Fraternity and classes of '08 and '07 lose SGA funding

Suffolk Journal Staff

The Suffolk community found itself shocked and in disbelief after hearing the news of Beacon Hill's first rape in over a decade.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 14, a young woman was attacked at gunpoint outside her apartment on Joy St. The event has caused a stir on Beacon Hill, drawing strong reactions from female students here at Suffolk.

Vicky Chu, junior, was on her way to meet her roommate in her dorm at 10:15 p.m. when a man appeared and led her into an apartment where they called police.

The man then proceeded to tie the woman up as well and after robbing the apartment, the assailant, described as being in his twenties, fled the scene.

Soon after, the woman freed herself and ran to a neighbor's apartment where they called police.

In light of Sunday's attack, Dina Moeller, a Joy Street resident, organized a meeting on the Nov. 16 for all women in the neighborhood to come together. The meeting was meant for participants to discuss the tragedy, as well as means in which to prevent another one.

Moeller originally planned for the women of Beacon Hill to meet at the Hill House at 74 Joy Street, to accommodate more people.

Moeller said women in Boston needed to adjust their mindset and become more alert.

"Awareness is key," said Moeller. "People may be less cautious about locking their doors and [being] aware of their surroundings... it's the simple measures.""
**NEWS Briefs**

**Samaritans named by Counseling Center**

Suffolk University Counseling Center has announced winners in the Suffolk Samaritan Award 2004-2005. Omar Cerame Ramirez, an undergraduate, created the idea for an Oasis Room to provide a location for students to feel relaxed and renewed. WSBU will develop an ADAPT Public Service Announcement. Other winners include students from an evening section of Rhetorical Communication with their professor, Mark Rotondo, and a group of four graduate students, one undergraduate and their professor in the psychology department, Sue Orsillo.

**Remembrance day planned**

In honor of the sixth-annual Transgender Day of Remembrance, the Suffolk University President's Office of Diversity Services is planning a “wall of remembrance” for victims of anti-transgender violence.

**Great American Smokesout: Nov. 18**

The American Cancer Society’s 28th annual “Great American Smokesout” is Thursday, Nov. 18. The Society is asking the estimat ed 1 million smokers in Massachusetts to go smoke-free for the day, and consider giving up smoking for good. Smokers who quit by age 35 can avoid 90% of the risks from tobacco, including lung, heart, kidney, and bladder problems, according to the society. The Society asks you consider not smoking on Thursday, Nov. 18 and maybe making not smoking your new habit.

**Who’s Who deadline approaches**

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges is calling Suffolk University seniors to apply for one of the highest honors for students. The competition is open to all senior schools across the United States. The selection is based on GPA as well as involvement in campus life, including activities such as athletics, community service and jobs. Who’s Who applications are available at www.suffolk.edu/whoswho, or the Office of Student Services or be able to provide such documentation at the time of application. “We send documentation at the time of application. We send the information to the student’s home address.”

**Flu shots under the radar**

Christopher DeFillippi
Journal Staff

Over 48 million doses of flu shots, half of the United States’ supply, were lost when the pharmaceutical firm Chiron’s supply became contaminated with bacteria.

For former presidential candidate John Kerry, America’s shortage of flu vaccine is a campaign issue.

For Suffolk students, the shortage is much less of an issue. "We were very fortunate that [Health Director Sharon Yardley] was very forward-thinking and ordered the shot well in advance," said Associate Health Director Brenda Helmman.

"There’s quite a bit left, probably about 40 to 50 doses available. Ideally, people will get them sooner than later." Although the past two decades, the number of companies that manufacture flu vaccine for distribution in the U.S. has whittled down from dozens to just two: the aforementioned Chiron and Aventis Pasteur.

The influenza virus mutates rapidly, a new vaccine must be invented each year in order to combat it.

For these reasons, manufacturing a vaccine is expensive and compared to other pharmaceutical endeavors—not especially profitable.

Still, influenza kills between 20,000 and 40,000 people annually, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

There is a significant shortage of vaccines nationally, so there will be limited eligibility for Suffolk students interested in receiving the shot.

Generally, young adults are at a low risk of suffering dangerous side effects from the flu.

"We’re only giving flu shots to students with a documented need," said Helmman.

"Only people with very bad asthma, immunocompromised disease and things like heart conditions.

Students who have diabetes controlled by medication, cystic fibrosis, lupus and cerebral palsy would also be eligible for and encouraged to receive the flu shot. Although most Suffolk students are unlikely to suffer any severe effects from the flu, they are still at a greater risk of contracting it.

"College students are at risk because they tend to burn the candle at both ends," said Helmman.

"They stay up late writing papers and studying for exams in the middle of flu season." In order to reduce the risk of contracting the flu, Helmman made several recommendations.

"You should keep washing your hands, get enough sleep, avoid big crowds with lots of people sneezing and coughing and take vitamins," she said.

The Health Services Center is located on the first floor of the Fenton building. Eligible students can get flu shots this Wednesday, Nov. 17 and Thursday, Nov. 18 between eight a.m. and nine a.m. and four and five p.m. for ten dollars.

Students looking to get a flu shot must have their medical condition documented with Health Services or be able to provide such documentation at the time of immunization.

**Red tape halts clubs**

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plan for the fall semester to the Finance Committee. She said that the leadership and membership of group changes significantly each semester. "Students get real about something, start a group and then they graduate," Chang said.

Aurelio Valente, Director of Student Activities and Service Learning, sighted the same problem. "There is too much transition from one year to another. The executive boards don't hand down how things are done." Rates also noted the problem of transition, as well citing the Winter Activities Club's proposed $5,000 budget for the fall of 2004. "I'm going to be presenting a budget this spring for SGA but I will not be here in the fall," said Bates, a senior.

Valente said that the Student Activities Office goes out of its way to make sure that the clubs and executives know the importance of the paperwork. "We send e-mails, contact advisors, leave messages in boxes," said Valente.

"I had a student come up to me this week saying they wanted to get involved in the Graphic Design Club. I couldn't tell her who to contact because we don't have any information on file," said. Of the 22 organizations failure to make the deadline, only three definitely submitted any paper work: the fraternity Kappa Sigma, the College Democrats and the Paralegal Association. There is said to be a fourth organization that could not be identified.

Along with general activities, two entire classes, 2007 and 2008, failed to submit their paper work on time.

Sean Scanlon, president of the Class of 2006, cited his involvement with "pressing issues not only within our school, but within our city" which prevented him from filing the paperwork. Scallon was actively involved with the Victoria Stielengrove resolution that captured the attention of SGA for weeks.

"Due to the pressures of the Victoria Stielengrove resolution and other outside pressures, I did not hand in the paper because I felt their were more important matters at hand, though I feel badly now," he said.

Scanlon said he thought the Student Activities Office could be more lenient to freshman clubs, "seeing as it is our first time dealing with funds."

Steve Muller, president of the Class of 2007, could not be reached for comment.

**Funny alum talks about sex**

Kaitlin Buckley
Journal Staff

Nervously anticipating what was advertised as “the most satisfying sexual experience” of their lives, the overwhelmingly female audience quickly erupted with laughter once comedian Maria Falzone’s “Sex Rules!” presentation began at Suffolk’s C. Walsh Theatre.

Falzone, a Suffolk alum and 17-year veteran of standup comedy, has appeared on HBO, NBC, and Showtime. What exactly inspired her to commit full-time to lecturing college students about sex? “This lecture found me,” explained Falzone.

After meeting her at an HBO comedy event, Suzi Landolph approached Falzone, thinking she had the goods to continue her program on sex education with a comedic twist. Falzone made it uniquely hers, adapting the programs of several personal stories and experiences.

A resident of Los Angeles, Calif., Falzone tours college campuses across the United States, “spreading the message and empowering women” with her funny yet informative take on what it means to maintain a healthy sexuality.

With an honest and straightforward approach, Falzone discussed the misinformation about sex that bombards individuals throughout their lives: from various flummox versions of “The Talk” to the classic “sex is evil” outlook, and finally, acknowledging the completely unrealistic depictions of sex in film and television.

According to Falzone, there are three rules when it comes to sex. The first is to know yourself. "Sex starts with you," she explained. "Just like you can't love someone until you love yourself, you can't have sex with someone you see SEX, page 5

Comedian Maria Falzone entertains an audience at Suffolk's C. Walsh Theatre on Tue., Nov. 16. Falzone educates her audience about sex through comedy.

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Curtain opens on ‘one-acts’

Jenn O’Callaghan
Journal Staff

The Theatre Department’s presentation “An Evening of One Acts” will feature three plays directed by Suffolk students. Two of the three student-directors also wrote the productions they are directing. The three presentations include a new untitled piece in the past in directing classes taken here at Suffolk, but will make her play “more natural.”

Craig Pospisil and directed by Suffolk student Rebecca Edwards. Kenney’s untitled work is set in present-day Connecticut and considered to be what she called “divided theater,” where the script is not set in stone. Together Kenney and the actors developed characters and gave them a backstory, which allowed them to understand their relationship with the other characters. The actors have objectives and they understand their perspective, so the dialogue becomes secondary.

Kenney hopes that this form will make them play “more natural.” Kenney has directed short pieces in the past in directing classes taken here at Suffolk, but this is her first time directing a full play. Murray’s “All Fall’s Down,” is considered a dramedy, or part drama and part comedy, about three college friends on the verge of graduation who are dealing with making changes in their lives. Moreau said that she put a little of herself in each of the three characters, which are named Jenna, Mark, and Cassandra.

“Jenna” is anxious and nervous, just really confused about where she is in her college career... Cassandra is the voice of reason,” said Moreau Green Rooney, a sophomore, who plays the role of “Jenna,” that her character learns a lot throughout the play. “Jenna” learns that her friends have secrets and that although they trusted them, she really didn’t know them at all.

I wrote the initial script in a short amount of time after a severe case of writer’s block,” said Moreau. All three productions will be performed at the Studio Theatre in the Archer building. Showtimes are scheduled at 8 p.m. on Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 18-19, both 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21.

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God's Bits of Wood

A telling exhibit of contemporary photographs, art and artifacts capturing the people and country of Senegal, as encountered by the students and faculty of Suffolk University during three recent class visits.

November 19-December 23, 2004

RECEPTION
The New England School
of Art & Design
75 Arlington Street
Friday, November 19
5:00-7:00 PM
Trustees make change, now search for speaker

Claire Jeffers
Journal Staff

The university's Board of Trustees decided on Wednesday, Nov. 10 that undergraduate and graduate students will not receive their degrees on the same day, according to President David J. Sargent. Now that such logistics for both the undergraduate and graduate ceremonies are official, the next course of action will be to find a guest speaker.

"Getting speakers is a very difficult thing to do," Sargent said. Every year, thousands of colleges are involved in the same process, competing for many of the same people. "Everyone would like to get someone of considerable achievement," he said.

Trustees, faculty, administrators, students and alumni leaders have all received a nomination form with a Dec. 3 deadline, giving them the responsibility to nominate a guest speaker of their choice.

"I have gotten a lot of suggestions for Bill Cosby, Jay Leno, and even Stephen Tyler," said Student Government Association President Becky Harlow.

According to Sargent, last year's guest, Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, was the first speaker to cause any real controversy within the University. "We've never had any problems," Sargent said, "but remember that [Romney's] invitation was extended more than a year in advance." Romney was initially supposed to attend the 2003 commencement, but was forced to postpone the invitation until last year, according to Sargent.

Last spring the group Suffolk Students for Peace and Justice petitioned the decision to nominate Romney as commencement speaker. Collecting signatures from the student body, SPJ along with the Rainbow Alliance sought to "uninvite" the governor, according to executive board member of SPJ Matthew Wilding.

Describing Romney's invitation to speak as "deeply offensive to the student body," Wilding, a junior, said SPJ took action because, "He was anti-gay rights in a university that has a gay presence."

For this year's guest speaker, Wilding had no specific person in mind, but said he would prefer "someone who doesn't actively try to impede upon the rights of students."

Senior Beata Ortiz, a government major, thought newly elected U.S. Senator Barack Obama from Illinois would be a strong choice. Ortiz stated she would like to see "someone everyone can be comfortable with on a political and spiritual level ... someone who has strong views on being a citizen of this country, someone who represents changing ideas - which is what youth tend to look at," she said.

Sargent said that the administration expects to have a better idea of whom the guest speaker will be by January, even though the Trustees will begin to receive the first nominations within a week or two.

"As for the split in the commencement ceremony, graduate degrees will be presented on the day before the undergraduate ceremony, " Sargent said, "but remember, what youth tend to look at," she said.

Obviously, it was a nearly impossible task. Finally, Falzone encouraged the audience to "honor the fear" about sex. "Sex has everything to do with attitude," she stated.

Laughs about sex

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Until you understand yourself, you can't ask someone to give you pleasure until you please yourself.

"Women have to learn to love their genitals the way men love their penises."

Maria Falzone
Comedian

From the Journal Family,
to your family.
Happy Thanksgiving

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On Sunday night, across the street from me, a girl was forced into her apartment, up four flights of stairs. She was tied up and raped. When her roommate came home, the rapist tied her up too. He then took various objects from the apartment, not because they were valuable. Police believe he was taking souvenirs, which leads them to believe he will attack again. There's a neighborhood meeting tonight. Beacon Hill is generally known as an exclusive badge. Realizing this could potentially be an issue, this morning officer came to our door. She had to open the door to see his opened at 10:15pm. She was walking home from work just two leads them to believe he will attack again. There's a neighborhood because I shouldn't have to.

My roommate has been near tears ever since. The attack happened at 10:15pm. She was walking home from work just two hours before. Last night, while I was gone, a plain-clothed police officer came to our door. She had to open the door to see his badge. Realizing this could potentially be an issue, this morning she called our landlords and asked frey install a peephole and chain lock on our door. We now have three locks. She also plans on applying for a license to carry mace.

That same night, my friend's apartment in Back Bay was robbed. Luckily she wasn't home, but after hearing about the attack on Beacon Hill, she's more scared than ever. She hasn't slept at her apartment since and doesn't plan on doing so soon. It's been more than a year that I've lived here and I can't say I'm not more concerned than I was before. While I have been oblivious at times, as a rule I don't walk alone after dark. My keys and cell phone are at the ready. I watch the shadows behind me when I walk and look side to side. I refuse to change my way of life, because I shouldn't have to.

Young women living in the city should always be careful, it shouldn't take a violent act to change their minds of that. And while I'm trying to understand and be sympathetic to my roommate's fear, I just can't force myself to be any more scared of walking alone at night than a year ago. This could have happened to anyone at any time. Just because we live across the street now doesn't mean we're any more likely to become victims. Unfortunately these things happen all the time, but because it was a minority attacker and two white college students living on Beacon Hill, people are losing their minds.

I'll be careful, like I always have been. The most I can do is keep my eyes open and keep safe, just like before.

Out of Left Field

Hooker and rugby

"A hooker isn't just someone you pay money to sleep with," says Suffolk junior Michael Cardillo. Nope, not in Mike's world. In Cardillo's world a hooker is a person with a big responsibility.

A hooker is someone who has to sacrifice his body (no pun intended) for the good of his team, he says. He is a hooker and he is damn proud and why wouldn't he be, it's his position in the game he loves. "I do what a center in hockey does at the face off. I kick the ball around and try to get it out to my teammates," he says.

A scrum would be a scary situation for a newcomer to rugby, but for Cardillo it's just another day at the office. "I just wanna hit people," says Cardillo. Rugby is a brutish yet elegant game, much like Cardillo himself; So it should be no surprise that it is the driving force in his life. It wasn't always like this though, Cardillo, who is known to his friends as "Rugby Mike," did not pick up the game of Rugby until his Junior year of high school. Cardillo and some friends started their high school rugby program from scratch.

"It started out as a group of close friends who wanted to play a sport in the spring," says Cardillo, a former standout wrestler. Once a former rugby player turned teacher/wrestling coach joined their cause the foundation of the Fairfield High School rugby club was set. So they went about gathering recruits and starting up interest.

"We eventually recruited enough to field an A Side and B Side," that's a varsity and junior varsity team for all of you rugby-challenged readers. With players recruited a coach in Mike Forget (pronounced Mike For-jay) all that Cardillo and his friends needed to do was raise money. 'Fairfield didn't provide (give) us any money," he said.

The rugby club was not recognized as a legitimate sports team. So Cardillo, with teammates Travis Leary and Mike Scheloch, set in place a system to collect dues and the players paid up and the season began. They played four games against two teams and lost all four, including a pair to cross town rival Fairfield Prep, better known as a squad of rich kids. Although it was rough the players were now seasoned in the violent game of rugby and learned in its great tradition of sportsmanship.

The following season Cardillo and his boys would rise from a group of nobodies to finishing third in the New England High School Rugby Tournament, an "Impossible Dream" like season. (For readers under 40 see the 1986 Red Sox.)

Through all of this Cardillo learned more and more about a game he was still relatively new to. It surpassed Wrestling as his sport of choice. During the summer of his senior year of high school he started to follow the Australian rugby powerhouse New Zealand All Blacks.

He loved rugby but was faced with a predicament: Suffolk did not offer rugby as a sport. Cardillo would not be stopped in his pursuit to play the game he holds so close to his heart. The Connecticut native and diehard Yankee fan searched the streets and schools of Boston for somebody to play for. Using that strong work ethic he eventually found a club to play for.

Although he has to bend the rules to play for the club he has no regrets, "I don't care as long as I get to play rugby," Now, in his fifth year of playing the game Mike has earned notoriety in Boston's rugby community and he loves it. "It feels like a brotherhood. It's not really like an organized team. It's a tight bond on and off the field," Cardillo said. "You develop bonds with other teams as well," he said.

Rugby has a strong tradition that after the game the two opposing clubs will go to a local tavern and have a few drinks together. This, Cardillo says, is merely another perk that comes with playing the game.

He is not surprised that a club at Suffolk, "I'd be real difficult and would take a ton of time that I do not have." He went on saying that the club wouldn't be able to compete and would face a prob­lem more than many Suffolk teams have in finding a field to play on. That doesn't bring his spirits down though, "I'm gonna play rugby as long as I can breathe," he defiantly proclaims.

The Journal staff regretfully informs our readership that during the week of Thanksgiving break we will not be printing an issue. Instead we are going to stuff ourselves silly and pretend AP style and journalistic ethics don't exist.

We'll return in a blaze of glory on Dec. 1 - until then, 'tis by Thanksgiving.
Bush’s mark in history depends on new term

Good morning America ... and what a beautiful red America it is. On Nov. 2, President George W. Bush because the first winning candidate since 1988 to garner over

Ryan Boehm

50 percent of the popular vote and the highest total vote getter in history.

It was not a landslide victory, but it comes with a mandate.

While I would love to spend an entire column talking about how wonderful the Bush victory is, or laughing at all the real losers in this from George Soros to Michael Moore to the Boston Globe, there is much more serious business to attend to.

Now that President Bush has been reelected I can say that his first term was almost a complete disaster.

There are a number of policy items that must be addressed in his second term if he wants his legacy to be a positive one, not just one, but two threats.

The first threat is that from terrorism.

We must also police the Iranian and Syrian borders with far more diligence than we are presently, cutting off the terrorists at their source.

Speaking of border security, the Bush administration has done an abysmal job at securing our own borders. The porousness of our southern border opens America up to Hussein needed to go and his removal from the homeland if he does not strengthen his control over the area.

The second threat comes in the form of illegal immigrants. White Karl Rove has President Bush pandering to Hispanic voters by using semantics ("undocumented workers") and foolish policy ideas ("blacked amnesty"), millions of illegal aliens are crossing the border every year.

These lawbreakers are costing the American taxpayer billions of dollars, taking jobs away from the middle- and lower-class and contributing to rising crime rates.

It is time to stop rewarding those that break our laws.

Finally, President Bush must return the Republican Party to its Conservative roots. For years, the Grand Old Party stood for both reducing the role of government in people's lives, as well as reducing the overall size of government.

Over the last four years, this President and his Congress have betrayed these values. It is time to rein in spending on many programs and shrink government except in the areas of defense and homeland security.

The values voters across the country gave President Bush a second term on Nov. 2, but it remains to be seen whether or not he will keep his word to them.

Voters told President Bush (and Senator Kerry) in no uncertain terms that they do not want homosexual "marriage" and that they do not support partial birth abortion. It is time for President Bush to govern with his convictions and fight for the traditional moral values held by the majority of Americans.

President George W. Bush has been given something that his father was not acceded a second term. It will be this second term that historians will use to judge him and his presidency. There is unfinished business that needs to be finished. There are miscalculations that need to be corrected.

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It's good to be bad. In popular culture it has been increasingly popular to root for the bad guy. Even heroes in today's media are mostly fictional people who walk the fine line between good and bad. Characters such as the Punisher and Blade increasingly push the envelope on how a "good guy" can act and get away with it.

"Please allow me to introduce myself. I'm a man of wealth and taste." Thames, even more popular than the three words in between them. The View from Wonderland

Speak of the devil

By Mike Conte

"My Michelle." This is song is basically about an out of control teenager who lives a very drug and party filled lifestyle. She's got this edge. She is a girl on the edge. I know many people who would love to be just like this girl. We yearn to be them. I can't think of one person who would turn down the Rock and Roll lifestyle, as decadent as it may be.

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By Mike Conte

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Bridget writes again from the 'Edge'

Diana Rossi
Journal Staff

There are usually two generic responses heard after watching a sequel to a successful movie: something along the lines of "Wow, that actually didn't suck," or "They shoulda left well enough alone."  "Bridget Jones' Diary: The Edge of Reason" falls somewhere in between.

Picking up where the original left off, "six wonderful weeks, four fabulous days and seven precious hours (and to make it perfectly clear, one flawless boyfriend)" later, Bridget Jones (Renee Zellweger) declares herself "a love pariah no more," as she is in a committed relationship with human rights lawyer Mark Darcy (Colin Firth).

Any fan of the first movie, or just anyone with half a brain and even a slightly knowable, edgable sense of movie standards, knew that Bridget would do something to muck it up. Enter: insecurities, seemingly contrived class issues, pet peeves and the fabulously handsome and charming Daniel Clever (Hugh Grant).

After breaking up with Mark Darcy, (claiming reasons among embarrassing him, that he folds his underwear and that she "will always be just a little bit fat."), Bridget takes a job (very conveniently) with Daniel Clever in Thailand.

Ok, this is where the sequel takes a seriously bad turn for the bizarre. The Thailand scene would have been great if they left it alone with the return of the goofy pantsies and even Bridget's romp in the ocean after eating a magic mushroom omelet, but Thai prison? Come on, I saw this movie before, it was called "Breakdown Palace" and Claire Danes and Kate Beckinsale were the ones with the huge stash of cocaine unknowingly smuggled in because of a hunky man they met on vacation.

Granted, this sequence was also in Helen Fielding's novel, but the screenwriters could have come up with a little something to set it apart from what we've seen before besides Bridget teaching a ton of female Thai prisoners the correct lyrics to "Like a Virgin." It's ok to like their version better, by the way.

Some may say the sequel played off of some with the huge stash of cocaine not possible, you got really excited at the prospect of another Darcy - Clever embarrassingly, idiotically, hilarious brawl.

Though bizarre at times and a little bit forced, "Bridget Jones' Diary: The Edge of Reason" delivers the same lovable, relatable characters as the first. Watching Bridget's answering machine taunt her by saying, "You have absolutely no messages. Not a single one," and her indulgence in her two new boyfriends, "the first called Ben and the other Jerry," speaks to the heart of every single woman in America and upon further release, the world.

If they intended to make a third "Bridget Jones' Diary," we'd see the same thing happen: mixed reviews, die-hard fans, gorgeous Firth and Grant, a slightly pudgy Zellweger and the same foibles and circumstances that made us laugh at least two times over. But somehow, it would work.

We just can't help adoring Bridget Jones and her inevitable cherriy nature. Her proclamation at the end of the film suggests just that: "I truly believe that happiness is possible... even when you're 33 and have a bottom the size of two bowling balls." There's no denying it. You gotta love Miss Bridget Jones.

Zellweger continues her writings about the perils of dating in "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason.

Family fair dominates Thanksgiving theaters

Amanda Bellamy
Journal Staff

Opening this Friday, Nov. 19, family-friendly fair like "National Treasure" and "The Spongebob Squarepants" will dominate the box office this Thanksgiving season.

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With German beauty, Diana Kruger of "Troy" fame and class hidden on the back of the Declaration of Independence and in American currency aid Cage in his quest. The buzz surrounding "National Treasure" is lukewarm, calling the film a mundane. Forced to suppress his superabilities, Mr. Incredible is lured out of retirement this Christmas with the Kranks. "Christmas with the Kranks" opens Nov. 26.

Three children later and 15 years later, the family unit is feeling out of place in the mundane. Forced to suppress his superabilities, Mr. Incredible is lured out of retirement to fight a new nemesis. His offspring soon follows suit. With a box office take of $150 million, "The Incredibles" is dancing on the grave of hand-drawn animated films. The combination of smart wit and a nice and tidy moral value proves successful, once again.

That should hold audiences till "Christmas with the Kranks" opens Nov. 26.
The Rams sing out

Suffolk University's a cappella group (shown above) has two upcoming free gigs! Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., the Rams will be hosting a Common Grounds Coffee House in the Donahue Cafe. On Thursday, Nov. 18, at 5 p.m., the Rams will be singing at Krispy Kreme in the Prudential Center. Tell your friends and come to the show. For more information please e-mail Rams@suffolk.edu or call the Performing Arts office at 305-6307.

Who has put me here?
—Pascal

Isaiah 40:26
Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name...

Psalm 139:13–14
You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous...

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Staff Sounds

Matt Wilder - The Beautiful South, Carry On Up The Charts: The Best of The Beautiful South - It makes me happy while walking to class.

Rose Francois - Frou Frou, Details - It's unique; it's really relaxing. I don't know, I just love Frou Frou!

Jark Rissetto - Death Cab for Cutie, Transatlanticism - It spells out my life for right now.

Amanda Bellamy - A Perfect Circle, Emotive - Maynard's voice was made to sing "Imagine," while nothing will compare to John Lennon's original, Maynard breathes new life into the song.

Now we're not making any promises, but sometimes Journal Arts writers go to press screenings for films weeks before their general release. Think about it, "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith" opens May 20.

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Volleyball ends season, looking towards next year

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Rams' Schedule

Hockey:
Nov. 18 vs. Johnson & Wales
Nov. 23 vs. WNEC

Men's Basketball
Nov. 19 vs. Framingham State
Nov. 27 at U.N.H

Women's Basketball
Nov. 19-Nov. 20
at Salem State Tournament
Nov. 23 at Colby Sawyer

Sports Brief

Cross Country compete at GNAC

The men's cross country team represented Suffolk at the Great Northeast Athletic Conference 2004 Championship (Saturday, Nov. 13). Suffolk finished the meet with 156 total points to take home sixth place. The Rams had two runners in the top 20. Senior James Liberger crossed the line in 26 minutes and 34 seconds, coming in 16th. Teammate Cole Dillon, a freshman runner, placed 19th with his time of 28:46. Junior Nicholas Cifuentes rounded out the top 50 for Suffolk, finishing in 47th. In all, 78 runners placed from 10 different universities. Western New England College took home first place.

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Don't let opportunity pass you by.
Lady rams wrap up season

Rich Parenteau
Journal Staff

It was an all too familiar end to an otherwise exciting season for the Suffolk University women's volleyball team. After an early first round exit from the two previous year's Great Northeast Athletic Conference playoffs, the Lady Rams followed suit again this season, losing in their opening round match back on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

In 2002, Emmanuel defeated the Rams 1-3, while last year Suffolk lost 1-3 again, to Johnson and Wales. This year was the same story as the Rams were sent home early, falling 1-3 to Western New England College.

Suffolk secured the sixth seed in this year's playoff picture with their 6-5 conference record. The team finished the season 11-15 overall, but was unable to get over the quarterfinals hump that has haunted them for the last three years.

The Rams dropped the first two games to WNEC, before taking the third 30-25. Western New England fought back however, taking the match with a win in the fourth game.

"They were better than us," said Coach Elaine Schwager. "We went out, played hard, but we didn't put it all together. We didn't play our best."

Getting out-matched and out-powered doesn't necessarily stem from a lack of effort. The team's on the floor exertion was never an issue associated with their defeats, especially in the quarterfinal match-up.

"We competed, there's no question," Schwager commented. "From the minute we got there we see VBALL, page 11"

Mike Miccoli
Journal Staff

SU hockey starts

"Greg Blais, our goaltender, also played very well for us, stopping 46 shots, allowing five, not to mention the empty-netter,"

Chris Glionna
Hockey Coach

"A lot of these guys are young, and going from prep school to college is a difficult transition," said Glionna.

"The systems are much more complicated than what they are accustomed to."

Glionna also commented on how the Rams need to improve in other elements of the game. One aspect Glionna wants to work on is the adoption of the new NCAA working on the basic systems of the game, while individual players are working on their adjustment from high school and prep school to college.

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University Dateline

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Wednesday, November 17

Career Doctor
11:30am-12:30pm Sawyer Lobby

Campus Peace Walk
Noon-1pm Meet outside Donahue

Yang Style Tai Chi
4pm Interfaith Center, Donahue 540

Basic Understanding of the Catholic Church Discussion 3-4pm
Interfaith Center, Donahue 540

Common Grounds Coffee House with the Ramifications
7pm Donahue Cafeteria

Residence Hall Catholic Mass
7:30pm 150 Tremont

Thursday, November 18

Transgender Day of Remembrance
Donahue 4th Floor Lounge

1-2:15pm Transgender Films and Discussion

2:30pm Donahue 403

Friday, November 19

Showcase 3 Film Festival Submissions
Due to WSUB Donahue 537

Buddhist Meditation and Mindfulness
11am-Noon Interfaith Center, Donahue 540

Yoga/Qi Gong
1-2pm Interfaith Center, Donahue 540

8th Annual African Dispora Festival
6-9:30pm C. Walsh Theatre