
(1977-2014) The Fairfield Mirror

Student Newspapers

3-19-2014

Mirror - Vol. 39, No. 22 - March 19, 2014

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.fairfield.edu/archives-mirror>

Recommended Citation

"Mirror - Vol. 39, No. 22 - March 19, 2014" (2014). (1977-2014) *The Fairfield Mirror*. 890.
<https://digitalcommons.fairfield.edu/archives-mirror/890>

This item has been accepted for inclusion in DigitalCommons@Fairfield by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@Fairfield. It is brought to you by DigitalCommons@Fairfield with permission from the rights-holder(s) and is protected by copyright and/or related rights. **You are free to use this item in any way that is permitted by the copyright and related rights legislation that applies to your use. For other uses, you need to obtain permission from the rights-holder(s) directly, unless additional rights are indicated by a Creative Commons license in the record and/or on the work itself.** For more information, please contact digitalcommons@fairfield.edu.

Harlan Cohen shares joyful and painful experiences with love

By Christina Mowry
Assistant News Editor

Standing confidently on the stage in the Barone Campus Center, Harlan Cohen shared both his joyful and painful experiences with love and advice to the attentive students in the audience.

"I really have loved women my whole life ... and women have not loved me," said Cohen.

Cohen, a New York Times best-selling author and public speaker, spoke on campus Wednesday, March 12. Fairfield University's Student Association planned the event, which was called "Five Steps to Finding the Love of Your Life." In addition to providing five steps, Cohen also answered questions students texted to him.

Cohen began by saying that the average person's fear of rejection is what stops them

from taking risks. He mentioned that society makes it much more difficult than it actually is and that we are taught that "sharing our feelings is stupid."

"We're all defective," Cohen said. He reflected on his experiences in middle school where he was unsuccessful with girls, noting a time when a girl denied him solely because she thought he was too fat. After that, he felt insecure and pointed out that making fun of someone who rejected you is a coping mechanism.

"Between 13 and 18, the game is to make everyone feel like sh-- so we feel like more," said Cohen.

Cohen described how it is necessary for people to be comfortable with themselves physically, emotionally and spiritually. He assured audience members that their differences make them unique so embrace them.

Cohen also gave students a phone number to anonymously text with questions, which he answered periodically throughout the talk. Questions ranged from how to overcome social awkwardness to how to turn a consistent hook up into a relationship. To that question, Cohen advised the anonymous student to move on.

"He's just a drunk crutch ... It's not gonna help you to find something substantial and good ... There's probably someone you can meet during the day that would want to get drunk and have sex with you, and then be sober with you and do fun things," said Cohen.

Touching upon the "friend zone" often heard of in college, Cohen mentioned that it is actually a good thing. He described how the friend zone is actually a "waiting room" that shouldn't be looked upon as a negative.

"A lot of times when someone friend

zones you it isn't about you being undesirable, it's about them not being in a place where they can have the kind of relationship that you deserve to have with that person," said Cohen.

Cohen challenged the single people in the audience to tell someone they find attractive how they really feel. Being honest, Cohen told the audience that millions of people won't want them, but there will also be thousands of people who truly do.

Changing subjects, Cohen talked about the reality of depression and how dating can be a contributor. He mentioned his own feelings of depression and recognized that it happens to students as well. Reflecting on the suicide of University of Pennsylvania student Madison Holleran earlier this year, Cohen urged the audience to "be patient" because

READ COHEN ON PAGE 2



Atdhe Trepca / The Mirror

Dr. Michael Serazio, assistant communication professor and Dr. Robin Crabtree, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, ask questions to Ronan Farrow, host of Ronan Farrow Daily on MSNBC.

A millennial voice talks global issues

By Atdhe Trepca
Assistant News Editor

"Get angry, damn it," said Ronan Farrow, an activist, MSNBC TV host and recent speaker at the Regina A. Quick Center of the Arts.

During his speech on March 18, Farrow spoke openly about his experience with revolutions all over the world. Through the stories he has written on the protests in Sudan, Venezuela and other countries, Farrow went in depth on the dichotomy between revolutions in the Western Hemisphere and in other parts of the world.

"Even though we don't always feel it every day because we are so much in

our own prisons of success and affluence, we have the opportunity to speak out and we don't have to resort to killing people to do it," Farrow said.

ernment-allied militias of Sudan in an attempt to ethnically cleanse the area.

The young man traveled through the desert until the first contact he

the air."

"I said 'What are you doing? Why more violence after everything you've been through?' He said 'It's the only way I have to be heard,'" Farrow said.

Farrow contrasts this story with the ease and ability millennials have to cause change and revolution within their community.

He claimed that with the use of social networking, today's youth all have the opportunity to be "impolite" with few consequences, other than the possibility of angering people.

"Your friends will get mad, your relatives will get mad, your job will get

Your friends will get mad, your relatives will get mad, your job will get mad. Well, you know what? Decide what's worth it, because we need more honesty and authenticity.

- Ronan Farrow, host of Ronan Farrow Daily

Farrow also recounted an experience in the Darfur region of Sudan where he met a 17-year-old protester whose family was murdered by gov-

ernment-allied militias of Sudan in an attempt to ethnically cleanse the area. The young man traveled through the desert until the first contact he had with a human was a rebel force in Darfur, where Farrow found him. Farrow said that when he saw him, he was "thrusting his machine gun up in

READ FARROW ON PAGE 2

Senior Week will not be dry

By Patrick Kiernan
Sports Editor

The final highlight of every graduating class takes place in the week between the end of finals and commencement. Senior Week offers seniors the opportunity to enjoy friends, reflect on their time together and celebrate their accomplishments as they prepare for life after college.

However, past incidents have led to controversy surrounding the week-long event. Many believe these incidents have led to the question of the events being altered into a dry event.

"These rumors are false," said Colleen Wilson, program coordinator in the department of student programs and leadership development. "Senior Week will continue to include both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages."

The tragic death of Deandre Lawton '13 at the end of last year's Senior Week shook many and led to questions about the future of this event. However, according to Wilson, this incident did not impact any changes that have been made for Senior Week 2014.

When discussing the possibility of a change to a dry event in years to come, Wilson said that she does not see it happening. Rather, changes are being made to make Senior Week safer for students.

"We are reminding seniors to be mindful of the Fairfield University student code of conduct

READ SENIOR ON PAGE 4

INSIDE

NEWS:
Faculty, students and food service deliver petition
Page 3

OPINION:
Everyone's Irish - except LGBT
Page 5

THE VINE:
Dance Ensemble performs final showcase
Page 8

SPORTS:
Men's lacrosse beats two formidable foes
Page 16

Cohen: millions won't want you, but thousands truly will

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

things will get better.

"Between 13 and 18, that's when life is just ... a crazy storm. I think even to 21. Like once you can get to 25, you can see that life is 90 percent amazing and 10 percent bullsh-- ... You're able to look back and be like, 'Wow it really does get better.'"

During the event, every chair in the lower level of the BCC was occupied, and there was even a consistent group of 15 to 20 students standing at the balcony.

"I think that really shows how interesting and cool an event is; when people just happen to be walking by and stop to listen, so I think it went really well," said Kelly

Miraglia '15, director of special events on the FUSA Programming Board.

FUSA President Alex Long '14 had positive things to say about the speaker, as did other students.

"[My biggest takeaway was] to step out of your own skin and really not be afraid of disappointment or rejection. I think as college

students, oftentimes that's what's in the back of our minds because, you know, we live in a world where everyone knows everything that happens and we're afraid that if it gets out, then it's embarrassing for us. But I think what the takeaway was is to stop fearing the unknown," said Long.

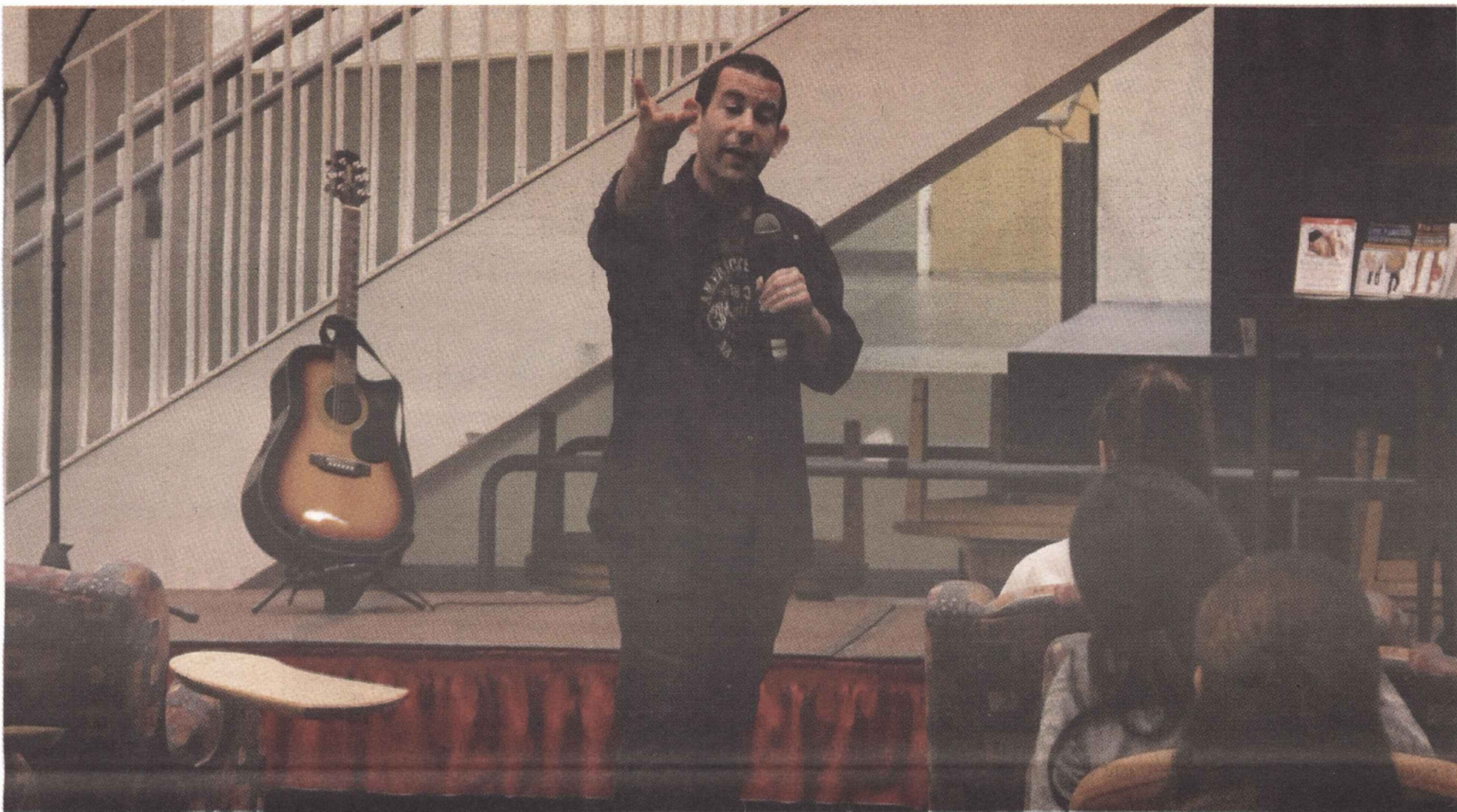
Freshman Danielle Saitta at-

tended the event for a class and was satisfied as she left the event.

"It was a lot better than I thought it was gonna be," said Saitta.

When asked what his biggest takeaway from the event was, Doug Daniels '14 was quick to answer.

"Never regret. And don't fear rejection."



Contributed by FUSA

New York Times best-selling author Harlan Cohen spoke to students at "Five Steps to Finding the Love of Your Life," answering anonymous questions through text messages.

Farrow encourages students to 'get angry' about issues

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

mad. Well, you know what? Decide what's worth it, because we need more honesty and authenticity," Farrow said.

Farrow concluded by encouraging the audience to "get angry." Following Farrow's talk, a question and answer session was held by Fairfield faculty members Dr. Philip Eliasoph, professor of visual & performing arts, Dr. Michael Serazio, assistant professor of communication and Dr. Robbin Crabtree, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The questionnaire was focused on gauging a millennial perspective on important contemporary topics. Attending Bard College at age 11, Yale Law School at 16 and appointed as Hillary Clinton's Special Adviser for Global Youth Issues at age 24, Farrow is regarded as a spokesperson for millennials.

The questionnaire covered all topics from America's good intentioned, yet mistake-filled involvement in Afghanistan, to the significance of Miley Cyrus' twerking on the MTV Video Music Awards last year. All in all, the student body's response to the event was positive.

What stood out from the questionnaire was Farrow's optimism regard-

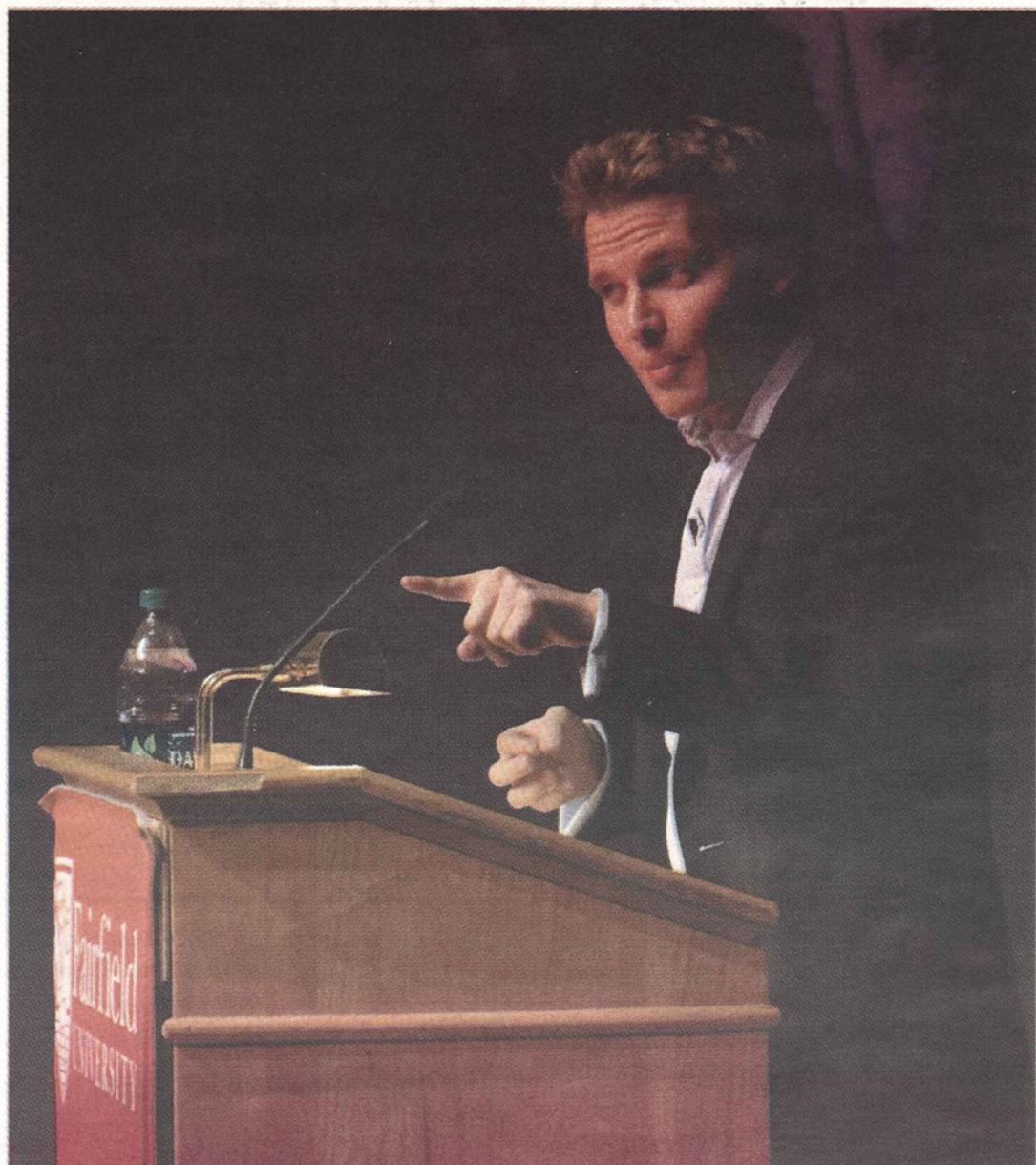
ing crowdsourcing in journalism. As an answer to Serazio's question on the significance of crowdsourcing in relation to citizen journalism, Farrow pointed to a system in which his show "Ronan Farrow Daily" utilizes.

Every week, "Ronan Farrow Daily" chooses one issue that is dissected every day throughout the week, instead of having a different issue covered every day. In this way, viewers can gain a more in-depth perspective on a particular issue so they are able to provide educated responses to the issues through different social network platforms.

"I felt that he was well-educated and really communicated well with the audience. He worked well with all of the different age groups," said Meredith LaBerge '15.

On the topic of Farrow's strong-willed proposition in reminding people that they have the ability to cause revolution and change, Bailey Moran '15 resonated well with Farrow's points.

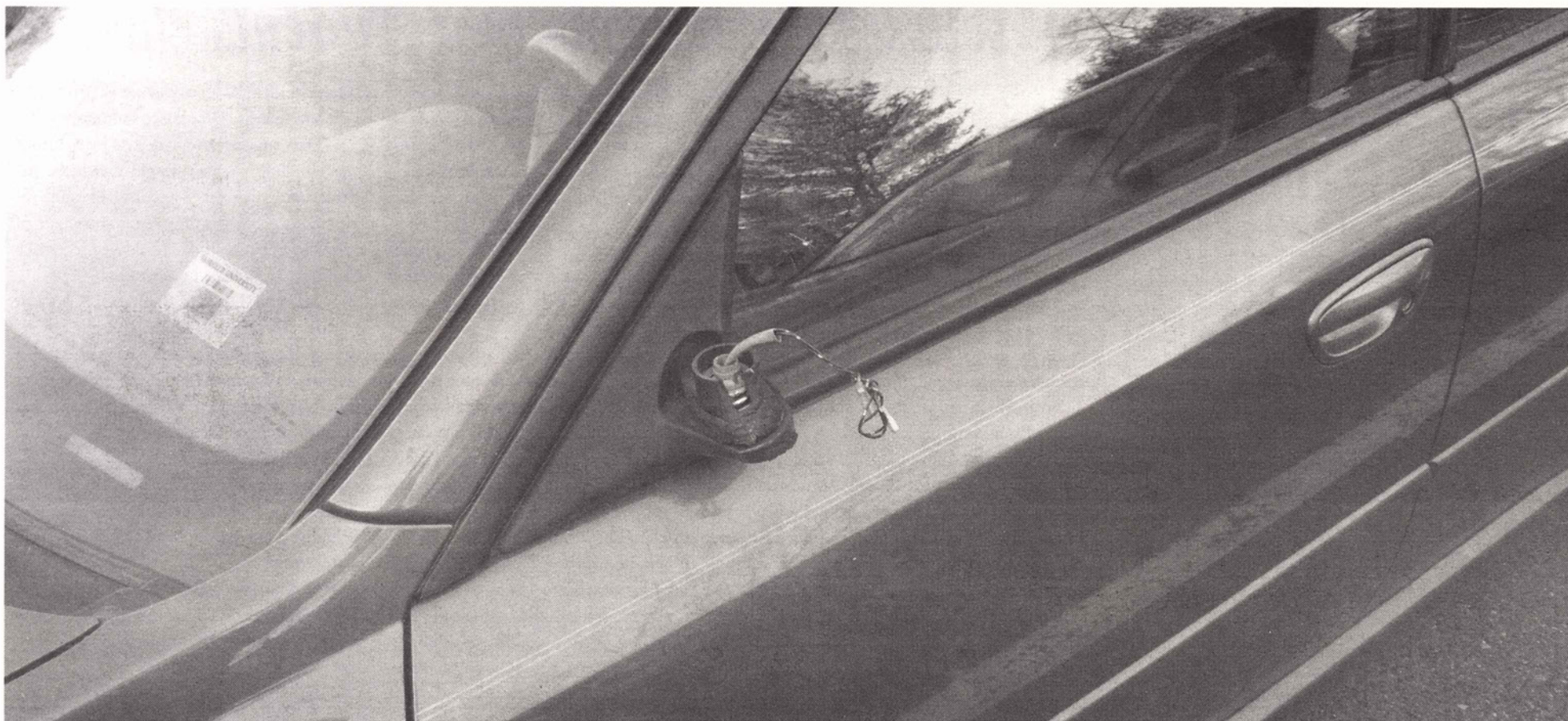
"I think it was optimistic for sure. I think it was empowering the people to want to speak out and be more honest," said Moran.



Atdhe Trepca / The Mirror

Ronan Farrow weighs a millennial perspective on controversial issues.

At least seven vehicles vandalized at the Townhouses



Christina Mowry / The Mirror

Junior Lisa Tremaglio's vehicle, among several others, was vandalized sometime late Saturday night by an unknown perpetrator. Her front left mirror was broken off and later found in the woods nearby.

By Christina Mowry
Assistant News Editor

Seven cars were vandalized late Saturday evening near the Townhouses 3 and 4 blocks.

The collective cost of damage was estimated to be a few thousand dollars, according to John Ritchie, assistant director of public safety.

Junior Justin Wimer is one of the residents whose car was vandalized. Wimer, who owns a 1992 Mazda Miata, estimates his dam-

age alone to be about \$1,000.

"Someone jumped on the front of my hood ... I had the soft top up because it was warm and they kicked a hole in my soft top and then they jumped on the back and dented my trunk and then jumped off.

They scratched my fender pretty bad when they jumped off, too," said Wimer.

According to Wimer, his vehicle's soft top was destroyed as

the frame was bent during the incident. He has since replaced his soft top with a hard top. There is a footprint on the hood and a large dent on the left side of his car.

Wimer also experienced vandalism just two weeks ago, when he caught people throwing chunks of ice at his vehicle's windshield in an attempt to break it.

Another victim of vandalism was Lisa Tremaglio '15. Her left mirror was ripped off and was

thrown into the woods in front of her townhouse.

Tremaglio was unaware of the damage until DPS informed her housemates, who then called her to tell her.

"There weren't any other scratches on my car at all, but some wires are hanging out where the mirror used to be.

I think it'll be about \$200 to \$300 to fix, but I'm not positive yet because I haven't brought it any-

where," said Tremaglio.

After learning her vehicle had been vandalized, Tremaglio was unable to locate her missing mirror and filed a police report with DPS. The next day, her mirror reappeared on the ground next to her car.

DPS asks that anyone with information related to these incidents call Public Safety at 203-254-4090.

Faculty, students and food service employees deliver signed petition

By Danica Ceballos
Executive Editor Emeritus

Faculty, students and food service workers who are members of the Local 217 Union marched to Bellarmine Hall on Tuesday to present a petition to Senior Vice President for Administration Dr. Mark Reed to include the food service workers in the food service company contract.

"I was somewhat surprised by the group coming to my office since no one had previously contacted me or my office for a meeting or been turned away in any fashion," said Reed. "Nonetheless, I was able and happy to meet with the group and listen to their concerns."

Food service workers and students collected signatures last week in the Barone Campus Center. They gathered a total of 1,350 signatures from students and faculty.

"We are grateful that Dr. Mark C. Reed took the time to listen to us," stated Cristina Richardson '14, one of the leaders of the Students for Social Justice Club who worked on the petition. "We are glad to hear that he is confident that the change of food provider will probably not affect the job positions of the current workers or their salaries and benefits. We look forward to scheduling a follow-up meeting with him."

Fatima Rojas, a union organizer with Local 217, gave her reaction to Tuesday morning's delegation. "It was great to see the energy of the students, the solidarity of the faculty and the militant action of the workers."

Assistant Vice President of Administration and Student Affairs James Fitzpatrick '70 agreed with Reed. "The union has to do what's in the best interest of the workers they represent," said Fitzpatrick. "There's nothing that I've been presented with, nor is there anything on the horizon, that lends me to believe that there's going to be any major difficulty between the company we ultimately decide on and Local 217. I've felt that all along."

Though the administration took advice from the food service consultant The Rochelle Group not to require the workers' contract in the food service bid, Reed added, "We provided all of the companies bidding a copy of the existing agreement between Sodexo and Local 217."

Despite Reed and Fitzpatrick's statements, many food service workers are still worried about the lack of job security.

Mike Kryda, who has been a food service worker with Fairfield for 10 years, said, "I really enjoy my job. I feel like I'm part of the community here. I'm just worried that the new company is not going to accept our contract and our wages are going to be cut, or we're going to lose our jobs. That's the main thing."

On March 21, the food service companies competing to be Fairfield's food service provider will turn in their bids. During spring break and shortly after, Reed, Fitzpatrick, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Administration Michael Tortora and The Rochelle Group will narrow the applications down to four companies.

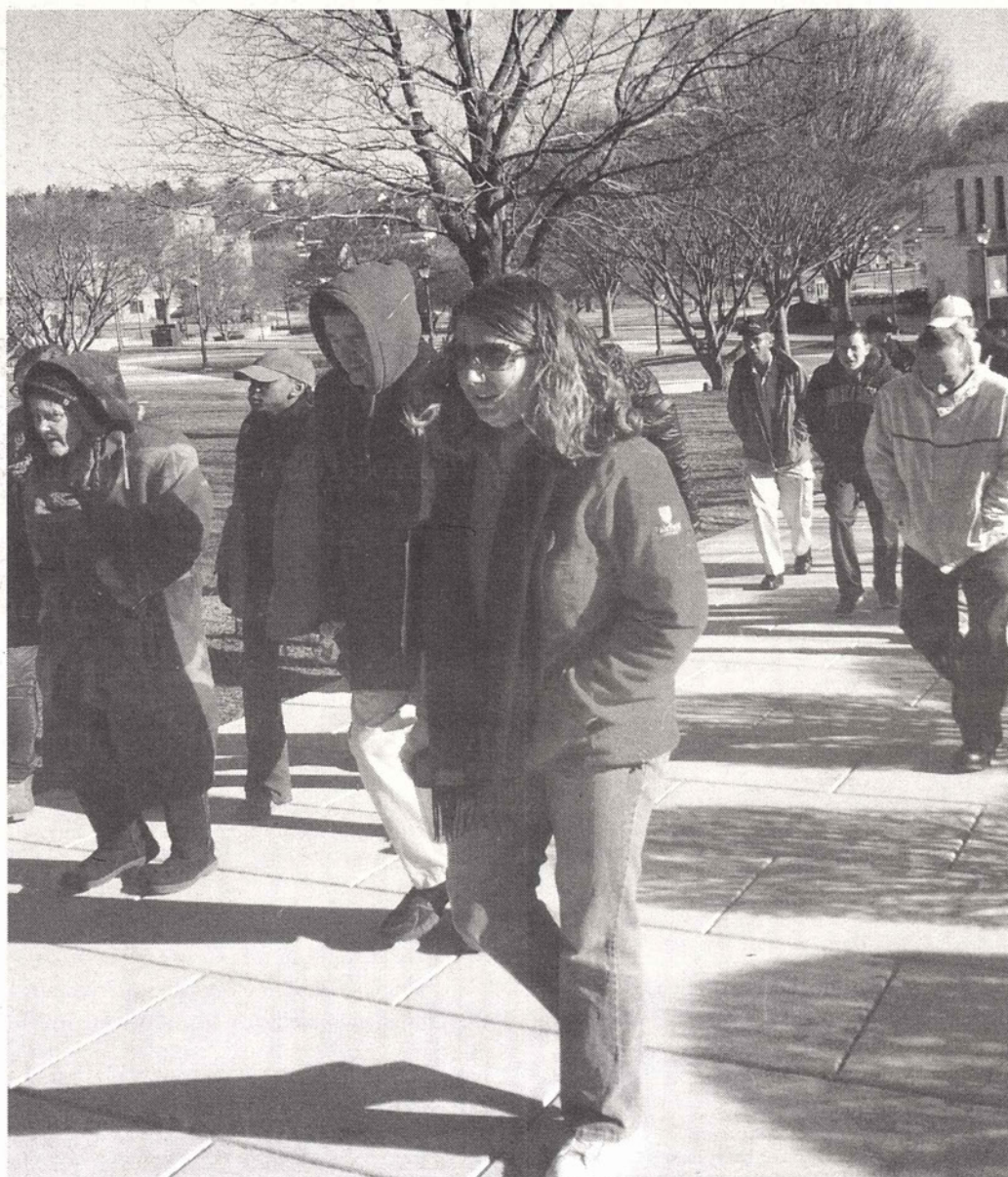


Photo by Fatima Rojas / Local 217 Union Organizer

Food service workers, faculty and students process to Bellarmine Hall to deliver a petition to Vice President Mark Reed.

Crime Beat

Compiled by Robert Joyce.

Information contributed by the Department of Public Safety.

Tuesday, 3/11

4:37 p.m. A university banner was stolen from the Quad near 70 McCormick Road. A student and their guest were identified and found responsible for taking the banner. The non-student mailed the stolen banner back to the university and his host was referred to student conduct.

Saturday, 3/15

2:03 a.m. A non-student was reported to be sitting in a female student's car outside the Townhouses 5 block. DPS responded and identified the individual and another non-student who attempted to flee. They claimed to be sitting in the car "because it was cold outside." Criminal trespass warnings were issued to the non-students and their host was referred to student conduct.

3:06 a.m. Resident Assistants responding to a noise complaint at a residence of the Townhouses 10 block were met with disorderly conduct by the residents, slamming the door in the RAs' faces and grabbing one RA by the shoulder. DPS responded and referred the residents to student conduct.

9:35 p.m. DPS responded to a report of burnt papers in a bathroom in Jogues Hall. There are currently no suspects.

Sunday, 3/16

1:46 a.m. DPS discovered a male outside of Regis Hall "aggressively kicking trash cans." He admitted to consuming alcohol earlier that evening at the Beach and was referred to student conduct.

Tuesday, 3/18

3:09 a.m. Two unregistered guests were reportedly banging on doors on the second floor of 70 McCormick Road and vomited in the bathroom. Their host was referred to student conduct.

'A Frank Discussion on Academic Integrity' discusses the reasons that students cheat

By Alexander Cucchi
Contributing Writer

It is the last week of the semester - crunch time - when you have to complete a large project or paper for every class and are stressed about whether they will even get done.

Are students more likely to do whatever it takes to get the best grade possible, regardless of ethical standards? What are the reasons for any lack of academic integrity and what can we do to improve it?

Several scenarios that students have experienced were brought up at the Thursday, March 13 presentation, "A Frank Discussion on Academic Integrity." About 80 students gathered in the Barone Campus Center Mezzanine to discuss students' and professors' views on academic integrity and how it can be improved, as well as the reasons why it occurs.

Dr. David Schmidt, an associate professor of business ethics, led the discussion

along with four panelists, two students and two faculty and staff members. Schmidt took the crowd through several scenarios in which academic integrity was broken, yet sometimes overlooked by students and faculty alike.

These scenarios included self-plagiarism, original research and information ethics. Self-plagiarism in particular stirred some discussion amongst the crowd.

One student stated, "If I am using one of my old papers that is on the same topic, I do not feel that there is any need to cite myself. It is my own work."

Another scenario that Schmidt admitted he had committed himself was information ethics, such as using photos from the web on a slideshow without citation.

When he asked the crowd if anyone else had done this, there was an overwhelming amount of hands raised.

There are many cases like this that occur all of the time, whether it be purpose-

ful or accidental. How can we improve this problem that has become so common?

One suggestion suggested by Schmidt was an "honor code" system in which students hold each other accountable and report cheating when they see it. This type of code has been instilled at other colleges like Middlebury College in Vermont.

Assistant Dean of the Dolan School of Business Dr. Heather Petraglia said that although it is a great concept and would take a great deal of pressure off of the professors, it is being proven not to work at other schools because students are having trouble turning others in.

Panel member Justin Furtado '14 said, "The honor code is an awkward situation. Bringing a cheater forward can cause social ostracizing."

Similar discussions on academic integrity are scheduled for meetings of faculty members, staff and administrators.

Senior Week to include service experience

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

and their actions," said Wilson. "In addition, we will be having professional staff members present at the majority of our events in addition to the Department of Public Safety and additional security."

This year, there will be nine events, as opposed to last year's seven.

A senior mass has been added on Sunday night, as well as a four-hour service experience that is free to the first 100 seniors. This will be an opportunity for seniors to bond with classmates as they help prepare Seaside Park in Bridgeport for its opening in

late May.

"Service is such a big part of being at Fairfield," said Lindsey Hanley '15, a

England after a review of student feedback.

"It's just a different plan," said Hanley about inserting

We are reminding seniors to be mindful of the Fairfield University student code of conduct and their actions.

- Colleen Wilson, program coordinator

Senior Week Chair member. "I think it's really great and it's optional."

Also, the once-criticized casino trip has been replaced with a trip to Six Flags New

these new events. "There was no cause behind it. Sometimes things just need updating. There was low attendance at the casino trip in the past few years, so there had been

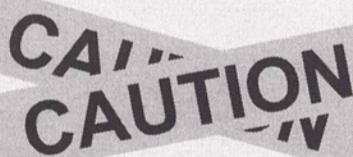
feedback for the Six Flags trip."

According to Wilson and Hanley, changes will only be made in years to come based off student feedback.

"I think they are trying to keep the same model. That seems like what works, so I don't think we'll see major changes in the next few years," said Hanley.

Senior Week 2014 will take place from Sunday, May 11, to Sunday, May 17. Seniors can pre-purchase tickets beginning on Friday, March 21.

"We value feedback from our students and hope that this will be an experience that seniors will enjoy," said Wilson.



THE MIRROR

INCORPORATED 1977

Shauna Mitchell, Editor-in-Chief
Jennifer Calhoun, Executive Editor
Enxhi Myslymi, Managing Editor

Editors

Robert Joyce, News
Christina Mowry, Assistant News
Aldhe Trepca, Assistant News
Meaghan Conlon, Opinion
Loan Le, Vine
Meaghan Kirby, Coffee Break
Patrick Kiernan, Sports
Matthew Schneider, Assistant Sports
Jesse Erickson, Assistant Sports
Angela Sammarone, Chief Copy Editor
Tebben Gill Lopez, Visual Art Director

Online

Brian Arpie, Web Manager
Colin Bell, Multimedia Manager
Margaret Andrew, Online Editor

Business Department

Email: advertising@fairfieldmirror.com
Jake Ruskan, CFO

Adviser

Dr. Tommy Xie

Contact Information

Fairfield University
1073 North Benson Road, BCC 104
Box AA, Fairfield, CT 06824
General email: info@fairfieldmirror.com

Faculty vote in favor of restoring Mentor

By Salvatore Trifilio
News Editor Emeritus

On Friday, March 14, Fairfield held a general faculty meeting to discuss the Education Technology Committee's report on the shutdown of Mentor.

While all faculty members are expected to attend general meetings, only about 145 showed, according to sources.

The meeting, held to discuss the ETC report, saw two motions come to a vote. The first motion stated: "In light of the ETC's recommendation, the CIO Francis either 'demonstrate the severity of Mentor's alleged flaws in a transparent and convincing manner' or else 'honor Fairfield's contract with Axiom Education, work with it to fix any remaining concerns in Mentor, and restore it to full functionality,' and in light of the continued failure of CIO Francis to make any such demonstration, and in light of her recent statements that she will not make such a demonstration, we call upon the administration to immediately restore Mentor to full functionality."

This motion passed with a vote of 106-35, with three abstentions.

The second motion stated "that before any major technology decision affecting academics is made by the administration, including the termination of Mentor, the Educational Technologies Committee should

be consulted and given time to review the decision and receive faculty input. The only exception to this policy would be if delay of the decision would place the university at increased legal exposure." This motion also passed in a landslide vote.

According to Dr. Michael Tucker, professor of finance, Fr. Paul Fitzgerald, S.J. was the only administrator who spoke at the meeting, in opposition to the motions voted on by faculty.

The faculty believes this issue has become a matter of a "lack of shared governance at Fairfield between administration and faculty."

According to Tucker, the New England

accreditation board outlines shared governance as an industry standard. Fairfield has been cited on this issue in the past, according to Tucker.

"This was no emergency ... we're not accepting that," said Tucker, "This was some-one crying fire in a theater."

With spring break next week and the deadline for Mentor approaching soon after students return, faculty await the administration's decision on the motions passed.

The office of the president was unable to be reached for a response. Chief Information Officer Paige Francis did not respond to questions emailed to her from The Mirror.

Corrections Box

The article entitled "Mentor to be shut down despite faculty opposition," which was printed in the March 12 issue of The Mirror stated that "The ETC investigation determined that claims about problems with Mentor were invalid." This statement has since been determined to be inaccurate. Rather, the ETC report explains that the committee was informed of the problems but were unable to verify them through direct observation.

Opinion



Everyone's Irish - except LGBT supporters

By Salvatore Trifilio
News Editor Emeritus

While hundreds of thousands of spectators flocked to New York City on Monday to celebrate at the St. Patrick's Day parade, I sat in my room staring at a computer screen, confused.

A parade meant to celebrate Irish and Irish-American cultures has become a stage of exclusion as organizers refused to allow LGBT groups to openly march in the event.

In a country ever more accepting of gay rights than at any other moment in our 238-year history, exclusion of this kind is just unacceptable. While Chicago dyes their river green for their famous parade,

New York City and Boston are seeing some of their biggest supporters pull their sponsorships, and rightly so.

And what was the justification for not allowing LGBT war veterans to openly march as LGBT war veterans?

Nothing but a weak statement put out by the otherwise unknown organizers stating they would "... not allow anyone to express harmful or inappropriate messages," and that, "This was a decision we made for the good of this parade."

But there is nothing harmful or inappropriate about being proud of who you are.

Members of the LGBT community have no more choice in their sexual orienta-

tion than an Irish person has in his or her heritage. If the organizers wished to make a decision for the good of the parade, they would not have excluded a few proud Irish people who happen to be a part of the LGBT community, especially when they're war veterans.

For a day lost in drinking, wearing green and eating corned beef and cabbage, let's not forget that the essential meaning of St. Patrick's Day lies in the celebration of Irish and Irish-American cultures.

Cultures rooted deep in their immigration to our country in which our immigrant ancestors were discriminated against and alienated in much the same way as society has done to the LGBT community.

Society has come a long way since being Irish meant you were a different race, and being gay meant you had chosen to sin against God.

However, every time we allow an exclusion like this to go by unnoticed, we are taking dangerous steps in the wrong direction.

What's more disgraceful is the two cities who have led the way in progressive thinking and social policy for as long as I can remember, now have more restrictions on LGBT members' right to march in their St. Patrick's Day parade than in Dublin and Galway.

It's appalling that at a parade where spectators dress like leprechauns, dye their hair green and are openly intoxicat-

ed, the organizers of these parades have deemed a rainbow-colored flag as too ridiculous for participation.

We all must support the leadership of mayors Bill de Blasio (New York City) and Marty Walsh (Boston) who joined Heineken, Sam Adams and Guinness in boycotting their cities' parades this past Monday, after organizers refused to allow LGBT groups the right to openly march in the celebrations.

Every year, Fairfield marches in the NYC parade. As a university that prides itself in the value of "men and women for others," it is truly disappointing that we did not stand with the LGBT community and boycott this parade.

Letter to the Editor

In relation to the poem written by Crystal Rodriguez

As a poet and writer, columnist and teacher, I support freedom of expression in literature or art in general.

Languages with sex references, colloquial words and "politically incorrect expressions" have been used for centuries in poetry, literature, art, sculpture and ceramic (from the Chimú civilization in Peru, for example).

The oral and popular poetry from people in Carnival, for centuries, have used expressions with sexual denotations (and not denotations), in order to condemn certain social injustices.

I am thinking of "The Incredible and Sad Tale of Innocent Eréndira and her Soulless Grandmother," a short story from the Colombian Nobel Prize winner Gabriel García Márquez. Some people believe that literature must use only

"decent words" or "generally accepted standards of respectable or moral behavior."

But, we have writers in America like Henry Miller or the poet Charles Bukowski who not always used - how we say - "decent" expressions.

This is just my view as a poet and writer, and as professor of Latin American literature here at Fairfield University.

Poetry has been a tool to denounce injustices around

many civilizations no matter what language or images they used because that is the writer's (anonymous or not, oral or written) most precious freedom tool.

Artists have always, in general, gone against the "status quo."

Professor Javier Campos
Modern Languages and
Literatures Department

Editorial Board

Hello, goodbye

Shauna Mitchell
Editor-in-Chief

Jennifer Calhoun
Executive Editor

Enxhi Myslymi
Managing Editor

Thursday marks the beginning of a new season: spring. Judging by the warm jackets and gloves we still have to put on before bracing the subfreezing temperatures, the weather hasn't exactly gotten the memo.

However, things are changing below the surface and, although we might not recognize it right away, within a few weeks we'll be acclimated to the comfortable temperatures on our walks to class and enjoying everything the Point has to offer.

The same thing is happening here at The Mirror.

This week's issue marks the beginning of the new tenure of Mirror staffers.

When you open the paper on Wednesday afternoon, not much is going to look different; Crime Beat will have its place on page four, WVOF will be giving you an exclusive look at what's to come for the week and the same faces will be smiling up at you in 4x5.

However, the inner workings of The Mirror have changed and will continue to change through the next year.

We are learning to work together as a new staff and coping with the nearly crippling

loss of our former editors (there were seven of them), who were in many ways wiser and more comfortable in their positions.

Your new editorial board is comprised of a ragtag bunch: one former sports editor, a chief copy editor and the associate news editor.

We might be new to the job, but we're also ready to use the skills we've acquired here to make our former editors proud.

We are prepared to bring a new feel and look to The Mirror, so it's appropriate that this dawning of a new age coincides with the

beginning of spring.

Much like how Loan, Luigi and Danica left their marks on The Mirror over the last year, we are excited to bring our own personalities, talents and expertise into the upcoming year of issues.

Winter is silently morphing into spring, and so too will The Mirror slowly change and become imprinted with the three of us, like it has with the dozens of editors that have come before us.

We are looking forward to being the voice of Fairfield news and the next year of The Mirror.

Dancing on the devil's grave

By Leigh Tauss
Opinion Editor Emeritus

Rumors have been circulating that certain members of the LGBT community are planning to picket former Westboro Baptist Church leader Fred Phelps' funeral and have gay sex on his grave. The guy hasn't even died yet, but already the militant left is mobilizing to desecrate the memory of one of the most hated men in America.

But why? Westboro already excommunicated Phelps last year for supposedly promoting that church members be "kinder." Clearly, the coiners of "God hates fags" weren't having that, so they kicked his shriveled butt to the curb.

Yet still, unaffiliated, and on his deathbed no less, Phelps finds himself the subject of controversy yet again. Although he might deserve our disdain in every way, preliminary plans to picket his grave and have gay sex on it leave a bad taste in my mouth.

There is no such thing as "righteous" hate mongering. Hate

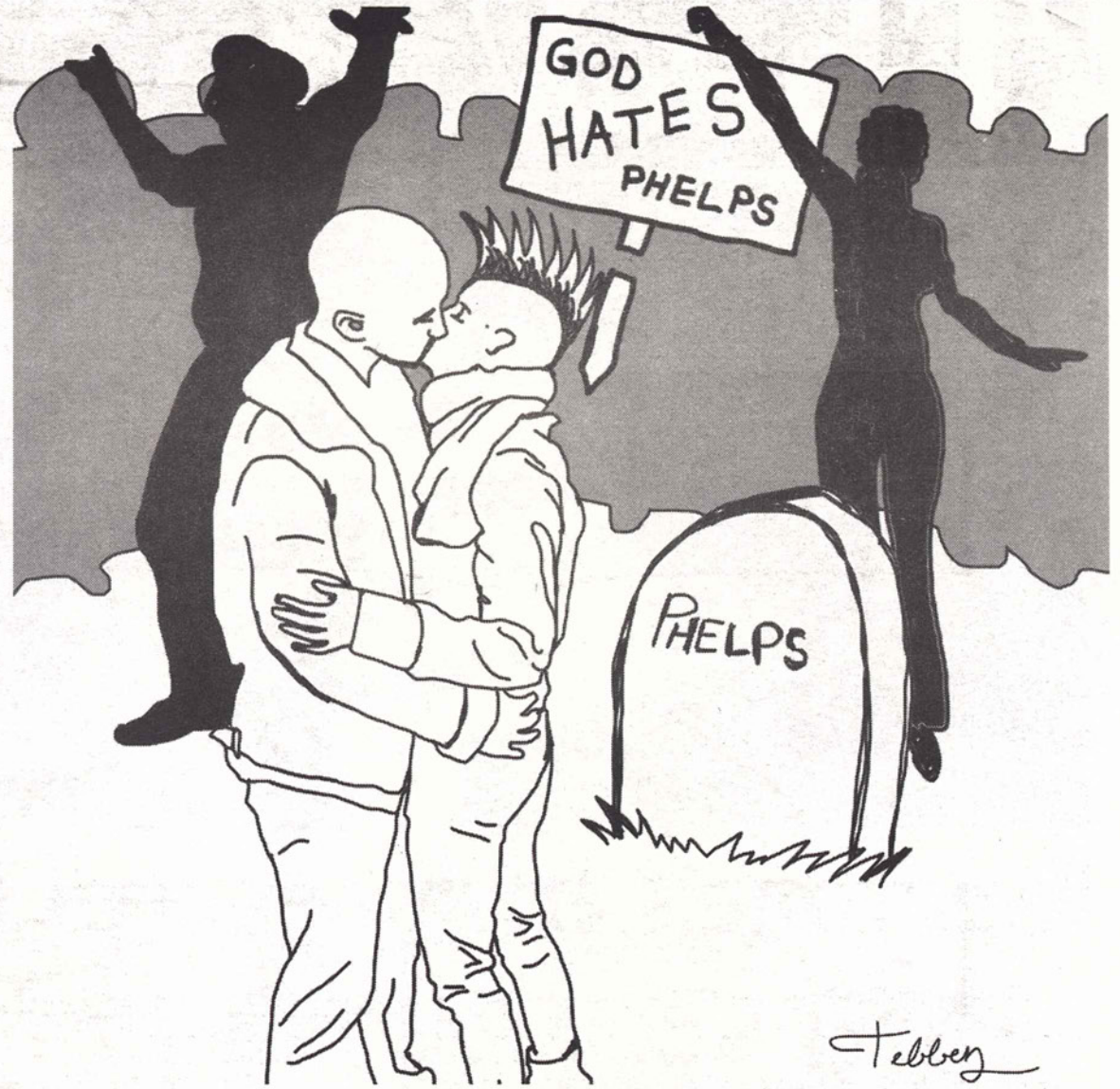
for the sake of political justice doesn't solve anything. In fact, it corrupts a good cause. LGBT rights are happening, there is no questioning that. What good does it do to stoop to the level of close-minded homophobes, adopting their tactics to seek revenge on a soon-to-be silenced voice?

The best thing we can do to squash Westboro has always been the same: ignore them. Don't go to their website, don't publicize their protests and don't contribute to their tired out drama. As the saying goes, if a tree falls in the forest and no one hears, no one cares either.

Westboro functions as a succubus; except rather than feeding on sexual energy, they are fueled by our hatred. The more hate we throw at them, the more ammunition we give them to fight back.

Let's give them nothing to talk about.

The best we can hope for is that the name "Phelps" gets relegated to no more than a footnote in the pages of history. Better yet: a blip in the system long forgotten.



Tebben

'Free' elections in Crimea

By Thomas MacIsaac
Contributing Writer

The Washington Post reported the results for the 2012 presidential election as 50.6 percent for President Obama and 47.8 percent for Governor Romney. Many would consider this to be a free and open election between two candidates. On March 16, CNN conducted a similar poll — not between two candidates — but as to whether the Ukrainian region of Crimea would join the Russian Federation or stay with Ukraine. After what the Russian and Crimean governments claimed were also a free and open poll, the results were in. Over 95 percent of the Crimean people, supposedly, voted to join the Russian Federation and secede from Ukraine.

This clearly was not a free and open election for the results are so severely skewed in one direction. It is clear that the results were predetermined before the election was even held. Russia knew from the get-go that Crimea would be the latest addition to the Russian Federation, for thousands of Russian troops, not wearing any identifiable insignias, have been in the region for weeks — even before the Russian parliament

authorized the use of military force in Crimea. This vote was simply done to make what is essentially a military invasion look like a legitimate process of secession of a province from an existing country, and the ultimate annexation by a new one.

Vladimir Putin, the authoritarian President of Russia, is beginning to resemble dictators of Russia's past, more specifically Joseph Stalin. While clearly not as brutal as the late Russian dictator, Stalin also used this process of making an illegitimate process look the contrary. The Soviet Union under Joseph Stalin held elections every few years. However, the results, like that of the election regarding Crimea, were known before the elections were even held. Stalin's name was also the only name on the ballot. This was done to make Stalin look like the legitimate, de jure leader, when in reality he was simply a brutal de facto dictator.

Another disturbing connection that can be made between the two leaders is the fact that under Stalin's rule after the Second World War, he assisted in the installation of Pro-Soviet governments, which would come to be called the Eastern Bloc nations. This has been done in Crimea as well, for there is currently a Pro-Russian

government in place. The only difference is that in this case Crimea will be absorbed into Russia proper. One cannot help but make the connection between the recent actions of Putin and Stalin for they both have a track record of holding farce elections to establish legitimacy and a tendency to install, and in this case absorb, pro-Russian factions.

What does all this mean for the rest of the Ukraine? Since Crimea is now for all intensive purposes a part of Russia, regardless of whether or not the rest of the world formally recognizes it or not. After the eventual fall of the Soviet Union, Ukraine was left with large stockpiles of nuclear weapons, which they gave up for assurances from Russia that their sovereignty would be respected.

Russia has obviously violated this sovereignty, and it is the opinion of this contributor that Ukraine will actively seek membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to protect itself from any further incursions by the Russian military, for they simply are not a match against the powerhouse that is the Russian Federation. If they do attain membership, Russia will think twice before conducting such an operation against Ukraine again.

The Weekly Sweet and Sour

- Fairfield forgot to inform commuter students that parking lots were closed due to an event at Prep.
- Lady Gaga was doused in green puke as part of her performance at SXSW.
- Fairfield didn't boycott the NYC parade.

• Fr. Fitzpatrick graced students with his dancing skills at Sunday's 6 p.m. mass.

• Saturday was the coming attraction for what spring will (hopefully) be.

• There's a new Mirror staff!

To drink or to pray: That is the question

By Matt Schneider
Assistant Sports Editor

Having attended Catholic school for most of my life as well as being part Irish, I have heard the legend of St. Patrick many times. Supposedly, St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, chased snakes off of an island after they interrupted a fast in which he was partaking. This legend and others like it were what made St. Patrick's Day special for me, and I often spent it in church as a result of my Catholic schooling.

Nowadays, however, the whole theme seems to have changed. People say that everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's day, but not for the same reasons

I used to celebrate the holiday. Instead of being a holy holiday celebrating the life of a great saint, St. Patrick's Day has become a holiday often associated with drinking. How could this have happened?

Once I got to college in September of 2011, my eyes were opened to many things I hadn't known before. In March of the next year, I experienced my first St. Patrick's Day party and was surprised by what I saw.

Maybe it was naive of me to expect everyone to spend their St. Patrick's Day praying, but the fact that the holiday had become an excuse for college kids to get drunk was not something that I expected. Over the past few years,

I have been to quite a few St. Patrick's Day parties, and celebrated the holiday many different ways.

Recently, I have gotten to thinking that maybe treating a holiday of such importance in such a light manner may not be the best policy after all.

Don't get me wrong; I always enjoy going to a good party and getting my Irish pride on with my friends.

The issue with the whole matter is that a holiday that was once thought of respectfully has become one that

people associate with drunkenness and debauchery. I know that many people are probably thinking that I am overreacting to the whole situation, and maybe I am, but would it be so wrong for people to remember the holiday for what it truly stands for instead of what it has been made out to be?

I'm not saying that everyone should shut themselves in their rooms and pray all day.

I just think that people should consider treating the holiday with the

respect it deserves, instead of with the flippant attitude that everyone seems to treat it with.

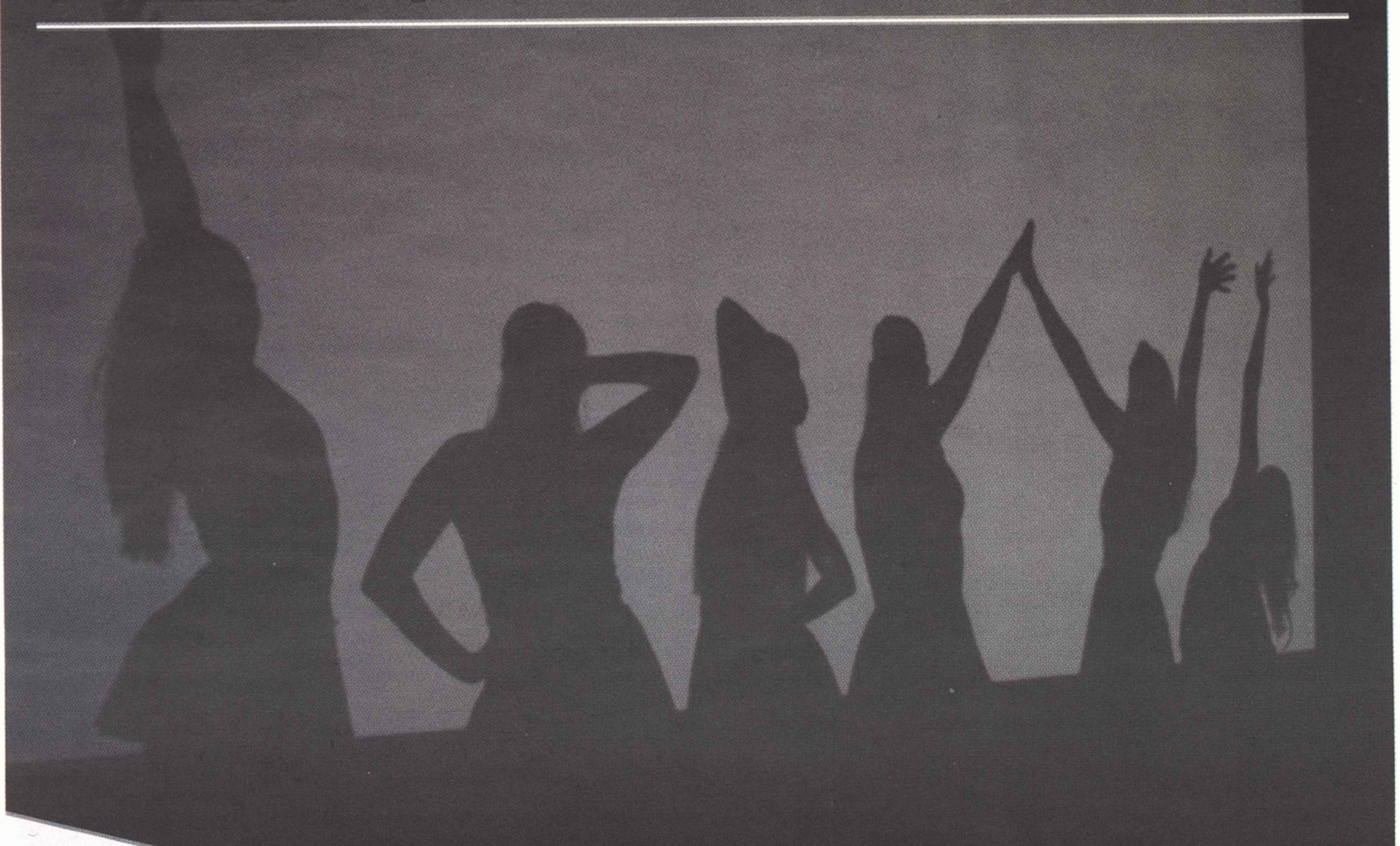
Now I know that nobody is going to stop celebrating the holiday the fun way just because I say so (I wouldn't even dream of saying so since I will be having a good time myself), but maybe when you are out partying and having a fun, Irish-themed celebration, you can stop to remember the real reason the holiday exists, and be thankful for such a great day.

The Mirror welcomes the opinions and contributions of its readers: Letters to the editor must be timely and submitted by email to info@fairfieldmirror.com or Box AA. All letters to the editor that are appropriate will be published either in print or online. The Mirror reserves the right to edit letters and articles for content, length and grammatical error. Letters should be free of obscenities and personal attacks and should contain correct and factual information not exceeding 500 words.

The Vine

arts, entertainment, features

vine@fairfieldmirror.com



FINAL SHOWCASE



Alex Fylypovych / The Mirror

AROUND CAMPUS

Dancing the night away

By Jesse Erickson
Assistant Sports Editor

There was nothing but applause for the dancers of Fairfield's Dance Ensemble as they took the stage on Friday, March 14 at the Regina A. Quick Center. The night was filled with beautiful performances by the 61 members of Fairfield's largest student-run club on campus. The Dance Ensemble spent about six months preparing for that one night.

During those six months, the dancers had weekly practices, depending on which genre the dancer participates in. For each genre — jazz, tap, modern, ballet, lyrical, hip-hop and Irish step — the dancers practiced for about an hour each week. Most dancers chose to take part in at least two different genres of the Dance Ensemble, which made their commitment to the club even more demanding.

In the past, the final performance has always taken place in April. But this year because of the availability of the Quick Center, the show happened one month earlier.

"Because the show was a month earlier, our schedule was much tighter," said Dance Ensemble President Kalee Brunelle '14. "We all pulled together in the end and produced an amazing show despite that obstacle."

The evening was introduced by the two masters of ceremony, Will Hollingsworth '14 and Alex Long '14, who kept the audience entertained with countless corny jokes and interesting attempts at their own kinds of dances like the "Microwave" and "Baking the Cake." However, the real performances began when they walked off stage.

The show consisted of 29 different performances by the different groups. Each genre performed twice during the night. Excerpts of popular songs like "Everybody Dance Now," "Wake Me Up," "We Own the Night" and "Rumor Has It" accompanied the performances.

Through dues and ticket sales, the Dance Ensemble was able to purchase costumes to create unity in each dance. The hip-hop group performed in flannels and combat boots, the ballet section performed a dance called "Baseball Meets Ballet," where they performed in red and white baseball uniforms and the jazz group, in the second half of the show, performed to a song called "Hands Up" in sequin-decorated wrap skirts, flowers in their hair and Chinese fans spread in front of their faces.

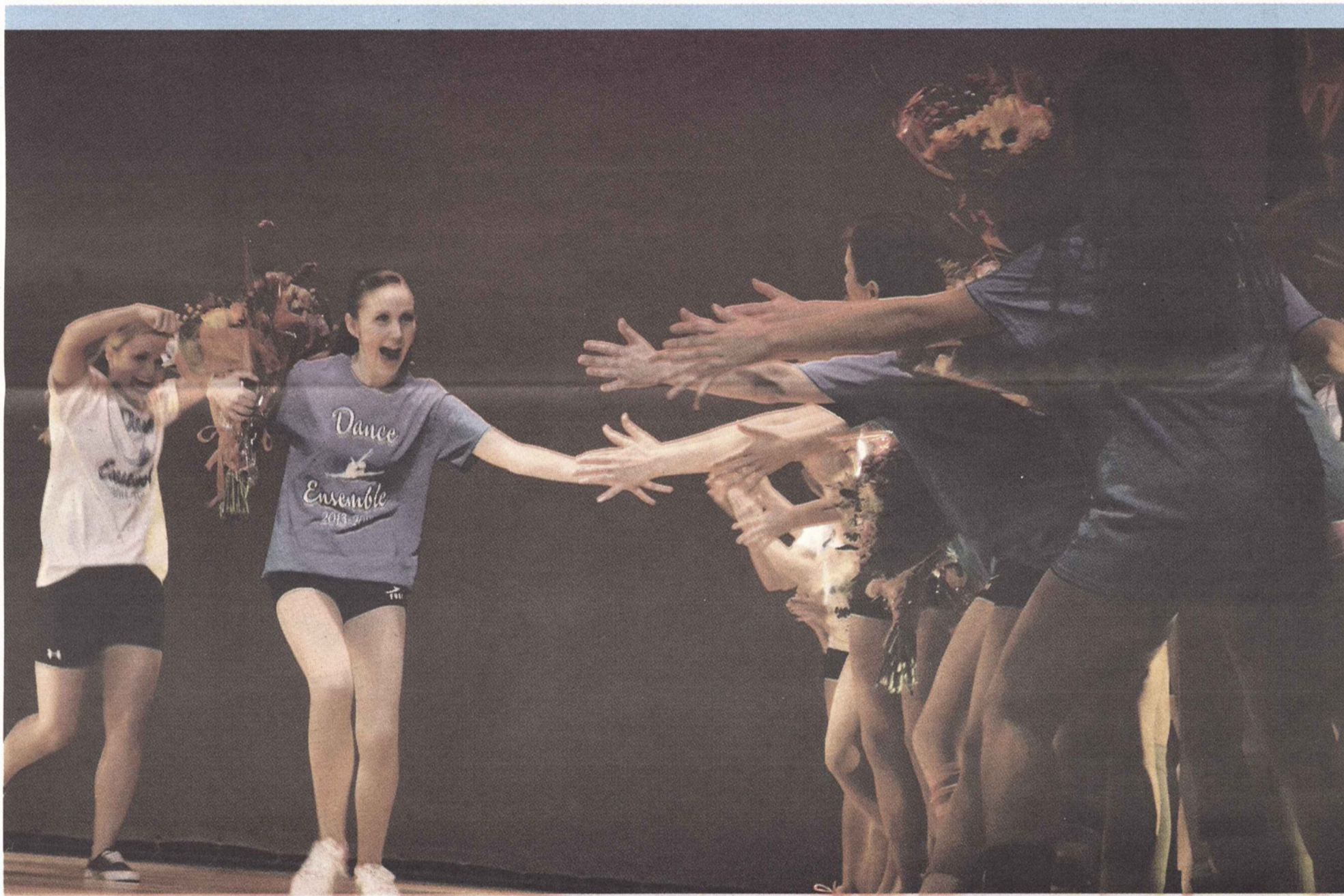
"I thought the costumes were beautiful and really brought the dances together," said Steph Van Fleet '17. "One of my favorite set of costumes were the three dresses donated by the Connecticut School of Dance."

Each dance was unique, demonstrating how different each genre of dance is and how versatile and talented the dancers of the Dance Ensemble are. The dances were well choreographed, well timed and in unison.

"The ensemble groups impressed me with their ability to move as one group with continued energy and passion," said Janice Hagman, one of the parents watching the show.

For the most part, the groups moved as one, but there were sections of the show where the spotlight was on a single dancer.

It is a tradition that the seniors of the team perform in a solo, duo or trio. That is the seniors' one moment to show the talent they have acquired over the



Alex Fylypovych / The Mirror

GOODBYE TO SENIORS: Friday night captured their years of dedication to the Dance Ensemble. At the end of the show, President Kalee Brunelle '14 gives high-fives to her team.

years. Brunelle performed a tap solo to the song "Best I Ever Had" and dedicated her performance to her mother and friend Dan. In a beautiful costume, Maria Waring '14 performed to "Landslide" in her solo lyrical piece. All the dances performed by the seniors truly impressed the audience.

"From contemporary to Irish tap, all of the seniors showed their love and passion they have for dancing," said Andalib Ali '17. "That passion and love is something I look for when I'm watching dance and because of that, I thought each performance was amazing."

At the end of the show, the seniors came together for one final and fun dance. Decked out in wacky, 80's themed wardrobes, the

12 seniors (Francesca Romano was out from injury) danced through the aisles to "Timber." After endless hours spent working on stage throughout the four years, their time as dancers finally came to an end and they couldn't have been happier with the entire performance.

"My favorite part of the show was performing the senior dance at the end," stated Brunelle. "We had a really awesome group of seniors this year, and I was honored to be up on the stage with them."

Brunelle, who has been president since the beginning of the school year, has been dancing for 16 years. Her talent on stage captured the hearts of the entire audience. As the president of FUDE, Brunelle

is responsible for booking time in Gonzaga Auditorium and the Leslie C. Quick Recreation Complex for weekly rehearsals, sending out weekly reminders of practice time and events to club members, making sure the final event runs smoothly and finally, organizing the two weeks prior to the performance, referred to as "hell week." During "hell week," rehearsals start at 4 p.m. and end at midnight.

"We have to distribute funds for costumes, collect all of the show music and put it onto CDs, put together the program (which in itself consists of figuring out the show order, getting dedications from teachers, and sending letters home to parents about purchasing ads), name the show, design the tickets,

choreograph and teach the finale dance and order finale shirts," said Brunelle.

On top of keeping together "hell week," Brunelle is also one of the "teachers" of the club along with several other dancers.

"The teachers are responsible for choreographing a dance in the genre that they were elected to and then teaching it to the rest of the girls in that class," stated Brunelle. "Each genre has a minimum of two teachers (one for fall and one for spring), but sometimes classes are team-taught if two students wish to choreograph together."

Despite the large commitment it takes of being a part of FUDE, Brunelle stated that her experience of being on the Dance Ensemble

team has been one of her favorite things about Fairfield.

"I can honestly say that I have 60 close friends," stated Brunelle, "What could be better than that?"

In the future, Brunelle said she hopes that the club continues to be as close and as successful as it has continuously in the past.

"I hope that every member of Dance Ensemble knows how incredibly proud of him/her that I am. I have watched them grow so much this year, and it truly brings tears to my eyes when I realize that I will not be on the stage with them again next year," stated Brunelle. "Thankfully, the group has some really strong emerging leaders, and I can't wait to see what they have in store for the ensemble."

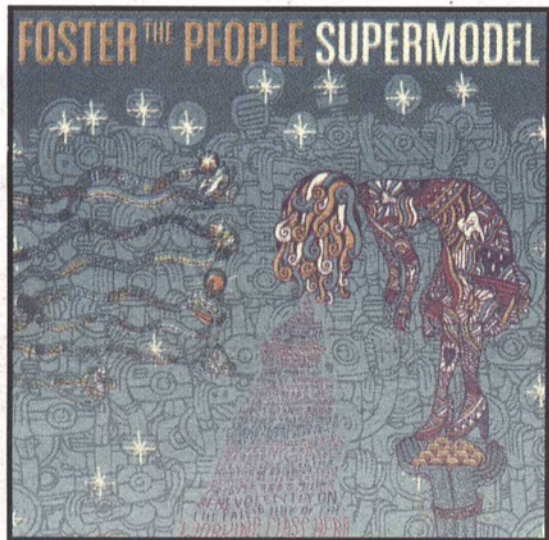
WVOF

What to listen to next

By Jana Novak
WVOF Music Director

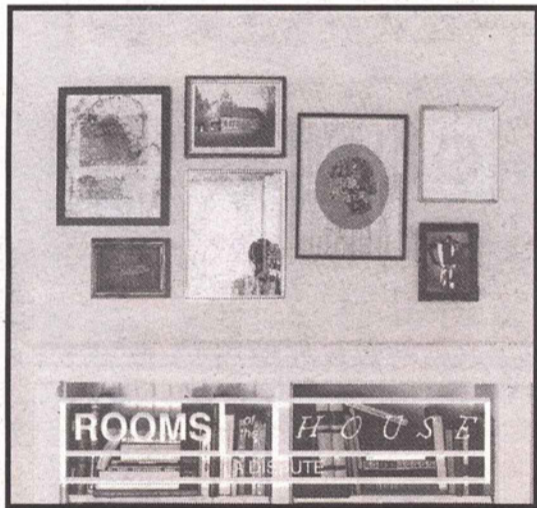
Foster the People - "Supermodel"

After the breakthrough success of their 2010 single, "Pumped Up Kicks," the Los Angeles-based band was put on the map as a frontrunner in pop music. They have returned with their sophomore album "Supermodel," which lives up to this standard. "Supermodel" is an introspective album, but the songs are infectiously catchy. The overall sound is dance-oriented, somewhere between pop rock and funky psychedelia.



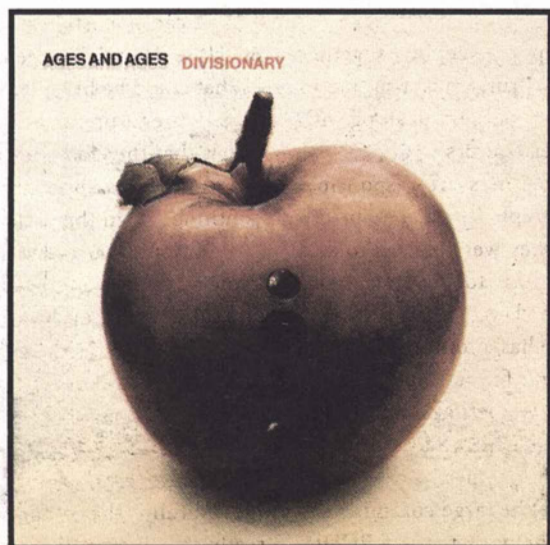
La Dispute - "Rooms of the House"

This album, arguably their most mature, has a production quality not yet seen with La Dispute. The songs are better crafted and more melodic. However, what is most notable about this album are the lyrics. Dense and poetic, like the majority of La Dispute songs, the lyrical narrative and emotional delivery by frontman Jordan Dreyer really make "Rooms of the House" a post-punk success.



Ages and Ages - "Divisionary"

This album from the seven-piece, Portland-based band focuses on building choir-like, layered vocals over organic instrumentation. The result is a vibrant wave of rustic roots mixed with modern pop. Acoustic guitars, shakers and energetic rhythms fill "Divisionary" with bright optimism and spirited folk sounds.



Contributed Photos



Told By Drudoll

When it comes to style & fashion, Drudoll tells all.

By Drusilla Ollennu
Fashion Columnist

The secrets of shopping

When most of us shop, our instinct is to buy whatever immediately attracts us. Unfortunately, this habit can limit our individual styles because we ignore clothing that doesn't instantly catch our attention. These shopping tips will help to expand your personal style:

It's not who you buy, but what you buy. Owning brand name clothing does not equate to being fashionable. The way an outfit is put together and worn determines how chic it is, not the name attached to it. Focus more on the design of clothing and how it can be styled.

Explore different departments instead of limiting yourself to certain spaces. Broaden your shopping areas (including stores and departments) to expose yourself to a wider variety of styles. Personally, I do not limit myself to the women's department because I often come across great finds in the men's department, including oversized sweaters, shirts and beanies.

Don't shop solely for current trends. If you only search for clothing that is momentarily popular, all of your clothing will soon go out of style. Timeless pieces are important to have in your closet because you can always fall back on them. By the same token, don't ignore daring ensembles that will set your style apart.

Contributed Photo

MUSIC REVIEW

The 80's never ended

By Leigh Taus
Opinion Editor Emeritus

Lush space rock soundscapes tumble over Springsteen summer ballad nostalgia on cruise control. The War on Drugs has released a new track from their upcoming album "Lost in the Dream." "Red Eyes" has all the makings of a 1980's teen anthem and convincingly delivers that dream in a package of Cosmic Americana.

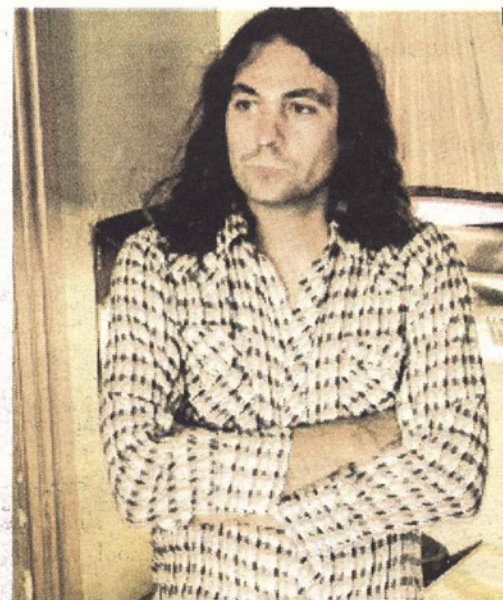
And yet, there is an anarchic freedom to the repetition, in the tradition of Kerouacian iconoclasm: a breathless overcoming and reclaiming of the American Dream. Getting on board the ride of this track feels like you can feel your high school dreams again, surging up through your steering wheel into your fingertips.

And I don't even like Bruce, but I'm really digging this track. As it slowly and precisely expands into an epic power ballad drone, my heart syncs up to the drum beat, my eyes glaze and boil the backdrop into neons and I want to move my feet in some hybrid of a jig and a skank.

Pitchfork gave "Lost in the Dream" an 8.8 and if this track is just a taste, I can't wait for what's to come. The music video is also adorable

and worth checking out.

I'll warn you though: If you're the type of person who will listen to a track on repeat until you can literally never listen to it again, maybe shy away. No, don't. It's spring and we need to feel things.



Contributed Photos



By Trish Doheny
Food Columnist

Dreaming of spring weather? I know I am! Why not trick your senses and try this delicious, fruity treat until the sun comes out? Lemon water can get boring after a while, so here you have a healthy, but prettier, treat that you can look forward to and that won't set you behind on your goals. There's literally no added sugar — just good old mint, tangy lime, tart lemon and some natural sweetness from a Pink Lady Apple. For an added kick of sweetness, you can add a dash of the secret ingredient — Cipriani Bellini Peach Soda if you're in dire straits — I won't tell anyone. I hope you enjoy this as much as my family does.

Here's what you'll need:

Nutrishus Fruity Iced Water

- 8 cups water
- 4 cups ice
- 1 handful of fresh mint
- 5 lemons
- 5 limes
- 1-2 Pink Lady Apples

Fill a large measuring pitcher or metal bowl halfway with ice. Add water. Slice four lemons and four limes in thin 1/4 inch slices. Juice the other lime and lemon the traditional way and add to iced water. Cut Pink Lady Apple in quar-

ters, core middle and slice in thin 1/4 inch slices. Plop fruit in with the iced water. Take a handful of mint — add more or less to your liking — and rip into tiny pieces.

Plop mint in with fruity iced water and stir. Serve in cute glasses and don't be afraid to decorate with a colorful straw or an extra peel on the side.

Now, wait just a minute. Upperclassmen: Here's the twisted version.

The best part is if you already have your Fruity Iced Water in the fridge, the hard part is over. Just fish some of that fruit out of your water and

you're halfway finished with the weekend-friendly version ... the Nutrishus Bellini!

Nutrishus Bellini

1 bottle chilled champagne (don't worry about getting too fancy here, Barefoot will do)

3 tablespoons - 1/4 cup Cipriani Bellini Peach Juice Soda per glass

Fruit - lemons, limes, Pink Lady Apples and blueberries for color

- Fresh mint
- Ice (optional)

Take the delicious, tangy



Trish Doheny / The Mirror

fruit from the pitcher you made earlier (which by now has added flavor since it's been marinating in a pitcher of citrus all day) and add it to your glass. Add about 3 tablespoons of Cipriani Bellini Peach Juice Soda and top it off with champagne. Add some blueberries for added color. Watch it

bubble to the top and jump for joy knowing you created this monster. Take a Pink Lady Apple and lemon slice, tack it to the side of the glass, et voilà. Happy spring! It'll be a hit, so make sure you make extras.

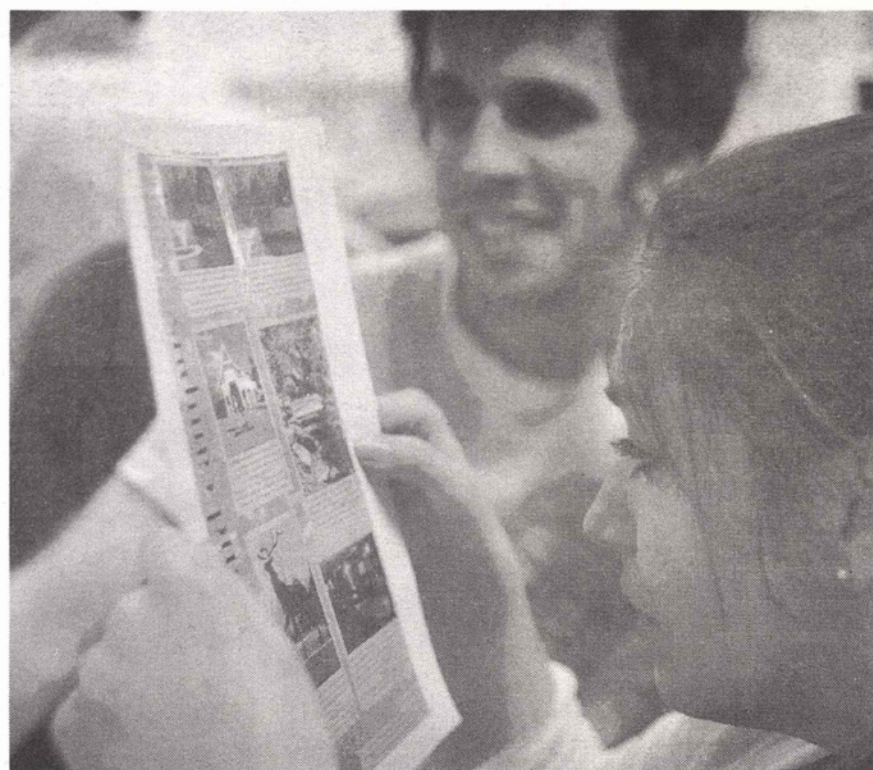
Bon appétit et bonne santé,
Trish



Fairfield
UNIVERSITY

Your Career Starts Here

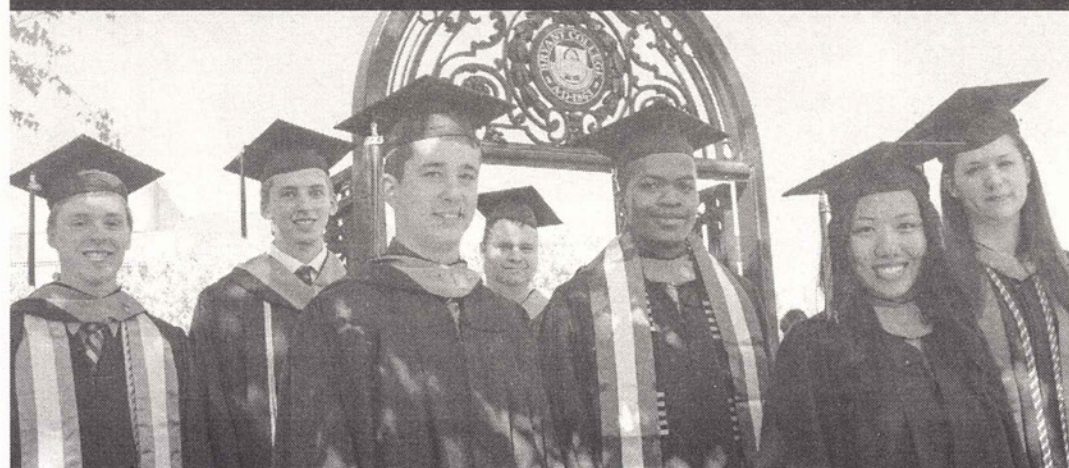
CareerPlanningCenter



Bryant University

Graduate School of Business

BE IN DEMAND.



Contribute to The Mirror.

- Add a line to your résumé.
- Apply your writing skills.
- Get published.
- Party like a journalist.

Learn.

Mondays at 7 p.m.

Brainstorm and pitch stories and talk to editors.

Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Critiques from the EIC and Mirror adviser Dr. Xie.

You've come this far. Now, take your next big step.

Learn how to meet the demands of global business with the Bryant Graduate School of Business. Bryant offers full-time master's degree programs specifically designed for recent graduates who want to prepare for success in the competitive job market.

MBA ONE-YEAR PROGRAM

Full-time day program for all majors

- Gain credentials and experience that distinguish you in the job market
- Benefit from real-world practicum and consulting opportunities
- Fast track your career, with no professional work experience required
- Specializations in:
 - Global Supply Chain Global
 - Finance International Business

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING (MPAc)

Full-time day program for accounting majors

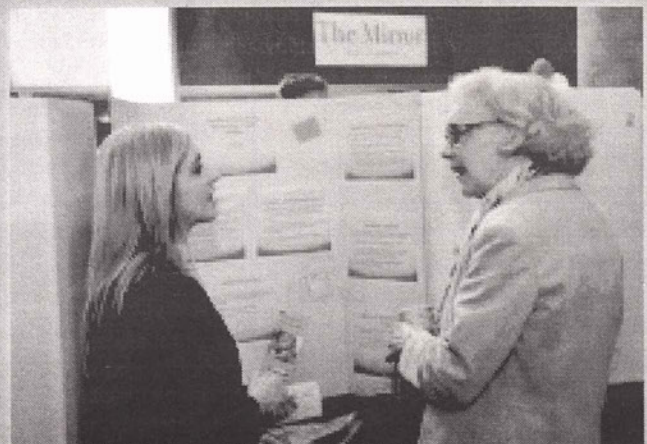
- Meet the 150-hour requirement for CPA licensure
- Complete your program in two terms: summer/fall, summer/summer, fall/spring or spring/summer
- Pursue a tax concentration with summer/fall or summer/summer schedule

Application Deadlines:

PRIORITY: April 15 REGULAR: July 15

To learn more, visit www.bryant.edu/BeInDemand

Research and Creative Accomplishments Symposium



Join us for this day of Celebration!

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

BCC Lower Level

14th Annual Sigma Xi Poster Session
3 - 5 p.m. (BCC Lower Level)

Senior Nurses Capstone Presentation
4 - 6 p.m. (BCC Oak Room)

Service Learning Celebration
4 - 5:30 p.m. (Kelley Center)

Submit proposals online for the Symposium
March 17 through April 9
www.fairfield.edu/symposium





COFFEE BREAK

Editor Meaghan Kirby

Senior Farewells

The Mirror class of '14 says goodbye to their beloved paper



I've been a part of The Mirror since September of 2010. I remember staying in the office until the late mornings and how the other editors had to pry me away from my computer because I tried to make my section perfect. I've made mistakes and learned from them. I've gained memories that will last forever.

The newspaper is the most dysfunctional club on campus: Its members stay up until 5 a.m. to put out an issue and our group text messages consist of potential story ideas and insults at each other. Sal, you are correct: I've put up with a lot in the past year (our staff's late-night ridiculous rants and tendency to get sidetracked by YouTube videos) ... but I enjoyed every minute of it.

The night we finished our first issue together in March 2013, Luigi, a tall 21-year-old with the heart of a 6-year-old, bear-hugged both Danica and me. In that moment I didn't care how far off the ground I was or that I could barely breathe. I just knew that we did it. Back then, I thought we had a long way to go.

But now, here we are. The end is bittersweet. I will miss our times in The Mirror office, but I look forward to seeing where my Mirror friends and I end up in a few years. Shauna, I have total confidence in you (same to Jen, Enxhi and Robby). I am, and will always be, proud of you.

- Loan Le, Editor-in-Chief Emeritus



The first time I heard about The Mirror, I was running at cross country practice with one of the editors. She encouraged me to submit a story, claiming it was the best way to get involved at Fairfield. Many other people, though, warned me about late nights, hundreds of story assignments and a very heavy responsibility.

As a freshman, I was floor-mates with the lovely Loan Le. When I would wake up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom, I would see her shuffling into her room after a long night at The Mirror. I promised I would never get myself involved in something like that.

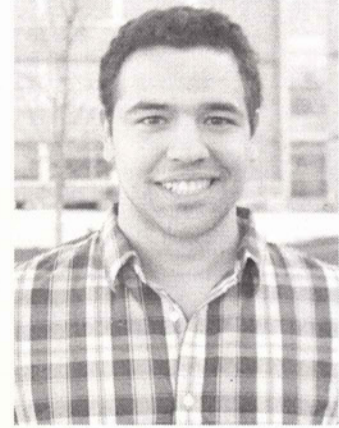
Four years later, I can honestly say that The Mirror has been one of the most influential aspects of my college career. The connections I made, the stories I wrote and the family that I worked with until 5 a.m. will forever be some of my best memories and experiences that I will look back on.

Garden Catering has never tasted as good as it did on Tuesday nights. Pizza has become one of my main food groups. The quote board has the only somewhat funny things I've ever said written on it, and senior year's Midnight Breakfast is one for the books.

To the Fairfield community, thanks for reading my stories and always agreeing to annoying interviews. To The Mirror mentors, thanks for guiding us and having faith in our abilities. And to my beloved staff, despite our disagreements, you will always be some of my best friends.

Sincerely,

Danica Ceballos, Executive Editor Emeritus



For longer than I can recall, this paper has come first. Yeah, I happen to be a student here, I guess, but I always felt the most "in the zone" at 2 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, trying to write an unbiased headline with an active verb for the front page. My late homework assignments were never copied thousands of times and distributed around campus for you to read for free.

Sitting in The Mirror office is my favorite version of being trapped in a glass box with crazy people.

I will use this experience to hopefully be trapped in bigger, nicer, more professional glass box with more accomplished crazy people. I want everyone who has seen the sun rise in this place with me to know that I believe you are capable of making it to your dream job.

You just have to know how to be dedicated, and I see that in your bleary, screen-scathed eyes.

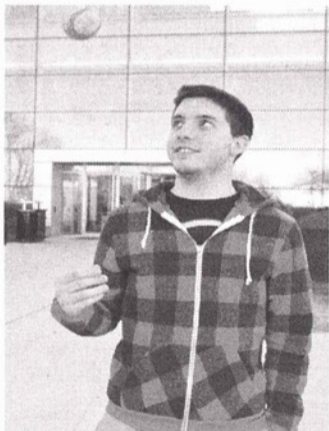
Loan Le is physically smaller than I, but letting her down is one of my biggest fears. That's a fine leader. No . No drama. Focus. Respect.

Shauna and Robby Joyce, I recruited you schmucks, don't you ever forget it - unless you really screw up.

All the best,

Luigi DiMeglio '14

Managing Editor Emeritus



I honestly don't know what to do with this. Over the past year I've learned a lot about myself, mainly that I could have never worked in any other section but news because, well, this is the most creative thing I've done in the past four years. As I sit here straining to find the right words, the only ones that come to mind are a handful of obscenities that we can't publish. Considering the only people who will actually read this are the ones writing it, I'll take this time to get some things off my chest.

To all the senior staffers graduating: I hate you all equally. Luigi: you are single handedly the most ridiculous human being I've ever had the pleasure (?) of coming into contact with. Loan: you are our fearless leader, considering all the erroneous shenanigans you put up with in this office at obscene hours of the night. For the new staff: good luck and godspeed.

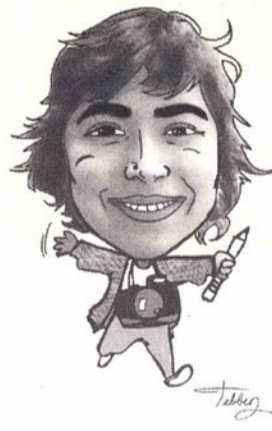
-Salvatore Trifilio, News Editor Emeritus



The first time I walked into The Mirror office as a lowly transfer student I thought "What a bunch of jerks." Little did I know, two years later I'd be reluctant to resign. These past two years have been full of blood, sweat and tears - mostly tears - but all of them worth it in the end. I hope I gave you all something to laugh at, or even better, something to think about. I enjoyed harvesting the best writing Fairfield has to offer, teaching writers and learning about myself in the process.

Some of my personal highlights this year: being asked to write the front page story at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, conceiving wacky cartoons for Tebben and playing devil's advocate to everything Sal said. As much as I hate to admit it, I'm going to miss you fools. Newcomers: The voice of the university is in your hands. Don't be afraid to be brave, controversial or weird. Your pen has more power than you think. I have the utmost faith in you.

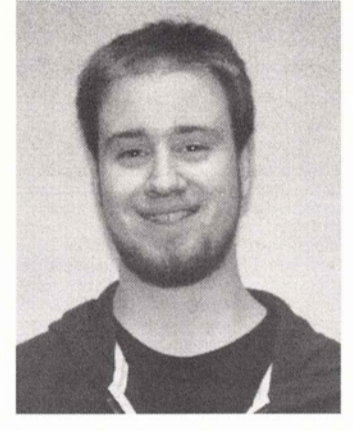
Your humbled and most opinionated editor, Leigh Tauss



What can I say about my time spent here? Besides that this is the first writing I've done this year. I can barely remember that first week in 2010, way back when. Last year, while Loan's request was impromptu, I thought I knew just what to do. Being photo editor couldn't be too hard, that assumption has since been marred. As if being the photographer wasn't enough, doing all the illustrations made Tuesdays increasingly rough.

But despite all the times I was harassed, I had an unexpected blast. I am so glad to have shared those triumphant victories, the plethora of fond memories and the bitter disappointments that were none-the-less poignant. It might not have been ideal, but we laughed, we cried, I did cartwheels. It's been real. So as the Visual Art Director, for the last time, I thought I'd be creative and write this letter in rhyme.

- Love Tebben, Visual Arts Director



When I started at The Mirror back in 2010, I found that the only section I had any talent at was the sports section. Now after four years of this crap, it's still the only place I have talent, but I have discovered that this crap is the only thing that I want to do for the rest of my life.

Over these past three plus years, The Mirror has had many different forms for me. It has gone from something that I was a part of, to something that is a part of me. I have established relationships with this crew that I will never forget, and said enough stupid things that pretty much forces them to remember me, so I apologize for that.

To all the coaches and players I have talked to over the years, I can't begin to thank you enough. I know I have annoyed all of you at some point, but meeting with you has been the highlight of my four years, maybe outside of working with some great people who I know will do amazing things in their lives. The Dude abides.

-Tom Shea, Multimedia Manager Emeritus

Weekly 4x5

Your 2013-2014 4x5 Columnists:
Jennifer Calhoun, Luigi DiMeglio, Tom Shea and Connor Kelley

Because they like to talk ...



Jennifer Calhoun
Executive Editor

How did you spend your St. Patrick's Day?

Um, in class.

Real exciting for the girl with the shamrock tattoo.

NCAA brackets are officially out. Who do you have winning it all?

Gonzaga. Are they even in it?

Juicy J will be the spring concert performer. What are your thoughts?

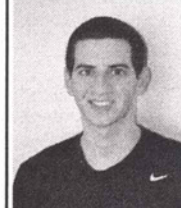
Don't. Care.

How crazy was this Sunday's episode of "The Walking Dead?"

So so so so good. The allusion to "Of Mice and Men" was flawless and I half expected Tyreese to take Carol up on her offer. He's clearly a better man than I am ... not what I meant.

What's going on with this weather? When is it finally going to get nice out?

Just in time for me to be shut in my office at my internship from 9:30-5:30.



Patrick Kiernan
Sports Editor

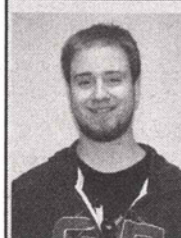
Considering that I have four classes on Mondays, I spent my day being studious. Yeah, be jealous people. Just kidding, don't be because it was not fun.

Let's go Florida. I have a fair share of brackets with the Gators taking the championship, so don't let me down.

Anyone else remember the good old days when Juicy J headlined Three 6 Mafia? Well, that's the only time I enjoyed Juicy J.

It could not have been any more tragic and suspenseful. I've been waiting for something bad to happen to Lizzie for a while and my wish was granted this week.

Honestly, if it doesn't warm up by next week, I will just wear shorts every day because it is supposed to be warm by this time. I've had enough of you, Mother Nature.



Tom Shea
Multimedia
Manager Emeritus

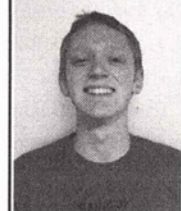
Spent some quality time with my long lost friend Jameson for a bit, as well as a small man dressed as a leprechaun at the Grape who I honestly thought was a hallucination for about 30 minutes.

I'm taking the Gators. Although Louisiana-Lafayette is in the field as well, and I'm pretty sure that's the same school Bobby Boucher went to. And I can't go against Henry Winkler and Colonel Sanders. THE MEDULLA OBLONG-GA-TA.

Who is J, and why is he juicy? Is it a he? Is that the Kool-Aid Man's rap name? If he promises to bash through the Alumni Hall doors saying "Oh yeah!" then I'll go. Otherwise, this J fellow doesn't have nearly enough juice to get me to go.

Vengeance for those poor bunnies. There were a lot of times when I really wanted to kill that little psychopath too, I just never thought someone would actually do it. Now they just have to kill Carl off the show, and that cast will be perfect.

Just give me sunshine on April 5, 13 and 26. I have certain events on those days and would like good weather. A sunny Senior Week would be nice, but given the state I'll be in, I don't think I'll even notice.



Connor Kelley
The Hammer

Not entirely sure, which is just the way it's supposed to be celebrated.

Still going with my preseason pick of Louisville. What's up with the committee snubbing all the ACC schools though? Look for second round upsets by Memphis, UConn or Cincinnati, and for SMU to run the table in the NIT.

Stay Trippy boys and girls. [Relax, dad, it's the name of his last album.]

Bro, it was pretty frickin' crazy. But actually I was watching Cosmos. Neil deGrasse Tyson is a lovable little dweeb, ain't he?

At the very least I hope the readers are listening to some 50's elevator music while they read my answer. I must admit, however, that I found myself recently asking the same question and was quickly answered: May. I'll be awaiting my job offer from News 12.

What to watch for:

Wednesday:

Women's basketball @ Bryant in WBI Tournament, 7 p.m.

Baseball @ NJIT, 6:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday:

Softball plays in Kentucky Tournament

Saturday:

Cross country @ CCSU Invitational

Men's lacrosse @ Holy Cross, 4 p.m.

Women's lacrosse @ UConn, 1 p.m.

Baseball @ Iona, 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.

What you missed:

Friday:

Baseball lost to Delaware, 2-10

Saturday:

Softball dropped games against Georgetown and Hofstra, 0-3 and 1-5, respectively

Men's lacrosse beat Stony Brook, 15-13

Baseball lost to Delaware, 4-15

Sunday:

Baseball lost to Delaware, 0-4

Tuesday:

Baseball lost to St. John's, 3-7

Men's lacrosse beat UMass, 11-5

Over Spring Break:

Cross country: 3/29 @ Monmouth Invitational

Men's lacrosse: 3/29 @ Bellarmine

Women's lacrosse: 3/26 vs. Sacred Heart
3/29 vs. Niagara

Softball: 3/26 vs. Yale

3/27 @ Sacred Heart

3/29 vs. Marist

Baseball: 3/25 @ Seton Hall

3/26 @ Hartford

3/29 @ St. Peter's

Signings: the star of NFL offseason

By Patrick Kiernan
Sports Editor

Like any other NFL offseason, this one has seen good players switch teams and chase the dollar bills that they so desire. While this NFL offseason did not have a multitude of valuable free agents, many teams had to cut players to open up cap space. Many of these cut players were really talented like Darrelle Revis, DeMarcus Ware, Steve Smith and Julius Peppers.

One winner of the NFL free agency thus far is the New England Patriots. The biggest move they made was to sign a former division opponent

with the New York Jets Darrelle Revis. Revis signed a one-year, \$12 million contract with the option for a second year. The Patriots also signed another cornerback, Brandon Browner, to a multi-year deal, though he will be suspended for the first four games of the 2014-15 season. They also bolstered their offense by signing some receiving weapons for Tom Brady. Julian Edelman resigned with the team and Brandon LaFell joined the team on a three-year deal, leaving the Carolina Panthers.

Another winner of the free agency is Patriots conference rival, the Denver Broncos. The Broncos quickly snagged cornerback Aqib Talib from

the Patriots with a six-year, \$57 million deal. They also signed breakout safety T.J. Ward to a four-year deal. If this was not enough to dominate the Broncos defense, they also signed former Dallas Cowboy DeMarcus Ware to a three-year deal to improve their defensive line. However, this does not mean that the Broncos did not improve on offense at all. To cope with the departure of wide receiver Eric Decker to the Jets, Denver signed former Steeler Emmanuel Sanders to a three-year contract.

One NFC team that fared very well in the offseason thus far is the Philadelphia Eagles. The most important move that this team made

was to trade for New Orleans Saints running back Darren Sproles. After receiving this pass and run threat, the Eagles locked him up by agreeing to a two-year extension. Further improving on offense, the Eagles were able to resign wide receivers Jeremy Maclin and Riley Cooper. While Maclin did not play in the last season because of a torn ACL, Cooper filled in and had a breakout season. They also made some improvements on defense by resigning secondary player Nate Allen and signing former Saints safety Malcolm Jenkins on a three-year contract.

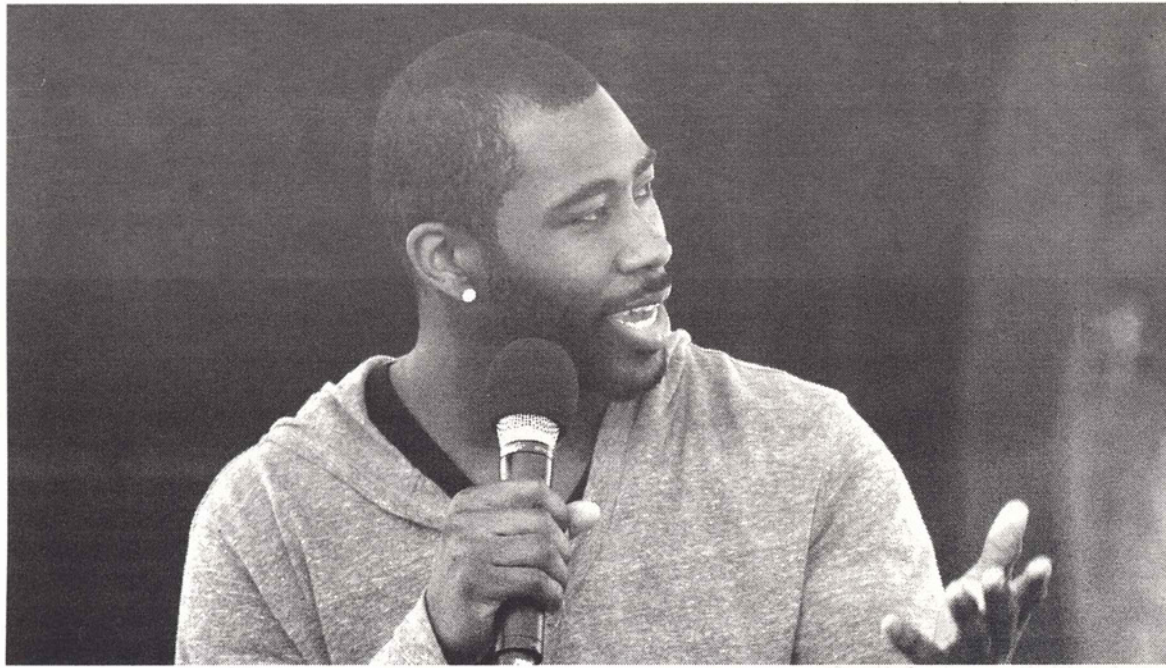
The fourth team that has done well in the offseason is the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Though they had to cut Revis, they used that money to fill a lot of gaps throughout the team. They signed secondary player Alterraun Verner to a four-year, \$26 million deal to replace Revis. They signed two additional defensive players Michael Johnson and Clinton McDonald. On the offensive end, they signed linemen Anthony Collins and Evan Dietrich-Smith, as well as quarterback Josh McCown to a two-year deal. He is expected to start at quarterback for the Buccaneers who have made some serious offseason moves.

While certain teams have added players in the hopes of having a more successful season, there are some teams that lose many players to free agency. One of these teams is the Carolina Panthers. Coming off a very good season, the Panthers lost a number of receivers and had to cut veteran Steve Smith to open up cap space. Carolina saw Ted Ginn Jr., Brandon LaFell and

other receivers leave the team in the past few weeks. If the season were to start today, their starting receivers would be players like Marvin McNutt, Kealoha Pilares and Tavarres King. Cam Newton cannot be very happy with that. Also, important defensive players like Quintin Mikell and Mike Mitchell are floating around the free agency.

Another loser of the 2014 NFL offseason thus far is the Dallas Cowboys. The Cowboys cut DeMarcus Ware to relieve cap space. Dallas also lost defensive end Jason Hatcher to divisional rival, the Washington Redskins. The team has been unable to sign any impressive defensive players in the free agency period and the opportunities to pick up such players are becoming scarce. The biggest move the Cowboys have made was signing quarterback Brandon Weeden to be Tony Romo's backup, which is really not a big move at all.

The Oakland Raiders, the team entering the offseason with the most cap space in football, have had trouble signing players to fill the gaps in their system. The Raiders made a strong push to start by proposing a five-year, \$42 million contract to Rams offensive tackle Rodger Saffold. However, Saffold failed his physical shortly after and the contract was voided. This left Oakland without a left tackle, which they sought after desperately. While the team did sign some veteran defensive players like LaMarr Woodley and Justin Tuck, the Raiders have been unable to fill the gaps that they needed to address this offseason.



Contributed by Creative Commons

Darrelle Revis headlined the series of free agents in the 2014 NFL offseason before being signed by the Patriots.

70%

OF EXECUTIVES
THINK TODAY'S GRADS
ARE NOT PREPARED.
THE OTHER 30%
HAVE MET A
BENTLEY GRAD.

At Bentley University,
we've developed an MBA program
specifically for young professionals looking to jumpstart their career.
Our EMERGING LEADERS MBA PROGRAM delivers real-world
experience through a Business Process Management field project,
Corporate Immersion class and a 10-day International Global
Business Experience — so you'll be 100% prepared to make
immediate contributions upon being hired.

To learn more, visit
BENTLEY.EDU/GRADUATE



BENTLEY
UNIVERSITY

**GRADUATE
SCHOOL OF
BUSINESS**

Some major NFL signings around the league:

DE Michael Bennett - Seattle Seahawks

S Jarius Byrd - New Orleans Saints

WR's Riley Cooper & Jeremy Maclin - Philadelphia Eagles

S Antoine Bethea - San Francisco 49er's

DE DeMarcus Ware and CB Aqib Talib - Denver Broncos

WR Steve Smith - Baltimore Ravens

CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie - New York Giants

WR Eric Decker - New York Jets

CB's Darrelle Revis & Brandon Browner - New England Patriots

DE Julius Peppers - Green Bay Packers

Schneider shoots down NCAA rankings

By Matthew Schneider
Assistant Sports Editor

The National Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball schedules have been released, which can mean only one thing: March Madness is upon us again.

Late March is one of the most exciting times for a college basketball fan, as it is time for the tournament where dreams can be made and anything can happen. The NCAA tournament is entertaining to watch since it often includes many upsets and it gives people a chance to fill out brackets to see if they can determine the most correct outcomes of the games. Even though Fairfield will not be participating in the tournament, it is still worth watching if you enjoy the sport.

The tournament schedules were released last Sunday, though not without some controversy. With the release of the schedules came the disappointment of many teams that were considered on the bubble to make the tournament, as they found out that they would not be participating in the big dance. Quite a few teams were either given surprisingly low rankings (forcing them to play very good teams in the first round), or left out of the tournament altogether, much to the chagrin of their fans.

One team in particular that many feel was left out of the tournament was Southern Methodist University, which was ranked no. 25 in the top 25 rankings the week before selections were made. People were surprised that a team that finished with a 23-9 record and was ranked in the top 25 would not make

a tournament in which 64 teams are initially invited. However, there are a few valid points to support that decision. SMU didn't play a very tough schedule, as their non-conference strength of schedule was ranked at 302nd, which really hurt their chances. Additionally, they lost games to teams with poor records, like South Florida and Temple, which makes leaving them out of the tournament understandable.

Another team that some people felt was treated unfairly is the defending national champions, Louisville. The Cardinals finished with a respectable 29-5 record, with their only losses coming to ranked teams; however, they were still only ranked as a no. 4 seed in the tournament, despite a successful season. People feel that they had a somewhat favorable schedule (it was ranked 149th in strength of schedule), as well as played in a weak conference, but I don't buy it. I think that any team that faces Louisville in the tournament will have a real challenge on its hands and should not take the rankings into consideration when preparing for such a game.

It isn't often that a team that was given a no. 1 seed has to justify getting such an honor; however, this year the undefeated Wichita State Shockers are such a team, according to some people. Though the Shockers went 34-0, many people feel that they had an easy schedule and that they will get blown out in the first game they play against a "real" opponent. This would be embarrassing not only for the people that gave Wichita State a first seed, but also for the school and the entirety of division I men's basketball.

For the sport's sake, I hope they put in a good showing, though I am not so sure that they will.

Other than these three examples, I don't have much of an issue with the rankings that teams were given. I feel that the rest were fair and that nobody should get upset over them.

Will there be many upsets this year? Will anybody craft a perfect bracket? Nobody will know until the smoke clears. The games start March 20, so there isn't much time left to wait. Now that the schedule is set, all that is left to do is sit back and watch the madness unfold.

Tournament teams to keep an eye out for:

No. 1 Wichita State

No. 1 Virginia

No. 1 Arizona

No. 1 Florida

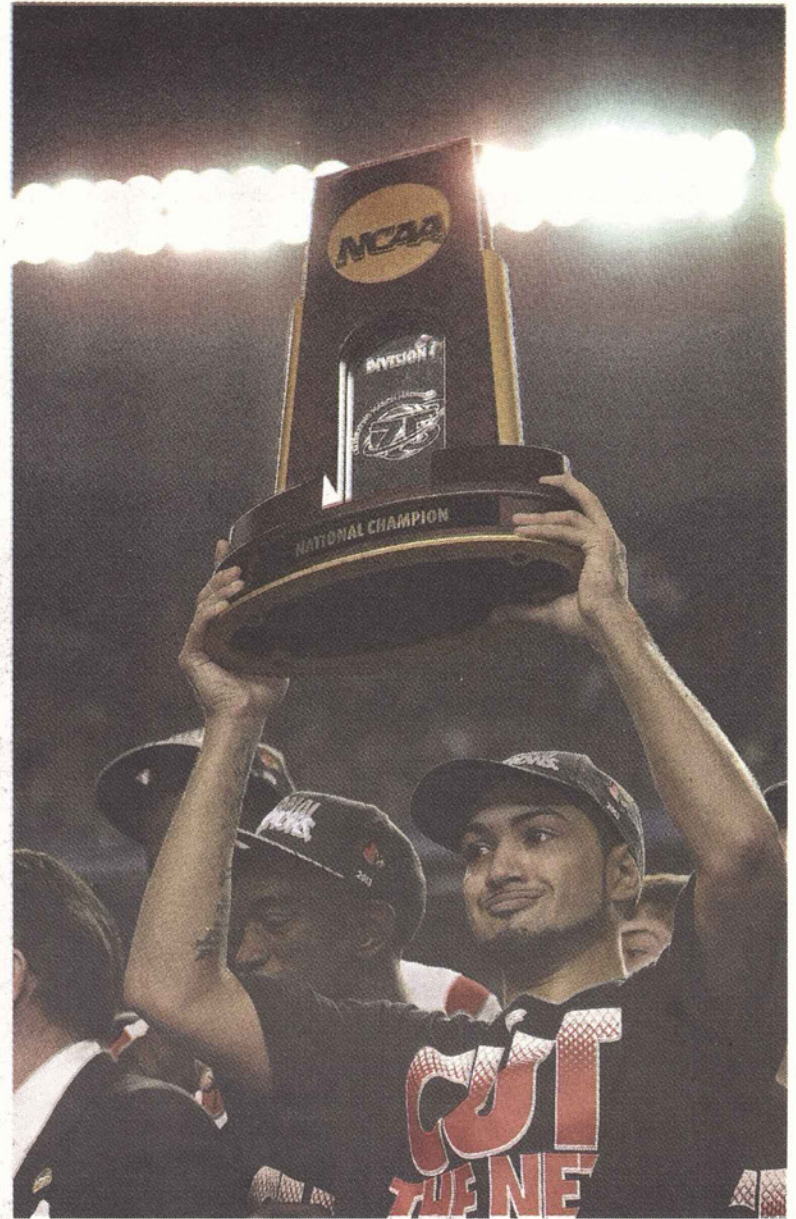
No. 4 Michigan State

No. 4 Louisville

No. 6 UNC

No. 8 Kentucky

No. 12 SF Austin



Contributed by Creative Commons

Louisville looks to repeat as national champions after receiving a controversial no. 4 seed in this year's tournament.

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY & DIM MAK PRESENT...

STEVE AOKA

THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2014

9:00PM--WILLIAM H. PITT CENTER

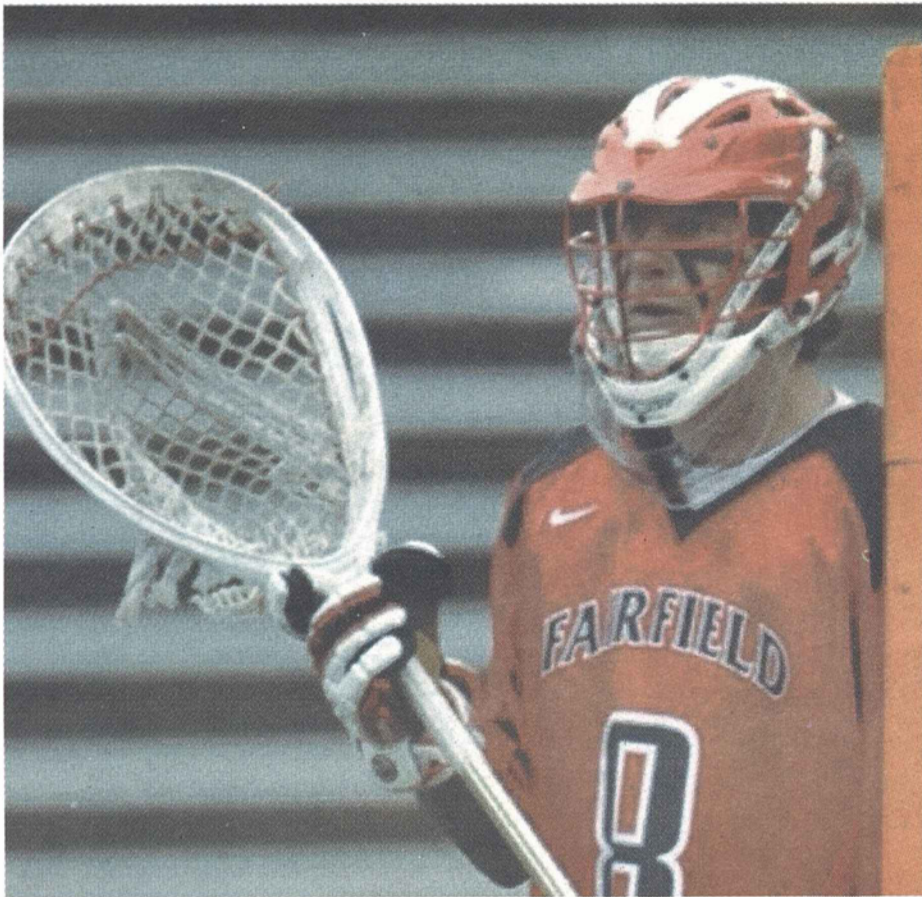
TICKETS ON SALE NOW

\$40 GENERAL ADMISSION

VISIT: WWW.SHUTICKETS.COM -OR- CALL 203.371.7846

STANDING ROOM ONLY - NO REFUNDS/REPLACEMENTS

Men's lacrosse beats two formidable foes



Contributed by Sports Information Desk

Senior Jack Murphy (left) and TJ Neubauer '16 (right) led the Stags to two important victories this past week.

By Patrick Kiernan
Sports Editor

Saturday vs. Stony Brook

The 19th-ranked Fairfield men's lacrosse team overcame a second-half Stony Brook University comeback to defeat the Seawolves 15-13 on Saturday. Sophomore TJ Neubauer led the Stags with a career-high five goals to pace his team to victory. He also added an assist for a career-high six points and tied a career-high with four ground balls.

The Stags and the Seawolves met for the first time since the 2012 season when Fairfield posted a 13-10 win on Alumni Field. Prior to that, their last meeting was in 2002 with the Stags posting a 10-9 victory. Now, the Stags won their third straight meeting against the Seawolves and hold a 4-2 record on the season.

"It's nice to be 4-2. Right now, we're two weeks away from conference play," said head coach Andy Copelan. "Now, we've got a big game here on Tuesday against University of Massachusetts, and I feel like it's exactly what we need right now."

The Stags got off to a quick start in the game versus Stony Brook with goals from Tristan Sperry '15 and Colin McLinden '15 to get a 2-0 lead in just seven minutes.

The first goal was let up with about a minute left in the first quarter, but Fairfield scored again to end the quarter with a 3-1 lead.

In the second quarter, seven Fairfield goals were scored while just three Stony Brook goals were allowed to give the Stags a 10-4 lead at the end of the half. Fairfield's offense was firing on all

cylinders in the second quarter, which led them to secure a solid lead going into halftime.

"We just went to our original game plan," said Neubauer about the strong first half scoring. "Everyone was getting goals and it wasn't an individual performance. It was a team effort."

In the second half, however, Fairfield saw its lead slowly trim away. Stony Brook dominated the game in this half and tested goalkeeper Jack Murphy '14.

In the third quarter, the Seawolves scored five goals, while Fairfield only scored three. Stony Brook also won eight of nine faceoffs. At the end of this quarter, Fairfield led just 13-9.

The scoring for Stony Brook did not stop in the fourth quarter as they retained momentum from the third quarter.

The Seawolves scored another four goals in the first six minutes to trim the Fairfield lead to just one point at 13-12. The Stags called a timeout at that point to recollect.

"I think we just came out slow," said Neubauer. "We weren't getting ground balls but in the timeout, we came together and realized that we had to get ground balls in order to win and that's what we did."

"We just played too little offense and they played too much defense," said Copelan about the second half surge by Stony Brook. "We played into their strength which is their offensive personnel and to their credit, they made us pay for it."

That timeout stopped the momentum for the Seawolves and put it back in Fairfield's favor. Neubauer scored the next two goals for the Stags to give them a 15-12 lead with just 1:49 remaining in the

game. Fairfield gave up one goal in that amount of time to solidify a 15-13 victory over the Stony Brook Seawolves.

"I credit TJ Neubauer a lot. He's an animal," said Copelan about the momentum shift. "He has proven to be one of the guys, in very critical situations, to just want the ball in his stick and to be out there to make plays for our team."

In this game, Dave Fleming '17 posted his first career hat trick along with an assist. McLinden had two goals and two assists, while Sperry tallied two goals and an assist.

Junior Drew Federico had a pair of goals and Murphy made a season-high 15 saves for the Stags. Stony Brook held a 31-30 advantage in ground balls, including 20 in the second half. The Seawolves won 20 of 32 faceoffs as well.

The Fairfield men's lacrosse team will test their 4-2 record on Tuesday, March 18, when Massachusetts visits Alumni Field. The Stags close out the month on the road, going to Holy Cross on March 22 and Bellarmine on March 29 for their Eastern College Athletic Conference Lacrosse League opener.

By Travis Day
Contributing Writer

Monday vs. UMass

Another ranked opponent was upset and sent packing from Alumni Field as no. 19 Fairfield, winner of three straight games, upended no. 11 University of Massachusetts Amherst 11-5. Fueled by stout defense and stellar play from goalie Jack Murphy '14, the Stags defeated the Minutemen for only the second time in history,

while also snapping their two-game win streak.

Fairfield seized control early, with Tristan Sperry '15 burying back-to-back goals at the 12:35 and 12:00 marks to build a 2-0 lead. UMass would stick to their typical up-tempo style of play, but were stonewalled repeatedly by the Stag defense and Murphy between the posts.

Freshman Dave Fleming and Drew Federico '15 would net goals of their own in the second quarter to push the lead to 4-0.

The Minutemen finally got on the board with a goal from Nick Mariano '17 with 4:35 left in the half. Junior Colin McLinden answered right back just over a minute later to put the Stags up 5-1.

UMass Head Coach Greg Cannella would call a timeout with just over ten seconds left. It paid off, as Connor Mooney '14 would bury a shot in the bottom left corner with eight seconds to play.

Fairfield would take the 5-2 lead into halftime. Accuracy was key, as the Stags only narrowly outshot UMass 13-12. UMass dominated possession and the faceoff circle, winning seven of nine, while forcing eight turnovers.

Senior Eric Warden would score his 16th goal of the season to put the Stags up 6-2 at the 12:48 mark. The Minutemen began to hit their offensive stride, but each goal was promptly answered for. Mariano would pull one back for UMass at 11:18 before McLinden found Warden in front of goal, who netted another goal with 9:44 on the clock.

UMass had a one-minute man advantage after Bryan Barry '15 was sent to the sideline for a cross-checking penalty. Freshman Minuteman Jeff George found the

back of the net for them 40 seconds later. Fairfield answered back yet again, with Federico sneaking a sidarm shot into the left corner.

UMass came out with a sense of urgency in the fourth quarter, forcing the Stags to lock down even more on defense. Mooney would score again on a man advantage for the Minutemen at the 9:45.

This would pull the score to 8-5, but that was as close as the Minutemen would get. The sped-up play from UMass would cost them three unanswered goals, including the empty netter from McLinden with 1:26 on the clock to secure the 11-5 win for the Stags.

Fairfield's overall record improves to 5-2 (2-7 against UMass), as the Minutemen's record falls to 6-2.

"I'm proud of our guys," head coach Andy Copelan said. "We set a new bar after today's performance. We prepared the right way and the guys executed the game plan perfectly. The challenge is just to continue to improve."

Murphy's 10-save performance in goal was the backbone of the defense.

"We had a game plan to kind of give them the outside shots that we were looking for," Copelan said. "Today I was able to put it all together. We proved to ourselves that we can play at a higher level. We have to enjoy today, but we come back tomorrow and have to look forward."

Fairfield goes on the road against Holy Cross on March 22 before beginning conference play at Bellarmine on March 29. The Stags return home to host Copelan's alma mater Bucknell on April 1.