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“Men For Others, Delivering News To Others”

Prep Cracks Down

By Max Rein '11

As the new academic year begins, Prep has certainly begun to show its stricter side. New policies have been put into effect this year to help better the image of Fairfield Prep, and keep its students and faculty safe. Dress code sets a standard at Prep. It is the only school around with its own dress code: shirt and tie, whereas most other private schools have an actual uniform.

With that in mind, the administration wants to keep the dress code in line and Mr. Brennan and Mr. Magdon have made an effort to make sure all students' shirts are tucked in properly, dress shoes are being worn, and ties are pulled up tight. Some might say they are being too strict to the students, giving them J.U.G. any time their shirt is un-tucked, but the image of Prep must be upheld. (see pg. 3)



FOOTBALL WINS!
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Mixing It Up

Compiled By Max Rein '11

The mixer on September 10 was a success! Students enjoyed their time dancing and having a blast with girls from schools in the nearby area. Freshmen talked about the night and what they enjoyed:

“The gym was going crazy! Kids were starting to get into the mood and it seemed that no one was scared to hop out on the dance floor. All girls were welcome and the ones that came were outgoing and far from shy. Even the head of the SEED Program, Ms. Watson, was feeling the music. The outgoing Western Civ. teacher was spotted several times shaking her hips and dancing to some of her favorite songs.”

--Sean Morrison '14

“The point of this mixer was to get the guys and girls acquainted with each other, because let's face it, being at (see pg. 3)

The Meaning of Red

By Jon Paul Vontell '14

Opening the front doors of Berchmans Hall on the morning of August 25, 2010, I stepped into this brave new world of Fairfield College Preparatory School wearing my trusty red polo shirt. I thought that by wearing the school color I would somehow have a greater sense of blending and belonging. With some extra minutes to spare before the program began, I walked around and noticed that red landmarks speckled my new surroundings. I spotted the red robe of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, red walls in Arrupe Hall, red drops on stained glass windows and red student lockers, to name a few.

When enough people showed up in the lobby area, we were told to go to the cafeteria and wait there. Coming from a small middle school with only thirty-seven in my eighth grade class, I was amazed to now be one of among 300 people, comprised of about 240 students in my class alone. (see pg. 5)

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Welcome (Back)!

Dear Readers,

Welcome (back) to Prep and thank you for reading this year's first issue of Soundings. The editorial staff and I are very excited to be bringing you a new and improved version of Fairfield Prep's newspaper. Established in 1965, Soundings was once at the center of Prep's community with students and faculty turning to its pages to get the very latest in everything that was happening at school. In recent years, that momentum has faded as printing has been discontinued and students have gravitated towards other extracurricular activities, but this year we're bringing it back.

Soundings will continue to be published online once a month, but it will offer a freshness that the publication has not seen in a long time. Mr. Bramble has worked hard to moderate this expanding club and offer advice throughout the process of making this first issue of the '10-'11 year.

This month we have some very exciting stories, ranging from all our football and soccer coverage (edited by Ethan Doerger '13 and Timmy Attolino '13) to a brilliant review of the new Halo game (written by Matt Kingsbury '13). Filling in the gaps, this issue also features the very latest in everything happening with the Prep Players (edited by Dylan Levinson '12 and Nick Martinez '13) along with a detailed and fun to read outline of all of Prep's new extracurricular clubs (edited by Kevin Shpunt '13). I'm also very excited to be featuring some freshmen writing, especially Jon Paul Vontell's well written article on the Freshman Orientation (cover).

I'd like to recognize Eric Hoffman '12, without whom, Soundings' brand-new layout would not have been possible. And also a thank you to Max Rein '11, for all of his hard work in creating a fantastic cover page.

So, I hope you enjoy our very first issue of the year and I ask for your continued support as we put Soundings back in the hands of the community.

Best,



Prep (from cover)

Lastly, Prep has tried to implement a rule of “locked doors at all times” for the past few years, and they have finally “turned the key.” Prep’s doors will be locked, and now alarmed, by 9:00 every morning in order to keep the school safer. Students are not permitted to open the doors for anyone in any situation. Anyone locked out must report to the main entrance, and enter from there.

Prep’s administration has become somewhat stricter in the last couple of years, but students will begin to realize that the image upheld at Prep, and the safety precautions taken, will make Prep an even better institution.

Mixing (from cover)

an all boys or all girls school, you’re going to miss seeing the opposite sex.”

--Graham O’Brien ‘14

“At 10:15, everyone began leaving the mixer. Just by looking at the way people were dancing and talking and laughing together that Friday night, I could tell that people had just made friendships that would last a lifetime.”

--Austin Sims ‘14



Prep students participate in Swim Across the Sound.

Swimming for a Cause

By Michael Noone ‘11

On August 7, eighteen Prep students and alum started a 6 hour swim across the jellyfish-infested Long Island Sound. For the past 4 years, Fairfield Prep has been a part of St. Vincent’s Swim Across the Sound Marathon, a 16 mile swim marathon across the Long Island Sound. It is a unique event in that all money raised does not go directly to cancer research, but instead it is used for cancer screening, education, support programs, and to provide financial assistance to cancer patients and their families.

In its 23rd year, the swim had seen its most participants ever with over 205 swimmers who raised \$400,000 collectively. With the SWIM being a cancer fundraiser, each relay team had to raise a certain amount; Prep aimed to raise \$37,000 which would make the total money raised by Prep in the past four years, \$100,000. To do this, swimmers spent countless hours, weekend after weekend, sitting outside Stop & Shop asking for donations. Along with family donations and fundraisers (such as wiffle ball tournaments and wine tastings) Prep did achieve their financial goal of \$37,000.

The fundraising was only part of it, however, and the teams practiced every week in order to be ready. The Prep swimmers swam in both the Sound and lakes around CT to prepare, on top of their normal swim schedule at the pool.

On race day, the ferry left Port Jeff at 6:00am and arrived on Long Island a little over an hour later. Each relay team went to their volunteer boat and started out to the starting line, where one person on each team went to the beach. The race began. Over 45 swimmers jumped into the water for 15 minutes at a time.

After over six hours on the water, and only a couple of jellyfish stings, Prep arrived at Captain’s Cove in Bridgeport. The three teams came in 4th, 7th, and 11th out of 45 teams, making it another successful year. All the Prep teams swam in honor of classmate, Ryan Brennan ‘11, among others.

Reminiscent of Summer

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By Miles Steinert '12

Dealing with flight delays and random security frisks are small prices to pay for the extraordinary ability to travel the world with relative ease. The wonders of travel have always been a part of my family's life; my first out of the country experience was to France at age five.

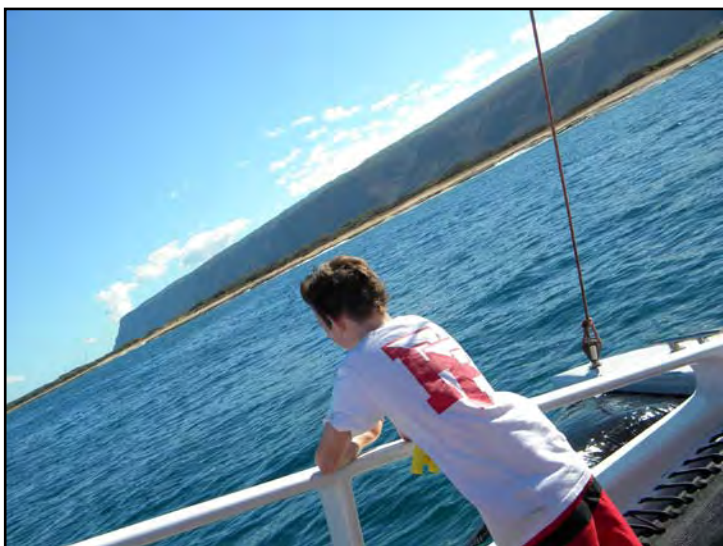
Similar to most kids in our country, I have gone to summer camp a number of times. This past summer was my third and longest stay at the Cotton Wood Gulch summer camp based out of Thoreau, New Mexico. It is a backpacking and outdoors camp stressing relations with Native Americans and clean Eco friendly travel.

I explored the landscape in Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah for 40 days. Backpacking was by far the most mentally and physically trying experience I have gone through. I cannot accurately describe what it is like to look up at a mountain in awe and realize you are going to climb it, and the one behind it, and the one behind that.

I can, after this summer, truthfully say that I have smoked a peace pipe, lost a shoe in quick sand, sat through a "Sweat Lodge" Navajo ceremony and walked over a hundred miles with a backpack on my back.

I have seen the ruins of ancient Native American dwellings, and I have touched the same place they touched when they painted the walls of their homes a thousand years ago. I swam in the Rio Grande river and drank water from the mountain spring. I have looked up at night and seen the stars in a place where light pollution is nonexistent, and then later slept under those stars.

As I grew closer to the Earth in a way I never would have at home, it made me wonder what it would have been like to live in the wilderness.



Where did FP go this summer?

Turkey
Lake Boyd, Maine
Grand Cayman Islands
Ocean City, Maryland
South Carolina
Spain
London
Italy
Nantucket, Massachusetts
Japan
Montreal, Canada
Vermont
Rhode Island
Cape Cod, Massachusetts
Mount Hood, Oregon
New Mexico
Kauai, Hawaii
Oahu, Hawaii
Camp Hazen
The Outer Banks, North Carolina
Stone Harbor, New Jersey
Block Island, Rhode Island
Newport, Rhode Island
Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts
Jersey Shore, New Jersey
Montana
Washington, D.C.
Niagara Falls
Quebec, Canada
Kentucky
Texas
Ocean City, New Jersey
Hamptons, New York
US Virgin and British Islands
England
Puerto Rico
Annapolis, Maryland
Santa Monica, California
San Diego, California
Las Vegas, Nevada

Freshmen (from cover)

Students that did not go to summer school were told to get their pictures taken for their ID cards. After getting our pictures taken, we trudged up to our homerooms. While being a challenging task, I found my new homeroom, B405, all the way on the fourth floor. By 8:30am, when everyone in the homeroom came, we received our student handbooks, our schedules and a red shirt that had "Bomb Squad" written on the front of it in big white and black letters.

While in homeroom, we also signed up for the events that we wanted to partake in at the "Freshman Olympics." Some of these events included arm wrestling, the soccer kick, the tug-of-war, the field goal kick and wiffle ball. Scoring for each event was based on which team (homeroom) could last the longest. We were then called down to the cafeteria for an assembly.

At the assembly, we were officially welcomed to the school and discovered the fantastic and exciting plan of events for that day. In addition, students were taught the "Alma Mater" and the Fairfield Prep "Fight Song."

After the assembly, we went to the Freshman Olympics event that we signed up for. I put on my red tee shirt over my other red shirt and headed on my way, first to play dodge ball in the gym.

Unfortunately, my team did not do so well and lost in the first round, but this at least gave me free time to investigate other happenings. Next I went to visit the arm wrestling contest at the football field. It was at this point that I gazed upon a sea of red shirts moving across the fields and I realized that I truly was part of this new regiment of young men in red. Arm wrestling was an event built for power. Even Mr. Sacredote, teacher of B105 Theology, decided to join in on the contest. He held up for a while until he was tired and then overpowered. Nevertheless, he made a very good attempt, which took brute power as well as strength of character and courage to do.

After arm wrestling I joined others in my new class to see the other events, especially the tug-of-war, which proved to be the most exciting one. Everyone crowded around the contest because it was arguably the most exciting to watch.

In this power struggle, my homeroom was doing very well. Our team was tenacious, strong and fought hard. We were even able to make it to the championship before our homeroom was knocked out.

Even though we were disappointed about losing the event, our spirits were lifted when it was time for lunch. All the freshmen and the teachers got a visit from the Super-Duper Weenie truck! The line to get to the truck was so long that I had to wait about twenty minutes to get my food. In the truck, there were hot dogs, hamburgers and french fries, which I'm sure everyone enjoyed – I know I did!

After everyone was done eating, it was time to go home. It was a fun day of events, but anyone could imagine how tired we were. In the end, the winner of the Freshman Olympics was homeroom B305.

Even though my homeroom did not win, I was very pleased with all of the activities that went on in the buildings and around the fields.

The whole experience was incredibly memorable. It was a time for learning about the school, playing games and meeting new people. I hope that Fairfield Prep keeps the Freshman Olympics as part of the orientation program because I know that in future years, incoming freshmen will think of this as a great way to begin their Prep experience.

So looking back, the red Bomb Squad tee shirts were an important and powerful symbol of our new brotherhood bond; our touch to the school spirit and the meaning behind the color we now proudly wear with strength, red.

Have a question or comment about Soundings? Interested in getting involved?

Please send to
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We'd love to hear from you.



NEXT GAME

*Tonight @ Wilbur
Cross (4:30pm)*

*10/8 @ Jonathan Law
(7:00pm)*

*10/15 @ Home vs.
Xavier (7:00pm)*

Football: 1-1 and 'Optimistic'

By Ethan Doerger '13

It could have been the presence of the 1960 championship football team or the electricity that the Bomb Squad provided throughout the game. Whatever it was, Fairfield Prep football was inspired, and played a fantastic game. As a result, when the clock hit zero, hordes of Prep students stormed the field, celebrating a 37-3 victory over Griswold.

C.J. Donohue had a great game, throwing for 200+ yards and 2 touchdowns, one on the ground and one through the air. It was Joe McBride who stole MVP honors, however. The sophomore carried five times for 110 yards and three touchdowns, running straight through the Griswold defense. McBride credited his offensive line for his performance, trusting them and running through the holes the line created.

Prep's defense was also spectacular, holding the Wolverines to a field goal on their first possession and refusing to let up anymore points for the rest of the night. Prep forced 4 turnovers, with Myles Gaines recovering a fumble and then 3 interceptions, one to Tom Brewster.

The tailgating party before the game was also a big success, as it helped raise money and was a good way for people to eat before the game and get prizes, too. One of the top prizes offered were tickets to a New York Knicks game.

Early Soccer Predictions: A lot of young talent

By Timmy Attolino '13

Coming off a 13-2-1 season, the best in Prep history, the 2010 Fairfield Prep soccer team has high hopes for this season. Under the leadership of first year Varsity coach Ryan Lyddy '93, the Jesuits are expected an equally successful season this year, even with the loss of 12 seniors, including All-State forward Kevin Burt. Senior forwards Parker Delmolino and Jamal Powell will run the show offensively, manning the forward positions. Junior Michael Matera and Sophomores David Bruton and Patrick Connolly lead the Jesuit midfield, balancing the attack and defense. Led by Seniors Matthew D'Ambrisi and Michael Gould, the defense of the squad will be a strong point. If the ball should ever get by this defense, Sophomore goalkeeper, Will Steiner, will save just about every opposing shot put on net. The Bomb Squad will definitely be cheering them on.

The JV squad is a force to be reckoned with this season. Back again is long time head coach Richard Holmberg. The team, the majority of whom are sophomores, is filled with talent.

Sophomores Chris Davis, James Monroe and Matthew Rahtelli, and Junior Chris Harris lead the Jesuits' defense, along

with Sophomore David Bigley at sweeper. The midfield is lightning fast, led by Sophomores Kieran Bracken, David White, Charlie Dodge and Greyson Barlow. Sophomore Austin Trotta leads the forward Jesuit attack this season. Watch out, you'll most likely see many of these kids on the Varsity squad next season as Juniors and Seniors.

The building blocks of the Fairfield Prep Soccer program starts with the Freshman team. Head Coach Jason Mis '98 leads the future of Prep soccer. At the freshman level, Coach Mis teaches the values typical of all Prep athletic teams: hard work, dedication, and a desire to win. There might be a standout or two that will make the next step to the Varsity level next season.

This 2010 Soccer season has the makings of being huge for the program. Make sure to go out and support the Jesuits!



NEXT GAME

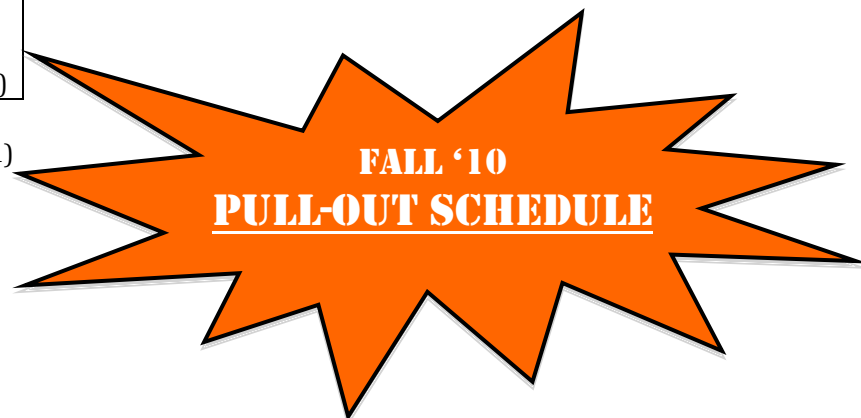
***Today @ Home vs.
Notre Dame-
West Haven (3:45pm)***

***10/4 @ Home vs.
North Haven (3:45pm)***

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Fresh. Football	10/7 @ Home vs. Jonathan Law	10/14 @ Xavier	10/21 @ Home vs. Amity	10/28 @ Home vs. Hamden	11/04* @ Shelton	11/11 @ Notre Dame-WH	11/18 @ Home vs. West Haven	All at 3:45 *6:00pm			
JV Football	10/2 @ Wilbur Cross	10/9 @ Jonathan Law	10/16 @ Home vs. Xavier	10/23 @ Amity	10/20 @ Hamden	11/6 @ Home vs. Shelton	11/13 @ Home vs. Notre Dame	11/22* @ West Haven	All at 10:30am *3:45pm		
Varsity Football	10/1 @ Wilbur Cross (4:30pm)	10/8 @ Jonathan Law (7:00pm)	10/15 @ Home vs. Xavier (7:00pm)	10/22 @ Amity (7:00pm)	10/29 @ Hamden (7:00pm)	11/5 @ Home vs. Shelton (6:00pm)	11/12 @ Home vs. Notre Dame (6:00pm)	11/25 @ West Haven (10:30am)			
Fresh. Soccer	10/6 @ Home vs. Notre Dame	10/11* @ Home vs. Amity	10/13 @ Home vs. Fairfield Ludlowe	10/15 @ Xavier	10/22 @ Notre Dame	10/27 @ Chesire	10/30* @ Home vs. Shelton	11/1 @ Home vs. Guilford	All at 3:45 *10:30am		
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V. Cross Country	10/2 @ Thetford Academy (9:00am)	10/5 @ West Haven (3:45pm)	10/9 @ Wickham Invit. (9:00am)	10/14 @ Hamden (4:00pm)	10/21 @ SCC Champ	10/25 @ Platt Tech (3:45pm)					

*Please note that some teams may have more games than listed above. (updated 10/1)



Prep Players tackles Never-Before-Seen Play

By Daniel Luciano '12

The preparation for this year's fall show is underway!

The production, entitled "An Evening of Shorts", consists of nine short one-act plays. The acts range from Jesus eating at a diner to an infomercial on pagan gods.

What makes this particular production so exciting is that this play has never been performed anywhere else, and the cast has been and will continue to be in contact with the local playwright.

The play, as usual, is directed by Mrs. Megan Hoover (who is the Speech/Theatre and English teacher here at Prep). The cast is full of high-spirited teenagers who are ready to put on the best Prep show ever!

"An Evening of Shorts" will take place on November 18 and 19 in the Black Box Theatre at the Quick Center. Be sure to get your tickets in advance as seating is limited!

"An Evening of Shorts"

Cast List

Miles Steinert
Meygan Brezina*
Hope Ventricelli*
Mary Chimenti*
Marcus Santiago
Juwan Crawley
Tommy Dolan
Dan Luciano
Eric Hoffman
Dylan Levinson
Zoie Chen*
Brendan Rooney
Madeline Veith*
Kyle Banquer
Emma Linsenmeyer*
Brian Dougherty
Keith Dougherty
Gio Nicolia
Chelsea Dean*
Connor O'Brien

**Non-Prep student*

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New Clubs Come to Prep

By Kevin Shpunt '13

Fairfield Prep has always been known to offer a broad range of extracurricular activities and intramurals for its many students to take part in. This year, new clubs have been added for students of Fairfield Prep to participate in and enjoy, while also meeting new people and making friends.

Seven new clubs have been added this year so far. Every student in Prep is invited to take part in them. All those who enjoy long boarding can now join the after school club called "Long Board Club." Another new club added to the Fairfield Prep intramurals list is "Cisalpine Club." This group is a forum for non-Catholics and non-Christians. Another new club is called the "Muggle Quidditch Club." A club based on events in the popular books and movies, this club is for Harry Potter fanatics.

Other clubs include "Architect Club," "Photography Club," "Rock Climbing Club," "Freestyle Skiing Club," and lastly the "Sporcle Club".

More information about each of these clubs as well as all previously formed clubs can be found on Prep's website (see right).

**To find out more about
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Visit Prep's website

www.fairfieldprep.org



Liturgical Music Looks to Grow

By Eric Schubert '12

The singers in Fairfield Prep's liturgical choir are always trying to make it easier for the Prep community to participate and get involved during masses.

Under the direction of Ms. Christine Dominguez, the ensemble aims to make each mass a richer experience through music. The group always does its best to lead students, faculty, parents and alumni through sung prayer.

Throughout the school year, there are many masses where the liturgical choir helps the community participate in mass by learning new and different music. The music that is chosen for the choir to sing always embraces a certain meaning that is relevant to the theme of each mass. Recently, the Mass of the Holy Spirit featured songs revolving around the power of the Holy Spirit.

The ensemble is unique in that it is made up of people from all different areas of Prep — students, faculty, staff and even some parents join in with the group.

Everyone in the Prep community is welcome to join; you can contact Ms. Dominguez to find out more.

Appalachia Provides New Outlook

By Sebastien Laforest '11

This past summer I led the Appalachian Service Trip with co-leader, Michael Noone. It was a great experience to help the people of Rural Retreat, Virginia.

Many tasks were performed such as painting fire hydrants, working with challenged children and painting a church. The feeling of knowing someone was helped even just a little was the best feeling. Through the experience, I believe, all participants became men for others.

Appalachia is not only about labor but also about finding one's self through community living. Everyone including Mr. De Rosa, Mr. Dee, Mr. Kery, Mr. Bramble, Michael Noone, myself, and all the participants grew together as a family.

Prep Offers A World Of Opportunity

By Daniel Sanchez '12

This year at Fairfield Prep there are various opportunities for students to reach out and help others and invest deeper thoughts into their religion and promote justice. Apart from the freshmen-senior service requirements, Prep offers mission trips to different countries and retreats to allow you to immerse yourself in meditation about values and religion.

The annual freshman retreat begins during the beginning of March. When asked, any Prep brother will tell you that this retreat truly started off his Prep career. Connor Byrne, class of 2011, states, "The Freshmen retreat was a great experience and really helped me get to know my class and develop as a Prep Brother." As a sophomore, the Sophomore Retreat is also highly recommended to students.

Apart from the Freshmen Retreat, the Sophomore Retreat allows you to get together with an overall smaller group at Wisdom House in Litchfield, CT. This setting helps create a peaceful atmosphere where meditation and deep contemplation of faith can occur. Junior year is a year where you can take the Urban Plunge and help out the less fortunate and live your faith.

The Kairos retreat is also available, which is said to be the greatest retreat in your years at Prep. After you're reading this article, I ask that you look into the opportunities that Prep provides. If interested in getting involved in any of these very meaningful retreats (as leader or participant) please feel free to speak with Mr. Gualtiere.

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APP OF THE MONTH

By Matt Kingsbury '13

I chose F.A.S.T to be this month's App of the Month because it is a very fun online and offline playable aircraft fighting game.

It is guaranteed to grab your attention for some fast and fun battling in the sky. You can choose between a good variety of game modes such as campaign, training and online. There are also many jets (ranging from bombers to attack planes) that are available for use at any time. Overall, this app is fun, it's interesting and it's free!

Halo Reach: A Fun Play

By Matt Kingsbury '13

Halo Reach is probably the most popular game out in stores right now. It is mainly popular because of its vast game models and features. It all starts with the campaign which is before the original Halo Series, Halo, Halo 2, Halo 3 and Halo 3 ODST. This new game has many new features such as completely customizable characters, improved multiplayer games and a whole new forging system.

For those who don't know what Forge is, it's the editor of Halo which allows for the editing of maps, or in some cases the creation of a new one. In this game's forge, you can make objects float and merge into each other much easier without having to do all those fancy tricks that you had to in the Halo 3 forge model.

Another new edit to a game mode would be from Halo 3 ODST's game mode firefight, in

this game the firefight mode is expanded much more. Also, the campaign for Halo Reach is very interesting and much different than the rest of the Halo Series, with Halo 3 ODST as an exception when you played with an ODST team. This time you play with Noble 6 Squadron of Spartans as there are still some Spartan super soldiers alive in Halo Reach (and not just the Master Chief).

Lastly, the Elite forces of the Covenant are still on the Covenant side and have not yet jumped ship to the Human side. Overall, this is definitely the best Halo game released to date. Score: 10/10; it is a fun play.

