Spring Preview

Emerson profs spark protests

Chris DeFillippi
Journal Staff

Emerson College, Suffolk's neighbor across the Common, has been wracked by protests over a faculty-contract dispute.

The students at Emerson, one of only a handful of colleges in the country to employ a unionized faculty, have criticized the administration for not drafting a contract for full-time professors and their union, the Emerson College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (ECCAAUP).

The full-time faculty has worked without a contract since its original one expired in June of last year and ECCAAUP is now seeking a contract that will give faculty more freedoms in determining their curriculum and the allocation of funds within their academic departments.

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Suzi Brander-Journal Staff

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Familiar faces to take top seats on next year's SGA executive board

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With the final secret ballots cast, a yearly tradition took place as the Student Government Association's executive board was confirmed for 2005-2006 school year.

After two weeks of questions, the general assembly of the SGA voted April 14 on whom they thought should sit as the highest-ranking student leaders at Suffolk University.

Junior Allan Motenko defeated freshman Sean Scanlon for the hotly contested presidential seat, while junior Emily Ruskowski defeated sophomore Max Koskoff for the position of vice president.

Karen Malolino and Rachel Goldberg won the treasurer's and secretary's seats, respectively. Rachel Maiolino and Emily Walsh researched The Suffolk Journal archives and discovered many of the issues that are currently being discussed in SGA are not new dilemmas. "Do you think you can make progress and lasting change?" asked.

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Motenko's relationship with the administration as his greatest strength. "Emotion is my greatest strength and greatest weakness," Scanlon stated. "I'd like to think my emotion is something that drives me, not stalls me." He cited Motenko's relationship with the administration as his greatest issue.

As far as what he considers to be his greatest strength, Motenko stated, "My ability to be pragmatic and reasoned in my thought process. I will advise, I will advocate, I will pursue." Commenting on the different aspects of vision that was an important part of the campaign for both he and Scanlon, Motenko agreed that it is an integral aspect of the position, but stated, "It is possible to be too locked in on vision... and not see other ideas."

"For his weakness, Motenko said, "My messy organizational skills... it's just not as neat and tidy as it could be." Motenko said he admired Scanlon for his ideas. "He has a well of ideas and a unique perspective," he said.

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Suffolk University receives 50K grant from state

Suffolk University has received a $50,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education for the purpose of training secondary school teachers, according to a report in the Boston Business Journal.

According to the report, the grant particularly targets prospective middle and high school teachers, as part of the Massachusetts Initiatives for New Teachers. As part of the new agreement, Suffolk will train ten teachers for the Peabody Public School System and the town will hire them after completion of the training. The program consists of work in Peabody schools as a teacher's aid and classes at Suffolk.

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can get A, B and C done. We have a lot of potential this year.

Motenko believes that immediate action is needed on issues such as American Sign Language becoming a language credit, which has recently faltered. "Had we been able to reach discussions on that, people could look and say, 'This was the greatest SGA.'"

At the end of the year, expressed Motenko, "we've all burnt out... totally disengaged. The e-board must recommit to committee process.

Both candidates pledged to continue to work towards their goals and the goals of the organization as a whole, no matter the outcome of the election, stressing the importance of unity within the body. Motenko and Scanlon admitted missteps along the way, but believed they had grown to be qualified for positions.

Motenko said, "I am looking forward to continuing to work with the members and others in the university community.

Motenko restated his goals for the organization, saying, "To continue to have a student voice in the curriculum revision, to make sure that there isn't polarization with the Sawyer School of Management... to bring American Sign Language classes to Suffolk, and to provide more student access to coarse material, and to explore ways students can be involved in the university community.

An ongoing process, Motenko explained that the goals that already exist would be joined with new challenges as the year progresses.

'Part of our job as a student body representative is to keep an eye on what the student body wants," stressed Motenko. Nearing the end of her term as executive board president, Becky Harlow was guardedly optimistic about the future of the organization. "All we need is a group of people and has great ideas," Harlow expressed in a phone interview.

'Emily is equally fantastic and is a real go-getter. Karlene's been doing it forever and Rachel should also do a great job as secretary. I think we're leaving on a high note and I hope the new e-board continues this progress.'

Students find oasis at annual poetry showcase

Most this was their first open mic experience. Many found that it was not as frightening as they had feared it to be.

"It was cool, impressed by this year's increased turnout. He credited it to the collaboration of other poetry groups on campus, such as Venture, Suffolk's annual literary publication, the Poetry Center and its creator, English professor and poet Frederick Marchant, who was also in attendance. "After the show I had people come up to me afterwards and ask me when the next Poetry Oasis was," Marchant said.

Parks hopes that Suffolk students will realize that poetry is more than just words on paper. "I want people to realize that poetry is not just for self."

Lopez echoed his remarks, "For the most part I write for myself, but I don't get a reaction. It makes you feel more comfortable when people are reacting to your poetry," She added that she is looking forward to next year and will once again perform.

Thegenus, who also performed at the first Poetry Oasis, hopes to see the event reach a larger audience and grow in size. "I'd like to see some collaborations with local poetry clubs," he said. He believes that Suffolk has the audience for such an event.

In the end, Parks is proud of the success of poetry that is reaching a Suffolk audience, no matter what size. "Poetry is one of those things that is intimate," said Parks.

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Reaching Out.

"It's getting to the point where all students are really starting to understand how this affects them in everything they do. Even in a student group, if your faculty member is stressed out, can't advise you, something like that, can't talk to you about things that are going on on campus, that affects your student group," Taylor said.

Freshman protestor and Emerson Green Stefanidie Lynch said she felt that the contract dispute influenced her personally as well.

"I realized this issue has such an impact on even single student of the school," Lynch said.

"Our teachers are talking about leaving next year... It affects our reputation as a school."

Over the past two weeks student protests have grown increasingly larger and more elaborate.

As the color orange represented support for the reform-oriented government of Victor Yushchenko in the Ukraine, students have donned bright orange scarves and other articles of clothing to represent solidarity with the faculty's concerns.

Other actions have included tying their hands, symbolizing the helplessness of students to improve conditions for their faculty.

"People at Emerson, we like to voice our opinions and our feelings," said Emerson freshman Elizabeth Sims Jr.

She then pointed to the Little Building, a residence hall, the windows of which had been filled with sheets of construction paper, spelling out an announcement for a class boycott.

The boycott, which consisted of students skipping class to express their disagreement with the administration, took place on April 14 and 15. Those students interviewed were uncertain as to the effectiveness of this.

"All of my classes were empty because people didn't come to class, but they didn't go to the protest either," said Emerson sophomore Abby Rekas-Rosalbo.

"They just fucked off. They just didn't want to come to class and the protest was tiny. It was so little, maybe half a block [of protesters]. So it was ineffective."

Sophomore Jonathan Gold had similar sentiments.

"I think a teacher boycott or strike would be a lot more effective," Gold said. "Still, I think the student boycott was a good way to allow the teachers to go to the protest."

The impact of the class boycott and protests was heightened by the fact that it happened during a time of the year, called April Preview, when incoming freshmen visit Emerson to determine whether they will enroll.

"April Preview has been a major week for us to try and organize students to get the message out to prospective students coming in next year that there're problems they need to be aware of," Taylor said.

Bates disagreed.

"I mean, I'm all for the full-time faculty getting better wages," she said. "My full-time professors are great. I love them, but I don't know if it was the greatest thing to do during April Preview week because, why would you want to deter a new class from coming here, why would you want students not to come here?"

The protesters interviewed dismissed the possibility that the faculty union might limit Emerson's ability to compete with neighboring colleges due to its decreased hiring and firing abilities.

"I'm not into corporations, I don't like it, I don't think they're humane, I don't think they treat people humanely and I don't want my college to run like one," Taylor said.

Freshman David Sharrocks suggested a communication breakdown might be the key behind the strained relationship between faculty and students and the administration.

"A big problem with the administration is that we work with the faculty every day in our classrooms, we have constant contact with them, and the administration... their floor is blocked off to the entire school unless you're an administrator or are invited up there," Sharrocks said.

"The communication barrier between the administration and the students is so far apart, but the faculty and the students work together every day, it's just like... that's what makes the school what it is." 

On March 23 a forum of administrators and faculty, sponsored by the Phi Alpha Tau fraternity, titled "A Public Conversation" was held in the Bill Bordy Auditorium in an attempt to address some of the students concerns about the contract dispute. No future forums on the matter are planned at this time.

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DeLaying the right thing

Rather than devoting precious time and energy to debating hot topics such as the war in Iraq, election reform, drilling in Alaskan wildlife preserves, cancer research, sky-rocketing gas prices, Tom DeLay's possible illegal actions, legislation that could prevent future Schiavo-like cases or even the merits and/or evils of stem cell research, Congress has decided to waste tax-payers' money by expanding their steroid investigations from the world of baseball to the NFL.

Rep. Tom Davis, chairman of the House Government Reform Committee told the Associated Press, "Examining the effectiveness of the NFL's policy is a key part of understanding why 500,000 high school students today have tried steroids."

Let's hope NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue is more helpful in the search for answers than MLB's Mark McGwire - a player who was subpoenaed by the congressional committee to discuss steroid use and defiantly avoided all questions concerning steroid use.

Perhaps the committee should devote the same gusto and effort into investigating overseas trips Senate Majority leader DeLay took, allegedly paid for by lobbyists. Reported by several news sources, conservatives call the allegations little more than rumors at this point. It would be rather easy for a congressional committee's resources to resolve this potentially illegal and damaging quandary.

Already admonished three times in 2004 by the House ethics committee, DeLay claims he's merely the victim of the liberal media.

President Bush's chief of staff, Karl Rove has come out swinging. Rove has labeled Democrats "desperate" in a rare interview. When did exposing corruption in high-level political positions become a decidedly "desperate" liberal trait?

If memory serves, it was a conservative movement a few years back against Bill Clinton. Taking bribes and sexual favors, isn't a moral offense, a moral offense?

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Dear Journal,

I am writing to thank The Suffolk Journal for its recent editorial, endorsing me for the position of SGA President.

Beyond the kind personal comments directed toward my candidacy, I was gratified to read about the important role of advocacy that the Journal feels SGA can have on behalf of the student body within the University community.

Although I believe that our organization has fulfilled this role successfully but without much fanfare in each of the last two years, it is an ongoing effort that will be our unrelenting focus in the year ahead.

I must also use this forum to thank the members of the Student Government Association that placed their trust in me to lead them, as well as Sean Scanlon, a worthy candidate and a sincere representative of his peers, who engaged in a well articulated campaign of ideas.

Thanks again for the support.

Allan Motenko
Class of 2006
Diana Rossi

Sex and Tori Amos

Tori Amos really knows how to pick an entertaining opening act. Boston native Matt Nathanson was the perfect Andy to Tori's Amos. Serving up a five-song set just long enough to tickle the fancies without drowning the audience in his amusing John Mayer-esque mannerisms, Nathanson had the crowd in tears with witty banter and hilarious side notes.

Opening with "Angels," he quickly cemented himself as a clever Howie Day mixtured with the intricately dangerous soul of Tyler Hilton with a nose ring. Using a mechanical glitch as part of his act, he quipped, "That's it [my new song] - it's called feedback... I hear that happening to Neil Diamond a lot..."

For his final song, "Answering Machines," Nathanson requested a sing along waving the crowd. "And none of this I don't wanna sing... It's like going to an opera and reading a book!

After the successful sing along, Nathanson ended his set giving way to a 30 minute tease before Tori graced the stage.

Emerging in a white hot smoke haze, hands folded in the prayer position. Tori took her divine seat in between her signature grand piano and her organ. With the organ at her back, she immediately began to make love to her piano, beginning with "Original Sinuality" off her new album The Beekeeper.

The drama that is Tori continued amidst green, blue and deep purple lights, fading to black in between each of the 19 songs in her hour and a half long set rich with 12 older fan favorites and seven Beekeeper tracks.

Tori was overcome by the deep, sensual colors surrounding her as her smoky voice belted out "Happy Phantom" and swaying her hips down into her overexcited bench as she transitioned into the most amazing performance with a too-good-for-words delivery of "Leather."

As she ran off the stage one more time, the crowd decided they needed another taste as they chipped desperately for just one more glimpse of Tori heaven. Just when it seemed she wasn't going to come back, she pleased her song-horny fans by coming back out and screaming the eager crowd with "Doughnut Song," sweetly singing: "And if I'm wasting all your time/ this time/ maybe you never learned to take/ and if I'm hanging out to your shade/ I guess I'm way beyond the pale."

Ending her incredible show, for real this time, Tori showed her motherly side to the crowd at the Observatory Theater when she began to talk about her daughter, Natashya.

Tori explained that her little bundle of joy begged her mother to let her stay for the show, saying, "Mommy, have I ever been to Boston? Can I stay for the show?"

When Tori explained to her daughter that she couldn't, little Natashya came up with a little compromise: propositioning her "mummy" to bid adieu to her audience with the Natashya-inspired "Ribbons Underneath the Sky."

Whether the "true" Tori is the angry sweet ball of fire fans have grown to love, or the new motherly shell of her former self, the world will never know. Maybe there are three Toris: the spitfire, the mother and the one only a select few close and dear to her will ever know. Tori showed a little piece of all of her personas that night, leaving the crowd with tears, laughter and admit it - a few satisfying hard-ons.

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screams here and there from the weak-hearted.

Between all the screams and murder, some of the performances still managed to seep through the blood-soaked cracks. Surprisingly, Reynolds' performance was very convincing.

The only giveaway was his blood-shot contacts used to make him seem crazier. Other than that, blood-soaked cracks. Surprisingly, murder, some of the performances from the misses though the two have a love scene that was followed by quite a reaction of moans and howls from the audience.

Aside from the hanky pantry, for all those who have seen the original and want to see how well this stands up it probably wouldn't hurt to sign this lease. But for those that expected another great remake like "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," which these filmmakers also brought to the screen, don't waste your time coming to Amityville, it just doesn't compare.

Melissa George pulls off fear in "The Amityville Horror."

Jenn O'Callaghan
Journal Staff

Two bands with very different sounds can bring audiences together for a great night of music. The local band Parker House and Theory opened for nationally known Everclear at the Avalon on April 14 and both put on an awesome show.

Parker House and Theory is made up of five members: Andy (keyboard and harmonica), Carles (lead guitar and vocals), Colin Lewis (bass), Eric-Jon (lead singer/guitarist) and Marcos (drums). Lead vocalist, Eric-Jon has a strong vocal range, going from low to a high falsetto in many of the songs. The sound has a jam-band feel with long instrumental portions of their songs and also highlighting each member's talents.

The harmonica parts played by Andy are very reminiscent of Blues Traveler's John Popper. They have a fun stage presence and are upbeat. Eric-Jon entertained the crowd with dancing during some of the songs. Many of the songs are about love and relationships. They primarily sang songs from their album entitled Slide Down, occasionally including songs that will be included on an upcoming album, Everclear opened their set with the song, "Everything to Everyone."

Later in the set, lead singer, Art Alexakis performed solo for "Stabwerty." Throughout their performance, they included a variety of songs, spanning their career from the 1994 release of World of Noise, to the more recent 2003 album, Slow Motion Daydream.

The entire band was lively throughout the set, moving around the stage and having fun. Their stage presence and energy makes seeing one of their shows a far more exciting experience than just listening to a CD.

Alexakis banttered with some of the girls at the front of the stage, also joking about how young some members of the audience were when some of the songs were written.

Since the show was all ages, some fans were in elementary or junior high school when songs like the "Fire Maple Song," "Herein Girl" and others from the early 1990s were written. They also performed a couple of new songs including "Gloutous," which will be on an upcoming release. This song has a great, strong rock sound similar to songs from their 1997 album, So Much for the Afterglow and the 2005 release, Slow Motion Daydream.

The set primarily included their heavier rock songs. They did not perform much from Songs from an American Movie Vol. 1: Learning How To Smile or Songs from An American Movie Vol. 2: Good Time for a Bad Attitude. They did include "Wonderful," which is one of the heavier songs from the two albums.

During songs like "Father of Mine," "I Will Buy You a New Life" and the more recent "Volvo Driving Scooter Mom," much of the crowd was singing along, occasionally jumping up and down.

Alexakis introduced "I Will Buy You a New Life" as a song that many people can relate to and it was one of the songs that got the most response from the crowd during the set.

In their finale, they played a few covers, including "Santa Monica" and a cover of "Semy." For "Jenny," Alexakis picked several girls from the crowd to come on stage to dance and sing along with the band. Alexakis also allowed one male from the crowd to come on stage with them as well.

Many of Everclear's songs deal with broken relationships of different sorts, as well as frustration about the bad things that can happen in life. Their performance reflected the full energy and emotion that comes through in the lyrics of their songs.
Suffolk in first place

Richard Parenteau
Journal Staff

The 16-11 record of the Suffolk University men's baseball team doesn't begin to describe the truth behind the numbers.

The Rams may have added their 11th loss of the season on Mon., April 18, at Eastern Connecticut, but what really matters is their 9-1 GNAC record, which is second to none.

Suffolk currently resides in first place in their conference, which is all that matters when it comes down to playoff positioning.

The latest of the Rams' conference wins came Sat., April 16, against Johnson and Wales University. Suffolk took home both games of the doubleheader, winning 2-1 and 8-4.

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Suffolk ended the weekend with the third win of the year, pitching six innings and striking out five in the victory.

"The fact that we can play right with them should give our guys some confidence that they can continue to push forward and concentrate on the positive things that come out of every game."

"They were top 15 in the country," said McConnell of Eastern Connecticut.

"The best baseball we are as good as anybody."

Pagel breaks record

Senior Erin Pagel (8) made NCAA Division III history on Wed., April 13, after stealing two bases in the first inning against Pine Manor. Pagel stole second to tie the record and then immediately stole third base to break it. It was her 158th stolen base in her four years at Suffolk, breaking the old record of 157.

"You can only imagine how proud we are," said Rams head coach Elaine Schwager. "You are talking about something that has never been done before. You are talking about not just beating it, but shattering it at this moment. It's a lot of fun to watch." So far in 2005, Pagel has 33 stolen bases and she has recorded 165 total in her four years at Suffolk.

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The Suffolk Journal

Playoffs loom as Rams enter final week of play

Richard Parenteau

Journal Staff

Significant or not, the Suffolk University women's softball team hit their first bump in the road this season, experiencing an up and down Patriot's Day weekend.

After losing back-to-back games for the first time, Suffolk bounced back by winning four in a row over the next two days.

The Rams started the long weekend by dropping both games of a double header against undefeated Western New England College on Fri., April 15. First place WNEC took both games from the Rams, winning 3-2 and 4-2.

Suffolk rebounded however, beating up on Rivier College the following day. The Rams won 14-1 and 18-1, getting back on the winning track before hosting Albertus Magnus for a pair of games on Sat., April 17. Albertus Magnus kept it close throughout the day, but Suffolk managed its 11th and 12th shutouts of the year, taking both games by a score of 3-0.

Senior Erin Pagel, complimented by a stellar defensive effort, pitched a complete game, allowing only two hits and striking out nine batters. "There were great defensive performances by both teams," said Suffolk head coach Elaine Schwager. "They made us earn every bit of what we had."

The Ram's offense gave Pagel an early lead to work with, scoring two runs in the first inning. A double by freshman Natalie West scored junior Christina Nay, who singled earlier in the inning. Jill Grant, also a junior, followed with a single of her own to drive in West and give the Rams the 2-0 advantage.

Suffolk wouldn't require any more runs to secure the win, but they added some insurance in the fifth inning. Senior Denise Trubia led off the inning with a single and scored on a Nay triple later in the inning. Nay finished the game going two for four, with an RBI. Brenna Burr, a junior catcher, was the only other Ram with two hits in game one.

Freshman Jenn Elwell followed Pagel's lead in the second game, nearly putting together the same exact line score. Elwell went all seven innings in the 3-0 win, striking out seven and surrendering only four hits.

The game remained scoreless until the fourth inning, when freshman Katie Crowley singled and then scored on a sacrifice fly by West. "Early on, neither team had anything going offensively," Schwager said. "Our bats were a little quieter than usual, but we did what we had to do to win."

The Rams padded their lead in the seventh after Grant scored on a two-run homerun by Burr.

Grant was the only Ram with multiple hits, finishing with two in the game and helping Suffolk extend their winning streak to four games.

"It was right down to the wire in both games," commented Schwager. "They were quality softball games and a lot of fun to watch."

The streak was short lived however, as the Rams traveled to Bowdoin College on Marathon Monday, only to leave having suffered a 2-0 loss.

While the defeat put Suffolk at 22-8 overall on the season, it did not harm their status in the GNAC standings because Bowdoin was a non-conference opponent.

The loss at Bowdoin and the other defeats Suffolk has faced over the course of the season, have also been ineffective in damaging the team's confidence level.

"All the teams we have lost to were ranked. Western New England College was ranked fourth and Bowdoin was ranked third, so beating them would have been an upset," remarked Schwager.

"Certainly we are capable. It didn't happen yet, but it will."

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Monday, May 2 - Thursday, May 5
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday, May 6
9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

148 Cambridge Street, Ridgeway 207 - 2nd Floor in the Dean of Students Conference Room

Graduation Regalia will be distributed in the Suffolk Bookstore and
ONLY to graduates who have their graduation packet in hand.
(The graduation packet is a release form for graduation regalia)

* Don't forget to bring your online receipt indicating that you completed the Graduating Student Survey.

Questions?? Call the Dean of Students Office at 617-573-8239 or
Email: commencement@suffolk.edu
Visit us on the web: www.suffolk.edu/commencement

COMMENCEMENT MATERIALS WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO ANY STUDENT WHO HAS NOT MET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Student Accounts Office
  - Clear any outstanding balances
- Complete Stafford Loan Exit Interview
- Financial Aid Office
- Complete Perkins and/or College Exit Interview
- Registrar's Office
  - Follow up on outstanding academic requirements
  - Register for Summer (if petitioning)
- Dean of Students Office
  - Complete Graduating Student Exit Survey