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Ralph Nader lectures to capacity crowd

by Sheila McDonagh

"The basic problem affecting the nation today is the enormous spread between the wealth and intelligence in this country and the problems that are not being treated with this wealth and intelligence," consumer advocate Ralph Nader told an audience of more than 1100 at John Hancock Hall Friday evening, Feb. 4. The event, which was sold out, was sponsored by the Political Science Club.

The funds that paid for the Nader lecture came from three sources: $1500 from the Student Government Association; $1000 from the Student Bar Association; and $1000 from the Special Speakers Bureau.

The university was asked for financial assistance and denied the request. Michelle LaMarche, president of the Political Science Club and one of the students instrumental in the drive to bring Nader to Suffolk, told the Journal that, "Apparently the University didn't have the funds at hand or more likely President Thomas Fulham would have been embarrassed to ask the trustees for funds to bring Ralph Nader here (because) they have a lot of corporate interests." The University did, however, undertake the expenses of the Nader press conference.

Prior to the semester break, a total of 40 signs were placed throughout the University advertising the lecture. The signs were done by an outside professional for a cost of $20. Upon returning for the second semester, it was discovered that all but four of the signs had been destroyed.

Ms. LaMarche said she was told that the signs were destroyed because there were a number of conferences here during the break and the signs were removed because they were cluttering the bulletin boards.

Ms. LaMarche pointed out that the signs were of the highest professional quality and that anyone who could read would have realized that the date on the sign had not yet passed.

She also thought that the fact that Nader was to lecture at Suffolk would have enhanced the public relations image of Suffolk.

Ms. LaMarche added that the University will receive a bill for the destroyed signs, which were paid for by student activity fees.

In his lecture, Nader said that the consumer movement now expands to include the involuntary consumption by people who are subjected to environmental pollution and government services which should meet a standard of efficiency and honesty.

"The question is," he continued, "when are we going to get a democratic technology that develops means and solutions for people here on earth as they go about their daily civilian activities. The loss of life that could be prevented is enormous."

"An unsafe car is a form of technological violence that wreaks more serious consequences than all the street crime put together," said Nader. "This violence also comes through hazardous drugs, hazardous cosmetics, contaminated food and pollution."

He cited food as a major consumer issue, and students as its major victims. He said that they are susceptible to food that is camouflaged with chemicals. "The ingenious misuse of modern chemistry has now made food into exploitation of the consumer," he said.

"Children grow up in this country," Nader said, "believing that Coca-Cola and Pepsi are essential pre-requisites for human health and vigor." "The mundane hot dog is a colossal fraud," he added. "The state of the world is built on little issues like the hot dog. If we're not concerned about the mundane hot dog then we're not concerned with disarming, honesty in government and the rest."

"If you could see how hot dogs are made, you would never again eat a hot dog unless you are a self-proclaimed masochist."

Nader referred to the pollution problem as "a massive abuse of what could be called elementary toilet training principles of industry. They basically cannot control their waste. What was a dribble in the past has now become a full-fledged dysentery diarrhea."

"One of the problems is that while intellectually we agree that these are forms of violence," he continued, "from the point of view from our sensory apparatus we're 20,000 years out of date." He said that people don't get excited about something unless it proposes an immediate threat to themselves.

He stated that the biggest motivational obstacle to reform is boredom on campuses. But he feels that "in the 70s the demonstrating student will give way to the analytical student." These students, he said, will form a nationwide student lobby for consumerism. Scientists and lawyers who will work for the lobby will be supported by membership fees consisting of $3 per year from each student.

"Corporate lobbies and special interest groups are no match for large numbers of citizens willing to give their time and energy, especially if they are represented by skilled people giving their full time and energy on the controversies of the decade."
Trustees hear case for student board members

by Bob Carr

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A collection of Afro-American literature, featuring the complete works of noted black writers, has been established jointly by Suffolk University and the Museum of African-American History, two neighboring institutions on Beacon Hill.

The announcement was made by Suffolk President Thomas E. Fulham and Henry E. Hampton, president of the Museum of African-American History, which several months ago purchased the African Meeting House on Smith Court, off Joy Street, from Congregation Ansell, Loeb, a local synagogue. Their understanding.

Under the agreement, it is expected that the collection will serve as the nucleus for a permanent center in Boston for the study of Afro-American literature. It will be housed principally at Suffolk, where it will be administered by personnel from the museum.

"We view the establishment of such a collection as a cooperative step by two neighbors to foster closer racial relations," President Fulham and Hampton said in a joint statement. "Our central urban location with surrounding cultural advantages lends itself well for the display and development of a collection of Afro-American literature.

Claims that Suffolk lost the 20 Ashburton Place building, claims that tuition would increase next year, and claims that Suffolk would lose its academic accreditation if the negotiations were concerned with the "best kept secret image does exist?" President Fulham's interview sometimes it's said by "half-trustees." The term "half-trustee." The connotation of the term which was used in this context in the New York Times was "the best kept secret on Beacon Hill."

The collection will contain the complete works of all important Afro-American authors, including novels, poetry, plays, novels, short stories, and essays in both book and periodical form, as well as critical historical, biographical and bibliographical works on Afro-American literature by writers of scholarly distinction. Establishment came following discussions between Suffolk President Thomas E. Fulham and the museum, and Byron Rushing, the museum's administrator. Established in 1904 as a church and was the first to admit that it was hardly a "the best kept secret in the university in the future."

The collection will serve many purposes. Suffolk students will be able to read works that go beyond textbooks, and the collection will be available for purusal and study by museum visitors and members of the Greater Boston academic community.

Suffolk will contribute to the financing of the collection, and both institutions will aid in fund-raising efforts for support and maintenance of the collection.

The agreement allows the museum to use Suffolk's auditorium and library for exhibits and permits Suffolk students to make speeches on campus and attend lectures and special events.

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We have objections from one of the six tenants who is attempting to organize a tenant's group or acquiring the building. So as long as this continues, we will be unable to acquire the 20 Ashburton Place building.

As a matter of fact, this is what did in part to the complaints bill because the changes in the occupancy of the building by students would infringe on either students' or tenants' quiet enjoyment of their lease. The Suffolk Hill Civic Association figure into any Cambridge ST expansion plans.

PRES. FULHAM: Actually, I joined the library staff back in 1968, and the past eight months I have been directing the BHCA and participating in a number of local activities. The result has been a closer alliance between the Suffolk University establishment and the local community.

In working together in this manner we can accomplish wonders expected solely within the limits of one's community. And I think the objectives of the BHCA and Suffolk University can be worked toward by closer collaboration.

JOURNAL: What would you say is Suffolk University's role in the immediate community and in the community in general?

To the Class of 1973:

William J. Carroll, am no longer the president of this college. I feel comfortable that we are still on course with our class to the Student Government. We have decided the reasons behind my resignation. Some of these reasons are personal and are related to the current atmosphere of SGA. The most significant one is the recent sudden retirement from government of the President of the University. This is the prevailing attitude of apathy as well as that of the students. As the most significant reason, we have come out of this SGA this year. This selfishness, coupled with a lack of enthusiasm and cooperation from the students, is contrary to the principles on which it is based.

However, the involvement would embrace our law students, our psychology majors, our sociology majors, and our education majors.

So I foresee great opportunity, but we must proceed slowly so that our presence doesn't become an oppressive thing to the people around us and so that we can truly participate in assisting the community rather than imposing the weight of our presence.

JOURNAL: The theme of this year's SGA is "The Student's University of Our Choice". How do you feel about this year's SGA?

To the Class of 1973:

JOURNAL: Is there any credence to the students' fears that Suffolk is losing its academic accreditation?

PRES. FULHAM: I believe there is some truth to the students' fears that we have lost our accreditation. Despite these fears, we have made the changes that are necessary in order to get back on track. This is not to say that we will not be criticized; seven of the nine top professors have made some serious mistakes in their teaching. We will be criticized. I am sure, on space but as far as the quality of our teaching is concerned we have little to fear. And as far as the quality of our research is concerned we also have little to fear. So I seriously doubt that Suffolk University is losing its academic accreditation. Our assessment needs to go on. This self-appraisal is the biggest problem facing the Suffolk establishment. Our purpose is not the defense of the status quo, but the advancement of the people. In my opinion, if you are a sophomore and would like to serve as vice president of your class, please seek information in the Ridgeway Boulevard SGA offices. Elections will be held at the Tuesday, February 15 meeting of SGA.

Carroll resigns SGA

Many of the representatives have lost faith in the SGA due to internal problems and ambitions ahead of the interests of the students that they represent. This is the major reason why so very little concern of the students' interests have come out of this SGA this year. This selfishness, coupled with a lack of enthusiasm and cooperation from the students, is contrary to the principles on which it is based.

For the past two years I have been working on a personal interview study of students to fill out. I have used a personal interview study of students to fill out. I have used a personal interview study of students to fill out. I will be continuing this study during the spring semester, and I would like to have all the students participate. The purpose of this study is to try to find out why some students feel that they are not being heard.

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