Campus minister issues alert on Christian groups

Adam D. Krauss
Journal Staff

With the school year underway Suffolk's campus minister wants to alert students to certain religious groups that infiltrate college campuses this time of year to recruit new members.

The Reverend Amy L. Fisher, especially concerned for international students and people new to Boston and the dynamics of college life, says there are a few groups with "destructive tendencies...that we need to watch out for."

Groups high on Fisher's watch list include: Boston Church of Christ, Campus Crusade for Christ, Interavity, and Jews for Jesus.

"The whole issue in a nutshell is sometimes these groups come on campus in a very intimidating way to try and get a person to change their religion," especially first-year students and international students, Fisher said.

"Many of our international students are not Christian so it's a very tempting 'target' to convert somebody to Christianity who is from another country, " Fisher said.

"The groups' recruiting tactics are rather unassuming," Fisher said, "I can't emphasize how subtle it is which often makes it hard to understand that this is being done to you," especially first-year students and international students, Fisher said.

"These groups often approach you in a very friendly, outgoing manner and try to encourage you to go to religious events without telling you that it's a religious event," Fisher said.

Fisher said the groups' recruiting tools are "not quite as sophisticated" and resort to what she described as "scatter-shotting."

"They're aggressive but nice in the sense they are unassuming, well dressed...and very polite," Fisher said.

"If you're shy normally, or withdrawn normally - not a social butterfly - then these groups often approach you." Fisher said.

"The best thing I can say is if somebody asks you to go somewhere for a reason that sounds peculiar, always be on your guard, always ask questions and don't go alone," Fisher said.

"These new religious groups," Fisher said, "are "by no means contained to college campuses but because we are in a heavily concentrated college place of the world, it's a good target area at a good time of the year."

Fisher said these groups, not to be confused with Jehovah Witnesses who maintain a more tolerant stance, "are not acceptance of diversity" and don't "view women necessarily as being equal" or "acceptance of all lifestyles."

"If these groups mind their own business we're not going to care who they worship," Fisher said. Such groups force their members to "wear certain types of clothes, date certain types of people" and drill into people's heads that their "message is more important than any of these secular activities," Fisher said.

Fisher has conducted training sessions with resident assistants, and wants students to know there are people on campus to talk to. "My work-studies and I can provide you with information," Fisher said.

Aware of the ramifications around labeling a group a "cult," Fisher said: "We have to be careful of the word cult. There's been some danger done to good and decent religious movements by people opposing them with the word 'cult.'"

Fisher encourages people with questions to check out www.religiousmovements.org to learn more of the underground world of cults.

Kendelle Martin, a freshman from Connecticut, said she has been approached so far this year by members of a religious group and would not be very interested if she was. "If you want to go to a different religion you can go seek it out. They don't have to come to you," she said.

Abdulla Al-Khalifa, a junior from Bahrain, said: "I'm a Muslim. I think that if somebody approached me I wouldn't say yes. I'm not interested in exploring any other ideologies."

Stephanie DeMarco, a junior, said: "As it stands this campus is fairly diverse and shouldn't be slammed with any sort of religious context."

Rev. Fisher can be found in the campus ministry/interfaith center in Donahue room 535.

Clubs swap, combine rooms

Jenn O'Callaghan
Journal Staff

Students returning to the Activities Center on the fourth floor of the Donahue building will notice a few changes to several student clubs and organizations this year.

Over the summer the Student Activities Office and the Student Government Association reviewed office requests and worked out a reorganization plan. The result was a major consolidation in order to make room for more groups.

The reorganization forced clubs to now share office space with different groups. The Student Performing Arts Program, as well as SCULS, are among those that were moved to new offices.

The Student Government Association's office now includes the Finance Board and additional space for new groups recognized by SGA that need an interim space to work in. The high demand for office space this year can be seen by the fact that every office except for the radio station is being shared by two to five groups.

In putting the groups together in one room, SAG tried to pair similar groups together where it was possible. The opportunity then for clubs to share resources has increased, students say, as well as encouraging cross membership among groups.

Rob Laurent of Students for Peace and Justice said SAG succeeded in putting similar groups together because SAG is sharing an office with other "progressive" groups.

One of the new groups to receive office space is the Suffolk Step Team. Haris Hardaway, a member of the group, expressed the group's appreciation for receiving office space and believes that sharing an office with four other groups will be a very good experience.

In an attempt to make clubs more accessible to people who would like to become involved, the SAO is now requiring that clubs have official office hours.

Executive board members of clubs are expected to commit to two office hours per week.

According to Director of Student Activities Aurelio Valente, as the space in offices move closer to capacity, office hours, club activities, programming, meeting frequency, participation in the community and utilization of a club's budget will play an important role in distributing office space.

Table 7

Stephanie Maclin
Journal Staff

Tables lined Temple Street yesterday as members of the Suffolk community came out in droves to usher in the new school year. Students and faculty took in the cool afternoon breeze as they mingled with clubs representing different organizations and groups.

Amidst this year's tables were those of Amnesty International, Suffolk Students for Peace and Justice, South Asia Students Association, Suffolk Radio, and the Performing Arts Group.

The Heiligen Club's Bea Pagnanopulos said the club is planning a Greek Festival as a welcome back for both returning and new students.

Spirited members of Suffolk Sisters had high hopes of drawing interest to their organization. The group formed near the end of last year and are striving to promote unity on campus.

Those interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend a meeting on September 16 during the activities period in room Donahue 535.

One of the objectives for members of Amnesty International is exploring the global fight for human rights, specifically focusing on the liberation of political prisoners within the United States and worldwide.

Members of Students for Peace Justice, one of the university's more political groups, gathered dozens of signatures of interested students. The South Asia Students Association was also present and members said they enjoyed the chance to meet prospective members.
Suffolk welcomes largest freshmen class

Suffolk University will welcome its largest freshman class ever in September 2003. The university expects to enroll 788 freshmen, an increase of nearly 17 percent over last year's entering class of 670 freshmen. Suffolk's enrollment management program, focused on integrated marketing and the new Student Welcome area, has contributed to the increased numbers.

As the anniversary of September 11, 2001 approaches, the Suffolk community will seek ways to reflect on the tragic events of that day, the memories of those lost, and the selfless acts carried out by people across the country, the world, and in our own community. In an effort to meet the diverse needs of the Suffolk community, the Office of Campus Ministry/Interfaith Center along with the S.O.U.L.S. Community Service Center have worked to create opportunities for reflection and community service.

In addition, the Deans of the College of Arts and Sciences, Sawyer School of Management, and the Suffolk University Law School will be placing flowers in memoriam in their respective lobbies. Each school will provide an opportunity to leave a message in the spirit of the day as well.

Community Service and Reflection Opportunities for 09/11:

- Clothing Drive for the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans: Donahue Lobby, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Serve a meal to those in need at the Thursday Night Supper Club: Donahue Lobby, meet at 5 p.m., St. John's the Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin Street, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Suffolk welcomes largest freshmen class

Suffolk University will welcome its largest freshmen class ever in September 2003, a class of more than 900 students distinguished by its academic achievement and diversity.

Applications for freshmen increased by 29 percent, and, to date, enrolled students have increased nearly 17 percent over last year's entering class of 786 freshmen.

Suffolk's enrollment management program, focused on integrated marketing and the new Somerset Residence Hall, all contributed to the increased numbers.

- Public Affairs

Does your club or organization have a press release or notice that you would like to present to the Suffolk community?

Contact the Suffolk Journal by e-mail at suffolkjournal@hotmail.com or by phone at 617-573-8323 to place a brief. Please submit briefs for Wednesday issues by Monday at 5:00 p.m.
There is a virus going around campus. Have you caught it? No, it doesn't cause a sore throat or weird looking spots; it's a computer virus, a worm if you will, and you could be its next victim.

On August 17, a number of viruses entered the computer system at school and many other computer systems around the country. One of these viruses is referred to as the "MS Blaster."

Fuad Yatim, director of computer networking at Suffolk, said the cause of these viruses is that the student's computers are not patched with "virus software vulnerability." In other words, student systems are not protected.

Usually with this software, computers alert the user of any viruses that might be in the system and what they can do to prevent it from getting into theirs.

These viruses "invite your PC to attack other computers," Yatim explained. Although the virus does not cause any harm to the PC itself, once the virus is on one computer it is very easy for another computer to receive it if both systems are on the same switch.

Yatim claims that Microsoft has been aware of these viruses since July, but did not notify system users of the risks and ways around the virus.

Unlike Microsoft, Yatim and his team are working on precautionary measures in order to prevent something like this from happening again. About 1,000 copies of CDs that will scan computers for any viruses will be distributed to resident assistants this Friday, Sept. 12. The resident assistants will then hand these CDs out to students on their floor. Instructions on how to install these CDs will also be included.

By January, before spring semester, Yatim is also hoping to have a virus scanner so that something like this can be prevented.

Some shots of the new 10 Somerset St. dorm: A pool table's view of the student lounge, above. Below, a skyline view of Boston from a stairwell.

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Opportunities at the Journal

Another semester and a new series of graphic designers review writers copy editors reporters editors pagination reporters photographers office assistants

The Suffolk Journal is about to begin. We are looking for fresh, new talent.

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Editorial

A coming of age

It seems strange that every year, more people graduate and more new faces appear, but this change is all the more poignant when it hits close to home. The Journal has graduated many of its staff members and contributors and seen an entirely new editorial staff come to control production over this past summer. A daunting task, no doubt, for a fresh group of people to have responsibility for such an expected publication suddenly fall on their shoulders; suddenly they are the mentors, with obligations to expectant others hoping to learn from them. But it is also, undeniably, an opportunity to leave a new mark and make a unique impression on the Suffolk University and its student body.

Over the next year, we fully intend to continue representing the journalistic integrity and quality of reporting for which the Suffolk student newspaper has come to be known. More than simply carrying on the successes of the past, however, we hope to continue to improve our style, credibility, comprehensiveness, ingenuity, facilities, and overall ability to provide you with a better, more enthralling weekly publication.

With that in mind, the 2003-2004 Suffolk Journal editorial staff would like to welcome the new faces and with the departed a fond farewell. Being that the theme of much of this issue seems to be an encouragement for students new and old to involve themselves in their surroundings, we will officially push the issue: get involved in Suffolk, get involved in Boston - just get involved. Whether you are writing for us, shaking it up over in SGA, or high and mighty with Suffolk Peace and Justice, activity almost always defeats passivity. You define your college experience as much as it defines you, and to unabashedly quote cliche, you only get what you put in.

Speaking to the incoming freshman class, from a somewhat elevated level of experience, we urge you to do follow our advice. Suffolk is an urban school first and foremost, and as such it does not initially lend itself to those seeking an easy in to the social atmosphere. Often it takes a while to settle in and find your particular niche. You will find that the keg parties are few and far between, the quad is nonexistent, and the last thing you will see anyone wearing to class is pajama pants. It is not your typical suburban college. If you give it a chance, however, certain advantages will become apparent. Suffolk students maintain a social life that is as active, if not as campus-based, as any other university, and in joining it you will gain a Boston experience that is unlike that of your friends at BC, UVM, or UNH talk about.

To those jaded sophomores and juniors, and even our fellow seniors, enjoy this coming year, for we think you will find yourself remembering it fondly sooner than you believe. With the passing on of last year's Suffolk superstars, comes the opportunity for the creation of more.

Your comments, questions, praise and criticisms are all welcome: Letters to the Editor are printed on a weekly basis. Send all letters to:
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Donahue Lobby, 9 AM - 6 PM

Help on the rise, a women's day shelter, prepare their annual mailing.

Donahue 403, 11 AM - 3 PM

Stop by during your lunch hour, between classes, or even if you have 20 minutes to spare. A group will be working together along with staff from On the Rise to help fold, stuff, and label large mailing envelopes. This is a great way to help the community, and not even leave campus! Sign ups for the October 21st S.O.U.S. Blood Drive, 1 PM - 2 PM will also take place.

HELP WITH THE THURSDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

Donahue lobby, meet at 5 PM

St. John's the Evangelist Church, 46 Bowdoin Street.

Help to cook and serve a meal for those of us having a hard time making ends meet.

Contact Amy Fisher at 617-573-8320 or email afisher@suffolk.edu for any questions or to volunteer.

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Remember those who have served our country. Take time and go through your closets to find any gently used men's and women's clothing. Bring all items to the Donahue Lobby on Thursday, September 11th from 9 AM until 6 PM. All articles will be taken to the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Please make sure that all items are clean, and in good repair. Blankets, gloves, and jackets are also welcome.

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To discourage dissent

In an interview with CNN on Monday, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld failed to fully conceal his displeasure with critics, domestic and foreign, of the United States' policy in Iraq and Afghanistan. He stopped just short of saying that his administration was intent on literally drinking the liquor that critics of the war have been pouring over it. Such is the caustic nature of this debate in politics. In functioning as it was intended, freedom of expression can easily be misunderstood to go into Iraq with a coalition of the unwilling. All this was delivered in the moral and unapologetically Christian voice that has defined the Bush administration. This week's op-ed will maintain that this is not the kind of debate in which the United States should engage. With Attorney General Ashcroft off on his whirlwind tour promoting the fascist intent of the unconstitutional Patriot Act (yet another column), the Secretary of Defense is bringing to the national debate a reassessment of the real issues involved in the current war. It is thus the tree of journalistic canon must be overturned before the works, though my sources shall remain nameless. Most importantly, of course, the Suffolk Journal is always on the lookout for new student writers. My own Opinion section has graduated many of its graduates, and thus the tree of journalistic canon must be watered with fresh blood. So, talent. And with vigorous condensation of apathy of the individual worker? Well, I'm hoping to end my most recent and introductory diatribe. "In lazy apathy let stoics boast

"The war against the terror masters began in September 2001, following just the merest glimpse of the evil that was 9/11. It was that one moment that sparked the war in Iraq, in the center of the war against terror. The American people put their trust in President Bush as he continues to secure the American homeland, and make the world safe for democracy.

On March 11, I stood before the Student Government Association and explained why Saddam Hussein posed a clear and present danger to the United States. I outlined the case for war, and why immediate and decisive action must be taken. While the body in attendance pro-
Horror catches a flesh-eating ‘fever’

Chris Dwyer
Journal Staff

Most commercial horror films of the latter day era tend to stray towards the “Scream”-esque line: a bunch of beautiful 20-somethings parade before a certain masked stalker/killer who hunts them down amongst a drab dramatic storyline. Director Eli Roth (a Newton, MA native) has a sick sense of solitude over his directorial debut “Cabin Fever.”

Whilst the film fits the bill for one of those factory-produced outlets of “wannabe” horror with its story (those gorgeous 20-somethings celebrating the end of their school boy crush on close friend Karen (Jordan Ladd), and the token slut Marcy (Amanda Detmer) of “Detroit Rock City” and “Swimfan” fame) decides to wander into the woods to test out a little gun on some unfortunate squirrels. After a few missed shots, he accidentally nicks a hermit who seems to be infected with a skin disease. That same hermit is seen at the opening moments of the movie bringing a dinner of freshly hunted rabbit to his pet, a German Shepard whom he tries to wake up, but only manages to pull the dog’s leg and peels away the animal’s hides, spraying blood in his unsuspecting face.

And then comes the descent from sweet-natured relationship-themed cinema to hellish anguish of gory proportion. Here’s where Roth really shines as a director, as “Cabin Fever” becomes a throwback to the late 70’s/early 80’s horror films that defined the genre.

The smooth gore is all there; whether it be seeing Karen’s unpleasant lack of flesh on her face area after the virus had eaten away most of her skin, Marcy shaving off most of her leg hair in the tub, or a yucky masturbation scene that’s just plain sick. The ending itself is an all out gore-fest in pure masochure.

It’s all fun and games until the flesh eating bacteria enters the fray; some good old fashioned gory horror is eerily displayed in “Cabin Fever,” the directorial debut of Newton native Eli Roth. The flick opens this Friday, and stars Cerri Vinton (above) and Rider Strong.

Buckley’s memory lives on

Amanda Bellamy
Journal Contributor

Listen to Jeff Buckley’s Live at Sin-e with headphones and it becomes a personal experience with Buckley right there in the room. When he asks, “Do I look like Matt Dillon?”, you’re tempted to answer. The two, intimate recording sessions that comprise the double disc set highlight Buckley’s humor, incredible range and love of performing. Live at Sin-e is the rare intimate experience that doesn’t suffer from overproduction; it is the raw live portrait of an artist developing in your ear. Before entering the studio to record his full-length debut Grace, Buckley performed twice more at the Sin-e Café in New York City. From the opening accapella track, “Be Your Husband” to the transcendent “Night Flight” Buckley’s voice soaks through every note with ease that even the castrates of Italian opera must envy.

For Buckley fans, Live is 157 minutes of pure bliss. Each of the 22 songs stands as incredible testament to the limitless possibilities of Buckley’s fledgling career. With some quick tuning of his guitar, Buckley slips into a cover of Bob Dylan’s “If You See Her, Say Hello.” Buckley makes two appearances with “If You See Her, Say Hello” and “I Shall Be Released.” Finally, Buckley delivers a heart-breaking rendition of Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah” to finish, in Jeff’s words, the perfect “love note to Sin-e.”

Thirteen monologues range from a punk version of musical chairs to Buckley’s best Jim Morrison impression. He taunts the audience with an impromptu song, “It’s a fabulous time for a Guiness.” A bad start Buckley stops a song and laughs at his bad note before apologizing. He also addresses a friend, “Good night Bill” and comments on “the suckiest test ever” he has ever had. Each bit adds to the live atmosphere, surprising and amusing any listener an accurate account of Buckley’s presence on stage.

It’s easy to make assumptions about where Buckley’s career would be if he were alive today. With Live at Sin-e, the potential Buckley held as a major musical influence is not only evident, but also obvious.
New breed of boy bands invade mainstream

Mike Ross
Journal Staff

One of the joys of attending an urban university is that just outside the classroom walls is the big city. There are a plethora of places to eat if the cafeteria food just isn't doing it for you anymore. Within four minutes of almost anywhere on campus, there are three reasonably (for a college student) priced establishments, each offering a different type of quick, on-the-run meal. Located part way between the Donahue and Sawyer buildings, Deme Street Deli is as close to the 6 p.m. range. Around lunchtime during the week, the restaurant's small size becomes apparent. The location is not only ideal to students, but also to state house employees and office workers from the Beacon Hill area and can become very busy around 11:30 a.m. Unless you are dining alone, it will be easier to get your food to go and find somewhere else to eat.

Café Podima, 168 Cambridge St., has a very unique and more varied menu than Deme, as well as frozen yogurt, it is Just the texture that and the last group, but they have converted the trend loving, mainstream, hip hop into something a little different. The olive oil and vinegar (tomatoes, basil, oil and vinegar) is the best thing on this plate. With over 40 different flavors, including decadent coffee and cheesecake flavors, they actually take a slice of the confection and drop it into the mixer with the yogurt, you have enough choices to make it through any work day without getting the same desert twice. The frozen tofu may sound odd, but the flavor is very similar to yogurt, it is just the texture that (that come with French fries), and marinated chicken breast with feta cheese in a pita roll-up. There are several salads on the menu, how-

Beacon Hill offers grub variety

Joe Spallone
Journal Contributor

I have to agree that Vanilla Ice is in fact. Good Charlotte. Here's a band that dresses the punk rock part more than any of the others.

Benji Madden is covered in tattoos and proudly wears shirts and stickers of under­ground punk bands in order to gain slight acceptance from the punk scene.

These guys have to be the closest thing to the rock in this whole genre and even have some friends in the underground punk scene.

As close as they are at attempting any mod­ern credibility, they fail miserably and I think they've accepted that.

These guys have helped convert thou­ sands and thousands of teeny boppers into punky boppers. Their music is a sad mix of pop punk attitude with ultra poppy and unoriginal riffs and topped by patented high pitched vocal attempts.

There's more bands like this worth ripping into but time and space prevent me from doing so.

There are more bands like The Ataris, who sing about being high school kids when they are clearly hitting 30.

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And of course, last but not least, the band that started this whole punk band phenomenon, Blink 182. Thanks a lot for running around naked and making these copy cat bands think they could get popular.

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Welcome Month 2003

University Dateline

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

Sept. 10
Leading in Service Info Session, 4PM, Donahue 403
SOULS Steering Committee Meeting, 5-6PM, Donahue 535
Sr. Accounting Seminars at the Career Service Center, Tickets on sale at the HUN
$10 Dinner at Hard Rock and Shear Madness
$10 Red Sox Tickets

Sept. 11
Career Doctor in Sawyer Lobby, 12:45-2:15 PM

Sept. 12
WGBH Boston Ice Cream Fun Fest Setup, Meet in Donahue Lobby at 11 AM
Cross-country/Rivier (w) 4:45 PM (m) 4 PM

Sept. 13
W. Tennis vs. Emerson 12 PM
Volleyball vs. Lasell 12 PM

Sept. 14
Performing Arts Welcome Reception in Donahue 403, 6 - 8 PM
Comedy Night with Sabrina Matthews at 8 PM, C. Walsh Theatre

Sept. 15
1st Program Council Meeting, 1 PM, Donahue 207
Dance Troupe Audition, C. Walsh Theatre, 7:30 PM
Chorus Auditions, Donahue 307, 7 PM
Fall Fest Info. Meeting in C. Walsh, 6 PM

Sept. 16
AMANA Student Welcome Reception, Donahue 403, 3:30 PM
Common Grounds Coffee House, Donahue Cafe, 7 PM

Sept. 17
Common Grounds Coffee House featuring THE BAD WINE FIELD

Sept. 18
Shear Madness

Sept. 19
GLBT Student and Ally Welcome Reception

Sept. 20
SGA Elections

Sept. 21
Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles

Oct. 1
Drag Coffee House

Oct. 2
SGA Fall Leadership Retreat

Oct. 3
Ninth Annual Family Weekend