Anti-war demonstration shakes Common

Hundreds of Iraq veterans, military families, student activists, cultural performers and diverse peace and justice groups came together last Saturday in Government Center to demand a stop to the wars and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Our country has forgotten that people are dying every day because of the war. It is horrifying to me and I would go as far as to say that it’s because of our war spending that we are in this economic situation,” said President of Boston University Anti-War Coalition Lianne Gillooly. “Our foreign policy in the Middle East sucks, no wonder their children hate us! We kill their fathers and beat up their mothers. We are not fighting against terrorism. We are in there seeking profit for the military industrial complex and it has to stop.”

Oct. 11 marked six years since Congress voted to authorize the invasion of Iraq. The rally was part of a National Day of Action with additional demonstrations organized for 20 other cities across the country.

Some organizational endorsers of the protest included the New Hampshire Peace Action, Harvard Anti-War Coalition, Bikes Not Bombs, Troops Out Now Coalition: Boston, Maine Peaceworks, UMass Boston Anti-War Coalition, Northeastern University Progressive Student Alliance, and Iraq Veterans Against the War: Boston Chapter.

Leslie Cordsmeier, a member of Iraq Veterans Against the War who served in the US Navy during the initial bombing operations in Iraq in 2003, said that what she saw during the invasions made her realize that the war was wrong.

“The biggest change for me was when I watched the videos of our Command that showed the bombs we actually dropped. The bombs we actually dropped.”

Students create new minor in "The Classics"

Alex Pearlman
Journal Staff

Six years ago, Suffolk big-shots Dean Kenneth Greenberg, Fred Marchant and George Kalogeris discussed the possibility of creating a minor in the classics which would include studying everything from ancient Hellenistic texts like Homer's Odyssey to the Christian period, incorporating the works of St. Thomas Aquinas, Dante and many more of the classic authors, poets and philosophers.

This year, with the help of two eager students, Mitch Manning and Nick Wilson, the Classics minor has come to fruition.

"It was always a possibility," said Kalogeris. "The curriculum has been evolving and changing in various creative ways and this seemed the time to at least have an introduction to the classics. And this was a unique idea because it was a student request."

The idea, which had originally been tossed around by professors in both the English and Humanities departments, was realized when Suffolk seniors Wilson and Manning, along with a number of other interested students, including senior Joe Hollow and graduate Camille Bruno, decided to ask the departments to create a minor in classic literature, history and language.

Manning, who is an Archer Fellow and prospective Fulbright Scholar, discussed the idea with Dean Greenberg, while Wilson took the idea to Kalogeris, whom he had met as a freshman in a survey class. Bored with French and Spanish, Wilson and Manning decided that instead of going through the motions of taking courses they weren't interested in, the language requirements should work with them instead of against them. And so they decided to take classes in Ancient Greek at Harvard. Marchant, director of the
Saturday, Oct. 11

8:14 p.m.
Cambridge Street

A homeless man was walking in the middle of Cambridge Street, not moving for traffic. BPD was notified.

New Israeli anthropologist discusses struggles of Mizrahi feminists

Alyssa Mitchell
Journal Staff

Women of varying nationalities, religions, races and sexual orientations have long fought for equality within their respective societies, but one feminist group - the Mizrahi from Israel, have found it to be very difficult to expose others to their continuing struggles.

In an effort to educate students on the feminist movement beyond American borders, Suffolk has invited Smadar Lavie to the University.

Lavie is currently a Cultural Studies and Anthropology scholar at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., but has also written several books -- specifically regarding Middle Eastern politics.

For her first of three visits this week at Suffolk, Lavie spoke to a mixed group of faculty and students about Mizrahi feminism during a time of Palestinian and Israeli conflict.

"This is an opportunity for students who are interested in women and gender studies to be exposed to these issues on a global level," said Director of Women and Gender Studies Michele Piloti. "Mizrahi, which translates to "oriental" in English, are a group of Arab-Jews that reside in Israel and are classified as lower class citizens.

According to Lavie, the Mizrahi constitute 50 percent of the population in Israel, as well as 63 percent of the Jewish population, yet they have been forced to give up their native tongue and culture.

Lavie explained that the Mizrahi feminist movement in Israel was largely inspired by the "distinct voices of colored feminists" within the United States. She stated that the Mizrahi largely face classism and racism from upper class citizens and struggle to maintain a quality standard of life.

"The struggles that Mizrahi women deal with include getting food, getting jobs, getting proper housing, figuring the way Mizrahi women are depicted in the media," said Lavie. "Also figuring to keep families together and fighting for freedom for boarding for poor families, Lavi hopes that by tending such events she will teach students, not only Mizrahi feminism, but feminism in general, which describes as a "way of life."

Since it is difficult to fit all of the information about the Mizrahi due to language barriers and power issues, it's a tough sell to translate and publish books, many must resort to teaching by word of mouth.

"I have given hundreds of volunteer talks in synagogues, raising consciousness among the poor and powerful women," said Lavie.

"I went with women to family courts when kids were being taken. I went to welfare offices for women to make sure they did not have to perform sex favors to receive their welfare.

New English minor proposed by student:

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Creative Writing program at Suffolk, didn't want two of his best students going elsewhere to learn something that Suffolk could teach them. So he wrote up a proposal and presented it to a number of faculty panels, finally convincing the school to allow the creation of a minor in the Classics.

"We realized that if we have these language requirements, we should make the best of them," said Manning.

The original four courses in the planned minor consisted of classes that were already taught at Suffolk - Ancient Greek and Israel, Fifth-Century Athens, Imperial Rome and Pagan Reason to the Christian Rev- elation - but classes from other majors could be added or substituted, such as Greek Tragedy, which is taught through the English department and the Philosophy department's classes on Plato and Aristotle.

Kalogeris, who is the current coordinator of the Classics minor, teaches in the English department, but other depart- ments are closely tied to the program, especially the Humanities department, through which students in the Classics minor can take optional classes in Ancient Greek and Latin.

"Students seem genuinely drawn to the ancient texts," said Kalogeris of his love of teaching the classics that are included in the new minor.

"The books become more alive to them than contemporary literature," Manning spoke of the amount of support he and Wil- son received from the school, saying that everyone was so supportive because the classics are what they were trained in.

"It's hard, difficult material," said Manning. "But when you have someone as nurturant as George, it's amazing." Wilson agrees. "This class- thing just happened because [the Suffolk administration] saw a commitment that we have," he said. "If you express a vision and a voice, they'll do something about it." Wilson and Manning were driven by the relevance for modern students that they saw in the classics originally.

"It's nonsense for a liberal arts school like Suffolk to take this back," said Wilson. "The students who take the UWS have, in their education and they got it's been so much fun and Nick and Mitch and how much it's meant just to know them. Kalogeris is also very proud of what this two favor- ite students have accomplish with the creation of this minor. "I can't say enough about them as writers and as scholars," said Manning and Wilson. "They've wanted more for their education and they got it." There's so much I can say, they taught us how to be a group. We're bringing the Classics to the people, when they graduate this spring.
Anti-war activist groups rally in Boston

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Megan Day was the only student speaker at the rally. Day, a member of UMass Boston Anti-War Coalition, has been instrumental in building resistance and awareness among students in Boston. Day says that students can play a key role in this anti-war movement.

"If we look at the past, the conflict in Vietnam ended largely because people in the military were resisting. They realized they were not liberating Vietnamese people by killing them and destroying their infrastructure," she said. "And I think it is the same type of situation in Iraq in the way it has to end, it has to be from the inside out otherwise no one in the White House is going to do anything."

Day says that people need to make a direct correlation between war spending and the US economy.

"We spend $410 million a day in the war in Iraq that translates into billions of dollars of taxpayers' money. Why don't we spend this money on things that we need such as better health care, education and to support our troops."

"And now we spend $700 billion of taxpayers' money to bail out corporations. Corporations are the only ones benefiting from this war anyway," Guntram Mueller, a board member of Massachusetts Peace Action agrees.

"We have no right to rule the world. It has killed our economy because we pay to blow up bridges in Iraq and then we hire ourselves to replace them," he said. "We don't even rebuild our own - it's just wrong!"

John Cunningham, a political science professor at Suffolk University yesterday revealed a 4-point lead for Barack Obama and Joe Biden (47-43) over the Republican ticket in the swing state of Colorado.

'Despite a small Obama lead, Colorado is up for grabs,' said David Paleologos, director of Suffolk's Political Research Center. "When the history of this election is written, one common thread will be how voters have repeatedly up-ended the conventional wisdom.'
Best Buddies host annual Halloween bash

Public Relations officer of Suffolk's Best Buddies chapter. While the eight E-board members deal with most of the logistics, all members of the organization participate in soliciting donations. Donations from local supermarke­
tsts and service providers set the budget for planning the event, said Dinneen. Like most community service organizations, Best Buddies relies on the support of the community and local businesses to fuel their efforts.

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The extravaganza kicked off with a parade of elaborate costumes ranging from Thelma and Louise, to police officers and 50's girls. Papa Gino’s cat­
tered a lunch fit for a goblin and creepy cakes were served for dessert. Spirits were on high as pumpkins and painted faces conjured magical, fright­ening and spooky themes.

“The event went very well,” said Kaya Shephered, mem­

bership coordinator of Suffolk’s Best Buddies chapter. “Some new Buddies came to check out the program and there were probably about 40 people there.”

A little magic and a lot of teamwork are needed to put together an event such as this, according to Casey Dinneen, Suffolk’s Chapter of Best Buddies is one of many groups that work in conjunction with Best Buddies International, an organization whose mission is to enrich the lives of indi­
viduals living with intellectual and developmental disabili­ties through social interaction.

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Experts discuss challenges for students with Asperger’s

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Mike Gomez
Journal Staff

College can be awk­ward enough for most under­grads. But for the small percentage of students with Asperger’s Syndrome, the diff­icul­ty of social interaction is compounded by a mental condition that makes it much harder to relate to other people.

Two experts on Autism and Asperger’s highlighted this point when they spoke at Suffolk Law School yesterday about the impact of Asperg­er’s on higher education.

Asperger’s is a mild form of Autism that affects people’s cognitive, language and behav­ioral abilities. Individuals with the disorder are often preocu­
pled with certain objects or ideas. They can have difficulty picking up on nonverbal cues, relating to other people and understanding details in terms of a bigger picture. Certain as­pects of their environment, like the lighting in a room, can cause them physical discomfort.

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The two experts were Dr. Lorraine E. Wolf from Boston Uni­

versity and Dr. Jane Thierfeld Brown from the University of Con­necticut School of Law. Dr. Brown said that the two have been speak­ing at these conferences for at least ten years. She said the events are important because “there are so many more stu­dents with Asperger’s and Autism coming to college, and we need more people on cam­pus that really understand not only Asperger’s Syndrome, but also the students themselves.”

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College is uniquely suited to bringing out the talents of kids with Asperger’s, Dr. Wolf said, “because it is a communi­ty of people who are passionate about a narrow intellectual area. A professor is someone who has devoted his or her career to studying a nar­row slice of information in-depth, and that’s perfectly designed for an Asperger’s brain.”

Much of the conference dealt with college administra­tors can accom­modate students with Asperger’s without under­
mining their academic and behavioral codes of conduct. Director of Disability Ser­vices at Suffolk, Kirsten Behling, mentioned some of the things her office does when it comes to students with Asperger’s.

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Drawing the line at the Pakistani border

A news commentary by Mike Gomez, Journal Staff

Seven years after 9/11, US and NATO forces are still in Afghanistan battling Taliban and al-Qaeda militants, many believe that victory is impossible in Afghanistan without the elimination of terrorist safe havens in Pakistan. But while the newly elected government in Pakistan favors negotiations with the militants, the US advocates for increased military action. As a result, the CIA is using unmanned aerial drones to launch rocket attacks in Pakistan, and President Bush recently authorized US Special Forces to go in and raid militant camps. This strategy will ultimately prove to be a failure. The US must stop acting alone in Pakistan against the government's wishes. While the US believes that a military approach is the best way to deal with the militants, most Pakistanis disagree. A recent poll conducted by the non-profit institute, Terror Free Tomorrow, indicated that 74 percent oppose direct US military action against Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters. In general, they believe that the suicide bombings and other attacks they're forced to endure are a result of US military action in Pakistan. Islamic extremists use the raids as propaganda, arguing that the US has launched a war against the Pakistani people. By disregarding popular opinion in order to eliminate the terrorists, the US may actually be creating more of them.

In launching the raids, the US is also violating Pakistan's sovereignty, its right as a nation to control its domestic affairs. If any nation dared to use military force against anyone in America, the US would consider it an act of war. Pakistan has repeatedly told the US that the raids are counter-productive and that no more should occur, yet the US continues to go against its ally's expressed wishes. In setting such an example, the US abandons any moral authority to order Russia out of Georgia or Iran out of Iraq.

Although new rounds of negotiations with the militants may fail just as previous ones did under Pervez Musharraf, the new Pakistani government must be allowed to learn from its mistakes. With an Islamic militancy threatening their secular government, it's ultimately in their interests to defeat the terrorists, yet as a democratic government they also have to be responsive to their citizens. Simply because they disagree with the US solution, it doesn't mean America has the right to impose it on them. If negotiations fail and the violence continues, then the Pakistani people will be more likely to embrace the military approach and support US intervention. In dealing with Pakistan now, the US should shift from a military strategy to an intelligence-based one. It should build more intelligence sharing centers on the Afghan border and use spies to infiltrate terrorist networks inside Pakistan.

The US could use the information to prevent plots at home and help the Pakistani military defend their country. Although it isn't the grand victory that Americans have hoped for, the best that the US can do right now is to contain the militancy in Pakistan, not eliminate it. By continuing to closely monitor terrorist activity while helping the government keep pressure on the terrorists, the US will be doing all that it can at the moment to keep its own citizens safe. Anything more would make matters worse.

BRIEFS

Balkans

Montenegro's government officially recognized Kosovo as an independent nation this week amid citizen protests in the capital urging a reversal of the decision. According to the BBC, Montenegrian protesters were "waving Serbian flags and shouting 'Kosovo is the heart of Serbia.'" The government made the decision as it strives to make Montenegro a member of both NATO and the EU.

Africa

A number of club-goers between the ages of 12 and 17 were wounded or killed in a stampede in a Tanzanian nightclub, Al Jazeera reported last week. Nineteen people suffocated to death and several people were injured and taken to area hospitals after a "commotion" in a nightclub caused a stampede of teenagers who were celebrating the Eid Al-Fitr festival, which marks the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Middle East

According to the International Herald Tribune, thousands of Christians are fleeing the Iraqi city of Mosul after an apparent Sunni insurgency has begun murdering known Christians in the city. Iraq's National Security Council has formed a committee to investigate the killings. A spokesperson discussed "the government's commitment to [Christians'] security and protection."
Staff Editorial

It's already October and you're sick of it. American politics, annoying roommates, and unbelievable amounts of homework. Whether your roommate is your parents or that new-found "friend" you've made in the dorm, maybe you just want to get away from it all. You enjoy Boston and all the hustle and bustle of the city, but living in the Northeast makes you feel constricted. Perhaps the most popular campuses are the Suffolk University campuses in Madrid and Dakar, but maybe the idea of being on a Suffolk campus once more isn't exactly what you're looking for. If learning a new culture and language is what you want to do, living with a host family in Costa Rica while attending a university in San Jose can be easily set up by the Office of Study Abroad. Want the college atmosphere yet don't want to learn a different language? Avoid the communication barriers by attending Regent's American College in London or any of the four different universities you can attend in Australia. With the election, the hustle and bustle of the city and school it may seem like you need a change of scenery. The Office of Study Abroad is just what you're looking for to take you out of the country and into someplace extraordinary.

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To live and die in 'Consi

Matthew Altieri
Journal Staff

The remarks of the Republican candidates Senator John McCain and Governor Sarah Palin have come back to haunt them. Sarah Palin saying that Barack Obama was, "palling around with terrorists," has now come back in the worst way possible. Ignorance, the common enemy of knowledge, lies deep within the routes of some voters of this country. Regardless of affiliation, simple ignorance is one of the most shameful attributes of some of our voters. The campaign rally in La Crosse, Wis., truly showed the shameful side of these voters. John McCain, although running several ads asking who the "real" Barack Obama was, said to the Wisconsin crowd, "...And we want to fight, and I will fight. But I will be respectful. I admire Senator Obama and his accomplishments...." The crowd went, "You can fight with over fundamental issues." Quite possibly the most respectful thing John McCain said about Senator Obama during his entire campaign. The point is this: Obama, McCain, even NADER...whoever you vote for this election please make sure you vote for someone who you believe in with a hateful contenmpt. Don't vote out of ignorance like the old crazy racist woman from Wisconsin is about to do.

Obama Presidency, the anti-Obama cries of "NObama" or "Socialist," or even the sho of "Treason" by a Jacksonville, Fla., native at a Sarah Palin rally, but the leave it to the old, even Wisconsin woman to sum America in all it's ignorance. In that very same rally in La Crosse, McCain gave his microphone to an unidentified, elderly woman to ask her a question. "I can't trust Obama...I have read about him..." she began, as John McCain smiled and nodded his head "yes," but the woman sure did change her mind. "No ma'am," John McCain said, taking the microphone away. "He's, uh...he's a decent family man, citizen, who I happen to have disagreeement with over fundamental issues." Quite possibly the most respectful thing John McCain said about Senator Obama during his entire campaign. The point is this: Barack Obama, even NADER...whoever you vote for this election please make sure you vote for someone who you believe in with a hateful contenmpt. Don't vote out of ignorance like the old crazy racist woman from Wisconsin is about to do.

You know what really grinds my gears?

People that don't have an opinion.

Seriously, why would you be reading this section if you didn't have any opinions?

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...I dare you.
Maverick talks of change, but will things be the same?

Byosa Mitchell

Senator John McCain had more than one bailout in mind during last Tuesday’s second presidential debate — bailing out mortgages, and bailing out of providing any real answers to the American people.

His main focus was on presenting one central idea and using that as the basis to answer all other questions without providing any depth or substance. Reminiscent of the stereotypical popular kid who runs for class president in high school and promises no homework and weekly parties in exchange for votes, McCain has resorted to simply telling the people what they want to hear and not maintaining any actual stance.

McCain transformed his normally lackadaisical view of the economy to a drastic, “must fix” approach. The candidate, who usually upholds a firm opinion that “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it,” is now scrambling to gain some credibility. Well, it is broken, but the fact that he refused to acknowledge that before the stock market crash proves he is not capable of fixing it. McCain’s plan to use $300 billion of the bailout package towards helping mortgages is full of gaps and uncertainty. Did everyone already forget about Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac? They were major mortgage lending companies, and were also two of the first to fail at the cap of the economic crisis, and had to be saved by the government. Who will save the government if the bailout fails?

America’s issues far exceed foreclosure. This plan will not pay mortgages, will not lower unemployment, will not lower food or gas prices. It is simply a momentary fix that will give people the false hope that they will be able to keep their homes. Many of McCain’s ideas revolve around these solutions that sound promising, but are soon exposed to be as superficial as the man behind them. McCain has claimed to be a “maverick” candidate amongst his party, yet in recent debates and speeches he primarily focuses on his own record. Speaking of what he has accomplished in the past, what he has objected to in the past and avoiding talk about what he will do in the future. There is no interest in the past because currently the economy failed us. We need bigger change, a drastic change.

This change is Barack Obama.

Obama outlined his four-part economic plan that is meant to stabilize the economy and create relief for middle and working class families. Tax breaks and the ability to withdraw, penalty-free, from retirement funds will allow lower income families to stabilize their households and begin to rebuild financial standings. When asked to prioritize three major issues: health policies, energy policies and entitlement reform, McCain naively stated that he thinks all three can be handled at once. Unfortunately, a president needs to be able to make tough decisions, sacrifices. These are not situations that can be handled half-hearted. They need commitment, attention and most importantly — money.

McCain’s solution to energy policies previously included off-shore drilling and gas holidays, and now he plans to build nuclear power plants, “a whole bunch of them.” Both off-shore drilling and gas holidays will simply delay the inevitable. Nuclear power plants are an excellent idea if they are feasible with the plans that he describes, which they are not. He avoided discussing entitlement reform by stating that Republicans and Democrats will have to discuss that one — meaning he probably wasn’t prepared to answer that question, and as for healthcare, he wants to assure that everyone can afford it, but doesn’t provide any explanation on how they will.

Though McCain continues to express different positions and explained why. McCain himself is. McCain expressed confidence in his future despite the problems we face now. He said, “And I’m asking the American people to give me another opportunity and I’ll rest on my record, but I’ll also tell you, when times are tough, we need a steady hand at the tiller and the great honor of my life was to always put my country first.”
He may have made us wait a little longer for him to come on stage than we would have liked. He may have tried to talk like he was from the ghetto and as if he had a fist in his mouth. He may have been unnecessarily obscene - to the point of swearing while talking about his grandmother.

But Jason Mraz was nothing if not entertaining when he performed for Suffolk University at The Roxy last Thursday. This self-proclaimed "fan of hats" opened the show by exclaiming "this shit is gonna be ridiculous!" and he didn't disappoint. From the creative openings for each song, which were really just humorous jumblings of slang and obscene words, to the graphics and photos audience members could e-mail in from their cell phones to be projected on the canvas above the stage, Mraz put on a show many won't soon forget.

Mraz's opening act Lisa Harmigan provided an eclectic introduction to the show, playing songs that were a mix of classic lyrics and melodious instruments, many of which the audience had never seen or heard of before. But Harmigan needs some lessons on public speaking, her words were incomprehensible, leaving the audience to wonder what she was talking about. Her set lasted about 30 minutes, and after she left the stage, the tension in the air was rising as the audience eagerly waited for Mraz.

At least 20 minutes passed before he took the stage. The audience could see him up above the stage and one screeching fan (who may have had a bit too much to drink before the show) announced, "he's blowing his nose!" which was answered by the screeches and swoons of other female admirers. When it was finally time for him to take the stage, the audience was greeted with a slide show with a few guidelines, mostly asking fans not to take pictures, and witty commentary from Mraz himself. Then he descended the stairs onto the stage and began belting out "Make It Mine," the first song off his new album "We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things" (Atlantic, 2008), which held a nice blend of melodious vocals and a rocking horn section.

After the first song, Mraz blabbered on for a bit about how he started the tour the day before, but that was all most of the audience got out of his speeches. They were long, mumbled, slang-ridden monologues that left the audience confused instead of entertained. But he made up for it as soon as he began singing.

Mraz wasn't all fun and games, though. Many members of the audience didn't seem to know the songs. When he asked for suggestions from the audience and one person suggested "Curbstone Prophet," a hit song from his album "Waiting For My Rocket to Come" (2002, Elektra Entertainment), Mraz immediately brushed it aside and sang another unfamiliar song. Mraz exuded arrogance in both his speech and his actions by not looking at cameras, for example, and wearing a constant smirk, leaving some a bit underwhelmed by the performance.

Overall though, Mraz put on a good show which captivated the audience right through to his current single "I'm Yours" and his encore performance of "The Remedy."

Mraz's upcoming dates include Lincroft, NJ; Hempstead, NY; and Montreal, Quebec, as well as a sold out show at the Orpheum Theatre in Boston this Friday.
Fleet Foxes back to the mainland after overseas tour

Marsden Mandel

The Somerville Theatre in Davis Square was the perfect setting for an intimate performance with one of the hottest bands on the scene, Fleet Foxes. On Monday, Oct. 6, the Washington-based band sold out the small theatre which is a mere 3,063 miles from home and offered a two-hour set.

The show featured songs from both their critically acclaimed self-titled LP (Sub Pop Records), released earlier this year, as well as their 2008 EP "Sun Giant" (Sub Pop Records). Singer Robin Pecknold captivated the audience and engaged in conversation with the crowd, thanks to the small setting of the theatre. The band discussed their opinions on European touring, having recently returned from a tour overseas, and singer Pecknold declared the 2007 Academy Award nominated film "There Will Be Blood" to be the "best movie ever." Solo act Frank Fairfield opened the night with his homespun folk songs, switching between banjo, violin, and acoustic guitar. Fairfield brought the whole audience back to a time where amplifiers had not yet been invented.

The intimate atmosphere of the theatre, pitch perfect harmonies, CD quality sound, as well as the charming and humble personalities of the band made it a night the audience will not soon forget. The 5-piece Fleet Foxes are a band which no review can do justice; they can only be experienced first hand. The band's 2008 LP "Fleet Foxes" along with the 2008 EP "Sun Giant" are must haves for music lovers of any genre.

Theatre Department's Fall Showcase sure to be a hit

Elizabeth Mullin

Suffolk University Theatre Department

The plays will be performed in the Studio Theater in Archer. The Showcase is free and open to everyone, but seating is limited so get there early.

"Pandora," a story adapted from Tori Amos songs and directed by Laura Liberge, tells the story of "a relationship and how things can change so quickly, how you can have everything and lose it in a second," director Jennifer LaBide said. Ryan Gordon and Deirdre McAllister play Robbie and Cass, the two former lovers. The plays will be performed in the Studio Theater in Archer. The Showcase is free and open to everyone, but seating is limited so get there early.

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Talia Cruz, Mike Dewar, Isaiah Rondi-Grey, Joe Gianoni, Ryan Began, and Claire Van Siper. Meredith Mitchell, writer and director of "Bus Stop," took a minimalist approach with her conversation-based play. Trevor Livingston and Kelly Dooley play David and Sarah, "two strangers at a bus stop who find a connection through misunderstanding," Mitchell explained. When asked about the experience of being both writer and director, Mitchell described it as "more of a puzzle to put together. I wanted to challenge myself and see what I could do."

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Roxy rocked by best band you've never heard

It had been 17 years since Haledon, New Jersey post-punk rockers The Feelies had played in Boston, but their set last Saturday at The Roxy made it seem like they never left. With all post "Crazy Rhymes" (Stiff LP, 1980) members back together, the Feelies gave an incredibly enthusiastic performance and were seemingly unaffected by the surprisingly sparse audience.

When it comes to The Feelies, their catalogue isn't as known past the pinnacle "Crazy Rhymes." They never had mainstream recognized hits, and it could be because of the younger faces in the crowd that they planned the performance as they did. The band played most of their set, focusing on their later albums performing songs like "Away" and "Deep Fascination" off of "Only Life" (A&M Records, 1988) and totally jamming out to "Slippery even more impossible for that many toothpicks to just be standing together in cube formation.

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TV on the Radio rocks Wilbur while Wilbur Theater rocks considerably less

Mike Gomez
Journal Staff

Despite a few disappointments, the critically acclaimed, New York based band TV on the Radio put on a good show Monday night at the Wilbur Theater.

The group is currently touring in support of their new album, "Dear Science" (Interscope/4AD, 2008), which came out a few weeks ago. Although they had a large band behind them, they didn't have all the instruments that were on the album, causing them to play simpler versions of songs like "Stork and Owl" and "Lover's Day." It seemed more driving vocals from the lead singer, Tunde Adebimbi, than the original record, "Return to Cookie Mountain." The group put on an impressive show. The sound was good, and they had great energy. They played different versions of some of their older stuff, but avoided long, drawn-out jam sessions. Both "Staring at the Sun" and "Satellite" featured more driving vocals from the lead singer, Tunde Adebimbi, than the original recordings. The horn section dressed as monks in keeping with the video for their song "Golden Age" was also a nice touch. The group came out for an encore that included the "Return to Cookie Mountain" track, "A Method." The song featured members of the opening act, The Dirty Bombs, who played additional percussion.

Although this does not reflect the band, the venue could have been better. Although the tickets were general admission, the floor was cordoned off into sections. As a result, the floor held less people than it could have, and if you came in late, you were stuck in the back with no hope of moving up front. There was no re-entry, either.

Overall, TV on the Radio put on a solid show with a decent mix of new songs and old favorites. Their inability to replicate all sounds of their albums speaks more about the complexity of their recordings than it does about the quality of their live performance.

"Retour four, Rocky is still the champ" OK! So Rocky IV is nowhere near as good as the original Rocky or Rocky III. It may not even be as good as Rocky II. However, if you're not cheering by the time the final fight occurs, there is something wrong or you're just not a Rocky Fan. Rocky IV is corny and manipulative, but it is skillfully done and gives us old-fashioned entertainment. (by Joe Sicari from December 9, 1985)

"The Minutemen invade the Rat" Certainly, the Minutemen can't be accused of doing things the same way. They play the one-minute thrash style one number, and a funky [zzz]-influenced one the next [...] Even though the local media ignored this show, the fans didn't. The Rat was filled to capacity with punk, preppies, and even some "normal" people. No matter who you are, the Minutemen's messages and performances will impress. (by Ken Doucet from October 10, 1985)

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$30 a weekend with Delia and Emily

Delia Mooney and Emily Rooche
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Editor’s note: $30 a Day is written from by two freshmen, new to Boston, who are trying to learn all the city has to offer while on a college budget.

Suffolk University is located in the heart of Boston, offering students numerous opportunities to try something new, such as the New England Aquarium, Boston Opera and Faneuil Hall, just to name a few. The New England Aquarium is about a mile away from Suffolk’s campus. It is an inexpensive and unique experience that students can enjoy on a day off.

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besides the nine exhibits offered at the New England Aquarium, they also showcase feature films in their state-of-the-art Simons IMAX Theatre. The best part about this whole experience is, with a student I.D., you can get tickets to standard presentations for only $9.95, which is regularly $9.95 for adults. Furthermore, with a student advantage discount card your ticket is even cheaper! The Aquarium also offers a free admission for children under 4.

Currently playing at the theatre are four different films. "The Grand Canyon" is a 3-D experience about a rafting adventure down the Colorado River. If you enjoy watching Shark Week, then the "Sharks 3-D" film is for just you. Jean-Michel Cousteau takes viewers on an underwater adventure to explore the "Sea's ultimate predator-the shark."

For a more emotional film, we recommend "Dolphins and Whales 3-D: Tribes of the Ocean and Deep Sea 3-D". These films explore colorful coral reefs and warm waters. Viewers encounter some of the most interesting and entertaining animals in the ocean.

After a day’s worth of oceanographic exploration, we expect you to be hungry! In the immediate area, surrounding the Aquarium, there are many restaurants and cafés. The Boston Waterfront offers many restaurants where you can order a meal. For a snack, we suggest Rudi’s Café located at 30 Rowes Wharf. Here you can find coffee, sandwiches and other prepared foods. If you’re in the mood for a sweeter treat, Emack and Bolio’s is a short walk down State Street, which offers ice cream, smoothies and coffees. Just a walk across the street is Rudi’s Café located at 50 Rowes Wharf. Here you can find coffee, sandwiches and other prepared foods. If you’re in the mood for a sweeter treat, Emack and Bolio’s is a short walk down State Street, which offers ice cream, smoothies and coffees.

Almost anything you can think of is available here. There are many restaurants with various cuisines to choose from. You can enjoy the ocean view while dining on fresh seafood at the Aquarium's restaurant. Additionally, if you're interested in trying something new, such as the New England Aquarium, they also showcase feature films in their state-of-the-art Simons IMAX Theatre. The best part about this whole experience is, with a student I.D., you can get tickets to standard presentations for only $9.95, which is regularly $9.95 for adults. Furthermore, with a student advantage discount card your ticket is even cheaper! The Aquarium also offers a free admission for children under 4.

Before you head back to campus, we encourage you to visit the Aquarium. Next week find out about another way you can enjoy what Boston has to offer while on a college budget.

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Answers to Last Week’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across
1. Biff breathe
5. Pane
8. Stop up a hole
12. Ruffle
14. Martial art
15. Bite of thrill
16. Muse of poetry in Greek mythology
17. Neighborhood
18. Go back in a way
19. Line of a litoral
21. Lumberjack
23. Skateboard fish
24. Mineral spring
25. Mined mineral
26. Young woman, Down Under
35. Farm bird
37. Bearded woman, say
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47. Islamic call to prayer
48. Use, consume
50. Small upright piano
51. Trim
52. Horse of mixed color
53. Member of a largely Middle Eastern people
54. When said three times, a 1970 war movie
55. Singles
56. Clarets
57. Type of guard
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Down
1. Let it stand
2. Monetary unit of Finland
3. Streetcar
4. Town
5. Slow run
6. Lyric poem
7. Belt-game target
8. Stop up a hole
9. Vancaicular
10. Below
11. Grocery, e.g.
12. Bearded woman, say
13. Exclusively
14. Woman who killed Sisera
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by phil flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)
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Conference: 5-1
Overall: 9-2
0.9.08 vs. Rhode Island College, V 6-3
0.1.11 vs. St. Joseph's Conn., V 7-2

Men's Soccer
Conference: 2-3
Overall: 3-7
0.9.08 vs. Mount Ida, W 2-1
0.1.11 vs. Lasell, L 3-0

Women's Cross Country
10.11.08 Roger Williams Invitational, 11th place out of 14
-Rachel Perron (14th overall) 21:17
-Meg Scully (54th overall) 24:41
-Anna Birdsell (61st overall) 25:13

Men's Cross Country
10.11.08 Roger Williams Invitational, 11th place out of 14
-Matt Stas (27th overall) 30:22
-Dan Hassan (36th overall) 31:47
-Craig Rubis (50th overall) 33:25

Women's Volleyball
Conference: 2-5
Overall: 3-7
10.7.08 vs. St. Joseph's Maine, W 3-1
10.9.08 vs. Babson, L 3-0
10.13.08 @ Emmanuel, L 3-0
10.14.08 @ Newbury, W 3-0

Weekly Honors
Week of Oct. 5, Released Oct. 13
Women's Tennis, Player of the Week
Kaitlynn Cates, JR, Middlebury, Conn.
-Went undefeated on the week, winning, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0, and also added two wins in doubles matches

Men's Soccer, Rookie of the Week
Danny Lloyd, FR, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
-Scored the game-winning goal in overtime against previously unbeaten Mount Ida in a 2-1 victory on Oct. 8.

Boston Celtics
The Celtics expect to get a boost from the return of 6 foot 10 inch center Kendrick Perkins to practice, and eventually to preseason action. Perkins, who had surgery on his right shoulder during the off-season, hadn't participated in any of the team's workouts so far during training camp, but isn't expected to miss any more time. The Celtics are 2-1 so far this pre-season, excluding last night's game vs. the Cleveland Cavaliers, which ended too late to make print. The Celtics will begin their title defense at home on October 28 against the Cavaliers, whom they eliminated in last year's Eastern Conference Semifinals.

New England Patriots
The Patriots had an embarrassing showing last Sunday, falling to the San Diego Chargers on national television by a score of 30-10. Matt Cassel struggled, going 22/38 for 203 yards with one interception and no touchdowns. Despite Cassel's less than stellar showing, Coach Bill Belichick said Monday that he still had confidence in his quarterback. With the loss, the Pats fell to 3-2 on the season, second in the AFC East behind the 4-1 Buffalo Bills. The Pats will be playing Monday Night Football next week, hosting the 4-2 Broncos at Gillette Stadium.

Boston Bruins
The Bruins split their first two games of the season this past week, beating the Colorado Avalanche, 5-4 in Thursday's season opener before falling to the Minnesota Wild, 4-3, last Saturday. Tim Thomas earned the win in game one, while Manny Fernandez suffered the loss against his former team in game two. Michael Ryder and Blake Wheeler both scored their first goals as members of the B's, while Phil Kessel and Marc Savard already have two goals apiece on the young season. The Bruins will have revenge on their minds tonight as they travel to the Bell Centre in Montreal to face the Canadiens tonight in a rematch of last season's Eastern Conference Quarterfinals. The Black and Gold will have their home opener on Monday night, as they welcome Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins to the Garden.

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Suffolk Student Runs 10K Race
Suffolk University senior Samantha Hartlen had the honor of miming in the 32 annual Tufts Health Plan 10K for Women. 7,000 women ran the 10K this year and among them was Ms. Hartlen. Although she was not sure what place she finished in, she commented that she's very proud of this achievement, "I just started running in May... I did 2 5Ks in the summer and a 7.5 K as well." Starting on Beacon Street and ending at Charles Street between the Public Gardens and Boston Common, this race has had much prestige as being appointed by the USA Track & Field as part of the 2008 Women's USA Running Circuit, a national series of road races by USA Track & Field.
Men's and Women's Soccer get kicked around

Katie Rossignol
Journal Contributor

It was a hot day at Dilboy Stadium as the Men and Women's soccer teams took on Lasell College and Emmanuel College, respectively.

In the day's opener, the men took on the Lasell Lasers, but were unable to pull off a win. In a hard-fought first half, the Rams struggled to keep up with the quick and nimble Lasers who played an up-tempo style. The Lasers jumped on the Rams, popping a couple goals and stealing all the momentum. The Rams continued to fight, however, with some great shots on goal, a strong front line and a clamped down defense. Unfortunately, they were not able to score and went into the half trailing 2-0. At the start of the second half, the Rams came out swinging, knowing they had a hole to climb out of. Very similar to the first half, Suffolk put some strong shots on goal, but unfortunately was not able to tickle the twine. The Lasers continued their strong play from the first half, eventually netting another goal with 6:12 left in the second half to seal their triumph. With both teams putting in a great effort, the game closed with a 3-0 score, with Lasell coming out on top.

Although losses are always disappointing, Andrius Zeikus, Suffolk University's Men's head soccer coach has an optimistic outlook for the rest of the season. "Our team is still strong in our remaining games, and hopefully make a strong push for the playoffs," he said. "Having his team come together and get better everyday," said Coach Zeikus. "On the women's side of things, they too put up a good fight at Dilboy on Saturday. They faced the Emmanuel College Saints, but were unable to win a win. In the first half, the Saints strong offense overwhelmed the Lady Rams, netting three goals by the end of the half. Suffolk's defense did their best to hold on and give the offense a chance, but the Rams struggled to create scoring opportunities and keep the Saints in check. In a second half similar to the first, both teams put in a great effort with Emmanuel putting in two more goals before the games end. The lone bright spot for the Rams was freshman spark-plug, Leslie Hayden, who was able to grab a goal in the 78th minutes of play, notching it as her 118th of the season. The game closed with a 5-1 final score, Emmanuel College walking away with the win. Team co-captain sophomore Gracie Sanchez said that as a captain, it is her job to "set a good example for the other players and ensure that there are open lines of communication amongst the players and coach." Although the team is nearly eliminated from playoff contention, Sanchez believes that the team "can finish strong in our remaining games, and look forward to a very bright future for the program."

Codv Moskowitz contributed to this article.
The recent expansion and re-development of Suffolk University may have many people wondering what the school plans on pursuing next. The University is a variety of approaches they could take in continuing their expansion and redevelopment.

They could work on updating the athletic facilities, adding more dorms, or a new Academic Center. They could expand awesome and other academic facilities that are useful to each program of study.

The best decision this school can make is putting all of its available resources towards continuing to expand and enhance its academic oriented programs and facilities.

At Suffolk, sports are not a top priority. The athletic programs need to be built up, improved and pushed as a top focus for the administration as Suffolk continues to grow and become a more competitive in the competitive world of higher education.

Why should Suffolk build up the programs? For one thing, it would build up school spirit. The teams at other local schools, such as BU or BC, are popular and they have the whole school behind the program and the faculty supporting them. The players and coaches at Suffolk compete because they love the sports and they enjoy the experience. With better facilities and more of a drive to build the athletic program, the rest of the school could really rally around something and have more of a community feel and identify with the University. A bigger athletics program would bring more people out of games and see more and more sports of fans that are supporting the Suffolk Rams. It will also create the opportunity for the occasional homecoming game (for any given sport) and, with that, a fun homecoming dance.

Not only will it build up school spirit, but it will also inspire many students to get more involved around the school. Many students are not involved in any activities at school because nothing really appeals to them or they don't want to be active. An improved and expanded athletic program would create more opportunities for student scholarships and jobs, and like school spirit, would allow students to better engage in university programs.

Also, if there were more sports teams for even more school-sponsored activities, other aspects such as intramural and club sports could improve. This can only provide more chances for students to get out, meet new people, stay active and overall enhance the college experience.

Sports and physical activity can be a powerful release from the current economic, political issues and are a healthy outlet for the rest of the University's expansion initiatives.

But before expanding the athletic programs and facilities, the University’s expansion initiatives must come first. With a focus on bringing more downtown students and improving the academics, the University can do many things within a limited budget. The University can use its increased academic reputation to attract more students who will bring in more revenue and allow the school to continue its strong academic programs.

At the same time, the University can continue to grow, become a more beautiful urban setting and become a more diverse crowd not only across the country but from every state in the world. Acceptance requirements will be tougher and the school would be striving towards an academic transformation. With the expansion of more updated academic facilities the School will also attract a wider range of expert professors to ensure that Suffolk students are receiving the best possible education.

Suffolk has recently taken complete ownership of the 73 Tremont Street building, a beautiful structure that has added new life to the Suffolk campus. The school also recently purchased 20 Somerset to create more classroom, office and study space and is also working to re-build and re-vitalize the Modern Theatre and additional dorms. With plans and ideas such as these and a continued commitment to focus its resources on other educational initiatives, besides athletics, it allows each and every academic program to thrive and helps to create a better Suffolk.

Students are all here to study and learn first, and all other activities, including athletic involvement need to be involved, students have greater incentive to make the most of their time at Suffolk. While using money to build up the academics and school infrastructure is obviously a good thing, building up the athletics programs must not be neglected because it can be just as vital to creating an even better Suffolk.

Enhancing and expanding the athletic programs and facilities won't be an easy process, but it's one worth pursuing as Suffolk proceeds into its second century. Expansion is important in all areas. Suffolk needs to study hard, and play even harder.
Men's Tennis stays positive after Stonehill setback

Tim Rosenthal
Journal Staff

This past weekend, the Suffolk Men's Tennis team took a trip to Stonehill College in Easton, Mass. to play in an exhibition, off-season tournament, the Stonehill Invitational. Along with the Rams, the other teams that were involved included Division I Holy Cross, Division II teams, Stonehill and Merrimack College and Division III schools Connecticut College, Roger Williams, Salve Regina and Bridgewater State College.

The Suffolk team's season doesn't begin until the spring semester, but because of a successful campaign last year, the Rams were invited to join these other elite teams from around New England for some off-season matches. Although the competition was tough and the men only came up with two wins in a total of 16 matches, both Head Coach Isaac Stahl, who could not attend the event, and Assistant Coach Chris Delisi were pleased with the opportunity to play in the final. “Everyone played hard,” said Delisi. “The timing might have been a little off and the team was a little over excited, but overall the team played well, and the other teams were really solid.”

Team captain Greg Garrison mentioned that the team is looking to work hard all off-season and that events like the Stonehill tournament are “great practice in the fall off-season.”

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“It was great to get an invite from Stonehill College to participate in the event,” Stahl said “It was a great opportunity for the team to get together and play some tennis.”

Diego Alvarez, a junior transfer, was the number one player in the tournament and the number two player was Jared Orkin for the Rams. However, it was the supporting cast who got the most attention, according to Stahl’s reports from the weekend. “Justin Ayoub had a good single showing,” Stahl mentioned. “Garrett Freeman and Jon Semander both played solid as a doubles team as well.”

Looking forward to a successful spring season, Stahl noted, “overall we hit a few speed bumps, and we need some more tournament experience. However, it was great to get out there. The guys are motivated and the more they get out there and play again this tough competition, the better they will be come spring.”

Last season, the Rams lost a heart-breaker in the GNA Championship game 5-4 at Johnson and Wales. This fall the team is gaining some game experience and is practicing hard, looking to translate that into a conference championship in the spring season. “The team is focused on working hard and trying to build and be even stronger this fall with a tough loss in the GNA finals last year,” said Garrison.

Lady's Tennis serving success

Mike Giannottasio
Journal Staff

The Suffolk University Women's tennis team kept their seven game winning streak alive with a 7-2 home win versus Saint Joseph College on Saturday afternoon at the Buckingham Browne & Nichols courts in Cambridge, Mass. With the win, the Lady Rams improved to 9-2 overall on the season.

Alex Hernandez, a sophomore and captain of the Lady Ram's team, said she enjoys many aspects about being a part of the team, especially all the people she has met. “My favorite part about being a tennis player for Suffolk is the people I have met along the way,” said Hernandez, who is originally from Newton, Mass. and majors in Psychology. “I have made so many friendships that I know will be long term.”

In her role as captain of the team, Hernandez said she tries to show good leadership when she is in and out of uniform. “As a captain I consider it my job to motivate the girls, and try my best to lead by example on and off the court,” said Hernandez. “It is my first year being captain, and I am only a sophomore, so I am just trying to do my best and see how it goes.”

The other captain of the team, Kaitlynn Cates, a junior and originally from Middlebury, Connecticut, also has many responsibilities as captain of the team. “I want to make sure everyone is organized and prepared for each match,” said Cates. “One of my jobs is to make sure that we’ve all united and come together, and we’ve come a long way so far this year.”

The coach of the Lady Rams, Isaac Stahl, said he had had a great time coaching the team this year and seeing them come together. “They are the greatest group, with truly dynamic personalities,” said Stahl. “We are playing great tennis right now and we are looking to continue our success throughout the entire season on route to the GNAC.”

Suffolk athletes will benefit from SAAC

Don Ryan
Journal Staff

Suffolk University's student athletes have joined together to form a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), a group designed to offer input into the everyday life of the University's athletes.

Suffolk's SAAC will be chaired by senior softball player Jess Ferreira and senior soccer player Eric Zettavlar, who will serve as “co-presidents”.

Senior softball players Kellie Hurdlock and Rachel Misuraca will split the vice-presidential duties. Sophomore tennis player Alexandra Hernandez-Vallar will serve as secretary, with junior volleyball player Kelse Armstrong-Helen and junior hockey player Bill Gilbert sharing the treasurer position.

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