SGA holds second annual tuition forum

Students voiced their concerns over the tuition increase

By Timothy Lavallee
JOURNAL STAFF

For anyone who visited the cafeteria last Thursday, they were greeted by SGA Presidents, Mark DiFraia, and a panel of administrators present to field questions from the general student body.

“The Tuition Forum,” as it was dubbed by SGA, gave students the opportunity to ask high-ranking school officials about the tuition increase for the 1996-1997 school year.

“This is the second year we’ve done this,” said DiFraia, “I have had an opportunity to meet student government presidents from all over the country, and no other university, that I have heard of, has anything like this.”

Approximately one hundred students turned out to ask the panel, which was comprised of President David Sargent, Vice president Francis Flannery, and Trustee J. Robert Johnson, questions ranging from how much the tuition hike will be, to how the tuition money is spent.

Continually relying on last year’s increase of 6.73%—the lowest increase since 1976—the panel assured the group that their concerns would be taken into consideration completely.

This year’s tuition, $11,360, places Suffolk at 44 on the list of Massachusetts College and Universities tuition increases. The highest tuition is charged by Hampshire College, at $21,645 which includes a 4.79% jump from last year, the lowest tuition, of 66 schools which includes a 4.79% jump from last year, the over all average tuition in the state is $13,883, an amount which increased by 5.18%. This year, Suffolk charges $2,523 under the average tuition, but the increase was 1.55% over the average rate.

“We will try to keep it as low as possible,” said President Sargent referring to the increase, “the 6.7 number will be the ceiling.”

The forum, which ran about one hour, ended on a positive note. The President, Vice-president, and Trustee remained behind after the meeting officially ended to hear some comments and questions on one on one that may not have been mentioned during the forum itself, or to clarify something they mentioned during the forum.

In closing of the successful meeting, DiFraia said, “It’s very rare you will have the opportunity to sit down with the administration on a one to one basis.”

Immediately following the close of the meeting, Vice-president Flannery, when asked, said that freshman enrollment has declined recently, and he sees the lack of dorms as being part of the reason for the decline.

“If we can get more students to enroll, then we have a large base to spread the cost of tuition, and then tuition may not increase so much,” said Flannery.

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COP holds its last meeting of the fall semester

Numerous group allocations highlight the gathering

By Timothy Lavallee
JOURNAL STAFF

Last Thursday’s Council of Presidents meeting was short but effective. It was the last scheduled meeting for the fall semester, but some allocations were still up for a vote.

Going into this meeting, COP had $8,042.82 left to be allocated for the fall semester.

In comparison to this time last year, COP had allocated nearly all of its money for events that had already happened or were planned for the spring semester.

Those groups that were planning second semester events and did not allocate in the first semester last year were left with little money with which to hold events.

In contrast, the total budget for this year, after the meeting, stands at $19,042.82, including the unallocated portion from this semester which rolls over into next semester.

So far, student groups have spent $18,057.18, which represents just less than half of COP’s entire annual budget of $37,100.

At this meeting, Assistant Director of Student Activities, Lou Pellegrino, told the group that they were very successful this year in facing the issues that came before them.

He also remarked at how encouraging it was to see that the group was so willing to examine the ways in which COP conducts its various procedures.

Both Chairman Diego Portillo Mazal and Vice-chairman Greg Lanza also commented on the efficiency of the group this semester and encouraged the members to continue their remarkable effort.

Jeannie Pena, COP Secretary, announced that three groups are allowed a maximum of two unexcused absences a year, and that the International Student Association had exceeded that limit.

Missing two meetings means a loss of funding privileges and the group will have to attend one full semester of meetings to restore their funding.

For allocations this week, the Haitian-American Student Association requested a total of $1,535 to be given to their group, which regained their funding privileges at the November 16th meeting, for a dinner/dance party to be held on Dec. 7th in the Sawyer Cafeteria.

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Happy Holidays!!
Former Suffolk student gives lecture on race relations

By Timothy Lavallee
JOURNALSTAFF

Addressing over thirty students and staff members in the Sawyer Building, Ernest Guerrier, a graduate of Suffolk University, made his message clear: make the most of yourself, and never let others tell you that you cannot do something you set your mind to.

"I am addressing the Haitian-American students simply because that is the group that extended the invitation," said Guerrier.

A guest of the Haitian American Student Association, Political Science Association, and College Republicans, Guerrier gave an inspirational talk to the Haitian-American students Tuesday, using his own life experiences as an example that the average human can overcome any obstacle.

"Every single day I worked to bridge the gap between the undergraduate and law school," Guerrier told the group. He attended Suffolk after a year at Bunker Hill Community College.

When he graduated from Boston English, he was one of ten black students who was accepted to college that year, and of those ten only three were accepted to a college, Guerrier noted. "I sat in the back of the class so everyone would turn around and look at me when I spoke. I wanted the pressure," continued Guerrier.

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Tree lighting kicks off Suffolk's holiday season

By Timothy Lavallee
JOURNALSTAFF

The Christmas season has officially arrived on Suffolk's campus. Last Thursday evening, approximately one hundred students gathered around Alumni Park across from the Donahue Building to light the way to Christmas.

Maggie Grab, Chairwoman of the Special Events Committee for Program Council, successfully organized the fifteenth annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Frosty the Snowman was the main attraction at the lighting, lending a hand in singing and entertaining.

Dean Elliot Gabriel, had the honors of lighting this year's tree. After the lighting, many groups hung ornaments that they made specifically for the tree. Among other groups, GALAS hung a condom-adorned ornament, promoting safe sex. Pre-Law hung an ornament resembling a snowflake, and Program Council (PC) hung a hand-constructed ornament as well.

Despite the cold, the crowd got their song books ready, and after songs by PC members Tamika Corriera and Chris Todeco, the crowd transformed into carolers and sang such songs as "Walking in a Winter Wonderland," "Frosty the Snowman," and "Jingle Bells."

The crowd members were invited into the Fenton Lounge to enjoy some refreshments. Many people also took the opportunity to have their picture taken with Frosty.

COP holds its last fall meeting

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The event will allow students from all over the university to come together, enjoy some food and music, and unwind before going home for the weekend to cram for exams.

Also, Black Student Union, Suffolk University Hispanic Association, Caribbean American Student Association and Haitian American Student Association put forth an allocation request of $1,455 for a number of events to take place during Black History Month in February. This allocation will cover the cost of four speakers and a Blues Night Celebration in the Sawyer Cafeteria.
Here is your entertainment guide for the holidays

By Justin Grieco
JOURNAL STAFF

If you are looking for something to do during the holiday season break, this guide will help you sort through the many options in movies, music and video.

Guide to Movies: What’s Hot?

“Cruel Intentions” — Martin Scorcese’s scorching epic portrayal of the Mob’s attempted takeover of Las Vegas is a masterpiece not-to-miss. Sharon Stone delivers a powerful and perfect performance.

“Toy Story” — Disney’s first ever, entirely computer-generated animated feature is one of the years most entertaining movies. The animation is eye-popping, the jokes are hilarious, and the story is heartwarming and winning.

“Get Shorty” — audiences can still catch John Travolta in this black comic, including Quentin Tarantino, as two-week-old fruit cake.

“Pinstripes” — Four hot directors, four hot films compilation with the likes of Madonna, Bruce Willis, and Antonio Banderas.

“Jumanji” — Should be the big holiday hit. A family, headed by Robin Williams, is trapped inside a board game. The hype is hot, and the special effects are said to be top-notch.

“Heat” — Al Pacino, Robert DeNiro and Val Kilmer are set for action in this thriller directed by Michael Mann (“Miami Vice”).

“Cutthroat Island” — Renny Harlin (“Cliffhanger”) directs policemen Gene Davis and Matthew Modine in this $70 million, swashbuckling, pirate adventure.

On Video: What’s Hot?

“Sleepless in Seattle” — Katharine Bates gives an exceptional performance in this gripping Stephen King psychological drama.

“Crimson Tide” — Tony Scott directs Denzel Washington and Gene Hackman in this action, thriller action.

“While You Were Sleeping” — Liam Neeson and Jessica Lange help make this historical epic completely captivating.

“Friday” — A utterly hilarious parody of life-in-the-noon.

“The Teacher’s Are Afraid of the Pupils.” — Renny Harlin (“Cliffhanger”) directs police John Travolta, Tareq Akiti and Kevin Spacey as they try to catch John Travolta in this $70 million, swashbuckling, pirate adventure.

“Congo” — How bad is this latest album “One Hot Minute”?

By Keith Harrison

“One Hot Minute” — Red Hot Chili Peppers Warner Bros., 1 star out of 4.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers’ new disc includes a song called “Pea” that is a shrill, obscenity-laden rant against “homophobic rednecks.”

Talk about biting the hand that feeds you. The Chili Peppers are the most overrated rock act this side of Melissa Etheridge, and they hold that dubious title precisely because they are the “alternative” band of choice for lunehed folks who like to kick some butt in moch pits.

Now, the argument can be made that no band can choose its audience, and some people no doubt will applaud the Peppers’ attempt to distance themselves from their less savory fans. But the band’s ridiculously heavy-handed method of doing so betrays a basic lack of talent.

It’s not that the Chili Peppers’ music is unbearable. It’s just that their trademark fusion of rock and funk is so incredibly mundane that it does a disservice to each genre. Track after track on this disc — “One Big Mob,” “Coffee Shop,” “Deep Kick,” “Shallow Be Thy Game” — collapse into the same mind-numbing rumble.

The band fares much better when it drops its funk aspirations, as on the gentle “My Friends” and the title track, which rocks convincingly.

But if you want rock, there are plenty of better rock bands out there. And if you want funk, there are many, many better funk bands. So why waste your time with these guys?

“Southpaw Grammar” — Morrissiy Reprise Records 3 stars.

Not even five years ago, a new release from Morrissiy would provoke near hysteria among his fans and another round of teeth-grasping among his detractors. Now new discs from the master of melancholy generate little more than a collective shrug of the shoulders.

Ah, fickle fame.

Still, Morrissiy soldiers on, and with “Southpaw Grammar” he offers more of the highly stylized, guitar-based pop and rock that first won him stardom with the Smiths.

He can be as excessive as ever, particularly on the 11-minute song that opens the disc, “The Teachers Are Afraid of the Pupils.” Over a dashing synth line, Morrissiy waltzes the line, “To be finished would be a relief” over and over again. Around the eight-chord, major-minor “mode, you’ll agree with him.

But there’s no denying that the guy has a way with a pop tune, and the guitars on “Southpaw Grammar” put some real muscle on those hooks. “Best Friend on the Payroll” breezes along quite nicely, and “The Boy Racer,” with its alternately surging and cascading choruses, is as catchy a song as Morrissiy has ever written.

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The Peppers have no bite on their latest album “One Hot Minute”

reviewed by"
Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to take a moment to respond to a letter you printed in your 11/22 Journal by Todd Kirrane of the Suffolk Republicans. There is one or two issues I would like to mention in light of Kirrane’s comments. I find it odd that Kirrane stresses responsibility for one’s actions in his advocacy of Republican values. Surely he must be aware that, as we speak, the Republicans in Congress are fighting to gut clean air and water standards for communities across the country. This is federal legislation that forces companies and corporations to take “responsibility” for their polluting and dumping. I am sure Kirrane is actively lobbying his colleagues in the party, ardently pointing out their “responsibility” here. That would only be consistent with his comments.

I am glad Kirrane addresses violence in the media. I am sure that he must be lobbying his Republican colleagues right now to stop using Bruce Willis, Chuck Norris and Arnold Schwarzenegger for fundraising purposes. Each has crossed the country raising money for them, and each stars in movies that have more violence than the total I.eee-T catalogue. By using the song “Cop Killer,” I will assume Kirrane forgot to mention the first “Terminator movie,” where Schwarzenegger kills over a dozen police officers, and walks out smiling. Bob Dole has so far accepted $17,000 from Time-Warner, the latest punching bag in the Republicans’ sporadic attempts at morality. When Kirrane speaks of family values, he seems to have some roles reversed. For all its flaws, the Democrats get up every day and work for the working people of this country. Period. The Republicans, converts to a balanced budget mentality, “You think that’s some kind of a joke?” another voice asked. “That requires a voice I recognized as an English professor, “that requires two additional sources, and I’ve stolen all but one from the library.”

“You think that’s something we’ve been coordinating things with the history department,” said a professor from Sociology, “and we’ve worked it out so our finals are all scheduled on the same day!”

I shuddered in fear, but all my suspicions were confirmed. I’d always known that this had to be one massive plot, and now I’d stumbled onto the truth. I bet you know too much,” said a professor, “that requires one letter grade for every point on!”

I shuddered in fear, but I had to get my story out. “You will have to deal with it out so our finals are all scheduled on the same day!”

I staggered home, since it was covered with a large black mask. “You know too much,” said another voice. “I couldn’t make out the face, since it was covered with a large black mask.”

“I thought that was the point of college,” I responded, “and your very life from this moment on!”

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I ran as fast as I could. “You control the cafeteria...”

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I thrashed about, and pulled it out so our finals are all scheduled on the same day? Why all papers are due at the same time? Why the cafeteria food is so bad?”

““You control the cafeteria food!” He shrugged, “It’s a hobby.”

I grabbed the truth, and pulled my bonds free. I ran for the door, and narrowly escaped as they threw huge textbooks at me. One, a biology text, almost beamed me. Another half an inch, it would have killed me.

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Finals...It’s all just some sinister plot

Dan Coakley

So, how many papers do you have due this week?

It’s that time again, the time when all of our professors get together and manically plot the demise of our sanity. This may seem like exaggeration, but I have the facts.

The other day, I was trying to get up to the 11th floor of Sawyer when the elevator was down instead of up, and wouldn’t go back up again. I think I heard it moan something about being afraid or suicidal, so I got on the same day and the stairs. I turned a corner, and saw this room at the end of a long corridor, dark and forbidding, with an evil looking goyle door knocker on front.

Quietly, I opened the door, and peeped into the smoke-filled interior. I couldn’t see much, but I heard the harsh cackles and laughter from within.

“I’ve assigned a 10-page term paper on King Lear, came a voice I recognized as an English professor, “that requires two additional sources, and I’ve stolen all but one from the library.”

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The true meaning of Christmas

Mike Shaw

"Christmas, Christmas tired me out this year. Time for joy, time for cheers."

Tis the season. Kids, it's the time of year when we crave for finals, run around the malls and try to keep our minds on the task at hand. But the reality is that the holiday season is here. Time for joy, time for love, time to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas, Christmas has become such a commercialized holiday. People want to buy gifts and prove their love for each other. But in the hustle and bustle, we often forget the true meaning of Christmas.

The true meaning of Christmas is to be around. It's a time when we get together with family and friends. It's a time to give and receive love.

So forget all of that religious stuff. Christmas is not a religious holiday. It's a time to be with family and friends. It's a time to celebrate love and joy.

Christmas, Christmas is a time to remember the true meaning of the holiday. It's a time to be with family and friends. It's a time to give and receive love. So let's celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.
film? It comes complete with a 60s B-plot, real bad acting, comy attempts at heartfelt sentiment, and the worst special effects since "Lost In Space.""


"Friends" --- The Soundtrack --- Music heard on the popular TV show. Great songs from REM, The Pretenders, and Tom Waits. The Wet Spot Rock plus funny snippets from the show make it worthwhile.

Presidents of the USA --- Catchy, goofy garage rock from the buzz band of the year.

Bruce Springsteen --- "The Ghost of Tom Joad" --- A somber, yet captivating effort from The Boss. Very powerful.

Garbage --- Great debut album from a talented new band. The songs are a mixture of hard, guitar rock, technodance beats, and brilliant, gripping lyrics.

"Kids" --- The Soundtrack --- Lou Barlow from Sebadoh compiled this collection of moody, quirky music from and inspired by the disturbing movie.

Students voice their tuition concerns

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He continued saying it was imperative for Suffolk to have state of the art "dorms on-line by August 15, 1996."

The new dorms—which will be located at 150 Tremont Street—Flannery said, would accommodate 399 students, and would have an in-room connection to the University's computing system, telephone, and cable television. Right to the University's computing system, and would have an in-room connection. This writer's sleeper pick. Seniors Jaron Boone and ErickＩson's semi-spooky take on that goofy country chestnut "Ode to Billy Joe"? Another gem from a trio of young Kiwis that you can bet you never heard of ("Tom Petty Loves Veruschka"), but the song can't match its moniker.

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has ever created.

The latter tune also demonstrates that Morrissey's arch sense of humor remains as sharp as ever. "He's got too many girlfriends in jealous that's all," Morrisey says. "He thinks he's got the whole world in his hands, but I'm gonna kill him."

His star power might be fading a bit, but "Southpaw Grammar" shows that Morrissey still has plenty to say, much of it with his tongue planted firmly in cheek.

"Help"

Various artists

London Records

2.5 stars

This disc, a benefit project for all children in the former Yugoslavia, features a lineup that reads like a who's who of today's British pop scene. That's either cause for celebration or reason enough to dash to the nearest drugstore for a pair of earplugs, depending on your opinion of today's British pop scene.

As for the star-studded roster, the disc's 20 artists include Oasis (with Johnny Depp), the Stone Roses, Radiohead, Portishead, Suede, Massive Attack, the Charlatans, Orbital and the Boo Radleys. Most of the songs are likable if not captivating mid-tempo tracks with many bands tossing in covers and several offering anti-war material.

Given the pretentious tendencies of so many British pop bands, it's a relief to note that there is only one truly horrific moment on this disc: Suede turns in an excruciatingly over-the-top version of Elvis Costello's "Shipbuilding."

There are, however, a few oddities. What to make, for example, of Sinead O'Connor's semi-spooky take on that goofy country chestnut "Ode to Billy Joe"? Another gem from a trio of young Kiwis that you can bet you never heard of ("Tom Petty Loves Veruschka"), but the song can't match its moniker.

Kentucky heads the field of 25

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24. Louisville—The Cardinals are one of 12 teams in the newly-created Conference USA (rival Memphis in another). Despite their overall talent in other areas, the Cardinals lack a true inside force and this will hurt them when March arrives. They have Elite Eight potential, but will they live up to that potential?

25. Nebraska—This writer's sleeper pick. Seniors Jaron Boone and Erick Strickland anchor a stable backcourt. They lost eight of their final 10 last season and had their bubble burst when they barely missed the tournament. The Cornhuskers have more size and bench strength this year and they will get that treasured invitation.

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College basketball

From one to twenty-five here are the best teams in the nation

By Ryan Foley

Without further ado, here's college basketball's top twenty-five:

1.) Kentucky—Everyone college basketball bigwig is chatting about Kentucky and the praise they’re bestowing is well deserved. They snatched up wonder boy Ron Mercer and local boy Big Men (ever heard of Ewing, Mutombo?). One thing is for sure: between G-Town, ‘Nova and UConn, the Big East is back.

2.) Kansas—Roy Williams is riding in the same boat as Pitino: the USSR. Expectations. Both coaches man storied basketball programs and have zero titles to show for it. The Jayhawks’ backcourt of Jacque Vaughn and Jerod Haase has no equals. If Kentucky falters, Kansas will be right there to pick up the championship.

3.) Villanova—Player of the Year candidate Kerry Kittles is back and so are four other starters. Do you think the Wildcats want revenge after last season’s first-round defeat in the tournament? Barring injuries, they will get it. Steve Lappas and crew possess the talent and experience to win six games come tournament time.

4.) Massachusetts—Do not listen to anything John Calipari says. In fact, ignore him completely. This team is Marcus Camby’s team. UMass’ season opener versus Kentucky was testament to that. All the so-called experts say ‘Mass is weak. They’re wrong. This team that advanced to the second round last season. Stanford has not been able to beat UCLA and Arizona in the past. They will this year.

5.) Georgetown—Allen Iverson is a year older (you’re kidding yourself if you think he’ll return for his junior year). Center Othella Harrington is following in the tradition of other Roya Big Men. Ewing, Mutombo or Mutombo?). One thing is for sure: between G-Town, ‘Nova and UConn, the Big East is back.

6.) Connecticut—The Huskies have completely dominated the Big East Conference over the past two seasons. But unlike their female brethren, they have no championship banner to show for it. Junior Ray Allen has actually drawn comparisons to His Aimess Michael Jordan (blashphemy!). UConn’s only problem: who to give the ball to if Allen isn’t performing.

7.) Mississippi St.—You’ve seen ink on Marcus Camby; and watched clips of Tim Duncan. But what about center Erick Dampier? A sure draft pick in the spring, the unheralded junior heads a deep Bulldogs squad. After decades of futility, Mississippi State’s is experiencing a rebirth. An SEC West title is conceivable.

8.) Villanova—The Wildcats return four starters from last season including stars Jess Settles and Chris Kingsbury. Their offense is explosive but its the defense that has killed them in past years. Simply stated, Iowa needs to win the close contests if they want to contend in the Big Ten. Nonetheless, the Wildcats remain the East favorite.

9.) Missouri—Julian Winfield and Kyle Thams lead a crew of several returnees. The Tigers can kill opponents with their size and with their age (Missouri’s roster seems to mesh with seniors) they should place second in the Big Eight besides Kansas. Norm Stewart has 660 victories and no Final Four berths to show for it. Sorry, Norm. It ain’t going to happen this year.

10.) Utah—Keith Van Horn is the best player nobody’s heard of. In fact, Utah may be the best overall team you have never heard of. They are deep but sluggish. With a weak Western Athletic Conference schedule, the Utes dominate. Horn and company are definite Sweet Sixteen material.

11.) Stanford—With their rivals to the south much weaker this season, there has been talk that these guys may take the PAC-10. They will. Brevin Knight might be the best pure point guard in the country. The Cardinal have all five starters coming back and this from a team that advanced to the second round last season. Stanford has not been able to beat UCLA and Arizona in the past. They will this year.

12.) Maryland—The Terps return four starters. Unfortunately none are named Horn. Gary Williams remains of the best coaches in the nation, but Maryland’s schedule is tough. Very tough (Kentucky, UMass, UCLA, ACC teams). The prediction here is that they will be worn out and exhausted come tournament time.

13.) Virginia—Their guards Harold Deane and Curtis Staples rank up there with the game’s other elite backcourts. An ACC title for the Cavaliers? Not quite. Their offense can be inconsistent and the loss of Junior Burrough’s presence in the paint will be sorely missed. Virginia can expect an invitation to the Big Dance, but that may be all they receive.

14.) Michigan—More fab freshman for the Wolverines. The young players Michigan has scooped up over the past two years may not win any titles, but they will still be competitive. With stars in frosh Robert “Tractor” Traylor (trust us, he looks like one) and Maurice Taylor, the Wolverines’ dream time will be Camby.

15.) Virginia Tech—Do you think UMass has got its fifth consecutive A-10 title in the proverbial bag? Virginia Tech will have you thinking again. Here is the squad most likely to break the Minutemen’s streak come March. Fresh from their NIT championship a season ago, Tech returns five starters. Expect big games from a forward named Ace Curtis.

16.) North Carolina—you don’t lose two lottery players and expect to rebound nicely. Unless of course you’re Dean Smith and North Carolina. Senior Dante Calabria will be asked to fill the gaping hole left by the departures of Rashied Wallace and Jerry Stackhouse. UNC has won twenty or more games the last 25 years. Could that illustrious streak be in jeopardy?

17.) California—In the AP rankings the Bears were listed at 25. Had them number eight. Ahh, disparity. The Golden Bears are young (very young) with an excellent freshman class coming in. Their immaturity may be their bane though when its time for March Madness. Many are whisperings that the NCAAs is looking into Todd Bozeman and the program. Could this be an off-court distraction?

18.) Arkansas—You don’t lose eight quality players and expect to rebound nicely (stop me if you’ve heard this before). Unless of course you’re Nolan Richardson and Arkansas. Newcomers新鲜 with returners on this season’s headhunt for their first Big Ten championship under the Steve Fisher regime.

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20.) Indiana—Like Krzyzewski, you do not count out Bobby Knight. Knight is a great team. In fact, Indiana is a good team but not a great team.

21.) Wake Forest—It may sound odd but, Wake Forest realizes should be boasting thanks to Hurricane Hugo. Had it not been for this natural disaster, Tim Duncan would have answered another calling: swimming. Nonetheless, Duncan is a Demon Deacon and like UMass’ situation. Wake Forest goes where Duncan goes. Sweet Sixteen land, but no further.

22.) Memphis—Center Lorenzen Wright is a legitimate prospect. But besides him and guard Mango Johnson, there is a drop-off in talent. The new Conference USA will prove to be too tough for the Tigers and come January they will win. Nonetheless, a tournament bid awaits.

23.) UCLA—Does the Associated Press know something that the rest of the college basketball world doesn’t? Ranked an undeserved third in the AP pre-season poll, the Bruins lost two games in their first week and nearly tumbled out of the Top 25. A ranking tumble would be an insult to UCLA’s program. UCLA would either be remarkably successful or fail miserably. This writer’s guess is that they’ll finish somewhere in between.

19.) Duke—Mike Krzyzewski’s return as coach was one of the biggest stories this season (sorry Tar). The trouble is, Mike (sorry, I didn’t feel like typing his name again) should have stayed away from Durham long time. The Blue Devils are not bad. They are just not that good. They are tough and material, but nothing that will burden the memory of those Bobby Hurley-led championship squads.

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