Radio's WSFR Amplifier has forced the close circuit radio station's meltdown of Suffolk Free Air.

The station has since been off the air. The amplifier was then sent for repairs and returned.

Lecture warns of danger of "Date Rape"

Statistics show 1 out of 9 college women will be sexually assaulted.

By Mary A. D'Alba Staff Journal

SAWYER- According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, one out of nine women will be sexually assaulted during their college careers and, of those victims, 80 to 90 percent know their attackers. More than one in two of their acquaintances are attackers.

An acquaintance is defined as "some one you have taken into your trust". When acquaintance rape, also defined as date rape, occurs, a trust is violated.

The Suffolk Woman's Center, Program Council, the Suffolk University Counseling Center, the Sociology Department, Alpha Phi Omega (A.P.O.) and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) co-sponsored the lecture entitled "DATE RAPE".

Two representatives from the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC), Julie Sillard and Maria Lee, spoke to a group of over fifty students, primarily members of commuter organizations.

Sillard and Lee are part of the speaker's bureau of BARCC, which represents organizations like themselves, to talk to colleges, high schools and nursing homes to make people aware of the issue of date rape. "We'll go anywhere to get this information out," Lee said.

Lee quoted F.B.I. statistics that one out of three women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. "This means that if there was another woman standing up here with us," Lee pointed out, "there is a good chance that one of us would be sexually assaulted." For men, the statistic is one out of five.

This breaks down to one out of four females and one out of seven males teenagers will be sexually abused or assaulted before they reach the age of eighteen.

Massachusetts law specifies sexual assault is defined as "the penetration of any body office, mouth, anus, or vagina, without consent with a body part or object," Lee pointed out, "Massachusetts law doesn't cover this as rape unless its penetration." BARCC extends the definition by saying that rape is "any unwanted sexual touch." Lee concluded, "any [unwanted] experience can be incredibly violating and scary.

Sillard and Lee generated discussion by doing an exercise. Sillard put this quote on the board "I do not do sex because of the threat of physical violence.

Answers were taken from the men first, then the women. In the brief time Sillard and Lee gave for responses, the women outnumbered the answers almost three to one.

The men in the room said such things like, "Don't go into certain sections of the city." The women gave examples such as "Don't walk anywhere late at night", "Don't get into elevators alone", and "Don't make eye contact on the street".

One female student commented, "It seems that women lead a more restrictive life then men do."

Another female student said, "These issues are not issues that men have to deal with every day."

Lee stated, "On a daily, on a hourly basis, women have to think 'where can I do?', 'what can I do?', 'how can I dress?' without the fear of violence." F.B.I. also says that 60 percent of victims are sexually assaulted by their attackers.

Also, 84 percent of assault victims between the ages of 15 to 24 continued on page 2

College Democrats and Republicans forming chapters on campus

By Brian E. Glennon II Kornmal Staff

FENTON- In the heat of the presidential election season, the resurgence of the student political movement is being seen on campus by the formation of both Republican and Democratic clubs at Suffolk.

According to SAC Director Donna Schmidt, both clubs have existed on campus, but neither organization has been active for some time.

The Democratic Club, headed by founder and president Lynn Fitzpatrick, was the first to begin its organization effort in September and began advertising for recruitment in early October. The Republican counterpart followed suit by advertising for interest a week later.

Ray Long and Shawn Duhame, co-founders of the Republican group, intensified their organization efforts last week by holding a membership drive in the Pre-Law Society Conference Room.

Both organizations report an initial membership of about a dozen members each. The College Democrats at Suffolk are chartered by the College Democrats of America and College Republicans are chartered by the College Republican National Committee. Duhame was the first student to petition the Student Activities Office for the formation of the Republican Club. Long and Fitzpatrick, who followed Duhame's lead, both said they were inspired to form their organizations after participating in their respective conventions.

Long has also approached the Evening Division Student Association and expressed the Republicans interest in drawing evening and part-time students into their organization. Representatives of both clubs say their current concerns are in fortifying their establishment and further recruitment. Each group is readying plans to seek formal recognition from the Student Government Association. Across the country, various campus political groups have been exercising their political muscle and Republicans and Democrats have waged a virtual war against one another.

The New York Times reported from Ron Bronen, Democratic National Committee chairman, tried holding a news conference in Houston last August, while the Republican National Convention was being held down the street, about 100 students disrupted the event. Students banged on windows and shouted, "Family Rights Forever. Gay Rights Never" and "Inhale This!"

Erie Mullan, project director for Vote for a Change, a coalition of Democratic youth groups, told the College Press Service, "We'll be everywhere. The Republicans have no facts behind them to support their beliefs."

Adam Kriesel, director of the College Democrats voter registration drive, said their groups were not plan such demonstrations tactics as the Republicans used.

The combined national membership of College Republicans and the Republican Youth Coalition numbers near 140,000 on 1,100 campuses. The College Democrats has over 400 chapters nationwide with over 40,000 members.

Each of the Suffolk organizations, in seeking recognition on campus, will have to draft a constitution, certify that ten students wish to become members, and petition the SGA for recognition.

After recognition, the groups will have a one semester probationary period before funding.

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radio station may not have the funds to purchase a replacement amplifier in the immediate future. McDougall adds, although he doesn't know how the WSFR will pay for a new amplifier, he hopes the university will purchase it for the station.

"We don't feel that the radio station is above any other organization, we're just trying to service the university as best we can," said McDougall.

WSFR has expended compact disc storage racks, subscriptions to trade magazines, and other necessary items already this year.

McDougall said Media Services, during recent meetings with station management, said not one item purchased this year was unnecessary.

The staff at WSFR is hoping to find some answers to their questions regarding the meltdown in the near future, and return to the airwaves as soon as possible.

COP plans medieval feast

By Lorraine M.K. Palmer

STUDENT ACTIVITIES-This year's Council of Presidents annual spring event promises to be absolutely "Medieval." Whoever said the medieval times were not any fun, did not know how to throw a medieval bash.

The Sawyer Cafeteria will be transformed into a medieval feasting arena on April 2 and your fellow classmates into medieval royalty.

COP President, Kurt Collette, who may play the evil sorcerer, said they wanted to do something that would not make people feel uncomfortable and would be a lot of fun for everybody.

Las t year's spring event, the COP Fashion Show, did not generate a lot of participation among students.

"People didn't want to participate, because they didn't think they had model bodies," Collette said, even though who ever wanted to model could.

Collette explained how it would be hard not to participate, by saying, "There will be eighteen people dressed in period costume who will be bouncing around the hall. There will be skits performed by the wenches, and songs and jeers that will be lead by the jester and the page," Collette said.

In the manner of the medieval times, dinner will be served without napkins and without utensils, so people will really be able to dig in and have fun.

Performances by casted characters and songs will be scripted by a committee headed by Kathy Boyd, the editor-in-chief of the Beacon Yearbook.

Committees are now being formed to make this year's COP event a great success.

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Suffolk's Comedy Stop smashes through Fenton Lounge

By Scott Newman
Contributing Reporter

FENTON-The Fenton student lounge was transformed into the Program Council's Comedy Stop last Thursday, treating all to a night of laughs.

Comedians Robbie Printz, Chris McGuire, and Janine Dinillo came to Suffolk to perform in front of a crowd of more than 50.

Printz was the headliner of the show and he lived up to that position. This Boston native had the audience rolling in the aisles with his many comic bits.

The one-room party was in stitches when Printz did his mother's rap. This parody of rap music depicting the trials and tribulations of the daily life of an ordinary housewife and mother, was an original and extremely humorous bit.

One of the highlights of the evening was when Printz targeted two members of the audience and poked fun at their relationship.

Consenting Adults is an unsuspecting thriller

By Lisa McCullough
Journal Staff

"Consenting Adults" is a slow moving suspense thriller that still manages to keep the audience on the edge of their seats.

The movie stars Kevin Kline and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio as Richard and Priscilla Parker, a couple who seem to have the perfect life. Kevin Spacey and Rebecca Miller portray Eddy and Kay Otis, the new next-door neighbors.

The two couples become fast friends. Richard and Kay learn they are both medically inclined while Priscilla and Eddy discover they have a common interest in finance.

Although the two couples are just friends, sexual tension erupts between Richard and Kay. Eddy senses this tension.

Eddy comes up with a plan: one night he and Richard will switch places in bed with their wives. At first Richard vehemently says no to the idea, but after being pressured he consents.

A few days later, the two men swap wives in bed.

The next morning Kay is found beaten to death with a baseball bat. Eddy accuses Richard of the crime.

As the movie progresses, it becomes more and more clear that Eddy has created a huge scam in which Richard is his pawn.

Richard suggests that Eddy hired a girl who looked like Kay to sleep with him and then killed her. Richard cannot prove this hypothesis because Kay's body was cremated.

Kline gives an excellent performance as a man who is forced to re-examine his own solid morals. In this role, Kline proves that he is just as talented in dramatic films as he is funny in comic roles.

Mastrantonio gives a good performance as the supportive, yet independent wife. The character of Priscilla was one-dimensional, leaving Mastrantonio with little material to work with. Somehow she was able to bring her character to life.

Miller was fair in her role as the murdered wife. The camera definitely likes her, but unlike Mastrantonio she wasn't able to make her character work to her advantage.

Last but by no means least is Spacey. Spacey portrays the con man with pin-point accuracy. There's something about this actor that truly draws the audience into the essence of his character.

"Consenting Adults" is like an old Alfred Hitchcock film; the suspense slowly builds and builds to the climax and then explodes onto the screen at the end.

Threes Cheers for Mystery Cafe

By Karen M. Young
Journal Staff

"Let's Kill the Boss" is an entertaining murder mystery in which the audience is challenged to solve the murder of the president of 2M Manufacturing.

The show is running at the Mystery Cafe at Three Cheers Restaurant, which is located next to the Boston Tea Party Ship at 250 Congress Street.

The characters in the show are ridiculously funny. Anthony Margate is the besotted crazed company head who has slept with all but one of his female employees. Larry Love is the wimpy marketing manager who kisses up to Margate.

Larry's wife Lina is Margate's personal secretary, who is visually upset that the boss is involved with other women in the company. Oona is the flaky temporary employee who Margate takes to the dinner

Carlotta Batista is the assembly plant manager who asks 2M employees to help her form a "junion." Barric Krum is the company bookkeeper who has been widowed 15 times and on the lookout for lucky husband number 13.

Gas Lumpkin is the dorky company security guard who knows everything about all of the other employees and has a secret that he is keeping from the rest of the employees.

During the performance, Batista, Krum, and the Loves reveal the motives they have for wanting their boss dead.

After the murder takes place in a darkened room, it is revealed that the dead man is an actor who was hired to portray Margate. Gus Lumpkin turns out to be the real Anthony Margate. Lumpkin transforms from the geeky security to the debonair company president.

The audience is then asked to try to figure out who committed the murder. Clues are given in a short pamphlet that assists in determining the murderer. The waiters and waitresses, who portray the characters, mingle with the audience as they serve the meal.

The audience has the opportunity to use brilo money to get hints from the waiters and waitresses.

The audience members pass in forms with the name of the character who they think the murderer was and why they chose that character. The funniest answers are read out to the audience. The audience member who has the best answer is given a prize.

There are three meals that the audience members can choose from for their dinner. The first meal choice is a boneless chicken breast that is stuffed with spinach. The chicken is served with rice and mixed vegetables.

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Student Poet Recites His Work

Virgil G. Glenn III

Virgil G. Glenn III, a junior at Suffolk, Thursday gave a poetry reading of original work at an event sponsored by Collection of African American Literature.

Among Glenn's poems read were: "The Picture of My Love," "The Homeless Prayer," and "Single Set of Prints," the latter of which is posted on the door of the Campus Ministry Office. A prolific poet, Glenn's poems have been published in the 1991 and 1992 editions of Suffolk's Venture Magazine.

Glenn is actively involved in the Black Student Union, the Bellotti Learning Center, and the Suffolk Journal.
A crowded house

From the President's corner office on the 25th floor of One Beacon Street, you can see the entire Financial District, most of Downtown Boston, the waterfront, Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, and Boston Common. This is the view David J. Sargent, president of Suffolk University, sees everyday from his office with wall to wall carpeting, an antique style desk, and double mahogany doors. It is an office which emanates the importance of this office. It is where the history of the graduating class is recorded and published.

Yet, the Student Government Association, the representing organization of the student body, only has one desk, one computer (with its monitor sitting on a stack of old shelving pieces), and a table for its 24 elected members and three other appointed members. They do not have any inner office to conduct private meetings, or comfortable office furniture for receiving students and guest. They also have to hold their weekly meeting in a classroom in the Sawyer building, and even then room is sometimes too small for their needs. The SGA office is roughly half the size of Stoll's office.

Over and over again examples can be sighted of the disparity between the office accommodations afforded administrators and those afforded to student groups. Where some offices in the Student Activities Building are shared by two and three clubs, some administrators have offices two and three size of the in the Student Activities Building.

Student organizations are more than just clubs and activities, they are a valuable extension of the learning process and in many cases supersede the lesson taught in the classroom. These groups do more than hold dances and lectures, they are closer to any real life experience than any classroom setting on campus.

COP and SGA function in the same manner as our state government across the street. Program Council does more than just set up for a dance; they must book guests, acquire licenses, reserve rooms, obtain private funds, advertise their programs and staff their events. And the Suffolk Journal does more than just put out a newspaper, it is a business which must maintain accurate records on advertising revenue and production expenditures.

The hard work and valuable experience being done in all of the student organizations are being hampered by the lack of adequate space. We should hope the university administration will make the same considerations for student groups as they do administrators in their never ending search for more space. If the administration doesn't understand what we need, we suggest trading offices with us for a week.
Opinions

Cultural diversity in the national workplace
Thomas Belmonte

The concept of American democracy has been challenged, as of late, by advocates for political reform. The question that has presented itself is: Does America's public arenas.

presented itself is: Does America's boarders of Suffolk University.

The question that has being judged on one's ability to diversity are broader than just the that the ideas espoused in cultural the relationship. There is a wealth of knowledge that different races, ethnicities, genders and sexual diversity are akin to a boiling pot of people they represented, many
government officials have been appointed to extended
elections. In the aftermath of the Senate confirmation hearings for Justice Clarence Thomas, many Americans were outraged by the narrow minded thinking of their government officials.

As a result of this single example of your government at work, several women and minority candidates have run for and been elected to public office. The old boys club of the past can be no more.

In order to rebuild the U.S. economy in the coming decade our government will have to realize that it will have to call on all of its people to contribute. The U.S. government must mirror its people in order to remain legitimate as well. Unlike the growing economic powerhouse of Europe, our strength will not come from compromising an idea of national
culture. The concept of national identity, it will come from strengthening it.

The intent of affirmative action is still as valid today as it was decades ago. The American business sector has since preserved the doctrine into their own interpretation of meeting its aims and has cheated everyone.

The goal is not to meet quotas with candidates not of the highest caliber, but to aggressively search to find candidate who are cut and dry well qualified for a job in addition to the diversity they also offer. Reverse discrimination, and high turnover rate of the unqualified employees, have been two side effects of this bureaucratic escapade. The problems in America have stemmed from taking the easy way out.

In the coming decade America cannot continue to take the easy way out. The cities of our nation are akin to a boiling pot of people, and by the people in America. We will need to count on all of the people in this nation, if we really want to remain a democratic nation and a world power in the years to come.

So the world didn't end after all...can I sue?

Brian E. Glennon II

I was really counting on the "Rapture" last Wednesday to bring armageddon upon us and end our dreary existence as promised by a Korean religious group. They predicted the world was coming to an end, so I changed my card to the limit, left the sink dirty, didn't wash the dishes or the laundry, left the bills unpaid, and told my English professor what I really thought of his class. All of this, thinking that it would be relatively insignificant in light of the end of creation as we know it.

It didn't happen, Dammit.

Now, I'm stuck with an 18 percent interest rate on a small fortune, an empty gas tank, a sink full of dishes, a pile of dirty laundry, tax charges on my bills, and a professor who now looks at me with that Bill Clinton, "just-wait-until-you-see-what-I-have-in-stores-for-you" grin. And what do I have to show for it? A pocket-sized New Testament given to me by the brothers of the Church of the Nazarene.

I stopped by Harvard Square on Downtown Day because I knew there are few characters in the People's Republic of Cambridge who would be in tune with our impending destruction. I was surprised the city council didn't declare a municipal holiday to observe the pending cataclysm. The funniest part of my excursion wasn't the sidewalk preacher reciting phrases by the falling sky, but the women who were looking up to contemplate it. Someone should let those folks know that help is just a "1-800" phone call away.

How did the brokers of the Nonexistent Tomorrow find out about the world's end? anyway? Did God tell them on the red phone? Yeah, what-ever you say guys, just don't touch me.

Wasn't this "Rapture" crowd the same group that collected millions in donations only to invest it in government bonds which don't mature until 1993? Hmm...

When they talked about the "Rapture," I think they meant "rape," as in what happened to their brains. A cerebral hemorrhage is nothing to rapture about, and in the immortal words of H. Ross Perot: "That's just too bad.

That's not so important, the point is, they predicted, in return for hearing them. Wednesday was the day we've been waiting for. When the dead would rise and we'd take the proverbial elevator up and down. Why not live it up while we had the chance!

Since the whole "Rapture" thing was advertised in the newspapers, I'm wondering if that would hold up as evidence in a court of law in false advertising. Can I sue someone who promises supernatural annihilation of the universe on a certain date and doesn't make good? I'm sure I saw a commercial selling me I could collect the millions I deserve for psychological and emotional trauma resulting from an error in the scheduling of Judgement Day.

It's worth a shot. We're in recession and I need the money. Get him "Suckwind" Sokolove on the horn...he's got a new client.

Voices of Suffolk
Do your feel safe on campus?

"Yes, I'm not here at night."
Erin Murphy
Senior

"Yes, because we are not a residential campus so people go home after classes."
Rita Giangregorio
Sophomore

"Yes. I have never had any problem on campus."
Valerie Miller
Sophomore

"It depends on the time of day. During the day I feel it's safe, but during the night it is dangerous."
Noriel Tunon
Sophomore

"Yes, there are a lot of security people."
Juan Pena
Sophomore

"Yes, I have never had any problem."
Margaret Woodard
Sophomore

"I feel it is safe most of the time."
Rita Giangregorio
Sophomore

"I feel safe on campus."
Valerie Miller
Sophomore

"I feel it's safe."
Noriel Tunon
Sophomore

"I feel safe."
Juan Pena
Sophomore

"I feel safe."
Margaret Woodard
Sophomore

"I feel it's safe."
Rita Giangregorio
Sophomore

"Well, I don't feel safe if I don't have my friends with me."
Valerie Miller
Sophomore

"In general I feel safe, but people are just human beings."
Noriel Tunon
Sophomore

"I feel safe, but we should all be on guard all the time."
Juan Pena
Sophomore

"I feel safe."
Margaret Woodard
Sophomore

"I feel it is safe."
Rita Giangregorio
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For a $5.00 upgrade fee, audience members can choose a sirloin steak dinner. The generous portion of steak is served with rice and mixed vegetables. Although the main courses at the Mystery Cafe are served in generous portions, the food is not that great. The food was served luke-warm and tasted like it had been sitting for an extended period of time. The dessert of a small scoop of chocolate ice cream on a rubbery pastry puffed tasted stale. Although the food at the Mystery Cafe is below par, it is worth going to see the show. "Let's Kill the Boss" is an enjoyable and hysterical show because of the eccentric characters and strong performances by a talented group of waiters and waitresses.

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| know their attacker. Sillard and Lee broke the stereotype of the images of rapes by demonstrating how the media portrays rape taking place in a dark parking lot, but statistics show that rapes take place in an area that a victim feels safe. In addition, the number of rapes at home equal the number of rapes in any other places combined (dorm rooms, parties, car, woods). According to Sillard and Lee, anyone can be a rapist, even a woman's husband. Ten to 14 percent of women are raped by their husbands. Lee said, "In some states, it's legal for a man to rape his wife." The "mentally deranged" rapist image was shattered by Lee and Sillard. Only five percent of rapists are diagnosed with a mental illness. Statistics also show 75 percent of men that rape have a sexual or marriage partner making rape an issue of control not of sex. "Rape is an act to strip them (the victim) of control, it's a violent crime, just like a stabbing," said Sillard. No age is "safe" from rape. "Rape is not respective of age," Lee said, "it happens from several months old to seventies." This surprised people who think that the victim is "young, pretty, and vulnerable." Sillard and Lee talked about "Rape Trauma Syndrome," which consists of three stages. The first is the Acute Crisis stage, which occurs right after the rape and include depression and sleeplessness nights. The second is the Outward Adjustment stage, which makes the victim want to "get back in the swing of things, and finally, the Resolution and Retriggering stage, which has the victim deal with emotions and work through them. The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center provides counseling to "survivors of sexual assault," which not only includes the victim but friends and loved ones too. They also provide referrals, information, and advocacy. The number to call for help is 492-RAPE (492-7273). They are there 24 hours a day with fully confidential counseling.

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| reach the audience. Except for a few chuckles, there was very little reaction to her. However Ditullio redeemed herself and was very funny when she cleverly handled a heckler who was standing outside the lounge. A sharp exchange occurred between Ditullio and the heckler. It ended when Ditullio stated, "Many people think I am gay, but I'm not. But if I were gay, you would be the reason." Although the Fenton lounge hardly resembled the normal comedy club decor, Comedy Night at Suffolk was the next best thing. For the finale of the show, two door prize T-shirts were awarded to Walter Jones and Tom Connolly.

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3:00 - 4:30 Undergraduate Program Committee Meeting
4:00 - 6:00 CLAS Education Policy Committee Meeting
4:00 - 6:00 Jewish Law Society Meeting

Thursday, 11/5
1:00 - 2:30 Yoga Class / 1:00 - 2:00
1:00 - 2:30 Alpha Phi Omega Meeting
1:00 - 2:30 Black Student Union Meeting
1:00 - 2:30 Council of Presidents Meeting
1:00 - 2:30 Forensics Team Meeting
1:00 - 2:30 Human Resources Sponsors Seminar on Successful Telephone Techniques
1:00 - 2:30 Phi Sigma Sigma Meeting
1:00 - 2:30 Poetry Reading by Robert Johnson. Sponsored by Literary Society & Sigma Theta Tau
1:00 - 2:30 Pre-law Association Meeting
1:00 - 2:30 Presidents Sargent's Open Office Hours
1:00 - 2:30 Student Leadership Retreat Follow-up Meeting
1:00 - 2:30 Tau Kappa Epsilon Meeting
5:00 - 7:00 Avoiding Evidence Pitfalls - Law

Thursday, 11/5
MBA Association Meeting / 5:30 - 7:00

Friday, 11/6
Deadline to Submit Articles for Women's Center Newsletter
9:00 Placement Orientation Meeting for First-year Law Students
12:00 - 2:00 CIS Advisory Council Meeting
3:00 - 5:00 Finance Department Meeting
3:00 - 6:00 Program Council Bar & Grill - Karaoke Contest!
4:00 Student Staff Orientation Applications Due to Student Activities Office
4:00 - 5:00 Program Council Sponsors NE Patriots vs NY Jets Ticket Sale 10:00 / 2:00

Monday, 11/9
Law School Resume Workshop / 9:00 - 10:00
10:00 - 2:00 Program Council Sponsors NE Patriots vs NY Jets Ticket Sale
1:00 Thomas J. Drinan Memorial Fellowship Informational Meeting
10:00 - 2:30 Admissions Information Session
10:00 - 2:30 CLAS Curriculum Committee Meeting
10:00 - 2:30 Cooperative Education Orientation
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10:00 - 2:30 Society of Physics & Engineering Students Meeting
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10:00 - 2:30 Tau Kappa Epsilon Meeting
10:00 - 2:30 Yoga Class
2:00 Forum on Justice - Law School

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Every time he has thought about shutting the program down, however, Nelson has decided that it would be best to keep it going because, "there are many people at the school who are very interested in playing soccer.

"Is there an interest? Of course there is. There were 25 people on the roster at one point this year."

There may have been some interest at the beginning of the season but that interest quickly waned, as it has in past years.

At the beginning of the last three seasons, the soccer team has attracted between 25 and 35 players but has ended the seasons with 12 or 13 players.

Nelson stated that the problem of lack of commitment can not be easily solved and that the nature of the school has much to do with this problem.

He commented, "It's not a clear-cut case where you put your finger on it and say 'this is the only way.' It depends upon the coach, the make-up of the team, and the individual player's circumstances."

Of course a student's job is important, and in many cases is more important than athletic responsibilities, but if a student cannot make a full commitment to the team, it would probably be best for the student not to join the team in the first place.

It is not being suggested that a student has to attend every practice and every game to be fully committed to a team, but the player should go to practice on a regular basis and should attend almost every game.

If the players on the soccer team and the women's tennis team had followed this advice, those teams would have been much more successful this season.

Hopefully the Suffolk teams will not have this problem in the future and we can judge them on their talent, not on the lack of commitment the players have.
Fall seasons marred by lack of player commitment, not lack of talent

By Edmond Brosnan
Journal Staff

The soccer team always had enough players to participate in their scheduled games, but often they would only have one or two subs, which caused problems when injuries occurred.

The biggest problem with the soccer team was that very few of the players went to practice on a regular basis, so the team could not work out any of the problems they were encountering during the games.

Head coach Constantine Perjua said, "You can't have a real practice with only a few players. You can't develop the team if the team is not there."

There were times when only one or two players showed up for practice.

Athletic Director Jim Nelson stated that this is a problem in several sports because many student-athletes at Suffolk have to work.

He explained, "We have had individuals whose jobs have been in jeopardy, and because there are no athletic scholarships, the student needs those dollars to pay tuition."

However, when told that it seemed like many of the players didn't go to practice just because they didn't feel like it, Nelson responded, "I can't dispute that. That's something that needs to be overcome."

"How we do that is certainly subject to debate," he said, "but it has been a problem for us."

This season there were only a few teams on the soccer schedule that had more talent than Suffolk, but their record shows that something went wrong.

One of the main obstacles for winning the games against less talented teams was that Suffolk was unable to work together as a team, while their opponents passed the ball to each other much better, getting the whole team involved in the game.

At many matches this season, the women's tennis team didn't have enough players and had to forfeit some sets within the match, putting them behind before the match even started.

These deficits usually proved too much to overcome.

The Lady Rams had the same problem as the soccer team in getting players out to the practices.

The lack of practicing as a team obviously hurt both teams.

Nelson stated, "In an individual sport, such as cross-country, an individual can go out and do the running on their own, at their own leisure. Whereas in tennis or soccer the ideal situation would be everyone at practice to get the cohesiveness that is wanted."

When asked whether the coaches of the teams have anything to do with the lack of commitment by the players, Nelson stated, "That always has to be a corollary."

"Various coaches have different strengths. Some may have strengths in on-field tactics, the so-called 'x and o's. Others have strengths in terms of their practice preparation."

Clearly, the soccer coach and the tennis coach, Constantine Perjua and Rich Levenson, have not been able to inspire their players to make a full commitment to their team.

They have also been unable to bring a winning record to Suffolk in their respective sports this season.

Nelson stated that in the past the men's tennis team and the softball team have had many of the same problems that the soccer team and the women's team have encountered this season.

Judgment on these teams will be reserved until their seasons roll around.

The soccer team has had many other problems, most noticeably the amount of fights it gets into, and it has crossed Nelson's mind that it might be best to shut the program down.

He explained, "I have thought in terms of should we in fact have a soccer program, simply because there has not been an overriding commitment and the team has not been successful in terms of wins and losses."

The team has gone 4-28-3 over the last three seasons.

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