Storm shuts Suffolk down

Flannery said delayed opening was a mistake

By Lawrence M. Walsh
Journal Staff

Suffolk University Vice-President Francis X. Flannery said that he made a mistake in not closing the university initially last Friday when the greater Boston area was being pounded by the latest in a series of snow storms.

"I made a mistake. I should have shut the school down entirely," explained Flannery.

Flannery explained that the university police called him at 4:45 a.m. and advised him of the adverse weather conditions. After listening to the 5 a.m. news and hearing that many

Falzone defeats Evans for Junior VP

By Stephanie Snow
Journal Staff

In the only contested race in the Student Government Association's spring elections, Sophomore Representative Phil Falzone defeated fellow Sophomore Representative Beth Evans for next year's junior class vice presidency.

Sophomores also re-elected Erika Christenson to the class presidency and elected Jeffrey Lynch to one of the four representative seats.

Representative Richard Joyce was re-elected for the sophomore class presidency.

Falzone defeated Evans for Junior VP

By Lorraine M.K. Palmer
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Suffolk students mixed over national service plan

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John F. Kennedy once said "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." President Clinton's national service proposal echoes this historic quotation, only this time the president is asking for an even exchange between the people and the government.

It has long been the hope of Clinton to create a national service program as a way of providing more young people with an equal opportunity for higher education, while at the same time addressing the nation's social problems.

Clinton's proposal is expected to come before Congress as early as April. His program would allow any student to borrow money to go to college and pay it back in one of two ways.

One of the ways would be by paying back a small percentage of the loan over a
Forensics team win New England Regional debate tournament

By Viki Bernard
Journal Staff

The Suffolk University Forensics team won the New England Regional Debate and Individual Events Tournament held at Northeastern on March 6. This is the first time since Suffolk won in 1988 that a school placed first in both debate and individual events.

Guy DiGrande placed first in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Kristy Guarnieri, and Russ Patten placed second, third and fifth respectively. “I thought it was an important tournament in our continuous preparation for the national tournament in April,” said DiGrande.

In Individual Events, John Forde placed second in Rhetorical Criticism, following him in third and fourth place were Kristen Cockliss and Kristy Guarnieri. Forde also placed first in Extemporaneous Speaking, second in Impromptu Speaking and was named Top Individual Speaker in the tournament.

In Informative Speaking, Pitra Khatibi placed second, Russ Patten was fourth, and in Prose, Kristen Cockliss placed sixth.

In Persuasion, Kevin Connolly placed second, and Tad Fatado was fifth. Connolly also placed third in Poetry, and qualified for the “Interstate Oratory Contest,” to be held at Emerson College the last weekend in April. The top two contestants in persuasion from each state qualify for this tournament.

Suffolk had 128 points in the tournament, behind them in second place was Emerson with 114 points, an impressive margin from first to second.

At least one person placed in a top six position in every event entered, mirroring the “Greenline” tournament held at Northeastern last fall.

Latinos hold conference on cultural, educational issues

By V. Gordon Glenn III
Journal Staff

In an effort to discuss cultural and educational issues that Latinos and Hispanics face, the Suffolk University Hispanic Association met Tuesday, February 2, in the C. Walsh Theater for an open forum.

The forum of students, faculty and staff, was billed as “Latinos...A Culture United by Languages,” and its goal was to address issues of Latino culture, custom, and presence. Designed as a two day discussion, the first of which, Tuesday, was lead by a four-member student panel. The second, Wednesday, was lead by a professional panel.

The first issue, “Why Hispanics don’t stay in school” was raised by the first student panelist, Jose Calderon, a senior at University of Massachusetts Boston and active member of the Hispanic center there, Casa Latina, or as it is in English, latino house.

The Latino culture, Calderon held, is more than just speaking Spanish and the stereotypical norms that are often associated with it, but is deeply rooted in the Latino family, an issue that Calderon described as being “very sacred.”

Although all family members are expected to submit to the family for the greater good, the burden of the family fell on the shoulders of the boys.

“You had to struggle to support your sister because nobody told you to become a man,” said Calderon. “You had to be responsible for every single member of your house.”

Calderon concluded his premises by stating the fact that there is a lack of role models for Latinos to look upon for support to stay in school.

Suffolk English and Philosophy major, Fernando Ramos, also spoke on the lack of role models and mentors.

Ramos, a Suffolk junior, addressed the issue of having a place to bring Latinos together, citing the recent enrollment increase of Latinos.

Ramos also mentioned the need of these mentors to do workshops in areas such as financial aid and job opportunities.

The support that these mentors would give, said Ramos, could build students’ confidence and relieve them of feelings of isolation.

“Not many apply to scholarships...which would improve their overall g.p.a. and show promise in grad school,” said Ramos.

“Sometimes we don’t feel welcome,” said Calderon when asked why Latinos and other students of color were not applying to the on-campus scholarships.

“It goes beyond identity. Institutions are afraid to admit it...You gotta feel accepted, wanted,” Calderon said.

Arlene Santiago, sophomore, spoke on the “Hispanic Studies” program which, according to Santiago, is nonexistent in the proposed new curriculum for next year’s diversity requirement.

Santiago proposed that the new curriculum should attempt to establish classes in subject areas such as English and Government.

“We must understand our backgrounds and culture to understand how to deal with them,” said Santiago. “We are at a down-fall if we don’t know about each other’s culture.”

Agreeing with Ramos and Calderon, Santiago cited the lack of Hispanic instructors and the need of Latino mentorship among the faculty.

“Other Boston colleges have it, why can’t we?” said Santiago.

When asked by Sharon Artis-Jackson, director of multi-cultural affairs, whose office offers support to students of color, how it is not being done, the panel responded that an earlier mentor program to students needs to be addressed.

Alberto Mendez, an advisor to SUHA, was present and supported Jackson’s efforts, but called for the “real thing,” which he described as not being himself.

“We need a professor,” said Mendez. “We need somebody to specialize in this.”

A Hispanic student from the audience asked the question many, according to Santiago, ask, “Where do I belong?”, the student said.

Santiago supported this claim by introducing the identity crises that Hispanics go through when they get here. That crises being, caught in the middle of Hispanic and American culture.

She concluded that this crises gets worse for the Hispanic student who assimilates to the norms of society and tries to go back. That person is usually rejected by both, said Santiago.

“We need the support of this institution because they have us here and we need to be here,” said Calderon.

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SGA announces student to speak at commencement

By Stephanie Snow
Journal Staff

Lou Greenwald, Student Government Association vice-president, announced that this year's commencement will have an undergraduate speaker as a result of year-long efforts. The SGA reached a compromise that will allow an undergraduate speaker from either the School of Management (SOM) or the Class of Liberal and Science (CLAS) to address his/her fellow graduates and that a graduate speaker could address his/her fellow classmates at the special hooding ceremony that accompanies their graduation ceremony.

The process that had been used previously to determine the student speaker at graduation had been very confusing, according to Greenwald. It was on a four year cycle and alternated between CLAS graduates and undergraduates in previous years.

Greenwald explained, in the past, there would be student speakers from the graduate school speaking to students who, for the most part, were not their fellow classmates.

Greenwald and other SGA members felt that since the majority of the graduation ceremony was for people graduating from the undergraduate school, it was only natural to have an undergraduate speaker.

The last major detail in finalizing this plan is to determine who exactly will pick the undergraduate speaker. Ideally, Greenwald said he would like it if a committee of students picked the undergraduate speaker. But Greenwald could not provide the actual details of whether faculty would help in the selection of the student speaker.

Greenwald and Vicki Newberry, senior representative, will be meeting with Michael Ronayne, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, on Friday to work out the exact details of the selection process.

Motion to rescind mugs funding fails

A motion to rescind a $150 the Student Government Association allocated last week for the purchase of mugs to publicize the recycling program failed Tuesday by a 9 to 7 vote. A two-thirds vote was needed to over turn the funding which was highly scrutinized at last week's SGA meeting. Erika Christenson, junior class president and chairperson of the recycling committee, said she will be soliciting bids for the mugs from various vendors.

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...long period of time at tax time, and the other way would be through national service programs. To the majority of society, the idea of America's young people giving something back to their country sounds like a noble and appropriate means to reach a desired end.

The program, if passed by Congress, will have a direct effect on undergraduate and graduate students nationwide. The program will abolish the current student loan program and make the government the sole loaner of financial aid.

Some Suffolk University students believe the national service program is the answer to finding student loan programs. The current system involves banks lending money to students and the government guaranteeing the loan. Clinton wants to eliminate the banks all together and have the government loan directly to the students. Clintonites argue that this will save the country $1 billion annually, stripping the profits that banks make out of student loan ventures.

Jody Landenberger, freshman, biology, is in favor of the national service program because she believes that student loans should be drawn out over a long period of time, especially in lieu of the economy.

"It would eliminate a lot of the stress of getting a job right after graduation. I have friends that have been out of college for two years and still haven't found jobs," said Landenberger.

Heather Curtis, senior, French, thinks it will provide a better solution as opposed to the current system.

"It seems like it could give more people a chance to go to college. Maybe some people can't get as much financial aid as they need," said Curtis.

A first year Suffolk Law student, Ausma Ikraruddin, said "It provides an alternative. It would save the stress of monthly loan payments after the six month grace period following graduation."

Although many students believe that it is a good idea, others think it would not be as beneficial as it appears on the surface.

Michael Achilles, sophomore, finance, brought up concerns regarding the national service program. He feels that those people who are eligible to do national service after college in exchange for loans could miss out on getting a successful job right out of college. He also said, "It would hurt the banking industry."

Jennie Kennedy, junior, sociology, argued, "The idea of the government cutting out the middle man creates total government control. Once they get control, who's to say what they're going to do with it."

Other issues raised by the proposed program include union support and the challenge of creating national service programs to accommodate tens of thousands of students.

Boston's own City Year volunteer program is endorsed by unions who also donated labor and materials to build its headquarters. Right now, only 17,000 youths are engaged in City Year corps throughout the United States.
The Suffolk Student Theatre is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a musical box office hit, "The Threepenny Opera." "We haven't done a musical for eight years," stated Dr. Marilyn Plotkins, the director of the play. "This is a major piece of work. I taught it for years and the kids always have fun with it in class."

Which they should. "The Threepenny Opera" is a portrait of crime, poverty and political corruption and songs which are full of gusto and humor.

Bertold Brecht, who wrote the play, and Kurt Weill, the composer, wrote their version for the German theater of 1928. The play's cynical fun is said to have been just right for German theater-goers, who were on the threshold of Nazism at the time.

People might like to think the world is rosy, there's always a happy ending and you can count on true love," Plotkins said. "With this play, Brecht forces you to look at life the way it really is.

"This is what's good about Clinton's administration because they look at life the way it is and not how the Republicans like to think it is."

In this tale about misery and mugs in London's underworld there is the presence of sorrow and heartbreak. Though the background of "The Threepenny Opera" is lurid and everyone of its characters is a cheat, thief, murderer or prostitute, the show was never found offensive during its long run in New York. Not counting the 12 weeks in 1954, the show scored numerous and continuous performances by the time it closed on December 17,1961. This was not only the longest run ever recorded by any Off-Broadway show, it was the longest run recorded up to that time of any musical show.

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Costume Jewelry on the rebound

No more gold chains and silver bracelets, costume jewelry is the latest fad and the choice for many people. Costume jewelry has been around for centuries, but has become most noticeable fashionable in the 1960's and 70's and is experiencing a resurgence in popularity in the 1990's.

Costume jewelry has a wide variety of styles and colors to choose from at a low price and often more expensive than the ever popular silver and gold. The flashiness of some of the styles made in well with the "hippie" days of the 60's and the disco days of the 70's, and the new flashy colors of today.

People give a variety of reasons why they wear costume jewelry, cost, color, trendiness, but mostly its just fashionable.

Linda Giuffre, sophomore, says she wears costume jewelry because, "...it's pretty and has better designs, and it is the flashy thing to wear." Giuffre also stated, "Because the jewelry is fake, you won't worry if it is lost or stolen."

Daily Warren, a nurse at the Hebrew Rehab Center, said the choice of costume jewelry over gold and silver may be a health concern.

"Some people are allergic to certain metals, and the easy thing they can wear is costume jewelry, because they are made of beads, plastic, and or string," said Warren.

Paula Amazon, also a nurse assistant, said, "I buy it because it is cheap, and it is what I can afford. I also like it better because it is easy to replace."

Scattered around downtown Boston vending carts and accessory stores sells costume jewelry with the tons to men and women of all ages and walks of life.

At any given cart, earrings of every color and a variety of different designs, psychic crystals, colored plastic pacifiers, peace symbols, and yin-yang symbols hanging on black or colored string to wear around the neck.

There are beads of every size and color, and chokers made of small colored beads with matching bracelets.

The clerk one of the carts at
**DAT and DCC hope to steal cassette market**

By Tony Delorio
Contributing Reporter

Battles rage on as audio companies try to determine what new technology will eventually replace the cassette. Sony innovated the mini disc but they are not alone.

Two other configurations have been introduced to the market: Digital Audio Tape (DAT) and Digital Compact Cassette (DCC). Both resemble the cassette in appearance, but the quality almost equals the CD.

DAT and DCC, however, differ slightly in their niche to consumers. A Lechmere audio expert clarified that DAT is used primarily for recording purposes since one can record over 100 minutes on the product.

Album titles are available in both tape formats, however DCC carries a bigger selection. Very few titles are available on DAT.

The Philips Co., a rival of Sony Corporation, innovated DCC. Alan Jason, Sony's Boston representative, expressed disfavor for their product.

Jason confirmed that Sony in no way supports DCC, arguing that it was a step backwards. It does not provide the direct access to album cuts that the mini disc offers and it is a pain to search endlessly for a particular song.

"The last thing the average consumer wants is another cassette," Jason stated.

However, sales data from Tower Records on Newbury St. conflict with this notion. The store's bookkeeper reported that DCC albums have outsold those on mini disc. Although these new products have outperformed the cassette in sound quality, the Lechmere audio expert stated, "To this date, nothing has compared to the (traditional) CD." The CD-related formats have compared in terms of price range. The mini disc, DCC and DAT all share the same price with th CD, between $15 to $17 an album.

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"At any given time, the average human being uses 20 to 25 percent of their minds, while being conscious," Zabriskie said. "What has always been interesting to mankind, is what happens when you break that barrier." Zabriskie blames the drug problem on the avoidance of the mistakes of history, especially the trend of drugs. This, he says is as much the baby boomers fault as the children of today.

"We (the youth of the 60's) have not communicated the experiences of our culture to them," Zabriskie longs for the return of a more open minded culture that reflects the way the sixties once were. For him, the utopian concepts and free thinking have never died, but were actually born and developed in an age of complex harmony.

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Editorials
Clinton's Reforms Needed By Students

President Bill Clinton made the need for reform of the student financial aid programs a cornerstone of his campaign; the great appeal to the vast middle class. Each year, banks dole out millions in loans to students and then sell them on the secondary loan market for a profit. The handlers, like our own ESLI (Educational Loans Services, Inc.), then manages the loans for the term of the agreement.

Under the Clinton proposal, the government would become the primary lender to the students, resulting in a projected savings of $1 billion annually to the government. These government education loans would then be paid back through an income-based schedule that meets the needs of the borrower.

Naturally, the multi-billion dollar student loan industry opposes the Clinton plan, saying the government is not efficient enough to manage such a large lending system effectively. Further, they say the government should not abolish the current system just because it is profitable. Maybe the government should abolish the private system, because it is not working either.

The default rate on student loans has been steadily increasing since the mid-1980's, as more and more graduates go on to careers which do not pay the incomes to match the cost of living, much less the cost of debt service.

Students are becoming more and more dependent upon student loans to pay for the cost of education. Tuition at most private colleges and universities has grown at a rate almost a third above the inflation index, while real wages and job opportunities have fallen.

The Clinton administration plan for helping those who can not afford the income repayment or do not have a job in the national service program. Based on programs like Boston's "City Year" and the New Jersey based "Teach for America," participants will have portions or entire loans forgiven in exchange for volunteer community service. While this option will only be open to a fraction of the millions of eligible graduates, the program will employ tens of thousands of people. Compared to the Peace Corps, which at its peak only had 16,000 volunteers, the benefits of this program will have a greater reach than any others before.

Regardless of the method, the government needs to take a hard look at the student loan programs and the way our post-secondary educational system works. With tuition rates soaring to as much as $100,000 for a four-year education, any means to control the cost of going to school and providing reasonable resources that allows all students to obtain an education will be beneficial.

CLAS should follow SOM's lead on evaluations

The School of Management recently made available for the first time in many years the student evaluations of professors and instructors. Bravo to the faculty and administrators of SOM for the wisdom of this decision. The method for creating a just and clear national setting, the result is lower grades than one would normally receive.

In order to truly make the selection of professors and classes liberal, the CLAS should follow the lead of SOM and open their evaluations up for review by interested students.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"If you could be any type of candy bar, which one would you be and why?"
-Lou Greenwald, SGA Vice-President, asked the candidates for Junior Class offices during the SGA campaign speeches last Thursday.

"I think I would be a Snickers bar because there are so many ingredients."
-Erika Christianson, candidate for the junior class presidency, in response to Greenwald's question.

Letters to the Editor
Coverage of diversity appreciated and helpful

I expressively wanted to write to the Journal to encourage you all to continue to cover faculty assemblies and deliberations, especially involving discussion about the university's efforts to deal with the creation of a meaningful and genuine diversity education community. As noted by your excellent and comprehensive reporting, the issue of addressing diversity in educational setting, the method for creating a just and clear commitment to change, and the feelings that people have about diversity and about change produce heated debates and wonderful educational opportunities in themselves. By reporting on these meeting, you provide acknowledgement to the entire community of the good, difficult work that is going on. You also help in the necessary education about diversity and change.

Thanks also for an accurate and well-balanced story about the Student Leadership Diversity Conference. You were able to describe the purpose, the process, and the personal reactions to the event with clarity and effect.

Paul R. Korn
University Counseling Center

Junior V.P. refutes El-Hoss disappointment

In the weeks following the article entitled "El-Hoss upset by lack of SGA support," I would like to congratulate Ms. El-Hoss on the fact that she was very honest about how she felt. But-and there are a few BIG "but's"- she does not realize that much like herself, we all have important goals or projects. Those goals/projects are

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Where were they?
Andrea Rumpf

The Criminology Club sponsored their second lecture on the death penalty, this time dealing with the morality and effectiveness of capital punishment. Unlike the first Leutcher lecture on execution technology last November, Richard Moran’s “Death By Needle: A Humane Punishment?” drew only a minimum number of students and faculty members.

Weeks before Leutcher’s appearance at Suffolk, opposition to the lecture steadily increased. A counter-lecture was organized to discuss hate speech on campus, signs announcing the event were torn down, and students and faculty members organized a boycott of the lecture.

Nearly two hundred students and faculty were present at the presentation. The post lecture discussion was dominated by those who were appalled by Leutcher’s lack of credentials and shaky past.

Students and faculty were concerned by Leutcher’s research and publications about concentration camps, in which he suggested that certain gas chambers were not used during the holocaust. Due to much overwhelming opposition, it was nearly impossible to discuss the issue of his credibility involved in the death penalty. The debate about Leutcher’s credentials and his claim that death by lethal injection is the most humane form of execution continued the remainder of the presentation.

Those who did not accept Leutcher’s claim that death by lethal injection is the most humane method of execution lambasted him with questions regarding the morality of capital punishment.

The Criminology Club was at fault for not considering the repercussions of having such a controversial speaker, but they redeemed themselves by choosing Richard Moran to present the opposing view.

In an effort to present both positions the issue, the Criminology Club hosted Moran’s lecture, which attempted to refute Leutcher’s ideas. However, this lecture was far less eventful.

The audience consisted of approximately fifteen students, most of them Criminology Club members and sociology majors. Steven Lipman, a sociology professor, was the only faculty member present for the entire presentation. None of the faculty members who disrupted the Leutcher lecture with their allegations and commentaries were present. Similarly, none of the students who instigated the protests or denounced Leutcher’s ideas that there is a need for humanitay in executions were present.

Leutcher’s lecture proved that capital punishment is a subject that people have strong opinions about. Therefore, the lack of attendance at Moran’s lecture is unjustifiable. The speech was presented specifically to express the opposing view on capital punishment.

Those who relied on disruption to interfere with Leutcher’s speech because they were against the death penalty, or objected to his presence on campus could have shown a little respect for the efforts of the Criminology Club by attending Moran’s presentation.

Trash Television Litters American Airwaves
Thomas Belmonte

Have you had a free hour or two recently, and decided to spend that time watching some television? Last week, while home nursing a head cold, I had just such an opportunity. If you also decided to watch TV, you probably have noticed an unfortunate phenomena. The 1990’s have been marked by the advent of trash TV.

You would first notice that there has been a outburst of network programming in the realm of tabloid journalism. The American taste for junk food has now spread to the sphere of television. This is of course an acquired taste, and probably my pallet will never be the same.

This type of tabloid programming is the next logical step for the avid supermarket tabloid reader. Now, the pictures, the wild stories and accusations take on a new life. You can watch “Hard Copy,” “A Current Affair,” “Inside Edition” and even “Inside Edition Extra” - the local supplement to the national show.

The networks have even suggested their scheduling around early network news to accommodate the most avid tabloid viewer. Therefore, you can see most, if not all, of these shows on a given day. Channel surfing anyone?

Let’s face it, if you really want to find out who is sleeping with whom then this is your type of tee-vee show. They don’t just tell you the simple story, they provide you with those steamy details of the interface as well. These stories span international, national and local figures so you can tune in for your daily update of the world of sleeze.

A second development that you would notice would be the glut of talk shows that have taken over the airways. If you are interested in Latin/African women who are also rabbis, than this is your kind of TV show. Did I mention that these guests were also German shepherds owned by Shirley MacLean in a former life.

Better yet, you can tune in for the segment on people who underwent sex change operations only to realize that they made a mistake.

Snip!...Oops!...Hey, gimme that heel back!

The part that gets me is that these guests voluntarily subject themselves to the public scrutiny where 9 out of ten times they are deemed a freak. Froud would have an absolute field day if he was around today.

Luckily enough, there is always a psychologist on the hand, who points out the true underlying problems the panel suffers from. You have got to be kidding me.

So whether it’s Geraldo, Donahue, Oprah, Sally Jesse Raphael, Jenny Jones, Maury Povich or one of the many others, the formula is the same: Star gets show, show does outrageous things, show gets ratings (Star’s ego/pcheck get bigger). Bottom line - this stuff sucks. It is pure and simple, a true form of American satisfaction.

Some would also say it’s an form of idiot’s delight. You need not move, think or react to the show. All you have to do is pay the electric bill, have a TV and sit there.

A third aspect to consider is the number of daytime and evening soap operas that flood the television in a slots. These shows are also closely related to the plethora of television dating shows you can see daily. Just think, from your very own living room, you can watch someone else pick up and impress a member of the opposite sex. Are you a taurus? This is ridiculous!

Still another form of television trash is the trend that has news magazine shows creating their own version of the news, all we are left with is entertainment. When those GMC trucks exploded into a cloud of smoke in the testing example, so did the show’s credibility.

Stone Phillips may have a cool name but that does not mean I want to watch him report a pack of lies.

Now remember, these shows air in addition to the large number of tabloid and talk shows. What sort of statement does this form about our American taste and attitudes?

What we are left with are syndicated reruns of old shows form the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s. Some of the humor in the “The Adams Family” just isn’t that funny anymore. Furthermore, Perry Mason could never get away with some of his antics by today’s standards. Why bother watching this outdated stuff?

Now you can see that there is a lot of trash on TV. It comes in many shapes and sizes but you can avoid it.

In fact, you may soon find yourself acting as I did - reading a newspaper.

Voices of Suffolk

Should pornography be protected by the first amendment?

"Pornography should be free to everyone."
Jesus Garcia
Senior

"No, even though freedom of speech enables people to point out their own view, pornography shouldn't even exist." 
Susan Vella
Freshman

"Everything should be protected under the first amendment. What is so bad about pornography anyway?"
Jim Behre
Sophomore

"No, it's explicit." 
Tammy Paquin
Junior

"Yes, freedom of speech is very important." 
John Prestigiovanni
Freshman

Jennifer Keboe/Journal Staff
Storms wins poetry reading at black history forum

By V. Gordon Glenn III
Journal Staff

Thursday, March 11, 1993

James Christian, former Black Student Union president, and 30 other people shared a piece of the Black experience at the "African American History and Culture: A Suffolk University Community Reading and Celebration," sponsored by the History Department and the Collection of Afro-American Literature on Thursday, February 25.

"It was very successful...more than we thought," said the collection’s director, Dr. Bob Bellinger, recalling the beginnings of the program which started four years ago in February 1990.

"Since it didn’t try to explain the Black experience, it was possible for a wide range of people to share the ways they have been transformed by the black experience in the widest variety of ways," said Bellinger.

The program was the brain child of Professor Kenneth Greenberg. According to Bellinger, Greenberg wanted to do something different for Black History month, and a day long celebration was one way.

With every year, said Bellinger, the program is assessed to figure out an agenda to the next year’s program. Through this assessment, he found it necessary to add some focus.

"Last year’s theme was music, this year it was literature...It gave a focus to the wealth of the experience," he said. "Not limited to literature, the aim is to highlight the wealth."

In the evolution of the program, Bellinger decided last year to have a Black History Month Contest independent of the celebration, but it was too late last year for it to be properly implemented.

The contest entitled identifying the most out of 43 figures in Black History, past and present, that were displayed in the Sawyer Library lobby.

The purpose of the contest was to get students more involved with Black literature and history.

The winner, Alvin Storms, who got 42 of 43, missing number 40 who was photographer James Vandemple, was presented with an autographed copy of "Soul II Soul."

Storms did not win this contest by ordinary means. According to Bellinger, Storms brought in a camera to photograph all the pictures and went to the collection to get all the pictures identified.

"I was pleased with the level of curiosity, but disappointed with actual numbers of entries," Bellinger said, regarding the participation in the contest.

Students who took part in the day were Jim Mitchell, who read a poem by Jack Kerouac, and Diane Clark, who did a reading from "Savage Inequalities" by Jonathan Kozol. Clark said it was essentially "a speech on the drastic differences in the quality of education of urban and suburban schools."

Sociologist professor Yvonne Wells, and Leona Odous presented the poem, "For My People," and lead a spiritual song, "This Little Light of Mine."

Philosopher professor Anthony B. Pinn read from the prologue of "The Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison.

Dr. Sharon Artis-Jackson, assistant to the president and director of multi-cultural affairs, read excerpts from the essay, "Black Men: Obsolete, Single, or Dangerous: The African American Family in Transition," by Hak R. Madhubuti.

Each year, according to Bellinger, the event averages 30 to 40 presenters. The way it is, it allows people to show what it means to them...to really examine how the (wide range of the) black experience has touched their lives," said Bellinger.

Hidalgo from page 6

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So I guess that my project(s) - AIDS awareness - is less important than compared with the homeless. I'm sorry, but AIDS is the number one killer of our youth today, and when little I can do to spread awareness among our students is more important than someone else’s project. But that does not mean that I do not care for the homeless, because I do.

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Like I stated before, I commend Ms. El-Hoss for her honesty. I have more respect for a person who lets me know where they stand, even if they are wrong. Than one who comes up like an angel and is nothing but a devil. You see, politics is nothing but the art of the possible. And I believe that every member of Student Government, every student at Suffolk, and every faculty member at this school tries their hardest when they have set goals for themselves, and have done everything that is possible to do.

Efren J. Hidalgo
St. 64 Junior Class President, SGA

Editor's Note: Contrary to Efren Hidalgo’s letter, AIDS is not the number one killer of our youth (19 and younger), according to information provided by Suffolk University’s Health Services Office.
Dines dispels myth of harmless pornography

By Mary A. D'Alba
Journal Staff

Gail Dines, defines pornography as "the eroticism of violence against women." With approximately 100 students on hand in the C. Walsh Theatre, Dines explored the powerful topic of "Pornography and the Media: Images of Violence Against Women," through her customized lecture and slide show.

The presentation, sponsored by Program Council, "focused on the relationship between commercially produced images of violence against women and real-world violence."

Dines, a professor of sociology and women's studies at Wheelock College, has been lecturing cross country on the subject of violence in pornography and the effects it has on women and the greater society as a whole.

Dines says women in the pages of pornography "walk off the pages and into the women in society." Women in society are viewed as the women in the pages of these magazines.

"Pornography has a long term ideological impact on how we view men and women," stressed Dines.

The slide presentation started with two sisters on the cover of Playboy. Dines stated that Playboy and other magazines, "reduces the role of women to 'masturbation facilitator.'"

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public schools had delayed openings, he decide to delay the opening of Suffolk until 10 a.m.
The 6 a.m. news on WBZ-Radio broadcasted a list of school closing and delay, the majority being closings, which lasted the greater part a half-hour.

“It’s case by case,” comment Flannery on the decision making process to close the school, “but I have a reputation for not closing the school.”

The result of the delayed opening and the consequence closing, dozens of students braved the inclement weather only to find signs posted on the doors.

“I just got here and it took me so long to get here and now there closed,” said sophomore Karen Laine.

Laine’s frustration was echoed by the scores of students shut out at the last minute. “This is not a campus school. If they are going to cancel school, they should do so before everyone troks down here.”

A phone survey of the senior administrators shortly after Suffolk closed, found only one dean, John Brennan of the School of Management, was on campus at the time classes were canceled. Neither Flannery or President David J. Sargent or any of the other senior deans were present when the decision was made.

Flannery said a large part of the difficulty in deciding to close the university has to do with the need to hold classes in the law school versus the undergraduate sentiment that school should be canceled with bad weather.

“It’s a no win situation. Your damned if you do, your damned if you don’t,” said Flannery.
this year under Walsh. Walsh thinks that the "heart and soul" of this year’s ballclub will come from the infield. Catcher Tim Murray and second baseman Rob Zaytoonian, who came all the way from Oklahoma to play baseball at Suffolk, will be team leaders this year. "Murray is as good as any catcher in New England," Walsh said. "We’re really happy to have him. He was an All-New England second-team last year, so he’s got a cannon for an arm, is excellent at blocking balls in the dirt and can run." Walsh continued. Murray will bat in either the third or fourth spot in the lineup.

Of Zaytoonian, Walsh said, "Rob

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Suffolk will only lose three players from this year’s team: Sean O’Driscoll and John Porazzo, two co-captains, will be graduating this year along with winger Steve Morris.

Burns continued, "I’d like to recruit a couple of more defensemen, but I think we’ll be up there again next year."

Leading the Rams in points this year and finishing second in the ECAC Central Conference Division scoring race was Chris Dwyer. Dwyer finished with 24 goals and 28 assists for a total of 52 points. Third in the league in scoring was Jim Fitzgerald, who scored 14 goals and had 35 assists for 49 points. Sean O’Driscoll finished with 21-26-47 totals and Bill Santos finished at 16-22-38.

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Sweeney suffered an elbow injury last year but is in top condition this season. Sweeney plays second base but her versatility on the field will be recognized when she pitches a few games as well. Athletic Director Jim Nelson feels that the trip will be very beneficial for the team.

"Not only is there potential in team building and morale, but the obvious benefits of throwing, catching and hitting: the fundamentals," Nelson said. "Last year’s team was disappointed at being one game shy of a .500 record, this year’s team will not disappoint themselves or their coaches in reaching this objective," Nelson added.

The Lady Rams kick off the 1993 softball season at home on March 25 against Lesley College. Home games are played in the North End at the Andrew J. Poppolo field.

For March 10 - March 15, 1993

Suffolk University's Calendar of Events

Wednesday, 3/10

Resume deadline for Fidelity, Filene's, Pfizer, Arthur Ass., John Hancock, Ray State.

Resume deadline for APL/ALC Group, Open to all, with experience in sales &/or marketing.

10:00 Student Government Association Elections

12:00 - 5:00 Aids Quilt Display

1:00 - 2:00 Undergraduate Program Committee Meeting

2:45 - 4:15 Graduate Program Committee Meeting

5:00 - 8:00 Law Career Panel

Thursday, 3/11

Interviews with Harvard University Resume deadline for New York Life Insurance - Open to all. Resume deadline for APL/ALC Group, Open to all, with experience in sales &/or marketing.

9:30 - 1:00 Advanced Wordmark Class

1:00 - 2:00 Job Fair Preparation

1:00 - 3:00 Accounting Club Meeting

1:00 - 2:00 Alpha Phi Omega Meeting

1:00 - 2:00 Ballou Learning Center Study Group

1:00 - 2:00 Bible Study Group

1:00 - 2:30 Counselling Skill Lecture

1:00 - 2:30 Humanities & Modern Language Dept. Meeting

1:00 - 2:30 John Hancock Information Session

1:00 - 2:30 Mult 103 Tutorial

1:00 - 2:30 Phi Sigma Sigma Meeting

1:00 - 2:30 Pre Law Association Meeting

1:00 - 2:30 Psychology Club Meeting

1:00 - 2:30 School of Management Faculty Meeting

1:00 - 2:30 Aids Quilt Display

4:00 - 6:00 Tom Clark Competition Finals

6:00 - 8:30 Consider the Children: Current Issues in Family Practice Part one of a seven part series

Friday, 3/12

Lastday for withdrawal without penalty of F grade

6:00 - 6:00 MSF Spring Reception

Saturday, 3/13

10:00 - 2:00 Part-time MBA Forum

Radisson Inn Res. 20 & 495-Marlborough

Monday, 3/15

Spring vacation begins
Suffolk softball goes south for the first time

By Viki Bernard
Journal Staff

The Suffolk University women's softball team is making its first ever trip south for spring training next week, to Myrtle Beach, S.C. Not only does the trip enable Head Coach Doris Rueckas and assistant Kathy Lukas the opportunity to see what their young team has to offer this season, but it also affords the team the ability to play outdoors for the first time this year with no snow on the ground.

Rueckas is looking at this season as a rebuilding year for her team after losing players to graduation last year and hectic schedules for potentially returning players.

"The majority of our players are freshmen," Rueckas said, "and when the core of a team plays together for a few years, it builds strength. We can't help but go in a forward direction, as a team."

Although the Rams lost 12-15 to 21-11 record last year, Coach Joe Walsh disagrees.

"We're the Rams this year," Walsh said. "And when the graduation of many key players are expected to directly affect the performance of this year's team, which is a very young one."

Coach Joe Walsh disagrees. He insists that this is "not a rebuilding year, but a reloading year."

Although the Rams lost many players, the entire pitching staff will be returning this year.

Walsh also has several highly-touted freshmen who will play important roles on the team. Including the designated hitter spot, Walsh could be playing as many as seven freshmen in the lineup.

Returning on the mound for the Rams this year will be left-hander Scott Dunn, who posted a 6-0 record last year. "We're players at a time to join a team. With the inception of the trip south, Rueckas hopes to use it as an aid in recruiting now players."

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The trip to Myrtle Beach comes after intense fundraising last fall. "As a team, we'd like to thank everyone that helped and contributed to the fundraising effort," said Rueckas. She felt that there was no reason why the team should not be able to go south for spring training every year. It was just a matter of taking the initiative to make the trip possible.

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Forty-three players were expected to return to the pitching staff, and six of its last seven proved too costly for the Rams. They did manage to make the ECAC Division 3 playoffs, but as the seventh seed in an eight-team tournament.

Suffolk did not have a home ice advantage in the first round and was forced to travel to Portland, Maine to face Southern Maine. Although the Rams previously defeated Southern Maine by a 6-3 score earlier in the season, they fell to them the second time around 4-3 last Wednesday.

The Rams peppered Southern Maine goalie Dan Smith with 39 shots, but couldn't put the puck in the net with the frequency they did in the regular season. The Rams also hit a couple of goal posts in their season-ending loss.

Russ Enoas stopped 16 of the 20 shots he faced in the Suffolk goal.

Southern Maine advanced to last night's championship game against number one seed UMass-Dartmouth with a 4-3 win over Iona in the semifinals Saturday.

"It was a disappointing finish to the season," coach Bill Bums said, who has led the Rams to three straight playoff appearances.

Bums summed up his team's season when he stated, "We never really jelled and I attribute some of it to the fact that we had a lot of new players who were still getting to know each other. "I think after it got a good streak when we won five in-a-row and we were 10-4, we lost a couple of games and with it maybe some confidence." However, the team's future does look bright. Next year, the Rams will have many experienced players returning to the lineup.

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