Law school dean shuts out Criminology Club lecture
Guest speaker's past, character in question

Rhonda Pieroni, president of the Criminology Club, standing outside of Suffolk University Law School.

By Andrea Kampf
Journal Staff

DONAHAUS - Lecture given by Fred Leutcher, the technician of the electric chair, and the inventor of the lethal injection machine, sponsored by the Criminology Club, has been deemed "inappropriate" by the offices of the Dean of Suffolk Law School. The event has been prohibited from taking place in the Donahue building, as originally approved. The conflict began on Friday afternoon, when Charles Kindregan, the Associate Dean of Suffolk Law School, contacted the offices of the Dean of Students and Student Activities, stating that the event was inappropriate, and should not be held in the law school due to the reputation of the speaker.

Fred Leutcher has administered the lethal injection to criminals. He is here to educate us on the technology of the electric chair. This is not about the allegations against Leutcher. This is about his (Kindregan's) personal views.

Kindregan then instructed the Suffolk police to tear down the signs posted on all university bulletin boards, which stated that the event would take place in the basement of the law school, citing that he did not wish the law school to be associated with Leutcher. Rhonda Pieroni, the president of the Criminology Club, stated that she received approval for the speaker from the Student Activitiy Office, and approved the location of the event with the Law Registrar over three weeks ago. She went through the appropriate channels in arranging this event, and sees no reason for this censorship.

Pieroni said, "This man is not coming here to speak about being a Nazi. He is here to educate us on the technology of the electric chair."

Pieroni also pointed out that there has been much positive media attention given to Leutcher. An article in the Atlantic in February of 1990 described Leutcher as an expert on the electric chair. Leutcher also appeared on the Phil Donahue show last Friday, where he was introduced as "a leading advisor on capital punishment."

A staffer of the "Donahue" showed stated in a telephone interview with the Suffolk Journal, that the producers were unaware of any prior controversy dealing with Leutcher's character or professional credentials. She also stated that even if they were aware of his past, they would still want him to appear on the show, because the topic of the show was "What is it like to perform an execution?"

PC proposes renovations to Sawyer cafeteria

By Nancy Sodano
Contributing Reporter

SAWYER - Being named as one of the top 25 schools in the Northeast in Barron magazine, Suffolk University is known for academic excellence at an affordable cost. However, the social experience also pays an important role in the community.

Program Council wants to see to it that students are given an improved source of social life as well as improving the university on all levels. Renovating the Sawyer cafeteria is one way to do just that.

P.C., which is deeming this as a top priority, is in the process of having the Sawyer cafeteria renovated to suit a double-purpose. "In the daytime, it would be the cafeteria, but at night it would be transformed into a type of party-room," said Javier Pagan, president of P.C. The cafeteria would be more functional for all types of events after the proposed renovations.

P.C. is seeking improvements such as new floors, better walls, and nicer chairs and tables. The university holds many functions in the cafeteria, such as Parent Orientation. The cafeteria is so dull and gloomy," said Pagan commenting on his concern about the image the cafeteria portrays.

"We want to present the cafeteria as decent as possible," continued on page 2.

Sargent says tuition won't exceed $10K

By Lawrence M. Walsh
Journal Staff

BOSTON - On three separate occasions last week, Suffolk University President David J. Sargent said tuition would not exceed $10,000 next year.

After several students came to Sargent's open office hours on November 5 and was approached by the Student Government Association, Sargent assured students that the tuition increase would not be large enough to pass the $10,000 mark.

"I'm very comfortable in saying that it won't go up past $10,000," said Sargent, but he couldn't say how much tuition will go up next year, because they have not begun the budget process as yet.

Sargent said the university will have to take into consideration the various increases in cost, health insurance, employee compensation, and operating cost. Although Sargent categorically stated tuition would not go up, continued on page 2.

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The Suffolk University's Administrative Council would have to give the okay on the project before any work could be done, said Pagan.

When asked about possible alternatives, such as the Ridgeway gymnasium, in the event the proposal is not accepted by the university, Pagan said, "We don't want to use the gym and take it away from those who want to play."

"If the cafeteria looks good, students will feel more comfortable," said Pagan, who believes if students feel more comfortable, they will feel better about themselves and feel better about the school.
Special effects save Bram Stoker's Dracula

Juvie and The Zoo Story: One act dramas
Below $10K is good, but limited to four percent is better

Suffolk University stresses that it is one of the best bargains in private colleges in the northeast. In fact, the university has mass produced flyers in which it was called a quality institution of higher education by Barron’s Magazine and U.S. News & World Report. With a tuition under $10,000, the university is striving to maintain quality academic programs to a wide group of students at a reasonable cost. These are certainly admirable but difficult aims.

President David J. Sargent stated categorically, tuition for the 1993-94 academic year will not exceed the $10,000 mark. Being a man of his word, we should believe Sargent when he tells us tuition will stay below the five digit level.

However, we here at the Suffolk Journal predict tuition for next year will reach as high as $9,900, based on the Suffolk’s recent history of tuition increases. Over the past five years the full-time undergraduate tuition has gone up on an average of 7.2 percent a year.

At our current tuition rate of $9,150 a year, a 7.2% increase would translate to a tuition rate of $9,807 for the coming academic year. This would keep tuition under the dreaded $10,000 mark, but also raises some important concerns.

The main issue here is what exactly is a reasonable cost increase? Will another tuition Increase of 7.2% occur? The current cost of living increase is roughly at 4 percent for the year. Over the cost of living? This is in no way shape or form a reasonable system for cost increases in light of the shrinking pool of college applicants.

What Christians do know is that there is a biblical difference between the Rapture and the world coming to an end. In the twinkling of an eye the sky shall falll, preparing the entrance for all who believe in Jesus Christ, dead or alive; hence, the Rapture. This is separate form the falling sky when the world comes to an end.

The article was delightful to the fact that one cannot take these “prophets” seriously. However, I do not feel that the Suffolk Journal article is proof to this thanks to the fact that Suffolk still has a tuition of below $10,000. Give them the right to increase their tuition over the cost of living? This is no way shape or form a reasonable system for cost increases in light of the shrinking pool of college applicants.

If the administration aims to continue to compete with other big name colleges that have large campuses in Waltham and Cambridge, then they should be aware that they may be pricing themselves out of the market. Some of these schools may have more facilities and greater endowment to offset their tuition that Suffolk cannot match. In light of the difficulty students and their families are having paying for higher education in the current economy the university should try to stand apart from it’s competitors.

Suffolk should try to keep its tuition as low as possible. The Suffolk Journal challenges the administration to limit its tuition increase to only four percent. With this smaller increase the university should be able to operate at its current ability and still remain a lower cost institution. The current economic times are hard for us all. The university should recognize this and respond accordingly with only a modest tuition increase for the coming year.

Letters to the Editor

Millennial madness behind Rapture, but still serious

"Millennial madness" is nothing new. For its swept across the world at new epidemic proportions just prior to A.D. 1000; and there are growing signs that we could be in for another wave of mass hysteria as we approach the year 2000 (The Christian Research Institute International Newsletter 10-5-92).

The Suffolk Journal article is proof to this thanks to Bang-Ik Ha (a Korean religious group) of the Taberah World Mission who claims to be a prophet and predicted the Rapture on October 28, 1992. If Bang had read the book of Acts 17 he would have seen that “the timing of end-time events is in God’s hands, and we haven’t been given the details.”

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The article was delightful to the fact that one cannot take these “prophets” seriously. However, I do not feel that attorney Jim Sokolove should have been victim for someone else’s blame. Sokolove has neither claimed to be a prophet nor a supporter of Bang-Ik Ha. Furthermore, his success in law is contradictory to being labeled “suckwind.”

Rave Nash
M.P.A. - Health
An identity crisis for the former Reagan democrats

Thomas Belmonte

In the aftermath of the 1992 election, some Americans, myself included, are now undergoing a political identity crisis. Are we still Reagan democrats? Many Americans agreed with one party on one issue while agreeing with the other party on another. As a result, a new phenomenon was born, the practice of straddling the party lines on the prominent issues of the day. This pinnacle of this straddling took place in the right wing of the democratic party. These conservative or "Reagan Democrats" now are forced to decide where exactly their loyalties lie. For the next four years. Do they support their future to president-elect Clinton and his vice-president-elect Gore? Or do they support the republican party and attempt to settle in for damage control for the next four years. If we attempt to make our decision on the subject of party loyalty on the actions of our peers then we must consider two pictures of the same story. The electors are a very small group, they may be a sizeable group of voters. Ultimately, the only question that counts is: do you go to Clinton, or less remember that there are more registered democratic voters than republican voters. It seems as though this will have to be a personal evaluation and decision. On the one hand my moral side tells me that we must act to improve social and financial conditions swiftly and in an enduring fashion for our posterity. On the other hand, my practical side tells me that we cannot continue to fund over budgeted social programs and still realistically expect to have any kind of ending of our bottom line. Why should ending our debt be so difficult? Is it the party or the other? There must be some way that both aspects can co-exist.

In order to fit the concept of fiscal stability now seems to have crept into the moral fiber of the democratic party. Maybe they will put an end to tax and spend. This concept gained popularity during the past election crisis because Paul Tsongas carried its message in his short lived candidacy. His efforts were central to the victory of the democratic party this November. Tsongas took away those demo­ crats who had for so long dissatisfied with president Bush. Tsongas showed Americans that the democrats are seriously about dealing with fiscal problems like the national debt and trade deficit. He was able to persuade enough of the Reagan democrats to come home to the party with his message. This ensured the capture of the White House that had been occupied by republicans for twelve years.

From the other side, the republi­cans now face the congress and the executive being controlled by the democrats. All the work accomplished in global econom­ics and foreign relations now is subject to change. Granted the domestic economy has suffered, but hasn't president Bush been an easy and identifiable target for a recent recession? Then he finds his message of supporting posi­tive and responsible "family val­ues" are not all that undeniable. Just like many things in life, I now see the positive and nega­tive of both of the parties. How­ever, in the aftermath of the elec­tion, I was not yet satisfied with making my decision about definitively party affiliation just yet. I then took to discussing party poli­tics with family, friends and asso­ciates. Conveniently enough, my fellow students have been begin­ning to organize student organi­zations on campus based on their political party affiliations. This seemed an opportune time to find out more information for myself - evaluation. I first spoke with Shawn Duhanoe, a founder of the group that may be recognized as the College Republicans at Suffolk. I informally gained insights from him about the party, their goals and some of their stands on prominent issues. After a few brief discus­sions, Shawn and I agreed that we were not far apart on fiscal issues. He even stated that "I may want to reconsider my party af­filiation, because I have some similar opinions to that of the republican party." Ironically enough, the next morning I spoke with Lynn Fitzpatrick, the president of the group of students seeking recog­nition as the College Democrats at Suffolk. She was still excited about the party's victory, and could also feel a level of personal accomplishment after having worked on the campaign. She and I conversed, and I asked her about the party's future and goals. She then asked if I planned to become a "true democrat" and reject the party more fully. (This was some­thing to consider for I had always felt an attachment to the party and some of its goals.) Now I had a little more information and could now make a personal and political decision for my future. The identity crisis encompassed in the term "Reagan democrat" has come to its fruition for me. Afterthought and vacilla­tion I now affirm that I am a member of the democratic party. I hope that many of my fellow "former Reagan democrats" will also come to such a decision after similar self -evaluation. It seems that the demo­cratic party has matured and realiz­ed that the future of this nation is not in tax and spend politics. At the same time the party has re­solved to maintain a humane agenda for this "new era." The "Reagan democrats" of the past are no more. This is the complicated crossroads, and there is no look­ing back to the past. We therefore must look forward to the future, and that future is in President-Elect Bill Clinton.

In this new era of change, the concept of straddling party lines is no longer an option. We as Americans would be better suited by acting as a unified people in troubled times. I therefore hesitate but wholeheartedly place my support in the man who will guide us through the choppy wa­ters—Bill Clinton. I am Tommy Belmonte, and I recognize that I am a democrat.

Voices of Suffolk

Are you getting what your paying for at Suffolk?

"Yes. For all the courses and services of­fered at Suffolk you would pay more elsewhere. Suffolk is good for the working student."  
Deirdre Grace  Sophomore

"Yes. I do because at other colleges you would pay more for the same courses."  
Marie Halverson  Freshman

"In most areas you do, as academics. But the school tries to keep down social life. They don't encourage further activities."  
Phil Hagger  Senior

"Yes, because I took classes at B.U. and there the professors are hard to track down for extra help. At Suffolk the professor are more than willing to do anything to help you."  
Kristen Glode  Sophomore

"Yes, because the classes contain a lot of info but are not extremely hard. The school is in a good area. Yes. And I know that I will have a good name on my degree."  
Mary Halpin  Junior

American Cars... Really?

Brian E. Glennon II

We have all seen it, but how many of us really take notice? It is a blatant contradiction, but it doesn't seem to bother us. Yes, the problem is American flags stuck to the bumpers of foreign cars. What's this all about?

Picture it, a Mitsubishi puts by sporting a sticker of Old Glory next to the dealer medallion. Shouldn't it have the flag of the Rising Sun? After all, it is a Japanese car. Something isn't right.

Why do people do this? Does it ease their guilty consciences so they can sleep at night? Surely, they don't think pushing our national banner on a foreign car will somehow magically "make" the car American. An automobile, after all, cannot be naturalized.

Now before you make the counter-argument that Toyota has an assembly plant in Tennessee, think of where the parts come from and where the profits go. Sure, some jobs are created, but in terms of genuine automobile manufacturing, it's merely a pit­ance, and the Japanese car-makers would have us believe that this is a "fair trade." Yeah, right.

Granted, some American cars are assembled in Canada, but the Japanese model, the parts originate from and the profits return to the United States. On the whole, American cars are built in America, by Americans, using American products. The profits remain here to continue the economic cycle. These cars have earned the privilege of displaying the American flag.
Bentley from page 8
earned the praise of Burns. Said Burns, "Russ Eoras was our num-
ber one star."

Santo got his second goal of the
ing the third period. Franklin and Dwyer assisted on the
the play when Santo walked in
and found the far corner past
Burns, giving the Rams a 3-1 lead.

Suffolk’s top line finally got
on the board when Porazzo sent
fitzgerald in alone on Burns. Fitzgerald deked Burns and
rode a backhander to give the Rams a commanding 4-1 lead at 16:36 of the
third period.

Then O’Driscoll and Fitzgerald set up Porazzo on a
power-play goal at 18:04. Porazzo
brought the puck out in front from
behind the net and sent a low,
turndom shot past Burns to make the score 5-1.

B-Fall from page 8
of starting guards Justin Culhane
and John Cawley.

Nelson is hoping that 5-11
sophomore Chris Toglia will be able to step up and fill the shoes of Culhane at the point. He said, "I think the major concern for us is the point guard position."

"We are pleased to report, however, that Chris Toglia, who was a back-up to Culhane last year, appears extremely confident and has adjusted well from the off guard position to full-time duty at the point."

The Rams are hoping that 5-10 Josh Mikalakalis, a freshman
who was the starting point guard for Boston College High School last year, will be able to provide back up support for Toglia.

Nelson stated, "At this time
it looks like he gives us some excellent backup at the point position. We're looking for Jake to be a mainstay in the future."

Replacing Cawley, Suffolk’s
all-time scorer, will be 5-11
senior Scott Marinó, who only
played part of last season because of academic problems.

The Rams do not miss any-
ing things from go-to scorers
crawley to Marino, as far point
scoring is concerned, according to Nelson. He explained, "We think that Scott Marinó has many of the same characteristics, as a right-
headed three point shooter, that
Crawley possessed from the south-
paw position."

A new face that Nelson is
expecting big things from is 6-5
forward Tony DaCosta. Nelson
says that he has "excellent skills,
both as an outside shooter and the
ability to use his lanky frame to
put up some points."

Another new player that
should have an impact is 5-10
guard Ludger Bain, who showed
great sports in the exhibition against Amherst. Nelson said, "He excites the coaches with his all-
around game play as both an out-
side shooter and as an individual
who takes the ball to hoop with authority."

Even though Ace will be
asked to provide much of the of-
enensive output, Nelson is hoping to have a balanced offense. He
explained, "Last year we were blessed in that all of our starters scored in double figures, and we are looking for that same circumstance this year."

Nelson said that the Rams
will be a balanced scoring attack. We certainly feel that the
top two scorers will still be there if our guards can effectively dis-
ribute the ball in the front court."

Another key to the success of the Rams will be their depth. They will be able to put in different types of players depending on the on court strengths and weaknesses of their opponents.

Nelson feels that the team will be able to field several differ-
ent starting line-ups, depending on what they want to do in each particular game.

Nelson said that he would even consider bringing Ace off of the bench. You know that a team has great depth if they can even
consider bringing their top scorer from last year off the bench.

Suffolk Men’s Varsity Basketball vs. Colby College Saturday, November 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Ridgeway Gym Suffolk Women’s Varsity Basketball vs. Regis College Tuesday, November 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ridgeway Gym Take pride in Suffolk Athletics, turn out and cheer the teams on...
University DateLine
Suffolk University's Calendar of Events

November 18 - 24, 1992

Wednesday, 11/18
7:45 - 8:45
Advising, Course Selection & Registration for Spring '93 Ends
Yoga Class
9:00
Reserve Writing Workshop - Law
10:00
ESL Program Lecture: China & Tibet

Thursday, 11/19
9:30 - 10:00
Advanced "Inform" Class
12:00 - 1:00
Staff Development Programs: Great American Smoke Out Day Information Table
12:00 - 2:00
Staff Development Programs: 7 Week Smoking Cessation Program Begins
12:00 - 2:00
Donahue Lecture Series Luncheon
1:00 - 2:00
College Democrat Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Phi Sigma Sigma Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Suffolk Journal Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Alpha Phi Omega Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Society of Physics Students Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Suffolk Program Council Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Pre-law Association Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Suffolk Journal Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Chemical Education Policy Committee Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
"The Search for Blackamoor" - History Department Lecture
4:00
4:00 - 5:00
Avoiding Evidence Pitfalls - Law
5:00 - 6:30
Graduate Admissions Information Session

Friday, 11/20
11:00 - 3:00
SOAR (Society Organized Against Racism): Improving Campus Climate
Staff Development Program: Communicating with Customers
1:00 - 4:00
Ice Hockey - Curry Invitation

Saturday, 11/21
7:00 - 2:30
Join us for live and taped broadcasts of important games!

Sunday, 11/22
12:00 - 6:00
Because of Thanksgiving All Check Requests & Prepaid PO's Are Due Today at 3:00.
Program Council Sponsors NE Patriots vs Jets.

Monday, 11/23
12:00 - 6:00
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Program Council Sponsors NE Patriots vs Jets.

Tuesday, 11/24
1:00 - 2:00
Yoga Class
1:00 - 2:30
Forensics Club Meeting Information Session for New Members
1:00 - 2:30
Asian-American Association Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Program Council Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Tau Kappa Epsilon Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Phi Sigma Sigma Meetings
1:00 - 2:30
Student Government Association Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Accounting Association Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Hispanic Association Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Admissions Information Session
1:00 - 2:30
Black Student Union Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Spring Baseball Meeting
1:00 - 2:30
Student Orientation Staff Training
1:00 - 2:30
Law School Graduation Committee Meeting
7:00 - 8:00
Ice Hockey - Suffolk vs New Hampshire College
7:30 - 10:00
Women's Basketball - Suffolk vs Regis
8:00 - 9:30
Vassar Basketball - Suffolk vs Bridgewater State

University DateLine is Suffolk University's master calendar. For information on any scheduled event, any day of the academic year; or to list an event that you are planning, call 573-8082. A comprehensive record of what is happening, when and where -- for planning, publicity or general information. 573-8082.
Rams beat up on
Bentley Falcons 5-1...

By Chris Olson
Journal Staff

BOSTON - The Rams succe-
sfully opened up their 1992-
93 season on Saturday night with
an impressive 5-1 victory over the
Bentley Falcons.
The Rams got two goals from
Billy Santos and one goal each from
Merck Franklin, Jim Fitzgerald and John Porrazzo, as the Rams outburst in the third period put the game away and handed Bentley (1-1-1) their first loss of the year.

Suffolk goalie Russ Eonas was sharp, stopping any attempts the Falcons could muster, which was few, considering the strength with which the Rams' defense played. Chris Mulhen and Mark Tsoukalas had strong games along the blueline for the Rams.

Suffolk Coach Bill Burns was impressed with his team's effort, despite their slow start. "We were tentative the first two periods, but that was our first real opponent. We haven't even scrimmaged yet," said Burns.

With Bentley shadowing Suffolk's star player, Sean O'Driscoll, and his linemates Fitzgerald and Porrazzo, it was the Rams' second line that stepped to the forefront and produced in a big way.

The line of Franklin, Santos and Chris Dwyer was the deciding factor in the opening game victory. Franklin opened up the scoring in the game with a power-play goal 8:21 into the first period. With Bentley's Dom Pontonio in the box for interference, Franklin crashed in from in front to give the Rams a 1-0 lead. Santos and Dwyer collected assists on the goal.

Bums said, "The second line did a good job. Billy Santos played great." Bentley evened the score, however, with a Shane Borman goal with only 1:59 remaining in the period.

In the second period, the Rams took a 2-1 lead on a pretty goal by Santos. After Franklin sent Santos down the right wing and he fired a slap shot from 20 feet out that found the far corner past Bentley goalie, Sean Burns. Eric Mansfield got the other assist on the goal.

In the third period, Bentley's frustration continued. On one occasion, they had Eonas trapped out of his net and had two opportunities to score on the open net from the point. Both shots missed the net. Eonas pitched a shutout in the second and third periods and was named on page 6.

Sean O'Driscoll (7), Chris Mullen (2), Mark Tsoukalas (8), and John Porrazzo (4) gang up on Bentley's Chris Paone in front of the Suffolk net.

By Edmond Bromen
Journal Staff

The men's basketball team is hoping to improve on their 12-12 record from last year with a balanced scoring attack and a depth of players, a feature of recent Rams teams.

Head coach Jim Nelson explained, "Don't think there's any doubt that our expectations are greater than they have been in the past. We've achieved the .500 plateau the last two years, with significant wins over Colby and Brandies, both of whom played for the ECAC title last year, has bolstered our confidence.

Suffolk should be very strong up front, with the return of last year's top scorers Ricky Ace and co-captains Chuck Byrne and Dave MacDougall.

Nelson said, "Our strength will likely be up front, with a veteran returning nucleus."

"The co-captains Chuck Byrne and Dave MacDougall are both two year starters, and think the fact that they have been selected captains by their teammates adds an additional dimension to their readiness of leaving this university on a winning note."

Last year the 6-5 Byrne averaged 11.1 points and 9.3 rebounds per game, while the 6-6 MacDougall had 11 points and 6.7 rebounds per game.

The team is hoping that Ace, last year's New England Division III Rookie of the Year, can recover from recent back problems to play a big part in their offensive attack.

Nelson commented, "Certainly Rick is a valuable individual with his 17 points per game last year for us, and we'll be looking for him to carry a good portion of the scoring responsibilities again this year."

"I look for Rick to be a more accomplished player in all aspects of the game. Certainly his scoring prowess we're all aware of, but what we want from Rick is for him to be consistent in all games, as opposed to outstanding performances in some games, but not in all the games."

The 6-4 forward played in Suffolk's scrimmage against Ambush on Monday, but he did not display the aggressiveness that characterized his play last year.

Suffolk has some question marks at the guard positions, however, with the graduation of last year's leading scorers.

...then they dog the Assumption Hounds

By Michael Todino
Journal Staff

With the arrival of winter comes a new group of sporting events for Suffolk sports fans to look forward to. Despite the previous lack of fan support and attention, nine girls have dedicated their time and hearts to playing basketball for Suffolk University.

In return, they do not seek fame or glory for their long hours of practice. All they want is some acknowledgement from their school that their efforts are appreciated.

Undermanned and overworked, these girls are looking forward to gaining fan support by taking the court this winter and beating any team that tests their desire to win.

Led by head coach Joseph Walsh and assistant Donna Kanauskas, the Lady Rams' ability and commitment should not be underestimated by anyone.

To say that this is a determined team is an understatement. "Although we may have a small team, we are a close knit team and that will work to our advantage and make it tough for opposing teams to break our spirit," said Rusczak.

The captain of this squad is senior Stacey Cicollo from Tewskbury. A three sport athlete at Suffolk, Cicollo is a good example of this team's commitment, by beating all the odds and playing after what could have been a career ending injury last season.

By tearing her anterior cruciate ligament in a game last year, Cicollo missed out on the entire Suffolk season and found herself in an intense summer rehabilitation program in the hopes of playing basketball this winter.

Although she has lost a great deal of her athletic mobility and will be wearing a full knee brace for the rest of her playing career, Cicollo has returned to spearhead this team into a new season.

An offensive and fundamentally sound player, Cicollo has also shown signs of a good outside shot and remains a steady defensive player. Cicollo feels confident about the upcoming season and the Lady Rams' chances of establishing a winning record.

She said, "We should do better this year than in previous seasons, because many of us have been playing together for a couple of years."

"As a result we have become a solid team that will look to capitalize on any opportunities our opponents give us." Cicollo believes that the Lady Rams will be able to overcome any of their opponents' efforts and be the commanding play of one of the NEC MVP's, Johanna McCourt.

A dominant athlete, McCourt is a huge threat under the boards. "She is one of the premier, if not the premier rebounder in New England," said Walsh.

McCourt averaged 16 rebounds a game, which ranked her third in the nation in Division III last year. She holds the women's Division III rebounding record with 29, which she has accomplished twice.

She is also a dangerous offensive menace as well by scoring 16.8 points per game. "Johanna plays her best against the best," said Walsh. She is one of the most competitive athletes in Suffolk and this competitiveness rubs off on her teammates.

The Lady Rams are gunning for the NEC title and offensive brigade with McCourt is junior Moe Brown. Brown's great court quickness and excellence continued on page 7.