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Fairfield alum indicted for child abuse

Former commencement speaker Doug Perlitz '92 led mission in Haiti

BY MEGHAN SCHELZI

Just one week ago an internet search for Doug Perlitz '92 would reveal a man who had dedicated his entire life to living out Jesuit ideals, providing aid and security to homeless children in Haiti, inspired by his Fairfield education.

But on Friday morning, that all changed, when the 2002 commencement speaker was indicted on federal charges alleging he sexually abused at least nine boys while working in Haiti.

The views on Perlitz have clearly changed, revealed by the almost 300 articles and blogs written about his arrest and the opinions of students around campus.

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"It's an atrocity, definitely. I think there are bad people wherever you go, but it's still unfortunate that he went here — I don't want to be portrayed in that light, or have the University be portrayed in that light. I don't understand how people do things like that," said Nicole Fogliano '12.

"It is astonishing to hear that an alum could have been involved in such a horrible crime," Gabriella Markides '13 said. "Furthermore it is more astonishing to hear that if convicted, how did he get away with it for so long?"

The indictment charges Perlitz with seven counts of traveling outside the United States for the purpose of engaging in sex with minors and three counts of engaging in sexual conduct in foreign places with minors. Each of the charges carries a maximum 30-year prison term and \$250,000 fine.

The indictment alleges that from 2002 to 2008, \$2 million was transferred from the Haiti Fund, an account established to control the millions of dollars raised for Perlitz's work with the boys, which is a registered Connecticut charity, to a separate account in Haiti that Perlitz had control over. Many of those donations came from persons involved in Fairfield, including former director of campus ministry, Fr. Paul Carrier.

But University spokesperson Rama Sudhakar said that the organization was not directly tied to the Haiti Fund. "Fairfield University did not have any role in their management or board oversight," she said, but many University members contributed funds and time independently.

According to the indictment, Perlitz used his control over project finances to silence questions about his behavior: "In an effort to control the American volunteers from discovering or questioning his abuse of minors, Perlitz maintained exclusive control over operations, including funding, making it difficult for volunteers, staff members, or other to question his actions," the indictment states.

Perlitz first visited Haiti in 1992 on a campus ministry mission volunteer trip during his junior year at Fairfield. He claimed it was that visit that inspired him to work there.

Perlitz earned a master's degree in theology at Boston College and then returned to Haiti in 1997 to work as a pastoral minister at Sacre Coeur hospital in Milot, Haiti.

In 1997, Perlitz obtained a grant from the Order of Malta, a religious organization, used to establish Project Pierre Toussaint in Haiti. The project's goals included providing basic classroom education, recreation, and meals as well as running water for baths for the boys.

Project Pierre Toussaint, which Perlitz established over eleven years ago, closed this summer.

With Perlitz on his way back to Connecticut to face trial as early as this week, the campus will continue to buzz about his indictment.

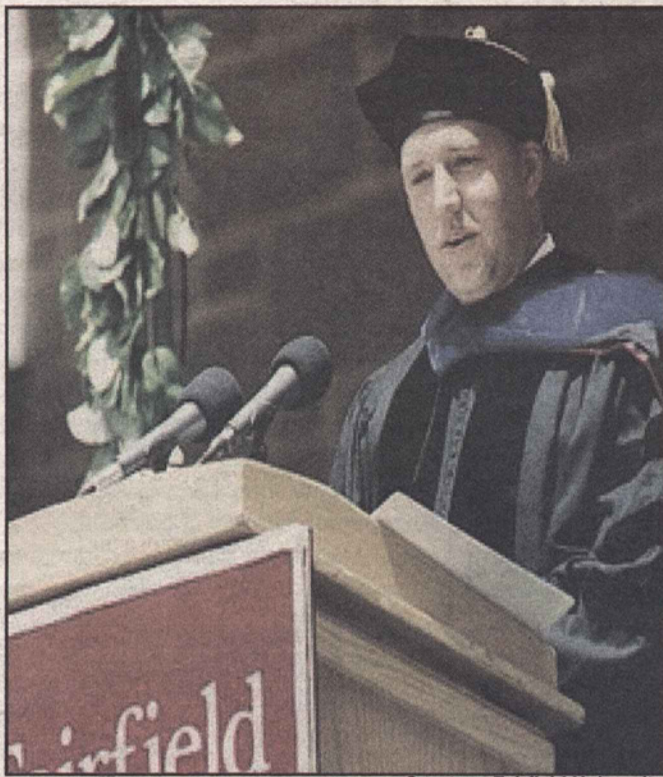
"First of all, I don't understand how anyone can sexually abuse children under the pretense of religion or charity," Briana Cronk '12 said. "Second, I think its unfortunate that this could possibly affect the reputation of Fairfield University and overshadow a lot of good that the University has done."

Meanwhile, the University will continue to monitor the situation.

"The University will continue to respond to this unfolding situation," Sudhakar said. "In the context of the economic and political turmoil in the world today, the need for education, particularly Jesuit education, is greater now than ever."

The investigation is still ongoing and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency invites anyone with knowledge to call 203-773-2029.

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AND CONTINUING
COVERAGE



Courtesy Fairfield University
Doug Perlitz '92 gave the commencement speech in 2002. He was indicted on federal child abuse charges on Friday.

University, local leaders tied to Perlitz indictment

BY TOM CLEARY

The indictment of Doug Perlitz '92 on allegations that he sexually abused children in Haiti sent shockwaves through the University community. While the organization that funded Perlitz, the Haiti Fund, was not directly tied to the University, multiple University members, ranging from alumni to administrators gave their time and money to the organization.

The strongest connection to the indictment and Fairfield is the involvement of former director of campus ministry Rev. Paul Carrier, who was the chairman of the Haiti Fund board. Carrier led fundraisers on campus and made several trips to Haiti, often bringing Fairfield students along, to help Perlitz at Project Pierre Toussaint, the school and home for homeless boys that Perlitz founded in Cap-Haitien, Haiti.



CARRIER

In 2006, Carrier was reassigned by the Jesuit Provincial of New England, who at the time was former Fairfield professor Rev. Thomas Regan, to sabatrical, a decision that the University played no role in. Regan nor the Jesuits of the New England Province responded to phone calls.

The indictment states that "Board Members of the Haiti Fund were chosen by a religious leader, who had met and befriended Perlitz while Perlitz attended college in Connecticut and who frequently communicated with and visited Perlitz in Haiti."

The indictment states that the \$2 million donated to the Haiti Fund was moved directly to a bank account in Haiti controlled by Perlitz, by the religious leader. The lawyer for the Haiti Fund, Richard Markert, told the *Connecticut Post* that it is unknown what the funds were used for, but the indictment states that Perlitz used portions of the money to give gifts to the boys he was abusing in exchange for sexual acts.

The religious leader was not named in the indictment and Thomas Carson, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Connecticut declined to comment to the *Connecticut Post* on whether Carrier was a target of the continuing investigation.

An internal investigation

Both Carrier and Perlitz were removed from the Haiti Fund last year following an internal investigation that revealed the allegations against Perlitz.

The investigation was the second in a short period of time conducted by the board, both run by outside counsel. The first investigation did not reveal any truth to the allegations, according to former board member Philip Allen Lacovara, a prominent

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Two Fairfield students arrested for marijuana possession

BY KERI HARRISON

Two Fairfield students were arrested last Monday night on charges of possession of two pounds of marijuana, according to an article by the *Connecticut Post*. The students, junior Jonathan Roberts and sophomore Michael Coscina, are roommates in Claver Hall.

According to the *Post* article, Roberts and Coscina were charged with "possession of more than four ounces of marijuana, possession with intent to sell and possession within 1,500 feet of a school."

The discovery came after Roberts was caught speeding on Oxford Road by Fairfield Police officer William Demotes, who then discovered about one quarter of a pound of marijuana in the car. Police then found two pounds of pot and \$3,000 in cash in their dorm room in Claver Hall when the room was searched, leading to the subsequent arrest of Coscina.

Although the University did not make an official statement in reaction to these events, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Thomas Pellegrino

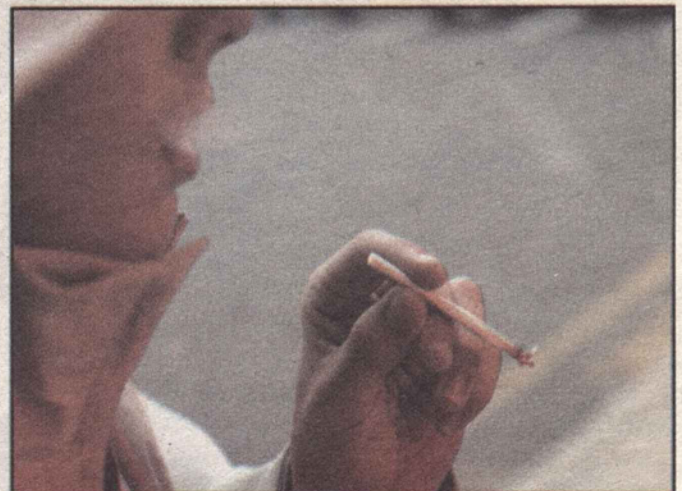
commented on the University's overall drug policy.

"In general terms, our drug policy is similar to policies you will find at other colleges and universities," he said. "Illegal drugs and paraphernalia are prohibited on campus."

He referenced the University Handbook when speaking of the difference between simple offenses and major offenses. The Handbook describes a simple offense as "possession of drug paraphernalia and possession or use of small quantities of drugs," which then result in fines and other probations. Major offenses, however, result in dismissal or expulsion, and these offenses include, "possession or use of large quantities of drugs...and/or the intent to sell or distribute."

In regards to the policy, Pellegrino said, "These are matters we take very seriously, and students should be aware of the significant and lasting impact these matters will have not only on their educational careers but their lives."

No one at the University agreed to officially comment on the case, due to student confidentiality.



Mirror File Photo

During an ordinary pullover for speeding, Fairfield Police discovered one Fairfield student with possession of pot. After police raided the student's dorm room, they discovered two pounds of marijuana and thousands of dollars in cash. The student and his roommate were both arrested.

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Better know a stag

Gabby Arens '12

BY CHARLOTTE ANDOLFINI

Fairfield University officials are not the only ones pushing for the students to "go green". Sophomore Gabby Arens, president of the Green Campus Initiative (GCI), is helping to spark the flame for Fairfield to become a "green" campus.



What made you interested in joining GCI as a freshman?

I actually was unsatisfied with the food in Barone and that led to me making the decision to do something about it, which was seeing if we could get our food to be grown locally. My

sister's school, Seattle University, served all local food and the food was significantly better. Their plan was also cheaper so I put two and two together, resulting in someone sending me to GCI. I emailed the head of GCI and they said they really wanted me to join especially as a freshman. They gave me a project and just sent me off to work.

Grade: Sophomore
Hometown: Bainbridge Island, WA
Activity: Green Campus Initiative

What are the main goals of GCI?

I have a project which is to get all of our food in the dining hall equipped with more sustainable practices and to get our food from within a 50 mile radius which is very difficult. If we are not getting it from a 50 mile radius, we want to make it organic food or green well practiced food. Mainly, I want students to be aware of how we can make Fairfield "green."

Are there any of these goals you would like to change as the new President of GCI?

Maggie left me certain ideas we had made before leaving last year but it was nothing particularly new. We planned to get locally grown pizza and dissect the ingredients of pizza saying where each is from. We hoped to get a smoothie bar with fresh fruit but since it is expensive we can only do it once a month. Another thing is to get locally grown salad. We also want to get napkin holders with fact sheets on them.

What is your favorite type of tree?

Madrona trees ... they are so pretty.

Climate is a major political issue. What is your view on the issue of global warming?

The problem with it is that right now it is being debated since some scientists are saying it was bound to happen with the increase in population. Although we may not be able to stop the issue to a halt, we can try and cut it down. It is a matter of population increase so I guess any one person could do is use less.

How can Fairfield students contribute to slow the effects of global warming?

Don't waste and walk as much as possible.

Students question safety on campus

BY MICHAEL MAIO

With the recent news stories related to safety issues on college campuses, it's obvious that student security is a topic on many Stags' minds.

The recent murder of Le has made headlines in all the major newspapers, and it raises the question of how something like this could happen on a college campus. It's no wonder that families and students are now voicing concern about this exact issue.

With Yale being so close to Fairfield's campus, the recent news has especially played on the mind of resident students. They are calling into question the possibility of such events happening here on at Fairfield.

Also, in the headlines comes a new claim of a sexual assault from Hofstra University on

Long Island. This account adds a whole new fear to the student population. Although the attack at Hofstra was deemed to be fabricated by the student who claimed she was raped, the fear of an attack still spread quickly throughout the campus and in college communities around the nation.

Each year at Fairfield, the fear of sexual assaults at the beach grows when a report of an assault is made.

Last year at Fairfield only two on-campus sexual assaults were reported in the Jeanne Clery report

Although Fairfield has yet to have reports of the caliber of the Annie Le murder, it is still very important to be aware of what safety precautions the University has taken to ensure the well being of its students.



"You know it feels pretty safe here. Except for the rape trail (Dolan). I feel like there is a lot of light on campus. I feel safe walking home from the Quick Center at night, especially because there are always people around. And you know, that big drunken group of people that hangs out on the quad, stays out of people's way and just kind of stands in a circle and I really don't have to worry about them. So everything seems to be holding up, and Public Safety is on top of things."

-Jackie Brown '13

"I do feel safe on campus. I think it is well lit, I always see those little blue light emergency poles, but some are out ... which shouldn't happen. They should all work or what's the point. I see public safety and the RAs and they are all really nice and always doing their jobs!"

-Jamie Gallerani '13

"I honestly feel quite safe here on campus. It is well lit, and public safety is always around. I would feel different if I were walking on campus in downtown New Haven, but I still feel that the campus is very well-protected."

-Ralph Belvedere '12

"I think that we are pretty spoiled, you know things do happen because people are people. But in terms of general safety Fairfield is really good."

-Gabrielle Brygider '10



"I do feel safe because we have a great community here and for the most part everyone is friendly and looking to make friends rather than start trouble."

-Luke Paulino '13



Freshmen lined up for their class elections on Tuesday. Winners were announced Tuesday night.

Freshmen FUSA Election Results

President: Jordan Freeman

Vice President: Danielle Young

Secretary/Treasurer: Deirdre Forrest

Senators:

Shanee Griffith

Kristen Alexy

Matthew Morrissey

Taylor McGuinness

Dan Swimm

Justin Nowicki

Grace Neubauer

Mike Elwell

Peter Caty/The Mirror

Did the University try to cover up Perlitz allegations?

BY CHRIS SIMMONS

Last year in late Oct., *The Mirror* began receiving e-mails from a man named Paul Kendrick alleging that a former Fairfield graduate Doug Perlitz had been abusing young boys at his charity in Haiti. Kendrick had donated money to the charity school, Project Pierre Toussaint, along with making a visit to Haiti and Perlitz. His e-mails also alluded to a cover-up by Fairfield and the Jesuits.

After numerous e-mails on the subject, I contacted Vice President of Administrative and Student Affairs Mark Reed. Reed requested that everything discussed be off the record, and after attempts to contact the FBI and Project Pierre Toussaint board members failed, *The Mirror* could not report the story with only the say so of Kendrick.

But now Perlitz has been indicted by a federal grand jury on seven counts of traveling outside the U.S. for the purpose of engaging in sex with minors and three counts of engaging in sexual conduct in foreign places with minors.

"We had no prior knowledge of it," said Rama Sudhakar, vice president of marketing in an article in the *Connecticut Post*. "There is no real comment to be made. All we can do is give you some facts."

When asked by *The Mirror* to clarify her remarks, Sudhakar said, "Prior to the arrest of Mr. Perlitz, the University was not aware of a criminal investigation. Fairfield officials learned about a year ago that the Project's Board of Directors had removed Mr. Perlitz as the Project's Director following their investigation."

But eight of the 16 members of the board of directors had direct Fairfield ties, including faculty, staff, alumni and a Jesuit. The University does not have formal ties to the Haiti Fund, which conveniently allows it to distance itself from the scandal. The University has previously raised money at mass for the charity and awarded Perlitz with an honorary degree.

An internal split occurred shortly after Perlitz was removed as the project's director following an internal investigation, which the University was aware of, with some board members supporting him, while others decided it was best to move on.

Fr. Paul Carrier, was the chairman of the board for the Haiti Fund, which raised money for Perlitz's work. No one has been able to reach Carrier for comment on the story, for which *The Connecticut Post* and Kendrick have insinuated that the Jesuits are attempting to hide Carrier.

Carrier is the former director of Campus Ministry. In 2006, Thomas Regan, S.J., Provincial of New England and former Fairfield professor, removed him from his post in order to take a sabbatical. He has not been charged with any crime, but he was heavily involved with the Haiti Fund.

In a Nov. 2008 e-mail to Kendrick from Regan, Regan said, "While I appreciate your concerns, I have not responded to your recent e-mails concerning Fr. Paul Carrier because I am not, as Provincial, free to give out personal information about an individual Jesuit. I respond now because I believe you may have a misunderstanding about the position of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus in regards to Project Pierre Toussaint."

Regan continued: "Fr. Paul Carrier, S.J. has not been

a member of the Board of the Haiti Fund since last spring. There have been no accusations that Fr. Carrier has in any way engaged in misconduct with boys. While Fr. Carrier, and some former Haiti Fund Board members, have criticized the Board for its decision to remove Mr. Perlitz, he does not speak for the Province in this matter."

Kendrick, the man who originally tipped off *The Mirror* to the allegations, is not without blemish either. The Portland (ME) Police issued him a criminal trespass warning and a cease-harassment notice in Dec. 2008 against Bishop Richard Malone. Sue Bernard, a spokesperson for the diocese, said in an article in the *Portland Press Herald*, Kendrick earned the rebuke due to his frequent public statements against the bishop and his constant correspondence to his office. Kendrick was trying to pressure Malone to meet with the mother of a boy who settled a lawsuit against the diocese when she alleged her son was molested by a priest.

Kendrick could not be reached for comment since he is on vacation when the story broke, but he did say that he was planning a protest outside the school in early Oct.

This story has only begun to come out. No one is going to know how deep this sordid tale runs until the trial begins. Deb Picarazzi, operation assistant for Campus Ministry and board member for the Haiti Fund, has already declined to comment because she is under subpoena. So far, most of what *The Mirror* has discovered as been off the record. Faculty members and people close to the investigation are reluctant to comment. The real meat of this story will come out during the trial and people have to comment, on the record.

Who's who in the scandal

BY CHRIS SIMMONS

The Main Players:

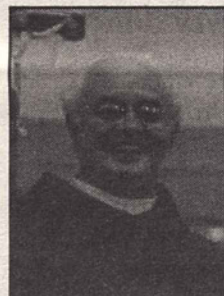


PERLITZ

Doug Perlitz:

The focus of an investigation into allegations of child abuse in Haiti. A federal grand jury returned an indictment against Perlitz, who is now facing 10 charges: seven counts of traveling outside the United States for

the purpose of engaging in sex with minors and three counts of engaging in sexual conduct in foreign places with minors. Each charge carries a maximum 30-year prison term and a \$250,000 fine. Perlitz graduated from Fairfield in 1992 and started a charitable school in Haiti. Fairfield has had an indirection connection with the charity for years. Perlitz was awarded an honorary degree in 2002 and delivered the commencement speech the same year.

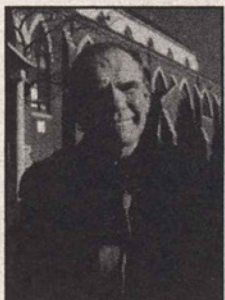


CARRIER

Paul Carrier:

The former director of Campus Ministry for Fairfield, Carrier was the chairman of the board of directors for the Haiti Fund, which raised millions for Perlitz's Project Pierre Toussaint. Perlitz was also the vice president

of the Haiti Fund. Perlitz and Carrier's relationship has come under scrutiny as the allegations have been public. Carrier has not been charged with a crime nor has he been reached to comment on the situation. Last year, Carrier was removed as the chairman of the fund's board of directors. There was some controversy when Carrier was reassigned from Fairfield by the Provincial, Fr. Thomas Regan, a former Fairfield teacher, but Fairfield has said the two situations are not related.



KENDRICK

Paul Kendrick:

An advocate for victims of child abuse, specifically those abused by members of the Catholic Church. He first alerted *The Mirror* to these allegations last year. He also wrote numerous e-mails to various faculty mem-

bers asking them to speak out against Perlitz. He was issued a restraining order last year against the Bishop in Portland, ME for his protests. He has planned to protest outside the school sometime in early October.

Other Fairfield players:

Mark Reed:

The vice president of Student Administrative and Student Affairs, Reed met last year with *The Mirror* to discuss the allegations, but off the record. He has borne the brunt of Kendrick's e-mails. *The Connecticut Post* also reported that Reed handled monetary support for the Haiti Fund from Fairfield.

Deb Picarazzi:

The operation assistant for Campus Ministry is also a board member for the Haiti Fund. She did not comment for this story because she is currently under a subpoena for the upcoming trial.

Larry Miners:

An economics professor, Miners was on the board of directors for the Haiti Fund.

Sue Macavoy:

A former nursing professor, Macavoy was on the board of directors for the Haiti Fund.

Fred Wheeler:

The vice president for development at Fairfield, Wheeler was on the board of directors for the Haiti Fund.

Cathy Lozier:

A former assistant tennis coach at Fairfield, Lozier was on the board of directors for the Haiti Fund.

Perlitz accusations raise many questions

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New York attorney who also represents the Diocese of Bridgeport. Lacovara and other members of the board signed a letter supporting Perlitz.

"Our letter addressed a second round of investigation begun immediately after the completion of the first one, dealing with what I understood were the same vague allegations that had just been found unsubstantiated," Lacovara stated. "Mr. Perlitz denied engaging in any improper behavior."

According to Lacovara, the letter urged that Perlitz be presented "with the specifics of the allegations," in order to address them.

"We noted that neither the signatories nor, as far as we were aware, any of the dozens of others who visited and worked on the project during the prior ten years — including doctors and mental health professionals — had observed anything in the interaction between Mr. Perlitz and the boys in the project suggesting that inappropriate conduct was taking place," Lacovara added.

Haitian political turmoil

Fairfield politics professor Edward Dew, who has spent time in Haiti along with his wife and Carrier, is an expert on Latin America. Dew said that his impression of the country is that it "is a corrupt country with lots of problems."

Perlitz spent time in Haiti while the government was overthrown, sticking with the boys he was helping, instead of abandoning them as many other volunteers did.

The resulting turmoil led to more instability and some of commented that Perlitz may have been the victim of false accusations.

"While I have no proof of corruption in the charges against Doug, I would be very dubious about individual claims or those broadcast on the local radio," Dew said of the source of the original allegations.

Fairfield ties

Fairfield spokesperson Rama Sudhakar was clear on the separation between the University and the Haiti Fund.

"No tuition revenues were used at any time to support the Project," Sudhakar said. "Project Pierre Toussaint is an independent non-profit organization founded by Mr. Perlitz and the Haiti Fund, Inc. is an independently incorporated entity. Fairfield University did not have any role in their management or board oversight."

"Many individuals on campus and in the community have supported the Project. Collections received from individual supporters during weekly Masses [at the Egan Chapel] were used to support the Project, in addition to other charitable organizations and service activities," Sudhakar added.

One member of the board was Laurence Miners, an economics professor. Miners said, speaking on only his own behalf, "I see no reason why Fairfield University's reputation should be tarnished in any respect by what is alleged to have occurred."

"According to the indictment, even the board of directors of the charitable organization that directly funded PPT were unaware of Mr. Perlitz's alleged wrongdoing until allegations concerning him became public," Miners added.

Sudhakar said that the University will continue to practice the Jesuit teachings of social responsibility, even in the face of these charges against Perlitz.

"There are no winners here, only victims," Miners said.

"I keep the boys of Project Pierre Toussaint in my heart and in my prayers."

Campus crime beat

Vandalism, assaults, and robberies

BY DAN LEITAO

Tuesday, Sept. 15
6:03 p.m. An iPod was stolen from the Townhouses. Public Safety reminds students to lock their doors.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

2:35 a.m. Vandalism was reported on the walls of Kostka.

1:05 a.m. A suspicious person was identified and given a warning outside the Dolan School of Business.

6:03 a.m. A wallet was stolen from The Levee. It is currently under investigation.

Thursday, Sept. 17
2:44 p.m. A black book bag was stolen in Kostka.

10:15 p.m. A misuse of a parking pass was found in the Village parking lot.

Saturday, Sept. 19
12:24 a.m. A hit-and-run was reported in the Townhouses and is under investigation.

1:51 a.m. A broken window of the main entrance door in Regis was found. The student responsible was referred to Dean of Students.

3:24 a.m. A vehicle refused to stop at the check point and the vehicle was subsequently pulled over and found to have non-students inside.

They were issued Criminal Trespass Warnings.

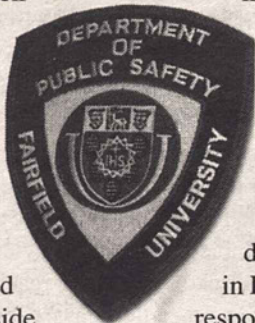
7:13 a.m. A stop sign was torn out of the ground by Kostka hall.

Sunday, September 20

2:00 a.m. An assault occurred between students when a bystander attempted to break up an altercation between two individuals. They sustained a minor injury and were transported to the Health Center.

8:26 a.m. Vandalism in Regis was reported — a side window's glass was cracked.

9:42 a.m. Vandalism was reported to the main doors of Kostka and Claver halls.



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Townhouses go green in exchange for StagBucks

BY MIKAELA TIERNEY

It's Sunday morning. The remnants of your weekend remain scattered around your townhouse – empty cans and bottles litter your kitchen counter and tables. Instead of throwing them all away in a disgusting black trash bag, why not get paid to be ridding of them in an ecological way?

Fairfield is making great strides in its efforts to improve sustainability on campus, most notably with its recent installation of recycling machines at the townhouse laundry rooms this past week. Manufactured by Tomra, an automated recycling machine distributor headquartered in Norway, the new machines only use the same amount of energy as a 40-watt light bulb, making them highly useful while maintaining their eco-friendliness.

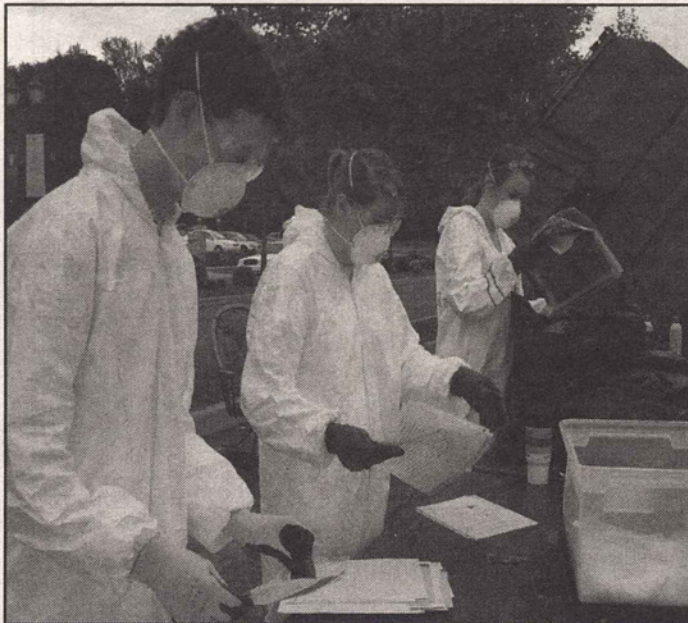
"We're the first college campus in the country, according to Tomra, to use these types of machines [the UNO line]," said Joseph Bouchard, the director of Environmental Health & Safety and the campus fire marshall.

Smaller than a vending machine, the wireless recycling machines will give verbal instructions to users on how to properly dispose of their recyclables. Best of all, users will receive StagBucks as a reward for recycling; every can or bottle recycled in the machines will earn the depositor a few cents back. After depositing all of the recyclables, the user will receive a receipt that they can then bring to the StagCard Office in the Kelley Center in exchange for StagBucks on their StagCard.

As could be expected from any college campus, many of the recyclables that students have are not leftover only from soda or water. Fortunately, "Students will not be punished for recycling alcoholic beverages, said Dana August '11, the president of the Student Environmental Association (SEA) and an integral part of the committee that installed the new machines. "We want you to recycle anything you can!"

The machines were installed in the two townhouse laundry rooms, located in the two block and the thirteen block. Although the machines are a part of the townhouses, it does not mean they are only for use by the townhouse residents; any Fairfield student may use them.

Bouchard joined forces with Dave Frassinelli, the assistant vice president and director of facilities management, and other individuals, including the Student Environmental Association, to create a group interested in changing the non-green methods of the University.



Mikaela Tierney/The Mirror

Get Stagbucks for recycling your bottles and cans.

"We formed a sustainability committee," Bouchard explained. "We got hold of the TOMRA company representatives, and there was student input [in the process] from the beginning."

Once the company agreed to install the machines at Fairfield, only one hurdle remained: funding.

In this tough economic time, any new program is likely to face challenges with funding and maintenance, but the Tomra recycling machine project was a special challenge. With each individual machine costing the University between \$8,000-\$10,000, the installation of the machines was a significant investment.

"We disbanded the curbside pickup at the townhouses

and we used that funding for Tomra," Bouchard said, which covered the majority of the cost of the machines.

Because of this change, the dumpster areas throughout the townhouses are altered as well. August explained, "We made recycling centers at each of the dumpster locations, and we're going to standardize the toter to a blue toter" in order to minimize confusion for recycling.

"We've been recycling with students since the 90s and trying to find the magic solution is almost impossible," Bouchard said. "Now it's the monetary incentive that we're using here. We've tried just about everything else, and it hasn't worked. It's very challenging."

Hopefully, University students will embrace the new machines and their opportunity to get StagBucks in exchange for recycling. The other alternative, throwing away recyclable materials in the trash, was evidenced in a large way this past week as well.

A Trash Audit, co-sponsored by SEA and the Green Campus Initiative, was held in front of Alumni Hall. Nine students went through dumpsters and sorted the trash from the recyclables. The last time the event was held in May, three dumpsters were condensed into one.

This year, said August, "We went through four dumpsters and combined the trash into one, [so] we recycled 3/4 of what we found, [though] more could have been recycled if it wasn't contaminated with food or other trash!"

With the new Tomra recycling machines and the opportunity to get paid to recycle, Fairfield has high hopes for its transition to becoming a greener campus. "The first step to people living 'greener lives' is to be aware of what they use, said August. "People have so much 'stuff' in their lives, but as we just proved (in the Trash Audit), at least 3/4 of it can be recycled instead of thrown out as waste."

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An alum's honor revoked

In Haiti, a nation plagued by political struggles and poverty, volunteers battle daily to help the thousands of children left to fend for themselves in the dangerous city streets.

One of those volunteers was Doug Perlitz '92, a man known throughout the University community as a true vision of what a Fairfield graduate should be. He gave back to the world, appearing to live a true Jesuit life.

But according to allegations made in the federal indictment against Perlitz, that was all just a false exterior. Instead, Perlitz was luring vulnerable Haitian boys into his school and home in Cap-Haitien, a city on the north coast of Haiti. Perlitz allegedly used his position of power to force the poverty-ravaged children to perform sexual acts in exchange for gifts or money, withholding those privileges if the boys refused.

While the University may not have known about the acts that were going on, it still holds responsibility. That responsibility is to attempt to fix the wrongs committed by an organization that many in the University supported both financially and with its time.

Fairfield may deny any direct connection, but it still held Perlitz in high esteem, awarding him an honorary degree and choosing him to give a commencement speech above other candidates. Perlitz supposedly epitomized a true "man for others," but his actions and the actions of the University seem shaky in hindsight.

Maybe Perlitz is innocent and maybe the University didn't try to cover anything up, but the fact that the issue has even been raised puts a black eye on Fairfield.

No direct connection may exist, but Perlitz used the University and Fairfield community to raise almost \$2 million in his nine years in Haiti. Fairfield alumni, faculty and staff were all involved in the running of the Haiti Fund. Now it is up to that same community to make sure that the true victims, the boys, in Haiti are not left behind.

A Jesuit education preaches social justice, a phrase thrown around campus heavily over the past few years, leading to the institution of a social justice dorm and countless programs and fundraisers. Whether Perlitz is guilty or not, the boys who he was supposed to be helping will be the ones to truly suffer.

While the allegations of what was happening behind closed doors invalidate any good that was done, Perlitz's community was a shining star in an unorganized world in a poor country. It is up to the generous people of Fairfield to help restore that bright spot once again, this time with a more watchful eye.

Now is the time for Fairfield to stop trying to distance themselves from the situation and make a positive out of a negative.

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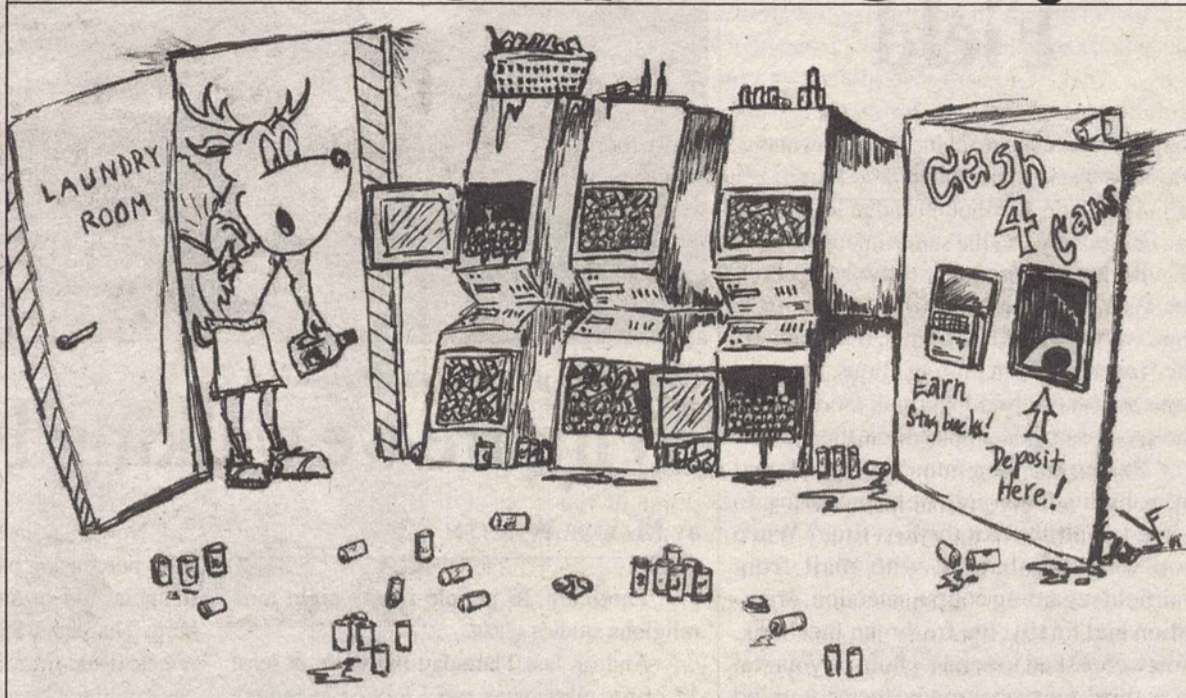
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Cleaning up Stag-style



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Saving the environment one StagBuck at a time

BY ALEXANDRIA HEIN

Fairfield University's green initiative movement now includes recycling units much like the ones found at Stop & Shop. This new system is the latest way that the campus is trying to go green.

According to FUSA Senator and townhouse R.A. Rosie Mathis '11, essentially the machines have slots where you are to insert the cans or bottles face up, so the bar code scans. You are then issued a receipt for five cents per can or bottle.

"Our main issue right now is that it doesn't take certain cans, we're still in the process of figuring out which cans it's not taking and why. For example, it won't take Coca Cola cans, or Arizona Iced Tea bottles," said Mathis.

"It may be because the cans or bottles are nonrefundable in CT," she added. The machine also will not accept Keystone cans, but readily accepts Busch cans. For those cans or bottles Mathis reminds students that, "there are still recycle units available."

Another issue they are having is the process of emptying out the containers when the light flashes signaling its full.

"As an R.A and Senator, the biggest issue we are having is where or how to empty these machines. They just arrived on Thursday so only one is full, but we are expecting the rest to fill up quickly, and there is no number for us to call," Mathis said.

"As soon as we figure out what to do we will post the number and fix that problem," she added. So far the R.A.s have taken action such as writing this problem down in their duty logs to bring it to the attention of the Office of Residence Life. "We are the only six R.A.s on campus dealing with this problem," said Mathis.

The incentive to recycle is to be rewarded with

StagBucks. Once finished depositing the cans, you can take the receipt to the StagCard office where you will be credited the appropriate amount. "From Busch to Poland Spring, it's five cents a bottle," said Mathis.

She also noted that in preparation for the arrival of the machines, the R.A.s noticed the townhouse back porches lined with ready garbage bags full of empty cans.

The strategic placement of these machines was according to Mathis because, "the majority of the 21-year-old Fairfield students live in the townhouse area." With over 564-plus residents, they found this was the area that had the most littering and needed better recycling.

Mathis has high hopes for the machines to be placed in residential dorms and would ideally like to



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Getting to know these machines may mean money in your pocket.

have at least one machine in each section of campus, including the beach. "As senators this is something we are looking into," said Mathis, adding later that it will really depend on the success of the two machines currently present.

Every student on campus is encouraged to use these machines.

"If you are lugging a big bag of empties as a freshman, we're not going to stop you and

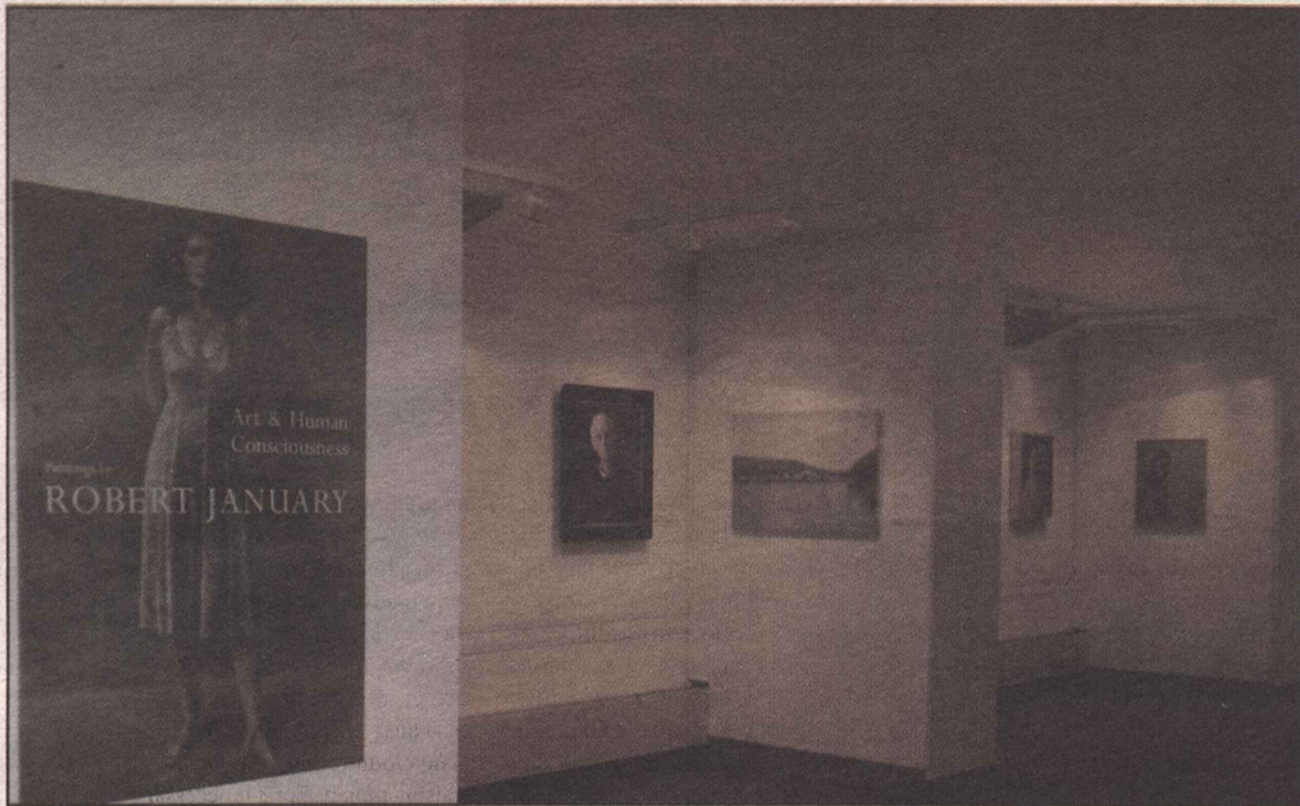
say open up the bag. But at the same time, you can't walk up here with a box full of empty Busch Light," said Mathis. "Just put it in a bag, public safety won't write you up," she added.

She also pointed out that this is not a move to encourage underage drinking by any means, it's just a reality and Fairfield is really trying to promote recycling. "It's part of our going green initiative," she added.

"Water bottles to beer cans we're just really trying to get this campus clean," she said. These machines are also only available to Fairfield students, as the receipts are only redeemable at the StagCard office. "It's been a huge hit so far," said Mathis.



Robert January explores 'Art and Human Consciousness'



Veronica Florentino/The Mirror

January's works explore personal topics that come from his own experiences.

BY TRACI DANTONI

The stark white walls of the Thomas J. Walsh Art Gallery were meticulously transformed last week to showcase a display of carefully crafted and shockingly life-like oil paintings, chalk drawings and photographs of cave paintings, all by artist Robert January.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, a number of students and visitors meandered into the opening night reception of the exhibition — some were received with an inviting smile and handshake from the artist. As the crowd mingled or perhaps balanced a goblet of wine as they meandered

thoughtfully through the gallery, many paused to study the stark proficiency, realistic colors and raw detail seen in the works. The artwork, which will be shown until Dec. 6 in the gallery at the Quick Center for the Arts, is all part of internationally known artist January's solo exhibition, "Art & Human Consciousness."

The show, which features large figural drawings and paintings, was inspired by prehistoric art from the Sahara and Chihuahua deserts, according to Diana Mille, director of the Thomas J. Walsh Art Gallery and art history professor at Fairfield University. After visiting these remote locations, January had a revelation that he wanted

to pursue an artistic career. Although his previous career paths were diverse — freelance reporting from Jerusalem and, before that, being scouted by the Atlanta Braves for as a baseball pitcher — he had no formal training and essentially taught himself the skills he needed. He was uninspired by many modern painters who did not really understand the subjects they painted and he wanted, like the ancient cave painters did, to paint realistically by drawing from life. Thus, as in "Art & Human Consciousness," he painted people and places that he knew and which told a significant story.

"I paint from life, uncommon in today's contemporary art world," said January in a catalogue that accompanied the show. "The great prehistoric art was made by humans who understood their subjects from the inside out. That's why it feels so alive and fuels our imagination ... so unlike the empty husks of fruit of so much of contemporary art. I paint where symbols won't go," he added.

In one of his paintings, "Tracey in Black Dress," a woman poses seductively in a tight black dress. Although her pose appears to be bold and confident, her shoulders seem to slouch forward and her expression appears to be hesitant and somewhat troubled. Here, January has captured the expression of a real person — the model attended the exhibition — in a very realistic, raw expression.

In another painting, January depicts an elderly man on the canvas, his eyes suggesting that he is tired, weary, and troubled. This is not just a disheartened man, however — the man is a then cancer-fighter and friend of January's who stayed in the artist's home for a while until he recovered and fought off his cancer completely. Again, there is a significant and true-to-life story behind the precise swirls and brushstrokes of oil.

"Like the greatest figurative painting that endeavors to get behind all symbolic thinking of the figure, philosophy pursues the essence of the thing itself. And I honestly believe my experience in the Sahara desert was the result of a lifelong process of poetic discovery," January added in the catalogue.

61st annual Emmy Awards changes its style

BY ANA ZIEGLER

It was a night filled with glamour and stars.

This year's Emmy Awards were hosted by a funny and charming Neil Patrick Harris (no, he did not win an Emmy) who did a wonderful job guiding everybody through the night. And who knew that he was such a great singer?

The event went smoothly without any great surprises or interruptions (good thing Kanye West is not an actor).

This year the Academy tried something new with the staging. The stage was designed almost like a set, with the band and the control room located on stage and visible for everyone the whole time. The show was not structured as usual either. It was separated into five segments, each one dedicated to a genre of television. For each genre the whole stage transformed to appear in a new theme and each genre started with a montage of the best moments of this year.

"I really liked how they had the control room on stage this year," said Kate Warch '11. "It was different."

The evening started with a lot of laughter, since comedy was the first of the five genre. The nominees for best supporting actress surprised everybody by wearing different types of glasses (or something of that kind), apparently an idea from Amy Poehler, who wore a pirate's eye patch herself. Sarah Silverman, nominated for Best Lead Actress, pulled off a mustache combined with a most serious face, which was very difficult to do because no one else was able to keep a straight face while looking at her. It was definitely one of the

highlights of the evening.

The first award of the night for Best Supporting Actress went to Kristin Chenoweth for her role as Olive Snook in the show "Pushing Daisies," which is no longer on the air. Clearly surprised by her win, she shifted somewhere between laughter and tears and delivered the most heartwarming acceptance speech of the night.

The award for Best Supporting Actor went to John Cryer for "Two and a Half Men" (Neil Patrick Harris was not at all bitter or upset about it). The awards for Best Lead Actor/Actress went to Alec Baldwin for "30 Rock" and Toni Collette for "United States of Tara." Even though Tina Fey did not win for Best Lead Actress, she was awarded an award for Best Guest Actress for her role as Sarah Palin on "Saturday Night Live" (just in case you have not seen it, you should check it out. It is hilarious!).

Then the Academy moved on to the second genre, reality. Only two awards were given out. Jeff Probst won an Emmy for best host for "Survivor" and "The Amazing Race" won best reality competition program.

We then switched to the movies and mini-series genre. The winners in this genre were "Grey Gardens," which was awarded the Emmy for Best Supporting Actor (Ken Howard), Best Lead Actress (Jessica Lang) and Best Made for Television Movie. "Little Dorrit" took home awards for Best Writing (Andrew Davis), Best Directing (Dearbhla Walsh) and Best Mini-series.

Neil Patrick Harris interrupted the category by appearing as "Doctor Horrible."

He was telling us about the advantages of watching programs online instead of watching it on television. Sadly, his words were not supported by his actions.

The next genre was Variety, which included music and comedy programs.

Music and Lyrics for their opening number, performed by Hugh Jackman.

The final genre was drama. The Emmy for Best Supporting Actor/Actress went to Michael Emerson for "Lost" and Cherry Jones for "24" and the awards for Best

Lead Actor/Actress went to Bryan Cranston for "Breaking Bad" and Glenn Close for "Damages." As an interlude during this category the "In Memoriam" video was played, accompanied by a beautiful version of "I Will Remember You" sung by Sarah McLachlan.

Bob Newhart gave a great presentation of an award which was only topped by Ricky Gervais, who, once again, delivered an incredibly funny speech (and he absolutely was the most handsome man in the room.)

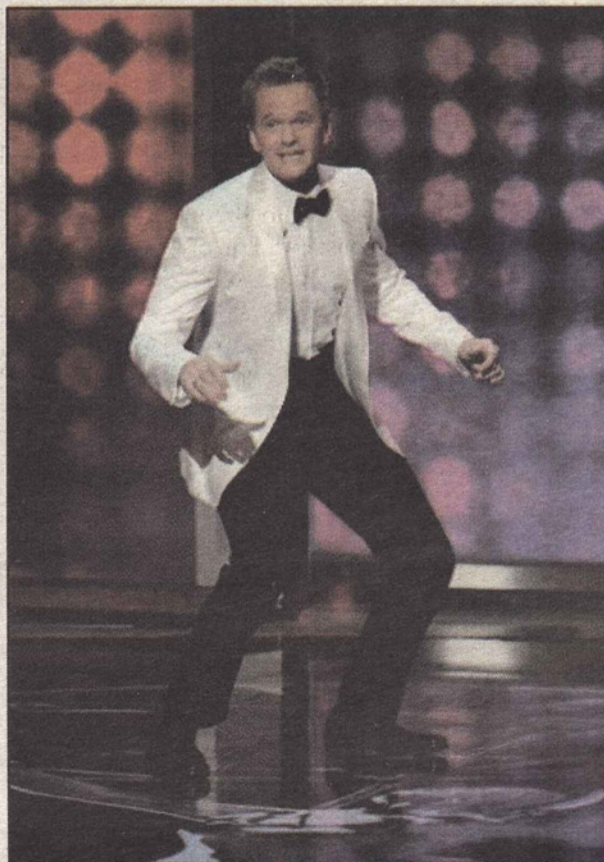
The final awards of the night went to "30 Rock" for Best Comedy and "Mad Men" for Best Drama.

Overall, it was an entertaining evening that was appreciated by students.

"[The Emmy's] were awesome," said Fiorela Canaj '11. "I love Neil Patrick Harris. I liked the 'Doctor Horrible' in between and I thought it was good."

Warch agreed. "The Emmy's were really entertaining. They were very classy and elegant."

So while nothing spectacular happened, what else would you expect? It was still the Emmy Awards.



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Neil Patrick Harris charms at the Emmy awards.

The big winner of this category was, as usual, "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." The 81st Annual Academy Awards were awarded the trophy for Best Original

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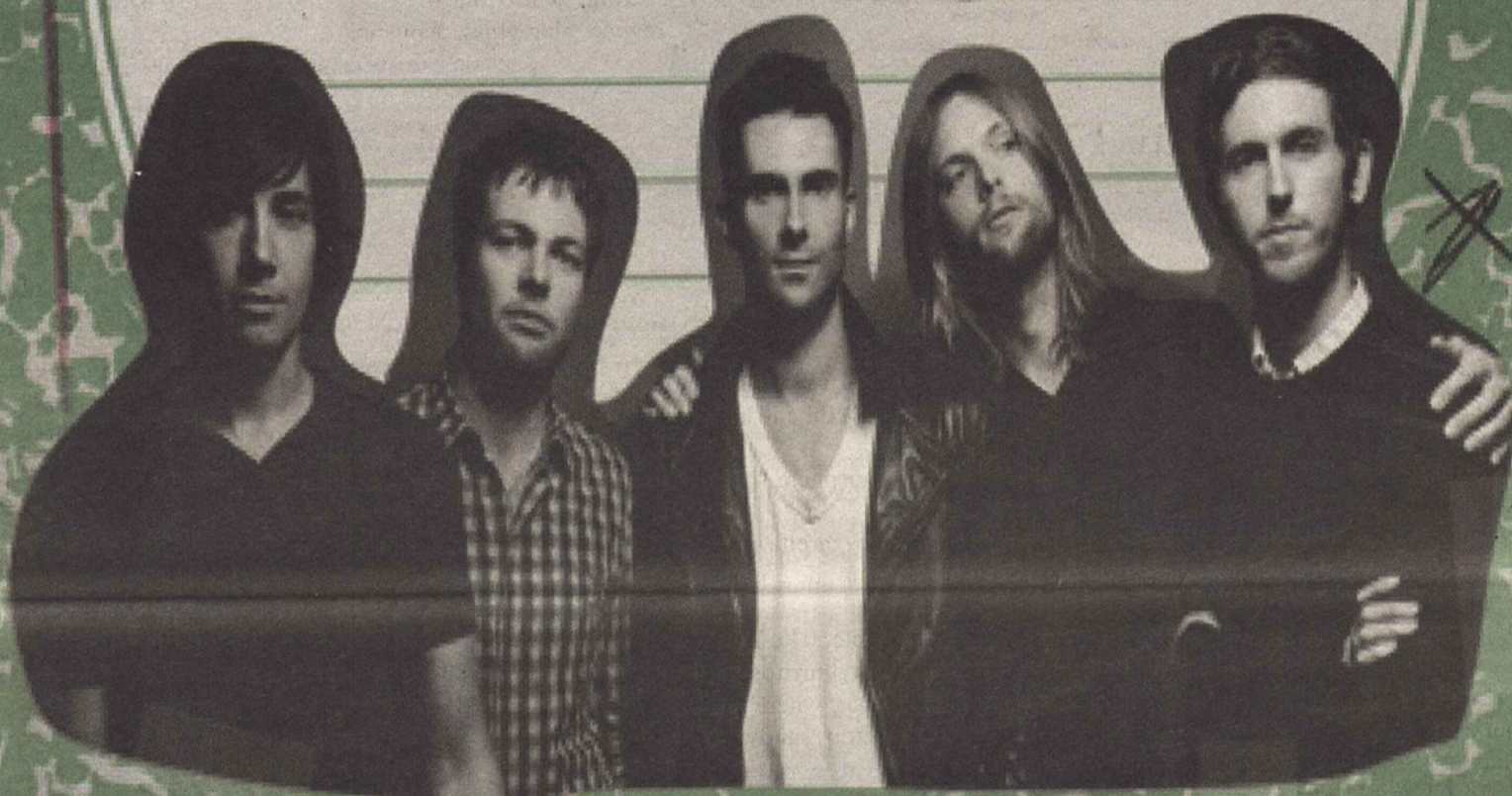


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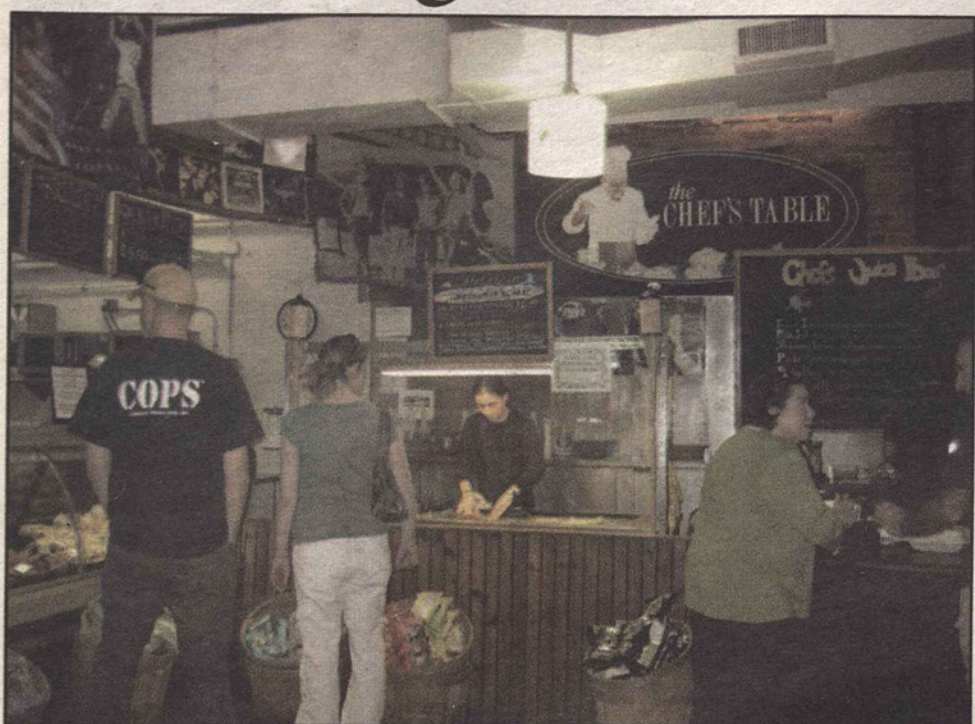
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a review of restaurants in and around Fairfield



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Chef's Table is the perfect place for unique sandwiches at a reasonable price.

The Chef's Table at 1561 Post Road

BY DEVON PORRINO

As you walk into The Chef's Table on Post Road in downtown Fairfield, you are immediately welcomed by people laughing and music playing. Looking around the place, you get the feeling that you have traveled back in time to the '60s, '70s or '80s, judged by the hundreds of album covers lining the wall, from Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix to Billy Joel and Bruce Springsteen.

"The part I like about Chef's Table is the laid back and chill atmosphere," said Michelle Onofrio, '11, "and the live bands and music."

Looking around at the selection, I decided to choose a tomato and mozzarella sandwich on focaccia bread. "Would you like that heated up?" the girl behind the counter asked. I replied yes, before moving to sit down in a booth.

The sandwich is just one of the great things served at Chef's Table. The main dishes served are soups, wraps, grilled flat bread paninis, grilled focaccias, burritos and smoothies. It also features a gourmet salad bar and a California salad bar, where you can choose your own toppings and dressings all at a great price. My delicious sandwich and Mango Madness Snapple totaled \$9.85.

Junior Erica Cianchette finds the types of food available at Chef's agreeable with her.

"I think the food is really easy to grab. And it's really convenient with StagBucks since they are accepted there," said Cianchette.

"They have the best chicken, apple and brie panini," Onofrio said, "You have to try it."

Brianna Cohoon '10, an employee at Chef's Table, labels the food as "healthy gourmet and very vegetable friendly."

"It's the kind of stuff you wouldn't usually find at an ordinary deli," Cohoon said.

Walking in and out of Chef's Table is a sorted group of little kids and their families, business people, Fairfield University students and "a lot of younger after-school kids as well," said Cohoon, "who usually overstay their welcome."

One thing that caught my eye while I continued to stare at the tapestries and album covers from what seemed like every existing rock-and-roll band was the posters and T-shirts being sold for a band called "Kicking Daisies".

"They are four kids, ranging from 11-13, who tour already. They are a big band," said Cohoon. "Rich, the owner (of Chef's Table) is the manager of their band."

Rich sells all of Kicking Daisies paraphernalia around the store for customers to buy.

Iain Munley, the guitar tech and hand stage for Kicking Daisies, explains how "their (the Kicking Daisies) mission is to save rock and roll, the true essence of rock and roll." Its music sounds like a mix of old rock.

"They are inspired by Led Zeppelin," said Munley.

Munley, who holds a big role at Chef's Table, opened up about his love for music.

"I love music because of the expression that it can adapt to any emotion that you're feeling," said Munley. "We've had all types of bands play here. We've had heavy metal, reggae, blue grass, acoustic."

The live music and atmosphere is another aspect besides the great food that draws Cianchette to the deli.

"The environment is very retro," said Cianchette, "and the bands are local which is cool. They're fun to listen to while eating."

At Chef's Table, music and food belong together.

"In terms of bringing everyone together, yes. Everybody loves food and everybody loves music."

To find out more on Kicking Daisies, visit their website at kickingdaisies.com or stop by a show on Sept. 24 at the Fairfield Theatre Company.



Chicken, apple, and brie panini.



Chef's Table doubles as a place where bands can perform.

'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs' is thoughtful fun

BY GABRIELLA TUTINO

If you could make any type of food fall from the sky, what would it be?

In "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" — a big screen adaptation of the classic children's book — the dreary town of Swallow Falls is graced with such an event. Flint Lockwood, an eccentric inventor, creates a machine that turns water into food. Through a series of accidents, Flint's machine ends up embedded in the clouds and turns the weather into daily food showers. Pancakes, ice cream, pizza, chicken — you name it and it'll descend from the heavens. Flint's invention revives Swallow Falls, which becomes the new town of Chew and Swallow. But this blessing in disguise goes haywire and becomes an environmental disaster, so it's up to Flint to save the day!

Originally, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" was a story about a town with an unusual climate — in this case, food weather conditions. This works out perfectly for the town of Chew and Swallow because breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily.

The animated movie takes many liberties with the story, but it works. It's visually stunning (think animation from "The Incredibles") with a bright-landscape and realistic setting. The characters are believable thanks to an all-star cast consisting of Bill Hader, Anna Faris and



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The animated movie is just as good as the book.

Mr. T. "Cloudy" is more comical than anything, with subtle one-liners leaving the older audience in stitches. And while appealing to the younger audience with its silly characters and eye catching animation, there's a deeper message about being true to yourself.

Flint Lockwood is the nerd of Swallow Falls; being an inventor of weird contraptions that usually fail he is

constantly ridiculed. Yet Flint perseveres until he one day makes his great invention. Love from the townspeople and the mayor follows until disaster strikes. Then he realizes that he must do what is right and stay true to himself even though he might lose the approval of the people. Sam Sparks, the ditzy meteorologist, is also struggling with her true identity; to be a pretty dumbed down newscaster or to be a pony-tailed, glasses wearing, intelligent woman.

The film also comments on two serious issues in the United States: obesity and the environment. Throughout the movie, the mayor of Swallow Falls eats everything that falls out of the sky. He progressively gets bigger and bigger as he eats more and more, to the point where he's obese and drowns while trying to escape the island.

It's pretty evident that the message is moderation, even with the machine in the sky. It overloads because of all the excess programming and in turn creates an environmental disaster. Maybe the director is hinting that excessive use of certain technologies is ruining the environment? Think about it.

Creative and funny, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" holds the audience and does justice to the story. It's a cutesy movie that will appeal to the inner child within most of us.

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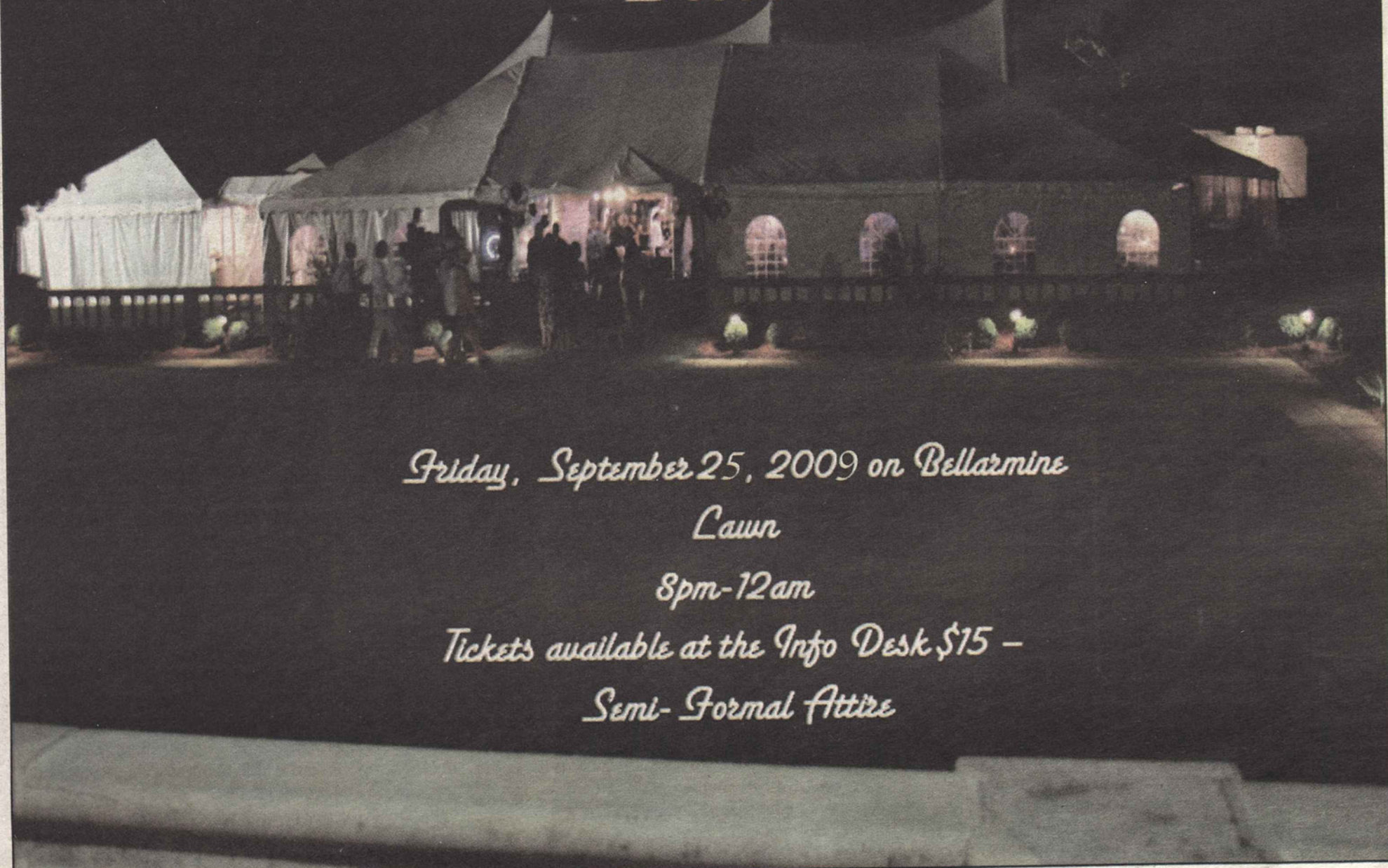


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Apple gets it right with fifth generation iPod Nano

BY ALEX GONZALEZ

The new iPod Nano is the sleekest, most significant and sexiest Nano to date.

It comes reasonably priced at \$149 (8GB) and \$179 (16GB) with the option of 9 different colors. I purchased the 16GB version last week, after losing my iPod Touch this past summer to a night of shenanigans, and I have been in love ever since with the new iteration; however, our relationship is not without its kinks. This is Apple's fifth generation of its iPod Nano and it follows the same basic formula that all iPods function upon (same click wheel, same menus), but it adds many bells and whistles.

It seems hard to believe, but the fifth generation marks the first time Apple has included a built-in FM radio on an iPod. I have no idea why it took Apple eight years to come up with this, but to their credit, it appears as if they have reinvented radio. Not only can you pause live radio, but the iPod temporarily records 15 minutes of radio into its cache, meaning that you can pause, rewind and fast forward just like a TiVo. It includes support for RDS data (often identifying artist and song title information), including the capability to tag songs for later purchase; however, the tagging feature can be a hit or miss at times.

Another feature well welcomed and a little bit surprising is the addition of a video camera and a microphone. The video quality isn't going to set the world ablaze, but it's perfect for filming your friend doing something stupid and then posting the video on YouTube. This past week alone I have filmed over 20 videos, from me doing a handstand to a beat box session. The feature is nice but it raises some interesting questions. Why can't this thing take pictures? Has Apple looked past this technology? Are still cameras dead?



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Apple adds a lot of promising features to the 5th generation iPod Nano.

The best addition by far, in my opinion, is the Nano's built-in speaker. While the sound quality isn't really worth writing home to mom about, the sheer fact that it has a speaker is awesome. While the speaker wasn't the selling point, the feature comes in handy when playing a song for a friend. So long are the days of sharing headphones and trading earwax in the process.

The fifth generation Nano is incredibly lightweight, and while this might be appealing to some, I feel that it loses a feeling of "solidity" in the build-quality that a certain amount of weight brings. The player feels downright fragile; I'm a pretty clumsy guy and I am terrified of dropping this thing. Without a case it feels like a ticking time bomb and makes it impossible to use the Nano without repeatedly smudging and abusing its video lens on the back. Holding the Nano sideways to record video and gripping its 0.25 inch-thick edges takes practice and patience.

Although I have some gripes over this iteration, this Nano does pack plenty of functions in for the money, including a Pedometer for the athletes. If you have an older iPod and you've been waiting for an excuse to upgrade, you can rest assured that this is the best Nano yet.

Pros: Crystal clear screen, tons of new features, video is easy and straightforward to use, includes the addition of a speaker

Cons: Feels fragile, is extremely lightweight, can't take pictures




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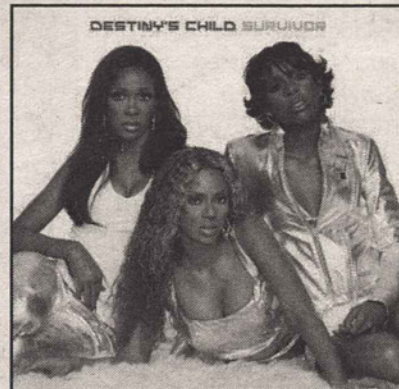
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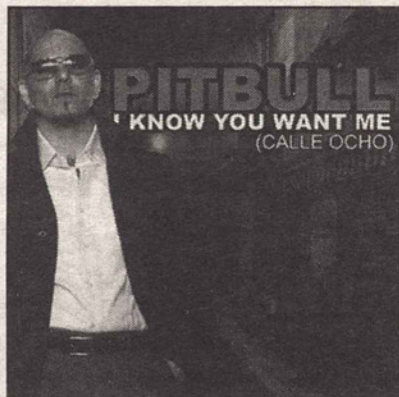
Song: Summer Nights
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This song will make you feel like its summer all year long. Best when blasted from your car radio as you sing with the windows rolled down.



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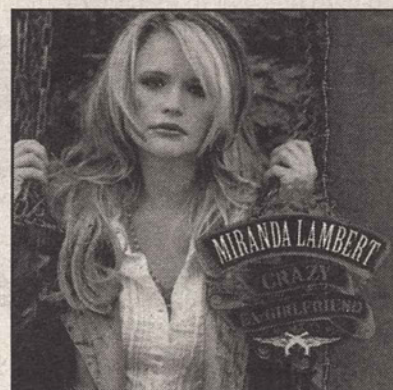


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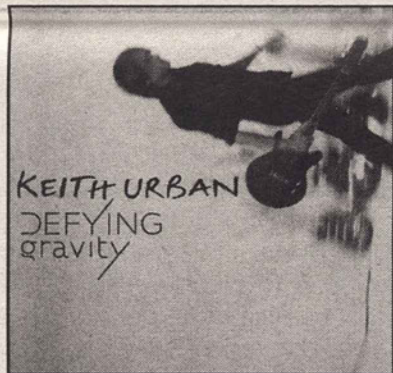


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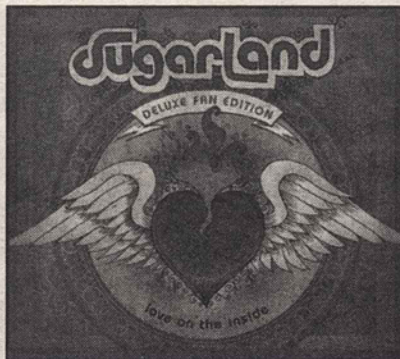
Song: Gunpowder and Lead
Artist: Miranda Lambert

A staple of my workout playlist. As a good friend of mine once said, "I run faster when I'm listening to gunshots."



Song: I'm In
Artist: Keith Urban

A catchy gem from Urban's most recent album, Defying Gravity. Guys, learn this one on the guitar and your girlfriend will love you for it.



Song: It Happens
Artist: Sugarland

In my opinion, Jennifer Nettles has the strongest voice and the best sense of humor in country music today. Shh ... it happens.

All photos contributed

Muse shows that its music is not 'resistant' to change

BY SAMANTHA SANTANA

England has always been synonymous with great music: Queen, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and now Muse.

The British rock band Muse, famously known in Europe for its unique style of music, was relatively unheard of in the United States until they hit big with its song "Supermassive Black Hole." This song is off its album "Black Holes and Revelations," and was featured in the blockbuster movie "Twilight".

Soon after this Muse went from playing for small audiences to playing sold-out arenas across the U.S. After touring all over the world and putting on jaw-dropping performances, Muse went to work on recording what would be its fifth studio album.

They recently released "The Resistance" on Sept. 7. The highly anticipated and critically acclaimed album created quite a stir with audiences due to its unusual yet intriguing sound. Muse has achieved what many bands before have strived for: successfully creating an album that truly is a mixture of all styles and genres.

The band's first track off the album "Uprising," which they performed at the MTV Video Music Awards, sets the strange tone for the rest of the album with its almost science fiction and futuristic beat that instantly makes you want to dance. The band completely switches gears with its-- what sounds to be-- Queen inspired song "United States of Eurasia (+ Collateral Damage)." The beginning of the song is solely piano giving the song what appears to

be a very calm and mellow feel to it. This melodic beginning soon explodes with an electrifying guitar and drum beat very similar to the style of Queen. This is probably the most political song off of the record with lyrics that seem to imply that the United States is trying to control Europe and Asia hence the name "Eurasia".

The most talked about and perhaps well put together song on the album is "Exogenesis: Symphony Part I (Overture)". This song is the first of a three part symphony which includes Exogenesis: Symphony Part II (Cross Pollination) and Exogenesis: Symphony Part III (Redemption). Its operatic sound gives the album a classical feel with its use of an orchestra and instrumental introduction. The song is beautifully put together both sonically and lyrically. Some argue that the song will be difficult to perform live due to the use of orchestral instruments but Muse has claimed that this won't be an issue.

With "Undisclosed Desires," the band once again surprises listeners with a hip hop and R&B inspired beat that sounds like it was produced by Kanye West. A very catchy and melodic song, "Undisclosed Desires" probably does the best job in showing the risks that Muse is willing to take on this album.

"The Resistance," which appears to be more of a rock opera than a rock album, ranges all over in terms of style and is held together beautifully. Fans of Muse will get a chance to see them perform its new songs live on its upcoming tour, although shows are already selling out. The newest album has only not proven that Muse is not afraid to show its versatility but has also made Muse a household name here in America.



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'The Resistance' displays Muse's versatility.



Chris Surette

HE said / SHE said How to throw a successful party

Allyson Wuensch

Everyone knows the best part of college is the party scene, and at Fairfield, not too much is different. However, there is a major difference in throwing a sh*t show than having a casual get together. If you read my orientation issue column, you are already aware of my "B's of college" theory, and they certainly are essential to throwing a kick ass rager. The three most important "B's" are: buds, brews and broads. Honestly, any night with those three can be epic, but let's take them a step further.

First and foremost, you never want to have a sausage fest. Guys, we go to a school that is known for its beautiful women, and a 3:2 ratio. If you got more p's than v's, there's a good chance you like to putt from the rough. Now, pre-drunk it's about the quality. You would much rather have dimes running around than slam pigs. However, after a few, it changes, now you want quantity over quality. I would much rather have a bunch of sixes and sevens, who are down to pound, than nines and tens that won't put out.

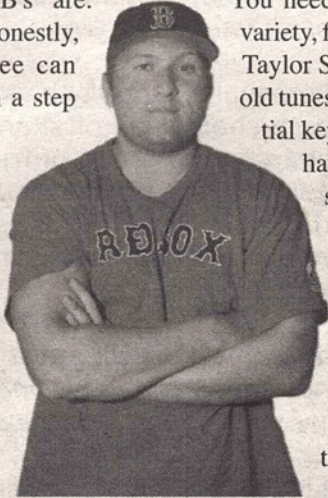
The next key "B" is brews. But for the parties, we'll change it to booze. As long as you have a couple kegs (or 30s in the

townhouses) with a few coolers filled with jungle juice, you'll be good to go. When girls learn about a house with jungle juice, they tend to swarm like Tyrone Biggums on red balls. Not only that, but now good things may come as the bad decisions start to happen.

Now for the newest "B" and the most important key to a good party: the beats. You need make sure you have good variety, from Lil Wayne to Biggie, and Taylor Swift to Miley Cyrus. But the old tunes are arguably the most essential key. You need to make sure you have a few good ones such as some Springsteen, old school rap, and the most important song of all: Mark Morrison's "Return of the Mack". Once that beat starts, your house will turn from an average house party to Studio 54.

These are the keys to throwing a rager. If they are followed correctly, your next shindig will turn into the next Stifler after-prom party.

By the way, whoever thinks they are creative with the Thirsty Scholar 2013 t-shirt, that phrase has been at this University for the past three years. If you don't believe me, just check out my ruit table. My housemates are expecting some commission on that.



In every year of college there are different standards of what makes a truly great party. The only thing you can really count on is that they get better and better every year. Hosting a party is always a lot of fun, especially senior year when the possibilities are endless.

Freshman and sophomore year, having a great party in your dorm is pretty simple. Smuggling alcohol into the building is always an adventure. The ducking and dodging of public safety and RAs can resemble a scene from James Bond. If you're going to be running around the dorm, I would advise avoiding stairs; after a really good night of partying in the dorms you might wake up disoriented and without your front teeth (right MC?) After dorm life is over, your new shack opens you up to a whole new realm of party possibilities. Here are some absolute necessities to keep people at your party instead of running off to the Grape.

Keg. Obviously. But don't let an underclassman tap it. They have no business touching the keg in the first place.

Lots of drinking games. No one likes to be bored at a party. And no one likes having to wait the entire night to get a chance on the beer pong table. So the

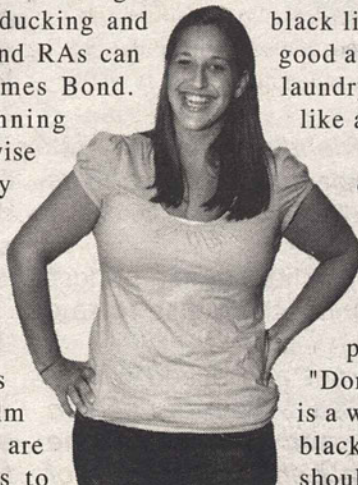
more going on, the better (that does not mean sitting around and playing Halo ... you know who you are).

Jello wrestling. This was tested on a small scale recently and was a big hit. Make it BYOJ - Bring your own jello. Most people will respond enthusiastically.

A great theme. The more ridiculous the better. "Anything But Clothes" is just overdone. I don't personally like black light parties. NO ONE looks good and no matter how well your laundry was done, you'll still look like a fool.

A good playlist. Whatever kind of music you like is fine, as long as "Living on a Prayer" is included in that list somewhere to keep your Jersey fist-pumping friends happy. Also, "Don't Stop Believing," but that is a wrap up song. The Sopranos blacked out to that song, and so should you.

A good crowd; free of the fluorescently orange tans and guido haircuts. You will also find a bevy of drunk stereotypes; from the guy who walks around announcing how drunk they are, to the person going around saying how much they love you. But watch out, if you get a person who is both the "announcer and lover"... run.



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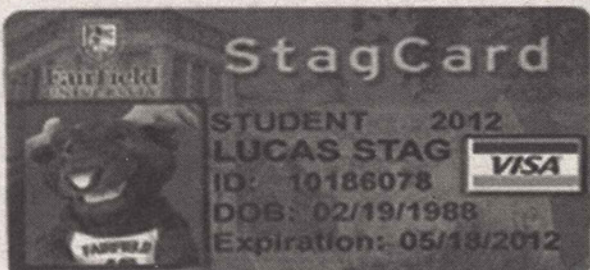


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MEN'S SOCCER

Shipping up to Boston: Last time the men's soccer squad took a trip to Boston, the result was a 3-0 loss to Boston College. But on Tuesday night, the Stags made the drive down I-84 much more sweet with a 1-0 overtime victory over Northeastern.

Freshman Nuno Rodrigues scored his first career goal off a pass from Senior Christian Uy in the game's second overtime period. Freshman goalkeeper Michael O'Keeffe made six saves in the victory. Fairfield improved its record to 2-4.

On Saturday night the Stags dropped a game to another Boston school, Harvard, at home, losing 4-1. Sophomore Jack Burrige scored his team-high third goal in the game.

The Stags travel to St. Francis (NY) on Saturday Sept. 26.

LACROSSE

Cup Crazy: The men's lacrosse team is preparing for the first ever Connecticut Cup fall ball event on Oct. 10. All five Division One schools in the Nutmeg State - Fairfield, Sacred Heart, Hartford, Quinnipiac and Yale - will take part. Second-year head coach Andy Copelan will deal with the loss of 10 players, but has a core of returning players with one year under their belts.

"The Connecticut Cup will be a great event for lacrosse in the state and we are thrilled to be a part of it," Copelan said. "It will be a good test of our team's growth, maturation and chemistry. The day will undoubtedly reveal a lot about ourselves and we are excited about the challenge."

The Stags will face a supercharged ECAC schedule this season with the addition of Air Force, Denver, Ohio State, Quinnipiac and Bellarmine to the conference.

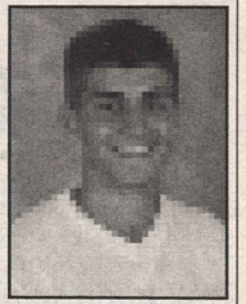
MALE STAG-LETE OF THE WEEK

ATHLETE: Nuno Rodrigues '13

SPORT: Men's Soccer

ACHIEVEMENT: The Mineola, N.Y. native scored his first career goal in a 1-0 overtime victory over Northeastern on Tuesday. Rodrigues took a pass from Christian Uy '10 in the second overtime of the game and buried the ball in the back of the net.

Rodrigues scored 50 goals and dished out 26 assists for 126 points in his career at Mineola High School. He earned All-Conference, All-State and All-Region honors in three seasons and was named to the *Newsday* All-Long Island team in his senior season, while also being named the conference player of the year.



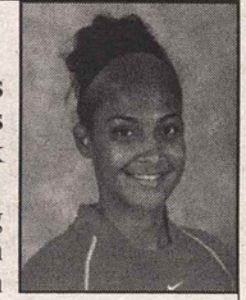
FEMALE STAG-LETE OF THE WEEK

ATHLETE: Jasmin Corniel '12

SPORT: Women's Soccer

ACHIEVEMENT: In her second season with the Stags, Corniel has stepped into a scoring role, with a team-high five goals and twelve points on the season. She was named the MAAC Offensive Player of the Week after recording four goals in the Stags three victories this week.

"This week Jasmin stepped up and took control of a goal scoring role in the absence of two key players," said head coach Jim O'Brien in a press release. "She took over the responsibility of the production lost to those injuries and we look forward to the prospect of those two players returning to the lineup this week for conference play."



GAME OF THE WEEK

Women's Soccer vs. Iona

Friday, Sept. 25

Riding a four-game winning streak, the women's soccer team enters the MAAC season with a matchup against Iona, who was picked to finish in ninth place out of ten teams in the league. The Stags meanwhile were picked first, but as everyone knows, preseason rankings mean nothing once the game starts. Fairfield will lean on sophomore Jasmin Corniel to provide goals, while anticipating the return of senior Casey Frobey.

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"We hate them."

Women's soccer head coach Jim O'Brien commenting on Iona, the team's rival in the upcoming game, the start of the MAAC conference portion of the Stags' schedule.

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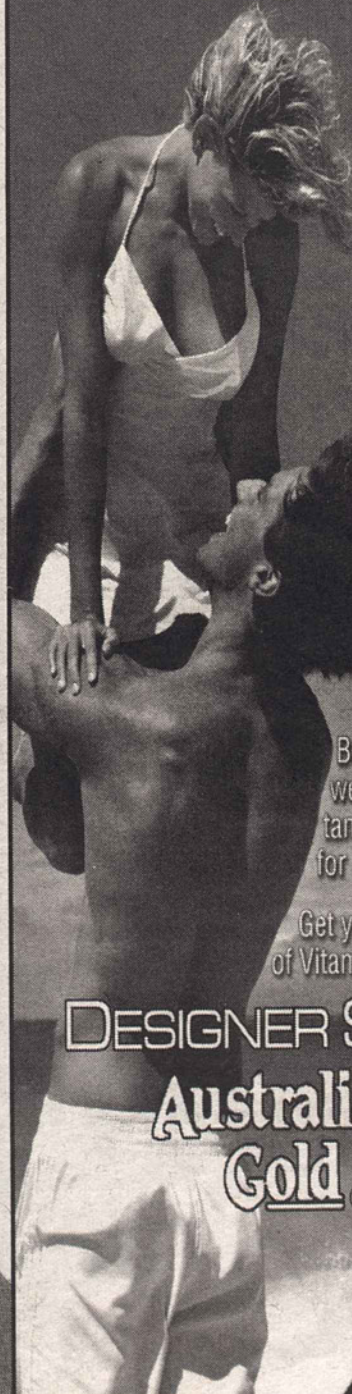
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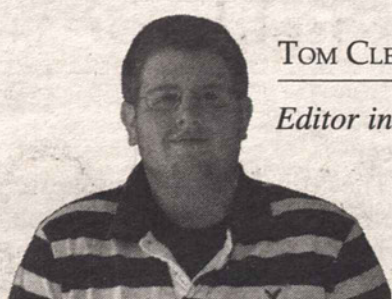
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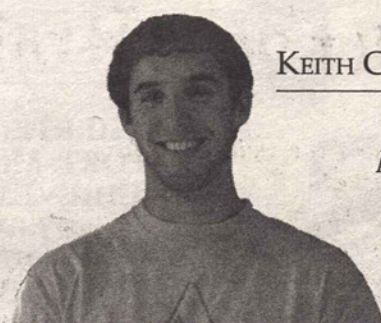
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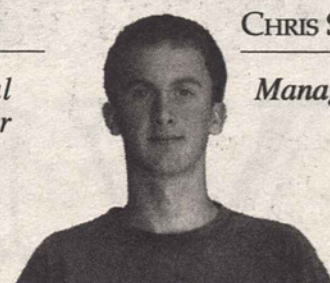
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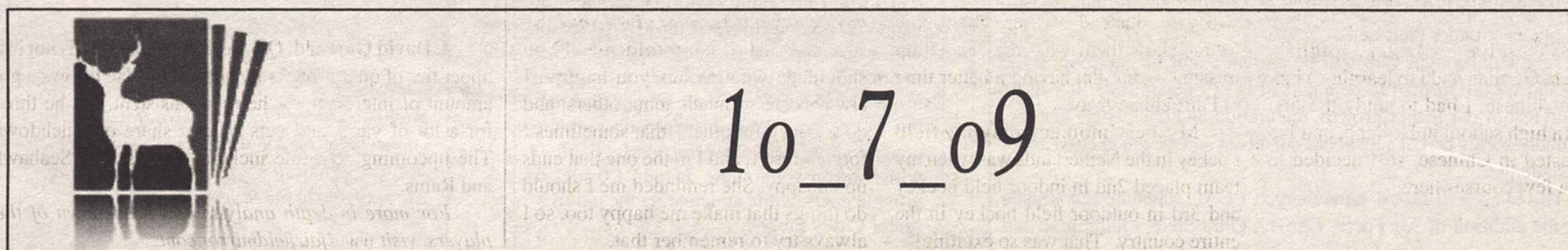


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|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Women's Volleyball finally wins the MAAC? | 30 to 1. Only one senior hurts, but the freshman class looks talented. | About as likely as the odds we bring back this question again next week for the 19th time in three years. | I don't think there are enough zeros. 1,000,000 to 1. |
| 2. Either Men's or Women's Soccer wins the MAAC? | 10 to 1 for the men. 4 to 1 for the women. Parlay that with the volleyball and it's a sweet payout. | 10 to 1. But I'll settle for one. Don't get greedy. It's bad karma. | 8 to 1. I just wish I had a feed of Jim O'Brien's mic in the press box. |
| 3. The Red Sea sells out a game at Harbor Yard this year? | Zero. It's as likely as any freshmen girls showing up at He Said's house. | About the same as a 'He Said/She Said' Jello Wrestling Match. So 2 to 1. | Even with Harbor Yard's sweet new intern (me), it'll still be a struggle. 50 to 1. |
| 4. Tom/Chris win a Pulitzer for their Perlitz coverage? | 20 to 1. Better odds are on seeing Simmons in a speedo again. | Nope. But Coach of the Year award for our '3x5' Powderpuff team? Guaranteed. Let the recruiting begin. | All I know is Tom is trying to figure out how he can make some weird parlay bet online out of this. |
| 5. Our campus see a Yankees/Red Sox ALCS? | Unlikely. Only because the Yanks won't make it past the first round. Chad Gaudin? Really? | 5 to 2. Hello, Rivalry. Goodbye, GPA. | 10 to 1. But hey, it's football season now. Forget about the O's. It's Ravens' time now. |



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I love playing field hockey and I wanted to keep doing it, especially in combination with academics. I heard about U.S. schools that offered that at an information session in Holland, and decided it was the best decision for me.



WESTENBERG

TM: What's one state in the U.S. that you've never been to that you would like to visit?

MW: I'd love to go to California or the Grand Canyon in Arizona. I would love to go to California to see the national parks, and to visit the big cities. I also think the Grand Canyon is something that everyone should see during their lifetime — it's so majestic, and such a national landmark. I'd love to be able to visit both.

TM: How many languages can you speak? Why/how did you learn them?

MW: Five — Dutch, English, French, German and I'm learning Mandarin Chinese. I had to study the first four in high school in Holland, and I'm interested in Chinese, so I decided to take a few courses here.

TM: What's the weirdest place you've ever visited?

MW: I once went to the Okavango Delta in Botswana — that was definitely weird! We slept in small tents in the middle of nowhere, surrounded by warthogs and hippos and elephants. The elephants would think that our tents were rocks, so they would either avoid us or step over our tents. But at night, if you left the tent to go to the bathroom and ran into an elephant, you had to be careful! You either had to go back to the tent immediately, if the elephant hadn't really noticed you yet, or you had to lay down on the ground and pretend you were a fallen tree trunk so it would step over you instead of attacking you.

TM: What was your best moment, the most vivid and proud memory, of your field hockey experience thus far?

MW: In the U.S., it would be when our team played Boston University. I scored a goal and had an assist; even though we ended up losing, we played well, and it was a great game. I also had applied to B.U. when I was applying to schools before freshman year, but they didn't want to accept me because I only wanted to commit to their school for two years instead of four. That game let me show them what they ended up missing — but I'm having a better time at Fairfield anyway.

My best moment playing field hockey in the Netherlands was when my team placed 2nd in indoor field hockey and 3rd in outdoor field hockey in the entire country. That was so exciting!

TM: Do you feel that women's and men's athletic teams at Fairfield receive the same amount of attention and interest? Is there any way in particular you feel that these inequalities could be improved/corrected?

MW: No, not at all. There is nowhere near the same amount of interest between women and men's sports. Because if you're on a basketball/soccer team, the school will promote your games with incentives of free T-shirts and other free gear — but they don't promote other sports. You don't see incentives to go to field hockey games, tennis matches, golf competitions or cross country meets. We don't get the publicity. We don't get the cheerleaders. We don't have the dance teams performing during our game breaks. No one wants to come to our games.

As a team, we do better with a bigger crowd. We want to have people supporting our games too. Having a good crowd at our first American East Competition game would be great — it's versus Boston University on Oct. 10 at 1 p.m.

TM: What's the most important advice anyone has ever given you?

MW: My sister told me, "You should do what makes you happy." I always care so much about others, and do so much for others, that sometimes I forget myself, and I'm the one that ends up unhappy. She reminded me I should do things that make me happy too, so I always try to remember that.

Reading the wire Fantasy football sleepers



SEAN CLORES
STAFF WRITER

Week two in the NFL was one to remember on

many fronts. Fantasy owners have watched vigilantly as their players either delivered or fell flat and now its time to make adjustments. Last week, I mentioned a few guys who I believed to be good pickups off the waiver wire. Some of those names included Brent Celek, Mark Sanchez and more. If you need to make a change this week, here are a few guys to look into:

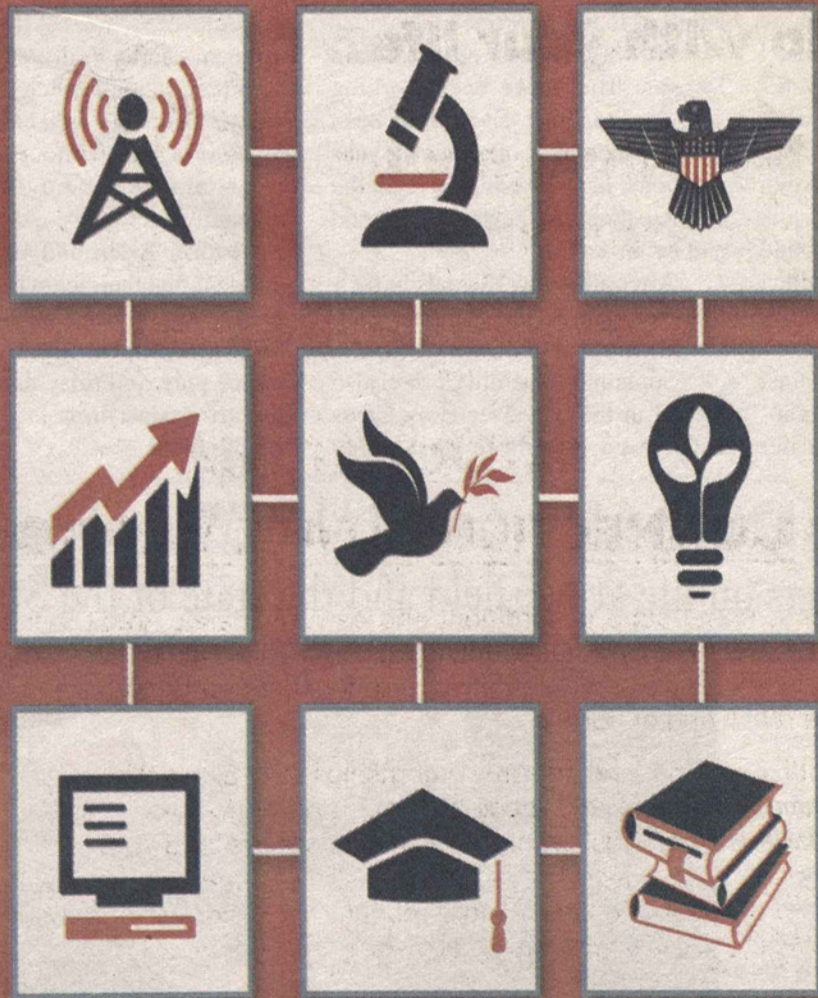
1. Mario Manningham, WR, Giants — This might be the most obvious to spot but Manningham is no fluke. After two weeks, Manningham has tallied 32 fantasy points off of 13 receptions for over 200 yds and two TD's. With the losses of Burrell and Toomer, the Giants went into this season with a lot of questions at WR.

2. Justin Forsett, RB, Seahawks — His stats aren't nearly as glamorous as some of the other guys on the waiver wire but Forsett could be a nice backup running back in the near future. Forsett won't have an immediate impact for your team but has a lot of upside. He is a good guy to keep an eye on in the next couple games.

3. Chansi Stuckey, WR, Jets — With a similar situation to the Giants, the Jets have been looking for a receiver to complement Jerricho Cotchery. Considering Stuckey will keep getting a number of looks, he is worth keeping an eye on.

4. David Garrard, QB Jaguars — Garrard is not in the upper tier of quarterbacks by any means. He throws a good amount of interceptions, he is inconsistent, but he throws for a lot of yards and gets a good share of touchdowns. The upcoming schedule includes the Texans, Seahawks, and Rams.

For more in-depth analysis and breakdown of these players, visit www.fairfieldmirror.com.



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Fairfield University's Fall 2009 Career Fair

Connect with employers about job and
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Thursday, September 24, 2009

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Leslie C. Quick Jr. Recreation Complex

(adjacent to Alumni Hall)

- ✓ Suits recommended
- ✓ Bring lots of résumés and your StagCard
- ✓ Be sure to enter the raffle for these great prizes at the Career Fair! *First Prize: \$200 J.CREW Professional Wear Gift Card, Second Prize: Metro-North Ten-Trip Ticket Pass, Third Prize: \$50 Robeks Gift Card*

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For more information, call the Career Planning Center at (203) 254-4081.

Women's volleyball gets big in Buffalo to start MAAC season

BY KEITH CONNORS

In just five days, head coach Alija Pittenger has seen both sides of the spectrum.



PITTENGER

Last Tuesday night in the women's volleyball's highly-anticipated home opener, the Stags struggled to close out the Fordham Rams after a sensational first set, dropping the team's first home match since 2006.

"We just need to learn how to close out games," the head coach quipped.

Five days and 427 miles later, Fairfield emerged from a vital two-match road trip to Buffalo with a pair of impressive showings, a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) award, and, most importantly, two vital conference victories over Canisius and Niagara.

"Everybody stepped up. I especially think everybody stepped up at the end of the games," Pittenger said.

"It's something we were lacking earlier in the year, but we definitely showed that a little bit this weekend," she added.

The highlight of the weekend came in the team's 3-1 win over Niagara on Friday. The Purple Eagles, riding a two-game win streak, took the opening set and benefited from Fairfield's 17 service errors.

But the Stags' responded in kind and displayed some of their newfound grit. Led by senior Katie Mann and freshman Briana Dixon, who combined for 31 kills, the Stags took the next two sets and then secured a match win with a stunning fourth set, thanks in part to a dominant 13-1 run.

"When we did fight back like (that), it is a lot of fun to watch," Pittenger said. "But there's still a lot of room to grow, so we need to keep it up."

Equally as vital to the team's weekend success was freshman libero Kara Reis, who totaled 41 digs and secured MAAC Defensive Player of the Week honors.

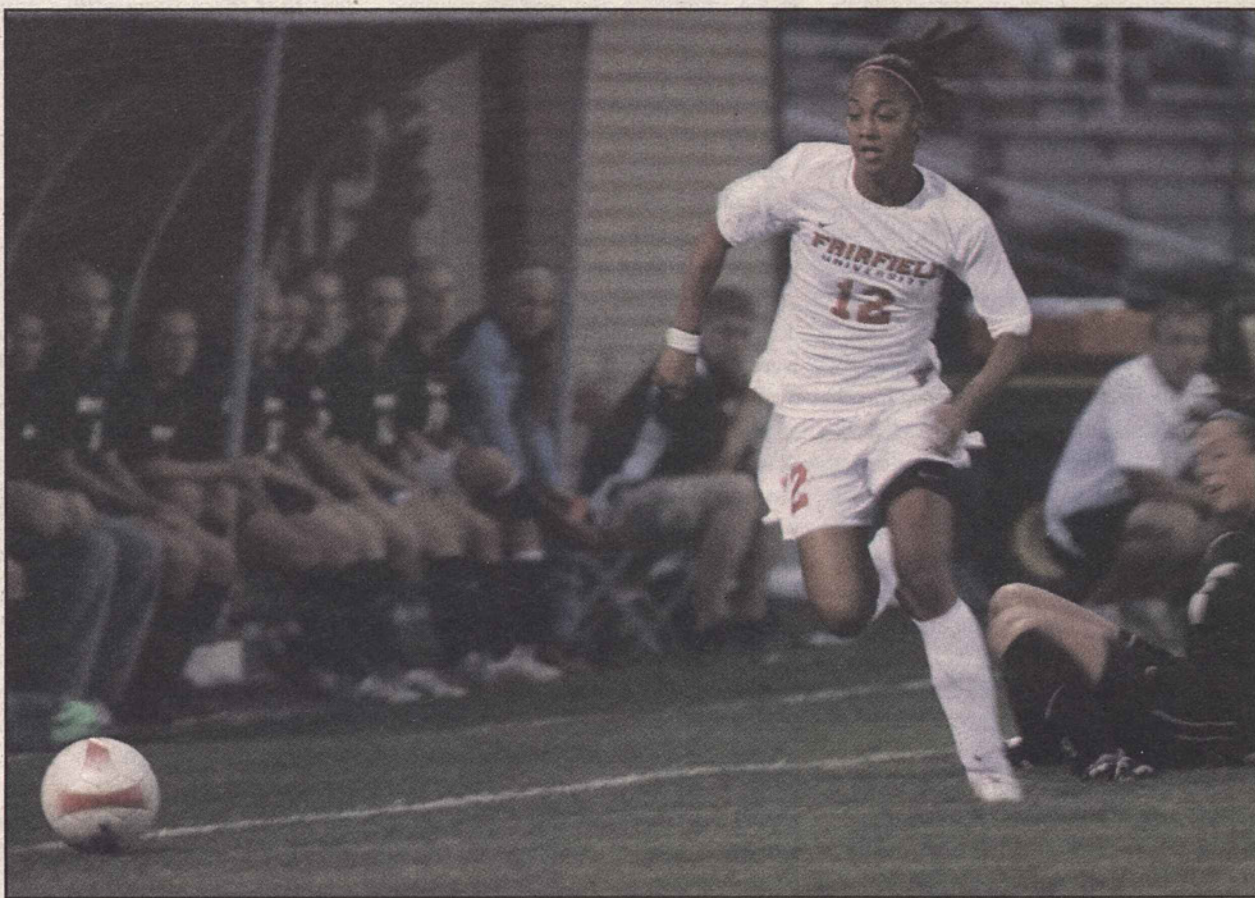
"For any freshman to get that sort of recognition... that's fantastic," Pittenger said.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Friday
at Marist
Fri. Sept. 25, 7 p.m.
@ McCann Field House



Take two



Peter Caty/The Mirror

Sophomore Jasmin Corniel was named MAAC Offensive Player of the Week after three goals in two wins.

Women's soccer tops Holy Cross, Stony Brook to improve to 5-3

BY CHRIS SIMMONS

Coming off a tough stretch of games to open the season, a 3-1 win over Stony Brook and a 2-0 win over Holy Cross improved the women's soccer team to 5-3 overall.

"Considering we played three games in a short period of time, I thought we played extremely well," said head coach Jim O'Brien after the win against Stony Brook. "We concentrated on buckling down defensively and we did a good job. The goal was my fault, I subbed on a corner kick, which I shouldn't have done. I'll take responsibility for that."

The defense played well against Holy Cross as well, giving sophomore goalie Kelly Boudreau her

second shutout of the season. Fellow sophomore Alyssa Decker scored her first game-winner in the game. Decker started last season as a freshman defender alongside her sister Robyn and Caroline Downey. Both graduated last spring and Decker has adjusted to her new line mates.

"It was hard to adjust," said Decker. "But we've been working very hard together. Everyone's been working their butts off. Even the subs that come in at the end; I give all the credit to the subs, they're just as good and help us a lot."

After allowing 13 goals in their first four games, the Stags have allowed only two in their past four.

Sophomore Jasmin Corniel also scored in the win over Holy Cross and netted two more on Sunday

against Stony Brook, earning her the MAAC Offensive Player of the Week Award.

Four straight wins have the Stags rolling. But the team should get even stronger with the return of senior forward Casey Frobey, sophomore Spencer Allaway and freshman Lauren Reilly, all of whom should return to the pitch in time for Friday's game. Fairfield has won two games in a row without them, but their return should only strengthen the team.

Both O'Brien and Decker are confident that their team is ready for the MAAC competition.

Fairfield opens its MAAC conference play on Friday as the Stags face off against Iona at 7 p.m. on Lessing Field.

A 'Dam Good Stag: Dutch field hockey standout Merit Westenberg '12 reflects on life at Fairfield and the state of the Stags

BY MIKAELA TIERNEY

Merit Westenberg, a sophomore at Fairfield, is not like the rest of her class.

A starter on the Fairfield field hockey team and a dean's list student, Westenberg appears to be an outstanding example of an ideal college student.

But she has one more trick up her sleeve – she's an international student originally from the Netherlands.

Juggling athletics, academics, and extra-curricular activities, Westenberg is a unique student driven to succeed while trying to garner as much as she can from her American experience.

The Mirror: What do you think is the weirdest U.S. tradition or concept?

Merit Westenberg: Americans combining everything with peanut butter! Peanut butter and jelly, peanut butter and bananas, peanut butter and apples and peanut butter and chocolate! Reeses! Ugh! I don't understand it! [Laughing] I also think it's amusing when people ask me if we have Thanksgiving in Holland ...

TM: What's your favorite Dutch food that you can't get here in the U.S.?

MW: Broodje kroket! It's like a sandwich bread bowl filled with meat and vegetables. I also love Stroopwafels (Dutch wafer

cookies), Dutch licorice, and poffertjes (small pancakes with powdered sugar and butter)

TM: Why did you want to come to school in the United States? And why did you decide to apply as an athlete?

MW: Because I don't know what I want to do with my life! Schools in Holland are a lot more focused; you pick your major right away, and if you pick the wrong major, you've basically lost a year. Here, you can pick a variety of classes to see what you like, and then you pick a major. Or change it five times, if you want.

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Sophomore Merit Westenberg tied for the team-high in goals a season ago with six. She also was tied for first in points with 15. Westenberg grew up in The Netherlands.