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Topping the priority list this year for the president of the Student Government Association is creating a new constitution, installing cash machines on campus, developing a universal teacher evaluation form and increasing voter participation among students.

President Dave Rodrigues, a senior, who spent a good chunk of his summer reorganizing aspects of SGA, said the association is "undergoing [a] voluntary constitutional review instituted by the executive board," which consists of three other members.

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SGA sets plans for 2003-2004 school year

Band of students focus on environment

Jenn O'Callaghan
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Concern for the environment is bringing students together to form Suffolk Students for Environmental Action. The group is looking to create awareness and address key environmental issues. Members hope to be recognized by the Student Government Association within the next few weeks.

"We put in our constitution yesterday and hope that it will be accepted in a week or two," said Jack Hamm, a sophomore, treasurer of the group.

Once Students for Environmental Action is a recognized organization, they will attempt to determine which environmental issues they would like to focus on. Nevertheless, one clear goal articulated by Hamm is to develop "a better recycling program because it is a huge issue, especially on a college campus."

Currently there are bins for recycling paper on campus, but there isn't a recycling program for bottles, cans or plastic. The group also would like to look into what happens to computers once they are no longer usable because disposing of computers is becoming an increasing environmental concern, Hamm said.

The group hopes to "expand recycling to all recyclable materials on campus," Hamm said. Another area that the group will be focusing on is environmental awareness. They hope to educate members and other students.

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SGA President Dave Rodrigues presides over the Finance Committee's weekly meeting in Donahue.

Andri Hery - Journal Staff

The Ashburton Park behind the State House has partially reopened. Exterior renovations to the building that began nine months ago forced the park to close. According to Neil Kilpeck, superintendent at the bureau of state office buildings, the north side of the park that runs parallel to Derne Street is open; however, the stairwell leading up to the park is set to open in November after a memorial to law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty is erected. The south side of the park, which runs along Mt. Vernon Street, will remain closed for the foreseeable future because it is "a coal pocket...where coal was stored for heating" the State House in its primitive years, Kilpeck said. He would not comment whether new security precautions would be put into place when the park fully opens.

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**Examing Suffolk’s gem:**
An Insider’s perspective of the new 10 Somerset dorm

Diana Rossi
Journal Contributor

What do you call a 19-story building with an incredible view, an atrium, a cafeteria with flat screen TVs, and showers with floor-to-ceiling windows? The 345 students who live there may call it home, but in the back of some students’ minds the new dorm at 10 Somerset Street is full of kinks.

As the students in this “state of the art” dormitory piled in on move-in day, most were astounded by the amazing view, which from some rooms stretches from the Boston Harbor to the Charles River. But what happens when the view is simply just not enough? What happens when students start to see that this incredible building is a little unfinished?

Once students tore themselves away from their windows, little imperfections started to appear. Arguably the biggest concern of most of the residents at the Somerset dorm is the bathrooms. You might find it interesting that in the new dorm bathrooms connect two separate rooms to form a cluster.

Although there are locks on the inside of the bathrooms, there is absolutely no way to lock your cluster mates out of your own room if the lavatory is not being occupied.

Students have expressed concern over this, especially those meeting their neighbors for the first time. Asked what precautions would be taken if a resident discovered their things missing from their room, and presumed one or more of their cluster mates was to blame, Officer Willene Benjamin of Suffolk University Campus Security said: “I had no idea the rooms were like that, but if an issue like that is reported, all we can do is ask questions. We don’t have cameras in the rooms, so it would be hard to prove anything.”

The first instinct of many students is to go to security when something is missing, but campus security actually cannot do anything about it.

In fact, the security guards aren’t even allowed in our rooms unless students let them in.

Students should talk to Shalwin Werner, director of residence life at 10 Somerset Street, if they experience a problem within their cluster.

Werner said that the office “hasn’t had any problems to speak of... that we know of.”

She assured residents at Somerset that if something does happen, however, the situation would be handled “aggressively by the residence life office. We would take something like that very seriously, and would work with the resident assistants to handle it immediately.”

On the issue of why the rooms were not equipped with locks to keep rooms from being accessible by cluster mates, Mike Feely, counsel to the dorm project, said: “The fire department and the department of inspectoral services required that there be no locks on the outsides of the doors. It’s a fire and egress code issue.”

Werner said, “Everyone has to have two exits out of their room, and since the windows do not open, that provides a second.”

Stacey Sklaver, a sophomore who lives at the dorms, held a positive stance on the issue. Sklaver said, “I like it because if I forget my key, I can always be let in through my cluster mates’ room.”

George Sprit, the resident assistant for the 16th and 17th floors, does not see the bathrooms as such a major issue. “A dorm is based on trust, whether it is your roommate, or cluster mate, or someone down the hall.”

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SGA 'rocking the vote'

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Possible modes of raising the awareness level that the group may pursue include having a table on campus where students can get information and posters on environmental campaigns, Hamm said. The group also hopes to develop resources that they can use to guide students who seek additional information about the environment who may want to pursue employment in the field. Hamm pointed out that some faculty members at Suffolk have experience in that area. Hamm believes that college students are concerned about the environment. Hamm said that the group has "about ten people who are definitely members. We got about 50 people interested in finding out more about the group at the Activities Fair." Shortly after they are recognized, members of the group hope to have posters around campus with information on when and where they will hold meetings. Hamm, who started organizing the group, said that his concern for the environment really developed while he worked as a commercial fisherman. He said that working in that industry showed him a great deal about the pollution it can cause. Hamm recalled, "I got tired of seeing it and decided to come back to school and do something about it."

9/11 inspires outreach

Amanda Bellamy
Journal Staff

After the events of September 11, 2001, President George W. Bush asked Americans to step forward and sacrifice parts of their lives for the betterment of their nation. Many responded by joining volunteer programs such as AmeriCorps in record numbers. Here at Suffolk, students took advantage of the chance to become involved in volunteer opportunities on campus.

Last week, to commemorate the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks two years ago, throughout the day students frequented the Donahue building to help SOULS, the community-based service group, with a mailing to announce the outreach program On the Rise's new facility in Cambridge. Emily Oats, a member of the campaign staff for On the Rise was available in the Donahue building from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Students stopped by to help with the mailing.

On the Rise aids at least 22 homeless women a day, some with children. They provide hot meals, showers and access to a lawyer and doctor. Through S.O.U.L.S. various drives and donations have been collected at Suffolk to help the program.

When asked about the turnout, Oats enthusiastically replied that the day went "really good" and that having the opportunity to help the program was "so nice." Katrina Manriquez, a senior, said she got involved because she was "wondering about opportunities on campus."

She echoed the attitude of not only the Suffolk community but the nation as a whole. Manriquez later added, "I wanted to come out and do something."
The Unpatriotic Act

The Patriot Act is a big problem. Attorney General John Ashcroft went on a multi-state, coast-to-coast tour of America to stump for the legislation. Students and activists across the nation came out in fiery packs to denounce his claims that the act cracks down on terrorists and has been instrumental in preventing future attacks. Stronger legislation, known in some circles as Patriot Act II, is apparently on its way. Our liberties have reason to seek counsel.

The Patriot Act is a direct assault on Americans' most basic - and cherished - rights. It grants the federal government sweeping powers to carry out an army of hidden agents, including the ability to wiretap and sneak and peak searches that are about as undemocratic as mushy apple pie.

It took some time, but Americans, especially young Americans, have evidently had enough, and have begun to take to the streets to challenge the federal government. Last week, over 1,000 people of all ages from all sorts of backgrounds gathered around Faneuil Hall - the so-called "Cradle of Liberty" - to protest the attorney general's appearance there before Governor Mitt Romney and members of the Boston Police Department, among other apparent Ashcroft supporters.

For the politicians who were literally locked out of the public building, all they could do was chant and bang drums and proclaim, "This is whom they're targeting inside has made it relatively clear that he's not society are made to scream at a building, especially when the person to whom they're targeting inside has made it relatively clear that he's not interested in their opinions - their rights. That doesn't seem to be accomplishing much.

Just days after Ashcroft's Boston appearance, President George W. Bush made a speech seeking to abolish certain sunset clauses of the Patriot Act in addition to setting up more provisions that would make it as easy as ever for authorities to be granted search warrants, among other things. Certainly, the Bush administration feels good about the legislation they were able to push through Congress while the country was still getting up from being crumbled to the ground. Who can blame them? The Patriot Act is a band of demagogues' best weapon.

There are students on this campus who have had enough of this administration's bully tactics. There are people in Washington, DC, like Massachusetts' own Ted Kennedy, who has been about as hardcore an opponent of the act as you will find, who are fighting for true patriot's legislation they were able to push through Congress while the country was still getting up from being crumbled to the ground. Who can blame them? The Patriot Act is a band of demagogues' best weapon.

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The Patriot Act is symbolic of another American problem: instead of dealing with the source of a problem - that which inflames people's tempers enough to smash planes into buildings - those in power decided to create another problem, one volatile enough to possibly cause this nation to one day implode. Its name is the Patriot Act, and it is an intrusive factor against which we must continue to strive.

Dear Suffolk Journal,

I am writing this letter because I am deeply offended by an article that appeared in last week's edition. I am not an avid reader of the Journal, however the headline caught my eye. After reading "Campus minister issues alert on Christian groups," I felt compelled to respond to the horribly inaccurate and virtually slanderous remarks made about some very legitimate Christian organizations. It is a disgrace to me that a "diverse" campus such as Suffolk cannot include Christian groups.

I fail to see why people attending a university in a free country should be warned against such organizations. Had there been justifiable cause for concern presented in the article I might have agreed that students should be informed to use caution in their encounters with such organizations. However, such evidence was not provided other than the grossly false accusations of gender inequality and intolerance. Might I remind you that simply because you don't agree with something doesn't make you intolerant. Last I checked people were still allowed to have their own opinions.

With that in mind I think we should do just that and allow students whether they are new to the country or just new to Boston to develop their own opinions. Let the students decide whether or not they would like to change their religion. I believe they still have that right and I think they are smart enough to make that decision on their own. If they are being told to "wear certain types of clothes" and "date certain types of people" I give them enough credit to know to get out. I do not think it is fair for organizations such as Campus Crusade for Christ and Intervarsity to fall under the implied heading of "cult" when they are legitimately affiliated with many healthy Christian churches in Boston and across our nation. These are not "new religious groups" but have been around for quite some time to primarily offer religious support to Christians on college campuses as well as any others who might be interested in learning more about Christianity. I fail to see the harm in that. It is a disgrace to me that a "diverse" campus such as Suffolk cannot include Christian groups.

I can only hope that our campus minister gets her facts straight and stops giving out such horribly inaccurate information to students looking for religious guidance. It saddens me to think that there could be such disregard for the truth. It is such a disservice to the students at Suffolk.

Thank You,

Lindsay Sylvester
An atheist's creed

By James Cornier

I must admit that my eyes light up when the opportunity to debate organized religion comes about, and that is why, when Ms. Sylvester's letter to the editor (printed on the opposite page) condemning campus minister Rev. Amy Fisher's warnings against Christian groups came in this week, I feel barely restrained myself.

Allow me, however, a brief preface. For my entire life, from the moment of my baptism, propagandizing parent, Catholicism. I attended parochial school for twelve straight years, from kindergarten to my senior year in high school, with all its inclusive theological propaganda. The majority of my family are practicing Catholics. I have never met Reverend Fisher, and can't comprehend how I can be called "home."

Running off a couple of Red Bulls and no lunch, the day continues to drag on. Much to my dismay, I forgot that I got myself involved in something that there's no backing out of. A good friend of mine is getting married in Florida in October, and had scheduled a tux fitting for that night. The last thing I need is an old Italian man squeezing me for a tux, yelling at me because he picked out the wrong size jacket. Will this day ever end?

With classes comes a bulky amount of reading, none of which is mildly enjoyable. After a half hour's job and talking to the girl friend on the phone for a while, it's finally time for some well-deserved shut-eye.

Now we're heading into the point of this column. College is not an untamed ride through life; there are many arduous components that fulfill a student's life. Sure, I might reach a sympathetic ear here at Suffolk, but you know what you're thinking here: "Hey buddy, stop your bitching." I promise, there is a point to this column, and we'll get there eventually.

The afternoon brought upon some wonderful meetings that are unfortunately mandatory for the big chief of this paper. From there, it's finally time to head back to Beantown either, that'll surely scrape some of that stress off your back.

In the words of the eminent Axel Rose, "Just a little patience, yeah..."

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Peace and the survival of life on earth, as we know it, are threatened more and more by human activities that lack a commitment to humanitarian or conservation values.

The destruction of nature and the abuse of the planet's natural resources displays society's total disregard for the environment, a complete lack of respect for the world and its inhabitants, and good old-fashioned human greed.

This lack of respect extends to all of the inhabitants of the world. If acts that degrade and diminish the planet and its defenses and resources are not stopped, or at least slowed down, future generations will inherit a vastly degraded planet lacking many of the original animal and plant species that existed while we were here.

In his novel "The Fate of the Earth," Jonathan Sennett writes: "Extinction is not something to contemplate; it is something to rebel against."

I want to insult your intelligence by going over the many species that have been erased from history due to humans.

But I will say that the extermination of a species or a race of people is unacceptable. Nowhere can these threatening actions be better seen than in the dollars worth of human lives that make peaceful revolution impossible.

In Newfoundland, for a few months out of the year, fishermen of that province put aside their fishing gear and pick up their clubs, pugs, gafts, and spears, and head out for the harp seal hunt. Every year, thousands of harp seals converge on the large ice floes in the Gulf of St. Lawrence to mate and give birth to pups. The Canadians have decided to resume and subsidize the killing of over 350,000 harp seals between the ages of two and four months. The seals are chased across the ice by the sealers, clubs crushing their skulls, spikes cracking through their jaws.

In any case, many times the skulls are not crushed and the seals live through the blow to the head. This is tragic for the seal because if it lives, it will feel the pain of being skinned alive by the sealer.

It is a horrible thing to watch; if you look closely, you can still see the seal writhing under the pain of the skinning.

It is a gruesome sight to see thousands of skinned seals, more readily than in any insect, piled on top of each other like so much garbage.

The saddest thing about the whole hunt is that when all is said and done, what the sealers profit from the seal pelts and penis- bone is that when all is said and done, what the sealers profit from the seal pelts and penis-bone of a bird that I've never even seen up close and personal, yet for only a dollar a day anyone can help feed a starving child in Kosovo, Kenya, Alabama or Arkansas? All of this in the name of vanity. It is deplorable.

And then there is the subject of "scientific whaling." This is what the two countries like to call the slaughter of what is one of the most gentle, loving, intelligent, and obviously enormous animals in the world.

Now imagine that benevolent, docile creature being shot through the stomach with three or four explosive grenade-headed harpoon points, then dragged onto the ship where it is bled dry of thousands of gallons of blood. The butchers proceed to carve large squares of flesh - approximately 15 inches square - to make your thirty thousand dollars worth of profit.

If we can't make violent revolution then no president will be able to win with the people. Two hundred and fifty thousand votes in any state could make the difference between a Republican or a Democrat. If we all stop playing the passive roles in elections, we have the power to make politicians need us.

The grassroots really do have power, and we will use it soon in the grasses. If I were to put the neo-con "revolution" in its place: the past.

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The world and I are one. May we all strive to feel this way at the end of the day.

Fighting the good fight without violence

One of my favorite quotes is "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible make violent revolution inevitable," attributed to JFK.

That line has served me as an optimistically grim prediction of the future of the world.

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Large advice for the largest freshman class

Michael Fruzzetti

Upon reading the Suffolk University press release titled, "Suffolk University Welcomes Largest-Ever Freshman Class in 2005", I decided to dedicate this article to all of you. After all, you are the class that keeps the upperclassmen's tuition lower and our parents from filing bankrupcy.

As a freshman, there are some things you need to learn and aspects of college life that you must understand. Rather than finding out the hard way, I have decided to put forth my valuable wisdom, which should in fact be beneficial to your success or failure (I have yet to say my methods are foolproof) in your first year of college.

Now I should start by telling you that college is not easy, but I'm not going to do that, and neither will you, because it is possible to get through your first year trouble-free.

There are three simple rules to getting good grades; do your homework as assigned, attend parties on the weekends and not weekdays (well ok, just a little drinking and partying during the school week is fine), try to treat your professors like they brought you into this world.

Actually I take that back, because we all know that we have not been doing our homework - those wicked people that they are. Instead, just kiss the professors' ass. The combination of these two factors are sure to get you good grades, or at least make you feel like you did something other than yawn and socialize in your class.

For those of you that are fortunate enough to have your parents pay for your college education, it is good to show them that you are actually making an attempt to possess it. If I were to describe the freshman year as a singer without all the cash while at Suffolk. Although we think empty beer bottles display productivity, parents like to see that their children are getting involved in the University's programs. Don't, instead, call tell them how it is possible to appease them, join a club or get involved in the power that we have to elect (or reject) the elite white men running for president.

Big business gets to write out our laws because they make or break elections. It's about time we started controlling our own government.

It's a bit of a pill to swallow, Reform isn't nearly as fun as revolution. It is clear however that we will not be bombing our way to world peace, and we will not be educating our way to any mass uprising.

It's sad, but we all need to deal with it; there are no more revolutions. We can be reformers or we can be marginalized.

If we don't fight the good fight we may win.
The dark perfect step in a circular direction

Chris Dwyer
Journal Staff

A Perfect Circle are of those so-called "supergroups" that levitate above the realm of their collective. In their case, the end product could be considered more admirable than the individual members' original counterparts. Thirteenth Step, the band's second opus, furthers the dimensions found on their debut, 2000's breakthrough Mer De Noms, a disc in which many shrugged off as a one-time lucky strike of a side project.

This time around, the lineup deviates for the better, as returning members Maynard James Keenan (fresh off the Tool train), founding mastermind Billy Howerdel and session drumming expert Josh Freese are joined by former Smashing Pumpkins James Iha and low-end jetdrill White, aka Twiggy Ramirez, formerly of Marilyn Manson.

The album lingers on the side of dark beauty; it is a collection of painful retrospection and one of vague yet riveting concept.

Opening track "The Package" clocks in at over seven minutes, and for the most part it contains a haunting relay between deep bass, light drums and Keenan's unearthly croon. White's brooding bassline is walloped by Freese's muffled beats before emptying in an avalanche of bludgeoning guitar frenzy. Freese's muffled beats before empting in an avalanche of bludgeoning guitar frenzy.

Unlike most of the tracks on the disc, "A Stranger" is an ornate acoustic number, complete with an anthemic chorus and distorted crunches of guitar. "The Nurse Who Loved Me," originally recorded by Failure, is a more exploitation of orchestra and a very unnatural Keenan singing in pop tone.

"I'm taking her home with me all dressed in white, she's got everything I need, phar­macy keys. She's falling hard for me I can see 'em in her eyes, she acts just like a nurse with all the other guys."

"Pet" could be Thirteenth Step's hardest rocker, as Howerdel and Iha's down­town riffage would easily fit on major rock radio. Keenan's screaming layers perfectly over, "lay your head down child, I won't let the boogeyman come. Count like the bodies sheep to the rhythm of the war drums."

A Perfect Circle have broadened their visions on their new disc. The addition of Jolie White and James Iha might have added yet another touch of dim veteran musical montage, but it's truly the connection between Keenan's haunting lyrics and Howerdel's uniquely unearthly songwriting that drives this disc.

Thirteenth Step is more than just an album; it's a somber display of patchy grief.

Amanda Bellamy
Journal Staff

Maybe it's the eyes or the imme­cent, disarming demeanor or maybe Haley Joel Osment was just innately gifted with the ability to reduce an audience to tears. "Secondhand Lions" may not be the best movie ever made, but it is a flick that delivers an edible bite of the family movie genre.

Robert Duvall and Michael Caine brilliantly play two aging, cantankerous, Texas uncles oppo­site Osment's wayward 14-year-old. Supposedly in possession of millions, the uncles eventually soften towards Osment and become the father figures he never had.

Left by an absent-minded mother, Kyra Sedgwick, Osment is instructed to find the uncles' lost treasure.

He instead spends his time with the farm's pet pig, "Nice dog, nice dog," carousing with the numer­ous dogs and being generally sur­prised by his Texan uncles' reck­less behavior.

Along the way, Osment and audience hear the tale of the broth­ers' time in Afnca. Flashback moments, aka "Arabian Nights," may seem cheesy and tacky, but these incidents add color and humor to the main plot­line centered around 60s Texas.

Director and writer Tim McCandies (also responsible for "The Iron Giant") is able to take the audience from the backwoods of Texas to a forgotten scene of romance and war in Africa with ease.

Duvall, not surprisingly, plays the role of reluctant uncle and troublemaker effortlessly. After a brief stint in the hospital, Duvall recovers and eats a lunch of BBQ ribs. He finishes with a bar fight worthy of Russell Crowe's praise.

British Caine delightfully keeps pace with Duvall's Hub. Possibly one of the more versatile actors ever, Caine is able to deliv­er brilliant one-liners and solicit empathy from the audience in the same scene.

The two become counterparts in scavenging away salesmen, by shooting at them with shotguns, disposing of money-hungry rela­tives, by shooting at them with shotguns, and fishing, by shooting at them with shotguns. They make it worth the ticket price. If you feel like bonding and taking your grandmother out on a date, this is the movie.
Neil Young brings “Greendale” to Beantown

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Neil Young took the stage last week in Boston and announced, “These used to be new songs...They’re about a place called Greendale.” The crowd cheered, the music rolled, and as if the man on stage had a little something extra up his sleeve this night, a bountiful harvest moon gently rose off the harbor to cradle the show. Known to be the shaky type, Neil Young’s shows, at least in the past five years, have never been more successful than his current tour of America. Released just a few short months back, Greendale (Reprise records) is an album about a “little trip” to a “mellow place” where “about 20 to 25,000 people” enjoy the wonders of nature, according to the thick pamphlet that accompanies the disc, which also comes with a bonus DVD performance of Young at Dublin, Ireland in 1971. On this night Young was in standard form. He nestled up to his microphone and for most of the songs stayed put, keeping his comments short and his solos stretched. Wearing faded jeans and a Greendale t-shirt under an open collar shirt and a baseball cap, Young orchestrated a “rock theater,” as one concertgoer put it after the show. He played nearly every song from Greendale, receiving huge applause for “Falling from above,” especially when he sang: “Sing a song for freedom sing a song for love/Sing a song for depressed angels/Falling from above.” While he sang and played, a cast of characters performed behind him on an elaborate stage that embraced a set of a country town, from house porches to neighborhood pubs to county jails. Jamming with the band that he has experienced some of his greatest musical moments with, together Young and Crazy Horse played while the actors added a physical dimension to the songs. These two components - the music and the play - offered fans a cinematic experience to clutch their hands around. It was obvious that Young was using the video screen behind him to push some messages, like war. His name was Robert Rodriguez and in 1992 he could not have imagined a film he wouldn’t do in the flick. He not only directed, produced, and edited the film, but he is also the cinematographer, composer, set designer, and editor. The film stars Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek, and Johnny Depp. El Mariachi was also the cinematographer, composer, director, and not as easy to get as the first two films. Hayek is once again playing the role of El Mariachi. "Mexico" blends the elements of the first two films very well. The movie was shot digitally and it gives the film low budget feel of the first. Even though the movie cost $29 million it only sells one of the first two films put out by Hollywood today, it definitely kept the high paced action of the sequel. The film seemed to lack a little in its plot. Though the story was good it was too complex and not as easy to get as the first two films. Personally I think it's worth at least a second viewing to fully understand. Overall "Once Upon A Time In Mexico" was a well-added chapter of the series.

Johnny Depp fuels the high octane rush of "Once Upon A Time In Mexico."
Matthews draws rounds of laughs at C. Walsh Theatre

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Journal Staff

Sabrina Matthews brought the C. Walsh Theatre to tears Monday night. A prominent comic figure in the gay and lesbian community, Matthews has performed worldwide and been the star of her own Comedy Central show, "Out There in Hollywood." Returning from a summer spent touring England, Matthews brought close to 200 Suffolk students to the C. Walsh Theatre for a free performance exclusively for Suffolk students.

This event, sponsored by the Program Council and the Rainbow Alliance and Diversity Services, was declared a "success" by Program Council President, Matt Wilder.

Wilder says, "The main objective was to see people enjoy themselves and they did." Matthews, like a true comic, poked fun of airlines and "failed supermodel" flight attendants. She encouraged the audience members to participate in the show. When one patron was reduced to crying hysterics, Matthews stopped the show and allowed her time to recover. One show-goer received fashion tips from the comedienne, "What's with the thermal shirt underneath the T-Shirt?"

Some jokes were familiar to those in the audience who had seen her television show. Matthews lampoons her obvious lesbianism with statements like, "You just thought this was an unfortunate haircut?" and "I drive a fruck. The surprises just keep on coming." Other topics Matthews highlighted included masturbation, "It's strange to hear a girl say 'whack off,' isn't it," British slang and her mother. Matthews, who emits an accessible air, provided an hour and a half of delightful distraction from the rigors of University life. She easily related to the college audience and gained new fans with ease.

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It was a triumphant Saturday afternoon for the Suffolk University women's volleyball team, as they defeated Lasell College three games to one.

The Lady Rams hosted Lasell for a matinee match-up that Suffolk dominated and controlled the entire afternoon.

The best of five series started off with action and excitement that Suffolk would carry throughout the entire match.

Trailing early by a score as much as 17-10, the Lady Rams mounted an impressive comeback, chipping away at the lead held by Lasell.

Suffolk eventually took control of the lead, ending Lasell's try to tie the first game 30-32.

It was more of the same in game two, as Suffolk came out on top of yet another back-and-forth game.

Led by plays from senior captain Jennifer Harrington, Suffolk showed the relentless attack they bring to every match. Harrington commanded the Suffolk assault with rocket-like kills that gave Lasell little chance to revive their chances of taking control. Coach Elaine Schwager praised the play and effort of Harrington.

“Jennifer was very huge for us, she just dominated,” Schwager said.

An essential part to the team, Suffolk "ran all of our offense essentially from her," said Coach Schwager.

In the end, Suffolk's offense put Lasell away in game two, and Suffolk took two games to zero lead in the match.

It appeared as though Suffolk was going to take out the brooms on Lasell and complete a three-game sweep.

But, Lasell showed signs of life and toughness in the third game, mounting a comeback of their own.

Lasell was down by as many as eight points, but rallied back to take the lead and the game 28-30, and even Suffolk's overall lead two games to one.

However, Lasell was only delaying the inevitable, as Suffolk finished off Lasell in game four by a score of 24-30.

More outstanding team play by the Lady Rams kept Suffolk on top throughout the final game, and helped them win the game 30-24.

Rich Parenteau
Journal Contributor

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match three games to one.

The team captains, Krystle Ongaco, Jennifer Harrington, and Erin McMenimen all agreed that a vital key to the win was more of the team’s remarkable passing, than the violent spikes and offensive output.

“Passing is a real big thing,” said Ongaco. “It’s hard to do that stuff without passing well.”

Suffolk’s game plan, teamwork, and all out effort undoubtedly made up the recipe for a win.

The Lady Rams dove to keep the ball alive and sacrificed their bodies one point at a time.

Unlike Lasell, they looked set and ready on every play, inviting the ball to come to them.

Being prepared and focused may not sound important, but it’s something Coach Schwager sees as essential. “We’re trying a lot of things we haven’t done before, and those little things make a big difference in the end.”

Perhaps the most obvious quality of the team is their tremendous unity.

The Lady Rams work together gracefully; from those who are out on the court, to the rest of the team cheering and showing continuous support from the sidelines.

Jennifer Harrington knows teamwork is important to help build team unity. “It’s definitely something we are focusing on, and will be building more during the season.”

Coach Schwager added, “It is certainly an expectation of ours to look like a team out there. We have a very classy group of ladies.”

With the win on Saturday, the Lady Rams improved their record to 2-3 on the season.

They look to improve in the standings this Tuesday, when they host Umass Boston, and Thursday when they play Roger Williams University.

Both games are at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Ridgeway Gym for any and all to attend.

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Sept. 17
Conversation Workshop, 12-12:50 PM in ELCA
Graduate Writing Workshop, 3:30-4:20 PM in ELCA
Common Grounds Coffee House, 7 PM in Donahue Cafe
AHANA Student Welcoming Reception, 3:30-5:00 PM, Donahue 403
MetroWest Alumni Chapter: An Evening of Early Americans, Wayside Inn, 6 PM

Sept. 18
Lowell Lecture Series, 1 PM, C. Walsh Stars Meeting, 1-2 PM
Study Abroad Info. Session on Czech Republic, 1-2:15 PM, Donahue 403
International Mentor Workshop, 1-2:15 PM
McDermott Conference Room
Seriously Bent Auditions, 1:15 PM, B104
Pronunciation Workshop, 3-3:50 PM, in ELCA

Sept. 19
Varsity Golf, Little 5 Tournament, 1 PM
Optional Practice Training, 1 PM
Graduate AHANA Student Social 6-9 PM at the Harp, Free Admission with Suffolk ID

Sept. 20
Intercollegiate Leadership Summit, 9:30 AM
Cross-Country UMD, (m) 12 PM, (w) 11:15 AM
Women Tennis Match vs. Western New England College (H), 12 PM
Men’s Varsity Soccer vs. Norwich University, 1 PM

Sept. 21
Fifth Annual 5K Road Race, 10:30 AM, meet at the Lee MDC Pool

Sept. 22
Conversation Workshop, 12-12:50 PM in ELCA
Graduate Presentation Workshop, 3:30-4:20 PM in ELCA
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