

Verbatim

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: being in or following the exact words : WORD-FOR-WORD
// a *verbatim* report of life at Cardigan

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The Coffee House: *Mr. Burritt* Diego Escalante Reporter



Mr. Burritt singing in the winter concert

Photo Smugmug

I wanted it to be loose and I needed a character that would promote it in a celebratory fashion. El Monte Slim is from when I used to drive back and forth from the south. If you drive through the south there are El Monte Slim type characters on the radio hawking cars. I've kind of grown up with that kind of character and hearing him on the radio. He seemed to be the perfect character to promote so I developed El Monte Slim out of that and also some comedy characters like Flip Wilson and Bill Cosby. On my way to work on Friday morning, I think to myself "well what's El Monte Slim going to talk about today?" And I try to think about it in those terms. What's the character going to talk about. Not what's Mr. Burritt the teacher going to talk about. So, it's really just been a character that was an amalgamation of a thousand characters that have rolled around in my head over time and have just evolved into El Monte Slim.

How did the Friday Night Coffee House begin?

I've participated in all kinds of coffee houses in the past and what really drew me to them was that it's comfortable. It's an easy place for people to converse. The setting is natural and invokes discussion, poetry and music. So, I got talking to Mr. Scheiber about some of those experiences that I've had and said that I'd love to see something similar at Cardigan. A place where you can be yourself and just let things evolve. So, we got talking about starting something on a regular basis and we settled on hosting it in the Peck Room because it's the perfect space where everyone comes in for dinner. I wanted it to be something that was relaxed. Where people felt welcome to come in as either a participant, a guest, or as an innocent bystander. If you wanted to come in and do your homework, for example, or even if you wanted to play video games and sit in an atmosphere that was producing music and a relaxed atmosphere. So, we talked to the administrators and Friday evening was a good time to do it. It was near the end of the week and people were a bit more relaxed.

Friday night was always a buffet meal, so people were really relaxed coming in and even more relaxed afterwards so it was the perfect night.

How was El Monte Slim inspired?

There needed to be some promotion for the Friday Night Coffee House. I really wanted it to be open to not just adults coming in here and playing but also having the boys feel welcome. So, I needed a way of promoting this atmosphere and opportunity.

The Coffee House is an open invitation for students and faculty to come together every week in an informal setting to participate or listen to musicians of all abilities. Come jam with us.



Mr. Burritt and the Wingnuts ready to take a bow

Photo Smugmug

Culture

The World According to Mr. Gartner

Mr. Gartner
Ph.D in Knowledge

1. Manatees move around by farting.
2. Apple got its name because Steve Jobs' brother died while eating an apple.
3. Cats are the worst.
4. Pineapples are the chocolate of the fruit world.
5. Your foot is the same length as the distance from your wrist to elbow.
6. French fries in France are made from carrots.
7. Five Guys was founded by only 2 people.
8. Hyperventilating improves your ability to hold your breath.
9. The plural of moose is meese.
10. The world champion bass fisher person uses dynamite to catch their fish.

How Do You Like Your New Clubs?

“Comedy club went well.” -*Harold Kim*

“The scale modeling club was extremely fun.” -*Sanders Morris*

“The Haven club made me very relaxed.” -*Jayden Lee*

“I got my roommate from last year (Seabass) out in the first two seconds of the dodgeball game and got him out multiple times after that.” -*Ale Ramirez*

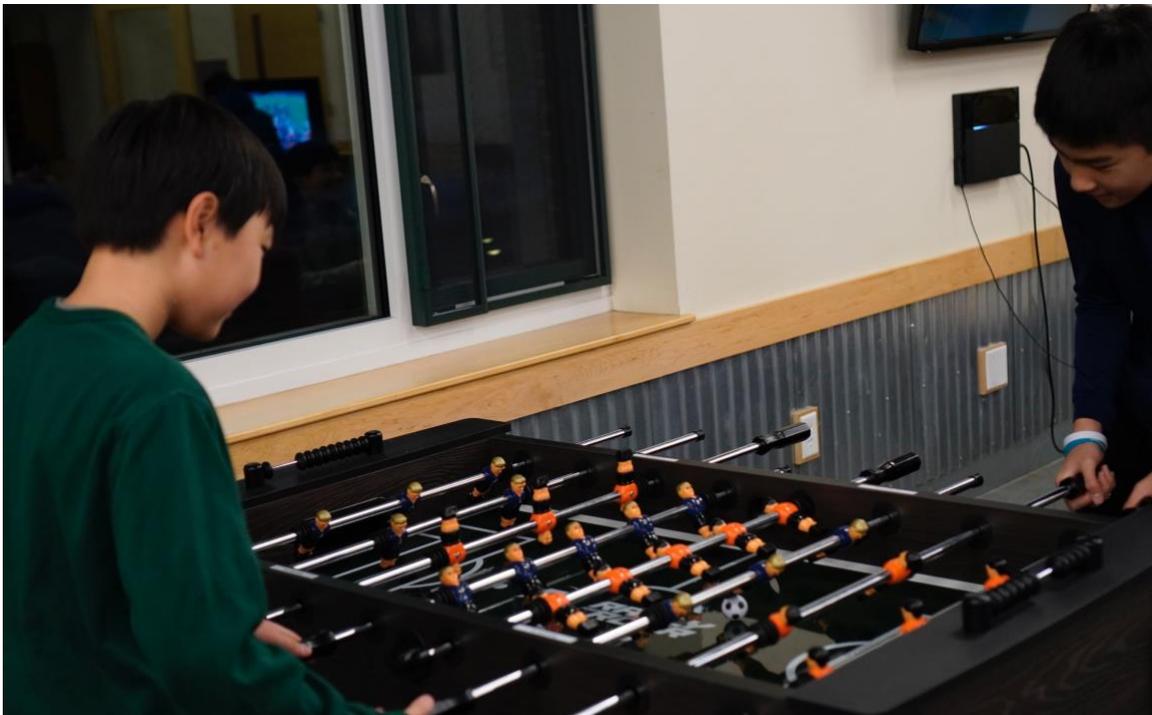
“It took me about a half hour to get dressed for hockey, but it was still fun.” -*Michael Tansey*

“After two hours of shopping for equipment, I got a box of chocolate instead.” -*Jerry Zhang*

“It was good. I chose the same club, model UN. There were a lot of different people and I got to see a lot of peoples perspectives.” -*Justin Lee*

Deegan Blasko
Reporter

The Haven's newest Addition: *Mr. Clark*



New Foosball Table in action

Photo Mike Lee

When the Haven opened in 2013 we had a foosball table that a lot of the students enjoyed. Last year I had called the company to fix the table but was never able to get ahold of them. I wanted to get another one back in the Haven but had to get some other things first like a switch and update the games last year. With opening the Haven more during the winter a foosball table gives boys another opportunity to play with their buddies or get to play with someone new. As Mr. Nowak would say we have a really healthy school right now and we as a Student Life department wanted to reward you guys. We are not done yet, the Student Life department has some plans to help make the winter better and get guys out of their room and I am planning on buying another switch, the new PS5, and Xbox when it comes out. Hopefully, it will be available before the end of the academic year. Also, big shout out to Mr. Edson for helping with the construction of the table!

Upcoming Event: Christmas Chapel