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# The Suffolk Journal

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## Does Suffolk have a safety problem?

Last week's elevator fire was just the latest in a long line of on-campus mishaps

By Ryan Foley  
JOURNAL STAFF

Safety. It's something Suffolk students may not dedicate much thought to during the academic year. With a heavy load of classes, homework and off-campus employment, there simply isn't enough minutes in a school day for additional worries, particularly something like safety.

But in lieu of the Sept. 6 fire on a Ridgeway Building elevator, the fourth accident to occur on Suffolk's campus during the last 17 months, you can not help but wonder.

Does this university have a safety problem, and if so, should students be wary of their general well-being?

According to Judith Scanlon, university safety officer, there is not a safety problem. "This problem [the fire in the Ridgeway elevator] is being adequately addressed. The im-

portant thing to remember is that no one is in danger. The student's safety is being insured," stated Scanlon in response to the latest on-campus accident.

Scanlon also went on to say that the Sept. 6 elevator fire was very uncommon. What officially happened that day was one of the elevator's motors short-circuited, causing smoke to flow into the elevator shaft, an almost identical situation to what happened on a Ridgeway elevator in April 1994.

Should we fear that this problem will occur a third time? Is this something the student body should make an issue of?

Due to the location of Suffolk's campus and its relatively crime-free atmosphere, any number of accidents are bound to garner the attention of both the administration and the student body. That's because for most students attending college in an urban setting there's generally concern for being the victim of violent crime.

As many students are aware, that is not the situation at Suffolk. The environment that borders this uni-

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Christine Scafidì \ Journal Staff

Scenes like this one have become quite familiar at Suffolk over the last 17 months

## Seminars that give the competitive edge

By David Tam  
JOURNAL CONTRIBUTOR

What is it you want from your college education? A chance to get ahead in the real world? Opportunities to see and experience interesting ideas, people and places? An education that will equip you to deal with your future as we move swiftly into the next century?

Well, if your answer is an emphatic "yes" to all of those questions, then contact Professor Haussman in the government department to learn about the process of applying to the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars.

Also, Mike Smith from the Washington Center will be coming to Suffolk on Friday, September, 22 at 11 a.m. in S1125 to answer any questions about the Washington Center.

This organization, which is affiliated with Suffolk University, was founded to help promising college students provide themselves with the important benefits that only real world experience can offer.

The Washington Center can help you to help yourself by giving you opportunities to gain professional experience, establish professional contacts, explore your chosen field of interest, and meet other interesting students from across the country.

Although college will allow you to develop and maximize your intellectual skills, college is not always enough to give you that competitive edge for success in the job market.

One needs experience in the job market along with a college degree in order to be a competitive candidate for any employment position. The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars provides that balance of theory and practice.

Through academic seminars covering a variety of topics of importance in the current national and world scene, you are introduced to theory. The individualized internship placements are meant to further enhance your learning experience by allowing you to apply in practice what you have learned in your academic seminar.

The Washington Center offers internships for every field of study, and a Washington Center staff member, called a "program supervisor," will find you an internship site that matches your field of interest. Furthermore, you do not have to be a political science major to participate in the program; after all, I was accepted to the program as an English

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Justin reviews the best releases on video, plus a preview of this autumn's TV landscape.

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Scandals, elevators and fire....it's all on this week's editorial page.

### Sports.....page 12

The soccer and golf seasons will soon be underway. Don't leave for a game without our exclusive previews.

Accidents at Suffolk over the last 17 months:  
April 13, 1994--electrical fire in a Ridgeway elevator forces one student to be trapped between floors  
October 4, 1994--steam pipe bursts in Donahue prompting evacuation  
November 1, 1994--Archer Building evacuated due to a gas leak on Ridgeway Lane  
September 6, 1995--short-circuit inside one of the elevator's motors forces several students to be trapped between floors



# Seminars that give the competitive edge

## WASHINGTON

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major.

The Washington Center is dedicated to insuring diversity and encourages students from all academic disciplines to apply. To accommodate this diversity, the Washington Center has various types of internship within their three specialized internship programs—the Independent Sector Internship Program, the Environmental Internship Program, and the Minority Leaders Fellowship Program—that all vary in internship requirements. I chose to apply to the Minority Leaders Fellowship Program, making me the first Suffolk student to be accepted into this competitive and rewarding program.

The Minority Leaders Fellowship Program (MLFP) addresses the need to increase opportunities for the growing minority sector of our work force. The MLFP combines a one-week leadership and diversity seminar with follow up sessions throughout the Fellows' internship in Washington, D.C. The program is financially feasible because Fellows receive a full fellowship covering programs and housing fees. In addition to the 3 hrs./wk. academic seminar and 32 hrs./wk. internship (10 weeks in the

summer and 15 weeks during the semester), Fellows must also attend Washington forum activities (Presidential Lectures and Capitol Hill Lecture Series) and volunteer 5 hrs./week at a non-profit organization dedicated to social improvements. Lastly, Fellows must prepare a comprehensive and detailed portfolio documenting their learning experience. As you can see, I had my hands full in Washington, D.C.; thus, part of the learning experience was learning to wisely manage your time.

As a prospective law school student, my internship with the Administrative Office (AO) of the U.S. Courts was indeed a valuable learning experience because it allowed me to learn more about the field of law. As a research assistant researching judicial legislation for the AO, I was able to develop my analytical skills while gaining valuable knowledge of the unique internal structure of the federal judiciary, knowledge valuable to any prospective lawyer. My internship was further enhanced by my academic seminar, entitled "Our Living Constitution: Legal Issues for the 90s". This seminar was very beneficial because it introduced me to important constitutional law cases, landmark cases which have set precedents for the legal issues of today.

Through the Washington Center

in general, I was able to explore alternate career paths and meet intellectually motivated students like myself who are interested in making a positive impact in society. The Washington Center has indeed provided me with a stepping-stone for a satisfying, interesting, and challenging career through the skills and contacts which I have acquired. During my internship in Washington, D.C., my co-Fellows had selected me to speak on their behalf, giving me the unique opportunity to voice my thoughts about the topic of leadership to my co-Fellows and our nation's political leaders. In my speech, I had praised the Washington Center's initiative to train today's youths to be the leaders of tomorrow and to teach today youths the importance of recompensing society for one's fortunes, giving back to society what society has given to you.

I am forever indebted to the Washington Center for helping me to aim for higher career aspirations and for providing me with the groundwork to branch out into other areas of interests which will allow me to better serve the public and make a difference. Thus, I will continue to be a socially concerned activist, as I have been on campus, with the new position that I have just recently acquired as a Legislative Intern at the State House!

## Does our university have a safety problem?

### SAFETY

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versity—Beacon Hill—is relatively void of any crime. Which is why the reporting of a fourth on-campus mishap since April 1994 is all the more disturbing.

At present, the typical Suffolk student need not worry about being assaulted on university property, but rather, whether he or she will be imprisoned in an elevator on the way to class.

"I have confidence in what Delta [the company that handles the Ridgeway elevators] is doing to fix the problem," said Scanlon. "I have confidence in what Physical Plant is doing as well."

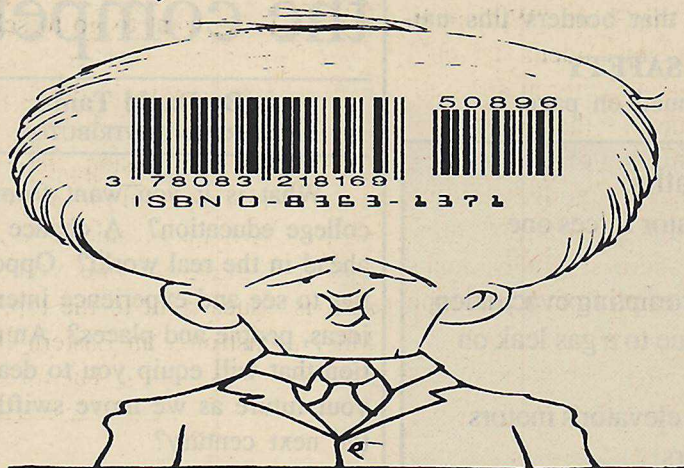
Let's hope the students will share this confidence as well.

The university has been lucky thus far. No serious injuries have resulted from any of these accidents.

All it takes though, is one serious injury to occur to put the issue of safety permanently on the minds of Suffolk students.

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Tuesday, September 26, 1995



# Students voice their concerns to Clinton

**At a roundtable discussion, they voice their opinions on the cutting of the direct loan program.**

By Marco Buscaglia  
COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

CARBONDALE, Ill. - During a roundtable discussion with college students at Southern Illinois University, President Clinton defended the direct loan program, suggesting Republican efforts to cut it were a result of direct pressure from the banking industry.

"This was a major part of my administration's economic proposal in 1993, and we got it through. And ever since then it's been under assault by the bankers who made the money under the old loan program," said Clinton.

"It's true that they're worse off. I mean, they lost a lot of business," he added. "But the students are better off; the administrators are better off; the Federal Treasury's better off; and the country's better off because now we're going to have more people borrowing money and going to school."

The direct loan program allows students to borrow money directly from the federal government, which streamlines the loan process by eliminating a third-party borrowing institution, say its proponents. During their discussion with Clinton, 11 students from schools across the Midwest discussed their experiences with the loan process and related their concerns about student aid.

Brian Szuda, a student from Illinois State University, told Clinton that some students pay daily visits to the school's financial aid office where Szuda works to check on the status of

their student loans.

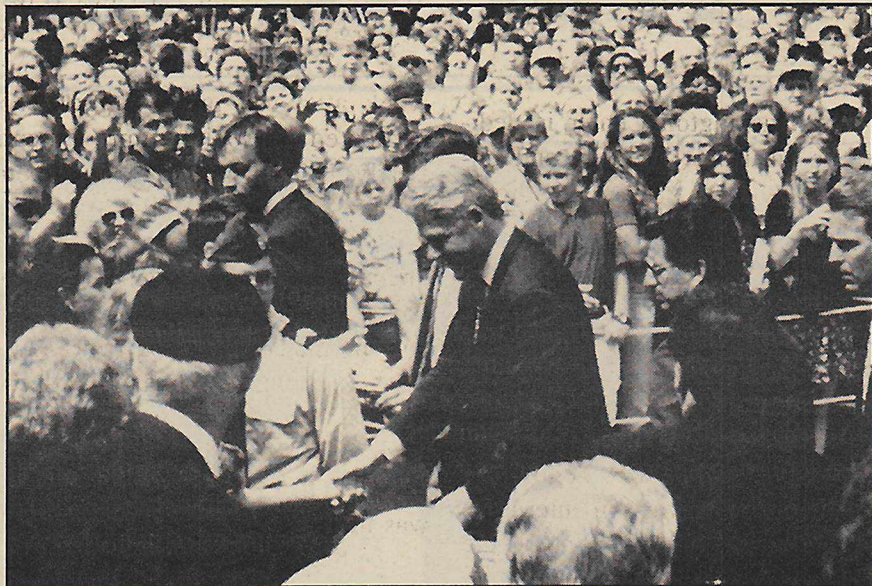
"They come in every day to find out if their money is there because it overwhelms their life," Szuda said. "It's more important than school because they know they cannot be there if their money doesn't come in." Szuda said the direct student loan program has simplified that process. "The money is no longer an issue," said Szuda. "The students know that they can secure their future for the next eight months until the next semester comes along, when they get their second disbursement."

After showing the president a folder containing several educational loan applications, Noemi Rivera-Morales, a graduate student at Indiana University, told him that the direct loan application—a one-page document—made the process easier than ever. Despite Republican claims that the direct student loan program will drive banks out of the student loan business, Clinton said that private lending institutions have actually become more efficient since the direct loan program was created three years ago.

"My goal always was to set up a competition where people could choose a direct loan because of its obvious strengths, where the other lenders would have to do more to try and compete," said Clinton. "My goal is to have 100 percent of an option open for the students, colleges and universities of this country."

Duane Sherman, a junior at SIU, told Clinton he worried about the future of his Pell Grant. "Without it, as an independent student, I would not be able to make it through school on just the loans and the amount that I can successfully do my studies," Sherman said, adding that funding for his education comes from three nearly equal sources: grants, loans and money he earns from a part-time job.

Clinton assured Sherman and the



Journal File Photo

Here President Clinton is shown greeting students at Southern Illinois University.

other students that he would fight to protect student grants, which were recently increased to \$2,400 per student. "We are looking at adding some smaller Pell Grants, between \$400 and \$600 per year to help people who maybe have a little money, but not enough," Clinton said.

Michelle Birch, a University of Illinois student, told Clinton how she left the welfare rolls in an attempt to get her education. Birch said she's been frustrated, however, by the difficulty of obtaining student aid. "If I want a welfare check, I can walk down there and have one in three days," Birch said. "Yet I have to keep fighting

to improve myself. It blows my mind because all I want to do is be a better person. I just want to go to school."

Clinton sympathized, saying welfare reform must include educational opportunities.

After the discussion, the 11 students seemed grateful for their chance to speak with the president. "It makes you feel good to take your most serious issues right to the top," said Mary Armstrong, an Eastern Illinois University student. "The president

was very receptive to our ideas, and I got the impression that he was willing to fight the good fight for us."

Not all students were happy, however. A SIU law student said he was not included in the roundtable discussion because he disagreed with the president's position on direct loans.

William Karrow said he was taken off the list of students for the discussion earlier in the week because he had questions which were critical of the direct loan program. "They completely censored me," said Karrow, who said he was a "dedicated Republican." "They wanted students who would go up there and agree with everything the president said."

Karrow, who held a press conference before the discussion took place, said he had trouble with his direct student loans and wanted Clinton to know about it.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry denied Karrow's accusations. "We had a lot of students that wanted to be in on the discussion," he said.

## Reader admits to stealing campus paper

**He brought copies of his college newspaper to be recycled.**

By Marco Buscaglia  
COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

AUSTIN, Texas - When Carrado Giovanella saw his name in the University of Texas newspaper, he decided to take the story and run with it, literally.

Hurrying to various spots on campus on early Aug. 31, Giovanella stole 5,800 copies of The Daily Texan and dumped them in a recycling bin at a nearby shopping center. Giovanella took the papers after reading about his arrest for writing a bad check and forging a letter of recommendation to the university.

After being confronted by UT

campus police six days later, Giovanella confessed to the thefts, saying he stole the papers "in retaliation for the article The Daily Texan printed."

Giovanella was charged with a Class A misdemeanor. If found guilty, he could face a 12-month prison sentence and a \$4,000 fine.

Police Capt. Silas Griggs said Giovanella, who is not a student at the school, was an immediate suspect because police looked over the Aug. 31 edition to see if a particular person might have been embarrassed by any of the articles "and his name jumped out at us."

Griggs also said that several Daily Texan vendors saw Giovanella driving a black Ford Explorer on campus while dropping off their papers.

Giovanella was arrested for the

bad check after police learned of his falsified admissions material.

He is accused of sending UT officials a letter of recommendation from the dean of the Texas A&M College of Natural Sciences, which does not exist. (The school has a College of Sciences.)

As UT police were questioning Giovanella on the forgery charges, they discovered an outstanding warrant for his arrest on charges of a forged check.

Saying the newspaper's staff was "hurt, dismayed and furious" over the theft in an editorial, Robert Rogers, the Daily's editor, said the paper was planning on pressing criminal charges and filing a civil lawsuit against Giovanella for financial losses as well as "the emotional distress of the staff, and everything else our lawyers ca

n find."

Rogers went on to state that the Daily Texan staff will seek punitive damages and will pursue disciplinary action through the university for any student who steals future copies of the paper. "We want to make students realize the seriousness of actions of this sort," said Kathy Lawrence, general manager of student publications. "The university takes these matters very seriously."

Lawrence said that while each copy of the paper has a 25-cent price stamp printed at the top of each issue, the papers are distributed free throughout campus because costs for the paper are included in student fees. But because of the pricing, the paper can seek financial damages for the theft, which start at \$1,450, the cost of the stolen papers.



# Arts & Entertainment



Journal File Photo

Ed Harris (left) and Sean Connery star in the suspense thriller "Just Cause" which is due in theatres this month

## For a release check out these releases

By Justin Grieco  
JOURNAL STAFF

September is quickly coming to a close and video stores are now, more than ever, stock full of horror flicks for the approaching Halloween season. Some of these films are good, but many are dreadful. For the none horror fan, there are a bunch of stronger films available to rent.

last twist is surprising but the set-up is all too much like "The Silence of the Lambs." GRADE: B+

Tank Girl-- This comic book B-movie didn't get a fair shake in theaters. The movie is fast and funny with a great alternative rock soundtrack and a spunky performance by Lori Petty. GRADE: B

Higher Learning-- John Singleton's version of college campus life is a metaphor for America and a nice try at best. The movie has some good dramatic moments but is annoyingly stereotypical and preachy. When Singleton's message would be better served with subtlety, the director goes over-the-top. The movie is brought up a notch by solid performances by Kristy Swanson and Omar Epps but is brought down again by a truly bad performance by Laurence Fishburne. GRADE: C+

In the Mouth of Madness-- John Carpenter returns to horror with this self-indulgent mess about the influential power of horror writers such as Stephen King. The film's one good point is its special effects by Industrial Light and Magic but the movie is alternately silly and incoherent and therefore unable to scare. GRADE: C-

Tales from the Crypt Presents Demon Knight-- If you are a fan of the series you will love this funny, gory and dangerously fast-paced production. A great spoof of supernatural thrillers and zombie films with good performances by all, above average special effects and a powerful heavy metal soundtrack. Bloody good fun! GRADE: A-

Hideaway-- Dumb Dean

### RELEASES

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## It's a new season on TV and the competition will be fierce

### CBS is looking to improve its position

By Justin Grieco  
JOURNAL STAFF

Fall means a new season on television and with two new networks, WB and UPN, the competition is fierce. However, only a few new shows look like future household names. The returning programs are more likely to gobble up all of Nielson's ratings.

Of all the networks, CBS is trying hardest to improve its third place finish. On Sunday it has moved "Cybill" in at 8:00 PM but this is obviously no match for NBC's smash "Mad About You." Monday is business as usual with CBS placing new sitcoms "Can't Hurry Love" and "If Not For You" in between established hits "The Nanny," "Murphy Brown" and "Chicago Hope." However, "Love" is likely to flounder against Fox's "Melrose Place" and "If Not" is no match for Monday Night Football on ABC.

On Tuesday, CBS will air "John Grisham's The Client" against "Wings" and the last season of "Roseanne." Let us not forget that movies turned into t.v. shows rarely make it. Does anybody remember "A League of their Own" or "Working Girl?" ABC will win with "Home Improvement" and "NYPD Blue" while NBC's Emmy winner "Frasier" will enjoy another strong season.

Fox sticks with "Beverly Hills, 90210" on Wednesday and ABC's "Ellen" is its only real competition. The two shows will get equal ratings as they draw different audiences. The real question is on CBS who is hoping for "90210's" audience to switch to yet another soap, treated by "Melrose Place's" Darren Star, called "Central Park West" at 9:00 PM. However, ABC's "Grace Under

Fire" is a hit and it will be tough for "CPW" to convince viewers that it isn't "Models Inc."

On Thursday NBC is the sure winner with "Friends," "Seinfeld" and "ER." ABC's "The Monroes," CBS's "Murder, She Wrote" and Fox's "Living Single" should start to say their prayers early.

The biggest news is on Friday where "The X-Files" returns to Fox and the Emmy grabbing "Picket Fences" returns to CBS. However, CBS is hoping that its heavily hyped scarefest "American Gothic" is powerful and captivating enough to tear views from NBC's "Homicide" and ABC's "20/20."

Finally, on Saturday, CBS's "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" and Fox's "Martin" may well be the only shows anyone watches on the sleepiest night in t.v.

### Top 10 reasons to work for this newspaper:

10. On your resume you can write that you've done charity work.
9. Free male prostitutes.
8. Lack of sleep on production night can cause neat hallucinations.
7. Journalism is its own reward, if you know what I mean.
6. Access to the Jacuzzi in the Venture office.
5. Doctoring "Voices of Suffolk"

- photos to make everyone look like that
4. Free tickets to Suffolk football home games.
  3. Sometimes Behrle makes Jobi runs for Red Dogs.
  2. You can cover your favorite professors, if you know what I mean.
  1. You can work closely with the Editorial Staff, if you catch my meaning.



# Top party school bans alcohol on campus

By Marco Buscaglia  
COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

KINGSTON, R.I. - Booze has been banned from the University of Rhode Island, a school which has taken top honors in the past as the nation's best party school.

Robert Carothers, the school's president, has banned alcohol at all student events. But URI students aren't so sure he'll be able to pull it off.

"How are they going to enforce it?" asks Dawn Salerno, a junior at the school. "If they think they're going to have cops at every party, they better hire a lot of cops."

Carothers announced the plan on the first day of classes, banning liquor from the school's infamous fraternity and tailgate parties.

"Binging with alcohol has reached alarming proportions, here and around the country," said Carothers when announcing the new policy. "We should not and we cannot hide from that reality any longer."

When announcing the new policy, which begins immediately, Carothers cited a Harvard School of Public Health study that found 87 percent of college students suffered from "secondary binge effects," ranging from insults to sexual assault that were caused by the excessive drinking of others.

*"Binging with alcohol has reached alarming proportions, here and around the country," said Robert Carothers, president of URI.*

"More of our students are demanding that they not be imposed upon by others whose judgement and behavior is impaired by substance abuse," he said.

Students who break the policy will be punished with a \$50 fine the first time and \$100 fine the second. A third infraction will result in a two-semester suspension.

Despite the ban at school activities, URI students will still be able to stash their beer under their bed, though, as the new policy still allows students over 21 to drink in their dorm rooms.

But if university officials have their way, the Rhode Island campus-ranked as the top party school in the country by the Princeton Review's Student Access Guide to the Best Colleges-may never be the same.

"We have good students here," says Salerno. "And they drink just like they do on any other campus across the country."

The URI change in policy partly stems from a summer court decision that held the university responsible for the 1990 rape of a URI freshman at a fraternity party where alcohol was being served. The student was awarded \$750,000 by the jury, although the school plans to appeal the judgement.

While the court decision may have inspired the new ban, university officials had been attempting to curtail campus drinking for the last 10 years. The university banned Thursday night parties in 1988 and the transportation of beer kegs in 1990. Still, the 15 fraternities houses on campus often rivaled each other in weekend hedonism.

"It can get pretty crazy on Friday and Saturday nights," says Salerno. "But it's all fun. What else are you going to do on the weekends?"

University staffers have some ideas, including movies, athletic activities and other alcohol-free events.

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## AUDITIONS & CREW CALL

The Suffolk Student Theatre is proud to announce it's line up for the annual student directed one-act play festival

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## Editorials

### PC is not O.K.

Call it a victory for non-PC types.

Saturday evening, viewers of the Miss America pageant were asked to phone their opinions and to settle once and finally a "controversy" that had many Americans in consternation. Scrap the swimsuit portion of the contest and end 75 years of tradition. Or keep it, much to the disgust of those who cited its apparent sexist overtones.

It's official. Political correctness has now managed to touch every aspect of our society.

One of the reasons this country was created was to give people the right to exist without the constraints of oppression. Label it what you will—oppression, prior restraint, censorship—PC is a choke hold on our freedoms as Americans and I fear it has our founding fathers doing cart wheels in their graves.

PC's roots lie deep in indulgence, or the mentality that all persons are to be unrealistically catered to. It's supporters aim to please everybody all the time by acting as policemen who suppress what they—and only they—feel is offensive.

As perfect as this may sound, it's impossible in a free society like ours. Freedom means just that: freedom, and so it's destined that some person's actions and words will harm another person's feelings.

Yet we must tolerate these harmful actions and words. Not suppress them. PC types have good intentions I feel, but what they are advocating could function only in Utopia, not America.

Despite its oppressive nature though, PC refuses to disappear and there's no indication of it doing so on the horizon. The recent avoidance of a racial slur in the O.J. Simpson trial (the newly baptized "n-word" in case you have forgotten) is valid proof.

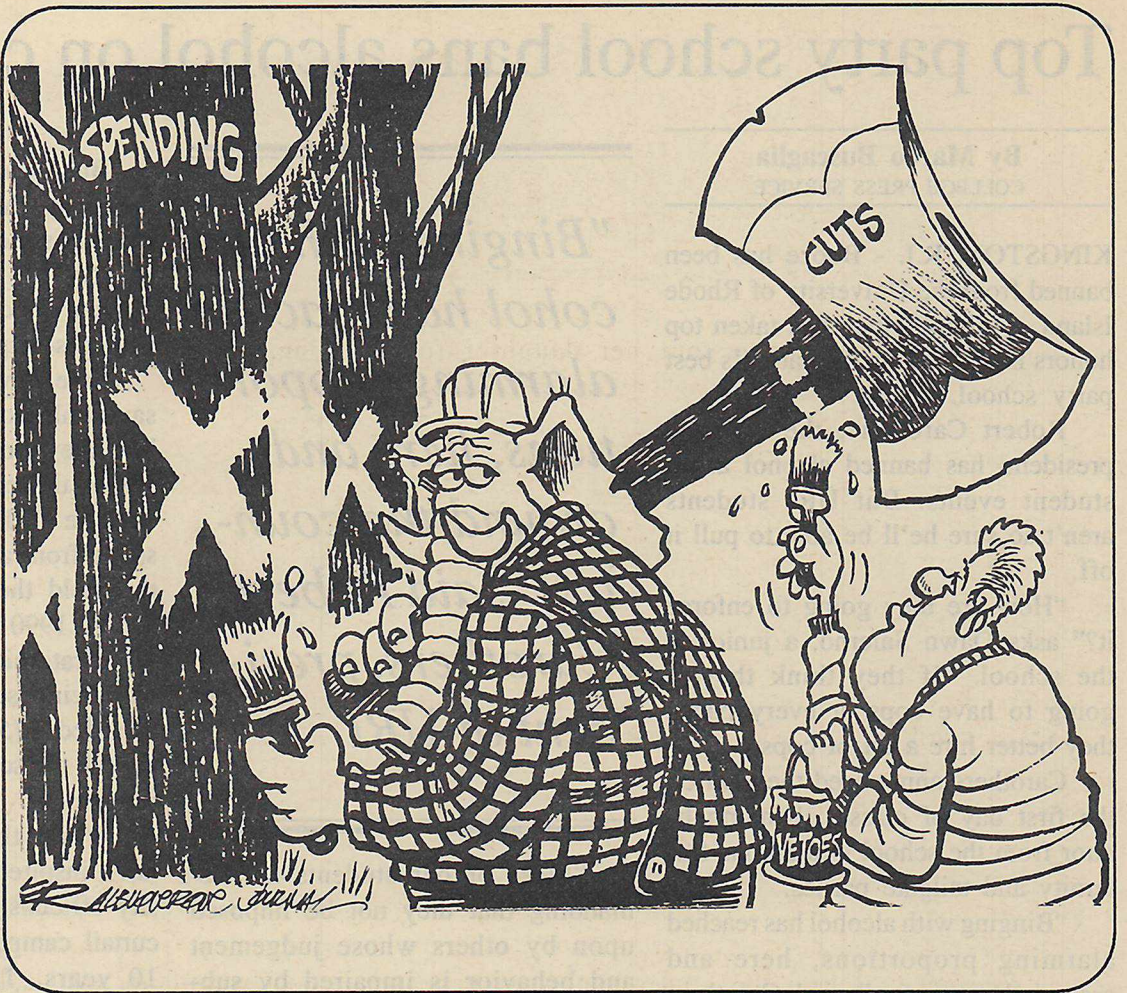
And so on Saturday evening, Americans did phone their opinions and finally settle the Miss America "controversy". By a robust 4-1 margin the swimsuit competition was kept.

For the anti-PC types it was a victory. For the PC advocates it meant one more year of tolerating the sexism of swimsuits and, for at least this round, being dubbed as (for all the PCers out there) non-winners.

### Quote of the Week

"Maybe they bathe in it. ' Yes! I got puked on!"

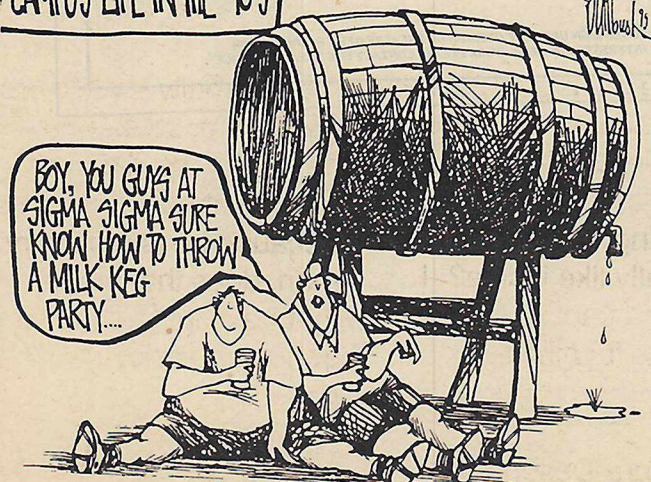
- Sharon Sundberg, responding to an anecdote about Eddie Vedder getting sick on the front of a concert.



## Letters to the Editor

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### CAMPUS LIFE IN THE '90's



### The Suffolk Journal

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# Where have all the scandals gone?

Dan Coakley

There are times I long to be a juror in the O.J. Simpson trial. That way, I would only have to hear about that stupid case for eight hours a day, instead of the twenty-four the rest of us are subjected to.

When the O.J. story broke, I must have been one of the rare few whose yawns were audible. I think I'm in the minority: although many people also tell me they're bored to tears with the case, the ratings are strong, and everyone seems to be talking about it.

At least I assume they are. As soon as I hear the words "Mark Furman" or "bloody glove" creep into the conversation, I rapidly try to discuss last week's episode of "The Simpsons," pretending I simply misunderstood.

Is this truly the best scandal we can come up with? Where are the Amy Fishers? The Texas Cheerleader Moms? Or even the Tonya Hardings?

Remember when scandals used to be fun? It could be a serial killer, or a bizarre sex scandal, any number of things. Sometimes they'd involve celebrities, sometimes not, but they were unusual.

O.J. murdered his wife (or maybe not)...yawn.

Sure, a good, juicy murder is pretty cool, but this one isn't particularly interesting. The only reason we ever heard about it at all was because a celebrity was involved.

Texas Cheerleader Mom, now there was a scandal! Some crazed mother shoots a cheerleader because she beat

out her daughter for the squad. Only in Texas! That was fun, it was just strange enough to be interesting, and sounded like a Saturday Night Live skit, from back when they were funny once in a while.

Even Amy Fisher was entertaining. True, it was a somewhat routine shooting, the jealous "other woman" shoots the wife of her lover, but the fact that the other woman was a sixteen-year old, and, let's face it, the name Buttafuoco, elevated it to fun scandal status. We also had a fun victim: Mary Jo continuously forgave Joey, despite his admitting to sleeping with Amy (well, eventually anyway), and many of the other stupid comments Joey made throughout that scandal, even though she had a bullet still lodged in her brain from her husband's 16-year-old girlfriend.

Admit it: when you heard that Mary Jo set off metal detectors every time she went to visit Joey in prison, you laughed. C'mon, you know you did.

We also had the other side of the coin: Pam Smart. A local New Hampshire teacher hiring one of her students to kill her husband, how could you not love that scandal!

And, of course, there was Tonya. During that whole thing, and especially during the Olympics, I couldn't help but root for her. Hers was a true rags to riches story, coming from a poor, white trash neighborhood, working to achieve a goal of skat-

ing, and making it to the Olympics.

Then there was Nancy Kerrigan. Face it, she was annoying. That toothy smile, the home town angle, her damned perkiness...who *didn't* want to whack her?

These days, it seems all you need to get publicity on the old scandal grapevine is be famous. Hugh Grant hired a prostitute, Charlie Sheen knows Heidi Fleiss, if you know what I mean...

Heidi Fleiss was almost fun. Sure, enticing us with the contents of her little black book was fun for a while, but that's been done before.

The Mayflower Madam...now there was a cool madam. We have this woman who can trace her ancestry back to the Mayflower running a high class call girl operation. Pretty fun, and she had class. She was definitely in the same league as good old Xaveria Hollander, or am I the only one who remembers the Happy Hooker?

Now we have to deal with stories of celebrity break-ups, minor brushes with the law and wild partying. A note to Shannon Doherty: sure, the tantrum stuff gets you attention, but do something interesting and then we'll talk. Unless she does something cool, and soon, she's bound for the "where are they now" shows.

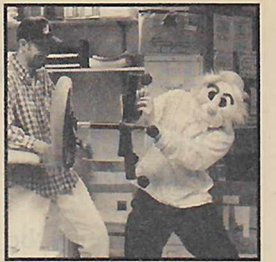
Even Madonna isn't good for anything juicy anymore. It used to be we could always depend on the Material Girl

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# Fire walk with me, says Jim

Jim Behrle



Dear President Sargent:

I know that you're very busy these days: kicking ass, playing Monopoly, raising tuition, taking no prisoners, etc., but if I may have a moment of your time.

First, I just want to assure you that I have not forgotten our wager of a year ago. A check for \$20. will soon be mailed to your office, although I still question whether Maggie Simpson could have shot Mr. Burns. No matter what Chief Wiggum says, I'll always believe it was Smithers! Smithers, I tell you!

Second, I want to ask you a favor.

You see, President (we're on a first name basis, right?), I was in the Fenton building Monday, finally ready to drop off term papers I owe for incomplete courses. Proudly tucked under my arm were the keys to my personal and academic redemption.

Two brilliant papers, if I may say: "Hootie, the Blowfish, Lazlo Toth, and the state of American Satire" and "Medieval Dream Visions of 'NBC Must See TV Thursday': an Oral history".

Finally I could amend my evil ways, graduate, and prosper in the adult world. I could see the light at the end of the tunnel, and it wasn't even an oncoming train.

That was, until I stepped on the elevator.

You see, President, stepping onto an elevator at this University could very well be a death sentence.

The doors closed and it was all over.

Almost immediately, I

could smell something smoky. But, I just figured it was somebody's perfume.

Then, I started feeling hot. But I feel hot most of the time. I'm a hot guy.

Suddenly, I was standing in a-hunk a-hunk of burning elevator.

Everything happened so fast, there wasn't enough time to be a hero. I, a pretty much slouched down in the corner of the elevator and cried like a burning weasel. Up in smoke went all my hard work. So long, Lazlo. Farewell, graduation.

What will I say to Professors Richman, McKinley and Millner when they come a-knocking? Oh, I'm sorry guys. Spontaneous Elevator Combustion. I didn't know I was walking into the hottest ride at Suffolk.

Fortunately, a freshman English professor was able to extinguish the flames with a book about Tom Stoppard. She then slung me over her shoulder, climbed the elevator cable, and brought me to safety.

A very formidable woman, I must confess.

What if she hadn't been there, President? I didn't pay some \$40,000 to be incinerated trying to get to the 2nd floor of the Fenton building (actually, I didn't pay my \$40,000 quite yet, but let's pretend I did).

Elevators should not double as microwaves. You're lucky it was just some wise-ass columnist and Professor Wonderwoman. Oth-

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## Voices of Suffolk

By Christian Engler and Erskine Plummer

## Do you think Colon Powell would be a strong leader?

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Chong Kim  
Junior

"No, because he's too indecisive; he does not know what party he wants to join, let alone his policies."

Kathy Kelly  
Freshman

"Yes. He has accomplished almost everything that he has attempted to do. He's proof that the American dream can be accomplished."

Mertine Alphonse  
Junior

"He did a good job as Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, but as a person, a human being, what is he really like inside? I don't know if I would vote for him."

Pierre Desonges  
Junior

"I don't really know much about him, but I have heard that he did not want to attack Iraq. Just because he is a military man, does that mean that he is just as intelligent in the area of politics?"

Denise Harrison  
Sophomore



# Fire walk with me, says Jim

■ BEHRLE

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erwise you may be dealing with some student-kabobs.

It is my assertion that going from one floor to another should not be a near-death experience. How many fires have there been in the guilded elevators of 1 Beacon? Zippo. Coincidence? I don't think so.

So, why don't you take

the weekend and check out the elevators in the buildings?

Maybe ride in one. Maybe take them out and put in escalators. Nobody burns on escalators. Perhaps long metal ladders. You probably have enough cash in the cushions of your sofa. It ain't too much to ask to make Suffolk safe for folks.

Yes, college is a time of great growth and change, but that change shouldn't have

to involve meeting God.

Do this one small thing for me, after all that I've done for you and the university over the years. Think about it.

Frescas and love,

Jim

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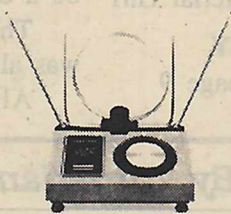
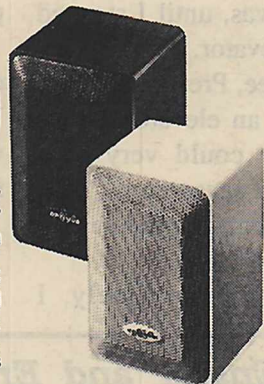


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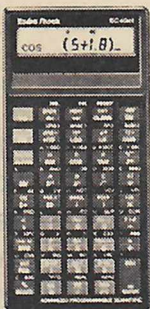
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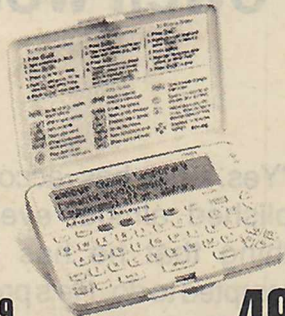
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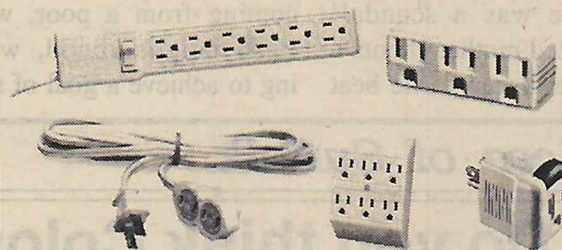
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## For a re-lease, check out these releases

### ■ RELEASES

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Koontz thriller brought to the big screen without a clue as how to build suspense or pacing. The movie starts off watchable then lags excruciatingly in the middle. The climax is overdone and murky. Jeff Goldblum and Alicia Silverstone somehow got stuck in this loud, idiotic and unbelievable movie. Silverstone fans see "Clueless" instead. **GRADE: D**

Candyman: Farewell to the Flesh- A by-the-numbers sequel to the scary original. There is an attempt to give the story some depth but all falls flat due to scares one can see coming with a blindfold on. This worked better in theaters with an audience. **GRADE: C**

Children of the Corn III: Urban Harvest- There was some advance word that this was the best of the Stephen King derived series. Well, it isn't. That "honor" goes to the low rated original. This waste of time is boring, poorly edited and laughable. A big, cheesy, corn monster actually provides enough laughs to rate this slightly above an F. **GRADE: D-**

Boys on the Side- This well-intentioned movie is a surprise for those who expected nothing but syrupy mush from it. What you get is, well, syrupy mush but with a solid performance by Whoopi Goldberg and a scene stealing Drew Barrymore. A good female oriented soundtrack is also a plus. **GRADE: B+**

Circle of Friends- A sweet film based on the widely read novel is a well done teenage story with a star-making performance by Minnie Driver. **GRADE: B+**

Before Sunrise- This gives new meaning to the word sleeper. A snoozefest which was praised for its snappy dialogue and believably romantic premise. I must have missed something. Great for insomniacs! **GRADE: D**

The Brady Bunch Movie- The Brady's deserve the comic stomping they receive but Brady fans could have given this film the nasty kick it needs and push its satirical potential.

**GRADE: B-**

**Corrections:**  
Last issue's front page photo was wrongly credited to Erskine Plummer. The correct photographer was Christine Scafidi.

The third editorial on page 9 should have been credited to Mike Shaw.

## Where are all the good scandals these days?

### ■ COAKLEY

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to push the envelope and do one outrageous thing after another, but apart from swearing on David Letterman, what has she done lately? Even Drew Barrymore showed Dave her, um, assets, but I suppose that's old hat for Madonna.

Even Roseanne has gotten boring lately. The stuff with Tom Arnold and his assistant was okay, but it just went downhill from there. Sure, they tried with the break-up and all the mutual accusing crap, but then he married and she got pregnant.

Don't you just hate it when the people you depend on for fun scandals just get on with their lives?

O.J. may be the death knell for fun scandals. Everyone is so wrapped up in the trial, we may as well give up the Enquirer and Hard Copy and watch reruns of Perry Mason. At least Perry could keep a trial interesting, full of action, and more importantly, under an hour!

If this trend keeps up, I may have to go back to reading the front page of the newspaper, and get involved in current affairs.

At least there's an election coming up. That's always good for a laugh.



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# Harvard tops best schools list--again

By Marco Buscaglia  
COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Harvard University has topped the U.S. News and World Report's list of top schools in the nation once again, topping all other schools in the U.S. for the sixth straight year. "We don't really place much stock in things like this, but it's nice to be on top of a list instead of the bottom of one," said Joe Wrinn, director of the Harvard news office. Giving the state of Massachusetts a double win in the rankings is Amherst College, which led the liberal arts schools for the third straight year.

"We're very happy with the ranking," said Terry Allen, spokesperson for Amherst College.

Ivy League schools control the top three, as Princeton and Yale universities tied for second. Stanford and Massachusetts Institute of Technology rounded out the top five in the list of the best national universities. Swarthmore (Pa.), Williams (Mass.), Bowdoin (Maine) and Haverford (Pa.) colleges rounded out the top five in the list of liberal arts schools.

Juilliard School was named the top art school in the U.S., with the Rhode Island School of Design, Art Center College of Design in California, Maryland Institute College of Art and the Kansas City Art Institute. Making the biggest jump this year was Johns Hopkins University, which

moved into the tenth spot this year from No. 22 last fall.

The best undergraduate engineering program went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University, which tied for first. Four schools tied for the best business school, including Carnegie Mellon University, MIT, the University of Michigan and the University of North Carolina.

The rankings are compiled by information gathered from surveys of college presidents, deans and admissions directors, who were asked to rank each school that falls in the same category as their own institution. This data then is combined with various other indicators, including faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and many others.

While many prospective students use the guide as a reference for picking a school, David Merkowitz, spokesperson for the American Council on Education, cautions against placing too much stock in the survey. "You're asking administrators from one school to rank administrators from another," Merkowitz said. "That's about as valid as this is."

Merkowitz said the rankings, like other college lists, should be used as a resource only. "It makes sense for students to look at the information

# Penn State coach resigns

By Marco Buscaglia  
COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. - Penn State basketball coach Bruce Parkhill, one of college basketball's most determined figures, has decided to call it quits.

Citing a loss of passion for his job, Parkhill, 46, announced his decision to leave the basketball team before the 1995-96 season begins. Parkhill had coached the Nittany Lions since 1983.

"I just haven't enjoyed coaching as much as I used to. I've been contemplating this decision for the past seven or eight years, but each summer I got rejuvenated and came back," Parkhill said at the press conference announcing his retirement. "I just didn't have the same enthusiasm for the job."

Athletic director Tim Curley said Parkhill will be replaced by Jerry Dunn, Parkhill's longtime assistant. While Parkhill said he has no plans to return to coaching, he will remain on as assistant athletic director.

Although Penn State became a member of the Big Ten last season, Parkhill spent most of his 12 seasons recruiting for a basketball team without any conference affiliation—an often difficult task for college coaches. Despite that hindrance, Parkhill compiled a 181-169 record and enjoyed five 20-victory seasons, as well as a berth in the NCAA tournament and two trips to the final four of the NIT. Dunn begins this season with a new prize: the new 15,000-seat Bryce Jordan Center, which will house Penn State basketball games starting in January.

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3. Williams College (Mass.)
4. Bowdoin College (Maine)
5. Haverford College (Penn.)
5. Wellesley College (Mass.)
7. Middlebury College (Vt.)
8. Pomona College (Calif.)
9. Bryn Mawr College (Penn.)
10. Smith College (Mass.)
11. Carleton College (Minn.)
12. Wesleyan University (Conn.)
13. Vassar College (N.Y.)
14. Grinnell College (Iowa)
15. Washington and Lee University (Vt.)
16. Claremont McKenna College (Calif.)
17. Colgate College (N.Y.)
18. Bates College (Maine)
19. Colby College (Maine)
19. Mount Holyoke College (Mass.)
21. Davidson College (N.C.)
22. Oberlin College (Ohio)
23. Hamilton College (N.Y.)
23. Trinity College (Mass.)
25. Connecticut College

## Top 25 National Universities

1. Harvard University (Mass.)
2. Princeton University (N.J.)
2. Yale University (Conn.)
4. Stanford University (Calif.)
5. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
6. Duke University (N.C.)
7. California Institute of Technology
7. Dartmouth College (N.H.)
9. Brown University (N.Y.)
10. John Hopkins University (Md.)
11. University of Chicago
12. University of Pennsylvania
13. Cornell University (N.Y.)
13. Northwestern University (Ill.)
15. Columbia University (N.Y.)
16. Rice University (Texas)
17. Emory University (Ga.)
18. University of Notre Dame (Ind.)
19. University of Virginia
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**Wednesday, 9/20**

3:00 - 4:30	G.A.L.A.S. Welcoming Reception	Archer 110
7:00	SOM/CLAS Merit Scholar Dinner	Parker House

**Thursday, 9/21**

11:00	Formal Dedication Ceremony of the Frank Sawyer School of Management	8 Ashburton Place
1:00 - 2:00	Venture Meeting	Fenton Basement/ SAC 112
1:00 - 2:30	Suffolk Journal Meeting	Fenton 337
1:00	Alpha Phi Omega Rush Information Session - Refreshments Served	Fenton 430
1:00 - 2:30	Humanities Department Meeting	Fenton 438
1:00 - 2:30	WSFR Executive Meeting	Fenton 603
1:00 - 2:30	Physics & Engineering Welcome Back Reception	Archer 631 & 632
1:00 - 2:30	Career Services CLAS Senior Seminar	Sawyer 421
1:00	B.L.C. Tutor Training	Sawyer 426
1:00 - 2:30	Black Student Union Meeting	Sawyer 429
1:00 - 2:30	Hatian American Student Association	Sawyer 708
1:00 - 2:30	Council of Presidents Meeting	Sawyer 921
1:00 - 2:30	Beta Alpha Psi Meeting	Sawyer 927
1:00 - 2:30	Philosophy Department Religious Study Meeting	Sawyer 1021
1:00	Forensics Team Open House - Refreshments Served	Ridgeway 400
2:00	Women's Varsity Tennis vs. Simmons College	Charles River Park Tennis Club
3:30	Varsity Soccer vs. Wentworth College	Home

**Friday, 9/22**

12:00 - 2:00	Deadline to Join Suffolk Team for the Healthy Choice American Heart Walk	
	Career Services Resume Open Hours for Recruiting Employers Program	Career Services 20 Ashburton Place
5:30	Evening Division Student Association (EDSA) Meeting	Sawyer 521

**Saturday, 9/23**

10:00	Last Day of Class Executive MBA (Summer 95 Session)	
	Varsity Soccer at Curry Cup	Curry College
11:00	Women's Cross Country - Saint Anselm Invitational	St. Anselm College
12:00	Men's Cross Country - Saint Anselm Invitational	St. Anselm College
1:00	Women's Varsity Tennis vs. Albertus Magnus	Albertus Magnus

**Sunday, 9/24**

3:00	Varsity Soccer at Curry Cup	Curry College
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**Monday, 9/25**

12:00 - 2:00	Career Services Resume Open Hours for Recruiting Employers Program	Career Services 20 Ashburton Place
2:00	Women's Varsity Tennis vs. Endicott College	Charles River Park Tennis Club

**Tuesday, 9/26**

11:30 - 1:30	Student Government Nomination Papers Due	
	SOM PTR Meeting	Sawyer 521
1:00 - 2:30	WSFR Meeting	Fenton 603
1:00 - 2:30	Career Services Resume Workshop	Sawyer 421
1:00 - 2:30	G.A.L.A.S. 1st Meeting of Semester	Sawyer 423
1:00 - 2:30	Student Government Association Meeting	Sawyer 427
1:00 - 2:30	Hispanic Association College Success Presentation	Sawyer 921
1:00 - 2:30	Philosophy Department Open House	Sawyer 1024
5:00	Deadline for Student Government Association Nomination Papers	Student Activities Office

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# Sports Plus

## Fans and players are hoping for a repeat

By Ryan Foley  
JOURNAL STAFF

New coach. Winning attitude. Last season's team. Same results?

That's what soccer fans and players alike are hoping for: a repeat of last season's unprecedented 10-4 record. It was the first time any soccer team had finished above the .500 mark and was the premier story of the Suffolk sports year, considering the soccer program has existed since Eisenhower was in office.

Besides drawing deserved attention to Ram soccer, the winning record has also left many a player—and spectator too—hungry to see a replay of last year.

If one thing is etched in stone it's this: it will be a transitional year for the Rams. Though they are dressing most of last season's squad and their palates have received the addicting taste of victory, with a new captain at the helm, the team will look, play and operate differently. For a preview, let's begin with the new coach.

Dennis Franczak, whose sojourn composed of just two

seasons and a 12-12-1 record, is now gone and in his place, George Silva. The new head coach served two years as assistant coach during the Franczak regime and that should make the transition from assistant to head that much smoother.

Last season witnessed the Rams tally their first ever winning record. Unfortunately, they ended the year with losses to Maine Maritime Academy and Notre Dame College respectively, and as a result, missed making the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) tournament. Nonetheless, with a 10-4 record from last season to build on, a bid in this year's playoffs does not seem too out of reach.

The team was expected to lose only three players to graduation (captain Phil Falzone, Desmond Patrice, and Tatsua Nagasue), and goal scorers like Miguel Fernandes, Pedro Sousa and Luis Pires will be on the field again for the Rams.

Rookie head coach. A taste of victory. Same guys on the field.

Time will show if the results will be good.



Journal File Photo

Fans and players alike are eager to see if this year's team will do as well as last year's.

## They aim to be giant-killers

By Ryan Foley  
JOURNAL STAFF

Little men among giants. If one sentence could serve as a summary for last autumn's golf season, this is it. And for Head Coach Tony Farma and crew, this appears to be the case once again this season.

Playing in tournaments that encompass all of New England. Competing with sometimes as many as 50 different universities. Teeing off against Division I juggernauts like Boston College, Harvard University and Dartmouth College.

It's enough to make a

coach at a Division III college like Suffolk run and hide. Yet Farma and his team have persevered, and will have to continue to do so this year if they want to survive. Once again, their schedule is loaded with giants.

To commence, there's the opening season Little Four Tournament against Nichols College, Brandeis College and W.P.I., which runs on and off until the middle of October. From there they battle Emerson College before advancing to the New England Championships, a tournament that last year had Farma and his men place 38th out of a field of 48.

Individually, Suffolk is returning all but one golfer from last season's team. Back will be Chris Dupill, who was a standout on the fairways no matter what colossus Suffolk was facing. Fellow star Mike DeBenedictis will make another appearance, as will fellow New England Championship participators Chris Miller and Rich Ireton.

With another formidable schedule in the books, it appears to be another arduous year for Suffolk. But like the cliché goes: the bigger they are, the harder they fall. And doesn't the title "giant-killers" have such a nice ring to it?

# Cheer on your Suffolk brethren

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We don't have the storied history of a Notre Dame, the championship banners of a UCLA, or the recruitment capabilities of a North Carolina. What we *do* have is the only underground gym in collegiate sports, a small athletic department that occupies several offices, and various athletic squads that have neither a home-field nor a conference.

It's Suffolk athletics: humble, tiny, yet still competitive. And we have remained competitive, despite our diminutive origins, due

to the zealotry that exists in most of Suffolk's students when it comes to joining a sport. With a few exceptions (among others the women's cross-country team), our teams have swelled with members.

Suffolk does not hand out athletic scholarships to prospective athletes, and while this may be a disadvantage against the quality of university sports, it is an advantage for the individual student. With no scholarship-laden athletes filling the spots on sports teams, walk-ons are welcome.

Instead, it's the other side of competitive sport—the

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spectator's side—that has seen a dearth of numbers. This sports reporter can count on two hands the number of times he took in a game at the Ridgeway Gym, only to see three-quarters of the fans in attendance disguised as pine seats.

And this is not an arena that holds a couple thousand spectators. This is a base-

ment gymnasium that seats a maximum 100 people. To see a facility like this empty is downright discouraging. Vacant seats have become prevalent at Suffolk's other sporting events as well. After all, how can a team own a home-field or home-court advantage if no one is *home* to support their team?

So attend a game. Cheer on your Suffolk brethren. Most of our team's home sites are within Boston's city limits. The hockey team skates at BU's Brown Arena, the tennis teams compete down the road at the Charles River Park facilities and the basketball squads play in the

Ridgeway Gym (or the Ram Dome as it's also known around campus) on Cambridge Street.

In today's world of college sports, simple pride in a team is so often clouded by the bucks being made and passed around. Sure, the UMass Minutemen sell out every basketball contest at the Mullins Center, but where were these same fans a decade ago when the team was stinking up Amherst?

Granted, the Ram Dome is not the Mullins Center in terms of its notoriety and the stellar teams it hosts, but the Ram Dome is still *our* place, where *our* teams play.