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## SUSPJ Goes to Washington



Garrett M. Quinn-Journal Staff

Mock coffins representing fallen soldiers were displayed in Washington, D.C. on Thurs., Jan. 20 during President George W. Bush's second inaugural ceremonies. Members of Suffolk's Students for Peace and Justice traveled to the nation's capitol to protest President Bush's policies.

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## Provost settles into new post

Some people think Provost Meservey could be the next president of Suffolk University

**Matt Wilder**  
Journal Staff

She has worked at Suffolk University for less than four months, but already some people think she's being groomed to be the next president of the institution.

Patricia Maguire Meservey, Suffolk's first provost, would be the first woman to occupy the president's seat in Suffolk's ninety-nine year history.

She contends that becoming the university president is not what she is here to do right now. Meservey was quick to reiterate her mission when she spoke with *The Suffolk Journal* in December.

"I'm already very committed to Suffolk, which has a very promising future and I'm here for the long run," Meservey said. She neither

confirmed nor denied the rumors of her sitting in the president's seat one day.

If Meservey did succeed current university President David J. Sargent, she would be taking over for a man who will undoubtedly leave an impressive legacy behind. The time for Suffolk board of trustee members to choose Sargent's successor could be sooner than some might think. Sargent told *The Suffolk Journal* that he realizes his days at Suffolk are slowly coming to an end. He said he expects to retire within the next three-to-five years, but some people suspect he will retire as soon as the university's centennial celebrations occur in 2006.

Meservey said that one big draw to Suffolk was Sargent. "It is a deep honor to work with David Sargent," she said. "His commit-

ment to this university is just an extraordinary story."

Last month Sargent told *The Journal*, in a rather candid moment, that if unexpectedly he were unable to do his job, he would feel comfortable with Meservey assuming the role of acting university president.

Meservey made it a point to downplay any such talk. "I look forward to many years of working with President Sargent." But if she were put in a position where decisions needed to be made, she said she would be comfortable making them with the help of the team of administrators already in place.

The mother (who's only son is a junior at Northeastern) and wife from Wayland, Mass. started her job as provost in November of last

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## Campus responds to tsunami disaster

**Brian Messenger**

Journal Staff

Like many countries and individuals around the globe, the Suffolk community is making a significant effort at reaching out to the victims of the recent tsunami disaster, which ravaged areas surrounding the Indian Ocean after an earthquake struck the west coast of Indonesia on Dec. 26.

Along with gathering charitable contributions, the university will also conduct numerous events promoting discussion and awareness about issues related to the tsunami and its aftermath, beginning with a panel discussion titled "Political Complexities of Tsunami Relief" at the C. Walsh Theatre on Weds., January 26 at 1 p.m.

"I definitely think there's a feeling on campus, that there's definitely a desire and a need to do something and talk about it and raise money for it," said Lauren Grover, coordinator of Suffolk's Center for International Education, about both the students' and faculty's wishes to take

action with tsunami relief efforts.

Grover and the CIE staff engaged in the university's earliest responses to students who had returned home to affected areas during their winter break, as contact was sought as soon as word of the disaster spread to the United States. "We [wanted] to get as many feelers out there as possible," Grover said.

"We checked after the 26th and made sure that we didn't have any kind of emergency messages, which we didn't," Grover said, who admitted that being on break made it harder to initiate more comprehensive contacts with the international student body.

According to Grover, the CIE office did not reopen until Jan. 3, but e-mail proved to be an invaluable tool to help contact students quickly, and without complications like "[trying to] call twelve and thirteen hours ahead, just those kind of logistical things. It certainly was nice to be able to have the database that the university has and being able to reach

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## Plunger-wielding Suffolk student arrested

Suffolk University senior Brett W. Belcastro, 22, was arraigned Tue., Jan. 25 on charges he broke a Beacon Hill man's van window with a toilet plunger.

According to police reports and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Belcastro, who is a forward on Suffolk's hockey team, was arrested early Monday morning after an alleged confrontation with a Beacon Hill resident that led to Belcastro breaking the window of the man's van with the object.

According to the police report, Belcastro and Abdelkamel Elghorfi began arguing about a parking space that Elghorfi had just finished shoveling on Mount Vernon Street. According to Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley's office,

Belcastro admitted to the officers who responded to the scene that he broke Elghorfi's window with the toilet plunger, but only after the man threatened to kill him. A neighborhood resident that witnessed the incident told officers that he watched Belcastro approach Elghorfi's van and break the window.

According to Suffolk's athletic web page, Belcastro is a Business Accounting Major and his name appears on the fall 2003 Deans list. Belcastro was released on personal recognizance. If he gets arrested again for the duration of his case, he could be sent to jail for up to 60 days. Belcastro is expected back in court in March for pre-trial hearings.

**This story was compiled by Staff Reporters.**

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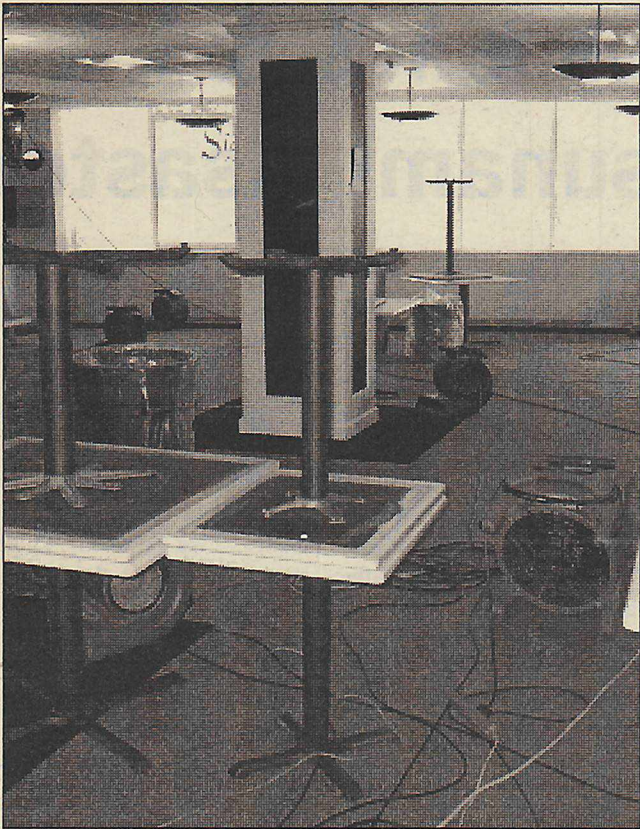
## UMass approves law school

Rose Francois

Journal Staff

### Deadline for degree applications nears

Suffolk's Registrar's office recently announced the deadline to apply for May 2005 commencement. Those who wish to walk in the May 22 ceremony must complete a degree application by Tuesday, Feb. 1 and return it to the Registrar's office.



### Burst pipe causes dorm evacuation

A burst pipe caused the evacuation of the 150 Tremont St. residence hall on Sat., Jan. 22, at around 2:30 pm. The pipe, which burst in the cafeteria seating area, sent water gushing onto Tremont St. The fire alarm was activated in the building, which houses just over 400 students and a staff member. Residents were sent to the auditorium at Suffolk's Law School for nearly five hours while damage and the building's safety was assessed. The seating area of the cafeteria remains closed indefinitely.

The merger that some had hoped wouldn't happen and that others have waited years for has now taken place. On Dec. 21, 2004, controversial speculation became reality when the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and the Southern New England School of Law decided to join forces. In a 12-2 vote, the UMass board of trustee's approved what would create the state's first public law school.

Though Suffolk representatives were unable to make any comments regarding the decision, the university's president, David J. Sargent, requested that no statements be made said two Suffolk officials. Much to the contrary, however, UMass representatives had much to say about the achievement.

Since 2001, UMass and SNELS have been in talks to join together. "This has been a conversation going on for three years," said Assistant to the Chancellor John Hoey said. Hoey stated that this project was the subject of much committee work as well as "at least six hours of public testimony."

There has been vocal opposition to the merger from other law schools in Massachusetts, Suffolk University being one such school. Those who oppose the new law school believed that the decision was too rash and could possibly take state funds away from other schools.

Hoey took the opportunity to counter that notion. "We're not

seeking state funding for this," he said, "It is going to be a self-supporting venture." He accused law schools in the area, mostly Suffolk Law School, of "spreading the message that somehow this would affect state funding for other institutions."

The battle for and against the new law school has been fought with legislatures and other universities. Hoey identified Suffolk Law School as its top opponent. Suffolk has run a campaign against UMass, Hoey said, citing he had been told this from sources in the media.

The war of words between UMass and Suffolk Law began to heat up when it was reported in the Boston Globe that in a letter to Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, UMass Chancellor Jean MacCormack stated - though she did not name Suffolk law specifically - that other state private law schools were not providing adequate opportunities for minority students. Suffolk refuted the claim, stating the numbers quoted were from old data and did not represent the current numbers of students of color enrolled in the university. Hoey scoffed at the accusation, saying that the numbers were self-reporting and Suffolk released them.

"In order to ease some of the fears of some schools such as Suffolk, we capped enrollment at 585 [students]," explained Hoey. The central location of the law school will remain in Dartmouth, Hoey said.

UMass has been tying this merger with its plans for graduates going into public interest work

after graduation. With the creation of a new law school, students who enter the public interest sector would receive a fellowship. This would entail a 50 percent tuition reduction if they dedicated five years to public interest in the field of law.

As of now, SNELS is unaccredited by the American Bar Association, but this may change very soon with the addition of UMass to its title. Though there have been opponents to the joining of the two schools, there has also been a lot of positive feedback, Hoey remarked.

One supporter of the merger is Nnamudi Amobi, a second-year law student currently attending SNELS. "I think it's great for the school," said Amobi regarding the merger, "It gives us more recognition and it gets us one step closer to being ABA approved."

Amobi believes that with UMass attached to the name, the law school will now receive more attention on a national basis. "It can only help," he stated.

The University of Massachusetts is no stranger to controversy when it comes to expansion, though. When its medical school was created in 2003, there was also opposition. Hoey mentioned that UMass Medical School is now ranked one of the top five medical schools in the nation.

Now that the decision has been made to join, it needs only to be finalized by the Board of Higher Education. Hoey is confident in the decision of creating a public law school, stating, "We know how to do this."

## Meservey starting from scratch at Suffolk

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year. Her office is literally just steps away from Sargent's, on the 25th floor of the One Beacon Street building.

Her job now is to get to know Suffolk and she is starting from scratch. Since her first day, she has been meeting with administrators, faculty and deans to find out where her services are most needed. She said she is looking forward to meeting with more students as the semester gets underway.

Once a specific role has been determined, Meservey will make it her priority to end any kind of philosophical or literal division between the Sawyer School of Management and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Meservey comes to Beacon Hill from one of Suffolk's most contentious competitors, Northeastern University.

Meservey worked as the vice-provost for faculty and budget. With Suffolk growing around the world, President Sargent needed more time to focus on other things; therefore the provost position was created. Ultimately Meservey will work closely with academic deans, as well as Dean of Students Nancy C. Stoll to foster more unity among the administrative offices and services.

She admits that Suffolk has obstacles that traditional campuses don't have to deal with; obstacles that will be time consuming to resolve, but are certainly not insurmountable.

One of those obstacles Suffolk will need to jump over in the next few years is a severe housing crunch. "Students will be looking for a place to live. There are



New Provost Patricia Maguire Meservey sits in her office, located on the 25th floor of the One Beacon Street building.

limitations we need to work with, but they are not insurmountable."

Meservey also looks forward to working to build on Suffolk's growing international recruitment program. She thinks the college can become more competitive in specific areas.

Meservey worked at Northeastern in several capacities for well over a decade.

"It was difficult to leave," Meservey said. She said the decision to leave was simply based on her desire to move forward in her career and life.

Although she said she is happy with her decision to move to Suffolk, she misses the people she worked with at Northeastern. "I miss my friends."

She admits Suffolk swept her off her feet.

"There is an openness of people [here]," Meservey said. "What particularly intrigued me about Suffolk is it is so much a part of Boston," she said.

Since Meservey came from Northeastern, she is no stranger to the somewhat awkward position most area colleges are in with the city of Boston.

After last year's Red Sox fan riots that resulted in the death of a 21-year-old Emerson College student and numerous arrests, Meservey is aware that there is a need to work with the city and students alike.

"We need to educate students that this is some ones home," she said.

For those who cause trouble, Meservey thinks there should be a strict policy that will enable the student to learn from their mistake and become better citizens because of it.

Suzi Brander - Journal Staff



# Disaster hits close to home

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them by e-mail," she said.

In a letter posted on the Campus Cruiser website, addressed to "Suffolk Community Members" from Dean of Students Nancy C. Stoll, Stoll wrote that the university has "been in contact with most of our more than sixty students from the [affected] area, and I am relieved to say that none have lost immediate family members." Stoll also urged students, faculty and staff alike to contribute to the aid effort with charitable donations.

Doug Tewksbury, Coordinator of Community Service and Service learning, who oversees S.O.U.L.S., echoed Grover's assessment of the Suffolk student body's desire to help. "The student interest has been great and hopefully that translates to a lot of people giving to organizations that really need it," Tewksbury said.

At a meeting on Thurs., Jan. 20, Tewksbury met with representatives from Suffolk's UNICEF group, the Black Student Union, the Asian American Association and the Vietnamese Student Association - all student groups who planned to raise money for the relief effort.

"The main goal of [the meeting] was to develop an organized student response to the tsunami and just to talk about what students could be doing ... [and] how they should be going about their process to help the relief effort," Tewksbury said.

"S.O.U.L.S. is acting as sort of the middle man in being able to encourage people at the university to give money and to make it as easy as possible," Tewksbury said, while explaining that all funds raised by student groups will be combined and then split evenly between two groups: UNICEF and the American Red Cross - two organizations that Tewksbury said S.O.U.L.S. has dealt with before.

"Most of the relief efforts are looking for financial donations," Tewksbury continued. "Everyone that I've talked to said that's the best way to make a difference."

Among the events planned so

far for this semester whose proceeds will benefit tsunami victims: the Asian American Association's "Glimpse of Asia" performance and raffle on Feb. 4th in the C. Walsh Theatre; a book sale put on by Suffolk's UNICEF group on Feb. 8th and 9th in the Donahue and Sawyer lobbies; the Black Student Union's Feb. 15 "Soul Food Luncheon", where there will be a suggested \$1 donation; the Vietnamese Student Association's "Casino Night" in March; and an "Inter-faith Tsunami Remembrance Service" put on by the Campus Ministry Thurs., Jan. 27, in Donahue 403 at 1 p.m.

One member of the Suffolk community familiar with the aforementioned regions affected by the tsunami is Shreyash Kushwaha, a graduate student who grew up in eastern India. Luckily for Kushwaha, his immediate family does not live in a region that was devastated, though he said that his "very close friends and far-distant relatives" were located in parts of the country hit by the tsunami.

"I understand that this a very big, catastrophic disaster," Kushwaha said, "...But at the same time, the positive impact which it has made on the people is that the sentimental, emotional value for life and property has definitely increased."

"This has made people more compassionate about citizens across the world."

Calling the international response "immediate" and "very commendable," Kushwaha shared a story told to him by family members who found themselves at home when disaster struck. "When the tsunami hit, it was announced that the best way to save yourself was to hold [onto] the ceiling fan. Imagine that ... that is the only way to save yourself," Kushwaha said.

"They did that, water was flooded everywhere in the house, and they said that they saw all kinds of fish - kinds which they never saw in their life - in their house, floating around in the water."

Garrett M. Quinn  
Journal Staff

On Jan. 19 a group of students left Boston, bound for Washington, D.C. on a Suffolk University Students for Peace and Justice sponsored bus.

Some went because of their concerns over abortion rights and the possible erosion of civil liberties. Others went because of their opposition to the war in Iraq. Regardless of their cause or political affiliation, the 23 students who made the trip for the 55th Presidential Inauguration were united by their dislike for President Bush and his policies; they went to show their displeasure by attending the various demonstrations and marches throughout the Capital.

"The original plan was to stake out a position along the parade route, but due to the security we couldn't," said SUSPJ organizer Rob Laurent. Laurent, a senior, said that because people were not allowed to leave their belongings on the bus they were "[forced] to carry our things with us all day." The security restrictions in place for the inaugural barred backpacks, purses, plastic bags and other items along the parade route. Laurent said SUSPJ was afraid that something along those lines would be enforced and planned ahead.

"There were a lot of rallies and demonstrations going on so there was no problem in finding another place to go," he said. The students proceeded to split into three groups and attended other demonstrations. A small group of students trekked across the National Mall to attend a Billionaires for Bush rally.

The Billionaires are a satirical troupe and activist organization that raises awareness about economic inequality. The Billionaires held a mock auction for the rights to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge along with all of Social Security. Billionaire Roxanne Pearls expressed excitement over the upcoming auctions of the Bill of Rights and National Endowment for the Arts. "No one has expressed any interest in the

NEA, darling! It's worth merely chunk change," she said.

Fellow billionaire Meg A. Bucks had a message for the students of America: "Get out of the schools and into the factories." Suffolk junior Heather Mumford said that Billionaires for Bush is, "an interesting and eclectic approach to what we're dealing with in the current administration." The DC Anti-War Network organized a march through the streets of Washington, complete with a procession of coffins draped in American flags, large Bush puppets and drum corps.

Suffolk junior Woodrow

“This is what makes America great, I guess.”

Ann Lanson  
Republican

Curley attended the festive DAWN march through Washington.

"I am fundamentally opposed to the policies that [Bush] purports. It is almost my moral obligation to voice my opposition," he said. Curley thought the turnout could've been better.

"It would've been great if we could have got more Suffolk students involved. I'm not sure why we couldn't fill it up with \$5 tickets."

SUSPJ President Will Bingham echoed Curley's sentiments about the turnout. SUSPJ did not have enough time to organize a large contingent of students, the sophomore said.

"I think that given more time ... we could've done a lot better, as far as participation and numbers of people we got to go," he said.

Laurent said that confusion between the Student Activities Office and SUSPJ over ticket sales lead to the low turnout, but declined to go into further detail over the confusion.

"It's harder to draw in the winter and this wasn't a clear cut event," said Laurent, noting that this was an inaugural protest and

not an anti-war demonstration.

While the students prepared their signs for the demonstrations, Ann Lanson, a Republican from Arlington, VA watched.

"I don't support what they are saying or what they believe, but I think they should be able to protest," she said. Lanson said she considered their message a little extreme, pointing to a sign that read, "Karl Rove Makes Baby Jesus Cry."

"This is what makes America great, I guess," she said. The Suffolk students were not alone in their religious references. Bush supporters were well represented at this inauguration and the Christian support that many say propelled Bush to his second term was clearly visible: "God Bless W," "Jesus Saves" and several anti-abortion signs were visible throughout the festivities.

Despite the creation of an intense atmosphere with both Bush supporters and opponents present, there were no serious skirmishes to be seen. The police reported only a smattering of arrests and relatively few incidents for an event of such magnitude.

Michael Sanchez, a Suffolk government professor, said he found the mixing of the anti-Bush and pro-Bush groups to be fascinating. "It was an interesting dynamic. Seeing all the people dressed in their black and white and their ball gowns cross paths with this huge group of students with their protest signs, it was striking," said Sanchez, the chap-erone for the trip.

He thought the police handled the event well by de-escalating their presence. "I saw no police officers with riot gear when we marched," he said.

Bingham agreed. "I didn't really notice that much of a police presence on the march itself. I'm sure there was a greater police presence in other parts of the city." For Simmons College freshman Katie Williams, this was her first political protest.

"I didn't really know what to expect, but I wanted to go and see what my country is doing. It was a very educational day," Williams said.

# Orange Resolution: Ukraine's democratic future

Christopher DeFillippi  
Journal Staff

On Jan. 25, Minister-Counsel of the Ukraine Embassy, Sergiy Korsunsky, appeared at Suffolk's One Beacon building to address the ramifications of Viktor Yushchenko's victory in a lecture entitled "Ukrainian Orange Revolution: Where are we going from here?" In an election marred by dirty tricks, voter fraud and dioxin poisoning, but resulting in peaceful protests, court-mandated clean elections, and a peaceful transfer of power, one could think this is a reasonable question to ask.

"Many of you generally know the story of this election," said Thomas Herman, Vice-Chairman of World Boston, the organ-

ization that sponsored the lecture. "What is generally unknown is how perilously close we came to Tiananmen Square-like bloodshed," Herman continued.

The visiting ambassador, Korsunsky, explained that communities and businesses came together during the protests without degenerating into chaos. A violent resolution was so expected, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization had already deployed troops to quell a potentially bloody uprising.

Viktor Yanukovich, who won the rigged elections, was receiving substantial political backing from Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was vocal in arguing strongly against overturning the original election.

"Even Dick Cheney said to him, 'you can't do this,'" said Korsunsky, to mild

laughs from the audience.

"During the revolution, companies closed down and employers told workers, 'go fight for freedom,'" Korsunsky said. He also explained that it was common for shop-owners to give away food and businesses to offer free lodging to those protesting. Foreign governments, particularly Poland, also provided for the poll monitors necessary to ensure a clean election; there were 12,700 international observers in all.

Korsunsky highlighted the challenges needed for the Ukraine to succeed as a genuine democracy as chiefly a concern of forging relations with the European Union, the rule of law and economic moderniza-tion.

"In one year, Ukraine has doubled pro-

duction of wheat," Korsunsky said. "This we did by privatizing agriculture. It's classic of how market reform can change whole businesses."

Questions from the audience included concerns about the deep divisions in Ukraine after the election, with the east standing strongly in favor of Yushchenko's Yanukovich.

"This is a temporary division based on misinformation," said Korsunsky, citing Yanukovich's use of the state-run media to broadcast his own propaganda.

"All of the strength of the media dedicated to depicting him as anti-Russian and anti-Ukraine."

From here, he addressed the need for the

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# Opinion

## Staff Editorial

### No snow day for Suffolk's finest

The staff editorial is simply the voice of the paper. Throughout the week, staff members debate news coverage, Oscar nominations, design elements, abortion rights, possible nightly news anchor replacements and quite possibly every topic known to man.

This week, we came to the conclusion that only Chinese water-torture victims know and understand the pain Suffolk students endure every night and morning after a snowstorm. Local news channels scroll through the alphabet, granting merry children the snow day they so viciously prayed for.

Suffolk students, however, suffer the unique displeasure of falling in line after the various educational centers named after the saints. It usually lands somewhere after St. Xena's Elementary. During this lengthy list of schools, most of us (or at least the *Journal* staff) travels through time, back to grade school.

On futon's edge, in our pajamas, with a fistful of Fruit Loops, we hope against hope, pray to every known deity and cling to our Care Bears for cancelled classes.

Others stay in bed and listen closely to their Spongebob dual radio/alarm clock, hoping that the fast-talking DJ doesn't forget Suffolk.

Alas no. Tuesday morning, Suffolk did not scroll across the screen during "The Today Show."

Grudgingly, we pulled on our long johns, heavy sweaters and snow boots, all the while cursing every other school in the city.

Northeastern pansies with their underground tunnels get to stay in. Why not us?

With heavy hearts and equally heavy books, we walk past snow forts, snowmen, snow banks and snow plows, with nary a snow bunny in sight.

Somewhere between Science 301, Dickens and the Law of Probability, we landed on memory lane. There we strolled hand in hand with recollections of snow days filled with Disney movies, hot chocolate, fuzzy bunny slippers and mid-afternoon naps.

Somewhere between the marshmallows and "Aladdin," we woke up in the middle of production night.

Keep warm Suffolk, there's more snow on the way. And yes, your homework will still be due tomorrow.

### Plague Ground by Chris DiFillippi



### No peace for the Middle East

The moment of truth has finally come. Palestinians have elected a "moderate" leader that vocally opposes armed intifada and sup-

#### Jake Hess

ports a two-state settlement with Israel. Yasser Arafat is buried deep in the dirt of Ramallah. If the assurances we've heard from the United States and Israel constantly over the last four years are true, we should be well on our way to finally resolving the crisis in the Holy Land. So what are the chances?

Zero. Despite the fashionable optimism that has arrested the more credulous commentators in recent months, the passing of Arafat and rise of Mahmoud Abbas are simply irrelevant in the big picture of the Middle East conflict. Those who are celebrating a supposed "window of opportunity" arising from these events should prepare themselves for another big disappointment: there will be no lasting peace established in Israel-Palestine for many years to come.

There is a simple reason for this. Israel - the occupying power that has all the real influence in the political process - does not want peace. It remains committed to dominating the Palestinians indefinitely. And, crucially, the U.S. is still willing to foot the bill.

But first, it must be understood that Arafat was never an obstacle to peace in the first place. Since 1976, he and his Palestine

Liberation Organization have supported a two-state settlement with Israel, based on the pre-June 1967 borders - a solution that has the decided backing of the international community.

The P.L.O. made its stance clear by endorsing U.N. resolutions to this effect in 1976, 1980 and 1989 (all of which were vetoed by the U.S.) and through many public pronouncements, such as the famous 1988 Algiers declaration.

Israel and America's portrayal of Arafat as an intransigent rogue was simply an excuse to avoid negotiating with the Palestinians and lend legitimacy to continued Israeli military activity in the occupied territories.

It was thus un-surprising that when its favored alibi crumbled in the form of Arafat's death, Israel simply fell back on a few old favorites: Palestinian "terrorism" and corruption within the Palestinian Authority.

Despite Arafat's passing and the emergence of a new Palestinian leadership, Israel is still going to implement the same policy it supposedly designed to compensate for the lack of a Palestinian negotiating partner. If the Gaza disengagement plan is implemented according to the blueprint, all Israeli settlers will be removed from the Gaza Strip and transferred to illegal Israeli colonies in the West Bank.

Israel will then finish building its "separation wall" around about 42 percent of the West Bank, effectively encaging Palestinians

in a series of besieged Bantustans. These Bantustans may or may not receive collective recognition as a Palestinian "state."

Thus, while making pretensions of "withdrawing" from Palestinian land, Israel is actually accelerating its colonization of it. Not only that, but Israel does not plan on leaving Gaza in the true sense of the idea.

The removal of settlers still has to be approved by three separate votes in Sharon's cabinet. If they do withdraw, Israel will retain its self-bestowed prerogative to militarily intervene there at will.

In addition, Israel will maintain control of the movement of goods and people into and out of the Strip, while dominating its airspace and coastline. Gaza will be the same open-air prison it is today. Perhaps Ariel Sharon's bureau chief Dov Weisglass put it best last October when he told Ha'aretz that the goal of the Gaza plan is to "freeze the political process" and "prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state."

Peace is totally impossible under these conditions. A legitimate agreement can't be reached until Israel surrenders its colonial ambitions in occupied Palestine and allows the Palestinians to exercise their right to national self-determination in a fruitful way. Until that happens, it will not matter who's at the helm in Ramallah, whether it's Arafat, Abbas or someone else.

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# Opinion

Michael Fruzzetti

## Another Random Facebooking



At the end of last semester, I came across a new online community that connected college students all across the United States. Realizing I was socially inept for not already being a cool kid

on The Facebook, I decided to sign up for an account. Who would've thought it would be a big mistake?

In the initial sign-up process, you are required to enter a college or university e-mail address to register.

For the sake of college women everywhere, Facebook took this safety precaution so females don't have to be concerned about attracting emotionally unstable, middle-aged, balding weird guys. After signing up for an account and exploring the site, I decided to hold off on inviting people and wait until the next day.

By the time I woke up the next morning and turned on my computer, my Facebook status had gone through the roof. People had invited me to become their friend, others had sent me messages and some friends had even decided to poke me.

It was very awkward to see a random high school classmate attempt to add me as their friend.

It is quite possible I never talked to them, probably threatened to shove their head down a toilet or some other vicious form of hazing and now this person wanted to be my friend? Note to self: reject all random high school people looking for pay-back.

In addition to random friend inviting, I cannot comprehend the reason for having the ability to "poke" someone. Is this a form of virtual sex? This increases the creepy factor, knowing that someone has just poked me and I have no idea what it means.

I've witnessed poking in class - where someone needed to borrow a pen or piece of paper - so they poke the person next to them.

I've also seen another form of poking on the premium channels after midnight. So, I ask, are you poking me to get my attention or do you want to have some sort of dirty Internet relationship?

Either way, do not poke someone unless you give a specific reason, because they

might get the wrong idea.

It is even worse when your supposed elementary school friend invites you to be their friend and then writes you a message explaining who they are. "Yo, it's ... we used to play 'lil league together."

I can't remember how I made it home from the bar last night and you expect me to remember playing catch a decade ago? Don't get me wrong, I have no problem catching up with old friends, but isn't there a cut-off point as to how far you go back?

I recall having a crush on a girl in pre-school and beating her up on the playground to show my affection, but I would never randomly invite her to be my Facebook friend. "Hey, this is Mike! I kicked your ass on the playground when we were four years old, remember? You were cute back then and I bet you are hot now, so do you want to be my friend?"

Later on that day, after rejecting random weird people and inviting a few friends, I received an invitation to join a group. This wasn't just any group; it was one dedicated to the founder because they were awesome. You're probably wondering how awesome this person is, and I can tell you that he must be awesome, because he was the only person in the group!

Up to this point, Facebook didn't seem all that bad, until it began to affect my love life. I called up a female friend of mine, looking for some light romance on a lonely Friday night, only to find that Facebook had claimed my date.

She had told me that someone had been stalking her online using Facebook and that she had finally decided to go out with him.

Great! Not only had I been invited by "awesome kids," poked and randomly invited by former classmates looking for revenge, but now I was being ditched for campus stalkers.

Facebook added Suffolk in late October to its community and a third of the undergraduate student body are already registered users.

Although I would never begin stalking girls through Facebook to get a date, if there are any female students around campus, feeling lonely on a Friday night, feel free to poke me.

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## Fun with politics



*The following is a 100% pure officially-authenticated FDA certified organic transcript of WSUB's live coverage of the Presidential Inauguration Parade.*

**Jen Bagley:** Hello everybody and welcome to the Inaugural Parade. I am Jen Bagley and alongside me is my co-host Billy Thegeneus.

**Bill Thegeneus:** Hi Jen and hello to all of you back in Boston watching at home. This is a momentous occasion and we at WSUB are proud to be able to bring it to you live. We wouldn't be able to do this without the generosity of Halliburton and Clear Channel. They have been so nice providing us with equipment. Isn't Clear Channel a great guardian of the First Amendment?

**JB:** Yes Clear Channel is amazing and if it wasn't for Vice President Cheney I don't know how we would've got the equipment from Halliburton. Of course, some of the Halliburton staffers weren't too thrilled to leave Iraq and join us.

**BT:** I know Jen. They really miss the constant dodging of bullets and car bombs. Maybe if we take them to the block in D.C. they'll feel at home.

**JB:** Oh, Bill you're so funny. Let's go now to our man Yassir Jean-Charles who is street side for the parade, Yassir...

**Yassir Jean-Charles:** Thanks guys. Well it looks as if the parade is about to get underway...there only having a little trouble with No Child Left Behind Float because apparently a few children are indeed missing. The parade organizers have issued descriptions of the missing children: They're all 10 years old and they're mostly urban. The lead organizer of the Bush Inaugural Team, Ms. Monet Allovathaplace tells me to warn our viewers about the "little-eminem-wanabe-11 year-old" amongst the group. Yes apparently President Bush said himself that he is concerned about the affects of "wrap" music on America's youth...this just in it appears the No Child Left Behind Float will not be participating in this parade

due to too many children have, indeed, been left behind.

**BT:** Such a tragedy Yassir.

**YJC:** Yes, I know Billy. The plan was for the Congressional Bipartisanship Float to lead the parade but the makers have had difficulty keeping it together. It appears now that the American Health Care System float will lead the parade. Oh, it's about to start guys...back to you.

**JB:** Thanks Yassir. Well here comes the American Health Care System float and it appears to be a bit shaky Billy.

**BT:** That's right Jen. The American Health Care System is currently suffering from over 40 million uninsured Americans. That's not even mentioning that 1.7 million of our uninsured military Veterans.

**JB:** Speaking of the military here comes the Army Reserve and National Guard float. Look at our boys...so proud...so strong...Oh my goodness it appears as if the American Health Care float is breaking apart! Oh what a calamity. Oh dear! Someone call a doctor!

**YJC:** Guys it appears as if the American Health Care System has broken down and is indeed crumbling. Paramedics are on their way but they won't do anything until everyone has their insurance cards ready. Hold on. Hold on. It looks as if the Reservist Float is now speeding up to help the American Health Care System...

**BT:** Yes, Yassir the Reservists are indeed catching up with the American Health Care System...wait! The soldiers are apparently collecting the scrap metal off the wreckage of the American Health Care System and are running off with it and attaching it to the Reservist Float. I have heard that Donald Rumsfeld didn't equip the soldiers properly but I didn't know it was this bad...

**JB:** I have just been informed that Clear Channel is demanding we take a commercial break. Oops! Was I supposed to say that?

**BT:** We'll be right back.

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## Runny noses prevent wintertime cuddling

I think it's safe to say, if you couldn't get a date during the summer or fall, then all hopes for finding true love this winter are in the negative percentile.

With temperatures ranging from a low of -12 and a high of 5, no one in the city of

Kristin Simmons

Boston looks attractive. Let me break it down for you as to why this January/February is not your month (sorry):

A.) The Wind Tunnel: So you get up an hour early for your 8 a.m. class to make a good first impression for the new semester, only to see the weather report says it's 2 degrees with winds of 20mph (more like 45mph in the city).

You ignore the report and continue to

blow dry, straighten and perfect your hair. You apply your makeup carefully (dramatic or subtle eyes, big decision), grab your books and jacket and exit the dorms (in an effort to be just on time). Suddenly, you are stuck in a wind tunnel between One Beacon and the Sawyer Building.

Your eyes water and mascara runs. You now resemble Rocky Balboa in the opening scene of "Rocky IV." Your hair looks like Kramer's and you struggle not to slip down the entire street.

Upon finally arriving to class, you have to completely readjust yourself. Inevitably, you look worse than you did when you rolled out of bed that early extra hour (so much for your first impression).

B.) Runny Nose Syndrome (RNS): There's no escaping the RNS this winter. It's just too cold not to have it happen. But what happens when you're talking to a new hotty

in your dorm only to realize RNS was in full effect and dried in a straight line from nostril to top lip?

Do you make it obvious and wipe it off, or do you accept the fact this guy won't be asking you out (today anyway)? Maybe you guys could just be friends.

C.) Layer Up!: Even your puffy Northface and ultra tall Uggs won't keep you warm out there. It's 8 a.m., 2 degrees and snowing (correction - blizzarding).

This calls for serious layers. Whether it be tights/long johns under your jeans, three of your tightest shirts under your sweater, or a scarf to cover your entire face as you attack the blizzard, it's obvious you won't be turning any heads. Unless they're wondering if someone is actually under that bundle of clothing.

With your numerous layers, you probably resemble a human bowling ball. Your

body has lost its shape and you look like you've gained 20 lbs. instantaneously. You may have to waddle to class, but you'll make it there eventually - and most importantly, you'll be warm.

Maybe this isn't the way to begin the new 2005 Spring semester, especially if your New Year's Resolution was to find your man.

However, it's okay girls because you've got company. No one looks good in this weather.

So go ahead, get your extra hour of sleep before your morning class, don't forget your tissues and don't worry about looking 20 lbs heavier with your extra layers (nobody's going to notice if you really have gained a pound under all those clothes!) Maybe this weather isn't so bad after all...

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# Opinion

## Second Bush era ushers in contradictions

Among thousands of other demonstrators, we, students here from Suffolk, demonstrated against George W. Bush's

**Andrew Curley**

Presidential Inauguration. Through slushy, half-melted snow and a continuous chill in the streets of Washington D.C. last Thursday, we again voiced our objection to this administration's tyrannical tendencies.

There we participated in a protest that highlighted a number of issues long forgotten by our societal conscience - the major media - and that have since fallen from the care of the "average" American; while still the consequences of these concerns plague those whom they've always affected, mostly impoverished people abroad who've had to bear the brunt of this administration's aggression.

Though we'd have demonstrated regardless of which of the major candidates had won this election, with Bush's questionable electoral victory, we felt especially inclined to forcefully raise our objections against this particular presidential administration and highlight its obvious contradictions.

For instance, though Bush used in ambiguous context the word "freedom" 27

times in his inaugural address, he does nothing to act on the obvious contradictions between his vague world prescription and the countering history of his actions.

How does this administration explain their support for non-democratic regimes like Egypt, China or Pakistan - a propagator of nuclear weapons greater than anything that was claimed against Iraq - while they attempt to overthrow the democratically elected Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez and the constitution he represents?

But when these serious questions are raised, members of this administration and occasionally the president himself will rebuff these legitimate probes in a mode much similar to the tenor of his inaugural address: a spurting-out of irrational idealism that contrasts sharply against reality and evermore resembles fascist-like justifications for imperial conquest.

Such contradictions are as obvious as those found in the very nature of his supporters that attended his inauguration festivities. In the D.C. metro-area on the day of the inauguration, only three types of people were prominent: the overwhelming African American homeless, the mainly-white protesters and the grossly wealthy, white bourgeoisie that were directly responsible for the presence of the previously stated two.

Wrapped in fur coats or nicely groomed

in elaborate tuxedos, these disgusting creatures were as tangible of a manifestation of biblical villains as any modern worldly example can be found, yet they enjoy the unquestioning support of those so drunken on illogical faith that even if decorated as demons, these people would still be proclaimed bearers of biblical values.

We walked through the streets alongside those of varying liberal or radical political ideology, like a festival of leftist politics. We were continually reminded of this administration's assault on civil liberties here domestically, due to the distance from the targeted festivities of our demonstration and the extreme measures this administration has taken in the past at curbing protests' visibility into so-called "free-speech" zones.

At the same time Bush was justifying his violent intrusion into Iraq and Afghanistan through the ridiculous claims of promoting "freedom," we all endured encroachment on our civil rights through legislation like the "Patriot Act" and through illegal detentions of suspected "terrorists" that rival Wilson's "Palmer Raids" during World War I.

As Bush claimed in his inaugural address that "America's belief in human dignity will guide our policies," his administration has overseen the long-scale detention of suspected "terrorists" in Guantanamo Bay. They are presently contemplating means for

indefinite detention of these detainees, due to a lack of prosecutable evidence against them that could otherwise ensure a judicial determination of their fate. For this administration and its supporters, facts continually contradict rhetoric.

But this inauguration was more than simply about Bush, his policies, or even electoral politics. For us who're fundamentally opposed to the policies of this nation, that are curtailed for the benefit of an elite minority at overwhelming costs to the majority of people, it was a time to scale-up the nature of our dissent.

No longer can we entangle our social movement with political candidates; but rather, we must make demands on our legislators for an end to oppression here and tyranny abroad.

This was not only the second inauguration of a regime acting always in the interest of the privileged, but also a launching ceremony of our new, uncompromising opposition to this administration and those who support its policies.

No longer will we vest our demands into politicians, but we will impose them onto legislators in an exercise of social mobilization that is more democratic than anything promoted in this administration's obscene claims.

Viva la Revolution!



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## C. Walsh prepares for time warp with Rocky

Colleen Finnerty

Journal Contributor

It's nearly midnight and a curious gaggle has gathered on a side street near Harvard Square. Teenagers with red lipstick "V's" on their foreheads stand on line next to men wearing what looks like women's lingerie and it is. Passers-by glance curiously at the line of oddballs stretching halfway down the street, wondering what occasion has drawn such a colorful crowd.

The truth is this strange consortium has assembled in honor of the venerable and longstanding tradition that is the "Rocky Horror Picture Show."

But before there were people standing on the street in their underwear (or someone else's), there was an offbeat play called "The Rocky Horror Show" which debuted at London's Royal Crown Theatre Upstairs in 1973.

Drawing from B horror movies, '50s rock and roll, and trashy '70s glamour, the bizarre and supremely campy play was named "Best Musical of 1973" by The London Evening Standard.

It made its way to the States when producer Lou Adler bought the American rights to the show and it played at the Roxy on the Sunset Strip in Hollywood.

After nine months 20th Century Fox struck a deal to make a movie version.

The play ran on Broadway as a pre-release gimmick, but faced dismal reception and reviews.

The movie version was an even bigger disappointment, completely bombing in most cities.

It looked like "Rocky Horror" was about as dead as Eddie, after Dr. Frank-n-Furter went after him with that ice pick.

But much like the blood already in the



Photo Courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox

**Tim Curry flashes some leg in the burlesque cult film Rocky Horror Picture Show.**

freezer when Eddie crawls in, theater owners noticed something strange.

Despite low attendance, it appeared that a small but dedicated faction was coming to see "Rocky Horror" over and over again.

The movie may have lacked mass market appeal, but it generated a loyal following in enthusiasts of the camp genre.

Many members of the gay community and all sorts of folk with an appreciation of the fabulously bizarre paid tribute.

In order to tap into this unique audience, "Rocky Horror" began playing on the midnight movie circuit.

Soon a distinctive dynamic began to emerge - the audience was actually singing along with the songs, bringing in props and shouting smartass remarks between lines.

What started out as a marketing gimmick spiraled into a ritualistic experience and it wasn't long before live groups started forming to act out the film as it played onscreen.

Soon "Rocky Horror" had grown into a multimedia event, complete with goody bags of stuff to throw at the screen during various points in the film. It also has parody pre-shows and actual scripts of "amendments" to the film for the audience to shout during pauses.

People had begun to take the film's message of "don't dream it, be it" literally.

For the past 30 years, this tradition of decadent absurdity has been continued all over the world.

Hundreds of productions have been staged and it is still shown as a midnight

movie in many theaters.

Magazines such as Newsweek and Rolling Stone have chronicled the movie's cult-like following and there have been several revivals of the stage version, with original cast members reprising their roles and notables such as Gary Glitter and Wendy O. Williams of the Plasmatics performing in productions all over the world.

Most recently the play returned to Broadway in 2000 for a two-year run and was nominated for a Tony for Best Musical Revival.

There are currently 121 theaters in the U.S. that show the movie on a regular basis, many of them with audience participation and live casts.

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" created a subculture of obsessive fans that thrives to this day, and its status as a cultural institution had been cemented.

If you want to experience the madness firsthand, check out the Full Body Cast's production at the Loews by Harvard Square every Saturday night at midnight.

They accept the student movie tickets that you can purchase at the Hub for \$6.

You can also talk during a movie and throw things at the screen and not get shushed or kicked out.

However if you want to experience "Rocky Horror" in its original incarnation, the Student Performing Arts Program will be keeping the tradition alive at the C. Walsh Theater on Feb. 24, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available for free at the Hub, and audience participation will be allowed (of course).

Rehearsals are just beginning but it is shaping up to be a production that will satisfy even the biggest Rocky fanatics, who we all know will be waiting in eager anticipation.

## Bonnie McKee brings 'Trouble'

Diana Rossi

Journal Staff

Call her pop, but don't, under any circumstances, call her "bubblegum" pop.

In the midst of all the blonde and blonde-turned-brunette pop teen queens, emerges a fiery red head who's about to turn the world upside down with her pop/rock/blues infused vocals.

Bonnie McKee, Reprise Records newest 20-year-old bundle of joy, released her album, *Trouble*, in 2004 to high critical praise, but delayed reaction from the masses of the CD purchasing public.

The precocious McKee, cast as a young Janis Joplin in NBC's series "American Dreams", sang for the pope and penned all 12 tracks of *Trouble* before her 18th birthday.

The classically trained pianist has described *Trouble* as a coming-of-age album, characterizing it in an online interview with musicald-

discoveries.com as "a huge production, but still raw and honest... It's deceptively innocent. A young heart with an old soul. A bittersweet struggle between being a strong young woman and a little girl all in one."

Produced by Rob Cavallo (of Green Day fame), Antonia Armato and Bob Powers, *Trouble* showcases the "wise beyond her years" talent that is Bonnie McKee.

The album's title track boasts a spectacular flute sample against robust vocals and a captivating hook. Layering different musical genres and wrapping it up in a neat little package, *Trouble* is almost impossible to characterize and even more impossible to ignore.

One of the album's ballads, "Somebody," is desperately trying to launch McKee into mainstream status.

It is gaining radio play and was featured in the 2004 film "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton."

"Somebody" creates a platform

for McKee's unapologetic innocence and vulnerability, mixing in an extremely well placed gospel choir; a throwback to McKee's self-confessed choirgirl past perhaps? Beginning as a quiet, piano driven production, "Somebody" escalades into an all out infectious ballad.

McKee channels her sly and intentionally understated rock goddess with the hard-hitting "A Voice That Carries."

In the very bluesy ballad "Honey," McKee delivers heavy lyrics that hit dangerously close to home for anyone who has had their heart broken.

She sings, "I was alone, I was broken/ I needed someone to love/ your love was sticky like honey/ I got stuck."

McKee captures the heart-wrenching feeling of not being able to let go with the chorus: "I still see you when my eyes are closed/ tell me why/ I can't let go/ I still smell you inside of my clothes/ Oh,

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# Rising star blends genres

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honey/ I can't love anybody but you/ I'm afraid/ but it's true."

McKee forcefully delivers a powerful performance in "Green Grass," a heavy song with commanding vocals and a light but still irresistibly present blues background.

McKee showcases a strong voice and a wide range of vocal talent with unabashed emotion you just can't fake.

McKee plays with boundaries in the controversial "January." She sings of awaiting the age of sexual consent.

She seductively sings, "You say although your love for me is strong/ that a lover under 17 is wrong/ another night goes by/ and I awake enveloped in your arms/ you won't make up your mind/ because my helplessness turns you

on."

McKee further induces eyebrow raises with the chorus: "January's just around the corner/ I know that you'll be back by then/ I'm counting down the days on my calendar/ 'till loving me won't be a sin." In the sincere ballad "Marble Steps," McKee further cements the innocent but strangely wise young girl persona.

She eloquently croons, "I climb the marble stairs that lead away/ away from everything I used to know/ I try to keep my eyes down on the way/ the way my mother told me not to go."

McKee proves that she can carry a song with just her infectious voice in "Sensitive Subject Matter," as she drives the song with a sincerely deep vocal display of talent and genuine capability.

In "I Hold Her," McKee eerily channels Tori Amos with enchant-

ing lyrics and strong, yet earnest and innocent vocals.

*Trouble* ends with the quirky, quick, almost exotic sounding "Confessions of a Teenage Girl," proudly and perfectly capturing the seductive nature that is a teenage girl.

Bonnie McKee is impossible to characterize. She's pop, but not by pop standards.

She blues, but not by blues standards. She's rock, but not by rock standards.

She eloquently carves her own niche with *Trouble*, creating a unique sound that's all her own.

McKee focuses her music on telling a story.

Her lyrics chronicle the coming of age of a girl who grew up too fast but who wouldn't have it any other way. 2005 will be hearing a lot from Bonnie McKee, just try and say no to her.



Photo courtesy of Reprise Records

Bonnie McKee is jailbait no longer with her debut release *Trouble*.

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## In the realm of artistic genius

Deborah Levison

Journal Staff

Henry Darger's neighbors remember him as a strange, lonely man who rummaged through the garbage and in the privacy of his apartment, talked to himself in different languages. Little did they know what would become of that seemingly strange collection of trash. As one of the few people who saw him, one of his neighbors said, "He was just another little man, all by himself." Other than attending mass everyday, Darger was never seen with anyone. He was hurt by people but was not afraid of them. He simply never dealt with anyone.

From the very beginning, Henry Darger's life was a mystery. He used to lie to people claiming he was born in Germany or Brazil when his birth certificate confirmed he was an American. Due to an extremely traumatic childhood spent in an asylum, Darger never fully recovered and literally disconnected from the rest of the world. Although his life on the outside was apparently mind-numbingly dull, inside his apartment Darger was creating something that no one could ever expect.

After a life of isolation, Darger had to finally reach out to his neighbors when he became a victim of poverty, illness and old age. After sending him to a retirement home, his landlords made an astounding discovery when cleaning his apartment. His home became the setting for what might be the longest novel ever written, "In the Realms of the Unreal." This book was based on the fantastic lives of the Vivian girls, (imaginary characters present in



all his works) and their war against the Glandelinian army. Together with the 15,000 pages of writing found, they also found hundreds of watercolor paintings some that were over 10 feet long.

Naked girls with penises fighting in battle scenes and being rescued by huge winged creatures and other disturbing images covered the walls.

Jessica Yu's "The Realms of the Unreal" depicts the furtive life of America's primary "outsider artist." Yu has won the 1997

Academy Award for her short film "Breathing Lessons: The Life and Work of Mark O'Brien." She was the artist in residence at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and aside from documentaries she has also directed episodes of "The West Wing," "ER" and "The Guardian."

"The Realms of the Unreal" is presently being played at the Museum of Fine Arts, which is accessible through the green T line, E trolley at the Museum of Fine Arts stop.

## Staff Sounds

**Diana Rossi- The Killers *Hot Fuss*-** The Killers, some vodka and some Sprite make for the perfect evening.

**Matt Wilder- Billy Joel's *Greatest Hits*-** It makes me happy while walking to class.

**Amanda Bellamy- Jimmy Eat World *Futures*-** It is *Bleed American* all grown up.

**Lark Rissetto- Hum *Downward is Heavenward*-** Hum is the most under-rated band and yet they rock hard. Alternative vocals plus heavy distortion equals amazing.

**Garrett Quinn- The Beach Boys *Petshop Sounds*-** East Coast girls are hip and I really dig the styles they wear.



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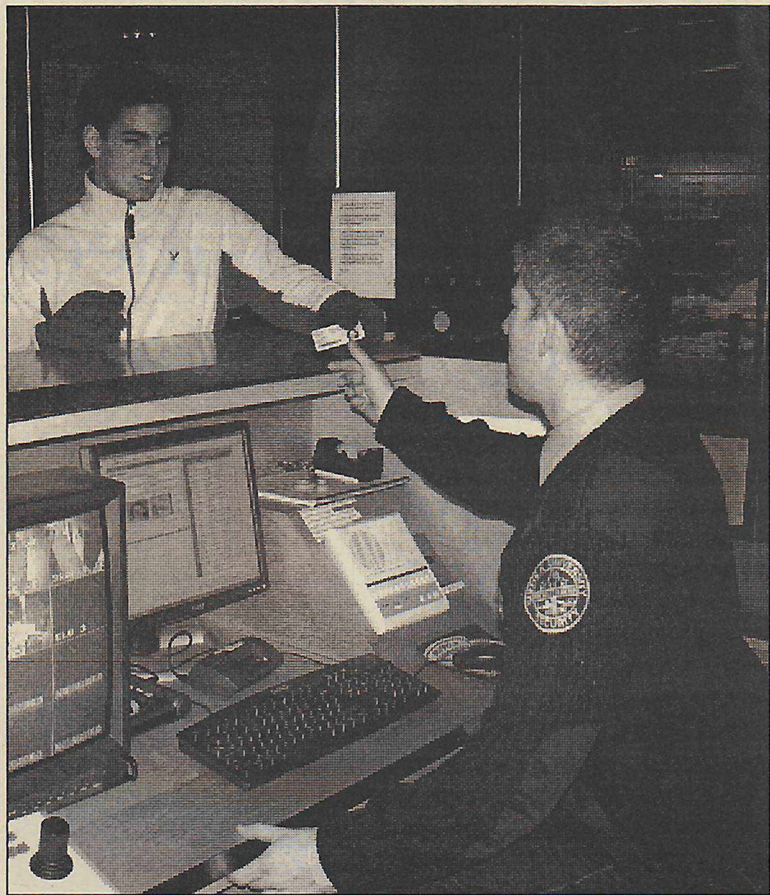
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# ID scans: Latest addition to campus security



Suzi Brander - Journal Staff

Suffolk student Jose Ramon Riestra hands Security Officer Darren Deegan his university ID. Deegan will use the new computer program to sign in Riestra's guests.

## Christopher DeFillippi

Journal Staff

Beginning this semester, the Suffolk University Police and Security Department is using new technologies to scan the identification cards of guests in campus dormitories and store the information in a database.

"They're customized to recognize six ID's; Suffolk's and five other colleges," said Chief of Campus Police John Pagliarulo. Pagliarulo explained that the technology can also be used to scan, save and access images of state licenses and passports.

The new security system came after a string of break-ins and thefts during the fall semester.

The program, the Easylobby Visitor Access Control Registry, can recognize names and faces on identification cards and alert campus security not to allow a person access to a dormitory if they've been banned.

Visitors' times of arrival and departure are also automatically

recorded by the program. Previously, campus security had to write the time and date of guests' arrivals and departures by hand and information of banned visitors existed only as a written list.

"There's pretty high-access control, but people can still piggy-back on an open door," said Pagliarulo.

"But it's tightly controlled. It really needs to be done this way in an urban campus."

With the new program, human errors regarding the misspelling of names or the recording of incorrect arrival and departure times are expected to be reduced.

As of press-date, the new security system has not been used in any campus investigations, but when the FBI issued the now discredited warning of Chinese and Iraqi terrorists seeking to detonate a dirty bomb in Boston, the suspects' names were put on the dormitories' "banned" list.

"We don't want to see them in res. life," Pagliarulo joked. The program has also been used at least once to locate a guest in a

dormitory who called for medical assistance.

Students have been generally nonchalant about the new security measures. "Well, signing in is easier, since you can scan it in quick," said sophomore Rebecca Dizoglio. Other students have found the process more time consuming. "It got complicated, so it takes more time and they're still training on the system," said sophomore Janike Ruginis.

"It just seems to take longer," said freshman Joe Jellie. "It was easier before. Maybe it's just because it's new. We'll just have to wait and see." "Maybe it's just because it's new. We'll just have to wait and see."

Mackenzie Derival, a security guard at the 150 Tremont Street dormitory, said he finds the system comparatively convenient. "It's probably at least half the time it takes," Derival said.

"You don't have to write anything. If someone gets in trouble, their name pops up on the list. Now it's just, 'boom, you don't belong here.'"

## Ukrainian minister speaks at university

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Ukrainian leaders not to use the powers of their office merely to go after political enemies, as Putin did in Russia.

He was referring to Putin's enforcement of corporate laws against oligarchs who opposed him and turning a blind eye to those who did not.

He went on to emphasize the importance of putting more checks and balances into

"Every country has to walk its own way to freedom and prosperity.."

**Sergiy Korsunsky**  
Minister-Counsel of the  
Ukraine Embassy

the Ukrainian constitution.

"Every country has to walk its own way to freedom and prosperity," said Korsunsky.

He stated that while Ukraine has only been an independent state since 1991, its cultural heritage extends back over a millennium.

In an anecdote, he mentioned that the first-lady of the Ukraine, Katherine Chumachenko, wore a thousand-year old brooch believed to be from the region when

she appeared with her husband after the election results were announced.

"There is never an end to history, or even a time-out," said Korsunsky. "We need to keep defending clean elections."

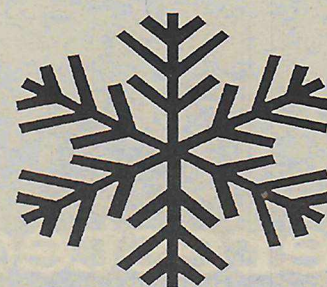
Although World Boston is not scheduled to present any more lecturers at Suffolk, as of this time, beginning on March 8 and for every Tuesday until April 26, there will be a free lecture at the Boston Public Library at 6 p.m.

## Hey! It's New England...



Matt Wilder-Journal Staff

The Derne Street Deli is almost unreachable Mon., Jan., 24 after the Blizzard of '05 dumped more than two feet of snow on the region.



The Staff of The Suffolk Journal would like to recognize the hard work of the facilities management team over the past few days. All the sidewalks near the Suffolk buildings were so clean you could see the pavement all weekend long. Thanks, very much, your hard work is appreciated.



# B.U. housed in new digs

*A B.U.tiful experience in Agganis Arena*

**Tim Rosenthal**

Journal Staff

Fans were piling in for the Boston College versus Boston University hockey game last Saturday, Jan. 15, for another chapter of this storied rivalry.

What was different about this match-up was that the game was not being held at Boston University's home stadium, Walter Brown Arena.

Since the start of 2005, the Terriers have been skating on fresh ice and under a different roof.

The brand new Agganis Arena at Boston University has been getting broken in by both the hockey and basketball teams and is an amazing building.

Inside the red-cushioned, theatre style seating satisfies the comfort expectations of the typical fan, while providing a great view from

every angle of the arena.

Whether it was the hockey game that intrigued fans or their curiosity of the new arena, tickets for the game against Boston College were hard to come by.

Prior to the game, \$20 tickets were selling on eBay for \$150. The arena, which sold out for the game, seats 6,224 people for hockey.

Walter Brown Arena, the Terriers previous venue and where the Suffolk University hockey team plays its home games, seats approximately 3,100 fans.

The concourses of Agganis Arena feature depictions of many events in B.U. hockey history, including pictures of their four national championship teams.

Also along the walls are pictures of Boston University Olympians, including Mike Eurozione, Jim Craig, and Jack O'

Callahan.

In addition, there are photographs of NHL stars of the past and present who attended B.U., such as Chris Drury, Tony Amonte, and Boston Bruins coach Mike Sullivan.

Gazing at the wall of all the Olympians and NHL players, fans are able to reminisce and reflect on the deep tradition Boston University had while playing at Walter Brown Arena.

Now a new tradition is starting with the opening of Agganis Arena.

Playing at Walter Brown was a significant benefit to the Terriers during both regular and post-season games.

However, with more tickets available and with the capacity for more fans to attend home games, Boston University will have an even greater home ice advantage.

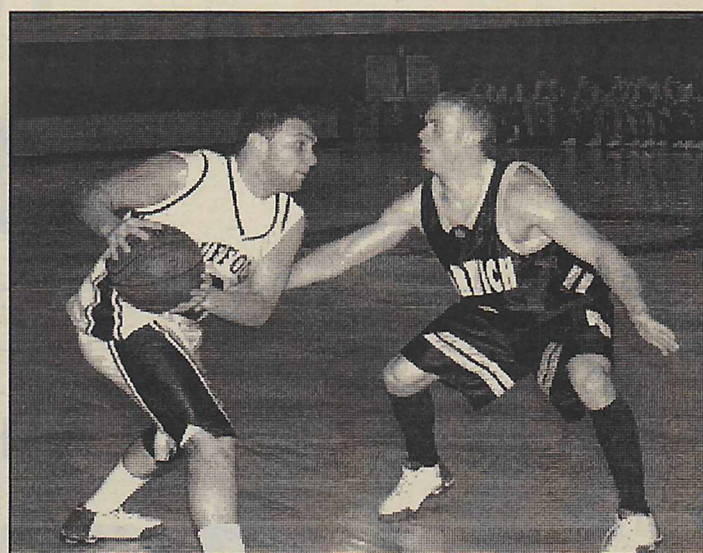


Photo Courtesy Dan McHugh

The men's basketball team is 5-8 overall this season and is in sixth place in the GNAC standings, with a 3-3 conference record.

## Rams on a roll

**RAMS** from page 12

Rams upcoming home games, either on Saturday, Jan. 29, against Western New England College or Monday, Jan. 31, when the Rams take on Johnson and Wales University.

The grounding of the Eagles pushed the Rams overall record to 10-5 on the season and improved their record against Great Northeast Athletic Conference opponents to 2-1.

Suffolk, which has not lost consecutive games all season, is currently sixth in the GNAC

standings.

As the Lady Rams approach the end of January, they will face the toughest that the GNAC has to offer.

Eight of Suffolk's last nine games are against conference opponents and will prove to be crucial match-ups that will separate the contenders from pretenders down the stretch.

With the Lady Rams firing on cylinders heading into the heart of the winter schedule, it seems not even the bitter cold can cool them down.

### Editor's Notebook

The Suffolk men's basketball team traveled to New Hampshire on Saturday, Jan. 22, to take on Daniel Webster College. The Rams were looking to get back on the winning track after losing a tough 67-65 battle to Johnson and Wales on Wednesday, Jan. 19. The game against Daniel Webster marked the fourth consecutive Great Northeast Athletic Conference match up for the Rams. Suffolk had four players in double figures, as the team came out on top with a 75-70 victory over Daniel Webster. Senior Chris Emma put up a double double, with 19 points and 11 rebounds, while sophomore Brad Schoonmaker added 16 points. Senior Chris Tighe posted 12 points and sophomore John Murphy had 11. Sophomore Chris Devlin dished out a game high 6 assists to go along with his seven points as the Rams improved their record to 5-8 on the season. Suffolk is currently in sixth place in the GNAC standings with their 3-3-conference record.

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## Rams rip up the hardwood with win over eagles

Richard Parenteau

Journal Staff

Amidst the arctic-like weather that has seemingly found a new home in the Boston area, the Suffolk University women's basketball team has found a way to stay red hot as the squad pushes its way through the latter half of the season schedule.

The Lady Rams extended their winning streak to three games on Saturday, Jan. 22, with an authoritative 87-31 home win against conference opponent Daniel Webster College.

Under the guidance of head coach Ed Leyden, Suffolk put on a clinic from start to finish and served up some staggering numbers along the way.

The Lady Rams defense was virtually impenetrable, challenging the Daniel Webster Eagles' shooters and forcing them to take off-balance shots and make bad passes.

As a team, Daniel Webster shot a weak 29.8% from the field and turned the ball over 41 times throughout the course of the game.

Both were a credit to Suffolk's defense, which made away with 24 steals.

"We always preach defense," said Rams assistant coach Sarah Huntington. "We just rely on basic fundamentals. The girls executed well."

Whether the Rams brought on the full court press or engulfed the Eagles down low in the paint, there was little the Daniel Webster women could do to create open



Rich Parenteau-Journal Staff

Sophomore Erica Brown shoots takes a jump shot for the Lady Rams in the second half of Suffolk's 87-31 win over Daniel Webster College

looks.

After holding the Eagles to a meager 16 points before halftime, Suffolk made an even more impressive defensive effort in the second half by only allowing Daniel Webster to add 15 more points.

"In the first half we wanted to pressure and wanted to get the momentum in our favor, and in the second half we just contin-

ued with that," commented Huntington.

The disparity in defensive play was tremendous and too significant for Daniel Webster to overcome.

Offensively, everything fell into place with relative ease for Suffolk. The home team jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

The Rams successfully executed on both

ends of the court and never trailed throughout the course game.

The Lady Rams capitalized on forced turnovers and created clean looks at the hoop, shooting just over 45% for the game.

While it took the Eagles the entire game to score 31 points, the Lady Rams eclipsed that total with almost nine minutes left in the first half.

"We work at it," said coach Leyden. "We're pretty consistent. We have good players who work hard."

Freshman Gillian Brignac had a game high 14 points and added seven rebounds to lead the Ram's charge.

Sophomore Sarah Gregory chipped in with 11 points and six rebounds, while Allison Fox scored 12 and went 2-3 from beyond the arc.

Fox, who is in her senior year, inched closer to Suffolk athletics history with her performance.

She entered the game with 949 career points and now only 39 points separate Fox from joining the elite company of Suffolk University 1,000 point scorers.

"She's more than a shooter," Leyden said of Fox. "She's a really good team player, a good leader, she works at defense, and she works at rebounding."

"I think she's a good all-around player and a really good person," added Leyden.

Fox will look to become the ninth woman in Suffolk woman's basketball history to reach the 1,000-point plateau.

The feat could be achieved at one of the see **RAMS**, page 11

## University Dateline

For more information for getting your event listed in Dateline contact the Student Activities Office at (617) 573-8320.

### Wednesday, 1/26

Deadline for Alternative Spring Break Applications S.O.U.L.S. Office

Orientation Leader Applications Available Donahue 529

GLBT Open House 11am-3pm Donahue 209

Catholic Mass 12:15pm Interfaith Center, D540

"The Political Complexities of Tsunami Relief" 1-3pm C. Walsh Theater

### Thursday, 1/27

Orientation Leader Information Tables 12:30-2:30pm NESAD Gallery

B'Shevat Jewish Holiday Table Donahue Lobby

Interfaith Ceremony to Commemorate Tsunami Victims 1pm Donahue 403

S.O.U.L.S. Thursday Night Supper Club 4:45pm Meet at Donahue 424

### Monday, 1/31

Orientation Leader Information Table 10am-1pm Sawyer Lobby

Welcome Back Comedy Night 7:30pm Donahue Cafeteria

### Tuesday, 2/1

Deadline for May 2005 Applications for Degree Registrar's Office

Senior Yearbook Photos 10am-4pm Donahue 535

Forum for Women in Politics and Public Policy 1-2pm Donahue 403

President's Open Office Hours 1pm One Beacon Street

Bible Study 1:15pm Interfaith Center, Donahue 540