happening on campus," said Jim Fitzpatrick, assistant vice president for student affairs. "I'm confident that there are better 'green' days ahead for us."

University college refuses to comment on cheating Grossman: "... the decision was not theirs, it was mine"

BY ANNIE ROONEY

Academic Vice President Orin Grossman took full responsibility for the decision to allow the cheating student to continue his education at Fairfield's University College.



GROSSMAN

"University College has its part to play, but the decision was not theirs, it was mine," said Grossman.

Last year, a senior biology

major changed several grades through StagWeb to enhance his G.P.A. for prospective post-graduate plans.

The grade changer was not charged with criminal action; however, his or her changed grades were changed once again on the transcript.

Instead of an "F" for failure, the student received the letter "W" for withdrawn. The student is also eligible to complete his degree through the University College.

The student did not receive any penalties to his or her G.P.A. and there will be no record of the incident on the student's course records.

Members of the University College

refused to comment on the situation.

"I communicated to various parties and that decision is being carried out in various ways [and] University College has its part to play," said Grossman.

This verdict evolved around the University's incentive to "balance discipline, justice, fairness, concern for the individual, and concern for the student and the University," said Grossman.

Grossman also said that he would use the same standards of fairness if the situation should arise again.

"I like to think that we consider each case carefully, with respect, and with honesty," said Grossman.

IN THE KNOW

News briefs

BY KERI HARRISON

FAIRFIELD

School of Nursing names new Associate Dean for Academic Programs

Associate professor Suzanne Campbell was recently named the new associate dean for Academic Programs by the University's School of Nursing. The position requires Campbell to work with faculty and administration on curriculum, teaching and scholarship in the undergraduate, graduate and second degree programs.

According to a University press release, Campbell currently oversees the School of Nursing Robin Kanarek Learning Resource Center, which is a simulation teaching facility for the nursing students.

As associate dean, she will continue to integrate simulation based teaching into the curriculum in order to prepare students for their clinical rounds.

Campbell said that the simulation classes help her to stay in touch and up-to-date with the current generation of nursing students.

"My goal will continue to be to do everything possible so that faculty members have the resources they need, working smarter, not harder, to teach students in the 21st century," Campbell said in a University press release.

NATIONAL

Obama rises in favorability poll, McCain falls

According to a recent poll issued by *The New York Times* and CBS, Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama has risen in appeal, as 53 percent of those polled have a favorable view of him. Obama's opponent, Republican candidate John McCain, garnered only 36 percent of those polled who viewed him favorably.

The nationwide telephone poll was issued Sept. 21-24 and then again Oct. 17-19. Of the 518 adults polled, 476 of them registered voters.

The percentage of those who favorably view Obama rose 10 percent between the two polls; McCain, however, remained stable in that category.

INTERNATIONAL

India prepares launch to the moon

India planned to launch its first lunar mission on Wednesday, sending the Chandrayaan-1 into a two-year orbit of the moon with Chinese and Japanese crafts, according to a CNN report. The two-year mission is designed to map out the entire lunar surface.

Although this marks the first time India has sent a space expedition outside of Earth's orbit, it is determined to catch up with China's recent space achievements and become the Asian space leader, as cited in the article.

The United States has two of the 11 instruments carried by the satellite; India has five, the European Space Agency has three and Bulgaria has one.

Mixed reaction to change in turbo times

BY DENISE LiGRECI

The registration committee has changed the times for turbos, prompting mixed reactions from both students and faculty.

Academic Vice President Orin Grossman said, "The issue of once a week courses has been discussed by a committee of administrators and faculty members working with the registrar and there was general agreement that the number of time codes available for these courses needed to be limited for several reasons such as the way these courses block students from a number of other time codes."

The turbos interfered with spacing issues for classrooms during daytime class hours.

"These changes were done because many turbos conflicted with regular prime-time classes," said Robert Russo, of the Registrar office.

"It also cut down on classrooms that we could schedule classes in. Last semester we had to make 26 changes, but this semester only three changes."

But not all students are happy about the changes.

"I've never had a turbo conflict with another class I want to take and I don't think it's fair to make me take an 8 a.m. turbo," said Monique Gordon '10. She pointed out that old turbo times might have only created conflict for freshmen who often take several 50 minute classes, such as language classes.

James Simon, chair of the English Department and one of the faculty members on the administration committee that proposed changed to the registration process, said many English faculty members were unhappy that the turbo time codes had changed.

"Our faculty feels that the primary issue should be how to best teach the student, and

the school should work hard to find enough available classrooms if we decide turbos are the most effective method. But we understand the shortage of classroom space on campus, and we worked hard to comply," said Simon.

The special permission night turbos were not altered since they do not conflict with other class schedules.

A third turbo class was also added on Wednesday since it is the day of fewest classes. The majority of Arts and Sciences turbos will be taught on Wednesdays, with 10 classes at 11:00 a.m. and 19 classes at

Seiser. "It will allow students more options so a turbo at 10 a.m. won't overlap with 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 p.m. time codes."

Dina Franceschi, who will co-teach the senior international studies capstone course next semester with Terry Ann Jones, said that the new turbo times gave the professors flexibility in finding a time that would work with their schedules "since neither of us naturally picks 8 a.m. to teach at regularly anyway."

Franceschi said that the response had been mixed, but she was not sure seniors would react.

Some seniors are unhappy with the early morning turbos they may be forced to take.

"No way, an 8 a.m. Monday morning turbo for our most important college paper!" said Katie Phelan '09, an international studies major who will enroll in the capstone course next semester.

Janet Krauss, professor of creative writing, said it is important her class be taught in a two-and-a-half hour class period so everyone can be heard and critiqued. But she hasn't always been satisfied with the classrooms she has been given.

"I had one in the basement of Bannow once," she said. The windows in Bannow look like a prison and it's far away from my office, especially in bad weather."

Bernard Daraz '11, a student in Krauss' class said, "I think that streamlining the times of the turbos is probably a good idea. Although I have to object to not only turbos at 8 a.m., but any class at 8 a.m. — its just not possible for me to be conscious, let alone alert, at that time."

"Seniors aren't going to want to wake up at 8 a.m. on Friday for a turbo, especially if they go out on Thursday," said Daniel Arroyo '09.

"It might be a good way to integrate seniors into the real world, having to wake up and be at work for 8 a.m., but I think we would rather wait to get that reality check."

New turbo schedule

Monday:	8 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday:	5 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	8 a.m. — 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m. — 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Thursday:	5 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Friday:	8 a.m. — 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m. "This change will stimulate more classes on Wednesdays," said Russo.

However, English Prof. Jacqueline Rinaldi predicts that it will be difficult for professors to get one of the two desirable but highly competitive 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. Wednesday slots and they will be forced to teach at inconvenient times.

Rinaldi said that the 5 p.m. turbo may be difficult for some students, so she plans to use web-enhanced alternatives when possible to ease class conflicts.

FUSA President Jeff Seiser explained that groundwork for these changes was done last year from input gathered by students and faculty and the changes are now being shown.

"There are a lot of different reasons as to why we've done this to help students," said

Fareed Zakaria to visit Fairfield for student forum



ZAKARIA

BY CHRISTINA TOBIA

On Thurs., Oct. 30, world-renowned *Newsweek International* editor and *New York Times* best-selling author Fareed Zakaria will speak to students at the second annual Students' Forum.

Revered as a leading thinker on topics ranging from economics to international politics and globalization, Zakaria has been an active contributor to publications including the *Washington Post* and served as managing editor of the widely-circulated *Foreign Affairs* journal.

As editor of *Newsweek International*, Zakaria oversees all *Newsweek's* editions abroad, reaching an audience of 24 million people worldwide. He is also the host of the international affairs program, *Fareed Zakaria GPS*, on CNN.

In his third book, *The Post American World*, Zakaria argues that the "rise of the rest" is the great story of our time and will reshape the world as we know it.

"Considered one of the smartest foreign policy minds in the USA, Zakaria will brilliantly analyze the complex-

ity of a New Global Order — with Fairfield's graduating students finding themselves on the razor's edge as the 21st century takes form," said Philip Eliasoph, professor of art history and host for the upcoming Quick Center event.

In addition to discussing his best-selling new book, the Students' Forum will allow Zakaria to interact with students and Eliasoph, addressing pertinent issues and questions concerning Fairfield University students.

Unlike the traditional Open VISIONS Forum, the Students' Forum allows direct dialogue between the speaker and the student body. A panel consisting of three students: Matt Reibl '09, a first year mentor, Megan Carolan '09 of the debate club, and Allie Quinlan '10 of Model UN will be able to ask Zakaria questions and there will also be time for students in the audience to elicit answers to questions plaguing them.

"Tell me another time where you can ask someone who is a host of a show that is shown worldwide on CNN (also a premier journalist published in newspapers and magazine worldwide) a question face to face," said Joe Ginese, coordinator of orientation for Residence Life, stressing this opportunity for students to become more globally minded and strengthen their understanding of Jesuit ideals and the objective of Fairfield's core curriculum.

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Campus crime beat: Thefts, hit-and-runs and lock-ins

BY DANIEL LEITÃO

Tuesday, Oct. 14

10:09 p.m. A wallet was reported stolen out of a Regis door that was left unlocked. The investigation is considered ongoing.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

1:02 p.m. A theft was reported. Personal items were taken from a room in Dolan. The investigation is reported as ongoing.

5:03 p.m. A theft in Regis was reported. Personal items were believed to have been removed from the room several weeks earlier. The investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, Oct. 16

4:21 p.m. A hit-and-run with a Sodexo employee's personal vehicle behind the Alumni Hall was reported.

Friday, Oct. 17

1:09 p.m. A motor vehicle accident involving a Datto campus bus and another vehicle was reported. There were no injuries by either party.

Saturday, Oct. 18

1:26 a.m. An assault was reported at the Townhouses; it is currently under investigation.

11:36 a.m. The glass of the north door of Claver was smashed. Anyone with information is asked to contact Public Safety.

12:04 a.m. A hit-and-run was reported up in the area of Townhouses. The investigation is ongoing.

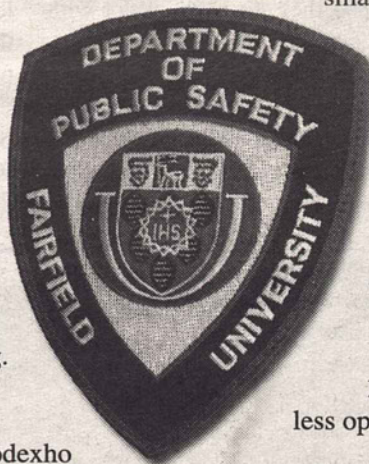
6:54 p.m. A student took responsibility for accidentally throwing baseball through a Townhouse window.

Sunday, Oct. 19

1:40 a.m. A vehicle was pulled over for reckless operation on Loyola Blvd.

1:44 p.m. A hit-and-run occurred near Dolan Hall.

9:39 p.m. Public Safety was called to Regis. Students were locked in a dorm room and could not unlock the door, nor could the RA who called Public Safety. Fairfield Fire Department was called to disable the lock. The door was unlocked and a carpenter was then contacted to replace the locking mechanisms.



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play greater role in the day-to-day management of the University. All vice presidents will now report directly to Weitzer instead of von Arx.

"Billy's charge continues to be to implement the University's vision and strategic plan," said von Arx in a letter to faculty and staff. "In my discussions with the vice presidents about this change, I have made it clear that they will continue to have access to me as necessary to fulfill their responsibilities."

So far the transition has been smooth for Weitzer.

"It has been a relatively easy transition because it was so subtle," he said. "The vice presidents are still in charge of the logistics and how they run their divisions. My responsibility is to ensure that we are working together."

Weitzer is currently in his third year at Fairfield and has over 20 years of experience working in academia.

Prior to coming to the University, he served as the senior associate provost and dean of continuing studies at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. from 1991 to 2005. Before moving to Wesleyan he was the assistant vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of

Massachusetts-Amherst from 1985 to 1991.

"I was hired two years ago to help implement the strategic plan," said Weitzer. "I was attracted to Fairfield University when I saw that it is a great place that wants to get even better."

"There is a striving here. When you come from somewhere else to here you recognize the energy," he added.

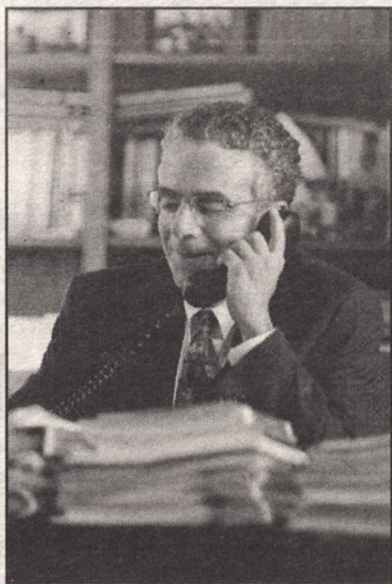
Von Arx is now more able to tend to the other affairs that come with being a University president not related to daily management.

Von Arx said that he is now "spending more time on constituency work on and off campus, and of course, fundraising. The new structure will enable me to fulfil my externally focused obligations, particularly as we contemplate a potential capital campaign."

Weitzer said that von Arx was still the figurehead of leadership and subsequent decisions for the University.

"Fr. von Arx has to present the institution and the progress we are making to the community," said Weitzer. "He is the leader and provides the vision for Fairfield University."

Von Arx also said that he hopes to continue teaching courses,



Jon Ollwerther/The Mirror

Who you gonna call?: Weitzer holds a new position of executive vice president.

as he did last year and will contribute to "discussions about national issues in higher education."

"At the same time, I will certainly be present on campus and engaged with campus constituencies," von Arx added.

Weitzer also said that he plans to make himself more visible and open to the student body.

"My student interaction is more limited than I would like it to be," said Weitzer. "Finding opportunities to interact with students has been difficult."

"I need to interact with students to know where they are coming from. It's not that students need to know me. They need to know Fr. von Arx."

Christopher Haliskoe contributed to this report.

Changes in preferential registration

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third year in a row will get a better opportunity to register early," said Mary Frances Malone, associate academic vice president, and chair of the committee.

A student will receive a random alphabetical sequence for their majors and minors and then receive the opposite sequence for their core and electives. The sequence will change every semester so that each student, in his or her four years at Fairfield, will have the opportunity to register early.

More afternoon courses, the most popular time slot for Fairfield students, will become available as the two-and-half hour turbo slots are moved to early Monday, Friday mornings and Wednesdays. This restriction on turbos will provide the opportunity for more two-a-week and three-a-week classes to emerge during the afternoon. Night turbos will still remain.

Preferential registration will be changed to work on a by-class basis for Presidential Scholars, University Fellows and Community Scholars for major/minors and core/electives. In-season athletes will also receive preferred registration by class, except for core and elective classes only.

The wait-list allows students to show preference for a closed course. If slots are opened, it gives students the opportunity to enroll for that class. The wait-list will continue to be implemented this semester. Last semester, half of the wait-listed students were granted their request.

"I think it was a great start for something that was brand new last term," said Dean of Freshmen and committee member Debnam Chappell.

The wait-list also facilitates data, providing the registrar and department chairs with information on specific academic student demands.

"The wait-list can identify which classes students prefer, which is a good indication of what students want," said Chair of Senate Dan Lamendola.

"We [FUSA] found the major concerns students had, brought those concerns to the committee, and worked with administration to fix those problems," said FUSA President Jeff Seiser.

The student association has worked with administration to try to simplify the process and make it, "more equitable among all students," Chappell said.

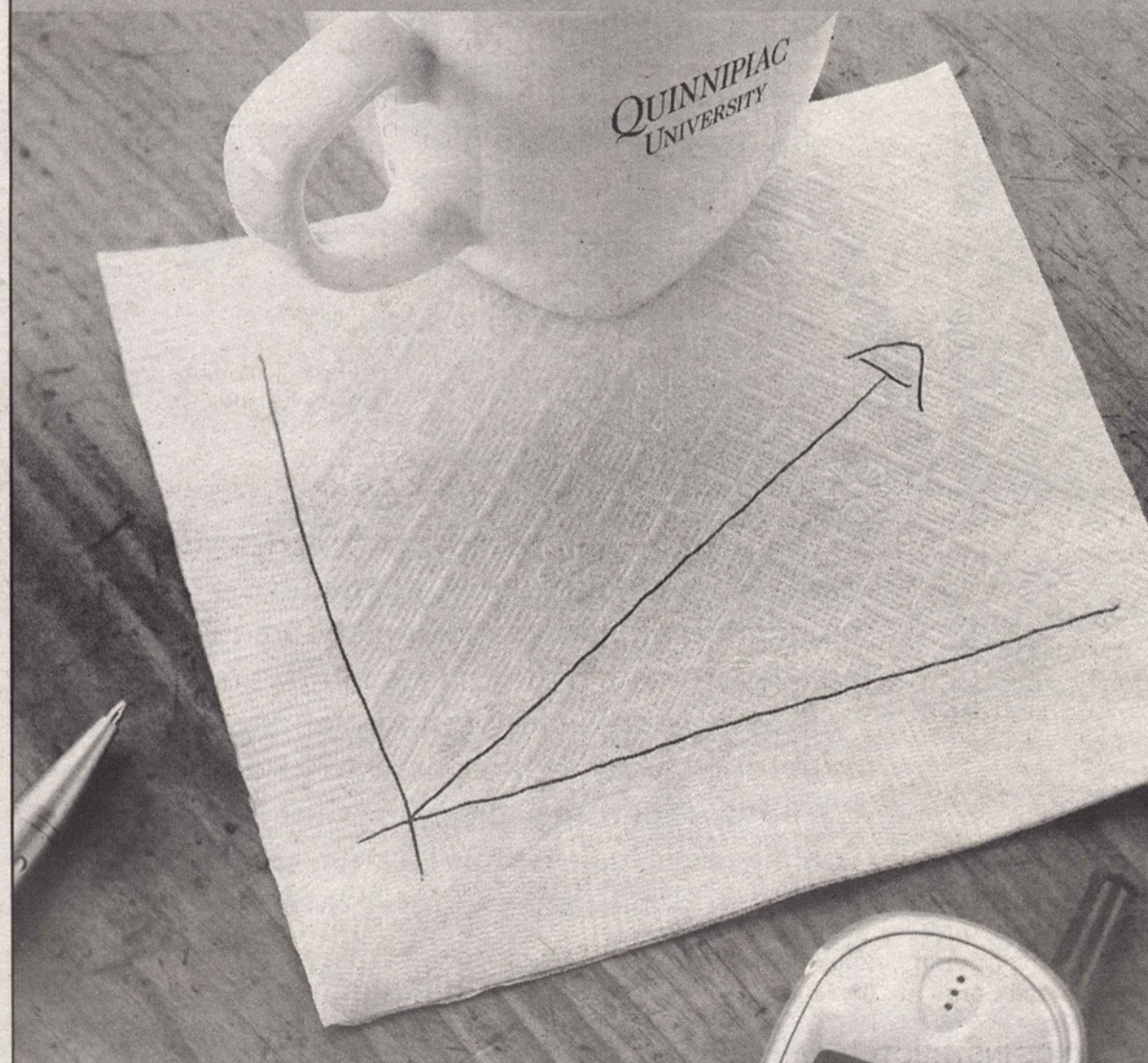
Overall, the committee has not received many complaints or concerns about the new system thus far.

Ashley Doran '10 said, "I think it's good that they are updating the system since many students have been unhappy with it in the past. But I'm not sure if the switch to morning turbos will be a very popular option."

In the future, the committee hopes to continue simplifying the process, eventually moving it completely online, and, subsequently, paperless, as well as converting the process from a three to a one-week time period.

For now, students can look forward to the registration booklet upon its release next week.

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Work still needed for tolerance

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mission committed to civil discourse," the letter stated. "As a Jesuit University, we are a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person."

Cady Melzer said graffiti on different posters is the most frustrating problem because it is difficult to find the culprit. She said it was the consistent acts of vandalism that prompted her, Pellegrino, and Dinnan to write the letter.

"Language is a particularly powerful act that can hurt and heal our community," she said. "As we continue to open the dialogue on LGBT concerns, I would hope that such language, jokes and acts of graffiti will be confronted by more members of our community. Such hateful language can really lead to greater acts of violence if we do not confront it."

Jonas Stankovich '10, the president of the Gay-Straight Alliance Club, said he received death threats via e-mail from people outside of the campus.

However, he reiterated the fact that this will not deter him from continuing on with his initiative.

"Messages of hate simply reinforce the need for advocacy put forth by organizations like Alliance and programs like Project Halo," said Stankovich. "We can't always stop people from hating, but we can always be there to promote love, acceptance and openness."

Cristina Banahan '11, president of the Vagina Warriors, an on-campus organization which champions woman's rights, said she had not received any personal threats, but acknowledged that many of the posters for her club have been

defaced or torn down.

"It's disappointing to see people that still think that way," she said. "The purpose of the flyers and the events is to promote peaceful gender equality and eliminate the intolerance that still exists within the community."

Michael Cicirelli '10, who recently spoke about his traumatic ordeals in high-school because of his sexual orientation as part of his Project Halo, said the threats and vandalism will not slow down the effort of the LGBT community.

"Every negative comment I come across reinforces the notion that there needs to be a standard of education developed within the campus community and the community at large," he said. "If anything, the negative responses we get fuels me to go further."

Pellegrino said the acts taken against the LGBT are not only against the school policy on harassment, but also against the Jesuit ideals of the institution. He agreed with Cady in unwavering support and protection of the on-campus LGBT groups and their leaders.

"In speaking this past week with students, it is clear that these acts are demeaning and have created an environment where the students now feel they cannot, or do not want to — participate in these programs," he said, in reference to the LGBT students. "They have every right to, and they will be supported."



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Contributed by Fairfield Police

And the winner is ... "Student #1": After weeks of waiting for details in the student grade falsification case, the Fairfield police report was released this week. For the entire police report, log onto www.fairfieldmirror.com.

Police release report, no name

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members involved in the incident.

In that note, Grossman revealed the administration's decision to permit the student to continue academic studies as a member of the University College.

"It was never our intention to ruin a person's life," Grossman said. "At a certain point, *cura personalis* enters one's mind."

The implicated professors, however, were stunned with this decision.

"It is sort of a false dichotomy," DeWitt said of his initial reaction.

Alternatives are not either to ruin the person's life or to completely let them off. There was a whole range of options in between."

In addition, it was not until this memo that the six professors directly involved were notified of the extent of the student's actions, and that identification and StagWeb login codes were compromised.

This finding, coupled with Grossman's decision to keep the matter an internal affair, provoked professors to consider alternatives.

"When we found out [Grossman's decision] and that the punishment was so light, I Googled it to research [the situation]," DeWitt said. "Surprisingly, the results came back and pointed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Web site, although it was never my intention

to contact the FBI"

At that point, DeWitt and the professor decided to contact an FBI subsidiary in Bridgeport, if only to seek counsel about potential legal recourse.

"From there, we were told to contact Fairfield police, just to see what our options were," DeWitt said.

According to Kelly's account, DeWitt felt that the student's access into e-mail accounts potentially constituted a criminal activity and voiced his concern over potential identity theft.

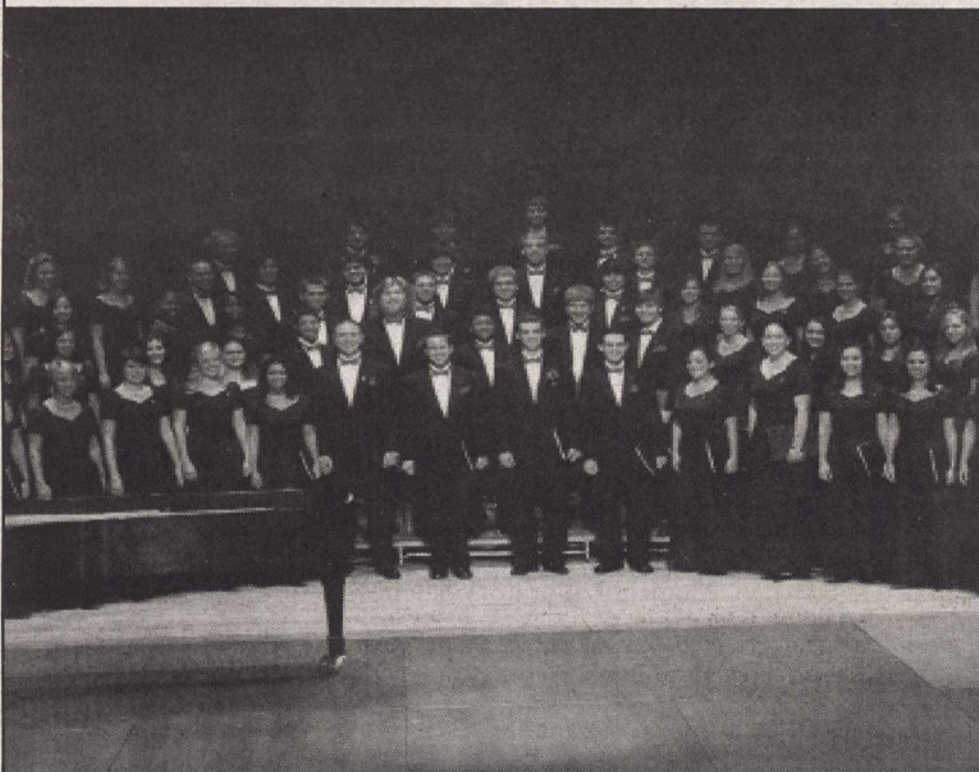
"I explained to DeWitt that the grades and the computer system and the computer system are the property of Fairfield and not of the respective professors," Kelly stated in the report.

"At that point, Grossman and the administration can potentially act as they see fit," Kelly added.

Kelly's conclusion was that, unless the University decided to pursue further legal action or discovered more extensive evidence of identification theft, there was no standing to request a criminal prosecution.

Upon request, the administration told Kelly that it did not request a criminal investigation. Despite the lack of a definitive student name, the investigation is currently labeled as a closed case.

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Fixing the system

One of the constant issues that the University administration annually endures is the class registration process. Following an evaluation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), the University determined that it was time to make changes in the way students register for classes.

Academic Vice President Orin Grossman started a committee to rework the system, led by Mary Francis Malone, the associate academic vice president

The result is a system that has been improved but is still in the process of getting better. It is the first step in the right direction, but there is still room for additional work.

Every year, the registration process causes unnecessary anxiety for students and faculty alike. Students are forced to stand in long lines in the Registrar's office in the Kelley Center and also often do not get the classes they need or want. According to Malone, those problems will soon be a distant memory.

In this age of technological improvements, those problems should not exist.

Finally the Registrar has caught up to the times and is in the process of switching to a completely online and paperless system. The new system will also allow students to be put on a wait-list, a process which was tested last year in order to gather data. The wait-list is a good way to give more students the opportunity to take the classes that they want and need.

Another change, one that will most likely not be met with anywhere near as much enthusiasm as less lines in the Kelley Center, is the change of time slots for turbos. Weekday turbos have been moved into earlier in the day and will now start at 8 a.m., stretching until 10:30 a.m.

This will be disappointing to students who dislike waking up in the morning but enjoy the opportunity to be in a class just once a week. In the end, the change will benefit more students than it hurts, as it will open up more classroom space for a variety of other classes throughout the week.

A change will also be made to preferential registration, as that part of the process is being phased out. University scholarship recipients, who in the past were able to register before all other students, will now register just before peers of their class and year. The scholarship program has been revamped to eliminate preferential registration completely starting with the class of 2013. However, this has potential to upset the current fellows, who were told when they enrolled in Fairfield, they would have registration ahead of everyone for four years.

The ball is now in the student's courts. As changes are made, glitches will arise. Malone and her colleagues are open to feedback and anxious to get it. Take the opportunity to get your voice heard and avoid unnecessary frustrations later.

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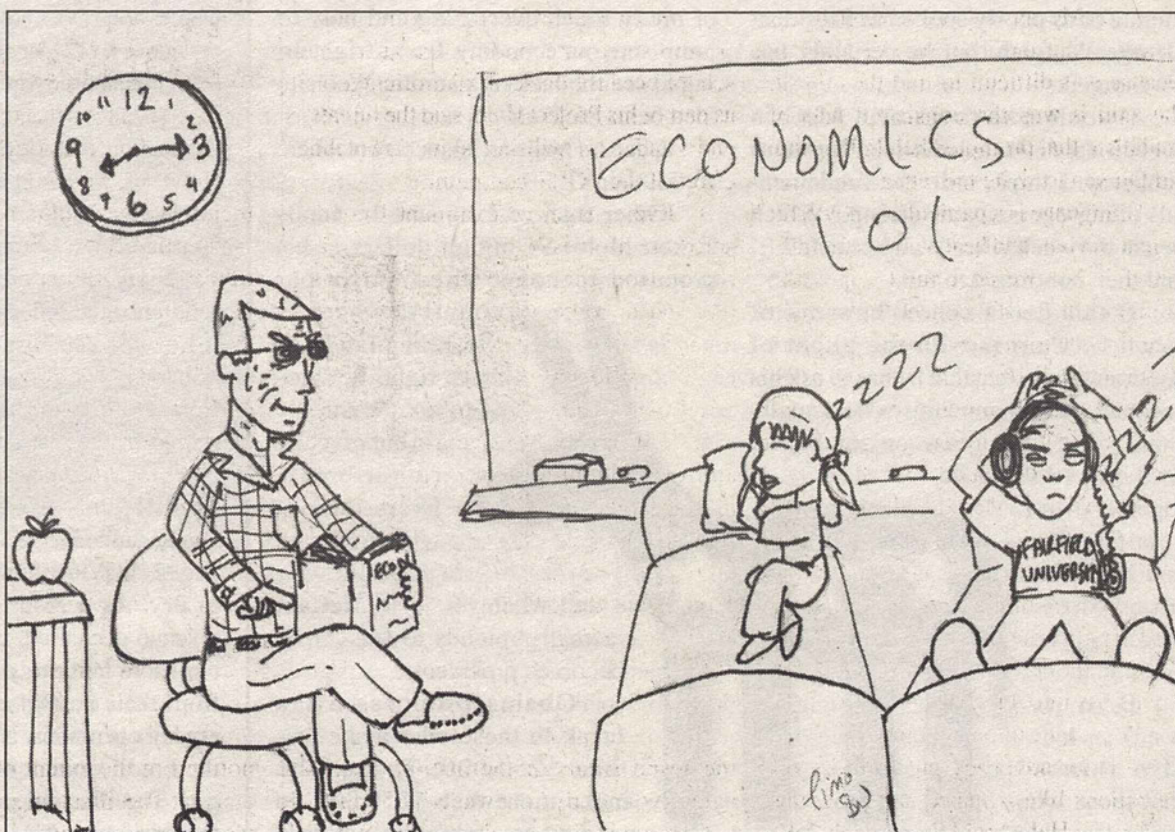
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The results of an 8 a.m. turbo



In reference to this issue's p. 3 story "Mixed reaction to change in turbo times" by Denise LiGreci.

Keep economy in mind, but don't panic

BY COURTNEY KERN

When do you draw the line with spending? With the current economic crisis, a college student must know when to keep their money in their pockets and when it is OK to spend it.

Even if your parents are not working on Wall Street, they certainly have felt the effects of the economy's downturn. A word of advice would be to avoid discussing the news headlines whenever possible. It is not like it isn't already on their mind. Your parents do not need you bringing it up, as you yourself remain a physical reminder of why they must keep "pushing the rock" and going to work every day to pay for your college tuition and life expenses. Lay off it when you return home and try to realize that it is a sensitive subject.

You don't have to feel helpless when it comes to your parent's stocks going down or jobs at risk, however. It is important to realize that the economy will not stay in turmoil forever. It has its ups and downs, like in 1929 and 2003 and will be back to normal eventually.

Caution is necessary when spending or dealing with your money. When on line at the mall, it would make sense to consider taking out one or two items out of your pile of clothes to save some money. Even preserving gas can add up to make differences in your funds that will benefit you in the long run. It also wouldn't hurt to look for sales when shopping. These slight changes in your spending can relieve the

headache your parents feel when having an awkward conversation about spending their money.

Another thing to reconsider aside from watching your expenditures would be your future career. People are being laid off and fired left and right on Wall Street, which should make those of you looking for a job in finance realize that it may be even more difficult than you think to land a

the U.S., world financial leaders also poured billions into shoring up their financial institutions in Germany, France and England.

While some Americans believe this plan was only to put money back in the pockets of companies and of wealthy CEOs, this plan is geared to help everyone. The Wall Street CEOs will be spending more time in front of a microphone explaining their missteps than on the golf course these days. This is the classic Main Street versus Wall Street idea.

In reality, the borrowing of money that occurred on Wall Street is the same as small business owners in small towns across America. They are borrowing to pay for that cute little house on the corner that they couldn't quite afford or for restaurants in town to keep the lights on and pay their waiters from day to day. The

bailout plan was not directed at the super wealthy or privileged but for all Americans who are being affected by this crisis. We are all in this together.

The worst thing to do at a time like this would be to panic and sell all stocks you have in the market.

As Kevin Divney, the chief investment officer at Putnam Investments in Boston said on Bloomberg Television, "This could be the buying opportunity of a generation."

Make sure to keep the economic crisis in mind when you go to the polls this November and think about which candidate will better serve you in repairing the economy.



Photo illustration by Veronica Florentino

Take a better look at that sale rack: With the state of the economy, it's prudent to be cautious with your money as well as your parents.

job. If you are looking for such a career, think realistically about it and make sure to be creative when thinking of future opportunities.

Look to foreign markets for possible employment and maybe do some traveling or researching on other potential jobs before heading down to Wall Street for interviews. We have all seen the Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch career center visits disappearing off the schedules posted around schools; let this be a hint to all of you.

Now the new \$700 billion bailout plan introduced by President Bush and Congress was passed by Congress in an effort to repair the markets and start the climb back up. In conjunction with

The state of the economy

Democrat said / Republican said

BY CAROL CIROTA

John McCain may not be quite as illiterate or as poorly spoken as President George W. Bush, but he certainly has his moments.

I would like to quote a McCain speech from Jacksonville, Fla: "Our economy, I think, still, the fundamentals of our economy are strong." Which began the week when Wall Street fell ... and then continued to fall.

If this doesn't show how out of touch McCain is with the plight of Americans, the fact that he has to ask his secretary how many houses he actually owns (by the way, it's seven), or the fact that he and his wife together own 13 cars (Barack and Michelle own one) might give you a hint.

But wait, he also thinks that those who make less than \$5 million a year are middle class. I know that the gap between the rich and the poor is very large now in the United States, but I seriously doubt that the middle class goes all the way up to \$5 million a year.

It's sad that they allow Grandpa to try and do the math computations in his head, and it's even worse to vote for someone who blatantly doesn't understand how serious the issue of the economy is to American voters.

Obama and Biden understand. McCain doesn't understand what it's like to not know how much money fills up the gas tank in his car (or any of the 13 as a matter of fact). Obama will give an emergency energy rebate because Americans are finding it difficult to keep

up with their bills.

Going on Obama's Web site alone shows so many economic plans to create jobs, to alleviate the escalating price of pretty much everything and how to jump-start our economy. It was frightening to see the lack of a similar Web site idea from McCain.

Obama's plans are evident; but where are McCain's?

Other than making sure he funds Exxon-Mobil \$4 billion dollars in his proposed economic direction for our country, where is the real plan? Oh that's right, he's going to tax the middle class but give the rich a break. Everyone else will continue to fund the war and whatever else McCain actually intends to fund if he becomes president.

Obama proposes a tax break to those who make less than \$250,000. Those who make more than \$250,000 do not find tax a burden anyway, other than the energy it takes to open their checkbooks.

Obama also wants to create jobs for Americans instead of seeing them shipped overseas. His new energy policy is going to fix our energy dependence and create tons of new green jobs. He will fund those who want to create new businesses and those who already own struggling small businesses. The next generation of innovators and job creators will be well funded as well, especially if they keep the jobs on our own shores and don't outsource to other countries.

The Who speaks to our generation of voters when it sings, "Then I'll get on my knees and pray we don't get fooled again." So seriously, don't get fooled again. Now put that in your gas tank and drive it...

BY RAY LYNCH

Have you heard this statement lately: We are in the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression? Does anyone recall Jimmy Carter's presidency (12 percent inflation rate and 7.7 percent unemployment)?

The fact is that this kind of speech is purely Democratic rhetoric and horrible for the country. However, we are in a serious credit crisis and just last week, the stock market dropped almost 20 percent.

Sixty-seven percent of American citizens are invested in the market. Their portfolios for the last five years have deteriorated in just two weeks! The cause?

Here it is in a nutshell — it all started in the last quarter of 2007. The subprime mortgage crisis was exposed. People faulted on their mortgages, leaving banks out to dry. As a result, bank revenue decreased, causing banks to withhold funds from their normal everyday operations, and the credit crunch began. The illustration of the crisis took hold when

mortgage giants, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, failed, forcing the government to buy them up. Homes were foreclosed, businesses failed, the government bailed them out, people lost their jobs, and the stock market dramatically followed suit.

I'm sure my counterpart will have you believe that it is all the fault of the Bush administration and their policy of deregulation. First, and foremost, it was the Security and Exchange Commission's failure of oversight, not deregulation that caused the Wall Street crisis.

They are going to try to pound away at the fact that Republicans have controlled the White House and Congress for the last eight years. They may even mention Bush's 25 percent approval rating.

However, the fact is that Democrats have controlled both the House of Representatives

and the Senate since 2006. Where have they been in all of this? Right smack in the middle of it. We are in this mess because of the failure of the Democratically controlled Congress and people like Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.), who are both the heads of the banking and financing committees.

Frank said all year that Fannie and Freddie were sound investments, obviously misleading investors. He purely blames Wall Street and takes no blame.

What he doesn't say is that he had a romantic relationship with top Fannie exec, Herb Moses and received \$40,000 in campaign funding from the source. He sold out America.

Dodd is the largest recipient of money contributions from F&F, and failed to take action and alert the American people.

Now, let's get to the presidential race.

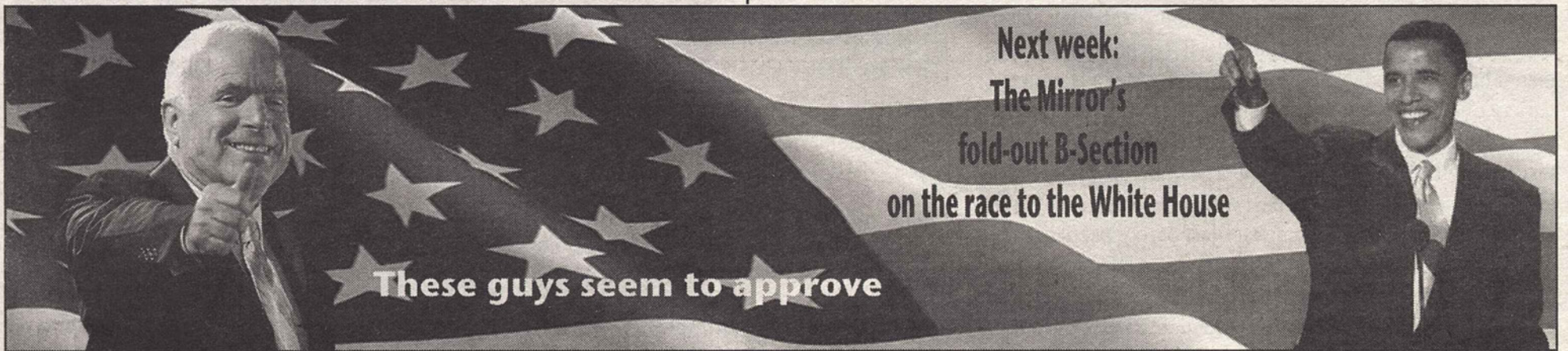
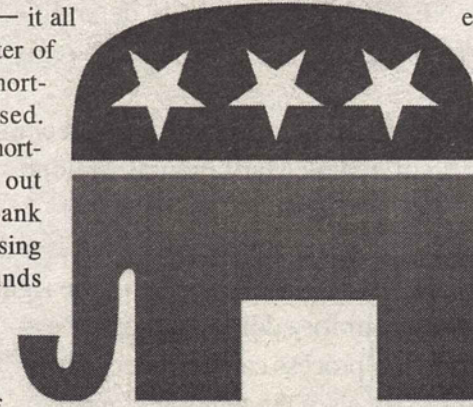
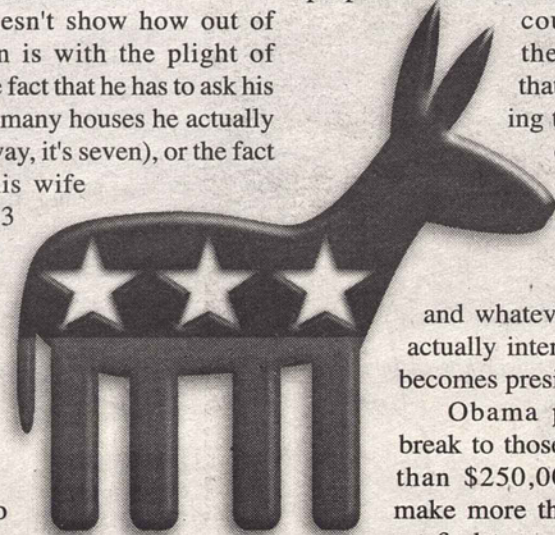
John McCain had warned about the dangers of F&F and the problems with SEC regulations. He has called for reform of the SEC and will make it a top priority. He plans to

take \$300 billion out of the \$700 billion bailout plan to take hold of mortgages and keep families in their homes.

He also plans to keep taxes steady and launch America into energy independence by creating new markets and millions of jobs.

Barack Obama plans to raise taxes. He is lying when he says that 95 percent of Americans will receive tax cuts. There is just not enough money to support his tax cuts and his socialistic health care plan. Neither of which he plans to give up.

You do not raise taxes in times of economic crisis, especially not on small businesses and corporations, who employ American workers. You know who the last person was to raise taxes on such entities during times of economic crisis? Herbert Hoover in 1929. I think history can tell us the impact of that!



FUSA speaks: The need for transportation is "urgent"

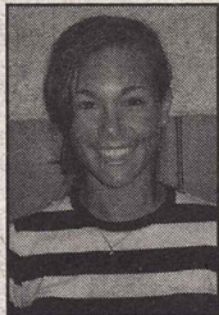
In response to the recent spike in concerns regarding transportation, FUSA Senate has developed an ad hoc Committee to respond to students needs by researching the issues and creating effective change here on campus (and anywhere else you may need to go).

Here to tell you more about the committee is Vice Chair of Senate, and Chair of the Transportation Committee Mary Crowley '09.

It's no secret: The transportation system at Fairfield is severely lacking.

Although the StagBus that speeds around campus is a lifesaver for all you poor souls that live in Dolan, if you're looking to get anywhere off-campus without putting at least two or three hours of your time aside, you're simply out of luck.

To make matters worse, next year, neither the freshmen nor the sophomores are going to have cars on campus. And the accident on Sept. 28, 2008 [when sophomore Jack



CROWLEY

Cleverly was hit by a student drunken driver on Fairfield Beach Road] only intensifies the problem, as it exhibits the fact that Fairfield's transportation issues seep into the night for both underclassmen and upperclassmen.

Not to mention that if you're environmentally friendly in any degree (or have taken MG101 from Prof. Cavanaugh and you realize that our world has zilch amount of oil left), the gas prices in our country are more than alarming.

In lieu of all these problems, the FUSA Senate has formed a transportation committee, and as chair of this committee, I would like to give some brief updates as to what we are planning to discuss with the administration, and what we are hoping to instate at Fairfield.

Our primary focus is off-campus transportation, and we want to create an off-campus shuttle system that addresses faculty, underclassmen and beach students. It is our hope to make this a multi-van/bus system, so each shuttle stop will be more specified, and the loop each shuttle runs will be more time-efficient.

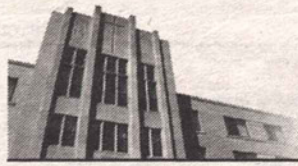
We also understand the hassle revolved around the Fairfield train station, both in terms of parking and in get-

ting to and fro, so we are trying to refine a plan that will be accessible to faculty and students, especially students with internships. Instating a Safe-Ride program is at the top of our priority list—something *must* be done sooner rather than later.

It is our hope for all of these ideas to be instated by next semester, because we feel that the transportation problem is an extremely urgent matter. But I will ask you two things: first, please e-mail senatesuggestions@stagweb.fairfield.edu for any ideas or comments that you have regarding this issue.

Secondly, at the end of this month, we will be sending out a survey to all students regarding transportation. Please, please, be sure that you fill out the survey, because we need to present statistics to the administration to prove we need something new to help us with transportation. Your survey means more than you think, and we need as many students' input as possible.

With your help, it is our goal that by next semester, the griping and complaining about transportation at Fairfield will be a thing of the past.



Girls 'powder' up for a fight

CHATTIN' WITH CHAPIN
ANDREW CHAPIN

The sun glistened on the water as teams rallied themselves around kegs and the ultimate prize, a trophy for the champion of Powder Puff football. From the outset, it appeared to be just another excuse for drinking, and in one sense, it was.

However, when the sun went down, and night descended on Veterans Park, Fairfield seniors still supported their classmates as the final two teams battled on the field.

What I saw in the park was not about who knew who, or who was more intoxicated than another. It wasn't even about the winner and the loser. This was about the event, and that it actually took place, thanks to considerable work from the Senior Beach Resident Association and Fairfield's senior class.

"It exceeded my expectations," SBRA President Kyle Robinson said. "Everyone cooperated very nicely, to the best of their abilities; it was a good step for our school and our year."

There were some teams that could have been from Sacred Heart. Powder Puff football reminded me that there are seniors that saw the Point for the first time on Saturday. And they were more than welcome.

To the ladies, it probably mattered who won. For the spectators, especially the guys, watching girls engage in a vicious, catty, excuse for flag football, this was quite the spectacle.



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Girl power: The girls of team Caution, Saturday's victors, prove they can play football just like the boys during the annual Powder Puff tournament organized by the Senior Beach Resident Association.

This phenomenon, known as student unity, took root last year with an affable student beach population. The fact that the Senior Beach Resident Association can put on an event without police intervention or major altercation is a testament to the continuity of the class.

And that doesn't mean that everyone likes each other, because that would be too unrealistic, even for a *funny* place like Fairfield. The event Saturday showed that

not only can Fairfield girls play football inebriated, but that they can also throw down in particularly testy situations.

Some truths that I learned from Saturday: Some Sea Grape staff are under the impression that they are in the same distinction as Fairfield students. They're about as far from that as they are from their 20s.

There was hard-hitting action; even though it was supposed to be flag, more

times than not, it devolved into tackle.

I was not a coach, nor a referee, but I wanted to get a perspective from the field warriors. That led me to cut a pair of Village People short shorts and wear them for hours in the waning October afternoon.

Some girls were more athletic than others.

My personal favorite were the girls who did not know how to play football. That is what made the game enjoyable; it was competitive within their means.

Then, there were the girls who were playing like they were in the Superbowl. They were amusing because they played like they were trying to hurt someone.

In the final, "Team Caution" defeated "Show Me Your TDs" in a game played, for a majority of the time, in the dark.

"We were ecstatic afterwards," Grace Micelli '09 said. "At that moment, that last final play, it was dark; what it came down to.

"Literally, in overtime was a shot in the dark. And it came through."

What Saturday was, was everything it possibly could have been.

The senior class showed that they can control an event without the intrusion of nosy townspeople, resident assistants or the Fairfield Police.

I take a certain degree of pride in being able to say that I am a member of the class of 2009.

Everyone else should as well.

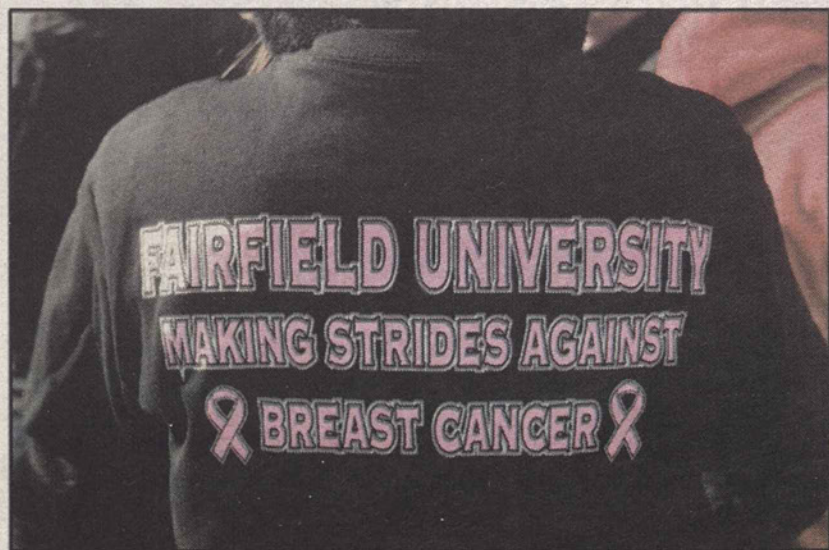
Walking for a cure:

Students take part in Westport Breast Cancer Walk

"I was really pleased with the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. There were over 7,000 people from the Fairfield County community that attended the event and over 100 of them were Fairfield University students. The Colleges Against Cancer club really made an effort this year to promote breast cancer awareness on campus, as well as through their participation at this event."

-Sarah Albertelli '09

President of Colleges Against Cancer (Fairfield University Chapter)



Contributed Photos

From left to right: Colleges Against Cancer sold T-shirts as a fund-raiser, that students wore for the walk. Above is one of the many groups of Fairfield University students who participated in the Breast Cancer walk last Sunday.

Students celebrate fall with sushi, Japanese drummers

BY GABRIELLE ARENS

There was an entire buffet table filled with a variety of sushi and egg rolls. Wasabi, ginger and water accompanied the sushi feast. It was a beautiful Japanese spread.

As Kim Ruoff '12 said, "The sushi was delicious."

If the smell of crafted sushi didn't entice students to go out to the quad on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 19, the sound of the drums certainly attracted attention. This celebration of the Japanese Fall Festival was hosted by the Asian Student Association (ASA) of Fairfield University.

Outside on the newly made Quad mound, drummers from the Taiko Masala group pounded their drums so that their beats vibrated through the residence halls.

While some listeners stuffed

their faces with delectable sushi, other students got invited to bang on the drums themselves.

Joey D'Alessio '12 was just one of the students who participated with the Japanese drummers. He smiled and cheered when other students played, too, reveling about experience and celebration.

"Having a day dedicated to just one culture is a great idea and it should be done with more cultures throughout

the land. And, I got to make a diabolical racket with the big drum! That was awesome," D'Alessio said.

Eileen "Lin" Manito '11, secretary of the ASA, said that she had been promoting this event in different ways than in the past, which resulted in a much grander turnout than the past few years.

This is the first year where the festival has taken place at a later hour in the day to accommodate the night-

planning the event for three weeks and he said he was extremely satisfied with the turnout.

"This was a great success. I appreciate everyone who came out today and I hope to see more students at more events," Guffanti said.



Kait Leist/The Mirror

Not your average festival: The Asian Students Association brought Taiko drumming to the Quad at last Sunday's Japanese fall festival.

The ASA is a smaller association, where everyone is welcome. They play games, have movie nights, trips to China Town, and organize other Traditional Asian events to raise awareness and encourage participation.

owl students.

Vice President of ASA, Kristin Wingate '10, said "the objective of the day was to spread diversity. It's really great to see everyone come out and get involved." Manito agreed as she munched on Japanese Jelly candies.

Other events at the Fall Festival included a show of fantastical control and defense by the Fairfield Martial Arts Club, Manga-style self portraits, and an origami-making station.

As the celebration came to a close, the current president of ASA, Alan Guffanti, smiled tiredly. They had been

Phil Carabuena '09, last years' ASA President, said, "We just want to promote diversity around here. Everyone is welcome at our meetings—you don't have to be Asian to join."

Members of the ASA have meetings every Tuesday at 7:15 in BCC 100.

The ASA is currently planning for the Chinese New Year, another one of the ASA's University-wide events.

It will take place on Jan. 26, 2009 in the Oak Room. The club anticipates that the celebration will include an intense dragon dance, more martial arts performances and celebratory food.

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Levee transformed into a 'House of Rock'

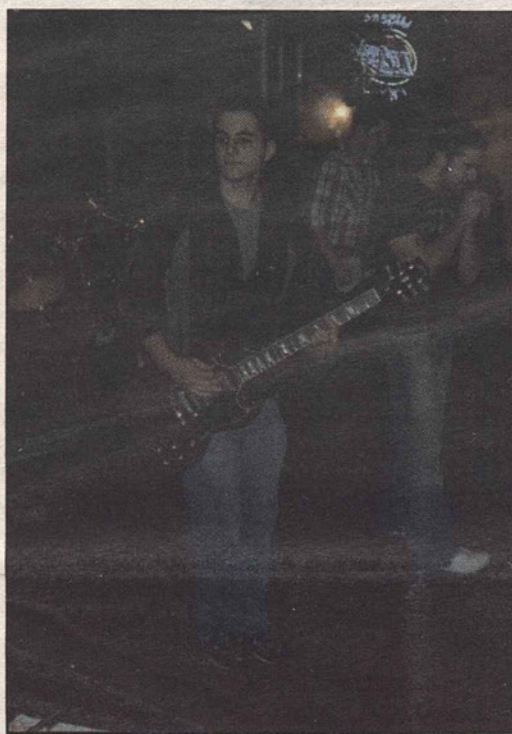
Student band and nationally known act perform Friday at the Levee

BY JP PORRETTA

Fairfield University's favorite pizza joint was transformed into its very own CBGB's last Friday when it hosted this year's first "House of Rock" event.

The kickoff to FUSA's new Late Night Series started at 10 p.m. with Fairfield's own, Project Mayhem.

Winners of last year's battle of the bands under its former name Shake n' Bake, the cover band returned to the Levee this year to bring a 45 minute set of many college student favorites. The band consists of seniors, vocalist Mike Gambardella, guitarist Joey Balzano,



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Creating mayhem: Guitarist Rob Balzano '09 plays at the Levee with the student band Project Mayhem. Other members include fellow seniors, drummer Marcello De Pascale, vocalist Mike Gambardella and bassist Ken O'Donohue.



Nikki Livesey/The Mirror

Bringing '70s rock to Fairfield U: ZO2 brought its classic rock sound to FUSA's "House of Rock" last week, to the delight of fans.

drummer Marcello De Pascale and bassist Ken O'Donohue. The set included songs by Jimmy Eat World, The Ataris, Bon Jovie, Motley Crue, and AC/DC, to name a few.

While the quartet had no problem picking out a fan favorite set list, the band clearly had a problem deciding on a halfway decent band name. But I digress...

The main attraction of the night was ZO2, a hard rock trio hailing from Brooklyn. The boys, brothers Paulie (lead guitarist and

vocals) and David (bassist and vocalist) Z and Joey Cassata (drums), from NYC kicked off their set at around 11 p.m., cranking their amps up to a ground-pulsing 11 and pounding their instruments so loud it could be heard all the way in Bannow.

The band brought a unique sound to the table, with music influenced heavily on '70s rock, only with modern rock styling sprinkled on top. While its music was unfamiliar to almost everybody in attendance, the band's

performance was still top notch, with not one note being off key.

Although many students scattered out of the joint after the first act, the rest who stuck around for ZO2 were not disappointed. While there was no crowd surfing or mosh pits, the Levee came as close as it can get to becoming a "House of Rock" for the evening. With ZO2 being the kickoff to this year long rock series, the student body should get excited for whatever performers visit next.

News & Notes

BY JP PORRETTA



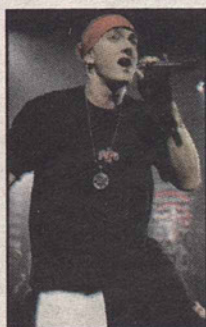
Since the announcement of the release date of **Guns n' Roses** new album, "Chinese Democracy," Dr. Pepper is following through with its agreement to give every American a free bottle of its drink. Source: Rollingstone.com

After three weeks of intensive care, **Travis Barker** has been released from the hospital. Barker reportedly received seven skin grafts and multiple surgeries for his injuries sustained in a deadly plane

crash, in which DJ AM was also a survivor. Source: Absolutepunk.net

Eminem has announced that his new album, "Relapse," will be released in early 2009. The first song from the album, "I Need a Relapse" is currently floating around the Internet. Source: Rollingstone.com

Dustin Kensrue, lead singer/guitarist of rock band Thrice, will be releasing his Christmas album, "The Goodnight is Still Everywhere," on Nov. 18. Source: Absolutepunk.net



Don Cheadle will replace Terrance Howard as Jim Rhodes in Iron Man 2. Source: People.com

U2 are set to receive 1.56 million shares of Live Nation, approximately \$19 million, as part of the 12 year touring contract the band signed earlier in the year. Source: Rollingstone.com

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The decline of Diddy

BY KEVIN DUFFY (U-WIRE/
UCONN DAILY CAMPUS)

Does P. Diddy have a first aid kit handy?

Maybe.

But even if he does, he'll need a heck of a lot more to patch together the R&B group that was Danity Kane.

After the stunt he pulled, Diddy will need an ambulance, a respirator and his very own heart surgeon.

Last Tuesday, Diddy defied all human logic when he released D. Woods and Aubrey O'Day from Danity Kane.

Let me put this unthinkable maneuver in perspective for those of you who have been living in a cave for the past three years: Removing Aubrey from Danity Kane is like removing Nick Carter from the Backstreet Boys. It's like releasing Kobe Bryant from the Los Angeles Lakers. It's like kicking John Lennon out of The Beatles.

I might even go as far to say that it's like kicking Fred Durst out of Limp Bizkit. OK, maybe that's a bit of a stretch, but I think we can all agree on one thing - Diddy's decision to remove O'Day is one of the most foolish moves the music world has ever seen. It was downright stupid.

No offense to D. Woods - or survivors Shannon, Aundrea and

Dawn - but O'Day was the face of Danity Kane. She was the leader of the group in every sense. She had the most charisma, the best voice and certainly the best body. O'Day was the only reason anyone ever watched the music video for "Showstopper."

According to multiple reports, O'Day was dismissed from the group because Diddy became increasingly frustrated with her ever-growing ego. A little piece of advice for Mr. Combs: Deal with it.

When someone is as talented and beautiful as O'Day, cockiness is inevitable. O'Day thought she was too good for Danity Kane - and guess what, she was. Now, Diddy has to pick up the pieces. A five-member Danity Kane with an occasional bout of drama is a far better alternative than a three-member Danity Kane with an occasional bout of good music.

Did O'Day disrupt the group's chemistry? At times, yes, but the rest of the group still counted their blessings that she was there to keep the money coming in. Truthfully, the situation extends far past a little bickering between pop divas. Diddy made this irreparable decision because he was scared that O'Day was beginning to overshadow his miserable excuse for a career.

That's right, the man without a chink in his armor - the one

who started Bad Boy Entertainment and made it cool to have a toothpick in your mouth - was getting a little nervous.

Diddy's life is in a downward spiral. His clothing line was reported to have violated labor laws in Honduras, he has five children without ever being married and his most popular song in the last 10 years is "Tell Me" with Christina Aguilera. Oh yeah, did I mention his shady involvement in a 1999 shooting at a Manhattan nightclub?

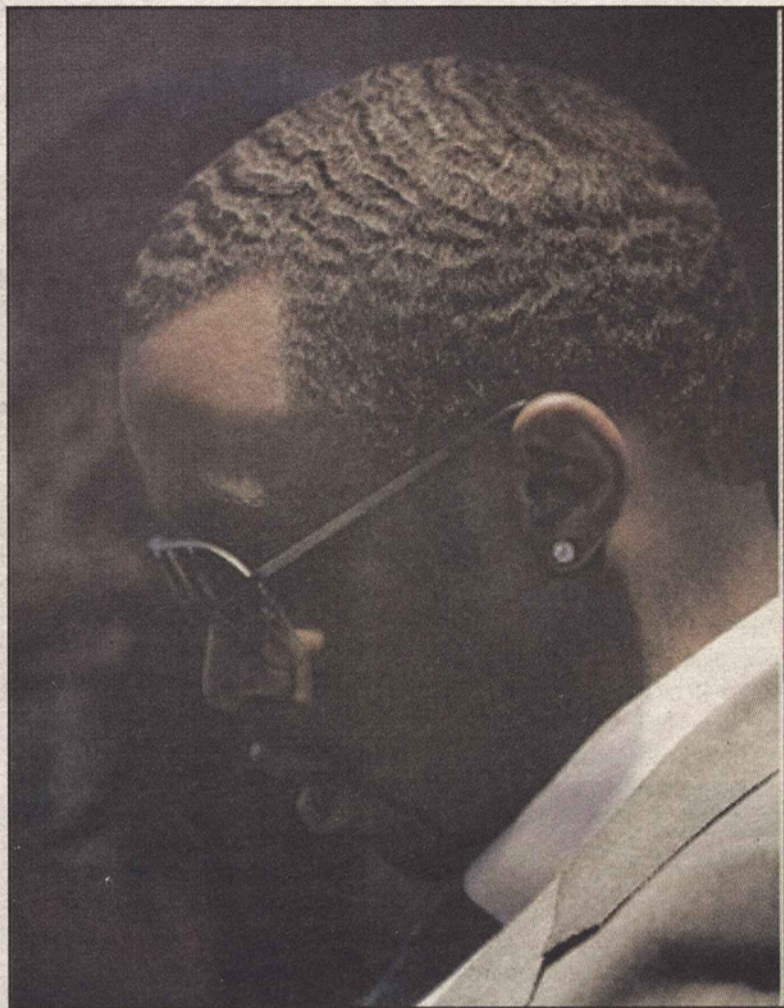
Clearly, Diddy's star has been falling for years. "Making the Band" was his last chance to stay in the spotlight. But with each O'Day billboard and television appearance, fans began to forget Diddy's role with Danity Kane.

And quite frankly, Diddy began to forget his role with the group as well. The show is called "Making the Band," not "Keeping the Band together." Diddy should stop riding Danity Kane's coattails and start doing something with his life.

The group doesn't need him and O'Day certainly doesn't either. Diddy helped put her in the spotlight, but it was only a matter of time before she got there herself.

O'Day's success has very little to do with her pathetic manager.

Just as Justin Timberlake was after his exit from *N*SYNC, O'Day will be just fine. I can't



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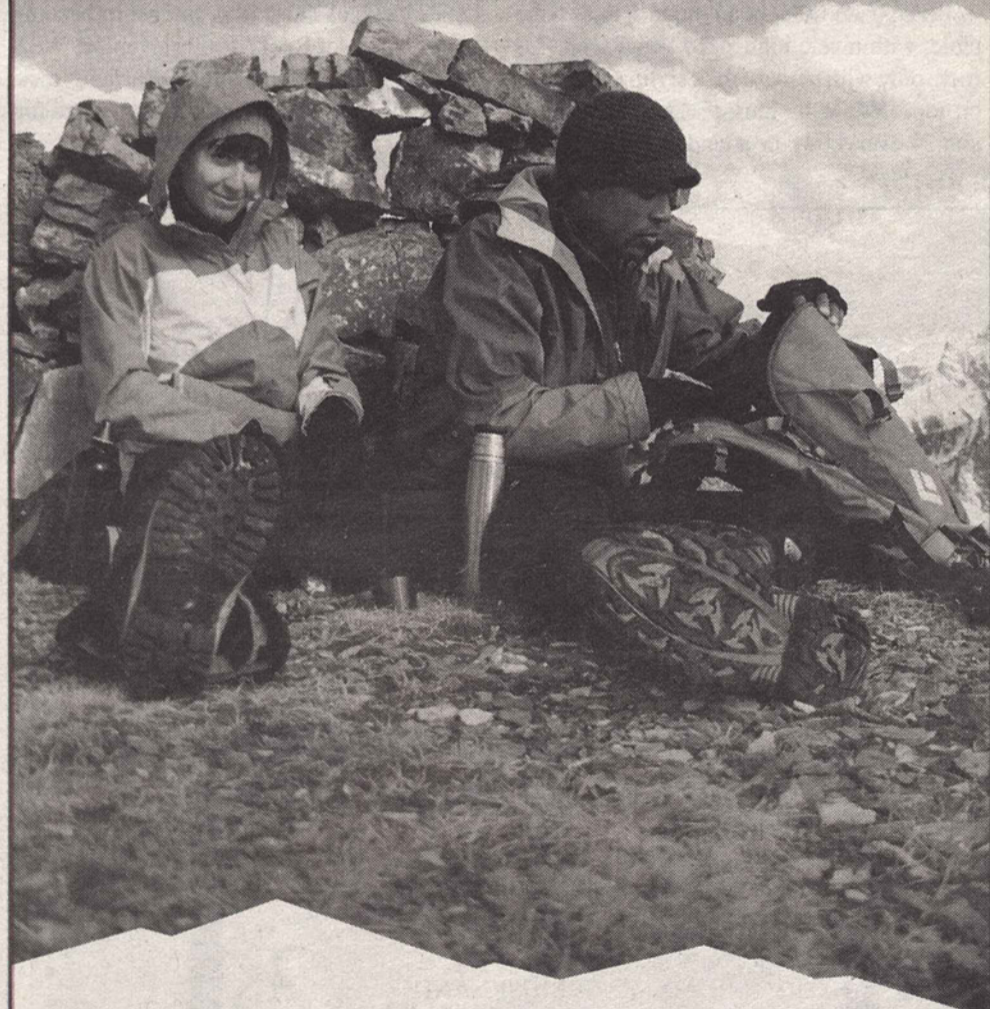
Danity Kane loses key performers: Diddy made a controversial decision recent by relinquishing D. Woods and Aubrey O'Day from the popular R&B group.

say the same for Danity Kane, however. They are on the same path to destruction that *N*SYNC blazed six years ago.

And Diddy - well he's on a path of his own.

After this cowardly act of selfishness, his reputation can only be summed up in one word: Damaged.

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Stone's 'W.' offers well-rounded portrayal of president



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Stone brings political controversy with 'W.': Josh Brolin gives it his all portraying the country's most controversial president.

BY NICHOLAS SMITH

With "W.," Oliver Stone was given the chance to use his infamous image as a revisionist historian to create a controversial farce with the President as the buffoonish dunce.

I myself feared this would happen, seeing this movie as proverbially giving a stick of dynamite to a pyromaniac. I am not a pyromaniac, however, and will do my best to keep politics out of this review.

The movie was so well told that it is a shame that it focuses on the most controversial figure in modern history. People's opinion of this movie will already be fully formed

before they see it. However, Bush is portrayed fairly, accurately, and humanely, no matter if you like him or not. Not that it matters in this review, which is completely apolitical.

The movie follows President George W. Bush as he tries to push the country into Iraq, from the success in Afghanistan in 2002, to 2004 when it becomes apparent that Iraq had no WMD's.

Interlaced within this story line is a chronicle of Bush from his college days to his victory in the Texas gubernatorial election in 1994. The mixing of stories plays brilliantly against each other, each scene of Bush's past giving new perspectives on

Bush's more recent predicaments. It's a bit like "Titanic": you know what's going to happen, but it's interesting how it happens.

The acting in this movie is very good, mostly because Josh Brolin does the best imitation of Bush I have ever seen. He gets that squinting thing Bush does down pat, and his accent identical to Bush's. Brolin puts an emotion into the character unseen in Bush's public persona, but is able to transform his performance into the Bush we all know and love (or don't love) with spot on recreations of Bush's speeches. The complexity of this character is what drives the movie forward, and Brolin's acting keeps the film realistic.

The other characters are well done, but especially so with Thandie Newton as Condoleezza Rice. I thought Newton would be too pretty to play Rice, but I was incredibly wrong. She is so good portraying Rice that I often forgot that it wasn't Connie Rice herself on screen.

Richard Dreyfuss portrays Dick Cheney as a megalomaniac. I won't say anything else in fear of becoming too political. Toby Jones, a relatively unknown actor (the voice of Dobby in "Harry Potter") was a perfect fit for Karl Rove. For one, they both have gigantic foreheads. Also, they both have been involved with important projects but nobody seems to know who either one is. And that wasn't politically motivated, I just can't figure out what Rove does.

Most of the other characters slightly resemble the real life characters they portray: If you squint, James Cromwell almost looks like George H.W. Bush, and Elizabeth Banks

kind of looks like Laura Bush if you don't know what the real one looks like. In fact, it seems as if most were only chosen for their acting prowess, not their resemblance with their real life counterparts.

But in the end, this movie is all about one man. And it is a man who you come to respect at the end, because of his passion and simple honesty. He truly is a man you would like to have a beer with, and he commands a certain amount of respect because he willingly took the weight of the world on his shoulders, and only select few can say that about themselves.

However, this movie's portrayal of that man shows a bias that some might be more sensitive to (not me, I am neutral). Though we are shown a new, compassionate side of Bush, he is often portrayed as too simple to be the president, too ignorant to reflect on himself, and ultimately allowing others to make decisions then blaming others when things go wrong. It is debatable whether or not this is true, and I'm not saying it is, but it was presented this way in the movie.

Stone has displayed his genius in full with this film, but there is a crucial problem. It doesn't have an ending. Bush is still president, and as long as he is, we won't know the full story of his presidency. Though a dive into



the psychological presence of the man is interesting, at the end you are left wondering what will happen next.

(Disclaimer: No politically infused statements were used in the making of this review - I swear.)

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Letter from Academic Vice President Orin Grossman to Student Body Regarding New Registration Process

Last spring, in response to the many concerns about the registration process, I appointed a faculty/administrator/student committee to examine these issues. The committee has been meeting since then to further refine the registration procedures. The list of the committee is attached to this memo.

I asked the committee to examine the issue of preferential registration and to explore ways to eventually allow students to register once instead of what now is up to three different occasions in obtaining a schedule. The committee made good progress last spring and has made further recommendations which I am accepting and announcing at this time for the upcoming registration for spring, 2009 courses.

Just to review, last spring we initiated a wait-list system, which provided both the chairs and the deans with an analysis of the demand for various courses. In addition it allowed students to record their preferences for closed courses and when slots opened up students on the wait list were offered the opportunity to enroll in the class. This innovation was successful--of the 3,000 names that were placed on the wait list, 1,500 wait list requests were filled.

The committee recommendations that will be put in place for this fall registration period for spring 2009 classes will be the following:

- We will eliminate the lottery system and switch to an alphabetical system which will give students more of an opportunity to register early in the process over the period of their four years. Many students voiced their opinion that they always received high lottery numbers each semester for undergraduate registration which always caused them to have last choice of courses and times. The registration committee, as a result, decided to change from a computer generated number lottery system to a system that used mixed alphabetical groupings of last names. This new system will give each student one random alphabetical sequence for major and minor registration and then it will be reversed for the core and elective phase. Each semester, these sequences will be changed.
- We will continue the electronic waitlist implemented last spring and also share the waitlist data with the department chairs and deans during the registration process. Because this feature of registration was so successful, the waitlist will be available for students as they register for the spring, 2009 term until Friday, January 9th, which is the Friday that precedes the opening of campus for the spring, 2009 term.
- We will restrict preferential registration to Presidential Scholars, University Fellows, and Community Scholars by class and to athletes (in season) by class for core and elective only. The University Fellows, Presidential Scholars, and Community Scholars are entitled to preferential registration. We will continue to offer this privilege in a somewhat different format. Preferential registration will be by class for major/minor registration and for core/elective registration. Please note that this change will require scholars to register for major/minor courses and core/elective courses separately. Scholars will register as the first cohort of each class on the specified days. Registration dates for major/minor registration and core/elective registration will be posted by the Registrar's Office.
- We will limit the turbo periods to early morning (the 8 am-10:30 am slot) on Monday and Friday and add a third turbo slot to Wednesday. Eliminating the daytime turbos on Tuesday and Thursday frees up a large number of classroom spaces, as does eliminating the double period--the second turbo on Monday and Friday. We will allow a limited number of turbos on Tuesday and Thursday, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The committee continues to meet this fall and will work toward a one time on-line registration process for students.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

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Keen on Keane:

Once called a Coldplay copycat, new CD proves British rockers have come a long way



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Brit rockers return with gold: Piano driven rockers return with their third studio album.

BY COURTNEY POMEROY (U-WIRE/
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For a band once called a Coldplay copycat only four years ago when its' single, "Somewhere Only We Know" hit the airwaves, Keane has come a long way.

The group's latest attempt, "Perfect Symmetry," is still piano-driven but features bolder vocals and more powerful instrumentals. No one would dare compare the new sound to that other British band's arena

stylings now.

The first single, "Spiralling," takes more of a pop-rock route than the band has ventured onto before, and Britain has had a very positive reaction to the band's new, exciting sound. (It even won best track at the 2008 Q Awards in Britain.)

There's a heavy drumbeat behind Tom Chaplin's surprisingly raw voice and some insightful lyrics about human nature. "When we fall in love/ We're just falling/ In love with ourselves/ We're spiralling."

The lyrics are harmoniously paired with

the more powerful sound, just as the love songs were well matched with the gentle piano on "Hopes and Fears."

Although "Spiralling" takes the band in a different direction, the second single, "The Lovers are Losing" confirms the band's transformation into more than just a piano rock group.

It seems the band has used its third release to explore and incorporate other genres into an already stellar instrumental and vocal chemistry.

"Better Than This" sounds more similar to the Britain-based pop sensation Mika than to Coldplay. Harmonies, clapping and Chaplin's exploration of a higher singing range make the tune both uplifting and catchy, two elements the band has had trouble blending in the past.

"Pretend That You're Alone" starts out with a piano-driven melody, and a heavy drumbeat is slowly incorporated.

Chaplin's voice comes in with a robust, almost Phil Collins-like chorus. And later on, even more instruments come into the mix, including guitar, tambourine and even a horn section.

The use of so many instruments in one song, when Keane normally only uses piano, vocals and drums, is a refreshing switch from the band's one-trick repertoire.

The funky lyrics are another foreign

element for the band, adding depth to the tune. "We are just the monkeys, who fell out of the trees/ We are blisters on the earth/ We are not the flowers, we're the strangling weeds/ In the meadow."

The middle of the album is a bit of a return to Keane's piano-men mentality. But this is no regression - it's clear piano rock is what the group does best.

Infusions of other genres are much appreciated, but the boys certainly haven't forgotten how to make a truly epic and beautiful song with very few bells and whistles.

"You Don't See Me" consists of Chaplin's matured, full-ranged voice, high piano notes, simple lyrics and very little else. Still, it's lovely and one of the band's best-composed ballads yet.

The same is true for "Love is the End," a love song reminiscent of those on "Hopes and Fears." It's the last song on the album and leaves listeners with a peaceful, true-to-style ending to a very experimental album.

While Keane's talent lies in the perfect harmony it always manages to create between simple lyrics and instrumentals, it is refreshing to hear the band branch out into other genres, instruments and attention-commanding vocals.



It is also quite clear Keane's original, simple sound won't get boring anytime soon, as long as the group members continue to grow into their significant talents.

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HE said / SHE said The Autumn Prowl

Tina Masciadrelli

As the crisp, dry air reaches your pineal gland, you are instantly aware that it is autumn. The leaves have begun to fall and the weather has gotten chilly; it feels as though summer was ages ago. For us men, this means that it's time for the World Series, that basketball is beginning and that football is well under way. It also means that it's time to step up our personal game. Yep, there's only one October.

Call it what you will, but October seems to initiate the annual phenomenon that is college dating. With winter just around the bend, the college male begins to realize that he'd rather be co-habiting than sharing his covers with Jill, aka Old Reliable. Like bears hibernating for the winter, we instinctively choose to hunt while the forest is still teeming with life rather than wait it out and risk going hungry when all the good meat has been claimed.

In our search for a mate, Mother Nature is here to help. Cold weather makes it possible to visually sepa-

rate the female population into two tiers. For the self-respecting majority, it's time to put away their summer attire and return home to pick up the latest winter fashions.

The minority, however, will continue to sport the summer look all winter long. Whether they are waiting patiently outside of Bravo, or strolling around the Townhouses, these women nonchalantly brave the elements in a mini-dress. Does anyone besides me ask them if they're cold?

Though it is a broad generalization, I would venture to say that female prospects always seem to come in twos. After witnessing the Powderpuff Tournament at the Beach this weekend, I was reminded of how life's important decisions should always be made on a coin toss rather than letting it play out.

Even if you're burning bridges to get with your someone, it's a step in the right direction. Although being in a relationship can be aggravating at times, it's better than the alternative: inconsistency and trips to the free clinic.

Oh October — as fall approaches, the weather gets chilly and while us girls are getting excited about shopping for new sweaters, jackets and boots, the boys start getting depressed because they know our tank tops and short skirts are being pushed to the back of our closets until we see the first signs of spring. Don't fret too much guys — we will still be wearing our micro mini dresses to the bar. After years of waiting in 30 degree weather outside of The Squirrel, Bravo and the Townhouses in tube tops and stilettos, our bodies have adjusted to the drop in temperature. Pain is beauty, and waiting outside of the Grape in next to nothing isn't so bad after taking a few pre-game shots to warm us up.

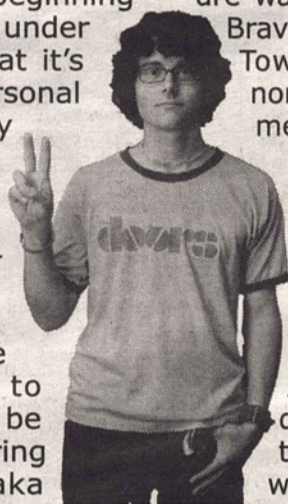
Is it true that girls are more interested in settling down than hooking up during the chilly autumn season like Mr. Kenney is suggesting? Or is it that after Powderpuff, every girl was black-out status and would ac-

cept any late night hook-up that was readily available? Because we can't prance around the Point in our bikinis anymore, we need to find the right guy who doesn't mind snuggling with us in our sweaters.

Maybe it's the gorgeous New England foliage that makes us want to hibernate with a cutie for the night instead of chugging drinks and making out at the bar.

Josh is right, being in a relationship can definitely be aggravating, but it's nice to know that you'll always have someone to go home with. So boys, this may be the only time I'll ever say this, but take the advice of He Said this fall.

It really sucks if you freeze your butt off in that new dress and still go home empty handed. So if girls really do want it more than ever, I say, give it to us. Nothing is better than staying in on a frigid night with a cocktail and a cute guy to keep you warm.



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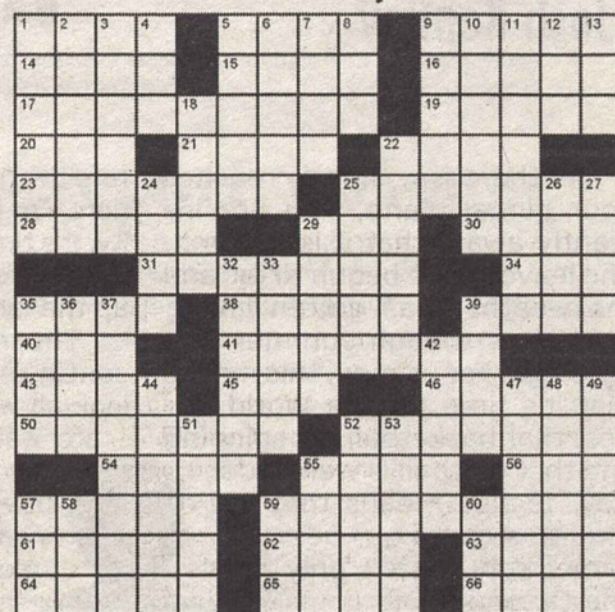
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ACROSS

- Shrek, for one
- erroneous keystroke
- more mentally quick
- for water, 100 degrees Celsius
- actors get absorbed in one
- Superman actor Christopher
- the hero
- carrying a weapon
- female sheep
- fruit covering, perhaps
- pass over
- turkey action
- CTU agent Michelle
- boxer Mike
- last month, for short
- the tortoise beat him
- Orkin man's enemy
- 2,000 pounds
- not covered
- having aural body parts
- exam
- Lincoln, to his pals
- purplish red
- BBC nickname
- and so on, for short
- a western, to some
- CTU agent Tony
- a salt, perhaps
- window panel
- male parent of a horse
- ruled
- creases, like in paper
- she infiltrated CTU in season 1
- fierce wild dog in Asia
- ink stain
- type of eagle
- so far (2 wds.)
- ice cream carrier
- on the water

DOWN

- not agree with
- take off (2 wds.)
- kitchen utensils
- particular lodge member



- Lionel makes small ones
- not old
- begged
- poetic over
- liquors distilled from molasses
- decease
- starting point that is used repeatedly
- Adam's counterpart
- stop sign color
- pickling solution
- withdraw from an organization
- what people will do on Nov. 4
- discourage
- love god
- monthly payment to a landlord
- English physicist
- go backward, like a hair line
- island south of Sicily
- Gilda Radner character Wawa
- Cain's brother
- hire again
- Russia's emperor, before communism
- Indian pole
- minor parish official
- those who lay flooring, perhaps
- archaic term for everlasting
- salt water inlet between Africa and Asia
- small picture placed inside a larger one
- sheer silky fabric
- angry
- missile storage space
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- network of "The Office"
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MIRROR CLUB SPORTS UPDATE

Hot to trot:

In its 16th season, women's equestrian club team as unique as it is successful

BY LAURA DOWNEY

A girl walks by you on campus as you casually head to your first class of the day.

It is only at second glance that you realize this particular girl happens to be walking with a helmet and a whip. In fact, she is walking with a group of people all carrying the same regalia.

Ever wonder who they are?

These student-athletes are part of Fairfield's Equestrian team, which is also referred to as FUET.

For those unfamiliar with the sport, equestrian is the official term for competitive horseback riding, and the Fairfield team competes in several competitions across the Northeast.

The Fairfield University Equestrian team was founded in 1992 and has continued to grow rapidly each year.

At the moment, FUET currently consists of 18 members, and each class is represented on the team.

FUET competes in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, a competitive league that includes many schools from around the nation, including several Division-I sports programs.

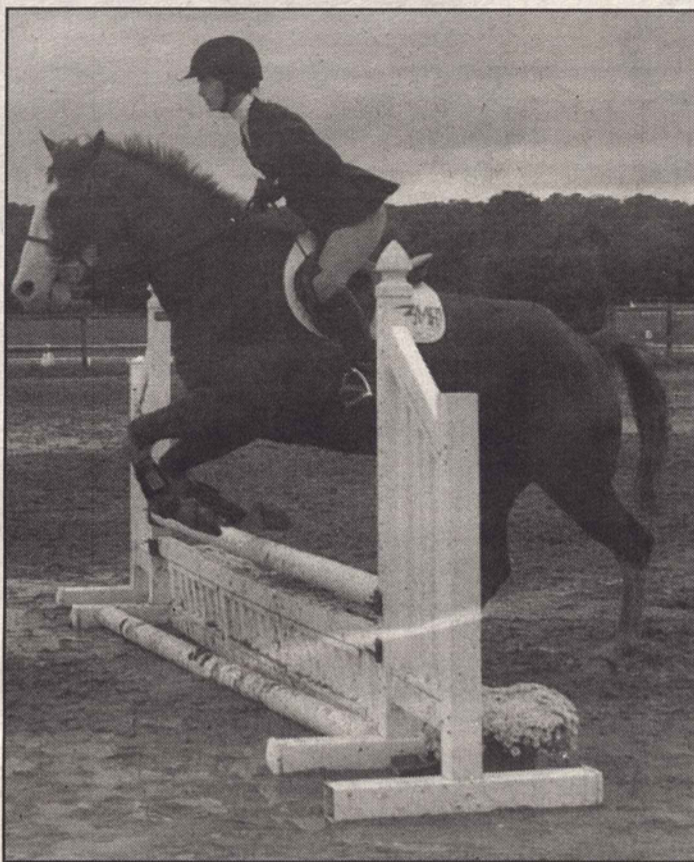
League division in equestrian is no different than from any other collegiate sport. The country is split up into zones and then further divided into regions.

FUET competes in Region Four, Zone Two, a Northeast division of the division.

The zone, one of the more competitive divisions in the conference, includes local several local colleges and schools, including Sacred Heart, Columbia, NYU, St. Joseph's and Nassau Community College.

So far this season, the Stags have competed against several nearby rivals, including NYU and Columbia.

Aside from the competitions, the day-to-day life of an equestrian team member is what defines this intriguing



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Up and over: Freshman Katherine McIntyre '12 is one of 18 members of the highly-successful women's equestrian club team.

club sport and proves that the sport is far from ordinary.

Each rider participates in at least two lessons a week with trainer and coach Kelly Taylor, a successful former collegiate rider and a very sought after trainer in Fairfield County.

Each Sunday, FUET travels to different shows in New York and Connecticut. They begin their day with a wake-up call at 3:45 in the morning to catch a 4:30 bus.

Typically, the bus pulls into the barn on the day of a competition around 7 a.m. and everyone must get off the bus to watch the horses of the day get warmed-up.

In the eyes of a rider, this is a very important task and a chance to see how the horse they will be riding behaves.

The show typically commences around 8 a.m. and is divided into six divisions.

The highest level is known as an Open, which is followed by Intermediate, Novice, Walk-Trot-Canter Advanced, Walk-Trot-Canter Beginner and Walk-Trot.

During the 2007-2008 year, FUET had seven riders qualify for regional events, including sophomores Heather Boyd, Lindsay Maroney and Elysse Ruschmeyer.

Still, the heart of the team is comprised of its senior class, which includes Kelly Burke, Deb Green, Liz Jones, Lindsay Maroney, Steph Simpson and Elysse Ruschmeyer — all of whom were standouts at this past season's regionals.

Following regionals, Boyd, Maroney, Burke and Ruschmeyer qualified for zones, which took place at Skidmore College.

After a phenomenal showing at regionals, junior Ruschmeyer qualified for nationals.

In fact, last season Ruschmeyer traveled to across the country to compete in Los Angeles, California in a national event. Ruschmeyer finished the season strong placing 14th out of the 31 riders in her division.

Regardless of the all-too-frequent long days and early wake-ups on Sunday mornings, sophomore Heather Boyd loves her teammates.

"You will rarely see a team so happy and laughing so much after such a long day. We are all really close and all support each other," said Boyd.



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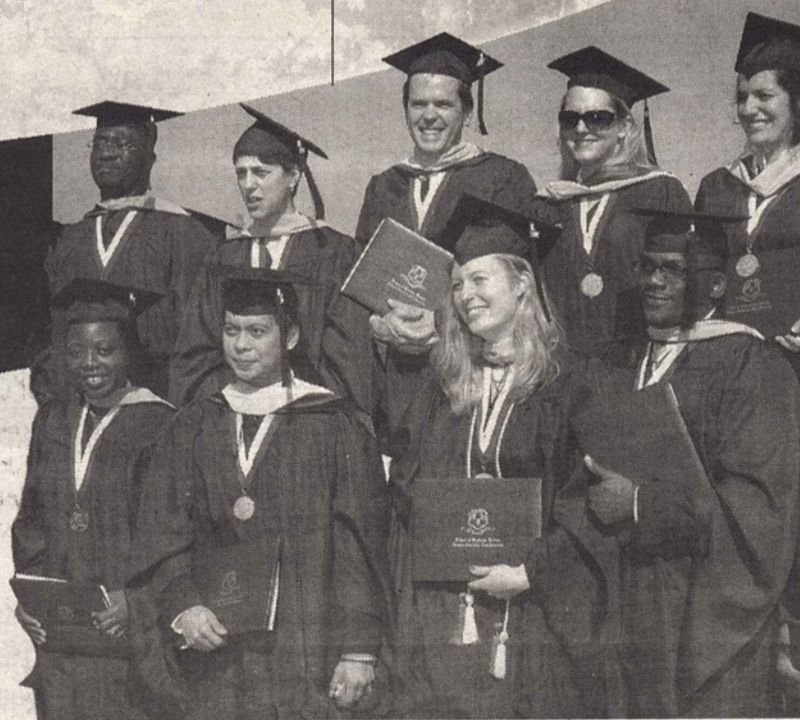
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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Making a splash: Two meets. Two wins for the Fairfield men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

Following an impressive out-of-conference victory over Holy Cross on Oct. 11, the Stags returned home to the RecPlex and defeated fellow MAAC competitor St. Peter's - the women's team, 164-97, while the men's team held on by a score of 152-141

Throughout the course of the meet, five program records were either broken or tied. Freshman Michelle Yoshida topped the 50m freestyle record with a time of 27:06, topping the previous high of 27.35. Norwalk, Conn. native Jonathan O'Connor '11 finished with a 2:19.09 in the 200m fly to break a 10-year old Fairfield record.

VOLLEYBALL

Road blockin' New Rochelle: Volleyball's stretch of nine consecutive wins, which included back-to-back sweeps over Loyola and St. Peter's, came to an end this past Sunday against Iona, as the Gaels beat the Stags, 3-1.

Fairfield took the first set with ease, winning by six total points. Iona, however, responded with a stirring comeback in the second frame, edging the Stags, 25-22. The Gaels swept the next two sets for the victory, including a 25-14 victory in the game's fourth and final set. The Stags return now travel to New Jersey to play MAAC rival action this Friday night.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

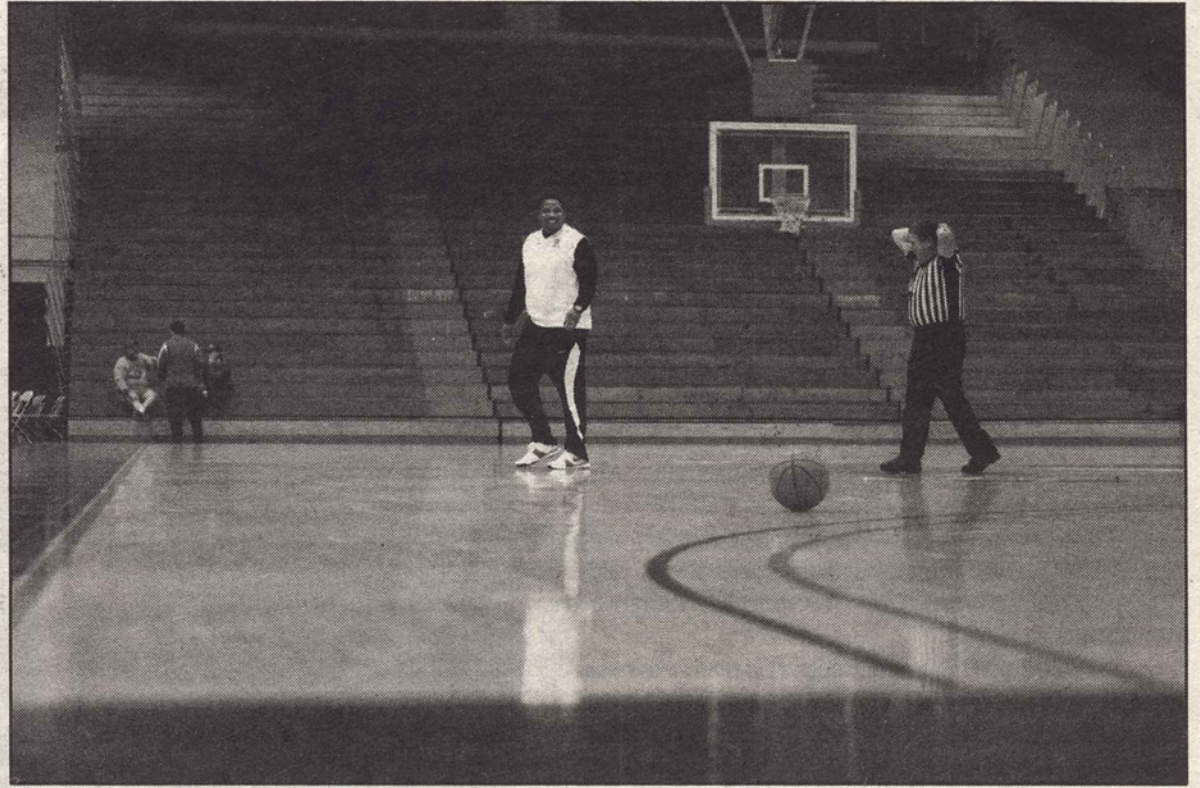
Minor setback: Women's soccer went 1-1 over the weekend, beating Marist on Friday and losing to Siena on Sunday, both on the road.

The loss to Siena drops the Stags to 4-2 in the MAAC, one game behind the Saints, who are in first place at 4-1. Fairfield's overall record is now 11-4-2.

Nicole Cavallaro '10 scored in the first overtime against Marist to give the Stags the win. Against Siena, the Saints scored on a penalty kick with six minutes left in the first half.

Fairfield returns to action on the road Friday against Iona at 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

STAG SHOT OF THE WEEK



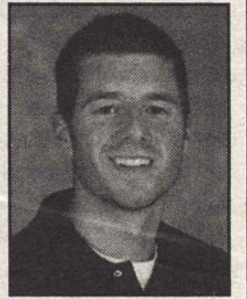
Jon Ollwerther/The Mirror

A new beginning: Men's basketball head coach Ed Cooley takes it all in prior to the team's Red-White scrimmage this past Sunday night at Alumni Hall. The Stags continue their preseason preparation this weekend with a scrimmage against Boston College, where Cooley served for several years as an assistant coach.

MALE STAG-LETE OF THE WEEK

ATHLETE: Taylor Stecko '10
SPORT: Diving

ACHIEVEMENT: Not only did Stecko, one of two male divers on the men's swimming and diving team, sweep both of his events this past Friday evening against St. Peter's, but he did so in record-breaking fashion. Stecko was a double-winner in both the one-meter and three-meter board and established new pool records in both events. His one-meter score of 265.95 broke the previous mark of 262.25 set by Peter Loverme '03, and his three-meter score also outdid the Stags' previous high mark.



FEMALE STAG-LETE OF THE WEEK

ATHLETE: Nicole Cavallaro '11
SPORT: Women's Soccer

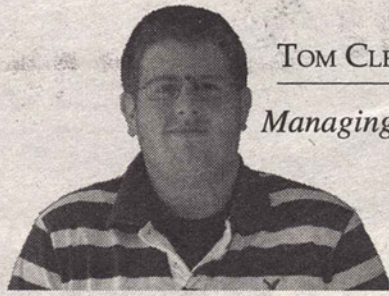
ACHIEVEMENT: Last season's Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) First-team selection and Rookie of the Year has picked up right where she left off a year ago. Despite an early-season injury, Cavallaro has totaled two goals and four assists in only eight games, none bigger than an overtime game-winner this past Friday evening against Marist. The goal clinched a 2-1 victory over the Red Foxes, last season's MAAC champions.



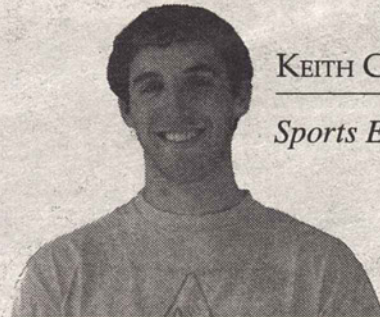
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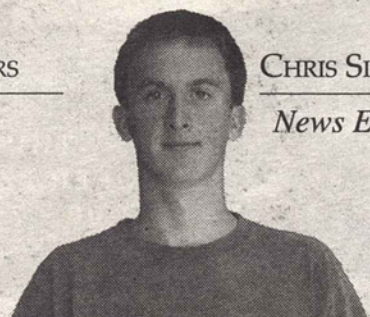
WORLD SERIES EDITION



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1. More surprising team to reach the World Series?	Tampa. A lot of people thought they would be good, but no way anyone saw this coming.	Over 10,000 Phillies' losses can't be wrong.	Tampa Bay. Next year: the O's.
2. Toss-up: Philadelphia nightlife or a Tampa Bay vacation?	Have to go with Tampa again, sunny and warm weather during the day, plus still decent nightlife.	Tampa's got the weather edge, but there are 1000 other places I'd rather be in Florida than St. Pete's.	Paddy's pub. Philly. Hands down.
3. Better dining: Florida surf or Philly cheesesteaks?	Philly cheesesteaks, not a huge fish fan.	Pat's. Geno's. Can't go wrong... until three hours later.	I'm watching my weight, a few more pounds and I might break 140. Seafood.
4. Your World Series prediction?	Phillies in six. They seem to be more talented, but with the pesky Rays, you never know.	Rays in seven, if Dick Vitale doesn't have a heart-attack first.	Tom needs to be more assertive. Rays in six.
5. Now that baseball is nearly over, what are you looking forward to most?	Men's soccer against No. 8 Loyola this Sunday. Like Cooley said, when I see green, I get sick.	Harbor Yard. November 18. Stags versus Big Red, Round Two.	Ray Lewis and the Ravens catching the Steelers.



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MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY



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Take your mark: Freshman Vin Ferrer (#45, crouched), and junior Kevin Manke (#48, second from right), despite differing styles, are both key contributors to the men's cross-country's recent resurgence.

Jersey boys off and running

BY JOHN PADOVANO

For junior Kevin Manke, captain of the men's cross-country team, running was not his first choice as far as sports go.



MANKE

Freshman Vin Ferrer, on the other hand, was bred to be a runner since well before his time at Fairfield.

Today, the two are both core members of the revitalized men's cross-country team, which is enjoying a renaissance season.

Manke, the team's captain, grew up in Ridgewood, N.J., where lacrosse is more a way of life than a sport.

Naturally, Manke was drawn to the sport that put his hometown on the map. That turned out to be a good move, since it was Kevin's love for lacrosse that introduced him to cross-country.

"A track coach in middle school asked me to run for his program and I ended up being one of the best kids on the team so I figured I'd stick with it," said Manke. "I did that until high school where I moved to (cross-country) because track at that level conflicted with lacrosse."

He was named captain of the team his senior year. That season he led the Ridgewood Maroons to a fifth overall state ranking.

Now, as a captain of Fairfield's team, Manke has to

deal with the youngest group of runners that Fairfield has seen in years.

A staple of that incoming class, though, is freshman Vin Ferrer, a native of Belford, N.J. who has quickly developed as the team's leading runner early in the season.

Ferrer has been the Stags' top threat in every meet this season, taking the position of the team's top finisher in four of the team's five meets.

Ferrer originally turned the heads of his elder peers at the Fairfield Invitational, the team's second meet of the season and of Ferrer's collegiate career.

Ferrer finished fifth out of 90 runners from various Connecticut schools, and was only beaten by four runners, all of whom run for Yale, a perennial lacrosse powerhouse and a team currently ranked fourth in the New England Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association (NEIAAA) coaches' poll.

"Vinny (Ferrer) is my silent soldier," said Head Coach John Sagnelli. "He shows up for practice and shows up for the meet everyday and runs like it's his last."

Sagnelli made a point to use this season's freshman class, coupled with poised leadership, as the driving force for turning the school's cross-country program around.

But when asked of the most important aspect of the team, Sagnelli shows no hesitation.

"We've had tremendous leadership," Sagnelli said. "I can't say enough about the work they have done."

Sagnelli added, "Kevin (Manke) and our team leadership, on both the men's and the women's team, is a big reason why this team is developing as a competitive program right now."

Manke is the oldest member of the men's team and has been given the task of grooming three sophomores and seven freshmen, including Ferrer.

"I've definitely felt like I've had to step up as a leader," said Manke. "I know that all the younger guys are looking up to me so I constantly have to be the example for them to follow whether it's on the course or off."

Leading by example in high school is one thing, but leading by example in college, where temptation and opportunity to slack is much more prevalent, is a completely different beast.

"Advice about running is only half my job," said Manke, noting that the other half is "making sure the younger guys feel comfortable on the team and at school, as well as them having a good time while staying in check."

Actions mean more than words, and that is why this captain is so well received.

"Some nights you can't go out with your friends either because you have a test or a meet or workout the next day," said Manke. "You make sacrifices."

MAAC duel against Loyola awaits Burse, men's soccer

BY TOM CLEARY

When the men's soccer team walked off of Lessing Field last week following a loss to Boston College, the Stags' spirits remained high. Sophomore Forward Jack Burridge and Head Coach Carl Rees each said that the game proved to them that they could compete in the MAAC.

This weekend, the Stags made a point to prove that to the rest of the conference with two 1-0 shutouts on the road against St. Peter's and Manhattan.

Goalkeeper Justin Burse now has four shutouts on the year, third best in the MAAC, and was named MAAC Defensive Player of the Week for his effort.



BURSE

"Justin has a presence in his goal which conveys confidence and reliability," said Rees. "He is vocal and an exceptional shot stopper."

Senior captain Tom Clements returned to play after missing two games with broken ribs and helped to solidify the defensive back line, a key to the Stags victories.

With the win, the Stags improved to 5-5 overall this season and moved to 2-1 in conference play, putting them in a tie with two other schools (Niagara and Iona) for third place. They trail 3-1 Siena by one game and first place Loyola (4-0) by two.

"The team needed to win this weekend to stay in contention for the MAAC title," said Rees. "We played well and the guys deserved to win both games."

Forward Christian Uy, the team-leader in points with seven, had a hand in both of Fairfield's goals this weekend. Against St. Peter's Uy recorded his third game-winning goal of the season and against Manhattan he recorded an assist, sending a cross from the right center of the field to sophomore Erik Ilisije.

Rees said that the team is committed to winning at home this weekend. The Stags first must play Rider on Friday night and then head into a game against Loyola, a team that went to the NCAA tournament last year and is ranked eighth in the country.

"Lessing Field is a great place to play," said Rees. "We want to give those who come to our games something to shout about."

WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR

Sunday
Oct. 26, 1 p.m.
Lessing Field
vs. #8 Loyola (12-0-1)



Those sacrifices paid off in Fairfield's last meet, The New England Championship, held at Franklin Park in Boston, Mass.

Manke broke his all-time fastest five mile times in the competition, running a 28:30.

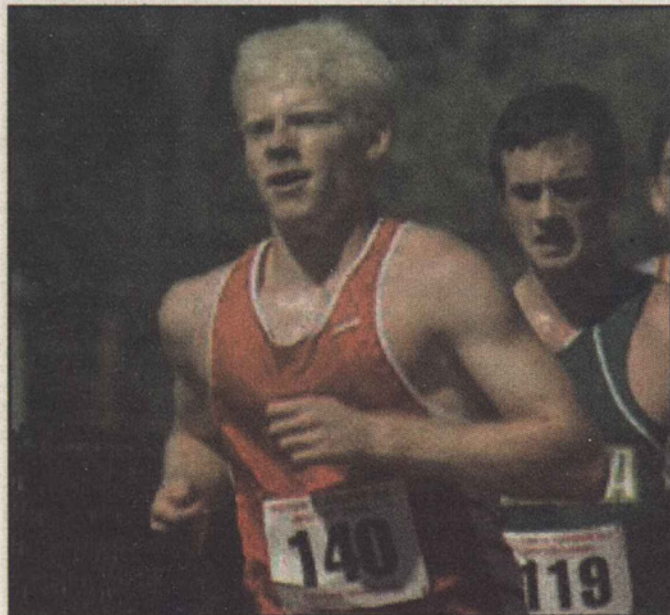
As for the team's freshman sensation, Ferrer finished 91st in a field of 315 runners with a time of 26:07.00 in the 8k race. By comparison, Fairfield's highest finisher only a season ago placed 190th out of 290 entrants.

To Manke and Ferrer, though, results only go so far in a sport that, despite its individual nature, preaches a team attitude.

In the eyes of the team, it isn't about the individual; it's about the team.

"I couldn't have done (well at Franklin Park) without the other guys," said Manke. "One of our other guys was hurting a little bit during the race, so when I caught up to him I was just trying to help him finish strong along with me, which he did."

Cross-country may not have been Manke's first choice but Sagnelli, Ferrer, and the rest of the men's cross-country roster is sure glad it was his final choice.



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Attitude reflects leadership: Kevin Manke '10 (above left) has proved to be a veteran leader for a youthful cross-country roster.