Iraqi scholar finds safe haven

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The freedom to educate is something that may be taken for granted by some Americans, but after speaking to Dr. Tahir Albakaa one cannot help but feel grateful for the safety and security of being in the United States.

Dr. Albakaa was born in Talik, located in the southern part of Iraq in 1950. At the age of 25, he moved to Baghdad and received his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. in History. In 1983, he took a teaching position at Mustansiriyah University during the time which he could find safe stay including Syria, Yemen, Egypt, Libya and some European countries. Albakaa says his research done in America is done with intentions to "develop and improve the educational system in Iraq."

With the insurgency turning most of Iraq into a battlefield, the education system has suffered tremendously. Albakaa warns against the possibility of a worsening military and political situation in Iraq if the educational system backslides much further.

When asked whether he would go back to Iraq in August when his time with Harvard is finished, Albakaa responded, "I hope not."

The possibility that he will not be able to safely return to his country, Albakaa is continuously looking for opportunities to take up positions at other universities in the United States or abroad where he can continue his research and until the situation is safe enough for him to re-enter Iraq.

Other potential countries when he could find safe stay including America, he is not sure by whom he was introduced to Harvard University's Graduate Education department.

At Harvard and recently Suffolk University, Albakaa has been doing research on his country's educational system along with how it intertwines with the national system in Iraq.

Albakaa is part of a Scholar at Risk program set up by Harvard. It attempts to defend the human rights of persecuted educators by offering temporary positions at the university.

The university is not sure by whom he was elected, but believes it may have been someone he had crossed paths with early on in his career.

Leaving Iraq carried heavy consequences, such as leaving behind his wife, three children and friends. But, Albakaa looks at his experience with bittersweet sentiment saying, "This country is very beautiful with much safety and security. Everything is well here." With the family value for sons and daughters to complete their university studies. But, of course, accomplishing this goal has been negatively influenced by the economics and security in Iraq.

Eight months ago Albakaa arrived in the United States and was hosted by Harvard University's Graduate Education department. There is uncertainty surrounding the fate of education and its proponents in Iraq, but people like Dr. Albakaa are still committed to seeing their country come out of the fog of civil unrest firmly engraved with academics and desire to honor the pursuit of knowledge.
Students explore roots while studying abroad

Alex Pearlman  
Journal Contributor

These are just a couple of more than a dozen countries Suffolk University's Study Abroad program can send students to learn new languages, cultures and gain a perspective on what higher education is like outside the United States.

Sophomore Danielle D'Ambrosio is planning on spending the spring semester in Florence, Italy taking a number of interesting electives including History of the Mafia and Daily Life in Pompeii, among others.

D'Ambrosio is taking courses in basic Italian and students going to Madrid are taking Spanish, the students going to Dakar, Senegal not only have to take French, but also a course in Wolof, Senegal's native language.

"Somewhere between 200-300 students a year [travel abroad]," said Study Abroad coordinator and advisor Isaac Stahl. However, those 200-300 students aren't just randomly scattered around the globe.

Suffolk's Madrid campus is by far the most popular, with about 40 students registered to go to Spain for the spring semester this year. Italy is the second most popular destination. Probably because of Italy's rich background in art history and classes like Italian Food Fest are offered. Tuition for a semester in Spain includes housing, books and cultural excursions, a financially friendly option.

Madrid is not only the most popular choice for Suffolk students, it's also the most

for a number of students, there seems to be a trend with students picking their ancestors' countries.

"My family's Italian, so I chose to go to Italy to see what it would be like," said D'Ambrosio.

Another sophomore, Andrew Jacobson used the same reasoning to explain why he is choosing to study in Stockholm, Sweden next semester. "My last name is Swedish and I knew I wanted [to go] somewhere in Northern Europe."

Jacobson is a business major and will be attending the Stockholm University School of Business.

Masa Tada, a Suffolk University senior and native of Japan has studied in Prague and France and is a marketing major. "Now there are three or four international business schools available when there weren't many before," said Tada.

Study Abroad coordinator and director Isaac Stahl knows what an international education can do for a person, having spent time studying in Spain and doing a diplomatic tour of Cuba.

"[The study abroad program] is part of maturation in a global perspective," said Stahl. "It's a response to the chaos in the world. The students get interested in getting a new point of view and a new appreciation for the international community."

For more information visit the Study Abroad office - 4th floor, 73 Tremont St.
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**Tremont dorm fails test**

City of Boston's inspectional services division found that dining facilities in the 150 Tremont dorm were not up to code on the morning of Oct. 6. The refrigerated salad bar was not adequately cooling the vegetables lower than the required 40 degrees Fahrenheit. While the cafeteria passed the overall examination, the salad bar's contents were removed and the temperature controls were readjusted to safe temperatures. A Sodexho official stated, "In the past six years the school has not failed a single inspection but it is not unusual for the salad bar not to pass initially because the temperature is difficult to control." A re-inspection is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 11.

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**New research favors ‘fairer’ sex**

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are gender differences and differences among populations. Dr. Pinn feels that the NIH has been successful in that, "We have, I think, played a major role in helping to define women's health as beyond the regulatory systems, which traditionally was how women's health was viewed. Dr. Marianne Legua likes to refer to it as the 'bikini view of medicine.' One of the objectives of the Office of Research on Women's Health is to increase the number of women in leadership roles in research and academic institutions in order to increase awareness. For this reason, the ORWH - led by Dr. Pinn - created BIRCH, which stands for Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health, BIRCH is a new program whose goal is to encourage professional societies to support career development for women within their organizational structures.

"I think an interdisciplinary approach to science is the way to go now. We've begun to see new energies and fresh insights into women's health, in general," said Dr. Pinn. Topics that need to be given more attention include substance abuse and the fact that it is also gender-specific, heart disease - the leading killer of men and women in this country, eating disorders, depression and sports injuries all require sex appropriate medical care. "The basic reason for the research of women's health is to provide answers to questions that our health care providers and physicians don't have the answers to... and some of the same issues that apply to women can apply to men. We need to start recognizing that. I also think that the advocacy community needs to emphasize the importance of what is being done and what needs to be done," said Pinn.

The ORWH has created an online course to further the understanding of gender-specific medicine. The course can be found at http://sexandgendercourse.od.nih.gov/. This course, along with all the efforts and funding done by the NIH and Dr. Pinn, has significantly improved our health research and awareness.

"There is still more to do and we at the NIH are funding this research," said Dr. Pinn. In order for this research to be successful, more women and minorities are needed in the biomedical fields.

Referring to an article from March 23, 1991 entitled, "Beyond the Gender Myth," Pinn said, "I didn't need TIME Magazine to tell me that the size of your brain didn't matter because I made it - So I've known all along..."

The article discussed a study that proved the size of one's brain, nor the gender, did not matter in terms of intelligence. Women have more opportunities now than ever before. Dr. Pinn's advice stresses the importance of having a mentor, and she quotes, "And it is not enough to have a mentor, but also to be a mentor." The NIH continues to assist and encourage women looking into biomedical fields and Dr. Pinn continues to be a mentor to women and minorities everywhere.

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CHICORY STOUT, IPA, winner of demolition derby

John S. Forrester
Journal Staff

The Journal conducted its first ever beer tasting this weekend, reviewing four domestic microbrews and one import. Here are the findings from the eight-member panel.

River Ale - Berkshire Brewing Company - Deerfield, Mass.
Featuring a hazy copper complexion with citrus and spice flavors, River Ale is a smooth, mellow, well-balanced ale from the Berkshire mountains.
Its smooth finish is noted by a wood-like taste with a slight herbal flavor. Perfect for lazy fall afternoons.
Panel says:
"Hoppy and citrus-y."
"Thanksgiving?"
"Good with ginger-ny or maple syrup-ny sweet foods, or dark chocolate."

IPA - Smuttynose Brewing Company - Portsmouth, N.H.
While the hop bite is a big part of what makes this beer good - and what is most prominent on the tongue - it's the floral and citrus-y undertones round it out to take the beer beyond your average run-of-the-mill IPA.
A caveat however: even hop-heads might feel a bit dry-mouthed by the end of the this.
Panel says:
"Bold taste, fruity, but surprisingly smooth."
"SPICY."
"Bitter soda."

Dale's Pale Ale - Oscar Blue's Brewery - Lyons, Colo.
A big, reddish hoppy pale ale from Colorado with tons of piney, citrus American hops that manages not to be over批发, weaving with a rich malt balance.
If you like Harpoon's IPA, check this out and prepare to be enlightened.
This baby packs a heap of flavor that could take some by surprise, given the fact it's in a can.
Panel says:
"Clean, sweet beginning, dry after-taste."
"Good for a canned beer, but no 'wow' factor."
"Fruity and easy drinking."

Chicory Stout - Dogfish Head Craft Brewery - Milton, Del.
Following a slew of Coffee-infused porters and stouts in the past few years, brewing odd-balls Dogfish Head released the Chicory Stout, containing organic Mexican coffee, chicory, and other unusual ingredients.
This unorthodox mix is a highly drinkable, complex stout with hints of smoky barbeque, pepper, chocolate with a thick, creamy body. Guinness, eat your motherfuckin' heart out.
Panel says:
"BBQ taste."
"Stinky weed and soy sauce."

Conclusion: By far the panel's favorites were Dogfish Head's Chicory Stout and Smuttynose's IPA.
You can find these beers at the following retailers:
Downtown Wine & Spirits (Somerville) 259 Elm St. (617) 625-7777
Martignetti's Liquors (North End) 64 Cross St. (617) 227-4343
Charles Street Liquors (Beacon Hill) 145 Charles St. (617) 523-5051

More information on these beers and more check out http://beeradvocate.com.

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A sampling of beers that were reviewed.

Jon Stewart retorted back, "Oh I'm sorry," he said, "I've been completely dominating the conversation, I'm so sorry. It's not like people paid money to stare at me and listen to me talk. Come on everyone, let's all take out our mics and have a discussion!" The only part that was taken a little too far was his anecdote about his dog having explosive diarrhea.
All in all the show was great and extremely worth the anticipation. Stewart went on to comment on other political issues like gay marriage, ripping on the Boy Scouts as "the gayest organization ever," and various other issues. After that he made a point of why the general public is not as active saying the most of the country is just "people with shit to do."

He went into the dilemma that is buying a new computer, how they become more outdated each day, what a joke the internet is, his past smoking habit, and his child. He started imitating a dance that his little four year old boy would do, very surprising, but extremely funny. The only part that was taken a little too far was his anecdote about his dog having explosive diarrhea.
All in all the show was great and extremely worth the anticipation. Stewart used material other than politics, which was refreshing because an hour and 45 minutes based solely on political jokes could get monotonous. He interacted with the crowd a lot more than most comedians would. It was amusing to see him out of a suit and away from the desk of "The Daily Show," though it was half-expected that Steven Colbert to walk out on stage yelling, "Jon, Jon, Jon!"
The reel way to catch a flick in the city

Kristin Morrell
Journal Staff

So you think you’re a movie buff? Did you know that nearly 400 movies have been filmed in the Boston area? Well, if you answered “yes” to question one, and “no” to question two, then you better take a Boston Movie Tour to see where all of your favorite Boston-based movies were filmed.

It all started in 2002 when John Coveney and his wife, Rachel Coveney, were on their honeymoon in Hawaii, where they took the Hawaii Movie Tour, after seeing where movies like, “Jurassic Park” and “Raiders of the Lost Arc” were filmed and then they came up with the idea for a Boston Movie Tour.

As you step onto a bus barely big enough for twenty-five passengers, you pick the seat of your choice that is programmed with the names of celebrities that have filmed movies in the Boston area. You can pick from heart-throb Ben Affleck, from the film “Good Will Hunting,” Sean Penn from the film, “Mystic River,” Drew Barrymore from, “ Fever Pitch,” and many more.

While waiting for the bus to take depart you are greeted by Jeff Coveney, Boston Movie Tours founder, who is the tour guide for the extravagant two-and-a-half hour ride. As soon as you take off there are miniature screens that drop from the ceiling that project a short scene from, “Good Will Hunting.”

While there are countless more places you see on this exciting tour, you should take one for yourself and learn more about the movies and shows that were filmed here, as well as some of the historical significance of Boston. You will probably learn more movie trivia and information that you had never known before. Also look for these movies coming to a theatre near you that were filmed in Boston; "Gone Baby Gone" and "Sticks."

Bus tours are available every Saturday by reservation only, but if you are in a walking mood and it is a beautiful day, take the walking tour that is Monday through Friday at 2 p.m. during the month of October and take the same steps to your favorite movie stars took.

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With North Korea's nuclear test on Oct. 9, a number of parties have faced blame. The "blame Clinton crowd" gleefully cites his "gift" of two light-water reactors in 1994 as hollow appeasement. Meanwhile the left likes to blame the Bush administration for the cause of North Korea's shift toward nuclear weapons development, citing North Korea's decision to reconstitute its program and expel IAEA inspectors during the buildup to the Iraq war in 2002. Yet neither administration is to blame, the light-water reactors North Korea received were not suitable for extracting weapons grade plutonium. On the other side, Bush's foreign policy does not change the fact that Kim Jong-Il's mania and the 1994, introduction of his Sunshine policy, which emphasizes North Korea's military over the welfare of its citizens, insured that this situation would have played out even if the American President were an ascetic pacifist.

Much of the blame rests on the Sunshine Policy, practiced by North Korea's most unlikely ally, South Korea. Drawn from Aesop's fable of "The Sun and Wind," where the wind tries to remove a man's coat by blowing it off and the sun persuade the man to dissolve by providing warmth; the idea being that deemphasizing military tension while giving aid to North Korea would persuade Kim Jong-II to take off his coat and stop threatening to turn Seoul into a "sea of fire." In 1998, newly elected South Korean President Kim Dae Jung introduced the policy believing it would be his greatest legacy and a true service to the Korean people and democratic ideals. While it did win him the 2000 Nobel Peace Prize, today it seems as if President Kim will find his name next to Neville Chamberlain's in the history books. At the time, with North Korea testing its ballistic missile technology by launching a Taepodong-1 over Japan, it's hard to see why anyone would think North Korea needed more money.

Under the Sunshine Policy, the South and businesses based in the South such as Hyundai have poured aid and most importantly hard currency into the pockets of Kim Jong-Il's regime. This came despite indications from the DMZ large enough to transport tanks, and the devastating famine North Korea needed more money. Obviously, this has raised serious questions as to whether the test was a success at all. The response this information should invoke is not one of terror, but quite the opposite. Prior to the tests, we did not know in any concrete way the capacity of the weapons held by the rogue state. Now, they have tested the weapons, lifting the veil of secrecy and lending insight into a program previously obscured in shadow. Even if a nuclear explosion did occur in the course of this test, the prospects of which are dubious, it was about as small and weak an explosion as we could have hoped. Secondly, there were no surprises here. The weapons that were used were all Soviet-era missiles, which the United States intelligence community knew the North Koreans possessed. These tests, therefore, have only shown that we have an accurate picture of the Pyongyang's armaments. These tests could have two effects on Asia as a region. On the one hand, they could persuade the Chinese and Japanese to divert boatloads of cash and resources away from their normal varieties of economic activity and begin programs of their own.

More reasonable, if played properly by the United States and its allies, is the alternative. The United States has, both throughout and following the Cold War, used its advanced weaponry for the purposes of forming alliances in the name of "mutual defense." Why not employ the same tactic here? Existing regional defense initiatives could be strengthened or new ones formed, bringing China, Japan, and others under the American security umbrella and lessening the economic strain of increasing defense budgets on these nations.

For its part, the American position would be reinforced with valuable alliances in a region vastly interpreted to be at the forefront of the global economy in the near future. For example, a closer and more symbiotic relationship with China might give the United States enough leverage to convince them to loosen up their monetary policy, long a point of contention between the two nations. Furthermore, such an arrangement would further isolate the North Korean regime. The current response to these tests is the exact wrong one. The North Korean's purpose in all this was to attract world attention through the use of threatening power. The present policy seems to be to impose strict sanctions and a stern diplomatic tongue-lashing. Sanctions, as a policy, have never worked throughout the history of their use. One needs not look further than 90 miles off the southern coast of Florida, to Cuba, to see a painful reminder of this reality.

This problem needs to be dealt with in a different way. Rather than coalescence with the wishes of Kim Jong-II, he should be further marginalized and trivialized. The failure of the test should be played up, as should the archaic nature of the weaponry employed. The United States and its allies should turn North Korea from the darkest and most feared nation on the planet into the laughing stock of the world stage.

Obviously, the reaction to such a policy would differ from that which would be wrought if the present policies are continued, which would essentially give North Korea everything they asked for: increased respect and the world spotlight. Needless to say, this would also set a bad example for other nations considering the development of nuclear weapons.

Clearly, if the fear-mongering and politics of the issue are dissected, the tests not only show that North Korea poses little or no military threat to the United States, but they could actually be a good thing for the United States and its objectives around the world. As Franklin Roosevelt once said, "we have nothing to fear but fear itself."
Sophomore Defender Clayton Plumer jostles for space with Emerson midfielder Casey Shane in front of Suffolk's goal during the Rams 4-2 victory at Emerson on Oct. 4 as Dakota Roemer (2), Babacar Ndour (4), and goalkeeper Scott Panzano watch the action. The Rams fell to 6-2-0 with a 2-0 loss at WNEC on Oct. 7. WNEC's Golden Bears (8-4-1) improved to 4-1-0 in conference play on goals from Scott Rogers and Evan Heymann. Suffolk who entered the game tied with WNEC for second in the GNAC fell to 3-2-0 in conference play.

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