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Suspended salaries

Fairfield freezes pay this year, including six employees who earn over \$200,000 and 520 who earn over \$50,000 after past increases



BY BRENDAN MONAHAN

The year was 2006 and the highest salary that crossed the Fairfield University payroll, other than University President Jeffrey von Arx, who returns his salary to the Jesuits, was then Vice President of Advancement George Diffley's \$187,200.

Flash forward to 2008 and the story is a much more lucrative one. Among the same category of the five highest paid employees, there is just one employee in the "top five" category that is making under \$200,000, Vice President of Information Services James Estrada's \$198,720.

"It's frustrating to see administrators receive six figure salaries while current Fairfield students and graduating high school seniors and their families are struggling to make ends meet and finance their educational careers," said business major Elyse Nye '10.

To that end, Executive Vice President Billy Weitzer said that Fairfield employees, unlike past years, will not be receiving pay raises this year. Between data filed in public information for the years 2006 through 2008, von Arx has seen his salary compensation increase from \$210,000 to \$260,000 in 2007 and up to \$282,000 in '08, though all of it is returned to the Jesuits.

Weitzer, meanwhile, who has been at Fairfield for two years after making the move from Wesleyan University, saw his salary increase by nearly 60 percent between 2007 and 2008 from \$188,167 to

Salaries from the 2008 Form 990 are filed by the University to the IRS. Clockwise from top left, University President Fr. Jeffrey von Arx, Academic Vice President Orin Grossman, Executive Vice President Billy Weitzer, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasury William Lucas, head men's basketball coach Ed Cooley and Vice President for Advancement Stephanie Frost.

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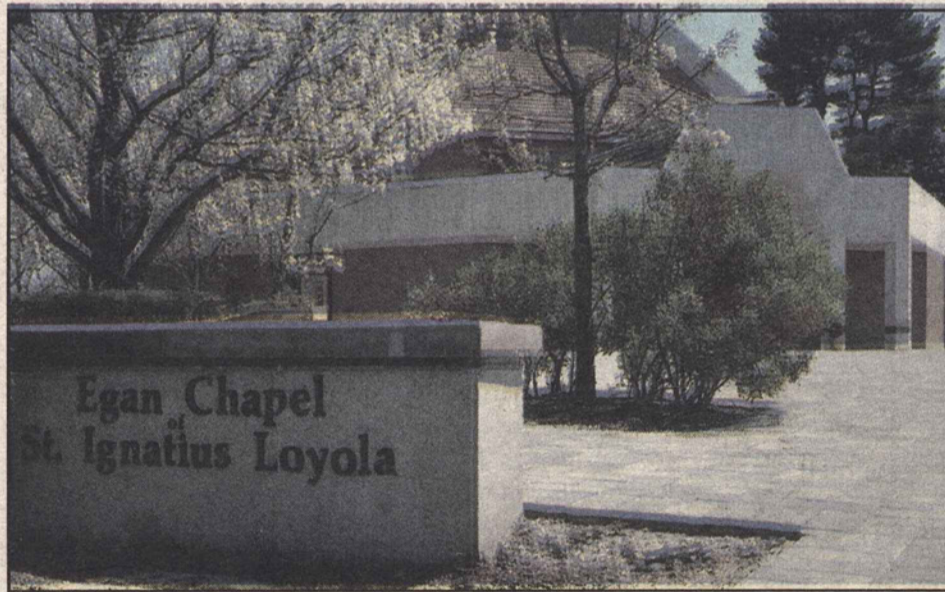
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Niles Muzyk/The Mirror

The campus chapel bears the name of William Egan.

Chapel bears name of largest donor

BY NICHOLAS CARLUCCI

Committed to an education in accordance with Jesuit tradition, Fairfield strives to instill, in all of its students, a strong sense of moral value. Fairfield alum William P. Egan, class of 1967, has personified these ideals by providing Fairfield with the resources necessary for continuing the Jesuit mission.

In 2000, Egan along with his wife, Jacayln, made a \$6 million dollar donation to Fairfield, the single largest in the University's history.

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New train station project stalls

BY KRISTEN MCMANUS

Fairfield's development of a third train station off lower Black Rock Turnpike indirectly involving some University officials is stalled indefinitely, leaving students wondering if they will ever get relief from over-crowded train rides and how they will be able to park when traveling to internships.

"They allow us to park in a satellite parking lot that provides a shuttle for us to the station," said Sean Cribbin '09, a New York City intern. "This is a convenient solution for us non-residents. However when you get that green parking ticket to pay your \$6 daily fee, it can put a damper on your day."

Controversy over the project has persisted for some time due to financial problems with private developer Blackrock Realty LLC and an ethics complaint filed over removal of Conservation Director Thomas Steinke from oversight of the project.

According to Fairfield First Selectman Kenneth Flatto, a third train station would reduce traffic, reduce accidents on I-95 and relieve overcrowded trains.

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Jesuit colleges
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BY COURTNEY KERN

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Loyola Palooza

April 29
Citizen Cope
Augustana
Loyola's Battle of the
Bands winner Cool Stick

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BOSTON COLLEGE

Modstock Music Concert

April 30
Big Boi
Slightly Stoopid
TBA act

Source: *The Heights*

HOLY CROSS

Spring concert

April 28
Lupe Fiasco

Source:
The Crusader



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CANISUS

Spring concert

April 19
Third Eye Blind

Source: *The Buffalo News*

St. Joseph's

Spring concert

April 16

Third Eye
Blind

Source: *The Hawk*



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... where Caitlin Chipman hoarded the free T-shirts on Junior Mug Night and didn't give us one, even though all the other people at the Levee had them. Instead she covered them with her coat and told us to wait.

Can you tell we're bitter?

Filming success

Media center offers new course with professional results



Meghan Schelzi/The Mirror

Students have been giving the opportunity to fill games just like the pros do.

BY MEGHAN SCHELZI

Co-teachers Casey Timmeny and Chris McGloin in the new media department must be doing something right in order to get their class out of bed at 5:45 a.m. on a Saturday.

This past spring Timmeny and McGloin offered a new course, "Sports Production." The class entailed students producing four sports games — lacrosse, baseball, softball and tennis live on Cablevision.

"It takes a ton of work to create a production and through this class I was able to see the impact each person involved in the project truly has," said Ruby Mateo '10, a television major.

"Successfully producing high-quality sports television takes the full cooperation of a large group of skilled individuals with clearly defined roles," said Timmeny, who hopes to increase

the class size for when he teaches the course again next fall.

Each student held a different role for each of the games produced. Roles included producer, director, graphics, announcers, camera people, tech director and engineer.

"This semester, the class was a smaller group, and at times it forced students to take on multiple roles during broadcasts," said Timmeny.

But that did not hamper the student's ability.

"I think the students did a fantastic job," said Timmeny. "We had an incredibly talented and well-prepared group of students and it showed in the quality of the broadcasts."

In order to produce the games, students had to quickly form a close network among them in order to help production run smoothly.

"It was a small class in a small

major, so we all know each other pretty well, which was helpful since we learned it takes a lot of collaboration and teamwork," said Mateo.

Timmeny's idea to create the course began in the Fall of 2007 when he realized there was a growing interest in television sports broadcasting.

"Because of the unique connection between the visual and performing arts and the Fairfield University Media Center, we were fortunate enough to have access to the high-end equipment needed to produce quality sports content that rivals professional sports broadcasts," said Timmeny.

"My goal was to develop a course that challenged students to learn every major aspect of producing a multi-camera sports broadcast," said Timmeny.

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Education: The gift that gives back

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"Investing in education is a gift that will eventually give back," said Egan. "The idea is that more students will be able to have a better education, which will hopefully result in more people willing to give back when it's their turn to step up."

After earning his MBA from University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business in 1969, which he attended immediately after graduating Fairfield, Egan was faced with a situation, similar to students today. In 1973, the oil crisis, due to the United State's involvement with conflicts in the Middle East, coupled with the stock market crash of 1974, caused one of the greatest economic downturns to date, according to the *National Institute Economic Review*.

To combat this crisis Egan said he tried to find work doing something that interested him rather than holding out for jobs that paid the most.

"You can find success anywhere, most of the time its luck, but its what you decide to do with that luck that causes you to be successful," said Egan. "That's why I like the

Jesuits. They don't condemn success, rather they embrace it - they see it as a way to be able to help others."

In 1969, Egan, along with partners, pioneered and founded the venture capital firm, TA Associates, currently ranked among the top 50 largest private equity firms globally, according to their Web site. In 1979 he then founded the firm Burr, Egan, Deleage, & Co. (BEDCO) which funded many of the country's largest technology and information companies, among which was the television provider, Cablevision.

Egan attributes much of his success to the education he received while at Fairfield, saying, "It is truly a unique school in that it educates you beyond just academics, it teaches you how to be a more well rounded person."

Fairfield's success as a University, according to Egan, lies within its foundation with the Jesuit's. He commends University President Fr. Jeffrey von Arx for keeping their mission alive within the school.

Honoring his dedication to Fairfield, the University chapel bears his name commemorating the University's own success at inspiring the lives of those they educate.

Administrators' salaries fall in line with comparable schools

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\$247,000. Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer Bill Lucas, whose earnings have increased from \$190,000 in 2006 to \$250,470 in 2008 cautioned that numbers that impressive typically indicate that the employee arrived at Fairfield mid-way through the year.

"The first year [Weitzer] came in November to my recollection," Lucas said.

Although no increases will be taking place this year, Weitzer said he recognizes his fortune in a time when others are finding themselves in misfortune.

"I recognize that I am in a very fortunate financial situation, I've worked hard to achieve what I've achieved but lots of people work hard to achieve things," said Weitzer.

Weitzer noted that all salaries are dictated by the market, a sentiment shared by Lucas.

"It's complicated you know, it's basically controlled by external forces-marketplace, what it takes to hire and retain good people, what the skills sets are, and what their experience is," Lucas said.

"What comes out at one end is a number but what goes into forming that number is quite extensive," Lucas added.

FUSA President Jeff Seiser believes that the responsibility administrators are given to keep Fairfield a top notch school is deserving of the earnings they make.

"For people to make upwards of \$250,000 comes with great responsibility as they must produce and provide the best product to earn the high salary. If Fairfield is able to provide top flight programs and able to attract the best administrators by offering high salaries to administrators, then it is worth it," Seiser said.

Weitzer also said that most salaries are set to the industry standard.

Vice President for Information Systems James Estrada, the fifth-highest paid employee, agreed.

"There are these built-in market discrepancies that indicates where people fall," Estrada said.

He added that while his peers at larger schools make more than he does, he recognizes that those at smaller schools also make less.

Some student though are upset with the high salaries.

"I think Fairfield is like many other private universities and colleges with that one track money machine mindset," Nye said. "Every college is a business and businesses need to see profits in order to maintain a certain standard of excellence," she said.

An excellence that make some question if Men's Basketball Head Coach Ed Cooley should really be earning the \$224,695 in salary compensation that he does, particularly when other teams and programs are not so fortunate.

"We made a decision at this school to have Division I sports, that there is value to that — not just for the student athletes themselves but for the institution as a whole and if your going to be apart of that structure your going to have a basketball coach that makes that kind of money," said Weitzer.

Seiser agreed, noting that he thinks "in order to compete in NCAA Division I basketball it requires a university to pay a high salary to attract a head coach. As long as Fairfield

continues to strive to excel in Division I basketball it needs to offer high salaries to the head coach."

MAAC rival Loyola paid head men's basketball coach Jimmy Patsos \$228,667 in 2007 while a dean at the school was the only other employee making over \$200,000.

Altogether, Fairfield's "top-five" in 2007 were paid a combined \$968,803 while Loyola's "top-five" totaled \$972,696, proof to the market-driven formula Fairfield employs.

As far as the struggling economy and next year's tuition increase, Weitzer says officials have done all they can.

"It's a balancing act," he said. "I think it would have been irresponsible for us if we raised tuition at the levels that we have raised it in the past, but I also don't think it would have been responsible of us to not raise tuition and to have to cut essential services that make Fairfield the place that it is."

Grossman says the interesting position Fairfield finds itself in is the push-pull effect between current students'

concern over tuition and prospective students' concern over amenities.

"There's a general pressure to try to keep tuition as low as possible, naturally, but there's a more specific pressure to have a lot of enhancements that people will come and say 'do you have this, do you have this?'" Grossman said.

Weitzer said that the administrators care about cost of Fairfield and they are trying to keep the costs reasonable.

"It's not matter of controversy — the cost of education, we all care about it," Weitzer said. "Part of my job is to keep that cost fair and reasonable. Obviously, you know, my salary and everybody's salary here goes up against that but I don't think it's controversial. We're not here saying 'how much money can we squeeze out of those students.' We really do care about the costs."

Cooley was not in the state when a request for comment was submitted. Frost declined comment.

Fairfield now more expensive than Yale

BY SARAH FRANK

Although the budget committee has said that there has been an increased demand for financial aid, some students remain worried about whether or not they will be able to receive financial aid for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The budget committee anticipates spending \$31 million on financial aid from University funds, while the total budget for financial aid for this year is about \$35 million. The rise in University sponsored financial aid from the 2008/09 budget to the 2009/10 budget will be \$4,102,000, whereas the rise in financial aid from the 2007/08 to the 2008/09 budget was \$3,601,000.

At this year's budget meeting on Monday, April 6, University President Fr. von Arx and University Budget Committee Chair William Lucas said that tuition is increasing by only 3.9 percent. This increase in tuition is the smallest it has been since 1973, according to von Arx. Still, University students will be paying more for tuition and board than both current and prospective students at Yale.

According to an article from the *Connecticut Post*, the 3.9 percent increase raises Fairfield U's tuition to \$37,490 — and with room and board, it comes to \$48,790. Just a few towns over, Ivy League Yale's tuition and fees have risen \$1,200, or 3.3 percent to \$36,500 — and with room and board, the total amounts to \$47,500.

"I'm lucky that I was able to get financial aid for this year," said a sophomore at Fairfield University. "Everyone will be getting less financial aid money on an individual basis with the way the economy is going."

Von Arx and Lucas have pledged that one of their main priorities for the 2009-2010 academic year is financial aid, so

essentially, students should have nothing to worry about.

The unknown variables of student retention levels, as well as student enrollment levels were also discussed at the budget meeting, both of which cannot be predicted. At the April 6 meeting Lucas said that he is "confident in Fairfield University's ability to retain students."

The budget committee is planning on utilizing the financial aid factor in order to retain current students, as well as attract prospective students by advertising the fact that "almost all of the tuition and fees increase will be fed back into financial aid," said Lucas.

The approved FY 10 (Fiscal Year 2010) University Operating Budget shows the need to reduce the current budget by \$3.2 million, however, the specific reductions have not been identified yet; the reductions will be decided at the next Board meeting on June 4.

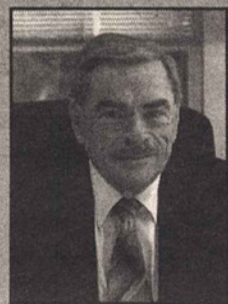
Von Arx maintained that this year, the budget committee has taken a "financially conservative approach" when discussing the budget plan. He mentioned that they have been deferring hiring new faculty and staff, and will also not be giving pay raises to University employees; however, he also stated that four new faculty positions have been added.

When asked what they would be willing to sacrifice if retention and enrollment levels drop, Lucas said that programs must be cut, and that specifically 10 percent of programs will have to be cut.

"We are not going to make cuts across the board," said von Arx. "As we make cuts, we will be keeping in mind the strategic plan, and programs' proximity to the strategic plan."

Von Arx and Lucas asked the students in attendance during the budget meeting, where they thought cuts could be made, or what programs aren't as important as others.

According to his statement, some programs will have to be completely cut out, but others that are in "proximity to the strategic plan" will be kept completely intact.



LUCAS

Final Open Visions speaker cancelled

Campbell Brown, Khaled Hosseini and Junot Diaz are expected to come next year

BY BRENDAN MONAHAN

A lecture filled 2008-09 Open Visions Forum, which featured actress and Darfur activist Mia Farrow and Newark Mayor Cory Booker, came to an abrupt halt last week after Kerry Kennedy's schedule appearance hit a wall of contractual problems.

Kennedy, a human rights activist, was set to appear on April 20 at the Quick Center for the Performing Arts and was advertised to the public, but the show had to be cancelled after University officials' negotiations with the seventh child of eleven famous Kennedy children fell through.



KENNEDY

"In its ongoing mission to serve community educational needs, but we learned unfortunately there were conflicting contractual issues," organizer Phillip Eliasoph told *The Mirror*. Eliasoph was unable to divulge more information but did acknowledge the strong year the Forum had even without the Kennedy finale.

The gap between the final forum with National Gallery of Art Director Earl Powell on March 23 and the first speaker next fall is a long one. That's why Eliasoph and his crew have already set the wheels in motion for the 13th annual Open Visions Forum in 2009-10. Eliasoph was not unable to confirm all guests for next year, although he did announce that CNN Correspondent Campbell Brown, "The Kite Runner" author Khaled Hosseini, and 2008 Pulitzer Prize winner for literature Junot Diaz are just a few of the prestigious guests that guests can expect next year.

The process to reel in these prime time names, Eliasoph says, is a long one.

"We seek input from the audience, we narrow down to focus groups, we then try to identify direct themes related to university mission and goals for the strategic plan, including core integration and living and learning," he said.

"We believe that open visions forum can be a life changing experience for Fairfield University students who find themselves sitting there in the 15th row listening to one of the world's great world experts," he added.

Students, though, are often times lacking in comparison to community members in the crowd. Eliasoph reports that at some forum events, community guests can fill upwards of 500 of the theater's 700 plus seats.

Chair of Senate Frank Fioretti '10 said he would like to see some more student input in choices for Open Visions lectures, perhaps from within his own Senate.

"If they are trying to attract students, they should bring potential speakers before the senate and have the senators ask their peers," Fioretti said.

Currently, Eliasoph reports that input both theoretically and financially, is provided from such on campus organizations as the Office of Student Diversity, the Humanities Institute of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Bennett Center for Judaic Studies and the Office of Student Affairs.

Fioretti says more direct student input could benefit all parties involved.

"This would provide publicity for the speakers while also enabling the organizers to make informed decisions," the rising senior said.

This way, Fioretti believes that the Open Visions forum will reach its ultimate goal.

"We're into transforming people's lives," said Eliasoph.

Campus crime beat

We're back for the final week

BY TOM CLEARY

Tuesday, April 21

3:58 p.m. An assault was reported off-campus. Students involved were referred to judicial.

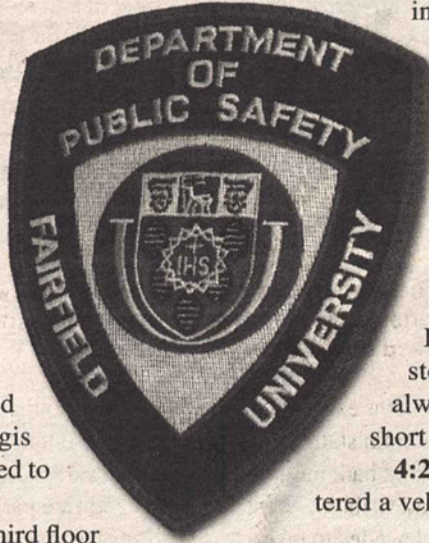
Friday, April 24

1:45 p.m. A minor motor vehicle accident involving a University vehicle occurred outside the Health Center; there were no injuries.

Saturday, April 25

12:06 a.m. A laptop was reported stolen from an unlocked room in Regis Hall. Anyone with information is asked to contact Public Safety.

1:05 a.m. The television in the third floor Gonzaga Hall lounge was smashed. Anyone with information is asked to contact Public Safety.



3:15 a.m. An assault was reported outside of the townhouses and remains under investigation. One individual required medical treatment.

Sunday, April 26

2:04 a.m. A narcotics violation occurred at the townhouses. Fairfield Police was called and the student was referred to judicial.

Monday, April 27

12:27 a.m. A burglary occurred in Regis with several personal items reported stolen. Public Safety reminds students to always lock doors, even when leaving for a short period of time.

4:21 p.m. An errant softball struck and shattered a vehicle window parked in the Jogues lot.

Tuesday, April 28

2:03 a.m. An assault involving two students was reported.

Students feel safe despite recent school shootings

BY JACQUELINE PELUSO AND SAMANTHA MACINA

Two shots rang out.

That's all it took for 20-year-old Asia McGowan to be fatally shot on April 10, 2009 at Henry Ford Community College in Michigan by fellow classmate Anthony Powell, 28, according to an article on CNN.com. The school was put on emergency lockdown, but by the time police found their bodies, it was too late.

Such incidents have also occurred at other colleges and high schools across the United States, such as Virginia Tech and Columbine. But despite these incidents, many Fairfield students say that they feel safe on campus.

That apparent safety was recognized last semester when Fairfield's Department of Public Safety won the Jeanne Clery

2008 Campus Safety Award for its various programs, including education and prevention as well as emergency response.

Fairfield University was the only recipient this year. "That was a big deal for us," said associate director of Public Safety Frank Ficko, who says that the key to making sure the campus is safe is constant reviews and updates of current emergency plans.

The Fairfield University Emergency Notification System "Connect-Ed", also known as Stag Alert, will immediately go into effect, notifying students with instructions on what to do.

By sending students and faculty e-mails, text messages and phone calls, it "distributes emergency notifications without delay in situations where a clear and active threat or emergency

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On Thurs., April 30, the Politics of Race, Class, and Gender will be hosting a hip-hop themed block party on the Oak Room Patio. The event will celebrate hip-hop and use it to engage guests in a politically conscious manner. Students can involve themselves in interactive activities concerning issues such as the cost of education, the economy, and sexual abuse.

There will be music and basketball, dancing and graffiti, refreshments, and much more. It's fun for everyone, so come out for this festive occasion and engage yourself in issues that concern you!



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Concerned town members file complaint against station

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Flatto recently requested \$28 million in federal stimulus money from the state to help finish the project, but his request was denied. He assured citizens, though, that he has been in "promising talks" with Connecticut Department of Transportation Commissioner Joseph Marie, who intends to remain fully committed to the project.

Vice President of Administrative and Student Affairs Mark Reed is on the Fairfield Ethics Commission, to which a "concerned citizens group" filed the complaint. The complaint was eventually dismissed because there was not enough probable cause to support it, according to public records.

Reed declined to comment on the issue because he is not the Commission's official spokesperson, and he stressed he is on the Commission as a town resident only.

Fairfield Physics Professor Leslie Schaffer is part of the concerned citizens group who filed the complaint.

"I haven't seen any public statements other than 'everything's okay,'" Schaffer said. "But we haven't seen any of the detailed evidence that they have taken the steps that they were supposed to do — no one has made me rest assured that they have been doing the right thing."

The conclusion of the ethics complaint reads "While Mr. Flatto and Mr. Saxl [Fairfield's Town Attorney] do not appear to have a private interest, as that term is commonly understood, in the FMC project, they do appear to have been overly inclined to accommodate the project's operations, which tends to influence their judgment in ways that may conflict with the public's interest, especially when that tendency leads to violations of the Charter, as has occurred in this case."

George Bisacca, formerly the Fairfield men's basketball head coach and athletic director, as well as a 1983 Fairfield athletic hall of fame inductee, is the lawyer who represents the group of "concerned citizens."

He said in a recent editorial in the *Connecticut Post* that

"The concerned citizens have never done anything to delay the Metro Center project. The inactivity on the project for long periods of time, followed by the recent foreclosure action and now the rejection of the town's request for stimulus funds because of a failure to obtain necessary permits according to Flatto, are all contributing factors to the current muddled state of the project — and none of these factors can be attributed to the concerned citizens group."

As problems continue to delay train station development, many Fairfield student interns express the need for more parking and more rides to the train station.

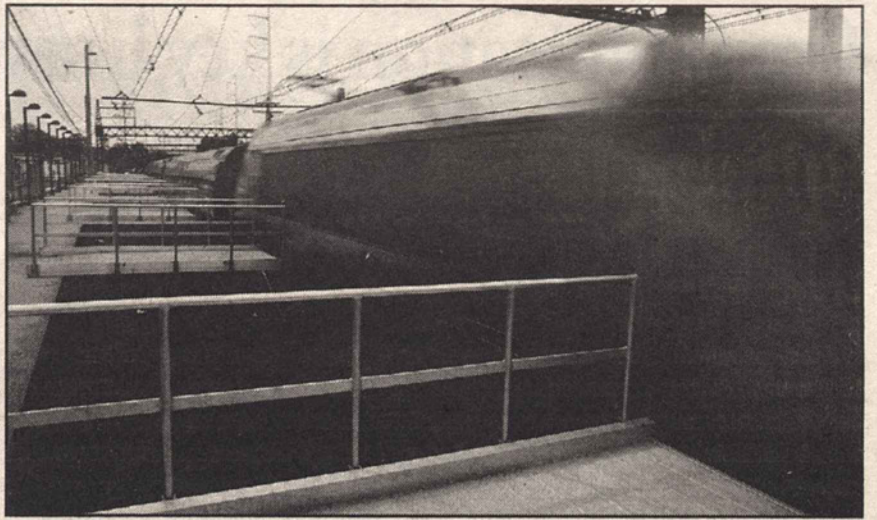
"Overall, the train experience is not all that bad, but I do believe Fairfield could be of better help," said Cribbin. "Last year as an on-campus resident without a car, I needed to take a \$10 train ride every Tuesday and Friday morning. Something like this could easily be avoided with the transportation that the school could provide."

Current Senate Chair Frank Fioretti '10 said that the Transportation Committee is working on having a slightly smaller bus make rounds to Post Road and Black Rock next year, though he said he did not know much about the new train station plans.

"In addition, we have been meeting with administrators and representatives from Hertz to bring this system where students can register and be able to reserve a car and use it for the amount of time they require it," he said. "With that said, the senate has not been working on changing the times of the shuttle bus or having any type of bus or shuttle go to the new Black Rock Turnpike station."

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs James Fitzpatrick said he heard completion of the train station is a long way off and sees no "short term impact" for students.

"Our focus for next year will be the town shuttle with more rides to town and the current train station as well as Sat-



Peter Caty/The Mirror

The construction of a new Black Rock Turnpike train station would provide relief for many New York City student interns who are in desperate need of more parking and rides.

urday service to the Black Rock shopping district," he said.

Student interns all too familiar with parking fines and peak hour train rides stress the need for early morning train shuttles and free parking.

"Let's be honest, I see more kids at that train station three mornings a week than I do taking a shuttle to CVS and Stop n Shop throughout the day," said Cribbin.

Lauren Levy '09, another New York city intern, feels that the University should pay better attention to transportation needs.

"I've interned the past two semesters at different places and different times," she said. "The current train shuttle has been absolutely no use to me because of its odd schedule and timing. Fairfield should evaluate the times that students would need a shuttle and from that information, create a more useful schedule."

Fioretti said that he would look into "the possibility of having a bus go to the train station during peak morning transit, but I think the issue that will arise is whether the bus will be utilized by enough students to make it worth having."

"As far as the new train station goes," he said, "If I had more information on it, I could look into having the new station be incorporated into the school's plan for transportation next fall."

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Communication is key between Public Safety and students

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exists that impacts the community and where it is recommended that the recipients take some form of action in response to the active threat or emergency," according to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy.

Although Fairfield is a relatively safe campus, if there was an active shooter on campus, Public Safety's Rapid Response Plan would go into effect. When escape from a dangerous situation is not possible, students and faculty are advised to remain quiet and stay hidden while listening to the directions of the officers on the scene.

Public Safety's current emergency plan is the result of an incident that occurred on campus back in 2002. On Feb. 12 of that year, 28 people were held hostage in Canisius room 103 by a recent University graduate, Patrick Arbelo.

Arbelo, a 2001 graduate, walked into Religious Studies Professor Elizabeth Dreyer's religious studies class carrying a box he claimed contained a bomb.

Although he was charged with 28 counts of kidnapping, he was found 'not guilty' by reason of insanity. Arbelo was admitted into a psychiatric ward in 2003 and was released this past February.

"The problem with the hostage crisis was that students did not know what was going on," said Ficko. "There was a lack of communication." He recounted that it took several minutes for officers and students to know what exactly was going on.

After the event, the FBI wanted Fairfield to change its plans in dealing with an emergency situation, resulting in the Three-Phase Renovation Public Safety installed and is still fine-tuning to this day.

"I think that if there were an emergency on campus that Public Safety is as prepared as they can be and I trust them to keep me safe," said Dennis Durkin '11. "I am sure that they will inform us on what we need to do."

"I actually feel safe on this campus," said Jason Maloney '11. "Public safety makes their presence known."

From the 17 Code Blue Phones located in various locations on campus to the 24/7 patrol cars driving around, Public Safety is not that hard to reach.

"Being a girl on campus I feel well protected," said Brittany Martin '11. "I have never felt that I have been put in a threatening situation, but if something were to happen I know Public Safety would get involved."

These feelings of safety come despite the 58 cases of larceny/theft,

26 burglaries and five aggravated assaults reported for the 2007-08 school year.

"Public safety is usually seen as negative by the students on campus," said Ficko. "But at the end of the day the question is, during their [students'] time on campus, do they feel safe? I feel that the majority of students will answer 'yes' to this question," he said.

Drug arrests increase 750 percent over three year period

BY VAL BERTOLAMI

According to the 2008 Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics, the number of drug violation arrests on Fairfield's campus rose from two to fifteen over the past three years.

An explanation for this rise could be that in 2006, the Department of Public Safety changed its procedures in dealing with drug abuse violations so that the Fairfield Police Department is now notified for any and all narcotic violations that Public Safety encounters.

Susan Birge, director and assistant vice president of student resources of Fairfield counseling and psychological said that the reason the number of arrests has increased is because of the new University protocol, not because of a growing drug problem.

Birge noted that while the number of drug violation arrests has increased, the number of drug related violations disciplinary referrals was actually lower in 2007 than in the three preceding years. In 2007 the number of violations was down from 84 to 77, which included the 15 arrests.

"Fairfield's Substance Abuse Program is very comprehensive" said Birge. "Students who have alcohol and/or drug violations participate in CHOICES or BASICS, which are educational interventions."

Birge also added that "depending on the outcome of the substance abuse evaluation, students participate in individual or group treatment to address these issues."

The Jeanne Clery Report is published every

October, meaning that the 2008 report only included 2007 statistics and the three years prior. "Though I have not reviewed all 2008 statistics, it's fair to assume that our numbers will remain generally consistent" said Frank Ficko, associate director of the Public Safety Department, of the predicted 2008 crime statistics. The crime statistics for 2008 will be published in October 2009.

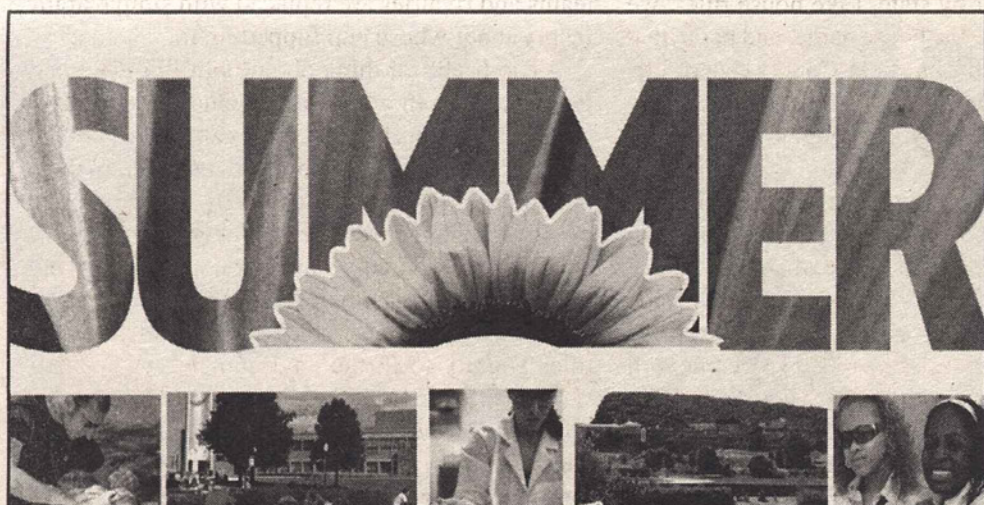
Each year, Fairfield, along with many other Universities around the country is required to publish all crime statistics on campus in the Jeanne Clery Report. Besides drug and alcohol violations of campus, the report includes the number of sexual offenses, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and much more. The Clery Report's official website, www.securityoncampus.com, has the statistics for all the school that conduct this report, and Fairfield's stats are available to everyone on StagWeb and in the Public Safety office.

In comparing Fairfield University to its neighbor, Sacred Heart University, the results seem dramatically different. The drug arrests at Sacred Heart were one arrest in 2005 which rose to five arrests in 2007.

Also rising was the number of disciplinary referrals for liquor law violations on campus. The number of "write-up" incidences rose from 756 in 2006 to 900 in 2007.

Ficko did not feel that this was a particularly significant jump and said to keep in mind that if Public Safety finds a dorm room with five students violating liquor laws, that one room becomes five violations.

"It depends on the year," said Ficko.



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Ending on low note ... or never ending at all

Best of the year: Four MAAC championships

When the men's and women's soccer teams won the MAAC tournament in back-to-back weeks, it seemed that Fairfield athletics was about to head down an unprecedented path of success.

This spring, the women's tennis team continued the trend with an upset victory over Marist in the MAAC tournament, while the women's lacrosse team completed an undefeated regular season before earning a berth in the NCAA tournament this past weekend.

Many people seem to think that the athletics at Fairfield is not strong enough, but those people are simply looking in the wrong places. While the more popular sports, like men's basketball and men's lacrosse have not reached the NCAA tournament in the past few years, the soccer programs and women's lacrosse teams have established themselves as the class of the MAAC.

With the softball team sitting in first place in the MAAC, it could be five championships and a Commissioner's Cup trophy for Fairfield before this year is over.

Worst of the year: The Banner Bandit

When we came back to campus, we were all (hopefully) made aware that some administration monkey business had taken place while we were home for the summer. A "banner bandit" or "StagWeb grade changer" was discovered; a senior who apparently went into StagWeb and changed his grades.

When we spoke to Orin Grossman, the academic vice president, last fall, he said that the reason the administration had not completely taken the student's diploma away was not only because the University was acting through forgiveness, but that the Fairfield handbook did not explicitly disallow hacking into StagWeb and changing grades. Explicit or not, students should be well aware that changing grades is an offense classed among cheating on tests or plagiarizing papers, except grade changing is much worse.

The professors who had this student, who actually were the first to report the incident, were the most violated in the situation. While they acted in a professional way, reported the grade change when they found it, they were repaid by the administration by being completely left out of the process of deciding the punishment for the student.

Yes, we're Jesuit and forgiveness is an important virtue of the Catholic tradition, but this really made our community question how far our notions of forgiveness reach. Let's just say, if *The Mirror* had been in Grossman's place, things would have played out differently.

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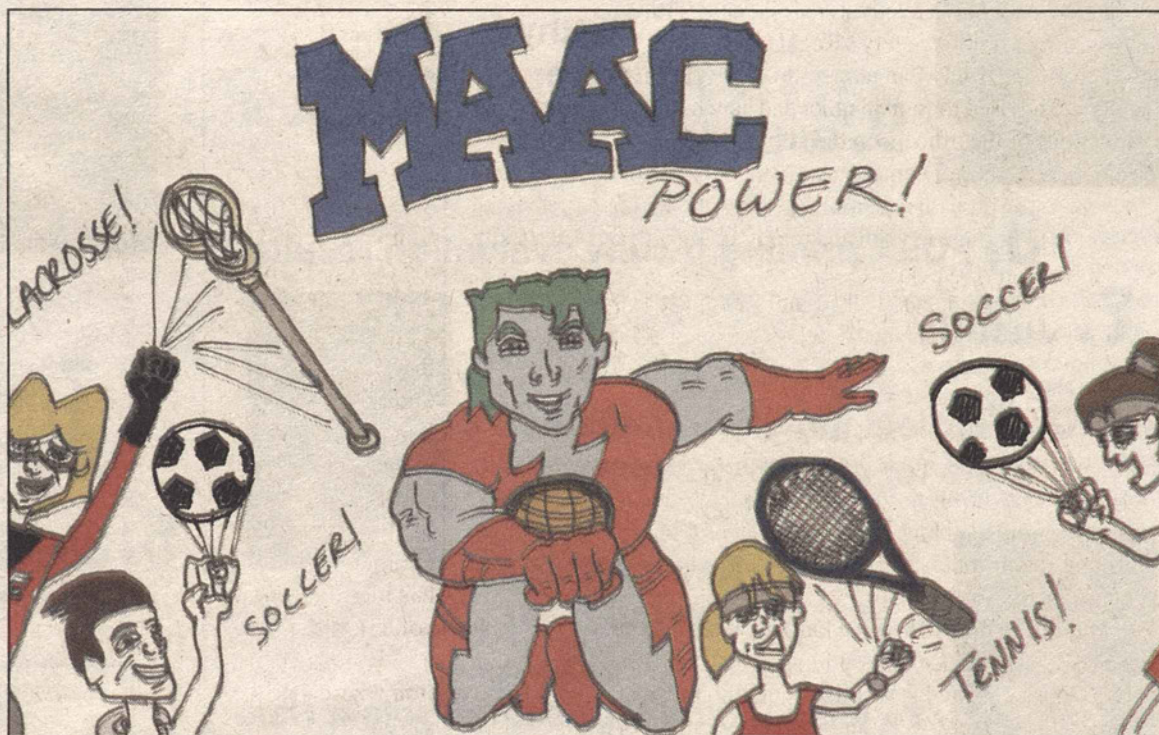
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MAAC-ing it up!



In reference to the Editorial to the left about Fairfield Athletics winning four MAAC tournaments this year in men's and women's soccer, women's tennis and women's lacrosse.

The name of the drinking game is the same

BY DAN LEITAO

It is the age old party debate: "Beirut" or "Beer Pong." As far of the name of the game goes, it is clear it is a regional distinction whether it is by town, by county or by state. Like house rules, we should also observe the house name, and being that our school resides in Fairfield County where it is known as Beirut. So next weekend when you are arguing if it is Beirut or Beer Pong, just remember Fairfield is Beirut territory.

Moving on from that point to the more poignant debate: which drinking game is the best? Flip Cup vs. Beirut. The purpose of all of drinking games is essentially to get drunk, whether it be card games, coin games or other eccentric drinking games. There are some games that involve true skill though. When it comes to cup based games, Flip Cup and Beirut are the two most common games played at Fairfield parties, with a few hybrids of the two also being played. But why are these games the most popular?

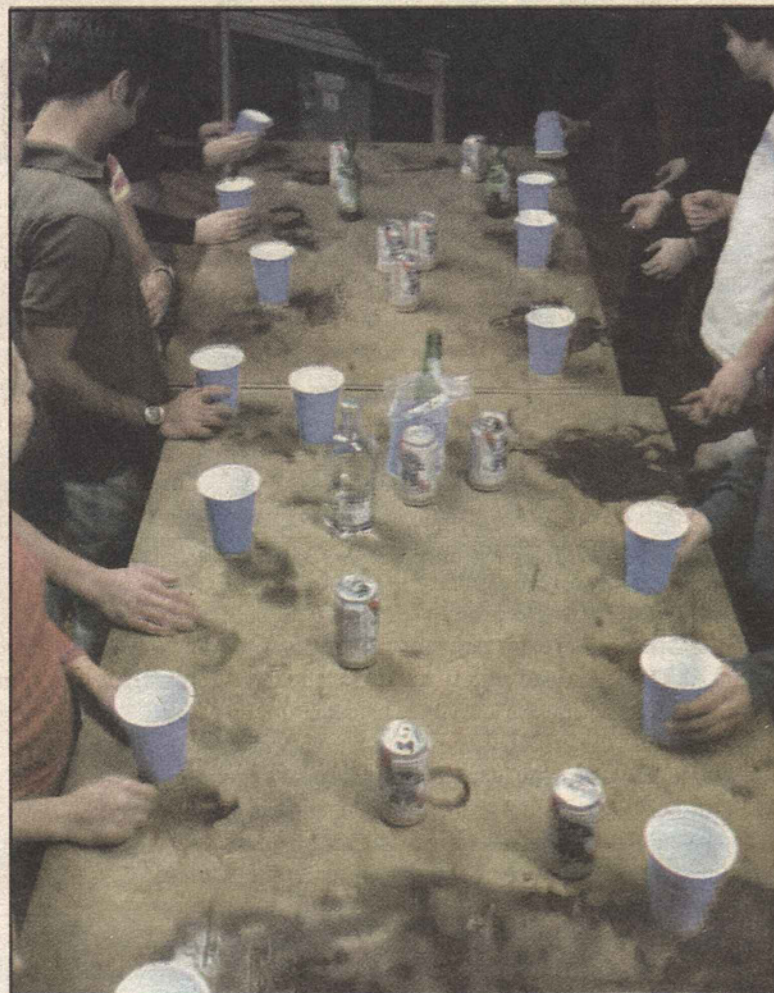
The debate between Flip Cup and Beirut is a simple one: ease. In Flip Cup everyone can attempt to play and eventually everyone ends up at the same level, flipping it three times before they hit it. It's no wonder girls prefer Flip Cup to Beirut. While they also claim that it is more social, this depends on who plays Beirut and the interest of those attending the party. Beirut is the something which people can talk about, play, spectate and even become the fifth man. It becomes clear that there is a reason why Beirut is the more common game at Fairfield as it is the only pure drinking game left.

Beirut, while a skill game that can be mastered, also has the ability to be drastically changed depending on your opponents level of intoxication. There is nothing worse than when one is on a run of five games straight and someone who is completely sober comes on the table. The game can be changed in just one turn: both players can hit, get send-backs, go on fire and come back being five cups down. In the

same way, a drunken swing of the arm can result in losing the game automatically when you knock over all your cups. Many a player can recount their best wins, worst losses and best shots. Flip Cup is much more of in-the-moment style game, in which teams and rivalries are replaced with simple arguments about whose cup flipped first.

The beautiful thing about both Flip Cup and Beirut is that they can be expanded. Flip Cup, whether you survive it or not, can accommodate as many players as possible and can even make a third team. Beirut is increased by the number of cups and then the number of players: six cups, 10 cups, 21 cups, 45 cups, and so on.

Beirut also has the perfect combination with continuity. Everyone is able to customize their own rules slightly to fit the environment and playing style, while still maintaining a common theme. However, at the end of the night, no matter what game you play, somehow we all end up winning by achieving our initial goal: drinking.



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Enjoying a flippant weekend with Flip Cup.

BEST 2008-2009 WORST



10. College of Arts and Science names Economics Dr. Kathy Nantz professor of the year.

9. Girl Talk

8. FUSA printing faculty evaluation results

7. Just-Us

6. Fairfield junior, Amanda Parks, runs for state representative



5. New cafeteria setup



4. Mike Cicirelli presents Project Halo

3. Townhouse parties continue to rage despite locked basements

2. Hutch never left

1. Men's soccer, women's soccer, women's lacrosse and women's tennis all win MAAC tournament



10. Recession hits Fairfield

9. Water main break on North Benson Road makes campus lose water

8. Soccer player injured at beach

7. Water pipe break in Dolan washes out CNS



6. Construction plans not being completed

5. Fire at La Salsa

4. Unopposed FUSA elections

3. Fairfield downgraded in college rankings

2. Sophomores can no longer have cars on campus

1. StagWeb Cheater/ Banner Bandit



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Chattin' for the last time



CHATTIN' WITH CHAPIN
ANDREW CHAPIN

These past weeks have been the college experience, jacked up on a 6 Hour Energy. For four years, we have lived a dreamy daze that we thought would never come to an end. Yet, here we are, standing in the sun at the beach, reflecting about our times at Fairfield as if they are already over. Not quite.

We have a lifetimes worth of college stories that might come up at my family dinner table, but they probably won't come up at yours. However, you will also have rewarding educational experiences to share with your children and some actual friends who are worth more than a smile.

This is my final Chattin' With Chapin, a column which wavered between influential and incoherent. Here are some tidbits I've picked up along the way:

Do not rush your way to the beach.

Despite Fairfield University's best efforts to deter students from living at the beach by offering substandard housing accommodations, this year only further validates that the beach is here to stay in a big way. With proper planning and enough Senior Beach Resident Association e-mails and Facebook messages, anything is possible.

And before Fairfield seniors begin to complain about what the SBRA didn't do, they should first look at themselves. As I have learned all too well at Fairfield, it's pretty easy to have an opinion; however, it is much more difficult to act and meet the criticism.

An alumni was in my house last night; she was rambling on about her hey-day. If I'm lecturing 21 and 22-year-old college seniors on the merits of drinking Mike's Hard Lemonade, I will not be returning for another Alumni Weekend.

Separation of University and students.

Kudos to the administration for trying to smother a

solely student run initiative — the reformed Clam Jam — this past Saturday. The events that are disassociated with the University are that much more satisfying because they're expected to fail.

Fairfield wonders why there is no relationship between Fairfield Beach students and campus. Have you ever been to Mug Night? Exactly. The University needs to examine how they view the students who live at the beach; the only way the wrongs of 10 years ago will be undone is if the University sides with its students before the overbearing, unappreciative town.

The boys in blue are not your friend ...

Public Safety will never be a friend to the Fairfield student so long as they continue to infringe upon the rights of the students. The administration protects these goons that abuse their miniscule privilege to the fullest extent of a falsified Public Safety report. As long as they make up the rules and the University validates them, the student — officer relationship will always remain strained.

As for Jail N' Bail, how can charity be forced on students in the name of the Special Olympics? I have no problem with donating my money to a good cause, but leave it to the boys in blue to bully students into contributing money to their charity.

... but Sodexo and Pritchard are.

Sodexo workers never get their due, especially the guys who work in the cafeteria and have to pick up after indolent Fairfield students who do not know how to put their

plates on a conveyer belt. Anyone who works for Pritchard, meanwhile, should receive a definite cut of the dorm damage bill; the atrocities they encounter in those dilapidated dorms and the wonders they work allow Fairfield students the opportunity clean their lily faces everyday.

I'm going to let everyone in on a not so secret tidbit of information: Fairfield University is only concerned with money, whether it is the tuition check that daddy cuts or the countless alumni donations that they solicit. I would much rather give a bum on the street \$20.00 than make a \$20.00 graduation donation to Fairfield. At least I know where the money is going.

Sitting in front of my house enjoying a searing Sunday, the grass is being swept from the grass, as garbage bags filled with empty cans and cases are carted off, I'm thinking to myself that this is the end. Can college get any better and have no affiliation whatsoever with Fairfield University? That, my friends, is a "best of both worlds" scenario I probably will not have the satisfaction of knowing again for a long time.

Fairfield University has introduced me to some wonderful people and more experiences than *The Giver*. I am indebted to a handful of teachers who have molded my mind as a student, a future educator and a person.

I've had a wonderful run. Hopefully, someone else will rise from the complacency of college life at Fairfield and continue to demand accountability from those who are so often given a free pass.



Krystina Occhicone/The Mirror

Using the student handbook as his Bible, Chapin preaches the words of FU.



What's Happening

Movies & TV

Matthew McConaughey stars in "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past" as Connor Meade, a womanizer who is confronted by all of his past girlfriends in an effort to try and correct his bad habits. The romantic comedy hits theatres May 1.

Hugh Jackman returns as the super-healing man in "X-Men Origins: Wolverine," in theatres May 1.

"New York Goes to Work" series premiere will air on VH1 Monday night at 10 p.m.

Chris Pine stars in "Star Trek," in theaters Friday. The new installment gives the classic a facelift, transporting "Trekkies" back to the beginning of the *The Original Series* crew.

Concerts & Performances

Foreigner is appearing at the Palace Theater in Stamford on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$127.

Britney Spears will be performing with the Pussycat Dolls at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Conn. on Sunday at 8 p.m. and Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Shwayze will be performing with Mickey Avalon at Toad's Place in New Haven on Sunday.

Adele will be performing at Roseland Ballroom in Manhattan on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Franz Ferdinand will be performing at Roseland Ballroom in Manhattan on Thursday at 8 p.m.

Radiohead's re-release generates more than just press

BY ALEX DORF

The remastered special editions of Radiohead's first three records released by Capitol Records have generated significant controversy, due mostly to the band's disavowal of the project.

As much as Capitol has been wrong since the bitter acrimony that led to the band striking out on its own, these reissues are fantastically presented and lovingly prepared.

They may be cash grabs, but the label's intentions hardly matter when the package presented is as good as it is here. These 2CD/DVD sets are loaded with B-sides, music videos, and live performances, but the real importance of these reissues is contained within the previously released albums. With all the press surrounding the band's decision to allow listeners to name their own price for its seventh album "In Rainbows," it became easy to forget the brilliance of "OK Computer" and "The Bends." It's time to get reacquainted.

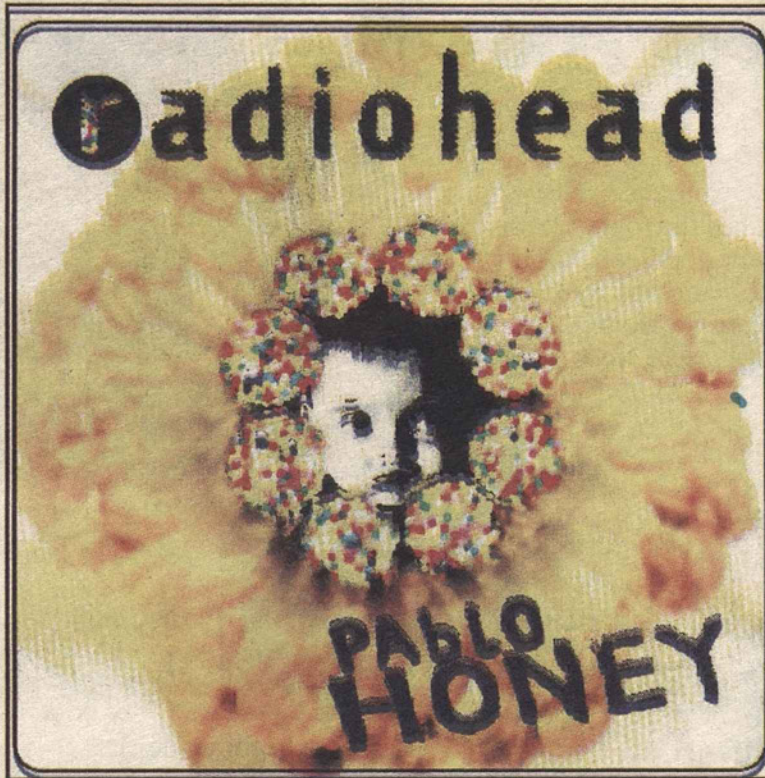
First, there's debut album "Pablo Honey." Listening to "Pablo Honey" in 1993, it would have been impossible to predict that Radiohead would become the most important and consistently interesting band in the world. It's a relatively weak collection of grunge tracks that tend to mesh together. It's a decidedly immature work by a young band. It's not completely bereft of good songs, but it's not really worth listening to.

When it comes down to it, the historical import of "Pablo Honey" stems mostly from its lead single 'Creep.' The song's enormous success scared lead singer and primary songwriter Thom Yorke, who is notorious for being extremely shy and reserved. Yorke never wanted to be a rock star, and this led to his rejection of the sound of "Pablo Honey" on the band's next record.

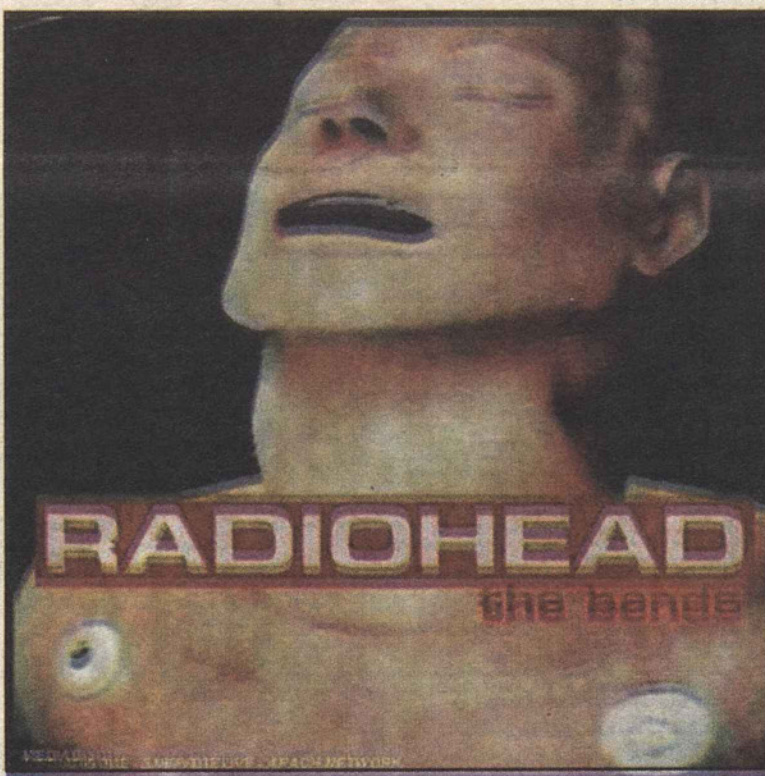
This crippling fear of success led to the band's first masterpiece, "The Bends." A crippled, paranoid record, "The Bends" runs through 12 anthems of urban alienation unrivaled in their

ability to combine a deeply felt paranoia with an arena rock sense of pop hooks. The album refines the sound of "Creep" while removing its cliché whining.

On "The Bends" and "OK Computer," it connects more in one song than most bands ever accomplish in their careers.



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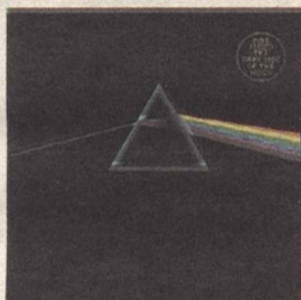
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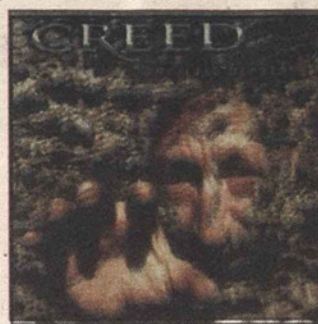
Song: Attention Span
Artist: Rebellion

Rebellion's first album, "Courage to Grow," was a great success that has the roots reggae style of bands like Sublime and Pepper. This song is the perfect combination of rock and reggae that the Southern California style employs.



Song: Eclipse
Artist: Pink Floyd

An epic ending to a legendary album.



Song: One Last Breath
Artist: Creed

Ever since Scott Stapp and the gang won a Grammy in 2001 I've been hooked.



Song: Open Road
Artist: Slightly Stoopid

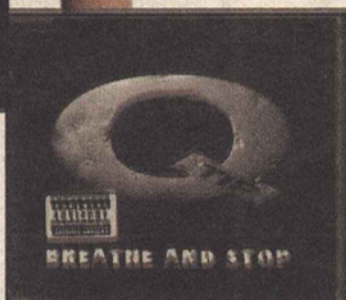
A "slightly" awesome song that is perfect for cruising down any avenue or block.



Song: Take (Live at St. Gallen)
Artist: The John Butler Trio

His live stuff is great and 'Take' has the jam band style that I love.

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Song: Breathe and Stop
Artist: Q-Tip

An original song from "A Tribe Called Quest" which former band member Q-Tip made with a unique twist.

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Zac Efron proves he can be "17 Again"

BY CAROLYN VIDMAR (U-WIRE/BADGER HERALD)

Move over, Hannah Montana. Teen heartthrob and "High School Musical" star Zac Efron is taking your place. At the box office, at least. Last weekend, "Hannah Montana: The Movie" was the No. 1 movie in America, but this weekend, the title goes to Efron's new flick, "17 Again."

What does it say about America that in the last two weeks the No. 1 spot at the box office is held by a Disney Channel star? Maybe it's that screaming 12-year-old girls and their parents are the ones who will still head to the theater in droves during a financial crisis. Forget about thought-provoking films that win awards in categories like art direction and best screenplay — apparently, America just wants Efron.

But, let's be honest; it's hard not to want him. Even if you're so over the Disney Channel thing, you might still enjoy watching Efron strut around the silver screen in well-fitting jeans and aviators for two hours. He even manages to make eating a Nutella, mayonnaise, Doritos and pickle sandwich look hot.

With a few feature films under his belt, Efron is slowly moving his career beyond the "High School Musical" realm. His genuine performance in "17 Again" is a success. But can he star in a movie where he's not dancing or playing basketball? We'll have to keep waiting to find out.

"17 Again" starts out as follows: Boy meets girl, boy and girl fall in love, boy gets girl pregnant, walks out on the basketball game that could get him a college scholarship — and they live happily ever after.

Or not.

Twenty years later, Mike O'Donnell (Matthew Perry, "Friends") is past his prime and never lived up to his potential. He seems to blame his wife (Leslie

Mann, "Knocked Up") for his disappointing life, and, as a result, his marriage is in shambles. In just the first few moments, we see teenage Mike (Zac Efron, "High School Musical") as the good guy and adult Mike as the loser.

Then one day, after reminiscing about his high school glory years, adult Mike falls into a terribly computer-generated swirling black hole and emerges as his teenage self. Mike and his dweeby millionaire best friend Ned Gold (Thomas Lennon, "Reno 911!") decide Mike's "spirit guide" must want Mike to go back to high school so he can have another chance. "I'm going back to high school!" teenage Mike shouts

with joy. He soon discovers, however, that high school is not about helping himself but about helping his family.

Hilarity ensues as teenage Mike tries to navigate his way through high school in 2009, which includes dealing with bullies, basketball, and ... sex-ed class with his daughter.

The film's biggest downfall is its overdone, contrived high school scenarios, full of details that just don't make sense. For example, in 2009, no one listens to Limp Bizkit. No one wears head-to-toe bedazzled Ed Hardy gear.

The captain of the

basketball team probably would not date a girl with blue streaks in her hair. Some exceptionally stupid one-liners, like "If that boy were an apple, he'd be a delicious," will make audiences gag.

However, a stellar cast injects comedy and charm into this otherwise nonsensical plot. "17 Again" is not groundbreaking by any means, but it's definitely got a few tricks up its sleeve (mostly in the form of performances by Lennon, Mann and Efron).

At the very least, "17 Again" will make audiences laugh. It's the No. 1 movie in America — so it can't be that bad, right?



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Zac Efron delivers a genuine and charming performance as a middle-aged man with an unconventional second chance.

News & Notes

Green Day will release its first album since 2004, "21st Century Breakdown," on May 15.



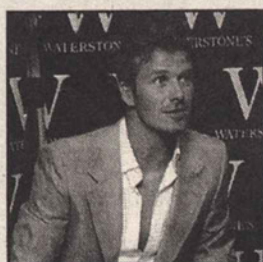
CW's hit TV series **Gossip Girl** delivered a dismal 1.4/2 rating this week. Sources say viewership is down 26 percent from last year.



British comedian **Russell Brand** is set to star in the remake of the 1991 cult hit film "Drop Dead Fred." Brand will play the trouble-making imaginary friend.



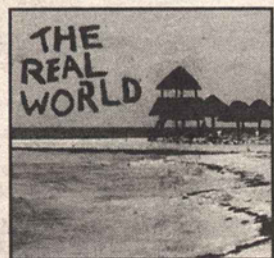
Reality TV couple **Spencer Pratt** and **Heidi Montag** were married this weekend in Pasadena, California.



Golden Girls actress **Bea Arthur** passed away this weekend at her Brentwood, California home.



Production for **The Real World: Cancun** has been shut down due to the swine flu outbreak in Mexico.



Model/"footballer" **David Beckham** is collaborating with James Bond, sneaker designer and owner of Undeclared shoe boutique, on a fall-winter men's collection for Adidas Originals by Originals.



Sex and the City star **Sarah Jessica Parker** and husband **Matthew Broderick** announced Tuesday that they are expecting twin daughters this summer.



Josh Kenney

HE said / SHE said Last call for seniors

Kristen McManus

Well, I guess this is it. Seeing as how classes are now over, finals are the only hurdles left before graduation and the summer. Scary. But us seniors aren't going down without a fight: we plan on dragging this college thing out as long as we possibly can. I think that's called Senior Week.

Even after all the brain cells we are guaranteed to lose throughout these last two weeks, so many cherished memories will undoubtedly remain. These memories are the kind that hundreds of Facebook photo albums will never be able to accurately represent, like the time we smuggled our first 30-rack into our freshman dorm, or the time we learned how the only tolerable way to drink Dubra was fresh out of the freezer. Or the time we went to our first townhouse party, or drunkenly hitched a ride up to the Beach. And how about all those drunken hookups with girls whose first names we never knew? College, bro. College.

But even after you take away the alcohol and the beach and the women, the past four years have left its mark on each and every

one of us in its own unique way. Because of Fairfield we are forever changed. In the experience we have found friends who, for the first time, understood us for who we really are. Some of us found professors and coaches that enabled us to grow in ways we could have never before imagined. And a few lucky ones have found someone deserving of more than just one night alone together.

And in two weeks time, seemingly without warning, all of this will come to an end. To anyone that has enjoyed my writing, I'm happy to have provided you with some intellectually provoking entertainment each and every Thursday. To those that just haven't gotten my perpetual wit and sarcasm, hopefully I'll be too sloshed to remember you when we cross paths at the Grape during Senior Week.

And to whoever succeeds me in this position I have only one bit of advice: be yourself. Remember that it's your column, so write whatever the hell you damn well please. How's that for a blueprint?

In a "column" about college stereotypes, sometimes it's hard to figure out if statements are completely true. Luckily, the stereotypes at Fairfield are often reality.

Hopefully no FOGs* have been harmed in the writing of this column, or bros, former residents of the Dugout, guidos, chronic "where u at" texters, platonic lunch dates, people who live every day like it's 4/20 and beach patrollers.

Frankly, becoming the She Said during the last semester of college has allowed me to creatively reflect on the Fairfield experience. That being said, you shouldn't take these umbrella comments seriously. The Coffee Break section of the paper is a. ridiculous, b. controversial, c. the reason some students read the paper, or d. all of the above.**

So, Mirror editors, keep it that way. I hope next year's selections can write with the appropriate voice. Though not really "journalism," it's fun to read opinions about the disproportionate ratio of hot girls to hot guys here and warnings to underclassmen about FGTGs, or freshmen girl target groups (i.e. the Gator).

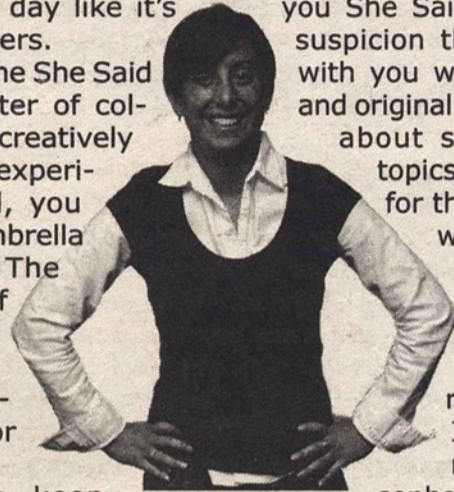
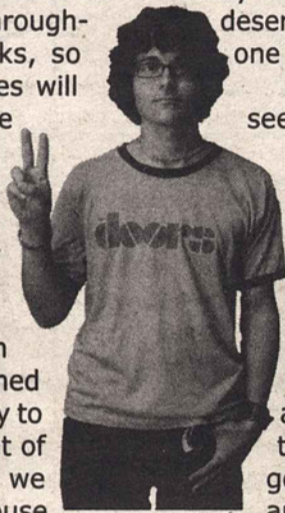
It's challenging to write the She Said when your counterpart columnist hates on college with a peace sign. Light-hearted digs aside, Josh is a good writer and is pretty witty in his own way. Last year's act was hard to follow and I think that he deserves credit for putting up with a lot of haters. Advice to the successor: If you can't handle "Aren't you She Said?" comments, or suspicion that conversations with you will end up in print and original 300+ word articles about somewhat loaded topics, then don't apply for this position. Otherwise, know the truth makes the best story and have fun with it.

If you are currently a freshman, I hate you. On that note, I also hate the sophomores and juniors. FYL***; I envy you, and dislike that next year I'll have to read the Mirror online and think that although Fairfield gets smaller as the years go on, I'd rather do it all again than wait for the reunion.

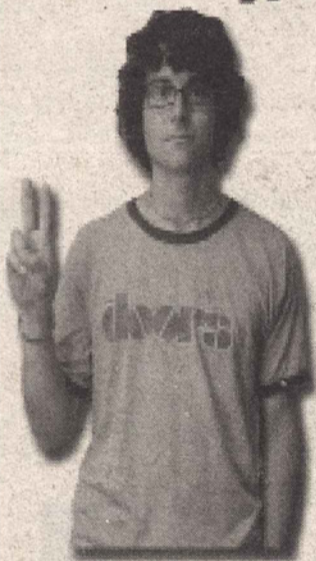
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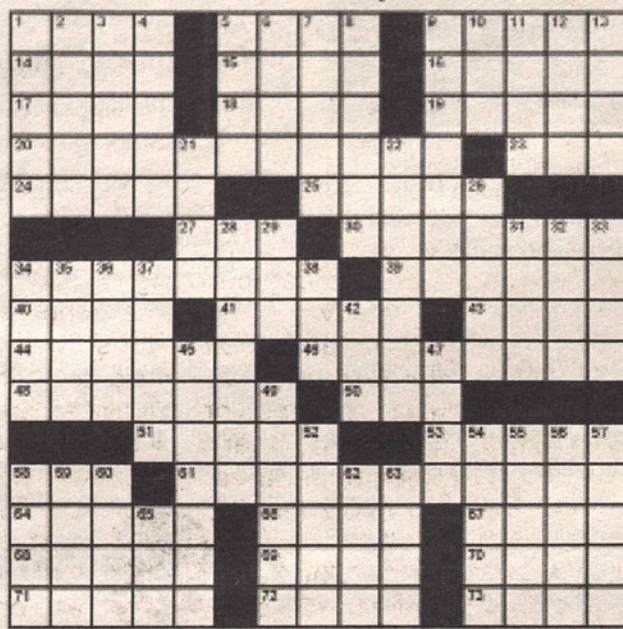
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by Joshua O'Connell

ACROSS

1. music boosters
5. Cain's brother
9. lead character
14. entrap
15. mama's partner
16. a French goodbye
17. upper angle between an axis and offshoot
18. compass direction
19. Specific scientific solution mix
20. big song's lyric, part I
23. poetic before
24. used for catching fish, sometimes
25. burger bites, perhaps
27. plus
30. irritated
34. annoying driver?
39. pretend it doesn't exist
40. Turkish military leader title
41. not from this world
43. bones part of the hip bone
44. took away
46. influenced by a supernatural power
48. take in marriage
50. America, for short
51. launches new store
53. lions have them
58. possesses
61. big song's lyric, part II
64. complete something better
66. not madams
67. Bart's sister
68. Lionel makes small ones
69. bone in forearm
70. Member of a certain Semitic people
71. lead character
72. popular marshmallow treat
73. Kansas town



3. 3, 5, 7, 11, 13...
4. Alabama town
5. one who copies another
6. Semitic deity
7. type of salt
8. Republic in Europe
9. pretty serious, like evidence
10. fuss
11. Egyptian sight
12. close by
13. popular holiday log
21. important times
22. baseball rounds
26. relating to sound
28. lake between Israel and Jordan
29. 10 liters
31. in eggs, it's the yellow
32. Famous Canal
33. not alive
34. at Citi Field, there's first, second and third
35. gets older
36. a small, broken-off piece
37. humming instrument
38. country singer McGraw
42. French water
45. agreeable sounds
47. unstressed-stressed syllables
49. finishes (2 wds.)
52. grin
54. Muslim name for God
55. Nigerian money
56. they can be persuasive
57. pierces with a sharp instrument
58. has a strong attraction
59. intangible quality surrounding a person or thing
60. Eminem song featuring Dido
62. type of eagle
63. the sooner the better (abbrev.)
65. completed

DOWN

1. collect
2. accidental switcheroo

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Week of 04/27/09

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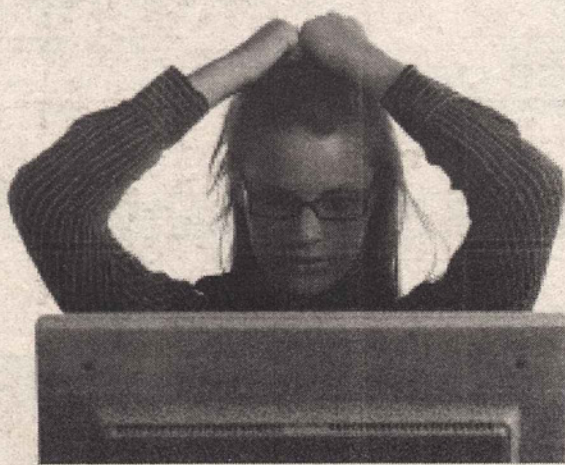
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Crew's odd couple:

Jessup, Andrews at the forefront of Fairfield rowing's banner season

BY MICHELLE MORRISON

One stands 6-feet-4-inches, 205 pounds, a powerhouse from the state of "crab cakes and football" (MD). The other, four inches shorter and 40 pounds lighter, sits with lithe grace of a tiger ready to pounce.

Though this may appear to be an odd combination, it is obviously one that works; junior James Jessup and sophomore Ben Andrews are the MAAC champions in men's pair rowing, a formidable duo that has gone undefeated this season.

"It's comical to watch us, we're so mismatched," said Jessup, a native of Potomac, Md.

Though they have been very successful, it has been a struggle all season to adjust to rowing together because of their height and weight disparity, according to Jessup and Andrews.

"I'm the fat guy in the boat," said Jessup, explaining that while he rowed in an open category last year, Andrews rowed in the lightweight four.

Andrews, of Mahwah, NJ, said that he uses a seat pad to give him an extra boost because Jessup's rowing strokes are naturally longer than his, making timing difficult.

"It's like trying to use a 5'11" mirror for someone who's 6'4"," said Jessup.

According to Andrews, he and

Jessup are the only two on the men's team who rowed in high school, which helps keep them dedicated to their grueling schedule.

"We know what's demanded of us to do well," said Andrews, describing the process of waking up daily at 5:20 a.m. for practice, heading to class and then spending additional hours training at the gym. This comes in addition to their heavy academic load, with Andrews, a biology major, and Jessup, a psychology major.

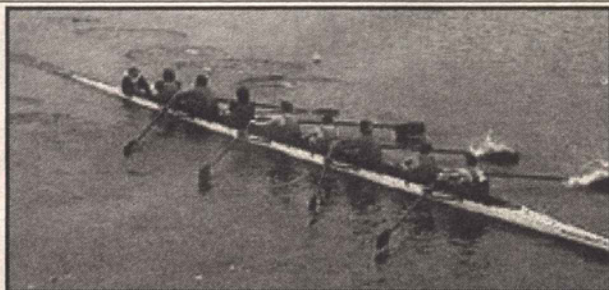
This year has been especially difficult for both Jessup and Andrews, as both missed portions of the fall season due to mononucleosis and back problems, respectively.

After a period of retraining, Andrews and Jessup teamed up after spring break, becoming the first to use the rowing team's brand new pair boat.

"We're living the high life," said Andrews of the new shell, which the team bought at the beginning of this school year.

As there is no coxswain on a pair boat, Andrews steers using a foot rudder while Jessup controls "rating," or rowing together.

Jessup said that the pair is the hardest boat to row because "you



Mirror File Photo

James Jessup and Ben Andrews, who enjoyed a fine season for Fairfield Rowing, conclude their spring season with the Dad Vail Regatta this weekend on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia.

have no control over the other side and you have to rely on your partner to be consistent."

Despite the numerous challenges they have faced, Jessup and Andrews have managed to make the spring 2009 season one to remember.

They dominated the MAAC tournament, grabbing the championship victory in mid-April with a time of 8:08.4, which beat the second place team (Marist) by more than 17 seconds.

"We were still in exasperating pain but we had smiles on our faces," said Andrews.

This past weekend, the pair dominated the Spring Mets Regatta, beating Iona and Fordham with a time of 7:11.7. Jessup and Andrews will close their season at the three-day Dad Vail regatta in Philadelphia, PA in early May.

"It's a love hate relationship," said Jessup, describing the "knives in your legs" during races and the practices when "you go to the point of puking and then you do it again."

"But it's addictive," finished Andrews.

Seven memorable headlines from 2008-09

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5 Almost (again) for volleyball ... again

For the past four seasons, the season was run like clockwork for volleyball: gain experience in out-of-conference games, dominate the MAAC and struggle in the postseason.

Unfortunately, first-year head coach Alija Pittenger and the Stags fell victim to the same script again in 2009. Following a 20-13 season that included 16 conference victories, two of which came against MAAC rival Siena, the Saints upset the Stags in Albany in the MAAC Championship game in Albany in impressive fashion, 3-0.

Despite the losses, Fairfield still boasts a fine chance of bucking the trend a year from now: junior Katie Mann returns with a talented group of underclassmen. — Keith Connors

6 Copelan ushers in new era

A year after the men's lacrosse season was marred by a 4-9 record and a head coaching change, head coach Andy Copelan and the Stags turned the page and showed flashes of brilliance. The season was highlighted by a thrilling win in the home opener against Delaware, a 5-4 overtime win in Happy Valley against Penn State and a winning record for the first time since 2005. With a talented core returning, including impressive freshman goalkeeper Charlie Cipriano, the sky is the limit. — Keith Connors

7 A smashing season for tennis

The women's tennis team avenged a regular season loss to Niagara to win the MAAC Championship to automatically qualify for the NCAA Tournament. The Stags draw USC in the tournament's first round. Junior Paulina Rys was named the Tournament's Most Outstanding Player as she went 3-0 in doubles and 2-0 in singles play.

The top-seeded men's team fell in the finals of the MAAC Championships to second-seeded Marist, 5-2. This marks the second straight year that Marist beat Fairfield in the finals. — Chris Simmons

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SOFTBALL

Split results: Following a difficult, 3-0 setback against Sacred Heart, the Stags rebounded with a nice performance against St. Peter's this past weekend. Despite splitting the weekend series, Fairfield shined in a 7-0 victory in the first game of Sunday's doubleheader. Sophomore Kayla Marth had two hits and drove in two runs.

BASEBALL

Two out of three: Before the Stags' 20-13 setback against Sacred Heart on Tuesday afternoon, baseball continued to show improved conference play with two wins in three games against Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) rival Rider. Fairfield won the two games by a combined margin of fifteen runs.

HE SAID IT...

"I think finishing 7-6 is a lot nicer than finishing 6-7. [And] to have a decisive win like that on Senior Day and get everybody in the game, it really was a solid moment."

- Men's lacrosse head coach Andy Copelan on the Stags' 17-5 win over St. John's this past Saturday on the team's Senior Day.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Women's Lacrosse vs. Sacred Heart Saturday, May 2

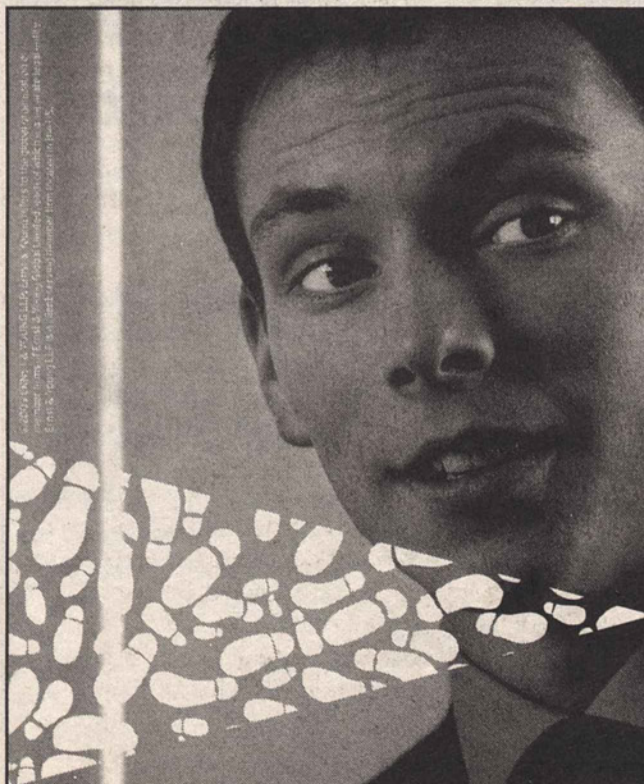
After one of the program's finest seasons, head coach Mike Waldvogel and the Stags stand one game away of an illustrious goal: the NCAA Tournament. Only the Pioneers, Fairfield's cross-town rival, stand in the way in the form of a play-in game to be played at Lessing Field this Saturday afternoon. Earlier this season, Kristen Coleman scored five goals and the Stags cruised to a 16-11 victory over SHU.

MALE STAG-LETES OF THE WEEK

ATHLETE: Brent Adams '12
SPORT: Men's Lacrosse

FEMALE STAG-LETES OF THE WEEK

ATHLETE: Rebecca White '09
SPORT: Women's Lacrosse




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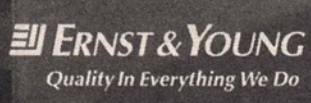
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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

A storybook season:

Head coach Mike Waldvogel and women's lacrosse stand one game away from the Big Dance

SHE SAID IT...

"It's hard because everyone is starting to party and hang out on the beach and we hide in our house and shut out blinds. But it's all worth it."

Senior midfielder Alyssa Vecchione on her being a senior during the Stags' MAAC Championship run and goal of an NCAA berth.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR



Fairfield vs. Sacred Heart

Sat. May 2, 3 p.m. at Lessing Field
The Stags look to cap a phenomenal season and a MAAC Championship win with a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

MAAC STANDINGS

Team	Overall	Conf.
Fairfield	16-2	6-0
Marist	12-5	4-2
Manhatan	11-5	4-2
Canisius	8-10	4-2
Iona	5-10	2-4
Niagara	4-11	1-5
Siena	6-10	0-6

BY KEITH CONNORS

Clichés can be an athlete's best friend and worst enemy. When it comes to preparation, women's lacrosse embraces them.

"Respect everyone, fear no one," senior midfielder Rebecca White said. "That's what [head coach Mike Waldvogel] always says."

But when it comes to the team's emotional, 19-9 victory over Marist, the same team that prematurely ended the Stags' season a year ago, in this past Saturday's MAAC Championship game in New Rochelle, you can basically throw cute sayings out the window.

"We wanted it to be no question," White said. "We didn't want it to be a close game. We didn't want to win by just a couple of goals. We really wanted to make a statement."

"Everyone came out so intense, so on top of their game and ready to play," she added.

Much like many of the team's victories this season, the Stags did indeed make a statement in their win over the Red Foxes, which marks the team's first MAAC Championship since 2001. The Stags stormed out to a 7-0 win in the game's first 15 minutes.

"I thought we played great," Waldvogel said. "We were picking up every ground ball and we won every draw (in the first half). It was pretty much a dominant effort."

Fittingly, Waldvogel's senior class was at the forefront of the dominance was the senior class. White scored six goals on the afternoon and nine points in the Stags' two



Courtesy of MAAC

The women's lacrosse team poses for a picture with the MAAC Championship trophy following a thrilling 19-9 win over Marist on Sunday in New Rochelle.

postseason games, adding to her team-high 61 goals.

Fellow senior Abbey Goodwin added four goals in the victory, which was all the more meaningful given the long, strange journey of a class that has seen the program evolve from a 7-10 overall record with three coaching changes to the top of the conference.

"This win is especially big as seniors and upperclassmen," Goodwin said. "We knew how we felt after the game last year, and we did not want to feel that way again."

"We've come a long way the past four years," White added.

Fairfield's ultimate goal however, still lies one win away. The Stags need to defeat Sacred Heart this Saturday to earn a play-in berth in the NCAA Tournament. Earlier this season, the Stags downed the Pioneers, 16-11.

"We're trying to look at it like a new game," Waldvogel said. "We've improved, (and) they've improved. They're a different team now."

A victory, however, is very much on the minds of a team looking to make yet another statement.

"I think we are really excited and really prepared," said senior midfielder Alyssa Vecchione.

MEN'S LACROSSE

All in the family

Adams' immediate impact a sign of things to come for men's lacrosse

HE SAID IT...

"I was recruiting him at Maryland, and it actually boiled down to us, Maryland, and Syracuse and he chose Fairfield. I think that was a nice splash for us"

Head coach Andy Copelan on Maryland prospect Marshall Johnson, one of several prized prospects in next year's freshman class.

A LOOK BACK



Fairfield, 17, St. John's 5

Stags end four-game losing streak
Senior Chris Ajemian scored four goals and lead Fairfield to an impressive victory.

ECAC STANDINGS

Team	Overall	Conf.
Loyola (Md.)	9-4	6-1
Massachusetts	8-5	5-1
Fairfield	7-6	4-3
Penn. St	8-5	3-3
Georgetown	7-6	3-3
Rutgers	4-10	2-4
Hobart	7-6	2-5
St. John's (N.Y.)	5-8	1-6

BY KEITH CONNORS

They're not quite the Mannings, but the Adams were synonymous with lacrosse success long before their youngest son, Brent, made a visit to campus as an All-State midfielder at Norwalk High School.



ADAMS

Older brother, Owen, a stand-out midfielder at Stonybrook, recently tried out for the Boston Cannons after a four-year stint with the Sea Wolves.

His eldest brother, Greg, was Wesleyan's only three-time All-American and played for the Long Island Lizards a season ago.

The allure of following in siblings' footsteps was strong, but Adams chose a different path.

"When I chose to come here it was a no-brainer," Adams said. "I had been to campus before, and Coach Spencer was a really nice guy. He offered me a scholarship so it was an easy choice."

A few months later, now under the direction of first-year head coach Andy Copelan, Adams has established himself as worthy of his lineage and his stunning season — Adams led the Stags with a 27 points and 11 assists on the year — is just a glimpse into the prospects of Fairfield lacrosse's future.

Adams was at his best in the season's final week, highlighted by a two-goal performance in the team's 17-5 win against St. John's on Senior Day at Lessing Field.

Adams, though, who was honored as the Eastern Coastal Conference (ECAC) Rookie of the Week for the effort, was quick to deflect praise.

"Coming off of the four-game losing streak, (Saturday's win) was a big accomplishment to play as well as we did," Adams said. "We had great senior leadership this whole year, so we really wanted to win this game for them."

Despite an impressive first season by any standards, Adams admittedly went through a difficult transition to the college game.

"Individually, I didn't think I'd be able to contribute this much early on," Adams said. "I definitely didn't think I was going to start. In fall ball I just wasn't playing like I was going to be getting a lot of time. Then the first game comes around, I score, and it sort of lifted a lot of pressure off my shoulders. I got back to playing lacrosse, and I wasn't really nervous anymore."

"But I worked hard, and it all worked out," he added.

Adams was not the only freshman to turn heads this season. Attackman John Snellman tied with senior midfielder Chris Ajemian for the team lead in goals, and goalkeeper Charlie Cipriano garnered the ECAC Rookie of the Week award three times this season for his play in net.

"Hopefully the next couple of years our young guys will get better and we'll have good senior leadership when we're there in a few years," Adams said of his class.

As for his coach's expectations, Copelan is counting on Adams and Snellman to continue to develop and evolve into one of the conference's elite offensive talents.

"They're both going to be monumental, to be honest with you," Copelan said. "For as good of lacrosse players as they are, I think they are even better people. They came in here freshman year with just a fearless attitude ready to compete for a starting position and it didn't take a whole lot of time before they earned a starting role."

"Now hopefully, I think in sophomore year you often see a dramatic jump and hopefully that translated to those guys, too," he added.

Adams is counting on a sophomore surge and much more, adding that he believes that the Stags' future is as bright as ever.

"I think we have a great opportunity," Adams said. "We can either go two ways: we can be regular Fairfield lacrosse, or we can actually strive and become one of those big, forceful teams in the ECAC and make it to the championship and the NCAA Tournament."

As for the reasoning behind his bold prediction, or for his rapid improvement, Adams couldn't help but smile.

"Just confidence," he said. "The lineage is alive and well."



A big year awaits Mirror Sports in 2009



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Approximately 364 days, two hours and five minutes ago, and this morning, I tried to pull a Chris Berman, put my Swami hat on, and make a few bold predictions about Fairfield athletics.

Turns out I shouldn't quit my day job; I was 0-for-4. Or maybe I should after that performance.

But like Tom Brady after a blow to the knee, or Ed Cooley after taking a look at his latest injury report, or our Managing Editor after a Saturday night, the best way to recover after a rough year/night is dust yourself off and get right back at it again.

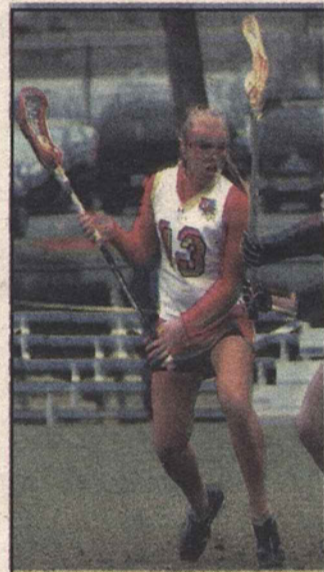
And since it is never too early to look ahead, here are a few bold prediction for next season:

"Spring ahead: Women's Lacrosse wins NCAA Tourney game" — May 9, 2009.

The Info: After a 18-8 victory over Sacred Heart in the NCAA Play-in Game (a two-for bold prediction!) on May 2, the Stags down a major conference foe to advance to the second round of the NCAA Tournament

The Scoop: Just a hunch, even though much of it depends on matchups. Ten straight wins, an underrated defense, the Coleman/White middle scoring duo. I'm a fan.

Odds: 7 to 1



Mirror File Photo
Women's lacrosse looks to earn an NCAA berth this Saturday against Sacred Heart.

"Finally! Stags' end losing streak, MAAC Volleyball Championship" — November 27, 2009

The Info: Finally, Fairfield defeats Siena in MAAC Finals, ending a streak of five consecutive losses in the MAAC tournament championship game

The Scoop: Alright, alright. Regardless of the fact that this appeared in last year's edition, I'm still guaranteeing a Stags victory come November. Head coach Alija Pittenger retains a talented core that includes junior Katie Mann, who may be the pre-season MAAC Player of the Year, and sophomores Lauren Hughes and Alex Lopez.

Odds: 13 to 1

"A fine fourteen!" — February 5, 2009

The Info: Fairfield fans come out in record numbers for men's and women's basketball, sell out all fourteen games at the Arena at Harbor Yard and Alumni Hall

The Scoop: Only possible if: a) free T-shirt give-aways make a stunning comeback, b) Harbor Yard is moved two miles south to North Benson Road, or c) Hutch runs the world,

Odds: 1,000,000,000 to 1

"MAAC Attack in Albany" — March 2, 2009

The Info: Men's basketball and women's basketball may turn heads at MAAC Tournament

The Scoop: Every year, Albany is entertaining (Envy Lounge?). Aside from being our spring break destination of choice, Albany brings with it the hopes and dreams of an NCAA Tournament run. Is it possible next year? With Warren Edney, Greg Nero, and Anthony Johnson returning from injury, the Stags may push Niagara and Rider as Siena's biggest threat. As for Frager and company, it wouldn't surprise me if a perceived "rebuilding" year turns into a pleasant surprise.

Odds: 25 to 1

The Stag Seven

For the second consecutive year, *The Mirror* recaps the most memorable stories and moments in Fairfield Athletics

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Legends of the fall Men's and Women's Soccer win MAAC Championships

1 Both the men's and women's soccer teams made major strides in their programs last season. Both teams won the MAAC Championship and narrowly lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The men's team upset undefeated and nationally ranked Loyola in the MAAC Championship game. The Stags headed up to Storrs to face UConn, who knocked Fairfield out of the tournament with a 1-0 loss. Head coach Carl Rees has continued to mine talent from both home and abroad to put together a competitive team, and next season's roster already boasts several impressive underclassmen.

The women's team also defeated Loyola in the MAAC Championship game on the strength of senior Ahna Johnson, one of the program's most renowned players, and her hat trick. The women faced No. 16 Oklahoma State in the first round and also dropped a 1-0 decision.

The women will lose a solid senior class headlined by Johnson, but return a promising roster for head coach Jim O'Brien, who was honored by the NSCAA as the Northeast Region Coach of the Year. — *Chris Simmons*

2 Han leaves team in January

One of the most memorable moments of an exciting basketball season came following a disheartening loss to the Manhattan Jaspers at Draddy Gym in Riverdale, N.Y. Assistant coach Brian Blaney and senior captain Jon Han screamed at each other in the hallway outside the locker room, while reporters, fans and teammates looked on.

The end result was Han's decision to leave the Stags, while staying at Fairfield to graduate. It was a disappointing moment for both the Stags as a team and for Han. In his three years at Fairfield, Han had established himself as an emotional leader on the court, albeit with a hot temper, while putting his name all over the Fairfield record books. But with less than half of his senior season left, the point guard decided to end his career, casting a dark shadow over his resume.

Han finished his Fairfield career with 1,072 points and 526 assists in 110 games. Han's assist total is the third-highest in program history.

— *Tom Cleary*



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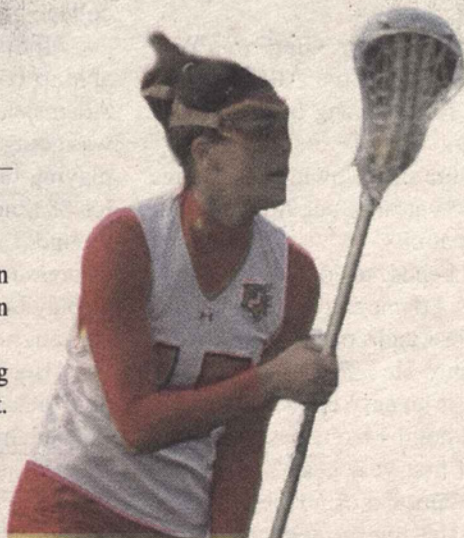
3 Stunning season for women's lacrosse ends with MAAC Championship

The women's lacrosse team entered the 2009 season with a well-defined goal: MAAC Championship or bust. And on April 26, nearly one year to the day that the Stags fell to Marist in the MAAC Championship game, the Stags achieved their goal in impressive fashion, downing the Red Foxes, 19-9. The win marks the team's first conference championship since 2001.

Despite last weekend's successes, head coach Mike Waldvogel and the Stags still find themselves one step away from the culmination of any dream season. In order to qualify for the NCAA Tournament, Fairfield will play Sacred Heart in a play-in game this Saturday at Lessing Field. To the winner goes a berth in the Big Dance.

If Fairfield's recent showings are any indication, this season may just be getting started.

— *Keith Connors*



STAGS' MIDFIELDER ALYSSA VECCHIONE '09

4 'Our Time' becomes a hard time

With a strong start and one of the most athletically-gifted teams in recent years, it appeared that the Stags men's basketball team could be en route to a MAAC championship, its first since 1997.

But injuries to sophomore Warren Edney, junior Anthony Johnson, junior Greg Nero, senior Herbie Allen, as well as the departure of senior Jon Han, changed all that. Instead the Stags had to play with a much younger and more inexperienced lineup.

But not all was bad, as the Stags finished over .500 with a 17-15 record, advancing into the MAAC semifinals before falling to the champions, Siena.

— *Tom Cleary*

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