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Sands of Time.

Photo by Jean Santopatre

Tibetan monks of the Gelug School, originally from the Drepung Loseling monastery in India, came to Fairfield to build a sand mandala in March in the lower level of the Barone Campus Center. Using simple chalk lines to guide them, the monks took four days to create the mandala, after which it was displayed for an hour before the sand was brushed aside, gathered and deposited in a nearby river – an expression of the Buddhist appreciation for the impermanence of all things.

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BY NINA M. RICCIO M.A.'09

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Preparing students to go out into the world as global citizens – that’s one of the hallmarks of Jesuit education. In fact, Fairfield has made “global citizenship” the area of focus around the campus next year. So what does it take to become a good global citizen? Who better to ask than alumni who have chosen to live as expatriates in conditions that are always challenging and eye opening?



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More Reflections on Vets

Nina Riccio's fine article "Coming Home," (*Fairfield Now*, Summer '09) was both informative and gratifying to me. It demonstrated the University's continuing commitment toward returning veterans and harkened back to a time in my life when earlier generations of returning veterans were welcomed back into civilian life and provided the opportunity to immediately resume career choices through higher education.

As a veteran who was able to return to school through the G.I. Bill in 1952 and could enjoy the privilege of student status at Fairfield University, I am proud to see that our school continues to recognize the potential of today's returning service men and women and what certainly will be an enrichment to the campus as they make the social and financial adjustments to their new lives here. While broadly informative, Ms. Riccio's piece was at the same time uniquely relevant to what is essentially a small but vital portion of the Fairfield community. As so it was once before.

After nearly four years of Army discipline (1949-1952; Korea 1950-1951) I was able to combine that set of values with an additional four more years of academic values and social standards through Jesuit philosophies. Whatever man I became, thus was it forged.

I am grateful therefore to all of the Jesuit and lay faculty members who so influenced my life and most especially do I appreciate the caring friendship of the late Rev. George Mahan, S. J., whose assistance facilitated my admission there in September, 1952, only three days after my honorable discharge from the military.

I am inspired finally to express my gratitude for having benefitted from a G.I. Bill and a Fairfield University that offered its support and encouragement.

Gerard A. Sheehan '56

Thanks for "Coming Home."

I always enjoy reading *Fairfield Now*. Your article, "Coming Home" was particularly gratifying. I hope Fairfield will continue to encourage and support our veterans who have sacrificed so much in defense of our country. We owe them a significant debt of gratitude. I knew George Baehr; he lived next door on Orchard Hill Drive, up North Benson Road from "The U," as it was called. (There were no dorms.)

As writer Nina Riccio observes, vets have made and will continue to shape the culture of Fairfield. (I note with sadness, the death of my friend, Hal "Whitey" Mullen, '52, who contributed so much to our Alma Mater. "Whitey," a Navy Corpsman, passed away on August 26, 2009.)

Please keep us informed on the progress of this vital program. And, wish Ms. Andrea Robinson a *Semper Fi* and a warm "thank you" from all of us.

Max O'Meara '52

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Dear Friends,



We had a glorious spring on campus, with the lilacs and azaleas in bloom and Long Island sound sparkling against the horizon. The pace quickened as students prepared for graduation, and another successful semester drew to a close.

What has distinguished this spring has been the sounds and sights of construction. We

are embarked on a number of major enhancements to our University that will significantly improve the living and learning environment for our students.

After a period of delay several major projects are underway. In December, the Jesuit community moved to a new facility at the foot of Bellarmine Hall, and what was St. Ignatius Hall is now being renovated into student housing. Meanwhile, we have begun construction of a new residence in the Village complex and a new residence hall in the Quad section of our campus. The plan is also to transform Dolan Hall so that it will offer more apartment-style housing.

When completed, we will have increased our housing capacity by over 230 beds, but most importantly, the quality of the living spaces for our students will have been upgraded significantly. We want to build community, and we want our students to have areas where they can connect with one another.

Also underway – near completion actually – is the Bellarmine Museum. This museum will house the University's collection of fine art as well as works on loan from The Cloisters collection of The Metropolitan Museum of Art. This museum will bring our students face to face with our cultural tradition.

The future is encouraging, and we are all eager to see how the culture of our campus will change as the living and learning environment for our students continues to evolve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey P. von Arx, S.J.". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

JEFFREY P. VON ARX, S.J.
President

University NEWS



University wins Energy Star award

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) honored Fairfield with a 2010 Energy Star CHP Award for its innovative and energy efficient combined heat and power plant.

The eco-friendly plant considerably reduces the University's carbon footprint and demand on the region's electric grid. Supplying power to the majority of buildings on campus, its efficient technology reduces pollution by lowering emissions of sulfur dioxide (a leading contributor to acid rain), carbon monoxide, and nitrous oxide.

The EPA commended Fairfield for its forward thinking in building the combustion turbine-based system. "Through the recovery of otherwise wasted heat to produce hot water for campus heating and cooling, Fairfield University has demonstrated exceptional leadership in energy use and management," said Neeharika Naik-Dhungel, of the EPA Combined Heat and Power Partnership Program. 📍

STRATEGIC CONVERSATIONS CONTINUE

Faculty, staff, and administrators considered the meaning of vocational exploration and how the University can better encourage it among students at the second Strategic Conversation of the year, held March 19 in the Dolan School of Business.

"A true vocation should give one pause. It shouldn't make sense," said Dr. Dennis Keenan, professor of philosophy, who was part of a three-person panel discussion on the topic. "It should be a calling."

Luis Ortiz '10, also a panel member, put it another way. "It's when you wake up in

the morning and actually like what you're doing," he said.

Ortiz, Dr. Keenan, and panel member Dr. Diana Hulse, chair of Counselor Education, discussed the roundabout ways they found their vocations with the large audience — and the ways Fairfield is helping students do the same.

The new Office of Academic Engagement is working on a holistic approach to advising and mentoring students throughout their academic careers, said Dr. Beth Boquet, dean of Academic Engagement. She and others called upon faculty and staff to be open to helping students in both formal and informal ways. "We are all mentors," said Dr. Billy Weitzer, senior vice president, "or we are all mentor-ready." 📍



Luis Ortiz '10 with Dr. Dennis Keenan



STORM RIPS THROUGH CAMPUS

An unexpectedly violent wind and rainstorm tore through campus this March, ripping sections of the roofs off the Dolan School of Business and the DiMenna-Nyselius Library and felling a tree on the new Jesuit Community Center.

Several trees fell across campus, including one huge evergreen across the Belarmine Hall driveway and the Centennial birch that smashed a window frame and window in the breakfast room of the Jesuit residence, coming to rest across the roof and inner courtyard.

The storm peeled back a 120-by-50 foot section of the library roof, exposing acoustic ceiling tiles to the

elements and bringing soaking rain in two stories down. About 2,600 books — mostly science and literature volumes — had to be disposed of and will be replaced over time. Assistant Vice President and Director of Facilities Management David Frassinelli said roofers, an emergency response team, and staff worked to lessen the damage. “That quick response saved us from any mold issues,” he said.

The storm also uprooted fencing on the softball field and did damage across the east side of campus. Insurance money will pay for the repairs, Frassinelli said. ☎

Beal named SOE Dean

Dr. Jack W. Beal, a faculty member for the past 24 years, will be the new dean of the School of Engineering.

A professor of both physics and computer engineering, Dr. Beal was recommended by his predecessor, Dr. Evangelos Hadjimichael, the School’s founding dean, who announced last year that he would step down in June.

Dr. Hadjimichael, who will be on sabbatical during the 2010-11 academic year, was pleased Dr. Beal

accepted the post. “It makes it easier for me to conclude my 15-year old tenure as dean, knowing that Jack will be there to nurture the School.” Dr. Hadjimichael intends to return to Fairfield to teach and do research in 2011.

Dr. Beal will serve a two-year term. During the 2010-11 year, he will see the School through a re-accreditation visit by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). He’ll also contribute to the strategic thinking about engineering programs for the coming years with an eye to new interests of prospective students and trends in the industry. The University will conduct a national search for a long-term dean in 2011-12.

Dr. Beal was appointed associate professor of physics in 1986 and has also served as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He earned his Ph.D. and M.S. from Michigan State University and a B.S. from Texas Technological University. He holds six patents. ☎



Dr. Jack W. Beal

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DR. EVANGELOS HADJIMICHAEL, SOE Founding Dean



HAITI IN CRISIS

When a devastating Jan. 12 earthquake hit Port-au-Prince, Haiti, the University was quick to respond, both with humanitarian aid and public forums to help the community better understand the intricate needs of this impoverished nation.

"We are anxious to do whatever we can to be of service to the people of Haiti," University President Jeffrey P. von Arx, S.J., said. "Our prayers go out to the people of Haiti and we will do all that we can in support of the international relief effort."

The University's chapter of the Jesuit Universities Humanitarian Action Network (JUHAN) helped coordinate a series of events on campus. On Jan. 26, the group organized a public forum, "Haiti: A Time for Healing, Hope, and Action," which featured professors and experts who spoke on the work necessary in the earthquake's immediate aftermath. Another panel, "The Faces of Haiti," presented speakers from the University and neighboring communities who could speak to the country's history and economic situation.

In March, the Phi Delta Kappa chapter of the Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions hosted "An Evening on Haiti," with guest speaker Paul D'Agostino, board chair for Haiti Lumiere de demain. He shared his recent experiences in Haiti and explained how educators can partner with his organization to raise funds and develop curriculum for Haitian children and schools. **▶**

Teachers of the Year

You could say Professor **Vincent Morrisette '58**, this year's Adjunct Professor of the Year,



Vincent Morrisette '58

began his work in education while a child in an orphanage run by French Canadian nuns. It was during those years that he became bilingual and developed a lifelong love of French Canadian literature and culture.

After his undergraduate time at Fairfield, he went on to earn a master's at Boston College and did his doctoral work in French and Italian at the University of Michigan, though two Fulbright scholarships in Italy "turned out to be so much fun" he never quite finished his dissertation.

After teaching for years in high schools and colleges across the country, Morrisette came back to Fairfield, where he was been a vital part of the adjunct faculty, primarily teaching Italian since his "retirement" in 2003. He has one wish for his students. "I hope their minds will be open

to different ways of seeing and saying things," he said, "and this will carry over to other aspects of their lives."

Approachable, personable, accessible: These are words creative writer and Visiting Assistant Professor **Pete Duval's** students used to describe why he was chosen to be the 2009-10 Teacher of the Year by Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society.

"Professor Duval has been recognized as Teacher of the Year because there is a large group of stu-

dents whose lives he has touched greatly," said Briana Woods-Conklin '10. "The students are simply publicly proclaiming what they have privately believed to be true for quite some time."

The fiction editor of *Dogwood* and the author of the award-winning story collection *Rear View*, Duval is as dedicated to literature as he is to his students. As a teacher, he enjoys watching his students' work come to fruition. He also enjoys the hunt for gems buried in unpolished work. "I can honestly say that almost every story I ever read had something in it that caught my attention,

that I could encourage the student to expand on," he said. "Not every student is motivated to push their writing further, but when I find one who is, it's almost magical."

Duval encourages his students to get to the point where language and the unconscious storyteller take over. "When you think about it," said Duval, "when you read a great short story or novel, it's absurd; you're just looking at marks on a page but your heart's racing. That can happen on the other side as well. Writing can just take over. You're just in it. It's a powerful experience."

"I am often humbled by Professor Duval's sense of wonder and curiosity, his deep passions and enthusiasm, but most significantly by his humility," said Anthony Nicoletti '10. "His vocation as a professor is his calling. I cannot imagine my experience at Fairfield without him." **▶**



Pete Duval and Fr. von Arx

JULIE DOLAN BECOMES NEW VP OF FINANCE

Julie L. Dolan, the associate vice president of fiscal affairs at Dartmouth College, will be Fairfield's new vice president of finance. Dolan will assume the responsibilities held since 1983 by William Lucas '69, who will retire in June after 41 years of service to the University.

Dolan holds an A.B. in political science from Stanford University and an MBA in management and public policy from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. As associate vice president at Dartmouth since 2001, she provided advice and counsel to the President and Trustees on matters of financial strategy and resource allocation, and oversaw the college's debt management and endowment. Prior to this, she was director of operations at Peabody College of Education and Human Development at Vanderbilt University. From 1995 until 1999 she served as the assistant dean of finance in the

Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University, and then as acting associate dean. She also held a series of posts at Tufts University.



Julie Dolan

"At this moment in the evolution of Fairfield University, and with the economic challenges that we face in the coming years, a vice president for finance with comprehensive and sophisticated financial expertise and a proven record of leadership in higher education is essential if we are to achieve the ambitious goals that we have set for ourselves as a community," said University President Jeffrey P. von Arx, S.J. in announcing the appointment. **E**

University breaks Ground on New Residences



Architectural rendering of Village Apartments

This spring the campus was alive with activity as the University moved ahead with \$60 million construction and renovation plans to improve Fairfield's facilities and bolster the strategic goals for living and learning.

"Buildings and facilities reflect ways that an institution responds to the critical needs for teaching, learning, and research; residential life and student development; administrative and student services; religious and spiritual formation, creative and performing arts; athletics and recreation; and cultural and civic engagement," said Dr. Mark Reed, vice president of administration and student affairs.

To that end, the Board of Trustees approved \$60 million in financing to: convert St. Ignatius Hall into student housing; build a new apartment building in the Village; add a new residence hall to the Quad; and renovate Dolan

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DR. MARK REED, Vice President of Administration and Student Affairs

Hall from a traditional residence hall to apartments.

Work began on the Village and Quad in late winter and renovations to Dolan are expected to begin after Commencement. St. Ignatius Hall should welcome

students in August and the other three buildings will be ready in August 2011.

Construction continued on the new Bellarmine Museum in the lower level of Bellarmine Hall. It is expected to open in October. **E**

IN MEMORIAM

It was with great sadness that the University learned of the passing of **Dr. Rao V. Dukkipati**, chair of the School of Engineering's mechanical engineering program and a beloved member of the faculty since 1999. He died on February 11 with his family at his side. He was 65.

While Dr. Dukkipati was respected for his expertise in mechanical designs, engineering system dynamics, and an array of other areas, he will most be remembered for his warmth and kindness, and as a loving grandfather who doted on his four grandchildren.

"Rao was a solid and trusted partner in the development of the School of Engineering, and I will miss him very much," said Dr. E. Vagos Hadjimichael, dean.

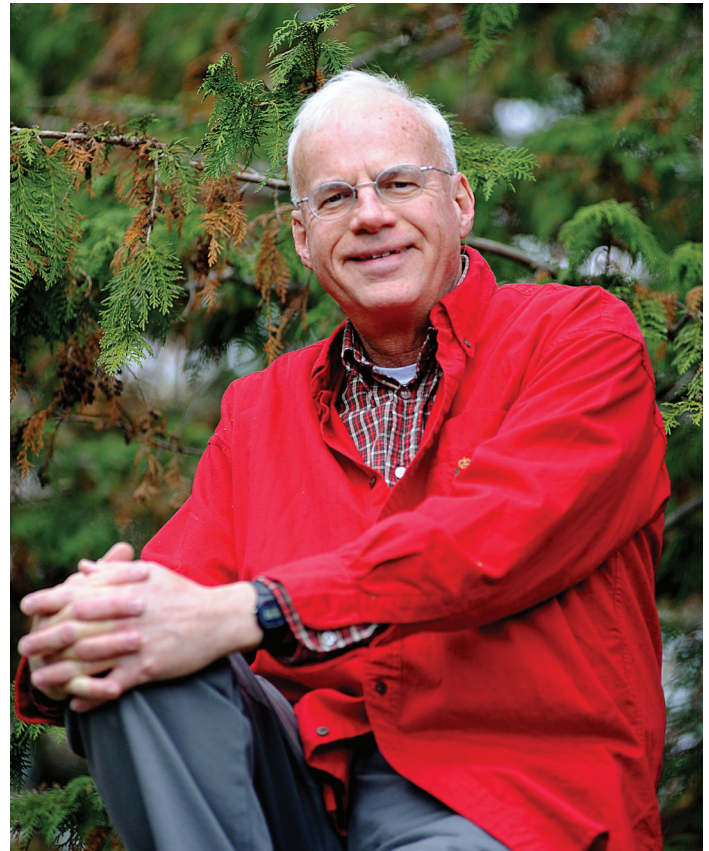
Before coming to Fairfield, Dr. Dukkipati worked for 26

years as a research scientist. Author or co-author of more than 50 books, he also taught at the University of Toledo and was awarded the 2008 American Society for Engineering Education New England Section Outstanding Teacher Award and the 2009 Outstanding Research and Scholastic Activities Award.

Dr. Dukkipati specialized in mechanical design, mechanics, vibration, and related areas of engineering, and he was often called upon for consultation in road vehicle accident reconstruction. He earned a Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University and master's degrees from both Andhra University in India and the University of New Brunswick in Canada. He held a post-graduate diploma from Andhra and a B.S. from Sri Venkateswara University in India. 📖



Dr. Rao Dukkipati in the student-made car surrounded by students.



FR. ALLEN NOW ALUMNI CHAPLAIN

Seeing as he's welcomed more than 30 classes worth of Fairfield students to campus, it's only fitting that the University recently named the Rev. Charles Allen as the new chaplain to the Alumni Association. He follows in the large footsteps of the Rev. W. Laurence O'Neil, S.J., who was chaplain to the athletic teams and the Association from 1992 until his passing in 2009.

As a representative of the University, Fr. "Charlie" Allen will offer counsel and priestly services to the alumni community, including marriages, baptisms, funerals, and Masses. He'll also be a familiar face at regional alumni activities and will help develop spiritual programming for alumni and work with the Association board.

"We are really happy to have him," said Janet Canepa, director of Alumni Relations. "Fr. Allen has been

a part of the Fairfield community for so many years that everybody knows him and loves him. His sense of humor and the strength of his relationships with alumni mean that he will be able to carry on the good work done by Fr. O'Neil, who was our first alumni chaplain."

Fr. Allen, who will continue as executive assistant to the President, arrived at Fairfield in 1977 and is a former headmaster at Fairfield Prep. A Boston native, he joined the Jesuits at age 17 and his travels carried him to Mexico, Italy, Egypt, France, Spain, Hong Kong, the Philippines and many other countries. He holds a B.A. and M.A. in philosophy from Boston College and an MAT from Brown University. In 1973, he earned his STB in theology from Gregorian University in Rome. He received his M.Ed. from Teachers College, Columbia University. 📖

Awards Dinner 2010

Fairfield alumni celebrate diversity and take the Multicultural Scholarship Fund to a new level

BY VIRGINIA WEIR



Above, University President Jeffrey P. von Arx, S.J., praised this year's Awards Dinner co-chairs, Kevin Shea '87 (left) and Frank Carroll '89 (right) for their "extraordinary leadership."

Before the dinner, Carmen Wong Ulrich '93, the first Fairfield graduate to be a keynote speaker at the dinner, talked with students. At right, she greets Darryl Brackeen '10.



ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27, Fairfield University celebrated the twenty-third annual Awards Dinner to benefit the Multicultural Scholarship Fund.

Co-chairs Frank J. Carroll III '89 and Kevin Shea '87 greeted the crowd of more than 500 guests in a packed room at the Grand Hyatt in New York, and proudly announced a record-breaking \$1.4 million raised for scholarships for students. Since its inception, 155 students have received scholarships through this fund.

"A more diverse campus enriches the educational experience of *all* of Fairfield's students, helping them reach their fullest potential," noted Carroll.

University President Jeffrey P. von Arx, S.J., thanked Carroll, a portfolio manager and managing director at Oaktree Capital Management, and Shea, a vice president at Goldman Sachs, for their "extraordinary leadership" in bringing the Awards Dinner to a new level, so that a Fairfield education will be accessible for an increasing number of students from a variety of backgrounds. "Ensuring that young men and women of promise – regardless of their circumstances – have access to this education is a hallmark of Jesuit education."

The event celebrated three members of the University community for their service and accomplishments. This year, John O'Neill '71, P'08, received the Alumni Service award for his leadership of the Charles F. Dolan School of Business Advisory Board for the past seven years. He has also volunteered as a guest lecturer and career networking panelist, and raised funds for the men's and women's rugby clubs on campus. Dr. Thomas Conine Jr., P'07, '05,

“A more diverse campus enriches the educational experience of all of Fairfield’s students, helping them reach their fullest potential.”

FRANK CARROLL '89, AWARDS DINNER CO-CHAIR



Top: Student representative Eddie Muñoz '11 talked about his Fairfield experience. Bottom: Two students, Fausto De la Rosa Manon '08 and Grant Miller '10 enjoyed the evening.

At right, from left to right: Carla Supersano Sullivan '88, Alumni Association Board chair; Kevin Shea '87, Awards Dinner co-chair; Dr. Thomas Conine Jr., P'07, '05, Distinguished Faculty honoree; Joseph DiMenna '80, Alumni Professional Achievement honoree; Rev. Jeffrey P. von Arx, S.J., University president; John O'Neill '71, Alumni Service honoree; and Frank Carroll '89, Awards Dinner co-chair.

professor of finance, was appreciated as a “master teacher in both the academic and the corporate classroom,” and was recognized with the Distinguished Faculty Award.

Joseph DiMenna '80, a former University trustee, was honored with the Alumni Professional Achievement Award for his

“generosity of spirit and resources” to the University. Known as a generous supporter of the arts, education, and organizations that serve the needs of children, DiMenna is managing director of Zweig-DiMenna Associates. In 1998, he made a major leadership gift to establish the DiMenna-Nyselius Library on the Fairfield campus.

As student representative, Edwin Muñoz '11, a business management major, gave a reflection on how, with support from the Multicultural Scholarship Fund, he has been transformed. “Fairfield has been a place for me to find myself,” he said. “It’s through getting to know myself, and building a confidence in my abilities that I’ve become a student-leader at Fairfield.” Muñoz was recently elected president of FUSA, the Fairfield University Student Association, and is the first AHANA student in that role.

Concluding the evening’s program, Fr. von

Arx introduced Carmen Wong Ulrich '93, the first Fairfield graduate to be the keynote speaker at the annual Awards Dinner. “With her diverse background, her self-motivated, entrepreneurial spirit, and her savvy ability to transform what she has learned into a successful career helping others, Carmen embodies what I would call the ‘face of Fairfield,’” he said.

“All children of hardship have in common adults who believe in them,” said Ulrich, whose family struggled to send her to college. She acknowledged the “team of leaders and professors” at Fairfield who taught her how to think critically, and to cultivate patience and listening. “They [faculty and staff] believed in me and my abilities, with *no limits*,” she said. “I’m always going to be so grateful... I’m proud to be the face of Fairfield.”

Driven

Fairfield's men's and women's basketball teams win big, and are poised to strike in 2011

BY JOHN TORSIELLO

FAIRFIELD WOMEN'S basketball Coach Joe Frager has had a tough act to follow the past several seasons...his own.

Taking over the program three years ago, Frager led the Stags to 22 wins, the fourth highest single season win total in the program's history, in his first season on the job. Included among those victories were a win over Boston College, a second-place regular season Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) finish, and an appearance in the semifinals of the conference tournament.

"We raised the expectations right away," said the former Southern Connecticut State University coach, who has earned six Coach of the Year awards and led his team to a Division II National Championship in 2007. "We had older kids on that team who wanted to win and bought into what we were doing."

Frager's subsequent teams have not disappointed. The Stags have averaged 20 wins a season under his leadership, including a 20-14 ledger this past year, a campaign during which they reached the finals of the MAAC tournament and won their first post-season game with a victory over Towson University in the Women's Basketball Invitational.

The 2009-10 season could have turned out much differently. The Stags, beset by several key injuries, were 10-12 (4-7 in the MAAC) before they caught fire.

"Am I satisfied where we are? I wouldn't say satisfied, I would say pleased. We're certainly heading in the right direction."

WOMEN'S HEAD COACH JOE FRAGER

"We had it handed to us by St. Peter's," said the coach about an early loss, "and we had a talk after the game. We wanted the players to make a recommitment to certain things, such as scouting reports, and be more mentally tough."

The team responded by winning nine straight games before losing to Marist in the finals of the MAAC Tournament.

"It was rewarding as a coach to see how we turned things around," said Frager with a smile.

There's a certain buzz around the Stag women that bodes well for the future.

"What we wanted to do when we started was to be consistently in the mix for the MAAC championship and be the best mid-major we can possibly be. Am I satisfied where we are? I wouldn't say satisfied, I would say pleased. We're certainly heading in the right direction."

This year's team was led by Stephanie Geehan '10, Desiree Pina '12, and Katelyn Linney '13, all of whom averaged in double figures. Geehan, a senior from Braintree, Mass., who set the conference record for blocked shots, was selected to the All-MACC First Team, while Pina, a sophomore from Plainville, Conn., was chosen for the conference Third Team, and Linney, a freshman from Freehold, N.J., was chosen for the All-MAAC Rookie Team.

"The support we have received from the administration has been tremendous," Frager continued. "To see Gene Doris, (athletics director),



Above: Women's Head Coach, Joe Frager;
right: Desiree Pina '12

Photograph by Carlisle Stockton





Mark Reed, (vice president of administration and student affairs), and University President Father (Jeffery P.) von Arx and others at the games is fantastic and not something you always see at other schools.”

Fairfield’s success will carry over to the school’s recruitment of new stars, Frager believes. The Stags have gone from chasing top regional high school players to traveling around the country and abroad to seek out recruits.

Frager concluded: “Having had the success we have had certainly makes it easier to get into kids’ living rooms.”

THE FAIRFIELD MEN’S TEAM CAME oh-so-close to making the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) elite field of 65, losing a tough game to Siena in the MAAC tournament championship game.

Despite the disappointing loss, the Stags won 23 games, the second most in school history. Head Coach Ed Cooley, in his fourth season at the post, was the recipient of the 2010 Ben Jobe National Coach of the Year Award, presented annually to the top minority coach in Division I college basketball.

Fairfield, which lost to Creighton in the post-season CollegeInsider.com Tournament, has improved its win total in each season under Cooley.

“My entire approach when taking the job here was that we were going to win doing it the right way. I wanted to establish a program, not just a team. We’re building brick by brick so that we have long-lasting success.”

Cooley, a graduate of Stonehill College, came to Fairfield from Boston College, where he served as an assistant coach under Al Skinner.

This year’s men’s team was led in scoring by Derek Needham ’13, Anthony Johnson ’10, and Yorel Hawkins ’11. Mike Evanovich ’10 led the team in three-point field goals, and set a school record with nine three-point field goals in the team’s 27-point come-from-behind win against George Mason. Johnson, from Lake Wales, Fla., was named to the All-MAAC First Team, while Needham, a

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MEN’S HEAD COACH, ED COOLEY



Above: Men’s Head Coach, Ed Cooley;
left: Anthony Johnson ’10

freshman from Dolton, Ill., was named to the Second Team and All-Rookie Team.

Included in Fairfield’s victories this season was a thrilling win over George Mason in the first round of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament. The Stags trailed, 63-36, with

16 minutes remaining in the game before rallying to win in overtime.

Similar to the women, the men’s success will pay dividends on the recruiting trail, Cooley said.

“Everybody wants to be a part of a winner. And I want a kid who wants us. I always say that I want to be married to the player for life. We look for character-based individuals who are appropriate for the University and its mission. I want kids who want to be here and want to wear Fairfield’s colors.”

The Stags have several top recruits coming in for the 2010-11 season: Jamel Fields, Adam Jones, and Keith Matthews. Fields is a 6-foot 11-inch guard from Albany, N.Y.; Jones, is a 6-foot 8-inch forward from Winter Park,

Fla.; and Matthews, a 6-foot 5-inch forward from Sebastian, Fla.

As for next season’s prospects, Cooley said, tongue-in-cheek, “You know coaches are always going to say their team will stink. But we have some pieces in place and veteran guys who have played valuable minutes for us. A lot will depend upon what our guys do this summer, how they take care of their bodies and apply themselves academically.”

Cooley said his goal is simple and clear.

“I want us to be one of the best teams in the league year in and year out. We want to contend for the MAAC championship and make it into the NCAA tournament.”

Again, it’s all about elevated expectations. And at Fairfield University, that’s a very good thing. ●

CITIZENS OF THE WORLD

**FAIRFIELD
GRADUATES
PUT THEIR
TALENTS
TO WORK
OVERSEAS**

**Jean
van Gysel '90
Spain/France**



**Kevin
Yonkers-Talz '92
El Salvador**



Preparing students to go out into the world as global citizens – that’s one of the hallmarks of a Jesuit education. In fact, Fairfield has made “global citizenship” the area of focus around campus next year. Lectures, events, and even theater will all be undertaken with a nod to the theme of global citizenry. So what does it take to become a good global citizen? Who better to ask than alumni who have chosen to live lives as expatriates in conditions that are always challenging and eye opening?

**Stephanie
Arapian '05
London**



**Jarrett
Basedow '01
Tajikistan**



**John
Flannery '83
India**





Jarrett Basedow shows off pears grown in the remote Rasht Valley of Tajikistan. Basedow uses value chain analysis to identify ways farmers can improve profits by reducing production and transportation costs.

JARRETT BASEDOW '01, KNEW HE

wanted to study international relations when he came to Fairfield, but it's fair to say he didn't envision himself living in Tajikistan a few years after leaving campus.

"It was a six-week trip to St. Petersburg, Russia, that solidified it for me," he said, speaking of a trip he took with history professor Dr. David McFadden just after his freshman year. "It was my first time leaving the country, and a great time to be in Russia, [about] 10 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall. I minored in Russian but don't think I'm a natural linguist. What I did realize is that I respond well to intensive situations. I learned that seemingly daunting places are

really not so daunting."

A couple of years later, Basedow studied for a semester in Prague, and after graduation landed a four-year fellowship at the U.S. State Department. There, he was based in Washington, D.C. but focused on election support and human rights in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Afghanistan.

"The desire to communicate with others in their own language began at Fairfield, and that's been invaluable," said Basedow from Tajikistan, where he now works for Mercy Corps., examining products produced in the region where he lives and determining how the producers can boost profits through improved transportation or other means.

“THE DESIRE TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE BEGAN AT FAIRFIELD, AND THAT’S BEEN INVALUABLE,” SAID BASEDOW FROM TAJIKISTAN.

STEPHANIE ARAPIAN '05, NOW STUDY-ing for her MFA in Acting International in London, spent a year and a half teaching English in China.

“The language barrier was probably my biggest obstacle. I spoke no Mandarin when I arrived and most casual pedestrians spoke no English. Language meant that no matter how much I learned about Chinese culture, experienced the food, the sites, talked to the kids or the staff, I was always going to be an observer. Everything would be filtered through an English speaker. By the time I left China, I had new knowledge of China and myself, but was still an outsider. I don’t think I expected anything different, but it was difficult to be confronted with that fact.”

Once her contract with the English language school expired, Arapian moved to Germany, where she continued to teach English and had more opportunities to get involved with regional theater.

“Germany was actually the first place I ever rented a flat for myself – no roommates, no housemates. Imagine all those things about your first flat,” she recalled. “Now imagine doing them all pretty much by yourself in a language you’ve just started to learn. Visas, rent, insurance, bills, taxes... It was challenging, and made me want to scream with frustration sometimes, but I managed to make a life on my own terms in a foreign environment. It’s a pretty heady feeling.”

OVER AND OVER, FAIRFIELD’S OVER-seas alumni speak of being well served by the open-mindedness that characterized their Jesuit education.

“I took a religion course with a Jesuit who focused primarily on Middle Eastern religions,” recalled Jean van Gysel ’90, a native of France. “That was an important step in my development because it taught me to try to stay open.”

“LEARN TO LOOK AT THINGS THROUGH the lens of the local people,” advised John Flannery ’83, newly named president and CEO of GE’s business operations in India. He speaks from experience, having lived in Argentina and Japan with his family before his current move.

“Things are the way they are for all sorts of reasons in history. If you let go of your U.S. lens and get into the local flavor, it’s incredibly rewarding and universally fascinating.”

One of the benefits of his experience is the world-awareness he’s noticed in his three

“Fairfield was probably where I learned that any question could be asked, as long as it was respectful,” said Stephanie Arapian, shown here – costumed in pink – on stage in London.



“I REALIZED THAT I NEED CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THOSE ON THE MARGINS TO KEEP ME GROUNDED IN GLOBAL REALITY. IT MAKES ME A BETTER CHRISTIAN, AND A BETTER PERSON,” SAID YONKERS-TALZ.



ABOVE: Kevin Yonkers-Talz with the youngest of his three daughters and a Salvadoran friend.

children. “They have a comfort level in dealing with those from radically different backgrounds, a flexibility and open-mindedness that’s huge,” he said.

Of course, it’s no secret that being perceived as an “American” overseas can be detrimental as well as powerful, noted the London-based Arapian. “I’ve been forced to criticize, apologize for, and defend my country on numerous occasions. And wow, have I ever learned about diplomacy, neutrality, and seeing things from all angles.”

IT WAS A MISSION TRIP TO KINGSTON, Jamaica, during a summer at Fairfield that opened the eyes of Kevin Yonkers-Talz ’92 to the harsh realities of the world outside his own.

An economics and psychology major, he went on to study theology and then found a way to blend it all when he took a position with Santa Clara University and founded Casa de la Solidaridad, a unique Jesuit study abroad program located in El Salvador.

The program he and his wife Trena co-direct is based out of the Jesuit-run Universidad Centroamericana (UCA), and offers students the chance to integrate direct immersion with the poor and rigorous academic study.

“What we hope to cultivate in our students is faith that does justice,” Yonkers-Talz said simply. As for his own journey: “I realized that I need constant contact with those on the margins to keep me grounded in global reality. It makes me a better Christian, and a better person.”



LEFT: “My experiences from living all over world have helped me to deal with situations and contributes to making decisions every day,” said Jean van Gysel ’90, chairman of V Resorts.

BELOW: To be a good global citizen, “You need to enter [another] culture with a sense of humility, respect, and deference,” says John Flannery ’83, president and CEO of GE’s business operations in India.

Fairfield not only planted the seeds of his global awareness, he said, but it gave him the space to reflect and make sense of his experience, and that’s something he works to continue with his students.

Though Fairfield was notably lacking in diversity when he was a student,* Flannery acknowledged that there “was always a culture of respect for the dignity of people. It’s critical to go into another culture with a sense of humility and respect.”

**Addressing the issue of diversity has been a major focus for Fairfield University in recent years. About 18% of the Class of 2010 is of African-American, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American descent.*



Love &

The Romeo and Juliet Project
culminates in a production
of Shakespeare's classic

BY TRACEY O'SHAUGHNESSY

Love is a battlefield. At least that proved the case in the hands of theater director Barbra Berlovitz, whose staging of *Romeo and Juliet* at Fairfield in April was the culminating event in the University's yearlong thematic exploration of Shakespeare's classic play of young love gone horribly wrong.

The production at the Lawrence A. Wein Experimental Theatre – the black box inside the Regina A. Quick Center – was the heart of Fairfield's "R&J Project," a program undertaken by the University to explore the play from a range of perspectives, using the scholarship of a number of academic departments.

Photography by Bob Handelman

RIGHT: Romeo and Juliet in their final moment, played by Alexandra Burke '11 and Joshua Matteo '13.

Death





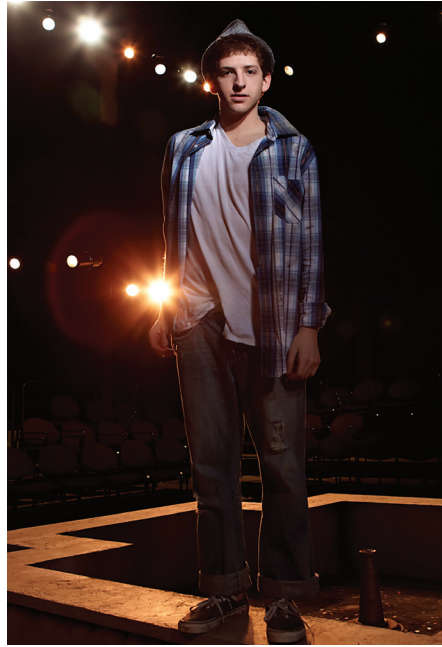
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In effect, the University took the occasion of the production and used the play as an “area of focus,” to think across disciplines – about love, the family, the Renaissance, music, religious life in England in Shakespeare’s day, even about poisons and medicine.

And so throughout the spring semester – as the play was being developed for performance on April 20-28 by the Department of Visual and Performing Arts – other academic departments got into the act, including a performance by the Fairfield University Orchestra of selections from *West Side Story*; exhibits of books and memorabilia about the play; and lectures from University scholars on the play’s historical context.

The project began with a grant from the College of Arts and Sciences Board of Advisors extended to the Department of Visual and Performing Arts. The grant allowed the theater program to fund a guest artist residency on campus – the first in the history of the University – to director Barbra Berlovitz and her sister, costume designer Sonya Berlovitz. Both come from the celebrated Theatre de la Jeune Lune, which originated in France but had its home in Minneapolis until 2008. The pair spent three months preparing Theatre Fairfield for the production.



Dr. Martha Lomonaco, director of the Theatre Program, said the faculty chose Berlovitz to direct because of her experience updating classical theater for contemporary audiences.

“Whenever you revive a play, you always have to say, “Why am I doing *this* play *now*, to *this* audience,” said Dr. Lomonaco, who also served as producer. “Berlovitz’s interpretation of this play is that it’s not a love story. It’s about violence. There are no reasons we’re given why these families hate each other’s guts and have for a long time. It’s a deep-seated hatred that everybody feels and nobody understands.”

Barbra Berlovitz conceived of the Capulets and the Montagues as clans that are alternately conservative and modern, in part to underline what she sees as today’s friction between traditionalists and modernists.

“There seems to be a very strong conflict between a world that is ‘modern’ and part of the world that has embraced its tradition in a very familial way, wanting to live their lives [in the same traditional] way for hundreds of thousands of years,” she said.

Those tensions play out particularly in the

Middle East, she observed, but also in the “red” state versus “blue” state dynamic in the United States.

“I have really augmented the idea that the Capulets are very strict and conservative and that the Montagues are potentially more free-thinking,” she explained.

That was made particularly clear in the role of Juliet, a 14-year-old girl who is only allowed out of the house with an elder male.

“In the play, Juliet has no friends,” said Berlovitz. “Romeo has plenty of friends. Juliet has none. If you look at what her father says to her, he’s basically calling her a harlot if she doesn’t do what he wants her to do.”

“I really am trying to point out the violence in the text,” said Berlovitz. “I’m making sure that it is clearly physical and emphasizing through the language that there’s a lot of animosity on the stage.”

Toward that end, the production called on Dr. David L. Chandler, a freelance fight choreographer, to train actors in the art of stage conflict. It is Dr. Chandler who gave meat to Shakespeare’s fuzzy-but-critical stage direction: “They fight.”

“What I try to do is have things in this play escalate,” said Dr. Chandler. “There are no weapons in the first scene. It’s more like a

FROM LEFT: Director Barbra Berlovitz, Costume Designer Sonya Berlovitz; Alexandra Burke '11, as Juliet in the Party Scene; Joshua Matteo '13, in Romeo's standard costume; Halimat Somotan '12, as Friar Laurence.

riot. It’s like kids in a gang fight. It’s all hand-to-hand stuff – but it’s stopped by a pistol.”

The disparities between the families are even made clear in the family’s respective fighting styles, said Chandler. The Montagues would carry baton-like sticks, while the Capulets fought with knives.

“Romeo is all passion,” Dr. Chandler continued. “When he falls in love with Juliet, his brains go away – this is the other side of his passion. When Tybalt makes a move to get Romeo, Romeo just explodes after him. He breaks his neck.”

“This is difficult stuff,” Dr. Lomonaco said. “It’s challenging. I really want to see audiences engage with this play and experience it as something new, and then they think, ‘Oh my God. This is Shakespeare and I actually liked it.’ It should be a totally engaging, absolutely mesmerizing experience that resonates with you.”



ABOVE: Casey Grambo '12, as Peter, the Capulet's servant in a much expanded role in this production; Glenn Ghirardi '10, as Tybalt.

AT RIGHT: Luke Paulino '13, as Lord Capulet holds court during the Party Scene.



Dr. Richard Regan of the Department of English and the University's resident Shakespeare expert, compared the University's R&J Project to a smaller version of the National Endowment for the Arts' "Big Read" program.

Fairfield delved deeply into the play off the stage as well. Lectures and presentations included a look at women in Shakespeare, a lecture called "The Meddling Monk: the Role of the Friar in *Romeo and Juliet*" delivered by the Rev. Richard Ryscavage, S.J., Director for the Center for Faith and Public Life, and a historic look of the city of Verona by Dr. Victor Deupi, a professor of art history.

In April, Drs. Amanda Harper-Leatherman and John Miecznikowski of the Chemistry and Biochemistry department presented "O True Apothecary: A Forensic and Toxicological Perspective on *Romeo and Juliet*."

The talk focused on the kinds of poisons that might have been common during Shakespeare's time. What kind of poisons would Shakespeare have been familiar with? Plenty, as it turns out.

"During the time of the 16th and 17th century, people had started to become more scientific about plant medicines," said Dr. Harper-Leatherman. Scientific handbooks, called "herbals," professed to describe which kind of plants produced which effects. It is likely that Shakespeare was familiar with these books because he mentions them throughout his works.

Scholars believe the sedating poison given to Juliet may have been mandrake, henbane, or belladonna. All these plants include the chemicals hyoscyne and atropine, which produce sedating effects. Mandrake, in particular, was used as an anesthetic in Shakespeare's time, although it also helped with muscle spasms and asthma.

"The problem," Dr. Harper-Leatherman said, "is if you take too much of it, it can cause delusions, hallucinations, and death. People knew that during [Shakespeare's] time, too."

Dr. Harper-Leatherman's inkling is that Juliet likely ingested belladonna, which in one 16th-century herbal is said to "bringeth

such as have eaten thereof into a dead sleep wherein many have died."

Though the fate that befalls Romeo – who takes a poison and dies immediately – was trickier to diagnose, Drs. Miecznikowski and Harper-Leatherman point to *aconitum napellus* (monkshood), one of the deadliest plants known to man. Romeo goes quickly – as would anyone who ingests monkshood.

In March, Drs. Anibal Torres Bernal from the Department of Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT), along with Diana Mille, Director of the Thomas J. Walsh Art Gallery and a graduate of the MFT program, presented "*Romeo and Juliet* – A Conversation in Communication from a Systemic Perspective," which looked at the



play from the standpoint of common family dysfunctions.

Dr. Torres Bernal said the world of the play, like the world of many families, contains “toxic secrets.”

“Secrets stem out of fear that if this information is disclosed something terrible will happen,” said Dr. Torres Bernal. “Many times [when a family contains a secret] it is actually more harmful. Secrets have a very perverse way of taking control of families. The secret organizes how people interact with each other because all the ways we are interacting have to do with keeping the secret.”

For more on Romeo & Juliet go to www.fairfield.edu/magazine

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Engaging Fairfield Alumni in Service

Nicaragua and Beyond

BY VIRGINIA WEIR

“**T**his was the experience of a lifetime,” said University Trustee Tom Franko ’69. “I have talked to everyone who will listen about my experience in Nicaragua.”

The group toured several sites where Nicaraguan families make a living with the help of micro-loans. Left, the son of Pablo Sanchez, a local artisan in the town of Nandasmó, plays in his father’s workshop. Sanchez makes wooden toys (see page 32) to sell locally and in the U.S.

Franko’s words echo the sentiments of eight Fairfield alumni, one Jesuit, and a retired Fairfield University professor who spent a week in February visiting Nicaragua, laying the groundwork for future alumni service trips.

“It was a prototype for what an alumni service trip could be,” said the Rev. James Bowler, S.J., facilitator for Catholic and Jesuit Mission and Identity, who co-led the trip with Janet Canepa ’82, director of Alumni Relations. “Everyone came back with a clearer view of the how and why of Jesuit education. They also came back closer to their God, to their true selves, to one another, and to their community.”

Despite the fact that none of the travelers knew each other before the trip, the group felt an immediate connection – a closeness that grew stronger through the week as they witnessed situations both joyful and despairing.

RIGHT: Kelly McClure '81 posed with a boy from Ayapal, a neighborhood on the outskirts of Managua, where students from Fairfield's School of Nursing provide public health services in cooperation with Universidad Centroamericana.



BELOW: The group in front of the community preschool in Ayapal: (back row, l-r) Kathleen Griffin '83; Michael Knight '73; Dorothea Brennan, M.A.'81; Tom Franko '69, University trustee; Rev. James Bowler, S.J.; Greg Magner '81, Alumni Association Board of Directors; (front row, l-r) Dr. Betsy Gardner, retired professor of psychology; Laura Incerto '81, Alumni Association Board of Directors; Marisol Morales, preschool director and community leader; Janet Canepa '82, Alumni Relations director; Vilma Alvarez, from UCA Social Sciences; Kelly McClure '81, Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Kelly McClure '81 was the unofficial photographer for the trip. Visit www.fairfield.edu/alumninicaragua to view some of those photos, and read alumni reflections on their experience.

Just hours after arriving in Managua, the group visited Hogar Belen, an orphanage for children with severe physical and mental disabilities. Daily bus excursions included stops at other sites where poverty was equally evident. Franko's journal described these visits well:

The orphanage is desperately poor: tin roofed, open air buildings, little more than shacks, children who can't walk, and a staff that is making do with little. A preschool in the Ayapal barrio is much the same, a

dedicated few trying to teach the children and parents in an area, lighted with pirated electricity, next to a seasonal lagoon that is a source of malaria and dengue fever. The Managua city dump, on fire and polluted with toxic metals, is the home of about 2,200 people who try to earn a living by scavenging in piles of mixed garbage, including human waste...

These harsh sights, however, were tempered by visits with Nicaraguans experiencing success through the help of microfinance loans and other non-profit initiatives.

Don Carlos Polanco and his extended family



raise cows and crops on a six-acre cattle farm; in the town of Nandasmo, a talented artisan makes wooden toys in his home to sell; and in Las Mesas, in the Sweet Honey Beekeeping Cooperative, 23 women keep bees to produce and market honey-based products. Through these visits the group experienced the beauty of Nicaragua, the warmth of its people, and their commitment to overcoming poverty.

The alumni group visited Fairfield's sister university, Universidad Centroamericana (UCA) in Managua (see the Spring 2008 issue of

Fairfield Now, at www.fairfield.edu/fnspring2008). While on campus they attended a conference on service learning in Latin America and the Caribbean featuring the extensive work of Fairfield faculty in Nicaragua. The group met with administrators, faculty, and alumni to learn more about UCA.

"One thing that the folks at UCA kept talking about is the importance of listening," said Dorothea Brennan, M.A.'81. "It's not for us to go down there and say 'We think you ought to do this.'"

ABOVE: More than 200 families live and scavenge at La Chureca in Managua, the largest open-air garbage dump in Central America.

“Just lifting one’s gaze to new frontiers – to the marginalized – will evangelize you.”

The travelers were impressed by the way the UCA community lives the Jesuit mission and its commitment to social justice. Dr. Betsy Gardner, retired professor of psychology, summarized the group’s reaction well: “UCA is a model – the core, the curriculum, the outreach, the community – from which we have a lot to learn. When studies and activities are framed in terms of the outward-facing question, ‘What can I do?’, it’s a call to action.”

The group created a long list of practical things to be done, including helping to provide support for UCA students studying at Fairfield and offering guidance to UCA’s newly formed alumni association. With his contacts, Greg Magner ’81 is already working on sending baseball equipment to UCA, as well as new mattresses to the orphanage.

Even as they re-immense into their daily routines, the group continues to share thoughts and ideas. Kelly McClure ’81 recently distributed her reflections on suffering, gathered both on the trip and through conversations with family and friends. Michael Knight ’73 frequently

e-mails information to others in the group on microfinancing initiatives and Nicaraguan politics.

This steering group, along with the alumni chapters, is working to further engage alumni with Fairfield’s Jesuit mission. “This reconnaissance trip was just the beginning. Janet Canepa and I have been talking about creating alumni service trips for almost two years,” said Laura Incerto ’81. “To see it finally come to fruition was amazing for me.”

Each visitor had a different experience, but all came together with a strong sense of gratitude for the journey and a desire to offer similar spiritual experiences to other alumni. As Kathleen Griffin ’83 said, “I have no doubt in my mind that there are many alumni out there who want or need an experience like this in their lives.”

As the trip concluded, Griffin asked UCA’s general vice president, Silvio Aviles, S.J., the question that was on everyone’s mind: “As alumni, how can we fulfill our spiritual mission when there is so much to do?”

Father Silvio replied, wisely and simply: “Just lifting one’s gaze to new frontiers – to the marginalized – will evangelize you.”

For more photos and reflections from the trip, please visit: www.fairfield.edu/alumninicaragua. The Office of Alumni Relations is planning future alumni service trips. If you are interested, please contact them at (203) 254-4280, or alumni@fairfield.edu.



ABOVE: Wooden tops from Pablo Sanchez’s workshop.

AT LEFT: Tom Franko ’69 dons a protective beekeeping suit during a visit to the Sweet Honey Beekeeping Cooperative, where 23 women keep bees, and produce and market honey-based products.



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Grants & Gifts

Math & Sciences

A three-year grant totaling \$296,569 was recently awarded from the **National Science Foundation** for the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in Mathematics and Computational Science Program. The eight-week summer program is designed to engage talented undergraduates in original mathematics and computing research beyond the standard college curriculum and prepare them for research-based scientific careers. Students will work with faculty mentors and receive on-campus housing and stipends. This is the first REU award the University has received. Dr. Shawn Rafalski, assistant professor of mathematics, will direct the project.

The School of Engineering received a grant of \$20,000 from the **Connecticut Space Grant College Consortium Program** for a research project called “High Efficiency Nanowire Photovoltaics.” Project Director Dr. Ryan Munden will conduct research to enhance the efficiency of solar cells using nanotechnology.

Arts & Culture

The Carl and Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies received renewed funding of \$50,000 from the **Adolph and Ruth Schnurmacher Foundation** for the Center’s programming for the upcoming year. The grant supports faculty forums, class trips, cultural events and celebrations, and public lectures. Dr. Ellen Umansky, Carl and Dorothy Bennett Professor of Judaic Studies, is the project director.

Renewed funding of \$47,500 was received from the **Connecticut State Department of Education** for The Connecticut Writing Project. The project is designed to improve

students’ writing abilities by strengthening the teaching and learning of writing, providing professional development programs for classroom teachers, and expanding the professional roles of teachers. Faye Gage, director of Fairfield’s Connecticut Writing Project program, directs the project.

Scholarships, Fellowships & Financial Aid

Dr. Ron Davidson, professor of Religious Studies, has been awarded grant of \$53,132 from the **American Councils of Learned Societies** to complete a book on the origins of Buddhist Tantrism in 7th-8th century India, examining Buddhist documents in Sanskrit, Chinese, and Tibetan. Of 1,136 eligible applications, only 57 awards were made this year.

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** granted \$50,000 to the School of Nursing for the New Careers in Nursing Scholarship. Funding will be used to support the recruitment of a higher number of males and individuals from underrepresented groups in nursing into Fairfield’s innovative accelerated (15-month) Second Degree nursing program. Carole Pomarico, MSN, RN, assistant professor of nursing, directs the project.

A grant of \$19,597 from the **U.S. Health Resources Services Administration** will support eligible nursing students in the Fairfield University and Bridgeport Hospital Nurse Anesthesia Program. Through a partnership with Bridgeport Anesthesia Associates and Bridgeport Hospital, students will work with medically underserved populations in low-income

population zones. Dr. Nancy Moriber, RN, graduate program director of the School of Nursing, is the project director.

Other News

Harry Risetto '65, a member of the College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board, has granted the University \$50,000 to establish a Jesuit Recruitment and Retention Fund. The restricted fund will help the University attract, hire, retain, and promote new Jesuits as faculty members through the offering of pre- and post-doctoral fellowships, as well as visiting professorships for Jesuits in mid-career. Rev. Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J., senior vice president for Academic Affairs, administers the Fund.

The **State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)** has awarded the University a five-year grant of \$320,000 for an initiative called “Partners for Success: State and Community Prevention Performance Grant,” designed to strengthen efforts addressing risky drinking behaviors found on Connecticut college campuses. The goals of the program include reducing substance abuse-related problems, preventing the onset of substance abuse, strengthening prevention infrastructure at state and community levels, and leveraging state-wide funding related to prevention. Pam Paulmann, Fairfield Corps program coordinator, oversees the project. □

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SHEILA DAVIDSON '83

Profession

After graduating with a degree in politics from Fairfield, Sheila Davidson '83 went on to complete her law degree at George Washington University.

"The core curriculum at Fairfield taught me to stretch and push myself to think critically about a wide range of issues. This has not only helped me in my legal career, but has also enriched my life. I use what I learned at Fairfield in my work every day."

The network of friends Davidson made at Fairfield is also a big part of her life. "I formed deep and enduring friendships with my freshman hallmates on Loyola One," she said. "We have celebrated weddings, births, career achievements, and other milestones together. I treasure these relationships."

For the past 19 years, Davidson has been an attorney at New York Life Insurance Company. She is chief legal officer and she loves her job. "I have the privilege of working for a company whose mission and values align with my own. The Company is guided by a simple philosophy: to be there for others when they need us most."

Davidson lives in Manhattan with her husband and two sons.

Most Influential Fairfield Faculty

"There were many, though recently I have been appreciating the Rev. Donald Lynch, S.J., (late professor of English) whenever I spot or spout a Shakespeare quote."

Supports Fairfield

Davidson's first gift to Fairfield was her senior class gift of \$20 in 1983. Over the past 27 years, she has given consistently, with increasing generosity. Recently she made a major gift in support of the Ignatian Residential College endowment, bringing the institution close to matching the initial grant of \$2,500,000 from the Lilly Endowment.

Davidson explained: "My gift is very important to me personally. St. Ignatius of Loyola prayed, 'Teach me to give and not to count the cost'. The Ignatian Residential College embodies the Jesuit commitment to *cura personalis* – the development of the whole person, head and heart, intellect and feelings. I really believe this is a wonderful way to produce the much-needed next generation of ethically-oriented leaders."

Also Supports

- George Jackson Academy
- Cristo Rey High School
- Madison Square Park Conservancy
- United Way



"My charitable giving is focused on education – a fitting tribute to my late parents, who raised me with a deep appreciation for education. My father had to turn down a full college scholarship because he had to work to support his widowed mother. My mother dropped out of NYU after two years because money was tight, and women were encouraged to leave school to make room for the GIs returning from WWII. My parents sacrificed to send me to Fairfield, and it's my Fairfield Jesuit education that prepared me for a successful career."

For more information on participating in the Lilly Endowment challenge and making a gift in support of the Ignatian Residential College, please contact Mike Boyd, associate vice president of Individual Giving, at (203) 254-4000, ext. 2387, or mboyd@fairfield.edu.

Alumni NOTES

1950

'51 | **Raymond Parry** was inducted into the Western Connecticut State University Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 23, 2009 for his lifetime support of Colonials athletics.

1960

'69 | **Anthony Hartigan** was ranked fourth in the state of New Hampshire by *Barron's* as one of the Top 2010 (Financial) Advisors and one of the Top 1000 in the United States. Hartigan is employed by Merrill Lynch in Concord, N.H.

1970

'75 | **Lisa Mannetti** has authored the book, *51 Fiendish Ways to Leave Your Lover*, which was published by Bad Moon Books in 2010.*

'76 | **Col. Dr. Bryan Kelly** was promoted to Brigadier General in the Army Reserve on Nov. 8, 2009. He is currently serving as the Commanding General at the Medical Readiness and Training Command at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

'79 | **Donald Bodell** has joined the Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Gear Company.*

1980

'86 | **Tracy Immerso** has joined the staff of Fairfield University as academic systems senior analyst within the Academic Affairs Division.

SHARE YOUR NEWS



ANTHONY KHAMVONGSA '00 AND ELIZABETH SASKA '02 are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Piper Song Khamvongsa. She was born on February 19, 2010 at Bridgeport Hospital.

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'89 | **Daniel Knapik** was recently elected mayor of the City of Westfield, Mass. on Nov. 3, 2009.*

1990

'90 | **Sean Looney** recently launched StackMeUp.com, a Web site that allows you to privately compare personal information with everyone in the United States.*

'91 | **State Sen. Stephen Buoniconti** announced his candidacy for district attorney of Hampden County, Mass.

'92 | **Thomas Beirne III** was recently elected to the Board of Directors of Prevent Blindness Tri-State, headquartered in New Haven, Conn.*

'93 | **Dr. Ara Maranian** was recently awarded the Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster by the United States Air Force. During a 2006-2007 deployment to Balad, Iraq, Maranian flew 26 combat missions over Iraq and Afghanistan, evacuating and supervising the care of critically wounded soldiers and marines as commander of a critical care air transport team. He is now in private practice as a cardiologist in Manassas, Va.*

Michael White has recently accepted a position as senior director, technical accounting activities at Alvarez & Marsal.*

'94 | **Thomas Gegeny** was named president of the American Medical Writers Association for 2009-2010.

'95 | **Devin Doolan Jr.** was recently named a "Rising Star" for Employment and Labor within the 2010 list of Maryland Super Lawyers by *Law & Politics Magazine*.

'96 | **Katherine Burke** was offered a fellowship to teach children in South Africa this summer through Teach with Africa.*

Dr. Laura (Mitchell) Garofoli was granted tenure as an assistant professor of psychological science at Fitchburg State College.*

Stephen Xeller was appointed vice president of North American sales at Brainware, Inc. in Ashburn, Va.

'99 | **Kristen Record** has been named a state finalist for the 2009 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The award is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the White House Office of Science and Technology.*

Timothy Sweeney took part in the "Second Chance at Life Road Race" in Westport, Conn., on May 16, 2010, in his honor, to raise awareness of cystic fibrosis and lung transplants. Tim is also training to be the first prior patient of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital to compete in the New York City Marathon. Sweeney had a double lung transplant and will be running with his surgeon and pulmonologist.

2000

'01 | **Patrick Marano** has recently accepted a position as assistant vice president at Barclays Capital while continuing to pursue his J.D. degree at Fordham Law School.*

JOE ANNUNZIATA '60

Fairfield's First Fulbright Scholar

BY CAROLYN ARNOLD

EVERY UNIVERSITY CONSIDERS IT A FEATHER IN its cap when a student is selected for a Fulbright Scholarship, the international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Government. Joe Annunziata '60 holds a special place in Fairfield's history: Not only was he awarded with a scholarship to teach English and French in France, he was Fairfield's very first student to win the award. (There have been 53 Fairfield Fulbrights since the University focused on the program in 1993.)

Annunziata was well suited for such a journey, possessing a curious and open mind, and eager to experience new things. With the help of close faculty mentors including the Reverends John L. Bonn, S.J., (Latin and English), Joseph Manning, S.J., (Greek), and Victor Leeber, S.J., (Spanish and Italian) and Dr. Arsene Croteau (French), Annunziata took the plunge and applied for the scholarship. "There was no experience with such an application at Fairfield at that time, and no precedents of other graduates, or even faculty, to rely on," he recalled. Nevertheless, Annunziata passed all of the requirements and was invited to teach at a French lycee in Paris in 1960.

After graduating from Fairfield and before leaving for Paris, Annunziata began an intensive master's degree in French language and literature at Middlebury College – where students had to take an oath promising not to speak English!

"We were so inundated with the language that I got to the point where I even dreamt in French," he said. "When I finally got to France, I felt like I was at home."

In addition to teaching, Annunziata enjoyed traveling around the country. "You can't say you know America until you experience Americans in New York, Alabama, or California. Similarly, Paris is different from Provence, which is different from Normandy," he explained. "For me, it was great to learn the whole of France, not just one corner."

After his first year in France, he was granted a rare second and third year from the U.S. and French governments to continue his teaching and studies. During that time, he pursued a doctorate in French literature at the Sorbonne while teaching French graduate students at the Catholic University of Paris.

Once he returned to the States in 1963, he received two fellowships to study comparative literature at Yale University. After that, he began a career with the U.S. Government where he taught and wrote about international diplomatic and military issues in Europe and Southeast Asia. His experiences in France made him a fountain of knowledge for the government.

Annunziata also worked at the Pentagon as a speechwriter and news analyst for defense and White House officials. In 1973, he became a legislative aide to senior leaders in the House of Representatives and the Senate, where he helped write legislation that allowed women into the military academies.

In 1975, he became an adviser to the Secretary of Defense on



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international security matters. "What I was trying to teach people was that to understand a different country, you have to study their history and civilization. You can't just go in and assume they don't have valuable experience and that what we have is better."

After 16 years of service with the U.S. Government – including serving as part of the senior White House staff during the Carter administration – Annunziata decided to apply his skills to community service and business activities.

During more than 25 years in these areas, he has worked with civil and religious organizations at local, state, national, and international levels to encourage an improved quality of life for all people.

This work is just the tip of the iceberg for Annunziata. He continues to be involved in many other worthy projects, such as the Nova Catholic Community, and has worked with other Christian and non-Christian peace communities such as the Quakers, the Mennonites, and Pax Christi International.

This year, Annunziata joins his fellow alumni to celebrate his 50th baccalaureate anniversary. "I have often been aware of how the wisdom-searching orientation I received at Fairfield, especially Jesuit principles, have formed my mind and motivations," said Annunziata, who now lives in Virginia with his wife Rosemarie. The couple has three daughters. "In issues such as diplomacy, war, or inter-cultural misunderstanding, my reference has often been to what might best result in forgiveness and love." ❁

Alumni NOTES

'04 | **David Baehr** has recently been promoted to the position of vice president, electronic trading at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.*

Michael Theile is pursuing a masters degree in sports management and business from Columbia University.*

'05 | **Jillian Coca** has recently been promoted to the position of accountant at Laureate Education, Inc. within the company's LHEG Product Strategy and Development Sector.*

'08 | **Michelle (Alviso) Matheis** has recently accepted a position as president of the APUS SHRM Chapter at American Military University. Michelle will also receive a masters degree in management: human resources from the American Military University in 2010.*

'09 | **Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Dominic Cellitti** recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Paris Island, S.C.

Marriages

Jennifer (Talarski) '95 and Joseph Poniatowski – June 16, 2007.*

Amy (Brown) '99 and Allen T. Jeffers – April 12, 2008.*

Caroline (Joy) '00 and Michael White – Oct. 3, 2009.*

Kristin (Harrison) '03 and **James O'Leary '02** – Oct. 17, 2009.*

Alexandra Marie (Sabra) '03 and **Sean Michael O'Connell '03** – Sept. 12, 2009.*

Christine (Callaghan) '04 and Michael Aaron Morrissey – Aug. 15, 2009.*

Lindsey (Marx) '04 and Justin Lehn – June 27, 2009.*

Erin (Gray) '05 and **Jack Callahan '05** – Sept. 26, 2009.*

Births

Raegan (Armata) '90 and husband Christopher Wazorko, daughter – Amelia Julian, Dec. 1, 2009.*

Katherine (Ohl) '91 and Gary Cohen, daughter – Zoe Marie, Dec. 30, 2008.*

Marcy (Salerno) '91 and Patrick Hackett Jr., twins, daughter – Victoria Marie, son – James Patrick, Oct. 15, 2009.*

Anita and **Alfred Foglio II '92**, son – Nicolo, Oct. 24, 2009.

Dr. Alexa Adams and **Eric Shea '93**, son – Peter Brett, Jan. 13, 2010.*

Lisa (Flaherty) '94 and Robert Baker, son – Jason Robert, July 15, 2009.*

Michelle (Baker) '95 and Marc DeFeo, daughter – Julia Reese, Sept. 18, 2009.*

Jennifer (Talarski) '95 and Joe Poniatowski, daughter – Isabel Grace, Jan. 20, 2009.*

Claudine (Stark) '96 and Brendan Hanley, daughter – Catherine Nora, Nov. 12, 2009.*

Barbara and **James Rotnofsky '96**, daughter – Reagan Diane, Feb. 26, 2010.*

Ellen (Banasik) '97 and Chip Lewis, daughter – Katelyn Ann, Oct. 1, 2009.*

Deirdre and **Peter Conneely '98**, son – Thomas Peter, Feb. 20, 2010.*

Amy (Brown) '99 and Allen Jeffers, daughter – Ansley Carrell, June 25, 2009.*

Rachael (Graham) '99 and Brian Luscombe, son – Reece Robert, June 23, 2009.*



RYAN EDWARD WULINSKY, pictured here with his big brother, was born on November 2, 2009 to **Kelly (Kussner) '99** and **Scott Wulinsky**.

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Katharine and **John Griffith '99**, daughter – Maggie Lauren, Oct. 8, 2009.*

Kelly (Kussner) '99 and Scott Wulinsky, son – Ryan Edward, Nov. 2, 2009.*

Marianne (Maguire) '99 and Gary Kahn, daughter – Katherine Anne, July 13, 2009.*

Margaret (Parente) '99 and Timothy Leary, son – James Timothy, Feb. 16, 2010.*

Kathryn (Carlisle) '00 and Scott Kagels, son – Maxwell Carlisle, May 26, 2009.*

Audra and **Brian Iannello '00**, son – Dylan John, Feb. 15, 2010.*

Lauren (Walkiewicz) '00 and Peter Seminara, son – Brian Jack, Jan. 6, 2010.*

Lynn (Palardy) '02 and Jason Frigiani, son – Ryan Matthew, Nov. 24, 2009.*

Elizabeth (Saska) '02 and **Anthony Khamvongsa '00**, daughter – Piper Song, Feb. 19, 2010.*

Sara and **Matthew Scott '02**, son – Ryan Thomas, Mar. 28, 2010.*

Megan (Ur) '03 and **Mark Taraskiewicz '01**, son – Owen Patrick, Nov. 22, 2009.*

In Memoriam

Roger Devine ALND '51 – Oct. 2009.

John M. Duhon '52 – Feb. 18, 2010.

Joseph M. Monaco '52 – Sept. 6, 2009.

John T. Gorman '54 – Feb. 10, 2010.

John F. Prior '57 – Dec. 27, 2009.

Mathias Oppersdorff '59 – Jan. 26, 2010.

Richard E. Floor '62 – Feb. 18, 2010.

Thomas J. Gallagher '66 – Mar. 3, 2009.

Jean C. Tierney '68 – Mar. 14, 2010.

John E. Lynch '71 – May 17, 2009.

Lee Goodman '72 – Feb. 24, 2010.

James G. O'Shaughnessy '73 – Dec. 2, 2009.

Mark J. Zaniewski '77 – Dec. 23, 2009.

Sheila (Hagan) Meyer ALND '80 – Jan. 28, 2010.

Michael J. Pinteck Sr. '81 – April 1, 2010.

Michael C. Owens '83 – Feb. 24, 2010.

Susan (Scott) Williams '89 – Feb. 3, 2010.

ELIZABETH OTTER '09

The Heart of Africa

BY MEREDITH GUINNESS

ELIZABETH OTTER '09 WAS CLEANING AROUND HER ROOM, when she saw something slithering under a basket. "I kind of freaked out," she said of the live snake she had uncovered. "I called my family, but then took matters into my own hands and chopped off its head with a machete."

Yes, it's safe to say Otter didn't return to her childhood home in Chicago after graduation last year. Instead, after a 10-month application process and nine weeks of training, this Peace Corps volunteer now calls a two-room mud brick hut on a wooded plateau in Zambia home.

She has no electricity. She's four hours from the nearest grocery store. And she's as happy as can be. "I have so much time to just enjoy being in nature," the sociology and English major said. "I feel so small here — nature is so beautiful, the stars are insane, the landscapes are explosive."



"There is a lot of time to reflect and think, and what was once important and stressful somehow feels a bit trivial. I have felt myself grow as a person."

How's that for a Jesuit education?

Otter began her life of service during her years at Fairfield, where she taught life skills to low-income women through Bridgeport's Caroline House, wrote grants for the veteran's group Homes for the Brave, and volunteered at both Planned Parenthood and the Mid-Fairfield AIDS Project. Having spent a semester abroad in Botswana, she said she enjoys stepping outside her comfort zone and learning about other people and the lives they lead.

"I am so impressed by Elizabeth's openness to the unknown and unfamiliar," said Dr. Renée White, professor of sociology, who was one of Otter's inspirations on campus. "She is a thoughtful, curious, and very courageous person who is truly open to what life has to offer."

Zambia is certainly providing her with another opportunity. In

addition to living in a compound with a family of eight, plus three goats, a slew of chickens, and a pet dog, she works a few days a week at a rural health clinic and serves on neighborhood health committees, which track the well-being of Zambian villagers, some of whom live as far as 35 kilometers from the nearest clinic. She's also part of the Peace Corps' World Wide School program, which pairs Zambian schools with those in the United States for letter-writing and exchange, and she teaches a 10th grade food and nutrition class at a local high school. There, she's started a Permanente garden — one that doesn't need much space or water — incorporating good eating habits and business and marketing skills into her lessons. She hitchhikes or rides her Peace Corps-issued bike to all her jobs, the market, and anywhere else she has to go.

In between jobs, Otter practices the Bemba language with her Zambian family and those she meets. "Everyone greets each other

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and asks questions of everyone, everywhere," she said of the local farmers who often share their harvests of sweet potatoes, nuts, beans, and pumpkins with Peace Corps volunteers. "They love to talk and are very curious about other cultures and places. They are very caring, too. A Zambian will go out of his or her way to help you get where you are going or find what you need."

Which doesn't mean Otter isn't sometimes lonely or homesick. When she feels down she turns to yoga, reading, writing on her blog — she files via cell phone to <http://immusicthepassionsenjoythemselves.blogspot.com/> — or even singing and dancing around her hut. She's always enjoyed cooking, which is a lot more challenging now that she has to tote water and build a fire under a brazier.

But the payoffs are fast and furious. The Mkushi district is awash in new sounds, smells, and activities: goats, "which sound like wailing babies," the ever-crowding roosters, dinner and card games with other volunteers, and the earthy aroma of the start of the rainy season. "When it finally rained for the first time in four months, I was really excited, but shocked the rain didn't smell the same here!"

Otter will be in Zambia for at least 27 months with the option to stay another year. When she leaves, she'll likely go to graduate school, but she's content to stay in the moment now. "The day I knew I was doing the right thing was two days after landing in Zambia," she said. "I got to a site in Eastern province and was so at home and happy. It was an enlightening moment, but also one of great relief." ■

CARL BAILEY '75, P'08

Making a Difference in Nicaragua

BY NINA M. RICCIO

AS THE SON OF AN IMMIGRANT — his father came from Lebanon as a child — Carl Bailey '75, P'08 often felt he bridged two worlds when he came to Fairfield.

"I was not raised in an affluent environment, and when I became a Big Brother to a kid from Bridgeport, I found I had a huge amount of empathy for these inner city kids," he recalled. "I realized that no matter how hard some of them tried they'd never make it — their appearance, their race, their environment were all working against them."



Still, everything about Fairfield was right for Bailey. "I needed the discipline of a smaller school, and I have nothing but good feelings about the energy I found among the students and professors." Though he described himself as "a lost and lonely hippie" his first couple of years, things took a turn for the better when he pushed himself to make the tennis team. "It's a sport that still continues to be a big part of my personal and professional life."

Now a successful financial planner back in his hometown of Danbury, Conn., where he's had his own firm since he was 28, Bailey long ago decided that success for him wasn't about acquiring a bigger house or more stuff. "I figure that the more I have, the more I'm able to help others," he said.

In 1987 Bailey's neighbors began Connecticut Quest for Peace to provide food, medicine, education, and healthcare to the poor of Nicaragua, and Bailey was interested in their mission. Several years ago, he spent almost a month living in a barrio in Managua. When he came back, he vowed to put his energies into three areas: a medical

center; a school; and a cultural center to teach culinary skills to women so they could work in the country's burgeoning tourist business. His passion: bringing medical teams to Nicaragua twice a year to do cleft palate surgeries.

"It's a far more complex medical issue than I ever realized," he explained. "In the worst cases, these kids were born without a roof in their mouths, so they can't eat or breathe properly. Without the surgeries, these children are forced to live on the fringe of society, so a \$400 surgery forever changes their lives."

His teams include some of the most experi-

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enced plastic surgeons in the U.S., and they are educating medical teams in Nicaragua to carry on their work. Over the years, Bailey has raised and donated over \$500,000 and has generously sponsored several Fairfield University students on mission trips.

Closer to home, Bailey's got another project, one that harks back to his days on the Fairfield tennis courts. He began Danbury Grassroots Tennis, an organization for city youth ages 8 and older that gives them a chance to play tennis several hours a week, get homework help, learn about time management and healthy eating, and have access to volunteer mentors. Approximately 75 children are enrolled in the program now, and several "graduates" have gone on to college.

"It sounds corny, but the Jesuit message of embracing diversity, and of seeing the world on a broader level than what is in your own backyard, really resonated with me," he said. "It taught me the link between spirituality and success, not the least of which is that it's incumbent upon graduates to do something good with their lives." ❧

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Raymond Parry '51, M.A.'57, CT'60 was inducted into the Western Connecticut State University Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 23, 2009 for his lifetime support of Colonials athletics.

Maryce Cunningham M.A.'82 (GSEAP) was elected president of Louisiana Cable & Telecommunications Association and also chairman of the Arkansas Cable Telecommunications Association.*

Susan Williamson '09 (GSEAP) was recently accepted into the Ph.D. program at the University of Connecticut.

In Memoriam

Agnes (Carroll) Lauria, M.A.'54 (GSEAP) — Feb. 1, 2010.

Dr. Russell H. Dobelstein, M.A.'57 (GSEAP) — Nov. 28, 2009.

Raymond T. Gildea, M.A.'63 (GSEAP), CT '66 — April 1, 2010.

John J. Hanrahan, CT '64 (GSEAP) — April 17, 2009.

Eugene M. Munnely, M.A.'65 (GSEAP) — March 13, 2010.

Ildara Elmore Klee, M.A.'66 (GSEAP) — Jan. 24, 2010.

Sister M. Nathaniel Nee, M.A.'66 (GSEAP) — Dec. 12, 2009.

Ann S. Sullivan, M.A.'75 (GSEAP) — April 17, 2010.

Lee Goodman '72, M.A.'77 (GSEAP) — Feb. 24, 2010.

Roberta B. Abrams, M.A.'77 (GSEAP) — Dec. 7, 2009.

Nina S. Preiss, M.A.'77 (GSEAP) — July 15, 2009.

Susan Scott Williams '89, M.A.'97 (GSEAP) — Feb. 3, 2010.

University EVENTS

Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts

For the 2010-2011 Quick Center Season brochure, visit www.quickcenter.com or call the Box Office at 203-254-4010 or toll-free 1-877-ARTS-396.

JUNE 26, 6:30 P.M. & 8 P.M.
Free outdoor Pops Concert with The Brian Torff Jazz Quartet and the Greater Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra

This annual outdoor Pops Concert with the GBSO and Matthew Savery as guest conductor, features soprano Ashley Harrington, 2009

winner of the Jenny Lind Competition, singing family favorites, light classics, and Broadway hits. Pre-concert spotlights the University's own Brian Torff and his Jazz Quartet. Held on the rolling lawn outside the library. Rain date: June 27.

JULY 9, 7:30 P.M.
Missoula Children's Theatre presents *The Wizard of Oz*

JULY 16, 7:30 P.M.
Missoula Children's Theatre presents *The Jungle Book*

JULY 23, 7:30 P.M.
Missoula Children's Theatre presents *The Tortoise Versus the Hare*



Missoula Children's Theatre, *The Wizard of Oz*

JULY 30, 7:30 P.M.
Missoula Children's Theatre presents *Sleeping Beauty*

JULY 31, 7:30 P.M.
Summer Festival Chorus
The 17th Annual concert, *Viva Vienna!* features the luscious and playful music of Vienna; Franz Schubert's *Mass in G*, Johannes Brahms' *Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen* and the sensual melodies of Strauss and Lehar. Special guests are jazz performer and composer Joe Utterback and accompanist Beth Palmer.

AUGUST 6, 7:30 P.M.
Missoula Children's Theatre presents *Red Riding Hood*

AUGUST 13, 7:30 P.M.
Missoula Children's Theatre presents *The Tortoise Versus the Hare*

Open VISIONS Forum

SEPTEMBER 15, 8 P.M.
David Brooks
Political columnist for *The New York Times*

Thomas J. Walsh Art Gallery

JUNE 3-JULY 19
Bramble and Bramble: *Remnants, Glyphs and Palimpsests*
In their painting and mixed-media work, artists Frank and Pamela Bramble independently examine the beauty of the worn surface and the tenuous and fragile nature of time-altered surfaces. Both artists acknowledge that time has the capacity to transform art. For some pieces the effect of time pulls work apart, for others, time forces the melding of elements.



Pamela Bramble, *Tragamino*



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