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Learning Center implements new language service program

By N.E. Escobar
JOURNAL STAFF

When Dean of Enrollment and Retention, Marguerite Dennis, asked members of the Center for International Education Committee to help implement new services to support the growing needs of the international student population at Suffolk University, one of the results was the new language-service program at the Ballotti Learning Center (BLC).

"The population of Suffolk is changing," Andrea McDonald, assistant BLC director, said. "We want to be able to help [international] students develop their language skills."

By collaborating with the English Department and the English as a Second Language (ESL) program, the BLC has already begun

implementing services, such as a graduate student writing clinic and conversational workshop, to all ESL and international students. Specially trained ESL and professional tutors will also be available for one-on-one help sessions.

"The program is going well, but not a lot of people are coming," McDonald said of the conversational workshop. "We're on the verge of canceling it if no one comes in by the end of March. I know it would help a lot of students, but sometimes it's hard to fit something like this into a tight schedule."

Although the BLC has always been available to international and ESL students in the past by teaching them study strategies in English, this semester's programs aim at working with students through the content



Kevin Lombardi/Journal Staff

Class Break! A quiet lull in the storm before the change of classes on Derne Street.

work of their courses. Like the study groups that are run out of the BLC, the demand for this program is high.

"We have 30 clients being tutored right now," McDonald explained.

"We're going to keep working with the English Department and the ESL program in order to reach out to students who need help."

In order to keep up with the steady demands, McDonald has developed

what she terms a "wish list" of things she would like to see added to the program for the future. Aside from providing more training to

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"Nu School" discussion at African Meeting House addresses many "reforming" issues

By V. Gordon Glenn, III
JOURNAL STAFF

In a round-table format, local religious leaders, teachers and ministers sat down in the upper sanctuary of the oldest standing African-American church building in the U.S., the African Meeting House, on Feb. 24 to discuss "Reforming the African-American Intellectual/Religious Experience."

The Meeting House was completed in 1806. Located at 8 Smith Court, in the heart of what was once Boston's black community, it was known during the abolitionist era as the Black Fanueil Hall.

Sponsored by Campus Ministry, the President's Office/Multicultural Affairs, and The Suffolk Journal, panelists present were Charles Rice, Suffolk chaplain, Earl W. Jackson, pastor of New Cornerstone Baptist Church, Eugene Rivers, pastor of Azusa Christian Community of Dorchester, and Dell Johnson, professor of

religion at Stonehill College. Sharon Artis-Jackson, assistant to the president and director of multicultural affairs was the moderator.

The audience was welcomed by one of the coordinators, Suffolk senior Alex Hurt, who indicated that he wanted to form a new radical Black Christian Theology.

"These people...form the new Christian...thought," Hurt said of the panelists who made up a thought which he called the "Nu School."

The format for the discussion was for each panelist to respond to three prepared questions.

The first question, "Do you think that the so-called 'Black religion' is the same as it's mainstream counterparts? What are the differences or similarities?," went first to Jackson.

Noting, "black people were arrested...because black preachers were preaching liberation," he went on to say,

"Yes. It is very, very different from the mainstream."

"The black church has always been a force for the black community," Jackson said, citing the fact that many black people today often criticize the black church and look to other institutions for answers. "The question is now, how do we use it (the church, for liberation)."

"It seems to me that it (black religion) has had an individual empowerment (effect on its followers)," commented Rice, offering a critique of the "mainstream."

Rivers presented a two-part dissenting response to the question. Making a distinction that it is a case of Black Religion versus Black Christianity, he said, "Any careful reading suggests that within the black religious experience, (there is) a fundamental difference."

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Undergrad commencement speaker format still unclear

By Stephanie Snow
JOURNAL STAFF

Breaking the usual tradition of picking student commencement speakers, an undergraduate was chosen last year using a completely new selection process.

In creating this process, the goal was to use it at each commencement speaker selection. However, there was never any guarantee made that this would happen.

Each year the decision of who will pick the speaker at graduation rotates between Michael Ronayne, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), and John Brennan, Dean of the School of Management (SOM). When the selection process was going on last year, Ronayne was in charge of selecting the speaker.

The Student Government Association (SGA) believed a more active role for students in deciding who would speak at the graduation cer-

emonics would be better for the Suffolk community. Lead by former senior representative Vicki Newberry, and former senior president Lou Greenwald, SGA fought for a more student-oriented process in deciding who would speak.

Another reason people felt that a change was in order was because despite the overwhelming number of undergraduates, graduates still occasionally spoke at the graduation. Most people felt that an undergraduate speaker

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Rice, and local theologians discuss Black Religion

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"In every conceivable way, we are different than whites...or mainstream."

Rivers was first in line to answer the second question, "How do you account for the developments such as (the) huge growth (that is) taking place in the Pentecostal church? Why do you believe they are occurring?"

The growth, Rivers said, represents the emergence of the "religion of the poor." Further, he said, it reflects a world view of the poor that are suffering under modern urbanism. "(Pentecostalism's growth is) an adaptive response over...something poor people could not control," he said.

Rice, declaring that this rise is also apparent in the Catholic Church, said, "(The) Pentecostal Church is meeting a need in black community that other black churches are not."

According to Jackson, Pentecostalism's rise is due to the fact that "it is black people trying to compose their destiny. (It's) a reflection of real power."

"What is the changing role that religion in general and Christianity in particular is having on the lives of African Americans? What does it imply about the changing role of religious leaders?" was the third and last question, to which Johnson was first to answer.

According to Johnson, there's always a role for the changing of a people or a nation. "The power of Christianity is exactly a power that says that you can defeat evil," he said of the power which depends on the "spirit-filled" people to aid the community from the church which extends further than the minister for leadership.

"The tenants of Black Religion (are) justice and freedom," added Rice. "We can no longer buy into a religion," he said commenting on the changing role of Black Religion "that limits (black people) to a dichotomy of blackness and whiteness."

Jackson, who called for an enhancing of the present role of Christianity in the lives of African Americans rather than a changing of it, said, "We, in effect, excise God out of the picture," reminiscing on the by-gone days when it wasn't necessary to exclude God from "everyday talk."

After the panelists answered the prepared questions, Artis-Jackson allowed for a brief period for wrap-up comments by each panelist to further his points or to defend them to the other panelists and the assembled.

Rivers, who said that religion is a form of everyday life no matter what people are doing, was first to comment.

"The challenge of Biblical faith is that the Christian church must reestablish a connection to the Gospel," he

said, submitting further that there are many religious experiences, but a lot are false. "We must develop a vocabulary that speaks to (those that aren't familiar with the older religious experience.)"

Jackson commented next. "I can't buy in unless it's fact," he said. "Included in our vision...has got to be an affirmation of black life."

"I believe that we have utilized the word 'faith'...as a way of thinking rather than a way of being," Rice said in his summation. "We need to be about doing. Young people don't care what we're saying...(they care) more about what we're doing."

"Speak to your generation as only you can," said Rivers when asked what young people still with the church can do. "You are uniquely qualified."

On the power of communication that was essential to the discussion, Johnson said, "Words connect you with other people and the world."

Without hesitating for a second, Jackson responded, "your life," when asked what the price for freedom was. "You can't liberate a people...if you're not willing to die."

Lastly, Rice noted the distinction between Black Religion and Black Christianity. He explained that Christianity is a way, but not the only way and "that's the principle moment in Black Religion."

Suffolk Forensics hosts warm-up tourney at home

By Dan Coakley
JOURNAL STAFF

Suffolk University hosted the National Warm-up Forensics Tournament this weekend, with 16 Suffolk students participating. Overall, Suffolk did very well, despite Ohio University winning the tournament, according to Dr. Richard Kropp, the director of individual events for the Forensics team.

Among the Suffolk students who performed in the tournament were Angelique Mueller, who won the informative speech competition, and Chris Wilkins who was a finalist for that competition.

Kevin Connolly was a finalist in five events, and placed third in the Pentathlon, a special trophy given for students who participate in at least five events. Wilkins was also a finalist in the Informative Speech competition.

Russ Patten was a finalist in Lincoln-Douglas debate, duplicating his performance of last week. Continuing her successful season, Mary Cunningham was a quarter-finalist for that competition as well.

The Suffolk forensics team is coached by Communications professor Sarah Carroll. Communications and Journalism department chairperson, Ed Harris, is forensics director. Assistant coaches for the competition were Anne and Zack Elliot and Kristin Cilokosz.

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Change from CLAS to SOM could mean a different process in commence speaker selection

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should be a standard thing, given solely to their sheer number.

Graduates also have their own private ceremony every year called a hooding in which a graduate speaker is allowed to address a few words to their class. Many felt that if the graduates had this ceremony, than they should not feel slighted if an undergraduate speaks at this graduation ceremony.

Undergraduates had previously spoken during the commencement, but not on a yearly basis. Instead it worked on a four-year cycle with an undergraduate SOM student perhaps speaking one year and the next year having a graduate SOM student speak. The four-year cycle includes graduate and undergraduates from SOM and CLAS.

Ronayne was responsive to the idea then and praises the idea today. Ronayne said he had talked to Brennan recently, but they had not spoken about the undergraduate commencement speaker. When asked to comment on whether he would recommend having a committee decide the student commencement speaker, Ronayne stated, "I would recom-

mend it."

The committee last year was made up of himself, Dean Of Students Nancy Stoll, Associate Dean David Robbins, members of SGA, Program Council and Council of Presidents and other assorted student organizations, Ronayne recalled. He did note that he "reserves the right" to accept or reject the final person if in fact he did not feel the selected individual was not appropriate for the job.

Last year, due to the fact that this idea was implemented all at once with little advance warning, only three people applied for the honor. The three were: Thomas Belmonte, a former *Suffolk Journal* managing editor,; Kurt Collett, former Chair of Council of Presidents,; and Greenwald, who went on to be named the commencement speaker.

Even though CLAS was responsible for choosing the speaker, the search was not limited to just CLAS undergraduate students. Last year's undergraduate speaker, Greenwald, was a graduate from SOM.

However, because this year's selection of a graduation speaker is being decided by SOM, it does not necessarily have to follow the same format as last year. Brennan has final say in whatever decisions are made.

Brennan was not available for comment yesterday. However, in a previous interview with the *Journal* about two weeks ago, Brennan stated he saw no need to change from how they decided the speaker in the past. At the time, Brennan stated that he knew nothing about how the process last year was undertaken.

Some of the qualities Brennan said he was looking for in a speaker was someone who was a "solid citizen", had a high grade point average, was active in extra-curricular activities and "normally SOM" student.

Brennan did say at the time he would follow "regular tradition." When asked if that meant only an SOM student would be eligible to be an undergraduate speaker, Brennan merely repeated the statement about following tradition, making it sound very much like a prerequisite.

Since that interview, Karns has sent Brennan some information about last year's selection committee and the way that committee went about its business. Karns said she has yet to hear from Brennan on the issue, but believes SGA will be making contact with Brennan soon to move this process forward.

Sawyer Cafe new location for SGA election speeches

The Student Government Association (SGA) would like to announce that their election speeches scheduled for this Thursday will be held in the Sawyer Cafeteria instead of in Sawyer 427-429.

However, due to the threat of the possible snowstorm a snow date has been announced for the election speeches. In case of school cancellation, SGA election speeches will be on Tuesday, March 8 at 1 p.m. If that happens, the Student Forum, held before each SGA meeting, will take place before the election speeches.

The voting will than be held that day from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. inside the cafeteria, and on Wednesday, March 9 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Thursday, 10 a.m - 4 p.m in the Sawyer Lobby.

If there is no school cancellation due to snow, the election speeches will remain on the same date and the SGA elections will remain on their original schedule of Monday, March 7; Tuesday, March 8; and Wednesday, March 9. All are encouraged to attend the speeches and vote.

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Lifestyles

Spring vacations to warmer climates at bargain prices

By Karen Young
JOURNAL STAFF

Does this seemingly endless cold and snowy winter have you longing for warmer climates? Unless you're a skier or a snow lover, you're probably praying for this winter to end.

Seeing that possible snow storms lurk around every week, a trip down south seems to be the way to go to cure the winter blues. But as cash-strapped college students, many of us do not have big bucks to spend on a spring break trip. If you look hard enough and can travel on a few days notice, you can go on a great trip at a discount price.

Cruises, Mexican vacations, and other trips can be purchased at incredible prices if you can fly away at a moment's notice. Most travel agencies offer discount rates on trips to various locations as close to the day prior to



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travel. Call your local travel agent or check the travel sections of the *Globe* and *Herald* for trip availability.

According to Paris, a travel agent at the Vacation Outlet at Filene's Basement, the Margarita Islands and Nassau, Bahamas are the hot vacation spots this year.

The Vacation Outlet of-

fers trips to the Margarita Islands for as little as \$599. This bargain vacation includes round trip airfare, seven nights hotel accommodations, and breakfast each morning. For \$949, the Vacation Outlet offers a package to the Margarita Islands that, in addition to airfare and hotel accommodations, in-

cludes all meals, drinks, and sports.

Paris stated that Nassau is one of the places where travelers can get the best deals. The Vacation Outlet offers trips to Nassau beginning at \$349.

Cancun is another bargain spot. The vacation outlet offers seven night vacations for just \$649. All-inclusive packages to Cancun begin at \$949 and include all drinks, meals, and sports.

Trips to Florida are always popular among college students. Three night trips to Miami beach begin at \$299. Trips to Orlando begin at \$269. If you make a few phone calls, you can get airfare to various Florida locations for as low as \$160 round trip. There are a lot of great deals to Florida if you look hard enough.

Many airlines offer vacation packages that save travelers money and time. Delta, U.S. Air, and American air-

lines all offer vacations to various locations. Information on travel locations and prices can be found by calling the airline directly.

If you can't afford to travel to a southern point, perhaps you can arrange for a mini-vacation right here in Boston. Spend a night or two at a hotel in Boston and do all of the touristy things that you normally wouldn't do. Walk the Freedom Trail or catch one of Boston's two theatrical staying points, "Shear Madness" and "Nunsense." Be creative and you can have a fun vacation right here in Boston.

With spring break less than two weeks away, remember that you can plan a trip in a short period of time. Be creative and have fun. But most importantly, leave the cold Boston winter behind and pray that spring arrives soon.

With a little luck, we'll all be in a warmer climate right here in Boston soon.

Best and worst moments of Olympic television coverage on CBS & TNT

By Karen M. Young
JOURNAL STAFF

Well, the Olympics are now over and CBS has returned to their normal programming, but let's think back to the best and worst moments of Olympic coverage. There was over 100 hours of Olympic coverage on CBS and TNT. Some of the coverage was priceless and other moments were pathetic.

One of the best moments of the Olympic coverage was the sound of an estimated 40,000 spectators singing "Happy Birthday" to Tommy Moe after his silver medal winning alpine skiing run. It was a truly amazing to hear the sound of such a large group of people singing to a true American hero.

The figure skating exhibition was one of the most entertaining event of the Olympics thanks to original performances by Canada's Elvis Stojko and France's Philippe Candeloro. Stojko, the silver medal winner in the men's figure skating event, skated

to Van Halen's version of "You Really Got Me Going." He brought a rock concert to the ice with his lip-synching and air-guitar playing.

Candeloro, who won the bronze medal in the men's event, wowed the crowd as he skated to the Rocky theme and "Living to America." He made his entrance through the stands draped in the American flag. Enroute to the ice, he kissed a spectator and "fought" commentator Scott Hamilton.

However, it was Candeloro's movements on the ice that made his performance the highlight of the exhibition. A bare-chested Candeloro did a back flip and a beautiful triple lutz as he flirted with the crowd and the camera.

Another notable performances at the exhibition was Canada's Lloyd Eisler and Elizabeth Brousseau. Eisler spun his partner around by her feet in one of the most daring and breathe-taking moves on the ice. It must be seen to be truly appreciated.

Perhaps the most touching

moment of the Olympic coverage was Dan Jansen's Olympic triumph after years of tragedy. As most will remember, Jansen won his first Olympic gold medal after years of failure. CBS caught this dramatic event on film. Watching Jansen's wife cry tears of joy and seeing the skater take his victory lap with his nine-month-old daughter in his arms was enough to bring tears to the eyes of many Olympic viewers.

Another touching moment of the Olympic coverage was the coverage of the skiing and speed skating teams. In an Olympiad when the never ending story of Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan ruled the airwaves, it was refreshing to see that at least some of the U.S. athletes could get along and cheer each other on.

The members of the skiing and speedskating teams exemplified the true meaning of the Olympics—coming together to represent your coun-

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The third time is not the charm for "Body Snatchers"

By Justin Grieco
JOURNAL STAFF

"The Invasion of the Body Snatchers," a 1956 B-movie remains as one gripping and terrifying horror film. Movies rarely reach the paranoid suspense heights of that classic movie.

Nevertheless, "The Invasion of the Body Snatchers" was remade in 1978 by director Philip Kaufman. Kaufman took the original story and turned it into a truly numbing experience.

With jaw-dropping special effects, a clever screenplay, sympathetically well-drawn characters, and a knock-out, shocker of an ending, the 1978 version not only improved upon the original, but emerged as one of the scariest film experiences ever.

So why would a director want to remake (yet again) a movie which can't get any better? The reason is that every generation should have their own version of "pod people." Or should they?

Abel Ferrara's "Body Snatchers" is a well-made and well-intentioned horror

movie, but at the same time it is completely unnecessary. In order to make the third version work, Ferrara needed an energetic story and kinetic camera action to propel the film into the '90s, as was done in the 1988 remake of "The Blob."

Instead, the filmmakers try for a combination of the moody '56 original and the phenomenal '78 version. The mix doesn't quite cut it. The new film stands as a useless remake.

However, if you haven't seen the previous films, the latest version of "Body Snatchers" is a pretty good sit-through for the teen set. Its like the snatchers landed on "Beverly Hills 90210."

The plot, while remaining close to the original source novel, is the standard story. An EPA scientist transports his family to Alabama to test toxic waste at a U.S. Army Base. His wife (Meg Tilly), their five-year-old son, and his teenage daughter Marti (Gabrielle Anwar) get enough

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"Boxing Helena:" as limbless as it's main character

By Justin Grieco
JOURNAL STAFF

Before this controversial story of obsession nose dives with an unforgivable cop-out ending, it presents a wickedly off-balance tale of one man's desire for a woman he can never have. The "hook" of "Boxing Helena" is that Nick (Julian Sands) amputates both the arms and legs of Helena (Sherilyn Fenn) to literally make her the "object" of his desire.

The film has been criticized for being either misogynistic or brainless due to the far out implausibility of the story line and thankfully, remains the latter. If you're looking for the big "limbless sex scene," you won't find it here. This is not to say however, that "Boxing Helena" is without soft-core sleazy touches reminiscent of exotic trash like "9 1/2 Weeks" and "Wild Orchid."

There is no denying that, with the film's strong concept, a competent and solid suspenser could have been the product, but film makers are persistent on exploring the movie character's emotions and relationships. "Boxing Helena" does succeed at doing this, but only in scattered sequences. Ultimately, the audience is left with two characters of whom little is known. The crucial

characters of Helena and Nick are annoyingly sketchy.

The premise is extremely engrossing, but due to the overly flashy direction of Jennifer Chambers Lynch (daughter of "Twin Peaks" David Lynch), the movie lacks the narrative flow it desperately needs. Lynch is too reliant on odd dream sequences and flashbacks to tell her story and together these clips would be more suitable to a MTV music video.

Fenn ("Fatal Instinct") makes the most of the character, Helena. She has the bitch-goddess persona perfected. It's just too bad her character is so one-dimensional. She is also impossible to sympathize with. Helena is written as such a selfish user that one can't help feeling that she gets what she deserves.

Sands ("Warlock") is hopeless as the pitifully obsessed doctor, Nick. His obsession with Helena is so childish that viewers will most likely reject him as the "spooky-nerd-next-door."

The movie's best scene comes when Helena teaches Nick that sex is a mutual act and not one of just self-pleasure, but these scenes are few and far between and the climax of the film is a complete let-down. It is the type of ending which is to be expected from daytime soap opera

cliffhangers and not serious film making.

Maybe in a couple of decades someone with enough nerve could remake "Boxing Helena" as the provocative, shocking and emotional tale of mad obsession that it should have been.

For now, with the arrival of "Helena" on home video, movie-goers are getting the chance to see something that they may have missed during its limited and brief theatrical run. They didn't miss much.

GRADE: D+

If you know any outstanding members of the Suffolk Community who you would like to see featured in the Lifestyles section "University Profiles," contact Karen Young at 573-8323.

The good, the bad, and the ugly of the Olympic coverage

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try and illustrating sportmanship. The skiers and speed skaters were truly a team and only had kind words to say about their teammates.

How can you forget when Bonnie Blair said that watching Jansen win the gold meant more to her than her own gold medals? It is athletes like Blair, Jansen, Moe, and Picabo Street that allow us to be proud of the athletes that represented our country in the Olympics.

CBS had interesting human interest stories on several of the athletes. Whether it was Viktor Petrenko's assistance to a young Ukrainian skater or Elvis Stojko's love for martial arts, the stories allowed the viewers to learn a little about the athletes who kept them watching the Olympic games.

Among the worst moments of Olympic coverage was the seemingly endless string of stories about the Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan saga. It seemed like every time one of the skaters practiced, cried, ate, or burped, the cameras would catch the moment. The word "overkill" comes to mind when the coverage of Harding and Kerrigan is mentioned.

However, there was at least one classic moment of coverage for each of the skaters. For Harding, that moment came when she skated over to the judges in tears because of a broken skate lace. It's amazing how skaters *never* have problems with their skates, but it has happened to Tonya *four* times. Unbelievable!

Kerrigan's classic moment came shortly before the medal ceremony for the women's figure skating. An impatient Kerrigan complained after incorrectly being told that the delay before the award ceremony was so Oksana Baiul could have make-up reapplied before the ceremony. Kerrigan stamped her foot and said, "She's just gonna go out here and cry again." The viewers got the chance to see Kerrigan as a prissy skating brat instead of the ice princess.

This year should be noted as the year when the medal winners were announced without warning prior to coverage of the event. Each afternoon, TNT announced the results of almost every event that would be covered on CBS in the prime time show.

TNT is not alone in their Olympic results revelations. CBS announced that Tommy Moe won the gold medal winner in alpine skiing at least four times without warning during their second day of coverage.

Overall, Olympic coverage was complete and enjoyable. The right amount of sporting events and human interest stories kept the viewers interested and entertained.

The only thing that could have made the coverage better is if CBS could have found a way to give us the sports without the commercials.

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Editorials

Brady Law not the end all law

After a long and bitter struggle, the Brady Bill finally passed through Congress and subsequently enacted as a law this past Monday, Feb. 28. A waiting period of five days would seem to be a small sacrifice in an effort to stem the rising tide of violence; violence that continues unabated no matter what other measures are taken.

The Brady Law must be seen only as a beginning step, however. While a nice idea, the Brady Law is not going to stop people from purchasing guns. On the contrary, if a person really wants to purchase a gun, s/he can easily get one on the street, probably at less expense than they would have paid at a gun shop.

The flaw with the Brady Law is its naive attitude in thinking people will be deterred from buying a gun because they have to wait five days before they can legally buy one. If one is incensed enough to even contemplate killing another person, s/he is probably not thinking of even going to a gun shop. Instead, that person will want a gun as quickly as possible and probably has no intention of waiting.

The Brady Law as it stands now is fine, but should not be expanded any further. Whether one agrees or not, it is a legal right, with some stipulations, to purchase a gun. If it tries to encompass too much, the Brady Law will only succeed in preventing the average citizen from purchasing a gun. Criminals will always be able to get guns, the average citizen will be the one who will find difficulty in legally purchasing a one.

People must realize that the Brady Law is not going to stop the majority of people from getting guns. Unfortunately in our society, buying a gun illegally is not a hard task. The Brady Law is merely a Band-Aid on the gaping wound that is violence.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"[Gordon Glenn] is so vain...he probably thinks we're all talking about him."

- **Andrea McDonald**, assistant director of the Ballotti Learning Center, referring to a copy of last week's Journal which the Editor-In-Chief autographed for her, quoting a line from the song "You're So Vain" by Carly Simon.

Not just one month of history

As Black History Month came to a close, it could be looked upon as either a time for reflection or it could arise as a serious challenge for those of us who only pause at this, the shortest, and this year, the snowiest, month of the year to take a look at the many contributions African Americans have made to this, the "American" society.

This brief pause is fine and expected of us during February, but it will all be for naught if, as a nation, we don't take the information shared during this month to heart and hunger for more. In essence, Black History Month should be used as a springboard for further study and understanding of one another's culture and contributions.

If we allow this month to come and go without a commitment to not let the spirit of what it brought die on the last day of February, then the spirit of Black History will also die.

If we, as intelligent people, on a college campus, allow this month to mean nothing more than a pat on the back for extending what used to be called "Negro History Week" to a month in order to make ourselves look and feel better for at least 28 days, we have failed in the purpose of the celebration of Black History.

While Black History Month is a time set aside to give praise to African Americans throughout the years for their accomplishments, it is also a time to never forget where African Americans have been. With this in mind, the spirit of Black History should be kept alive, no matter the month, no matter the place, even if that place is in the hearts and minds of those who accept the challenge.

Correction

In the Feb. 23 edition of the Suffolk Journal, Margie Cugini was misquoted in the "Voices of Suffolk" section in her response to the question, "Who do you think should host the Oscars?" What she actually said was that she really didn't care who hosted the Oscars this year.



Letters

International students respond to *small* Voices

Dear Editor:

We are writing you with regard to the interview ("Voices of Suffolk"), "Do you think Suffolk does enough for its international students?" by Michael A. Todino, published on page 7 of the February 16, 1994 issue of the Suffolk Journal. We would like to say that there has been a tremendous disappointment among the Suffolk International Student Community, as well as Faculty (sic), because the information presented in the journal (sic) is neither representative nor accurate.

In the first place, it is not representative as it presents the opinion of five students, of which three are American citizens. So, how can they be aware of what the Center for International Education offers to international students?

Second, we would like to answer the two international students who appear in the interview. The first one, Ignacio Mora-Figueroa, claims that there is no place to meet and smoke with other people. As everybody knows, Suffolk has a non-smoking policy according to the law, so this is not anything directed specifically to international students, but to the entire Suffolk population. The second one, Rima El-Hoss, complains about the lack of activities for international students. Since October 1993, when the former International Students Office was closed, and the Center for International Education (CIE) was established, she has had an opportunity to attend or participate in any of the following activities/events that have been taking place ever since:

(The) International Food Festival, (the) Thanks Giving (sic) Dinner with American Families, (the) Christmas Party for International Students, (the) Reception for new International Students, (the) Mentor Program for International Students, (the) Tax Seminar for International Students, (the) Practical Training Workshop, (the) Orientation for new International Students, Biweekly International Students Association Meetings, and Lunch

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Were the wrong athletes honored in Lillehammer?

Richard J. Harris, Jr. —

Stoneham's own Nancy Kerrigan, a phrase which I am sure is embedded in the mind and memory of every living person in the Boston and New England area. As proud as we should be that a New England native has gone on and excelled in the Olympics, we must sit back and review what has gone on during this Olympic season.

Dan Jansen, what a guy, truly an All-American figure for our children to look up to. He was able to overcome emotional and professional adversity and win a gold medal. Bonnie Blair, once a young girl who had to go out and solicit donations and contributions from her local police department in order to attain her dream of going to the Olympics and winning a gold medal, and she did, five times.

I can remember being 15 years old and sitting in the living room of my best friend Steven's house watching the 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team overcome many adversities and win the gold. My most vivid memory was Mike Eruzione of Winthrop standing on the podium, hand over heart reciting our country's national anthem, and then on its completion, calling the entire team up to join him on the podium.

It saddens me that such gifted athletes such as Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding, instead of highlighting their gifted talents, found it necessary to display their poor attitudes and tasteless actions towards their fellow competitors to what is suppose to be the

JOY of competition.

In the shadow of all this selfishness are the young men and women who are today dreaming, and some training, for the honor of participating in future Olympic Games. I surely do hope they did not watch any of the figure skating competition, solely because of Nancy and Tonya's attitude problems. How embarrassed I was, not as a lover of sports and competition which I am, but as a citizen of the United States to see such crude and unnecessary actions as were made by those two.

And, if you think getting slugged in the knee, which is truly unfortunate and unacceptable, is overcoming adversity, I would be glad to take you to places where children live without knowing if they will eat tomorrow or possibly even be alive tomorrow. Or maybe we can stroll through the streets of Boston's inner city where young children are being killed and injured every day. Come on people—we must get our priorities straight.

In the closing ceremonies and throughout the Olympics, great Olympic athletes such as Katarina Witt, Dan Jansen, and many others made us aware of the injustices and Hitler-like happenings that have been taking place in Bosnia. If sticking around an extra day could have helped draw attention to that cause, one where many people, and again young children are being killed solely because of their ethnicity, then I think I could have found it within myself to do that. How could anyone not.

Well, I sometimes wonder if that is not just the new way of the world. "Hey

Reebok, throw a pair of those sneakers on Dan Jansen and I'll buy them." It was Will Rogers who once

said, "We can't all be heroes, because there has to be someone to sit on the sidewalk and clap as they

go by." Here is one person who won't be sitting on any sidewalk in Stoneham on Sunday, March 6.

Jim's recipe for Spring vacation fun

Jim Behrle —

March is upon us! Midterms are near! Fear and panic are in the air!

Don't fret, guys. There's light at the end of the tunnel. Seems we got some furlough comin'. That's right. We don't have to show up at Suffolk from March 12 all the way to March 21! Spring Break is coming!

Yes, soon it will be time to drop our books into a swamp and take an extended vacation from the Suffolk-go-round! As my own little public service to the Suffolk community, I've decided to use this space to share some of my own personal Spring Break secrets, guaranteed to make your week away from Suffolk not only enjoyable, but also tax deductible.

Travel: Risky & costly. I mean, sure, you could spend your time on Daytona Beach drinking twenty dollar cans of beer and hitting on MTV interns, but is this what you really want? Skiing? Forget it. There won't be a lift ticket available from here to Mexico City. Take it from me folks: Acadia National Park, Maine. My parents take me there every year. Think about it. What kind of friggin' ninny would go to Maine in March? You'll have the whole place to yourself. Parking? No problem. Camping?

Covered. Moose hunting? Of course. Surfing? Sure. Scantly clad in-line skating? Maybe. Drunken sexual frisbee wars? O.K., perhaps

not. But they don't call Maine Vacationland because it's the Caribou state. Acadia is a short twelve hours from Boston

and features such wonderful venues as Thunder Hole, the Bubble Mountains, and "Do Me" Point. Fun for the entire fraternity! Plus, it's practically free. Start packing!

Sticking Close to Home: Contrary to popular belief, hanging out at home during Spring Break does not make you the biggest loser in the free world. Barring interference from your parents or law enforcement agencies, vacationtime can be salvation-time, completely making up for the lack-luster existence you enjoy the other fifty-one weeks of the year. Parties and other feasts are best enjoyed in moderation, and at the expense of others. Never throw a party at your own home. Take it from a guy who is still checking in with his parole officer twice a week. It just ain't worth it. Vacant lots don't cut it either.

The best place to party vacation week would be a place that's deserted and still safe. A place that's centrally located and easily accessible. I know! How 'bout Suffolk University?

Yes. The band could play in the C. Walsh Theatre! The Ridgeway Building can be turned into six floors of jacuzzi with just a few fire hoses. Bungee off Sawyer.

Do the watusi in your History professor's office! Go

nuts. Nobody's going to be around!

We pay tuition, right? The buildings sorta do belong to us. If you get caught by Suffolk's finest and they put you in Suffolk jail, you could still watch Crash Test Dummies and Sharon Stone on "MTV Spring Break, Lillehammer" or whatever.

Schoolwork: No, seriously. Spring Break would be a good time to catch up with all the stuff you haven't done in the past two months (i.e. papers, take home exams, laundry).

Although I personally feel that anyone who takes time out of their God-given vacation hours to read "Lord of the Flies" needs to be taken out and be spanked, anyone who wants to compute cosines has my blessings and my prayers.

Sleep: Truly the most important thing you can do this vacation. Whether you're in Aruba or spending the night in jail, make sure to get at least fourteen hours of sleep a night. Wake up only for meals or parties. Sleep from Tuesday to Thursday. Save up sleep for finals week. Trust me. A bed head is a happy head.

That's all I got for you folks. Stay warm and safe. Seems God wants us to spend vacation under several feet of snow, so keep your head up, your drink cold, and absolutely positively **don't** tell 'em I sent you.

Voices of Suffolk

By Kevin Lombardi and Gary Zerola

Do you think the Brady Bill is going to deter crime?



"No, because most of the guns that are responsible for killing people are obtained illegally."

Anthony Scampoli
Freshman



"No, the Brady Bill doesn't mean anything to the younger kids 15 to 18 years old who get the guns illegally"

Mike Duran
Sophomore



"No, because people will find other ways to get guns anyway. Besides when has a gun law ever deterred crime anyway?"

Kevin Drinan
Junior



"No. People that have the guns...are the problem, (they) don't buy (guns) where the Brady Bill (would) apply."

Sonia Ruas
Freshman



"No, laws are not going to change the situation, either way the criminals are going to get the guns."

Margaret Lovati
Senior

BLC announces language service program focusing on ESL and Int'l students

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peer tutors to help deal with the special issues created by these students, she would like to increase the number of specialized tutors and in-class ESL assistants.

Her greatest wish, however, would be to have some sort of language lab, much like the conversational workshop, attached to ESL English classes so that students would be able to practice their language skills in a comfortable surrounding.

As a graduate of Suffolk University and one-time peer tutor, McDonald acknowledges that the student body does not always know what services are available to them on campus. Her hope is that by promoting her program, at least one student will be able to get the help she or he needs to succeed.

"The program has really taken off," McDonald said. "I'd still like to have everyone be aware that the BLC is available to help them."

Int'l students refute "Voices" claims

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for Prospective International Students.

As you can see, Suffolk is providing different opportunities for international students to get together. We regret that the Suffolk Journal was not able to reflect this.

On behalf of the international student community at Suffolk, we look forward to seeing you at the spring events.

Sincerely,
Delores Sanchez-Penalver, MPA/H Candidate, CIE Graduate Fellow &
Diego Lopez-Tapia, BA Candidate in Communications, President of the International Student Club

New "Body Snatchers" is major let down

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time to settle down in their new neighborhood when they find themselves up to their ears in pod people.

In between, we get the old warnings, which, of course, nobody believes, a romance between Marti and a soldier, and plenty of chase scenes.

Ferrara ("Bad Lieutenant") makes the mistake of keeping "Body Snatchers" at a brutally slow pace. The movie is relatively short, but half of it is all a set-up. What he does give the story is lots of creepy touches

and a thick atmosphere. There is also a couple of good set-up pieces.

However, the special effects are mild compared with today's standards and there is nothing here that you haven't seen before. One can't help wondering what Ferrara could have done had the story been original.

Even though the characterization is non-existent, the performances are surprisingly strong. Anwar ("Scent of a Woman") is believable as the film's heroine and rises as a true individual.

Tilly ("Masquerade") is a

complete knockout in her role. She is the first to be taken over in the family and delivers a chilling albeit brief portrait of an emotionless clone of her original persona.

For the new generation, 94's version of "Body Snatchers" serves its purpose, but even still it is difficult to see much originality in a movie that resembles every alien invasion film of the last three decades with more than a hint of such horror classics as "Night of the Living Dead." Wouldn't it be easier to just rent the 1978 version?
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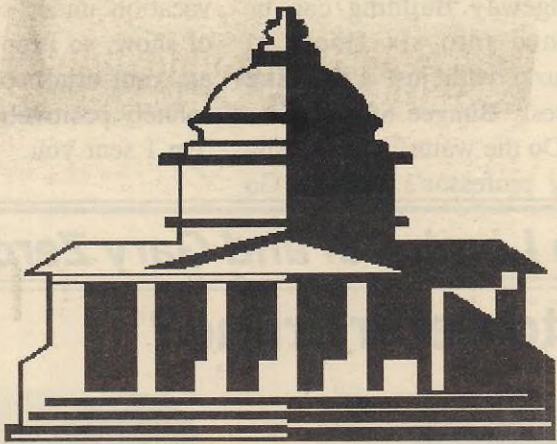
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Eight years have passed, three Boston teams are still in the rebuilding process

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a championship. The most classic case came when the Sox traded third baseman of the future Jeff Bagwell for veteran reliever Larry Anderson.

Acquiring players such as Billy Hatcher, Scott Fletcher and Andre Dawson would have been a good move for a team that needed experienced veterans to be role players down the stretch run of the regular season and into the playoffs.

If the Sox are to rebuild, they might as well clean house first and build a young team from the ground up.

Speaking of building from the ground up, the Patriots fit that category. Though their last winning season was in 1988, the Patriots, out of these three teams being looked at, seem to have the brightest future.

Since 1986, the Patriots have seen many characters on and off the field come and go. The list conjures up memories, most of them unpleasant ones. Billy Sullivan, Victor Kiam, Fran Murray, Paul Fireman, Rod Rust, Dick MacPherson. Starting quarterback Jeff Carlson?

Although the Patriots may have taken the longer road in the rebuilding process, they finally seem to be set on the right track.

New owner Robert Kraft seems to have a genuine interest in both the Patriots and the New England area. Kraft, a football fan himself and former season ticket holder, may be the first ever owner Boston has ever seen that has a true love for the game, and not just the profit that can be made from it. A coach the caliber of Bill Parcells is another intangible the Patriots have.

With its slim 1993 payroll, the

Patriots will have the most money to spend on free agents before the salary cap takes effect this coming season. When a team offers a \$5 million deal over four years to a place kicker, as the Pats recently did with Dolphins kicker Pete Stoyanovich, you know they not only have the dough, but are willing to spend it.

The Patriots also have something that neither the Celtics nor Red Sox can boast of—a franchise player in

young quarterback Drew Bledsoe.

Since 1986, these three teams have experienced more downs than ups and it is the Patriots who have managed to come out on top of the rebuilding race. Should the Red Sox and Celtics follow the lead of Kraft and the Pats, the Boston sports scene will be sitting pretty in the late nineties and into the 21st century—1986 all over again.

Sawyer Foundation grant aids Sawyer Library

The Sawyer Charitable Foundation of Boston has awarded a grant of \$21,263 to support the purchase of a series of CD-ROM database subscriptions at the Mildred F. Sawyer Library at Suffolk University.

The grant continues the Foundation's special relationship with support of the library. Carol Sawyer Parks, the Foundation's Executive Director and a University Trustee, said the grant reflects the Sawyer family's ongoing interest in the development of the library that is named for her mother.

The Sawyer Library serves students and faculty of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and the School of Management at the University. Edmund G. Hamann, Library Director, said the grant will allow the Library to add to its resources, a package of

database subscriptions available in the electronic media (CD-ROM) that will greatly enhance services to both students and faculty. "This is the most efficient way to secure and make available this information," Hamann said.

The package of subscriptions will include: Disclosure CD (Security and Exchange Commission filings); Commerce Clearinghouse: Human Resource Management (labor relations information); ERIC (electronic version of "Resources in Education"); Psychlit (Psychological Abstracts); Wall Street Journal (full text); Congressional Information Service, Statistical Masterfile; Peterson's Guides to Colleges & Universities; American Academic Encyclopedia; and software from Sammamish Date (U.S. Census and other federal statistical data).

Parks said the Trustees of the Foundation were "pleased to be able to support this very special library need. The information that will be made available should prove invaluable to students especially, and also to the faculty and other members of the Suffolk community."

Several parts of the package will be added to the Library's CD-ROM local-area-network (LAN) that also provides access in full text to selected newspa-

pers and newspaper collections. That network was created with the support of a grant of \$16,302 from the Sawyer Foundation a year ago.

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11:00 - 11:50	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Intermediate Accounting II	Sawyer 430
11:00 - 11:50	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Statistics 212	Sawyer 428
11:00 - 12:00	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Organic Chemistry	Fenton 438
12:00 - 12:30	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Physical Science	Sawyer 430

Thursday, 3/3

1:00 - 1:50	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Statistics 212	Sawyer 1108
1:00 - 1:50	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Microeconomics	Sawyer 1129
1:00 - 1:50	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Conversation Group	Ridgeway 207
1:00 - 2:00	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Accounting 202	Sawyer 1125
1:00 - 2:30	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Organic Chemistry	Sawyer 430
1:00 - 2:30	Alpha Phi Omega Meeting	Fenton 337
1:00 - 2:30	Sisters and Brothers, A Poetic Rendition	Archer 110
1:00 - 2:30	F.A.C.T. Speaker - Tug Yourgrau of South Africa	Sawyer 1023
1:00 - 2:30	Tau Kappa Epsilon Meeting	4th Floor Student Activities
1:00 - 2:30	Student Government Association Meeting	Sawyer 423
1:00 - 2:30	WSUB Meeting	Fenton 603
1:00 - 2:30	Beta Alpha Psi Meeting	Sawyer 927
1:00 - 2:30	Math Dept. Tutoring	Archer 632
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1:00 - 2:30	English Dept. Meeting	Fenton 338B
1:00 - 2:30	Philosophy Club - Astrologists	Sawyer 808
1:00 - 2:30	Marketing Club Meeting	Sawyer 929
6:00	Cultural Extravaganza- Culture, Music, Singing, Food And Dance	Sawyer Cafe

Friday, 3/4

11:00 - 11:50	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Microeconomics	Sawyer 430
8:00	Dance Series: Beth Soll and Co. presents <u>Temenos</u>	C. Walsh Theatre

Saturday, 3/5

10:00	LSAA Board Of Directors Meeting	McDermott Conf. Rm
8:00	Dance Series: Beth Soll and Co. presents <u>Temenos</u>	C. Walsh Theatre

Sunday, 3/6

2:00	Dance Series: Beth Soll and Co. presents <u>Temenos</u>	C. Walsh Theatre
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Monday, 3/7

9:00 - 9:50	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Intermediate Accounting II	Sawyer 430
10:00 - 10:50	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Accounting 202	Sawyer 430
11:00 - 11:50	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Microeconomics	Sawyer 430
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1:00 - 1:50	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Conversation Group	Ridgeway 207
2:00 - 2:50	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Statistics 250	Sawyer 430
5:30 - 7:00	Graduate Information Session	One Beacon Street, 25th Floor

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1:00 - 2:00	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Accounting 202	Sawyer 1125
1:00 - 2:00	Ballotti Learning Center Study Group: Physical Science	Sawyer 1122
1:00 - 2:30	Student Government Association Meeting	Sawyer 423
1:00 - 2:30	Women 's Center presents "Madonna And Past Modern Culture"	Sawyer 427
1:00 - 2:30	Program Council Meeting	Fenton 337
1:00 - 2:30	Humanities Meeting	Fenton 438
1:00 - 2:30	Tau Kappa Epsilon Meeting	4th Floor Student Activities
1:00 - 2:30	Math Dept. Tutoring	Archer 632
1:00 - 2:30	Admissions Advice Meeting	Sawyer 821
1:00 - 2:30	Suffolk Univ. Hispanic Association Meeting	Sawyer 921
1:00 - 2:30	Theatre Dept. Workshop	Fenton 430A & 430B
1:00 - 2:30	Beta Alpha Psi Meeting	Sawyer 927
1:00 - 2:30	Accounting Dept. Meeting	Sawyer 428
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Suffolk Sports

Despite strong effort, hockey team's season inconsistent

By Paul DiPerna
JOURNAL STAFF

"We were a talented team who underachieved," said a reflective coach Bill Burns. "It was a difficult year for many reasons, but mainly because we didn't play up to our capabilities."

The 1993-94 hockey team ended its season with a disappointing 9-13-1 record which prevented them from competing in the ECAC North-Central-South playoffs. This record is deceiving because the Rams had the potential for a much better season. They boasted a strong line of forwards and depth at the goaltender position. Chris Dwyer, Jim Fitzgerald and Bill Santos all returned this past season to provide what critics viewed would be a strong offensive threat and Russ Eonas returned to take up residence in front of the Suffolk twine.

All of the above players will be graduating this spring, creating a void that Burns will have to fill next season. Burns said he will be actively recruiting players for the future once the high school championship tournaments are completed over the next few weeks. "Then

I'll know who will be designated as a division one player and who will be available for us to look at," he said.

The season's defensive standout was senior Chris Mullen. "Chris came to play in every game," said Burns. "He played every game with intensity and came out every night with a 150 percent effort."

Senior defenseman Mark Tsoukalas was also a positive presence behind Suffolk's blue line. He provided a physical presence and was a solid stay at home defenseman.

Senior netminder Russ Eonas completed his finale with the Rams in fine fashion. "Russ did a great job as a senior," Burns said. "He played his heart out and was a pleasure to coach. He is a great example for his teammates and the university."

The Rams will retain the services of Sophomore Scott Forbes, who looks to take over the duties in net full-time with the departure of Eonas. Chris Glionna, a freshman, saw limited action between the pipes, but will look to compete with Forbes for some meaningful minutes.

Burns will have his work cut out for him as he attempts



Journal File Photo

The Rams will miss senior goalie Russ Eonas, who, here, prepares to make one of many saves he made this season in the Suffolk goal.

to fill the holes left by the graduating seniors, but he feels that a lack of depth at each position was partially responsible for the Rams' sub-par record. "We didn't have enough competition at each position," Burns noted.

As a team, the Rams experienced the type of year that has coaches and fans alike asking the question, "What if?" They displayed flashes of brilliance in games such as the 8-

1 annihilation of Assumption last November where the championship potential this team held came through. These flashes would then be dimmed in games like the 6-5 overtime loss to Bentley.

The Rams also had the dubious distinction of battling an opponent no amount of talent could handle, the snow. Two games the Rams could have used to their definite advantage were eliminated from their

schedule.

Suffolk played the 1993-94 season with intensity most of the time. They came up short on some evenings, but one thing was a constant, Burns' demand that each player put his heart into every practice and game situation. Should Burns continue espousing this philosophy and his players continue to listen to it, victories and playoff victories will come.

Patriots, Celtics, Red Sox all attempting to restore what was

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The Celtics, Red Sox and Patriots all played for a championship. While the Celtics won their 16th NBA Championship, the Red Sox, behind Bill Buckner's antics, lost the World Series and the cinderella Patriots fell in the Super Bowl to a Chicago Bears team that was probably the best of the 1980's.

Since 1986, these teams have approached their futures in three different ways. They are all stuck in the proverbial "rebuilding years."

The Celtics' success continued, but not for long, as they went to the finals in 1987, but since then have steadily gone downhill.

The first thing that comes to mind when thinking about the three championships won

by the Celts in the 80's is the Big Three—Larry Bird, Robert Parish and Kevin McHale. The Celts get credit for being loyal to the people who won them these championships, but lose points for their lack of planning. For some reason, the Celtics forgot that professional sports is a business. Injuries began to plague the Big Three in the late eighties.

The death of Len Bias certainly didn't help, as he would have been the ideal replacement for McHale in the low post. With the development of Bias, a then-healthy McHale could have retired two or three years earlier or could have been dealt for another valuable player.

The Celts couldn't have seen the death of Bias coming, but could have drafted more big men through the

late eighties that could have been groomed under the Big Three while they were still effective. The drafting of Michael Smith and Brian Shaw didn't help replace the Big Three.

Now the Celtics are lottery-bound and have placed their inside hopes on Acie Earl. Good luck.

The Red Sox, after losing a World Series that was in their hands, won the AL East in 1988 and 1990, but got swept by Oakland in both cases. Since then, they have endured two of the franchises worst seasons in 1992 and 1993.

Since 1990, the Sox, for some reason, have played their cards as if they are constantly one player away from

Amateur snowboarders can race against the pros at Sunday River

Amateur snowboarders will get to compete alongside the professionals when the Butterfinger Pro Snowboard Tour makes its final stop at Sunday River, Maine from March 4-6. More than 100 of the world's top professional and amateur competitors will face off for the tour championship in three disciplines and for prize money totaling \$40,000.

Featured professionals include men's alpine points leader Jeremy Jones, men's Boarder Derby leader David Basterrechea and men's freestyle championship contender Todd Richards.

Top female competitors include women's alpine favorite Tara Eberhard-Masterpool, who has two first place finishes in the series, Boarder Derby standout Janna Mayen and overall freestyle leader

Cara-Beth Burnside.

On Friday, March 4, racers compete in the Super-G, where racers will be skiing through gates in this event adopted from alpine skiing. The six-man Boarder Derby is scheduled for Saturday, March 5. The Halfpipe competition, a freestyle event, will be held on Sunday.

Registration for amateurs begins on March 3 at noon in the Whittier Room of The Summit Hotel. The entry fee is \$75 for one discipline, or \$150 for competing in all three.

The tour is sanctioned by the International Snowboard Federation, and sponsored by Butterfinger Candy Bars, Paul Mitchell Salon Haircare and Ford Trucks.

Portions of the Sunday River event will be aired on ESPN Monday, March 28, 6-7 p.m. - info. provided by press release

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