**Singing Sister**

Teila Gray opened the 6th Annual African Diaspora festival last Friday by singing the Black National Anthem. See more photos on page 7.

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**Registrar: problems out of their control**

By Matt Wilder

One day after Suffolk's online registration system crashed due to hardware problems, Registrar Mary Lally felt that every student had been accommodated to the best of her office's ability. Last Wednesday with freshman priority registration in full swing, SAIL crashed leaving the registrars office with two options: cancel registration until the site had been fixed or register all students manually in the office and over the phone. Lally chose the latter. "Our ultimate goal was to get the students into their classes for next semester in the most efficient way that we could," Lally said.

Lally recognized that there was a failure, but called it a "hardware" problem that was beyond her control. "SAIL itself is working exactly how we have set it up to work," Lally said.

On Nov. 12, Sean Duggan, Chairman of the Legislative University Affairs Committee, sent Lally a letter from the class of 2005 stating that a resolution had been approved by the general assembly of SGA, and that "(The Office of the Registrar) policies would be reviewed." Citing concerns that the tone of the note addressed to Lally may have been too harsh, a second, more diplomatic letter was forwarded to her, according to SGA President Sean Powers.

The Suffolk Journal reported last week that the resolution calls for a committee to be formed to work with the registrar's office to address student concerns. Lally said she was caught off guard by the resolution, not having any prior warning from SGA about the committee.

Lally said she was very pleased to meet with SGA President Sean Powers and Vice President Dave Rodrigues last Wednesday. They invited Lally to the Student Forum to be held this Thursday to address any student concerns. Powers and Rodrigues indicated that they also wanted to assure Lally that SGA wanted to work with her, not against her.

While Powers and Rodrigues were meeting with the Registrar, the line wound outside the door at the Registrar's office on the third floor of the Donehue building with mostly freshmen hoping to register. "You need to make sure you have the abilities to have hundreds of freshmen sign on at once," said freshman Leta Garcia, speaking in regards to SAIL. Garcia was one of those people waiting in line.

Laura Valente, Director of Student Activities and Service Learning and SGA's Program Advisor, thinks SGA is on the right track. "Now there is a clear understanding both from SGA and (Lally) about the intentions. At first there might not have been," Valente said.

As of last night, 3,611 students out of 5,784 who had registered, according to Lally. Under her direction, the Office of the Registrar works with the motto that "It is important that we make their (students') day, which will in turn make their last registration experience a good experience."

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**Health Services struggles with small space**

Adam D. Krauss

Since Health Services began offering walk-in hours in the fall of 2001 the number of students that the staff has seen each semester has consistently increased, turning the first floor of the Fenton building into a busy intersection where students in need of immunizations, physicals or check-ups converge.

"We're always looking for space we can rent," said Sharon Yardley, director of Health Services, "It's been crazy" this past year she said. She explained that since the 2000-01 calendar year, the Health Services needs more space," Yardley said. "It's been crazy.

When Yardley joined Health Services in May 2001, she said the amount of staff was the same, but that there were two exam rooms instead of the current three. Seeing the need to make themselves more accessible to students, Health Services implemented walk-in hours. However, they "may have tried to do too much too soon," Yardley said.

Steve Vininsky, who was at Health Services for the past five years, left earlier this semester creating an open position on the staff and forcing office hours to be decreased by four hours a week. Health Services is in the hunt for his replacement. Though they've been interviewing candidates, "We have not been able to fill his spot," Yardley said.

Currently, Yardley handles "mostly administrative duties" and nurse practitioner Gloria Holbrook works 25 hours a week and nurse practitioner Margaret Fitzgerald comes in for 17 and-a-half hours.

"I have met with President Sargent and talked to Joe Kennedy (Director of Facilities and Planning)," Yardley said, adding that there was no reason to believe the university isn't aware of the space shortage at Health Services.

She said she believed the "president to be a man of his word" who will try to help the physicians do their jobs the best they can. In the past she said the "school has responded to our needs."

President David J. Sargent said he has "discussed with (Yardley) and Dean Stoll the problem" and agreed "space is a huge difficulty." "We are striving to find a good solution," he said.

President Sargent said there are "a variety of possibilities... Some involve the acquisition of additional space or reconfiguration of space presently occupied," he said. He said he didn't want to go into detail as to what those possible cuts may be because they may involve purchasing additional space or the reworking of other

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WSUB finds outside outlet

Dana Forsythe
Journal Staff

WSUB executive board members are exploring new venues of television programming with a fall on-air time through the Boston Neighborhood Network. The channel has television programming and plans on broadcasting random sports games throughout the year.

Visionaries Institute departs Suffolk

The Visionaries Institute of Suffolk University, a three-year partnership between the Sawyer School of Management and the Visionaries Inc. will no longer be accepting applications to its program, and will be phased-out of the Sawyer School of Management by August 31, 2002. The Visionaries Inc. is a non-profit organization that focuses on producing documentaries showcasing ordinary individuals making a substantial difference to their community. In partnership with Suffolk University, The Visionaries Institute has offered both a full time program located in Sheffield and a part-time program at the Sawyer School of Management. The documentaries produced by the Visionaries Institute of Suffolk University, The Visionaries Institute has offered both a full time program located in Sheffield and a part-time program at the Sawyer School of Management. The documentaries produced by the Visionaries Institute have been showcased by public television station WYBE in Philadelphia and has received national distribution.

Current Students participating in the Visionaries Institute will not be affected by the phase-out and have been assured that the Visionaries Institute will fulfill all obligations to its students and will still award a Master of Science Degree in Philanthropy to all those who meet the set requirements. Full time students are expected to complete the program by August 2003; part time students should have all requirements met by May 2004.

Gov’t Center Task Force holds public meeting

The redevelopment of City Hall Plaza took another step in the development process this week as the Government Center Task Force spurred a public forum to discuss safety and security in regards to the plaza area. In accordance with federal security measures, the GSA has proposed the “hardening” of every day operations at the plaza area, which would include the use of barriers against vehicular attacks on the JFK Federal Building and City Hall Plaza. While plans for the plaza area are still in preliminary stages, several forums have been planned over the next few months to address public concerns. The next meeting of the GSA will be open to the public and is scheduled for December 3.

Topping off ceremony to be held Nov. 21

The new residence hall at 10 Somerset Street will be holding a “topping off” ceremony on Thursday November 21. The ceremony, which will celebrate the safe completion of the building’s steel framework, will culminate in the raising of the final steel beam. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend, and join with other residents in signing the beam before it is raised. The signing will occur between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. with a ceremony following.

Suffolk implements economics doctorate program

Suffolk University introduced its newest PhD program this week in the field of economics. Under this new program, which will begin in the fall of 2003, the Economics Department will be offering concentrations in Economic Policy and International Economics. The PhD program will be available to recent graduates and career professionals. Once begun the Economics PhD will be the second PhD program offered by Suffolk University. The schools PhD program in psychology was begun in 1984.

Students attend SOAR conference

Solange Diello
Journal Staff

Seven Suffolk students and two administrators attended the annual fall conference “Racism in New England” last weekend, hosted by Brandeis University in Waltham from Friday Nov. 15 through Saturday Nov. 16. The conference, titled “Anti-bias education: Transforming the Classroom, the campus, and the community,” included workshops and case-study modules. Dr. Paul Hooper, a psychologist at the Counseling Center and former president of SOAR, along with Mr. Carl X. Parks, assistant director of Health Services, attended the event.

The conference focused on various ways and means to target and avoid racism in the classroom.

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reworking of other area.

He said he has “witnessed firsthand the production at Health Services. We have to find a way to alleviate them.”

Yardley said Health Services continues to improve its customer service, also throwing the neighbor into the mix to consider what the department could branch out. “The Beacon Hill community has said Suffolk cannot occupy any more of the Hill’s property.”

“We’re always looking for space we can rent, but we want it to be in the middle of campus. We’re in a dilemma. We can’t afford to lose classrooms ... or beds,” she said, referring to setting up a satellite Health Services in an area such as the 150 Tremont Street dorms. “We’re not a big entity,” Yardley said. Griffin also offered the idea of a satellite (one).” Only a quarter of the students Health Services treats come by way of the dorms, she said.

“I can’t say the administration isn’t doing everything they can,” she said.

Her wish is for “Health Services and the Counseling Center (to be) in the same physical location.” If the two had to remain separate, she said, “it’d (like Health Services) stay as close to the main campus as we can.”

Yardley said both services have been seeing a lot more students with depression this year, and thinking having the two nearer each other would benefit students.

“Expect President Sargent and Joe Kennedy coming up with at least a solution,” she said. “How soon? I don’t know. Probably by the end of spring semester.”
DJs left without a voice

Paul Ficette
Journal Staff

For the first time in several months, disc jockeys were unable to broadcast their voices through Suffolk Free Radio’s studio yesterday due to technical difficulties and mechanical failure.

General Manager to SFR Michelle Colometa explained that the main soundboard used to broadcast DJs through the school and onto the web was currently in need of repair. One or more DJs, having repeatedly mistrained the sound boards sensitively said, had eventually pounded them into the equipment. While broadcasting has not stopped the current situation makes it virtually impossible for the DJs to talk over the station. The situation is not permanent”, said Colometa, who also noted that a technician had been called the moment the problem was discovered and should have the board repaired in a relatively short period of time. “We have had a great year and so far haven’t had any problems with the server. This is our first major problem, but we will still be running 24 hours a day. SFR has a specific budget earmarked for repairs and maintenance, but because of an increase in the amount of small repairs needed this semester, executive board members will probably be forced to dip into other accounts to cover the cost of fixing the soundboard. While Colometa sees the problem as minor and easily fixed she did say “I hope that it doesn’t happen again.

We’ve warned DJs enough, we have put letters in mailboxes and talked to them individually. They are in college and are adults now. They should know how to treat this stuff. SFR is still a place to have fun and play music, but the makers are going to have to get stricter.

Speakers say students should give homeless respect

Gillian Reagan
Journal Staff

Junior Cheryl Cote said she sees homeless people everyday on the streets. “Usually if you come out of a Store24 or a 7-Eleven, you usually see someone standing with a cup,” she said. Cote’s view of homelessness is common, according Neighborhood Action Inc. Executive Director Reverend Ron Tibbetts. But homeless people come in all ages and genders, according to Tibbetts. “Everyone that you meet out on the street is a potentially hungry and homeless person,” he said.

Tibbetts and two Boston area volunteer group representatives discussed homeless people, including women and children, and how students can help by becoming more personable with people on the streets. Sponsored by Suffolk’s Organization for Uplifting Lives through Service, “A Conversation About Hunger and Homelessness” was held last night in the McDermott Conference Room.

Tibbetts suggested that students get involved with volunteer groups and be personable with the homeless. “If you get involved, get to know that person … I assure you, it changes your life. Once you take off the veil of homelessness, you’ll find the real person,” said Neighborhood Action Inc. conducts “front line” work with the homeless through interactive programs including group dinners, a writer’s group and arts evening. “You can’t get any closer to an individual who is homeless than when you sit and chat with them and serve them a meal,” Tibbetts said. “It’s a sense of belonging somewhere,” Tibbetts said.

He encouraged students to discuss the social and economic conditions that cause hunger and homelessness. “Talk more about what’s going on right outside the door,” Tibbetts said, executive board. “You don’t have to serve a meal everyday to make a change. You have to grow your voice,” Tibbetts said.

He said some homeless people cannot or will not be helped but helping younger children will help. “The difference comes in what we do today and how it will affect tomorrow,” Tibbetts said.

On the Rise Director of Development and Communications Laura Lambert presented a video and talked about the services the organization gives. On the Rise “provides a safe space and use the tools to help them move forward.” Over 50 area programs including shelters, medical treatment, legal and counseling centers, transitional housing and government agencies.

She said the Cambridge house provides a safe place for women to come and provide friendship, but they do not force women to reveal their history or current problems. “If you can’t name your issue, it’s hard to start working on it,” Lambert said.

Lambert also suggested that students get involved with volunteer groups and be personable with the homeless. “If you can’t name your issue, it’s hard to start working on it,” Lambert said. “It’s really important to understand that there’s a lot of abuse and trauma history that’s a part of these women … being homeless in itself is being in an abusive situation,” she said.

Lambert suggested that students “give (the homeless) dignity and respect” by making eye contact or small talk with the homeless rather than ignoring them. “Get to know someone as an individual,” she said.

Stand Up for Kids Director and Training and Development Lauren Bologna said it may be difficult to find homeless children, but students can seek them out and help them with their needs. Stand Up for Kids is based on an on-the-streets outreach program to help homeless at-risk youth attain life skills and become members of the community. She said being a homeless child is very difficult because they “can’t go to school, can’t have a job, can’t go to shelters because they’re not 18.”

Bologna said it’s important for students to “can’t go to school, can’t have a job, can’t go to shelters because they’re not 18.”

SOULS Service Scholar Erica Lugo helped organize the discussion. “I think people became aware of different organizations they can volunteer at,” Lugo said.

“Then you have the time to join the volunteer organizations, you can take the time out of your day to show common respect.”

Bologna said helping young homeless people will benefit their future. “It’s those (homeless) kids whose lives you can impact.”

Police Log

Tuesday Nov. 12
9:56 p.m. Reports of larceny in 120 Tremont St.

Wednesday Nov. 13
10:47 p.m. Reports of an individual stuck in an elevator at 150 Tremont St. Kone elevator notified.

Friday Nov. 15
5:35 p.m. Responded to fire alarm at 150 Tremont St.

Sat. Nov. 16
5:16 p.m. Unit 29 involved in motor vehicle accident while driving.

1101 Tremont St.
7:15 p.m. Responds to alcohol violation at 150 Tremont St.
8:52 p.m. Responds to larceny at 150 Tremont St.

Sunday Nov. 16
1:01 a.m. Removal of a drunken individual in front of 41 Temple St.
2:02 a.m. Reports of a party on the 11th floor of 150 Tremont St.
Unfounded.

11:05 a.m. Responds to a party on the 11th floor of 150 Tremont St.

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1:52 p.m. Reports of a fire alarm at 150 Tremont St.

Monday Nov. 18
1:00 p.m. Responds to an intoxicated person in lobby of 120 Tremont St.

2:00 p.m. Reports of odor of marijuana on the 6th floor of 120 Tremont St.

7:42 p.m. Reports of copy machine vandalism. 6th floor of the Law Library.

Mike Ross - Journal Staff

Two DJs talk between segments of their radio show last Friday.
Editorials

Take care of current students before attracting more

Quick, clear your desks, its time for a pop quiz, Globalisation, Local Value, Suffolk MBA

This is a:
A: hoax
B: horribly named course offered by the registrar's office
C: T ad

For those of you that guessed C, you would be sadly correct. This and slogans like it seem to be making up the bulk of the MBA's ad space.

It seems like every time we step into a T, we see Suffolk ads for graduate school, the New England School of Art and Design at Suffolk University or even the criminal justice program.

We're not saying that the school shouldn't promote it self, but the train lines are saturated with uninspiring advertisements from each and every facet of the university. Surely a more effective campaign could've been launched.

These ads are placed among "Guaranteed Swahili" slogans for international language night classes and the occasional Boston University night school program.

These advertisements must be costing the school thousands of dollars. Though she wouldn't give us any numbers, Vice President of Enrollment Marguerite Dennis said the school's advertising campaign is "absolutely working" and numbers are "up, up, up."

A higher enrollment isn't a bad thing, but shouldn't a university work on the contentment of its current students before reaching out to get more? The money used to attract more students could be used for other things.

What about providing more financial aid for the students already here? Many students have experienced a decrease in financial aid. Suffolk (like many other schools) lures new students in by waving plenty of financial aid in their faces. Little Frannie Freshman might choose Suffolk over other area schools because they take the economic weight off her student loans and maybe she won't have to work that second job to pay off the housing tab.

But during sophomore and junior year, Frannie's financial aid is cut about $1,000 a semester and she is forced to move back home and commute to school to save money. (We know students who have gone through this).

What about all those adjunct professors who could use the full-time benefits like health insurance? Suffolk has 312 full-time faculty and 480 part-time professors, according to Suffolk's website. Talented adjunct professors like Carol Dine should be recognized and given the respect they deserve by getting benefits.

How about putting that advertising money away for expansion? Suffolk has been looking to expand for years and the Sawyer library and Health Services are in dire need of the extra space. If Suffolk administrators want to attract so many new students, they need to make sure they have the facilities available.

Due to the Thanksgiving vacation, the Suffolk Journal will not be publishing an issue next week. The next issue of the Journal will be printed Dec. 3.

Letters

Answering CMBA questions

Dear Suffolk Journal,
The International Certification Institute (ICI) recently announced the Certified MBA (CMBA) - the first and only certification program developed to enhance MBA marketability and hiring decisions. The exam has generated a great deal of interest. Because Suffolk enrolls a significant number of MBA students (approximately 800 students), I would like to address some of the questions they may have.

The test measures the core curriculum portion of MBA Programs, consistent with the AACSB-specified content for accreditation. Because of this focus, the exam can be applied universally, regardless of a student's MBA program or area of specialty.

The test is not intended to predict business success, leadership or other intangible qualities - factors that we agree would be difficult to measure with a standardized test. It will also not be used in any way to rank programs.

Because of the voluntary nature of the exam, ranking schools based on test results would not be statistically relevant.

The CMBA designation is a tool for MBAs and businesses to use as a means of differentiation, regardless of the program granting an individual's degree.

Certification verifies knowledge of the fundamentals, allowing recruiters to focus on a candidate's intangible qualities.

We are available to any member of your institution to answer questions or offer additional clarification about the exam. I also invite your MBA students to apply for the CMBA "beta" exam - a chance to earn the designation of CMBA at no cost between now and Jan. 31.

Thank you,
W. Michael Melbane
Managing Director
International Certification Institute

Hunger and homelessness

Dear Suffolk Journal,
November is National Hunger Awareness Month. In an effort to increase awareness of this complex issue the S.O.U.L.S. Community Service Center has planned a number of events to help students, faculty and staff learn more about the reality of hunger and homelessness, take action to help those in need, and support one another as we struggle to recognize our own misconceptions of people on the streets.

In addition to coordinating the annual Canned Food and Warm Clothing Drive, co-sponsoring events with the Caribbean Student Network, Program Council, International Student Association, Student Performing Arts, the Beacon Hill Civic Association, and the Office of Residence Life and Summer Housing a very important collaborative relationship has been established between the S.O.U.L.S. Community Service Center, The Office of Campus Ministry/Interfaith Center and the Islamic Cultural Society.

This relationship has been developed because Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month falls during the observance of Ramadan. Members of S.O.U.L.S. feel that it is important to highlight the parallels between our mission to increase awareness and support of those in need with the principles of Islam. Below, University Chaplain Amy L. Fisher outlines the meaning of Ramadan:

The Muslim world began the observance of the 4th pillar of Islam called Sawm or Fasting on the 6th of November 2002. The backbone of Islam is Five see Homelessness, page

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Uncommon Sense
From Albion to America

This past weekend I received a correspondence from High Street in Edinburgh. Paul is actually from Brighton, England but has been studying at the University of Edinburgh for the past five years. I was able to rally enough interest among friends and faculty to attend an Edinburgh town council meeting, where he and I met. I introduced myself to Paul outside of the town hall chambers and mentioned that I was the "kid from the states" who e-mailed him about getting involved in the Student Union. He was part socialist in his dedication to authoring and supporting legislation that would put a public representative to a safer America

Taking back American capitalism with activism

by Nick DeLena

When Thomas Jefferson was elected president in 1801, he ushered in a new era in the nascent republic's stability. Jefferson's election was the first successful, internal party shift that the country had experienced. Jefferson and his Republican (not today's Republicans) defeated John Adams and the Federalists. Seldom in that era did political power change hands without bloodshed or war. The dream of a stable Republic of the United States of America was then reality. Jefferson was known for his staunch support for the democratic values of free speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religion. He was part socialist in his dedication to the common farm worker, part Libertarian in his old friend Adam Smith's belief that the invisible hand of supply and demand should determine the value of goods and services, and part Green Party in his reduction in the military's size and his support for environmental and agrarian legislation. Jefferson notoriously distrusted judges, bankers and merchants, as he was suspicious of their secretive, self-serving interests.

How does this relate to capitalism? Well, the question should more accurately read: How can we relate to capitalism? We are, after all, a product of the simple and pure Republican ideals laid at the creation of the nation. Massive corporate-like interests lobby state and national legislatures successfully to further their interests. The average worker has seen his or her dispos· income decrease over the past 30 years, while the wealth of the upper five percent has increased exponentially. As companies have grown larger and more influential, their profits and the salaries of their executives have soared similarly. While none of these actions are criminal, they are certainly harrowing and worthy of close scrutiny.

Americans need to take back their country through a peaceful awareness and a focused activism. We should embrace it, as a keen business sens

Warning the way to a safer America

by Michael Dempsey

Take over, Americans—brace yourself!—our government is warning of "spectacular attacks" in the United States from al Qaeda that will result in "mass casualties" and "severe damage" to our economy.

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"I think there's definitely a need for improvement. It was a big hassle."  

Andy Howard  
Sophomore

"It was really bad. I ended up having to call into the registrar's office after two hours of trying to register.

Lauren Giannotti  
Freshman

"It was a royal pain in the ass."

Steve Gibbons  
Senior

"It was very easy, once I called the registrar's office.

Lauren Hagopian  
Freshman

"There's way too much bureaucracy in registering online. I would much rather do it in person because it would be much less complicated.

Angela Babian  
Freshman

**Voices of Suffolk**

**Q:** What did you think of the registration process?

**A:**

Honey, I have a really good idea," I said. My boyfriend glanced over at me with a look that reminded me that my good ideas are usually disastrous.

"Why don't we go to the Holiday Ball at Suffolk? You know, dress up and be all the next word that came out of my mouth was synonymous with using the F-word during Mass. "Romantic. Yes, let's dress up and have a romantic evening. It'll be sooo much fun."-

"Romantically challenged"

by Jennifer Schwenzer

for someone like me to suggest something, anything, even remotely romantic means that either a) I've done something horribly wrong and I'm trying to make up for it, or b) I have an outfit I'm dying to wear that's too inappropriate for school.

My boyfriend and I aren't exactly the romantic type. The closest we come to romance is this dive grill-bar in Chelsea with neon lights where the hostess has to put out her cigarette before she seats us. "May I see your beer list? Ah yes. I'll have a vintage Coon draft 1989."

"That's great sweetheart. What is it for?"

"Dad, why do I have such a boyish attitude, you know whatever it is that makes me enjoy being a girl and yet think like a boy?" I said. My boyfriend glanced over at me. "What all the hell are we doing here? What the hell are you doing?" You'd think the man would have been at least excited, but I think it actually made him embarrassed. Assessing the situation, I took control, "Shut up and get the hell out of the car, now. You are coming inside, like it or not." Most girls would never condone my actions, but if you're in a relationship with someone you trust, you don't let little things get to you. Going to a strip club does not make your boyfriend a cheater, and it doesn't make his friends a "bad influence." If you are sincere and jealous, then ask to go. It's not a big deal.

We walked in the door and a girl existing the stage saw me and waved. "You know her?" Busted. "Yeah, she goes to my, uh, gym. That's right, the gym. She's my spotter." Three minutes and a few drinks later, I had gained enough blurred confidence to lead my boyfriend to a "quieter area" where I proceeded to give him a show that people actualy paid for. Can you imagine that? Paying for a girl to dance in your lap, how silly?

Suddenly his mood shifted. He put down a full beer and whispered into my ear, "Honey, why don't we go home before my pants explode." Tacky, but well said. Now that's romance.

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Sex in the University

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If I ever have a heart attack, it's all your fault.

This question didn't pose any risks. "Well, I guess it's because your mother always made sure your hair was in pigtales and I insisted you learn how to throw a throwball. With a mixture of the two you were bound to turn out the way you did!" Feeling satisfied with his logic, I went back to other matters with my boyfriend.

As the suspicious question about the holiday ball was looming around in my boyfriend's head, the jury was still out for what we were going to do that night. And, then, it came to me. My boyfriend has never been to a strip club, ever. I felt it was my moral obligation to be the first one to take him.

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Romantically challenged by intellects and thinkers, men of such caliber as Alexis de Toqueville, Ralph Waldo Emerson, even John Locke and Thomas Hobbes.

Lous Menad's recent Pulitzer Prize-winning book "The Metaphysical Club" details the lives of thinkers and philosophers the likes of Oliver Wendell Holmes, William James, John Dewey and Charles Peirce, along with all their many academic acquaintances and colleagues.

All of this begs the question: Where are our thinkers? Where are the intellects of the 21st Century? Who will step in to fill this void? Besides invertebrate college professors and New York Times columnists, do we truly have any modern-day philosophers of the magnitude of the aforementioned figures?

This is the first century in American history that has not been founded on an influx of ideas and their respective proponents. Whereas the 19th Century flowed relatively smoothly into the 20th under the wing of late Romanticism and new Progressivism, we have only the increasing outrage or blind partisanship, but no true intellectual basis as has gone before us.

Imagine the result, had more taken up the call to answer the obvious moral, political and philosophic questions as put to us by the events of Sept. 11 and our current war with Islamic radicals, by the revealed hypocrisy of the Roman Catholic Church, and by the most recent threat of war with Iraq. The need for response to such events is not insidious or blind partisanship, but rather an intuitively informed ethos supported by underpinnings of enlightenment.

The classically-educated will be our guides. The call has been made; I give it and I hope others will join me.

In the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., "The test of a belief is not immutability, but adaptability. Our reasons for needing reasons are always changing." America needs reasons now, and thus needs beings of reason to forward the progress of thought.

This fundamental niche in the structure of human history, that of the intellect, the Thinker, must be filled soon, or we may discover too late that it has been eradicated by a far more unreasonable, Orwellian faculty.
African Diaspora

Black Student Union's Annual African Diaspora was held last Friday and featured a celebration of African culture and heritage. (Above) A member of the Suffolk University Dance Squad performs her routine. (Left) Members of the musical group "The Percussionists" play a traditional African song.
(Botton Left) Jocelin Flores dances for the crowd along with other members of the Suffolk University Steppers. (Bottom) Claudia DeLacruz preforms

The Diaspora refers to the forced migration of Africans to the Americas. Much like the Jewish Diaspora, it recognizes a common cultural bond that transcends national boundaries.
Jam to the new Riot Act

Chris Dyer
Journal Staff

Pearl Jam seemed to drift off the radar in the latter portion of the '90s, becoming merely a shell of their former grunge selves, parading in the realm of jam-band ethics, no pun intended. With 2000's Binaural, the band got caught up in experimenting further with satirical muttering and drawn-out twanging. The Seattle quintet somewhat made reinvigoration and new sonic attitude. Although the investigation of new sounds is still apparent, vocalist Eddie Vedder and company try their best for a full-frontal rock assault on Riot Act.

Opening track "Can't Keep It" is a bluesy number showcasing former Soundgarden guitarist Matt Cameron's off-centered beats in tune with the presence of guitarist Stone Gossard and Mike McCready. The song sets the darker themes of Riot Act, conveying feelings of solitude in a dreary and dark world.

Vedder's songwriting takes a worldlier yet personal direction on most of the new disc's tracks, including current single "I Am Mine": "I know I was born and I know that I will die. The in between is mine, I am mine."

The once-classic songwriting team of Gossard and Vedder takes a back step to allow all of the members of the band to voice their musical opinions, and this could be one of Riot Act's best trump cards. Drummer Matt Cameron provides the braving edge of the disc's most powerful tracks, including the riff-heavy "Get Right" and the poignant "In Your Honor." "Get Right" is reminiscent of something off of 1994's Vitalogy, an off-centered palmed melody with Vedder's carefree vocals backed by a rock ensemble. "Cropduster" takes a more laid-back approach, letting a poppy chorus take the forefront.

The third Cameron-written song, "You Are" remains Riot Act's most experimental piece, with waltz-pedals producing the tune's latent and overly funky feel.

Not to be overshadowed, guitarists Gossard and McCready prove that their storm is still the driving force behind Pearl Jam, as the hard-rocking "Save You" hits the same level that "Even Flow" did back during the beginnings of alternative rock.

Riot Act is the profound result of Pearl Jam finding a comfortable sound in a time where grunge has died and been replaced with garage rock, nu-metal and non- abrasive pop. A tumultuous career might be veiled by the band's earlier and more received efforts, however, Riot Act is a trip into the uncharted complacency of true rock 'n roll solitude.

"Aqua Teen": random equals funny

Damien Ricci
Journal Contributor

I consider myself a connoisseur of humor: fully knowing the ins and outs of all time. Like an onion, it has many layers. I am unsure of my taste in comedy, I do consider The Simpsons to be the funniest show ever. If your colleagues are unsure of my taste in comedy, I do consider the title "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" (ATHF) to be the funniest show ever. I would hold that Cartoon Network's "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" (ATHF) is in the same ballpark as The Simpsons. ATHF is hilarious from the "Mooninities" obtaining '70s super-group Foreigner's power belt, poking fun at people who suffer from suicide and depression or how a piece of mold can grow on people who suffer from suicide and depression.

Now my colleagues knowing that, I beg, urge all of you to watch this show. It equals funny, no matter what. So I beg, plead, urge all of you to watch this show. It will not fail you.

ATHF appears on the Cartoon Network on the Adult Swim portion of the channel, which runs between 9-30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Upcoming Concerts

Sevendust 30 Seconds To Mars
Avalon
15 Lansdowne St.
Boston, Mass.
Wed. Nov. 20
6 p.m.

Flickerstick
Middle East Club (D)
480 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, Mass.
Thurs. Nov. 21
9 p.m.

Karate
Check Engine
Middle East Club (U)
472 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, Mass.
Fri. Nov. 22
9 p.m.

Riddlin' Kids
Don't Look Down
Bill's Bar
5.5 Lansdowne St.
Boston, Mass.
Sat. Nov. 23
4:30 p.m.

Gray gets emotional, eloquent at 'Midnight'

Dana Forsythe
Journal Contributor

For many radio listeners, David Gray's 'Babylon', his "Babylon" was completely out of left field. Much to their surprise, Gray put out three moderately unsuccessful albums before "Babylon" even a jingle on the radio.

Just slightly under the pop radar, Gray followed up the Grammy-nominated White Ladder with the acoustic-hillbilly-laden Lost Songs: '95 to '98. With the release of his seemingly sophomore effort A New Day at Midnight, music lovers will find a selective collection of wisful and at times melancholic lyrics backed by beat-driven piano, acoustic guitar and the soothing vocals of the Wrecking Crew Orchestra.

In 2001, on the heels of White Ladder, David Gray, his songwriting partner and multi-instrumentalist Virtuso, Clune, and studio visionary, Jason Polonkin returned to his Chicago studio (all 20 by 10 feet of it) to record A New Day at Midnight. From the opener "Dead in the Water" to the somber and symbolic "The Other Side," Gray's new record has a distinctly heavier feel than any previous album.

The songwriting focuses much more on the musical ends of production than White Ladder, letting the songs unfold without time constraints into time periods. It's clear that A New Day at Midnight is a project created in the present for Gray, and the songs reflect an artist in a whirlwind time of change while trying to seek and maintain his own truths. As Gray said, "The task I faced was to get past all expectations for the follow up, and get on with the job of writing and recording some music that articulated how I was thinking and feeling in the here and now."

Scraping left over songs from previous years and sessions, the writing process didn't end until the mixing stage of the record. Surprisingly, "The Other Side," one of the best songs, was written only days before the end of the session.

"Midnight"'s lyrics mostly address loss, because of Gray's father's death during the writing process. But A New Day at Midnight has its lighter sides. "As the title expresses, there's a vividness to life even at the bleakest, darkest, moments," Gray said. "Those are the moments you get the most out of other people. It's as though the poignancy of the thing almost gives you a lightness. You feel free of all the stupid shit."

Reflecting that sentiment, songs such as "Caroline" and "Long Distance Call" are filled with upbeat melodies while maintaining the lyrical theme of the record. Not to say lovers of White Ladder will be disappointed by the new David Gray.

In many ways A New Day at Midnight is an extension of its major label debut predecessor. In using mostly the same people, studio and slightly improved recording techniques the new album comes off as a deeper, more insightful chapter in Gray's book. If you liked White Ladder or especially Lost Songs, pick up A New Day at Midnight. Just as the simplicity and texture of White Ladder lent itself to creating a wholly cohesive album, similarly the deeper feel and affecting lyrics of A New Day at Midnight find Gray backing his own in meaningful and touching songwriting, churning out one of the best records to surface in a while.
**Fashion and the City**

**Great gifts for $50 or less**

By Lauren Cole

"Jingle, Jingle" as you gather change for some extra cash needed for the holiday season. Buying gifts for your loved ones can sometimes put a deep hole in your pocket.

Are you walking 20 laps around the mall and only coming out with a fruit basket or gift certificate? Well, those days can soon be over. Picking that special gift for someone you care about can be eventful and inexpensive. No need for those crack a dawn sales to get a good deal on something nice. Be original and stylish when you shop. Here are a few luxurious holiday gifts for someone special without having to be in holiday debt.

By Her: Try Prada's Lip Tint Beauty box for only $42.00 at any local Neiman Marcus Department Store. As seen in Lucky Magazine (December 2002) this distinctive beauty box was designed exclusively for beauty by Prada's fashion team. Each box is tinted in a red, translucent hue and includes black planner keeps all your makeup needs in order. In a black-on-black striped nylon, the planner is both practical and chic, with a side flap that has snap closure, a round mirror and silver, metal tab engraved with the Neiman Marcus logo. This stylish planner comes with a warm and cool color palette with six eye shadows, two blushes, three lip glosses, mascara and eyeliner duo, five application brushes and a dual applicator brush.

Kate Spade Skin Therapy at home for $50 is a steal for quick, luxurious spa treatment. Exclusively at Bloomingdale's this signature Kate Spade travel case with body moisture, body wash, travel candle, sleep mask and a terrycloth hair band is a fabulous treat for the holidays.

For Him: Dolce and Gabbana shall hat for $50 is great find for any man. The hippest hat this season offers fine ribbing, 100 percent wool and various colors from chocolate brown or black. At $49.95, Shaper Image cordless head trimmer comes with a warm and soft plaid cover. The company claims a 10 minute charge allows you to work around the house or yard while enjoying state-of-the-art audio and keeping up with the news or sports.

Saks Fifth Avenue is offering a special holiday Marc Jacobs Cologne Compact for only $50. Enjoy the intoxicating scent of Marc Jacobs cologne in a new solid compact form for the holidays. The sleek signature compact fits perfectly into its own white faux-leather zip case. Travel friendly and accessibility for all occasions.

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**Holiday Ball**

Program Council invites you to attend the Holiday Ball Join us for an evening of dining and dancing on

**Friday**

Dec. 6

7 p.m. - 12 a.m.

@ the Swissotel

$15 per person

**Tickets on sale**

Nov. 14

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**Now Playing**

"Half Past Dead"

Steven Seagal (left) and Ja Rule star in "Half Past Dead." Seagal plays an FBI agent trying to stop a criminal mastermind from infiltrating a high-tech prison.

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**Computer Guru's Technology Weekly**

**Technology within our grasp**

By Nicholas C. Silva

Technology: Within Our Grasp

These days, it seems as though a pencil and pad just won't cut it. For the technology savvy, the obvious replacement is now the stylus and touch screen. No matter where you go, whether it is a walk across campus, or out to the local Stop & Shop, people are pecking away at their Personal Digital Assistant's (PDA's for short). PDA's are on the rise, and on the verge of total domination. They are revolutionizing the way we do mobile computing.

PDA's allow us to do an unimaginable amount of things. The basics of which involve taking notes, creating a to-do list, and setting reminders.

The newest models of the bunch allow us to play games, take pictures, listen to mp3's, and even surf the web in addition to the basic functions.

There are two main types of PDA's available to the eager consumer. Palm and Pocket PC. Palm's operating system runs on Palm, Sony, and Handspring PDA's. Pocket PC runs on Compaq, HP, and Toshiba. The less popular PDA operating system, Windows CE, runs on Casio models.

It is clear upon sight, which PDA uses which operating system. Palm operating system has an entirely icon driven menu system, with the icons separated into different categories. Microsoft's Pocket PC looks similar to the Windows operating system that we're all come to know and love.

No matter which device you have, or will soon purchase, the benefits of owning one go on and on. What other device do you know of that is as small and can do as many things? Take the Sony Clie NX70V for example; it's Sony's newest, top-of-the-line, color screen model. The NX70V has an integrated digital camera and comes bundled with software to take still pictures or motion video, of which can later be uploaded to your computer. It is also capable of mp3 playback and doubling as a remote control for quite a few audio-visual devices.

Small and portable, these multimedia machines are capable of doing some unbelievable things. If the feature you seek is not already integrated into the device, it is probably available for purchase as an accessory.

Whether it is cases, cameras, headsets or full size keyboards to take notes in class with, that you are looking for, they probably exist for your particular model.

With a wide range of accessories, and a lengthy list of capabilities, there is bound to be a PDA to suit your needs. Besides, while you're busy tapping your stylus on the touch screen, you'll be helping to save a tree!

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**Technology Update:**

Palm M130

A recent class-action lawsuit was filed against Palm for advertising its M130 model as being able to display 65,000 colors. The M130, in reality, can only display 58,641 colors. Palm is offering to give owners of the M130 a full refund or a copy of SimCity. If you are interested in the refund, visit: http://www.palm.com/support/m130program/m130program.html

Computer Guru does not recommend buying a PDA without doing a sufficient amount of research on which model will best suit your needs.

E-Mail your computer/technology questions to SuffolkCompGuru@hotmail.com.
Like it or not, we’re an Empire

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into account, and what I think most Europeans refuse to accept, is that the United States is an empire that is not going anywhere anytime soon, at least not until the European Union emerges as a countervailing force in world affairs.

This isn’t defeatist realism or jingoism. It is common sense, factual observation. But I am not discussing the status of American Imperial domination tout court. What I am discussing however is the objective fact that the existence of the American Empire presents us with two unambiguous choices: action or inaction.

We can demand that the empire practice impotence and cease all foreign activity, as some “anti-imperialists” have suggested. Or we can advocate for a policy of imperial non-aggression.

Since the prospect of being impotent doesn’t appeal to me, I’m going to opt with imperial non-aggression. Such a policy would permit the U.S. to, in a very small way make good on its past transgressions by siding with the democrats and not the dictators in foreign countries. This would help promote genuine stability in the region. The status quo is simply unsustainable and must be altered.

I wrote most of the above to my friend Paul by responding e-mail. No doubt I will be in receipt of a contemptuous reply within days. And so it goes.

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Homelessness from page 4

fundamental pillars:
1. Iman- The belief in the Oneness of God
2. Salah- Establishment of regular prayer 5 times a day
3. Zakat- Concern for and almsgiving to the needy
4. Sawms- (Fasting) Self-purification through fasting
5. Hajj- Pilgrimage to the sacred city of Mecca

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. It is during this month that Muslims observe the Fast of Ramadan. Lasting for the entire month, Muslims abstain from food, drink and sexual relations during the daylight hours and at sunset, each day, culminate their fast by eating some form of food with friends and family. Muslims normally wake up early in the morning, before sunrise, to eat a proper meal that will last them throughout the day until sunset.

Ramadan is not merely the abstinence of food, but is a time of worship and contemplation. It is a time to strengthen family and community ties and build individual character. It is a time to let go of worldly desires to focus on Islam and build personal strength. It is a time of sacrifice and purification bringing a direct understanding of the suffering of those who are hungry at all times of the year.

The Prophet Mohammed is quoted as saying that one is not a good Muslim who eats and leaves a neighbor hungry. At the end of the month of Ramadan each Muslim must make a financial contribution to charity in observance of the 3rd pillar of Islam.

To learn more come and join the Suffolk University Islamic Cultural Society at the Office of the Campus Ministry/Interfaith Center, and the Islamic Cultural Society at Suffolk University. We invite you to participate in the many events this month, and hope that by coming together we will continue to work toward understanding among all members of the Suffolk community.

For more information contact The Islamic Cultural Society or Amy L. Fisher, University Chaplain ext 8325.

Sincerely,
Amy K. French
Associate Director of Service Learning

Monday, Nov 25
5:00 p.m.
Donahue Cafeteria

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What do all these things have in common?

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• Enrollment
• Housing
• Financial Aid
• Registration

You!

Come to the Campus Issues Forum
(Tomorrow) Thurs., Nov. 21
1-2:30 p.m.
Donahue Room 311

Discuss important issues affecting you
with Suffolk University administration and staff

University Dateline

For more information for getting your event listed in Dateline contact the Dean of Students Office at (617) 573-8082.

Wed., Nov. 20
Common Grounds Coffee House
Featuring the Suffolk Ramifications
Donahue Cafe 7 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 21
SGA Tuition and Campus Issues Forum
Donahue 311 1 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 22
Rhythm & Soul: An expression of culture as seen through the art of dance!
Donahue Cafe 5 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 23
RCC trip to NYC
Call 305-2500 for more info.

Mon., Nov. 25
International Thanksgiving Dinner
Donahue Cafe 5 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 26
Seriously Bent Improv Show
C. Walsh Theatre 8 p.m.
Hockey vs. WNEC
Boston University Arena 6 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 27
Residence Halls close at 2 p.m. and reopen December 1 at 10 a.m. for more information call 305-2500.

Note:
Order forms for semester passes may be accessed on the web at www.suffolk.edu/studentAct or picked-up through the Office of Student Activities or the HUB, located in the Sagan Lobby, Donahue building. Contact the Office of Student Activities if you have questions regarding discounted T passes (617) 573-8320. All forms must be received in the Student Activities Office by Dec. 6 to be eligible for Spring 2003 passes.
Rams on the rocks

Andri Hery
Journal Contributor

Suffolk defeated Nichols College Nov. 16 4-5. Saturday the Rams played Nichols in the Curry College Hockey Classic. This game the Rams exhibited the skill and talent that they have to offer. Ending the first period, the Rams had taken a 2-1 lead with their first goal scored by defensemen Matt McRae and forward Brett Belcastro. Forward Scott Goodman then asserted Suffolk's lead with a goal assisted by defensemen Rick Gigante.

In the opening of the second period the Rams came out strong. Delaney barely gave the Nichols goalie time for his blades to cut the ice as he scored in the first minutes of the period assisted by Belcastro and Forward Ryan O’Neil. Nichols then scored during the middle of the second period bringing the score to 3-2. The Rams answered their goal with a vengeance picking up speed as Goodman capped off the period with an unassisted goalfinishing the second period 4-2.

Nichols came back in the third with two more goals, however Goodman closed the game by completing his series of goals with a hatrick assisted by Donovan.

The Rams displayed tremendous promise for the season ahead with their first win against Nichols.

Suffolk Rams lost their game Sunday night to Curry College 0-9. The Rams started off their season on Nov 9 against Salve Regina with their first loss of 0-3, then went on to play Johnson & Wales on Nov 13 where they lost again 4-5.

A note from the reporter:
A common complaint among Suffolk students is that the university doesn’t have any sports. The problem is not necessarily with the sports teams, but the lack of support from the students. I ask all of you, where is the love?

One of the most vital aspects to the success of a team is the fans who stand in the freezing cold to cheer their players to victory. Let's not be the type of fans who only watch when our team does well. We may not have our own stadium or our own rink, but that doesn’t mean you cannot catch a night game.

Suffolk's next four games will be played at Boston University, Suffolk's home rink. Let's give the Rams a crowd on their side, so come and show them some love.

Men's Basketball Preview

Suffolk's men's basketball team is very close to NCAA Tournament appearances. In the early stages of the season, lone senior and captain Tom Carey said “this year's team is more like a tradition of excellence. Suffolk’s men's basketball team is very small, yet strong and talented. They defeat their opponents with terrific playing styles and strategic plays. They are on a quest to bring home the Division III Championship trophy.

This year's Suffolk team features many new and old faces. The team consists of a solid group of sophomores and juniors that contribute on the offensive and defensive ends. Though Suffolk has many key losses such as 1,000-point scorers Jason Louis and Winston Daley and a starting 6'6” center in Kenny Kody, they look to continue to win. The players not only plan on continuing to win, they also plan on making it two straight NCAA Tournament appearances. In the early stages of the season, lone senior and captain team Tom Carey said “this year's team is more physically and mentally tougher than last years.”

Suffolk belongs to the very competitive GNAC Conference and for the past few years now every team in the GNAC dreads their visit to Regan Gymnasium.

If I were to rank Coach Dennis McHugh with the other coaches in the GNAC he would go right in at the top. McHugh earned Coach of the Year honors in the GNAC and now, entering his eighth season at the helm, he looks to build up another team. But, on the contrary, Coach McHugh who seems to run unsophisticated offenses should also credit his success to the people that surround him.

On the Suffolk schedule this season, a Division I opponent is listed. Suffolk will face the Northeastern University Huskies in a showdown at the historic Matthews Arena. Most players are anxious about the cross-city trip to Huntington Avenue because it gives the players a chance to showcase their talents and prove to them that they can play with any body. This also gives the Suffolk players the honor of stepping on the same floor where former Husky and Celtic great Reggie Lewis once walked.

Suffolk will have their first test this upcoming weekend when the team travels over to Babson to compete in the Babson Invitational, where they will square off against Anna Marie.

Junior Chris Fritch is a battle-tested point guard from Torrington, Conn. who has built his game in the GNAC. While Fritch is a very quick player his jump shot is considered suspect and that is what makes Chris a true point guard.

Sophomore Chris Emma is known mostly for his defence rather than he defense. Chris does a great job by creating shots for himself and may have one the smoothest jump shots in the GNAC.

Senior Captain Tom Carey Captian is arguably Suffolk best player. After taking on the duties as team captain last season, he will have to do it again this season, but on his own. Carey has a great jump shot and his signature fade-away has proved many times to be deadly. Tom’s heart and dedication should help place Suffolk on the map.

Sophomore Tom Maccia, a physically strong Redman-like player, has great game and clean up the glass at will. Night in and night Tom could give Suffolk valuable minutes of the bench.

Junior Eric Jenkins is a center with an outstanding game in the low post and surprisingly from outside the paint and the arch.

Freshman Guard Scott Meier has a jump shot that someone should frame. Late in the game, Scott should become their go-to guy.

Junior Center Marc Borghesi, a heady player, has great game and a superb jump shot. He also received rookie of the year honors last season with Meier. Chris tighte is Suffolk's most fundamentally sound player.

Alex Morin - Journal Contributor