Petition for White Student Union

by Glenna Shaw

A petition circulated last week to gain approval for the formation of a White Student Union at Suffolk University was signed by 103 students, according to sophomore organizer Stephen Heaslip, who is a Crime, Law, and Deviance major here.

According to a Student Activities Office pamphlet, one must certify in writing that at least 10 students are interested in forming a club or organization on campus.

Heaslip said he continued his petition drive after obtaining the necessary 10 signatures because he wanted to make an impression "so that people wouldn't think I'm wacko."

The Student Activities Director said that she has neither seen nor approved of the petition as of yet.

The motivation for forming the union came from "the constant bombardment of negativity, discrimination and total disdain against the white people," said Heaslip.

"The main purpose is awareness of discrimination against whites," Heaslip added. He also said that the union will focus on issues such as affirmative action and minority scholarships.

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SGA Approves Activities Hour

by Adam Mendoza

SGA's first step of discussion last week was the Orientation and Scheduling Assistantship Program, a proposal sent to the trustees earlier this semester which they sent back to SGA because it was too similar to the Trustee Ambassador Scholarship.

The other problem was the proposed $5,000 for working on orientation. This would average out to $9 an hour which is not fair to other students who would be making much less.

Chip Centofanti said that LUCAP proposed that the scholarship be reduced to $3,000 and that the hours of work not be specified. Vincent Miraglia motioned to vote on the issue. The proposal was passed with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

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This year's recipients were: Kristine Drury, Sheila Egan, Tami Kearns, Jane Kelly, Peter Kobelt, Lisa Masiacri, Tim McDonald, Karen Perry, Dawn Sugarman, and Eileen Warren. "I think the program has been really great," said Perry, who also feels that this has been an excellent learning experience for her. In addition, it will present her with more opportunities in the future.

"It exposes you to all the different areas of the school," said Tami Kearns, one of this year's ambassadors.

MLC Celebrates Poetry of Gabriela Mistral

by Marly Charry

The centennial of the Chilean poet and Nobel Price laureate, Gabriela Mistral, was celebrated on Wednesday, November 15 with readings from her works of poetry and her biography. Dr. Alberto Mendez, advisor to the Modern Language Club, opened the event.

Mistral was born Lucila Godoy Alcayaga in Vicuna, Chile, on April 7, 1889. In 1914, Mistral's Sonnets of Death won first prize at the Floral Games held in Santiago. As a teacher, the high light of her teaching career came in 1922 when she was invited by the Mexican government to collaborate in its educational reform.

No other contemporary Spanish-American writer has been honored in the same way as Mistral, who has received both official and popular recognition in all the American nations. Her life and work were intimately linked with the life and culture of her people. Her work is widely published and read, and recitations of her poems are frequently presented, and musical settings of several of her poems have been performed. In the history of Spanish-American poetry she stands as one of the most original, profound, and distinct poetical voices.

"The recital was very successful," said Nancy Prieto, Delegate to Council of Presidents for the MLC, who was a participant at the recital. "The people who attended had the chance to be informed of the life and work of this magnificent woman and poet," she later added. Ruth Robles, Rebecca Robles, MLC members, and George Armbruster, a student from Spanish class, were also participants who helped make the recital more agreeable and informative.
Miraglia Resigns

SGA for Washington

by Adam Mendonca

Junior class vice-president Vincent Miraglia will resign from his position on SGA, effective Tuesday, December 5th. He will also resign from his position on the Council of Presidents (COP) and as president of the Political Science Association (PSA).

An internship in Washington, D.C. is the reason he gave for the resignations. Miraglia does not know who will replace him on SGA but said he will run for SGA president upon his return in the fall semester of 1990. Paul Niewdwiecki, who is the vice-president of COP will replace him as president of that organization. Miraglia said he has enjoyed being president of COP and will miss it. He feels there has been great progress in the organization and it will continue to improve.

"Last year there were just eight clubs and this year there are eighteen," he said. Miraglia attributed this to the work of many people on COP, SGA and in the Student Activities Office. "There are five groups requesting to have their clubs recognized," said Miraglia.

Miraglia said he is looking forward to the internship in Washington, D.C. He will be working for a lobbyist or a senator, probably doing research. He is interested in foreign policy and hopes that this will provide experience for his future. "I'd like to work, in the foreign service after graduation. I also want to get a Masters in Diplomacy or attend Law School."

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Study Trip Ready to Go

Anybody interested in the study trip who has not made a deposit must see someone in the Government department today. "We would like as many students as possible to take advantage of this unique learning opportunity. For further information come to the Government of­

The government department's Guate­mala-Nicaragua trip planned for Janu­ary 1990 is almost set to go. Those students who plan must have a deposit of $100 by December 4th in order to secure a seat for the trip. Students are also reminded that they must register for 507A Study Trip to Central America. This study trip offers three credits to participants.

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The following is a listing of club/organization meetings/events and the athletic schedule:

Monday, December 4, 1989

College Credit Card Solicitation sponsored by Marketing Club Sawyer 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Men's Varsity Basketball vs. Curry College Curry College 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5, 1989

College Credit Card Solicitation sponsored by Marketing Club Sawyer 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Counselling Center Meeting Archcr 402 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Communications and Journalism Fenton 357 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Curriculum Committee Meeting Sawyer 358A 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Program Counselling Meeting Fenton 338B 1:00-2:30 p.m.

English Dept. presents film "African Queen" Fenton 338B 1:00-2:30 p.m.

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SIGMA TAU DELTA MEETING

Sigma Tau Delta Meeting Fenton 530 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Student Government Association Meeting Sawyer 421 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Bible Study Meeting Sawyer 426 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Admissions Information Session Sawyer 427 G 429 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Marketing Club Meeting Sawyer 927 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Black Student Association Meeting Sawyer 921 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Marketing & Gl Club Meeting Sawyer 927 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Cheering Club Meeting Sawyer 1029 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Counseling Center Group Meeting SAC Conf. Rm. 428 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Women's Varsity Basketball vs. UMass Boston Cambridge YMAA 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6, 1989

COM Candidate Seminar Sawyer 1121 1:15-2:30 p.m.

VPAS Varsity Hockey vs. Fitchburg State College Boston University 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 7, 1989

FORO TECHNIQUES

Forest Practice Archer 402 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Phi Sigma Sigma Meeting Fenton 337 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Modern Language Club Meeting Fenton 430A & B 1:00-2:30 p.m.

English Dept. Faculty Meeting Fenton 530 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Tau Kappa Epsilon Meeting Fenton 603 1:00-2:30 p.m.

SIGMA COUNTY MEETING

Sawyer 427 G 429 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Black Student Association Meeting Sawyer 921 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Career Services Co-op Education Orientation Sawyer 927 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Alpha Phi Omega Meeting Sawyer 1126 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Women's Varsity Basketball vs. UMass Boston Cambridge YMAA 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 8, 1989

COM Finance Candidate Seminar Sawyer 929 1:00-2:30 p.m.

** HOLIDAY RATHSKEELED ★

★ sponsored by Program Council Sawyer 402 3:00-6:00 p.m.

★ NEW BUILDING ★

★ sponsored by Program Council Temple Street 6:00 p.m.

Men's Varsity Basketball vs. UMass Cambridge YMAA 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 11, 1989

READ DAY

Program Counseling Meeting Fenton 338A 1:00-2:30 p.m.

STUDENTS COUNSELING CENTER

Curriculum Committee Meeting Sawyer 427 G 429 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Black Student Association Meeting Sawyer 921 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Cheering Club Meeting Sawyer 1029 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Monday, December 12, 1989

READ DAY

Counseling Center Meeting Fenton 337 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Program Council Meeting Fenton 430A & B 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Student Government Association Meeting Sawyer 421 1:00-2:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, December 13, 1989

FINAL EXAMS BEGIN

Evening Division Student Association sponsors Coffee Sawyer Lobby 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Fenton Lobby 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 14, 1989

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Friday, December 15, 1989

FINAL EXAMS END DECEMBER 15TH HURRAH

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Fenton Lobby 4:30-7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

December 10, 1989

UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION 9:00-10:00 a.m.

December 21, 1989

HOLIDAY PARTY sponsored by Program Council and Council of Presidents - Sheraton Boston Hotel, Grand Ballroom - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Tickets Still Available in Student Activities Office.

NO GUEST TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!!

January 24, 25, 26, 26, 1989

DONOR PORTRAIT RETAKES THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!! - Student Activities Center Conference Room 429 - 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES STAFF WISHES EVERYONE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

by Peter Jewkes

It was a critical and box office failure. As Hopper’s follow-up to hugely successful Easy Rider, The Last Movie is a ferocious, rambling and nearly incomprehensible piece of film-making. It is also never boring! Hopper plays Kansas, an extra in a western being filmed in the mountains of Peru. After the film is completed, Kansas decides to stick around.

As a director, Hopper always keeps his camera panning. Whether focusing on faceless actors or the Peruvian scenery, Hopper’s direction is brisk though the film suffers the same problem that Easy Rider did: while Hopper’s camera never stops moving, his film things (that is really) merit beautifully sweeping shots. He focuses on himself, being horrid back for what seems like forever. His camera lingers on shots of a delapidated graveyard and there are endless shots of flowers and fields. So many, in fact, that it’s not difficult to see why Universal Pictures (who financed the film) were so displeased with what they get (after all the money they had spent).

Though The Last Movie took the first place award at the Venice Film Festival, it was a critical and box office failure when it was first released. According to press releases at the time, The Last Movie was “an allegory concerning the destruction of innocence.” The fact that a Hollywood film crew invades the Peruvian jungle may be what that meant.

However, I think it can now be said that this movie also meant the destruction of Hopper’s directorial innocence. The title is almost prophetic: Hopper, didn’t direct another movie until 1982, when he helmed the cult favorite Out of the Blue (another barely released movie). His last film has to do with obscure foreign movies, notably German

by Adam Mendonca

Back to the Future II opened in theaters Wednesday, November 22. Robert Zemeckis directed and Steven Spielberg produced the movie again. Most of the cast from the first movie returned. Michael J. Fox played several characters, including himself as an older man, his son, and his daughter. Christopher Lloyd did an excellent job again and was fun to watch as he panicked about effecting the future.

The movie starts at the same point at which the first movie left off. The children of Marty McFly are in trouble so Dr. Emmett Brown takes Marty into the future to save them. Basically, his son will be arrested for committing a crime with Biff’s grandson. When they go to the future Marty buys a sports almanac to take back with him in order to bet on sporting events to make money. Biff finds out and steals the time machine to go back in time to give himself the almanac. When Marty and Dr. Brown go back to 1985 they find it has changed. They must then go back in time to put things back the way they were.

The movie does not have the sensitivity that the first one had when Marty tried to help his parents get back together. The special effects, however, were excellent. There was also much more suspense in Part II than in the first movie. Viewers, anticipated, hoping Marty would be able to stop Biff from changing the future.

The end of the movie does have something of a surprise ending. The end, of course, sets the stage for a Back to the Future III which was filmed at the same time as Part II. Part III is to be released this summer.

Part II did an excellent job at mixing old scenes with new ones. It used some different angles of scenes from the first movie, which was interesting. It also extended some of the scenes such as when Marvin Berry goes to the phone to call Chuck Berry.

This movie is exciting and fast paced. I recommend it strongly and think it is a good holiday movie. Part II movie will leave your mouth watering for Part III.

by Joe Russo

"The best education for mass communication in any form is knowing as much about as many things as you possibly can," said Len Lawrence during an interview at Suffolk University last Wednesday.

Lawrence is a free-lance radio and television journalist, performer, and critic. Presently, Lawrence is working as an announcer at a trade show. He's also a featured performer on a nationally syndicated television program, Compu-terworld.

A graduate of Boston University, Lawrence received a bachelor of science degree in 1956. During his junior year in college, Lawrence worked at a local radio station as an announcer, which began a career in radio of over 30 years. Lawrence gained most of his experience in various radio stations in the Boston area. To name a few, WEEI/ CBS/ WBZ.

"After college you should treat the first three-to-five years as an extension of your educational process," said Lawrence. He also emphasized the need to learn "the nuts and bolts of the business" through internships. Some colleges, such as Emerson, offer practical experience which is broadcast oriented, he added.

"There are plenty of jobs in Boston. I think the market is large enough so that it's hard to find people who have been around for a while, but has a number of entry level positions that students can go into," said Lawrence.

"Where is the money? In investing!" he said. "Television of course has a much higher level of pay than radio does, generally speaking, or newspapers. There's more competition and it may be tough to get to those levels of high pay. Many people really get to the major leagues to make the big bucks is debatable."

"I didn't consider myself a professional until 1965, about nine years out of college," admitted Lawrence. Lawrence described the future as being both "exciting and frustrating." Exciting due to the high technological age we live in. Yet, frustrating because high technology is rapidly changing and it's a constant challenge to keep up, according to Lawrence.

"Kennedy's coming into office and later his assassination along with the civil rights movement made me understand how necessary it was to communicate with people," said Lawrence, explaining why he shifted from general broadcasting to journalism in the early '60's.

In his final statement Lawrence painted a picture of a journalistic experience: "I've had exciting things happen to me, I've met all kinds of people. I've had opportunities to learn as a result of my working, things that I would not have had the chance to learn about before. A myriad of things; the operations of government, politics, to journalism itself; dealing with people on various levels, meeting the great and not so great, meeting presidents and senators, foreign dignitaries, in dealing with criminals. Being there when things were happening."
Myths and Realities of Christmas

by AnnMarie Soares

Everyone knows about the story of Christmas, or do they? The stories over the years have changed, from Charles Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol* to Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

This holiday was first celebrated by the pagans as a festival of light. In Mithraism the 25 of December was the date of the sun's birth. This made it easier for the Christians to incorporate it as the birth day of Christ. He was “The Light of the World” according to Christianity.

The third century was the first time the Christians tried to determine the birth date of Jesus. Their dates ranged from January 2 to May 20. In the end, they settled on the Holiday of light. Although the actual date of Jesus' birth is not known, it is thought he was born in the spring. According to Luke chapter 2 verse 8 “there were shepherds in the field at night” signifying that it was spring.

Saint Nicholas was a Christian bishop born in Turkey during the fourth century. According to legend he was a precocious child, and immediately after he was born he stood up and praised the Lord. Another legend says that there were three young girls who were so poor they did not have dowries, so they could not marry. They were about to become prostitutes when St. Nicholas provided them with dowries so they could get married. These are just examples of how he is associated with the children and the giving of gifts.

The Christmas tree was originated in Germany. The fir tree was chosen because it was an evergreen, a symbol of eternal life.

This is a far cry from the movies and shows that we have grown up with over the years. Although Christmas is seen by many as a celebration of new life, commercialization has brought a cloud over the true meanings of Christmas.

The above information was provided by Ann Hughes, an associate professor of English at Suffolk University.
Happy Holidays

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Pre-Holiday Potluck Sunday, December 10 6:30 p.m.
If you are a gay man or lesbian at Suffolk University — student, faculty, staff — you are cordially invited to attend a GMLS potluck for good food and conversation.
Please bring a dish or some drink to share.

For directions and more information, call:
Don 573-8494; Wilma 573-8226; Wendy 573-8325

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE
FALL 1989 SEMESTER
Reading Period: Mon & Tues, December 11 & 12
Exams: Wednesday, December 13 - Tuesday, December 19

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All day sections of SCI 101 & 102 will be examined on Fri., Dec. 15 at 2:30 p.m. Please check with your instructor for location.

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Looking Ahead

Suffolk University has had an extremely busy fall semester, the Suffolk Journal included. With the departure of many of our experienced editors and reporters last year we were happy to welcome an almost all new staff. The “change of guard” brought new learning experiences for everyone at the Journal. We feel that we have provided you with the best possible news.

We are looking forward to re-establishing our weekly status in the spring and hope to see many of you there to help.

We would like to thank all of the faculty, staff, and students who have taken the time to write to us/for us. We also would like to thank all of you for your patience and support during our transitional stage.

Most of all, we would like to thank our editor-in-chief, Gianna Shaw, for her encouragement, hard work and dedication this semester.

Good luck on final exams and have a happy and safe holiday season!!

The Journal Staff

Ministry Plans Holiday Breakfast

by Annamarie Soares

The Campus Ministry’s annual holiday breakfast is scheduled to take place on Thursday, December 14. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

“We will be tuning in to the true meaning of the holiday season,” said Campus Minister Wendy Sanford.

The breakfast will provide an opportunity for all to “unwind” during this hectic time of the year. Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and the winter solstice are all celebrated during this time of the year, and the ministry is eager to hear about everyone’s views on these holidays.

The breakfast will take place from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. It will be held in the Derne Street building in the fourth floor conference room.

“Please feel free to join us during this time,” said Sanford.

ROT C Scholarships Offered

Two and three-year Army ROTC scholarships awarded on a competitive basis are currently available. Scholarships pay tuition, on-campus educational expenses, and a flat rate for textbooks, classroom supplies, and equipment. In addition, recipients will receive an allowance of up to $1000 each year the scholarship is in effect.

Scholarship benefits exceed $8500 annually. Full-time freshmen and sophomores with a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a minimum SAT score of 500 may apply. Applicants must be US citizens. They must also be under 25 years of age on June 30 of the year in which they are scheduled for commissioning.

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Interested students should contact Captain John C. Dean in the Military Science Department, Arch Building, Room 330, or call 573-8224.

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