Suffolk builds a West Street Story

John S. Forrester
Journal Staff

Following the approval of plans for a dormitory at 10 West Street by the City of Boston Zoning Commission on September 5, the university expects to open the new residence hall this January and a move in date is set for the fall semester in 2007, according to university officials.

"It's a response to student demand as well as a response to the city's mandate that more students be housed in a secure and university controlled on-campus housing," said Michael Feeley, in-house counsel for nging's Chapel estate development, who serves on the 10 West Street Project Development Team for Suffolk.

The new building, originally planned as an upscale condominium complex, is currently being renovated by Suffolk Construction to house 274 students.

Erin Lawton
Journal Staff

The proposed television studio located at the former Discover Boston store on the first floor of 73 Tremont, is still in the works according to Dr. Rosenthal, head of the Communications and Journalism department.

"President Sergeant has stated we will have a studio," says Rosenthal. "Everybody is on board."

Although construction was slated for completion this fall, Rosenthal says that their main concern this past summer was the new student dormitory at 10 West Street.

With recent approval for the dorm from the City of Boston Zoning Commission, Suffolk officials anticipate shifting their efforts between Bergmeyer Associates Inc. (the architectural firm) and the Casali Group (the consulting firm), as well as purchasing equipment for the studio, another big obstacle to construction is soundproofing the studio from noisy Tremont Street.

The contractors have a lot of work to do acoustically, including building double doors and an additional glass wall.

Carter estimates that he has logged hundreds of hours of research since he began planning for the studio a year ago. From attending the National Broadcasters Association convention in Las Vegas last April, to researching the ten different types of high definition equipment, he has overseen virtually every aspect of the interior of the studio.

To help him with the heavy workload, the communications department hired a television engineer to act as Carter's consultant.

With the completion date pending, one certainty is the benefits a television studio could bring to the Communications and Journalism (CJN) department.

There are approximately 650 CJN students, 75 to 100 of which are media and broadcast majors who would gain practical and necessary work experience in a studio.

Currently, the university lacks a venue for filming, leaving all media and broadcast production to be done in the field.

With the ability for studio production, Suffolk media students will gain a better education said Dr. Rosenthal.

"Soon, students will have a front and overcome cultural and racial prejudices while defending their bond from the biases held by family and friends."
Former general posts on Middle East

As war and American military presence continue in the Middle East people back home have yet to cease speaking out about this controversial issue. General Joseph P. Hoar, a member of Suffolk's Board of Trustees, experienced first hand what war is like through his 37 years in the Marine Corps; he now speaks out publicly against the war.

Hoar, a member of Suffolk's Board of Trustees, experienced the opportunity to participate in one of several Globalization, but programs at Suffolk University are expanding. Manhattan: Many Problems, Few Solutions". The lecture will begin at 5 PM in the McLaughlin Moot Courtroom on the fourth floor of Sargent Hall, 120 Tremont St., Boston.

Sawyer Business School globalizes

The world is becoming 'smaller' through globalization, but programs at Suffolk University are expanding. Students at the Sawyer Business School now have the opportunity to participate in one of several Global Travel Seminars. Students will be led by regional experts to international business centers where they will gain a hands-on experience to conducting business within foreign cultures. Additional information can be found at The Global Travel Seminar Office is located on the 12th floor of the Stahl Center, as well as www.suffolk.edu/business/globalseminars.

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SGA kicks off new year

Cody Moskowitz

Journal Staff

On Thursday September 13, the Student Government Association held its second annual meeting during activities period. With 20 students in attendance, including all four executive board members and the Staff Advisor, the Assistant Dean of Students John Silversia, this meeting covered a number of important issues and events surrounding the Suffolk community.

The group talked about the importance of students filling out Suffolk emergency contact forms, which are pertinent to both resident students and commuters. This form contains emergency contact phone numbers, addresses, email addresses and medical information for the school to keep on hand for each student should they require it in the case of an emergency. When later asked about them, SGA executive board members Cordero and Cain agreed that these forms are vital to maintaining control and also to maintaining open lines of communication in the case of an emergency situation on campus.

One interesting event the SGA discussed was the leadership retreat scheduled to take place September 28-29. The retreat is an SGA sponsored event and consists of two days of workshops and seminars that focus on the importance of leadership, positive initiative and involvement at school. This free event is open to all Suffolk students, but is specifically focused on generating participation from student groups to build relationships amongst student

It's easy being green with solar cells

Rani Smith

Journal Contributor

Dr. Chathan Cooke, a professor at Suffolk University as well as neighboring MIT, is not only challenging the minds of his students but improving the University's use of alternate energy sources and cutting its reliance on fossil fuels by installing a source of renewable energy at Suffolk.

After receiving a grant Cooke and his students plan to install solar cells at Suffolk to not only develop student's research skills but provide a source of alternative energy to be used by Suffolk as well as other facilities around Boston, subsequent to further research.

"The way it's going now, it's going to work," said Cooke. "There are multiple ways of using solar energy to reduce fossil fuels." According to Cooke, "the sun is free... if it's sunny... if it's windy, why not use it?

Cordero supports this theory, also benefiting from Cooke's solar cell project. "It's a great experience for any student who is interested in engineering." Whatever the students' motivation, their involvement is the key to the success of this project.

"People like to be part of the solution," said Cooke. "We are in a position to be creative, make changes and reduce the cost of bringing the sunlight up."

For those doubtful, as many people do not believe in global warming to begin with, Cooke sets up the scenario: "walking on the moon is not a bridge far out in space; it's happening now."

"We can use the sun indefinitely.

The ground will dry up from extracting oil. We can find a new source of energy. We can use energy from the sun until it burns up... and then we blow up, he smirks.

Although the solar cell is not expected to be installed until next summer, the effects of the Suffolk community continue to make a positive impact on the environment as Cooke and his students are doing.

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73 Tremont studio in pre-production

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Plans for an insert studio, or a basic television studio with a green screen, camera equipment and a control room, have been drawn up for 73 Tremont, but the university is still exploring other options, such as a larger space with room for classroom seating and additional editing stations would be ideal says Rosenthal.

In his seven years here Carter has spearheaded efforts to expand the Suffolk media lab from only six computers and six camcorders to over twenty cameras, including two high definition cameras, nine editing systems, cranes, dollies, and two different lighting systems.

With five years experience as manager of the Emerson film center, he also knows what neighboring schools have at their disposal and is proud to say that Suffolk is ready to compete.

With high definition cameras, a "spider dollly," a "jib arm," and "Kinno flow lights," Suffolk's equipment will rival Fox 25's station, according to Rosenthal.

Along with the equipment, the curriculum has expanded from just one section of media classes to three, including summer sessions, and television production classes are now a requirement for Media, Broadcast, and Film majors.

A commitment to the state of the art facilities is crucial to Suffolk's expansion goals, which include attracting students from across the country.

With support from the university as a whole and the College of Arts and Sciences, the communication department looks to continue expanding their programs.

According to Carter, "We want the studio to not only work today, but to be viable five to ten years from now."

Said Rosenthal, "We are on to doing great things."

New housing to come

10 West from page 1

But beyond the prices of real estate and negotiating with city officials, some area residents and condominium organizations were initially opposed the plans, saying that the increase of Suffolk students in the area, as well as existing Emerson students, would result in an undesirable density of college students in the area. Suffolk negotiated with condominium organizations, including the Millennium Place Condominiums near Downtown Crossing who were opposed to the plan, to outline areas where the university can not expand in the future.

"I think while there was some initial concern about the number of students in the area, there was also a positive sense that the additional 274 beds that will come out of 10 West Street will bring some enhanced safety, security, and vitality to the area," said Leary.

Meanwhile, the university has set a goal of eventually housing up to half of its undergraduate body.

Five areas in downtown Boston were selected by the University with the Boston Redevelopment Authority for possible expansion and university officials are currently working on a ten-year master plan to outline expansion plans.

Asked when an additional dorm would be opened, Leary said, "I don't know when the next one will open, but we certainly have a long-term goal of meeting the city's challenge to house at least 50 percent of our student body."

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The Journal has a long history of producing good writers, photographers, and editors that have gone on to careers in professional journalism. David Mehegan, Bruce Butterfield, Doreen Vigue and Philip Santoro are a few Suffolk alumni that went on to work for the Boston Globe and other newspapers in the New England area. A recent graduate and former Journal editor, Jim Cronin, is getting his byline noticed across Boston as a general assignment writer for The Courant. Another recent grad, Brian Messenger, completed his semester-long internship with the Boston Globe’s Living/Arts section and now works for the Andover Townsman. On the current staff, one writer recently completed a summer internship with the Metro’s Sports section and another staffer, Tim Rosenthal, just finished a year long term with College Hockey News.

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Thank you,
The Suffolk Journal Staff
Iraqi government's suspicions of Blackwater USA well founded

Zack Beauchamp

Blackwater USA, a private security company, was ordered by the Iraqi government on Monday to cease operations. Iraq has revoked the license of the firm after eight civilians were killed during reprisal actions following an attempted car bomb attack against a State Department convoy, the Associated Press reported. Blackwater, while providing necessary security, has also been accused of being trigger-happy and overly secretive by analysts. It will take time for the facts to come out, but the Iraqi government has made a prudent decision by restraining the scope of contractors.

This company was founded in 1997 by ex-Navy SEAL Erik Prince, a fundamentalist Christian. The world's largest private security company, Blackwater's vision is "to support security, peace, freedom and democracy everywhere." To date, Blackwater has sealed $800 million in government contracts. It looks like we have some high rollers in our administration, Jeremy Scahill, investigative journalist and author of the book "Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army," says since 2003, Blackwater has held the high-profile job of guarding senior U.S. officials in Iraq. Though Sunday's incident is unclear, U.S. officials say there are no American casualties, but we would not know if anyone from Blackwater died, since their deaths are not counted in the total body count of U.S. troops.

This is not the first time private contractors have been held responsible for the deaths of innocent civilians. According to Monday's AP article, "Iraqis have long complained about high-profile, heavily armed security vehicles...with guards pointing weapons at civilians and sometimes firing Warning shots at anyone deemed too close." Their operations remain a mystery to the American public. Technically, there is no legal authority figure for the private contractors, so there have been many obscure incidents involving Blackwater contractors and Iraqis. The most notorious of them were the 2004 murders of four Blackwater contractors in Fallujah. The families of the contractors are now suing Blackwater after they refused to share information as to why they were killed. More than 20,000 of these private contractors augment the approximately 160,000 U.S. soldiers in Iraq, but their exact number is as much a mystery as some of their operations. One thing is certain: the dismal portrait of Iraq won't get any brighter as long as Blackwater's contracts with the U.S. government continue.

Iraq's decision to expel Blackwater is one that should serve as a warning to the contractor community.

'Very tough' on terrorism but light on details

In American politics, the Republican Party has significantly benefited from the widespread view that they are "tough on terrorism," a perception that persists despite the Bush administration's disastrous handling of the war in Iraq. As recently as November 2006, a Time magazine poll found that Republicans had a 10-point advantage on the question "Which party -- The Democrats or Republicans -- would do a better job of dealing with terrorism?" This disparity gives Republicans a potent political weapon, which 2008 hopefuls already seem to be attempting to cash in on. During a primary debate, Mitt Romney proposed doubling the size of Guantanamo Bay and the use of "enhanced interrogation techniques" when questioning detainees.

Fred Thompson ended his recent Iowa campaign stop with a speech emphasizing that "We are extremely important that we not show weakness ... we must send a message to the world that we understand terrorism is over, and it is not going to be a little more specific, so I repeated the search on Romney's site. He tried to explain some of these things in a recent Foreign Affairs article, but the actual policy proposals drew such harsh criticism (one Republican critic called the essay "badly written" and "unbelievably unserious" while another conservative who had previously supported Giuliani called him "insane" after reading the piece) that it seems unlikely that it will serve as the base of his foreign policy. So much for Giuliani.

However, it's possible that one of his competitors might look like. Curious, I decided to investigate further. I thought the best place to start would be the issues sections of the four top candidates' campaign Web sites, where they should have some written policy proposal or at least a link to a transcript of any major addresses they gave on the topic.

I began with Giuliani, whose perpetual focus on the War on Terror would logically lend itself to having a large section on counterterrorism policy. Sure enough, Giuliani's "Issues" page prominently displays the slogan "Winning the War on Terror," accompanied by a paragraph claiming that "America cannot afford to go back to the days of playing defense with inconsistent responses to terrorist attacks." This was interesting, but vague: if our past policy was inconsistent, what exactly would a "consistent" one look like? Following the Web site's prompting to inquire further about Giuliani's commitment to "staying on offense," I clicked the link below the short paragraph, and found no comprehensive policy statement, no clear formulation of how we should combat terrorism -- just a 35-second video in which he repeatedly says we should "stay on offense." And the closest line to a policy proposal is "we need a stronger military, not a weaker military; we need stronger intelligence services, not weaker intelligence services," with no explanation of how he would make either of these things come to pass.

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McCain's page, though it contains a 400-word essay on terrorism, never gets any more concrete than "John McCain will ensure that America has the quality intelligence necessary to uncover plots before they take root," which is wonderful in theory, but no more useful than "staying on offense" when not backed by policy proposals. Thompson has not given any addresses or published any papers during the campaign that even come close to proposing a comprehensive and definitive counterterrorism strategy.

Romney is an exception, having, like Giuliani, published an article in Foreign Affairs that, unlike Giuliani's piece, will likely serve as the basis for his foreign policy; however, it is simply an expanded and more flowery, but equally vacuous, version of his Web site.

This lack of specificity is understandable, but not justifiable. Given that global terrorism is one of the most important challenges for the next President, it is inexcusable that the Republicans define their foreign policy by truisms and meaningless rhetoric.

However, there is something valuable in this form of debate: it points out that the Republicans understand the threat presented by terrorism, but have no idea what to do about it. They seem to desire a "tough," "offensive" policy, and yet cannot seem to find any way to turn this into practice.

This failure becomes especially pronounced when one contrasts the Republican candidates with the three Democratic frontrunners, each of whom gave detailed and intelligent speeches on what their terrorism policy would look like.

So, to return to the initial question posed by the Time magazine poll quoted at the beginning of this column, "Which party -- The Democrats or Republicans -- would do a better job of dealing with terrorism?"
Powell shines light on projecting

Kristin Morrell
Journal Staff

Suffolk University's New England School of Art and Design presents its first exhibit for the fall 2007 school year, John Powell, The Ellipse Series. Powell uses a series of thirteen prints along with an illuminated light projection for his exhibit. His digital black and white prints used for this show are "manipulated abstract light projections" that he created in his own studio. To complement his body of works Powell uses lighting installation using the architectural details of the NESAD gallery space, and by using the lighting, he includes the audience as part of his exhibit.

"Powell sees light as more than just a means to light us spaces; it is a tool integral to accentuating the essence of an architectural space," according to the press release.

Over the course of his long career, Powell has worked with a large range of light based media such as fire and light projections, holography and a variety of underwater lighting and the lighting of buildings. Some of his works around Boston include three bridges on the Charles River the Lats Anderson Bridge, the Weeks Memorial footbridge and the Western Avenue Bridge. Powell has a MSVS from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is a founding member of the Reclamation Artists. He has also been commissioned for the Boston Public Library, Boston City Hall and First Night Boston.

Powell's digital prints look like abstract egg shaped designs that are made by the use of light projections. The imagery was distorted through a small lens with a large light source, by using a fisheye. The shapes of the digital prints almost look like they are moving because of their roundness and the ways that the colors change from darker to lighter. Because the prints are black and white, the black parts give the prints a depth to them. Some prints have more of depth to them than others and some prints are also more abstract and chaotic than others with different shapes intertwining, while some Powell keeps very simple with very few shapes and less movement.

"Powell uses the power of projected light to turn a space, such as an ordinary wall, into a canvas, where he can project colors and shapes to create art and a deeper meaning," said James Manning in the press release.

Powell ineludes the audience as part of his exhibit. His digital black and white prints almost look like they are on the ceiling, where to put the money. He asked if he should lick the bill and stick it to the attendee's forehead.

When a girl started talking on her cell phone during the show, Kelly got off the stage and took the phone from her. After a mysterious phone conversation with whoever was on the other end of the line, the girl received her phone back and the jokes continued.

Kelly performed on Dane Cook's "Bouquet" and can also be seen on shows such as "Last Call with Carson Daly" and "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn."
Falling onto the sofa: the fall television debuts

Alex Pearlman
Journal Staff

Like every other fall, all the major TV networks are ready this week to unleash a plethora of new shows onto their audiences. Averaging at five per network, the new shows are a combination of sure-to-be-Emmy winners and sure-to-be-cancelled nonsense. Thus, this is a compilation of what are sure to be the most talked about new shows of the season.

ABC

Private Practice
The Premise: Dr. Addison Montgomery, formerly of Seattle Grace Hospital and Grey's Anatomy, moves to southern California to pursue her medical career in her friends' new health center and hopefully move her emotional life past the drama of Drs. McDreamy and McSteamy.
Sure to be: An obvious rip-off of Grey's Anatomy, but with less surgical scenes, more insane leading ladies and more dramatic twists and turns.

Cavemen
The Premise: The lovable and laughable cavemen from the Geico car insurance commercials take on contemporary America and the trials and tribulations associated with being under-evolved.
Sure to be: Ridiculous.

CBS

Big Bang Theory
The Premise: A really hot blonde girl moves across the hall from two extremely geeky guys and they become great friends because (surprise!) she's a nerd too.
Sure to be: A loveable new sitcom about neighbors, the likes of which haven't been seen since the glory days of Friends and Will and Grace.

FOX

Back to You
The Premise: Ten years ago, two newscasters had it all: the perfect news program and the perfect working relationship - until it all fell apart. Now reunited, they must work through their differences to once again get the ratings they want.
Sure to be: A familiar and successful sitcom starring Kelsey Grammer and Patricia Heaton for the over 30 demographic (and their kids) who made Fraiser and Everybody Loves Raymond the successful shows they were.

New Amsterdam
The Premise: NYPD's hottest detective knows New York really well - because he's been around since it was a colony. He's cool, he's immortal, and he fights crime.
Sure to be: Interesting.

NBC

Bionic Woman
The Premise: A woman gets into a life-threatening accident and is forced to get a secret kind of surgery that makes her into a half-robot to survive - and now she can kill bad guys.
Sure to be: A modern take on the vintage classic The Six Million Dollar Man.

Lipstick Jungle
The Premise: Three successful New York women discuss their dating habits, the problems with men, and the business of being a woman in a man's business world.
Sure to be: A lot like Sex and the City, as the book was also written by Candace Bushnell, but with less sex and more city.

Staff sounds

Cormega-The Testament
"Unbelievably underrated, lyrically he's like Penny before the injury."
Janssen McCormick

MuteMath-MuteMath
"They're new and I don't think anyone sounds like them. And their drummer is amazing."
Rosa Mendoza

George Benson-Cookbook
"Benson is virtuosic on guitar and it has a nice upbeat sound."
Cody Moskovitz

Bon Jovi-Lost Highway
"Classic band, just wanted to see what they've got lately and it's a solid album"
Tim Rosenthal

Foo Fighters-The Colour and the Shape
"The Foo Fighters are awesome and I'm excited about the new album."
Kristin Morrell
Kevin Drew has a new scene

Jeffery Vachon
Journal Contributor

Kevin Drew may seem a rather unassuming character, but the Broken Social Scene front-man is swiftly taking over the music industry.

From the band's conception in 2001 with their ambient, instrument-aliubt adrift Ethereal Lost, Broken Social Scene has grown musically, as well as physically. On the first album, their roster included Kevin Drew and Brendan Canning, but soon began to grow in size in an effort to improve their live performances. They called upon fellow Canadian indie rockers K-os and Ian Ciddor from Apostle of Hustle, Metric's Emily Haines, and Leslie Feist. The band has since grown to include members of Stars, The Weakerthans, Do Make Say Think, and Ksawเนw "k-oats" Breton, just to name a few. Broken Social Scene is not merely a band, they are a self-contained, all inclusive society.

Though it is a rarity to see the band with it's full fifteen member line-up, it is nearly unavoidable to see a Canadian act that hasn't somehow contributed to Broken Social Scene in some small way. Kevin Drew has created a monster; and now he is going out on his own...sort of.

The first show on the 'Broken Social Scene Plays Kevin Drew Spirit If... ' tour in promotion of Drew's solo debut took place on August 28th at T.T. the Bear's in Cambridge. Ninety-five percent of the set was Drew's new album, played by seven members of Broken Social Scene. The show was electrifying; the type of night that reminds you why you love going to concerts in the first place.

There's always a certain vibe when you see a band do something new, and it's always great to see a crowd excited to hear almost exclusively new songs, but Drew and company rocked the tiny club for nearly two hours.

The band closed with "Lover's Split" and "Major Label Debut", two premier tracks from Broken Social Scene's repertoire that left the crowd with a taste of sweet satisfaction.

As for the contents of Kevin Drew's album, there are nothing but good things to say. The album starts off with "Farwell to the Pressure Kids" which Drew announced as the first single. "Spirit If..." is slated to be released this week.

Broken Social Scene will appear at the Paradise on November 13th.

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Student talent highlighted in Suffolk 'Oscars'

Ben Paulin
Journal Staff

It might not quite be the Emmys, but Suffolk has its own version of a red carpet affair in the works, that won't be host­ed by Ryan Seacrest. It's Ramfest the Suffolk Media Showcase.

Media Professor Nina Huntemann said, "I'd love it for it to be a semi-formal/formal event, it's like our version of the Oscars." By using video and photography, participants have a chance to see their work shown in an open forum. "The idea of it is to give our students the opportunity to publicly dis­play their work," Huntemann said.

Undergraduate students of all majors, including those who have recently graduated, can enter into several film and photography categories including short films, video news features, short news videos, commercials, public service addresses, photo essays and more.

The purpose of the event is for students to be able to see what their fellow peers are accomplishing. "As students work on material in their classes, the only people who can see their work are the students in the class and their teacher. This puts their work in a more public forum so our students' creativity can be seen outside of the classroom," said Huntemann.

The submitted works will be judged by professors and field professionals who will then show the winning pieces at an award ceremony where winning applicants will be pre­sented. "We're going to come up with some sort of statue, in addition to other prizes. We haven't designed it yet," Huntemann told the Journal.

By having professional photographers and videographers they will help judge the competition. "We want our students to get exposure outside of school, [But] since it's the first year we're going to keep our hopes reasonable," said Huntemann.

The contest is being put on by the Department of Communications and Journalism and by Professor Madinoni-Gerber, Professor Huntemann and Dr. Rosenthal. "A little healthy competition never hurts anyone," said Huntemann.

This glamorous gala will happen on April 17th in the C. Walsh Theatre. All are welcome, "[so] we want people to fill the theatre," said Huntemann. After the ceremony there will be a reception in the Donahue Building lobby with food and drinks.

The piece entered must be done in conjunction with Suffolk or must have been done by use of Suffolk equip­ment. Those thinking about entering should be ready to sub­mit their work around spring break.

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Upcoming Film

"Eastern Promises"
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Ian Griffin
Wednesday 9/19

If you're looking for that one last summer hurrah before fall blows in, then don your summer best and bring your friends to The Common Grounds Coffee House Presents Karaoke Night-Karaoke Beach Party, brought to you by the Performing Arts Office and co-sponsored by Program Council, this event is sure to be a hit. Spend the evening hanging out with friends and meeting new people, while singing to your hearts content. This event begins at 7pm in the Donahue Café. For more information call (617)-305-6507 or e-mail the Performing Arts Office at performingarts@suffolk.edu. This event is open to everyone, so get ready for a rockin' good time!

Tonight the creators of the "O.C." bring you the hottest new show based on the New York Times best selling book series, Gossip Girl. Written by Author Cecily Von Ziegesar, the book series chronicles the lives of some of New York's hottest Upper East Side teenagers. It takes you into the world of secrets and betrayal, where friends become enemies and no one can be trusted. The show, which is set to air at 9/8c, brings the characters to life and is full of sexiness and seduction, just what every girl, or guy, has ever wanted. For more information go to http://cwtv.com.

Like most college students, you're probably looking to save money and in this day and age, saving money does not mean skimping out on fun. Thursday nights from 5-9pm are free at the Institute of Contemporary Art for anyone, not just college kids. Located at 200 Northern Ave, Boston, you can go and enjoy such exhibits as Bourgeois in Boston which is an exhibit that features sculptures, prints and drawings from the artist Louise Bourgeois. For more information on this and other events along with directions, log on to http://www.icaboston.org/.

Thursday 9/20

If you're looking for a good time at one of Boston's hottest night spots, with one of the hottest new bands, then you don't want to miss Suffolk's first school sponsored concert. Head over to the Roxy (located at 279 Tremont Street) and check out Ae Gym Class Heroes with The Klaxons featuring the Mystery Jets. The Klaxons are London Based band the best and bring your friends to TTie Common Cafe. For more information call 617-723-2500 or log onto www.mos.org.

Friday 9/21

Are you looking to hear some sweet tunes to liven up your Sunday night? Then head over to the Paradise Rock Club/Lounge located at 967 Boylston St., Boston. For more information check out www.collegefest.com.

Saturday 9/22

Today at noon kicks off CollegeFest 2007. An event specifically for college students, entertainers such as rapper Fabulous and rock band We Are The Fury will be performing among many others. Sweet prizes will be given away, along with a bouquet of free stuff available from dozens of companies including H&M and Bank of America. Free food and samples will also be available. What more could a college student ask for? Don't forget to bring a student ID and an empty stomach. Tickets are $10. This event is located at the Hynes Convention Center 900 Boylston St., Boston. For more information, check out www.collegefest.com.

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Today is one of those days when you desperately need a change of pace. Whether you are looking to meet new people, and enjoy helping the environment, then join your fellow first year students to help clean up the Esplanade. Help your community by keeping it clean! Fresh air and fun will be had by all. Volunteers are asked to meet in the Donahue lobby at 9:30am. For more information contact S.O.U.L.S at souls@suffolk.edu.

Tuesday 9/24

The title says it all. 'Shear Madness' is an interactive, side-splitting murder mystery play set in (of all places) a hair salon. Now in its 25th year, this play is sure to please the entire audience. The Charles Playhouse: Stage II is conveniently located near Emerson College, making spontaneity and hilarity a short trip from Suffolk University. Although tickets are $40, the College Rush price of $20 is available one hour before the doors open, depending on availability. This event is at 8pm. 174 Warren St. Boston, MA. (617) 426-5225. For more information go online to www.shearmadness.com.

Whoever has not heard of Peter Jankovic has been missing out. Ever since the age of eight Jankovic has played guitar and studied music. Receiving degrees from the Music Academy in Belgrade as well as numerous medals from the National Music Competition, Jankovic is more than a Cheesy trivia wheel. Other festivities include caricature sketches, raffles, prizes and local entertainment. And for those with a pallet for bar food there will be a "Norm's Burger" eating contest. Cheers at 84 Beacon Street, Boston. For more information call 617-227-9600 or go to www.cheersboston.com.

Sunday 9/23

Are you looking to hear some sweet tunes to liven up your Sunday night? Then head over to the Paradise Rock Club/Lounge located at 967 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston MA. Grab your friends and rock out to London Based band the Klaxons featuring the Mystery Jets. The Klaxons may be a rock group, but they've been influenced by dance music, making for a show you don't want to miss. Doors start at 9pm, the show begins at 10pm. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.livenation.com.

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Coach McConnell inducted into Medina County Hall of Fame

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In an induction ceremony held recently, baseball head coach Cary McConnell was inducted into the Medina County Hall of Fame in Ohio.

"It brought back good memories," said McConnell. "It brought back memories from my high school days."

McConnell never really considered the award, even when he graduated from the College of Wooster (Wooster, Ohio).

"I had not given any thought about it," McConnell said about his recent accomplishment. "To be inducted with a group of athletes was an honor. It was good to be inducted."

One of the key people in the selection process, Albert Grindle of the Medina County Gazette, had some information about some of McConnell's accomplishment.

"He (McConnell) was the Medina County MVP in 1985," said Grindle.

Grindle pointed out. "That year he batted .548 which is still a school record; he was a first team All-Ohio player."

He pitched some, but shortstop was his main position." Besides baseball, McConnell was a guard in basketball for his high school team.

"He is considered to be one of the top five or ten players in the history of the county," Grindle said. Grindle also gave out some key factors about the selection process of the committee.

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McConnell seemed pleased with the award, but he does not rank any one moment significant than another.

"It's an accomplishment," McConnell pointed out. "I am not a big award guy. It's a nice award, I appreciate it, but the plaque will probably be in a drawer eventually."

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Looking ahead at women's soccer

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Sports Opinion: Summer of '07 memorable

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Although it has now come to a close, the summer of 2007 was witness to some incredible sports story lines.

From record-breaking performances such as those by Barry Bonds and Roger Federer, to A-Rod's unconscious level of play, to the arrival of David Beckham and of course, Posh Spice in America, and finally to the tragic passing of a legend, all of us were witness to a highly intriguing summer of sports.

Well, he finally did it. Barry Bonds has now surpassed Hank Aaron as Major League Baseball's all time home run king.

Now while most people are not surprised at Bonds necessarily breaking the mark of 755 career bombs, it is a wonder how he has maintained focus on baseball, while dealing with the pressures of the record, his steroid allegations and a full slate of horrific Public Relations.

Other stars who are significantly easier to root for are the likes of Mr. A-Rod (much to the chagrin of Bostonians) or the Swiss Roger Federer.

Yes, Rodriguez makes a boat-load of money and has all kinds of critiques constantly giving him a bad rep, but over all, this guy is the real deal and he is proving it with another record-breaking season this year.

No. 13 has to be the MVP. You can't argue with the numbers. 50-plus home runs, 140 RBIs and counting, an average consistently over .300 and scoring 130-plus runs, an almost all-around legend, all of us were witness to a highly intriguing summer of sports.

It certainly has been a crazy few months, but now we say goodbye to summer, and really to the recent run of sports events.

Enjoy it, we are all witness to the greatest male tennis player to ever grip a racquet.

In the category of really rich, good looking people, European soccer star David Beckham and his lovely wife Victoria "Posh" Spice arrived in America in July when Mr. Beckham signed a healthy 5 year, roughly 250 million dollar deal with the LA Galaxy of the MLS.

Besides his reality show, his countless television and radio appearances and product endorsements, Beckham does occasionally play soccer, three game appearances thus far (after returning from an injury) with zero points for a 4-12-5 team.

It now appears, at least for the time being, that Beckham is probably not the solution to the overall lack of enthusiasm for soccer in America as no drastic increases have occurred in MLS viewership or general interest during the summer.

Long time professional wrestler Chris Benoit also made headlines this summer but for all the wrong reasons. "The Canadian Crippler," as he was known, was found dead, along with his wife and 7 year old son in their Georgia home on June 25th.

It was later discovered that Benoit had suffocated his wife and child before hanging himself. Benoit, a wrestling legend for over 20 years as a pro, was found to have steroids on his body. It has now appeared that Benoit was also suffering from depression and mild mental illness.

So considering that summer has come to a close, what story lines can we anticipate for the upcoming fall and winter months?

In Boston, all eyes are on pro sports. How far can the Sox advance through the playoffs and do they have what it takes to capture another World Series title?

With some huge off season acquisitions including all-stars Ray Allen and "The Big Ticket" Kevin Garnett, the Celtics will look to bounce back from an abysmal 24-58 campaign from last year and make some noise in the traditionally weak NBA Eastern Conference.

While the Celts have all the established, big name players, the Patriots will look to utilize their young talent and play consistent hockey to try and stay competitive with the elite teams of the Northeast division and Eastern Conference.

Finally, the question that is on every sports fan's mind in Boston, "can Randy Moss keep his mind on football long enough to make a serious push at the Lombardi trophy?"

If week one is any indication, this Pats team is unquestionably a favorite to represent the AFC in the big game in February.

Brady has more weapons on offense than he could ever dream of and although it is very early in the season, it has been "so far, so very very good" for this year's Patriots.

Looking back, these summer sports story lines certainly made for good media coverage and kept things interesting during the break.

I must have been so caught up in this article; I nearly failed to mention Spaniard, Alberto Contador. Who's this guy you are asking? He is only the first non-American to win the Tour de France in the last 9 years. It certainly has been a crazy few months, but now we say farewell to another fun summer of sun and sports for 2007 and look forward to more intriguing stories throughout the year.
Tremont outslugs Miller in dodgeball marathon

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In a weekend full of heated Boston sports rivalries, the city's biggest dodgeball match took place not at Fenway Park or in Foxboro, but at Suffolk's own Ridgeway gym this past Friday night.

In an event that featured the intensity of a Patriots vs. Chargers match-up and more suspense than a Red Sox-Yankees game, Miller Hall took on 150 Tremont in a dodgeball series for the ages.

Current grad student and former Tremont RA Mike Conte organized the game, set everything up, and made sure the whole event ran as smoothly as possible.

Last year’s dodgeball event featured resident students, but this year’s featured rivalries, the city’s biggest grudge match. Tremont and Miller took an early lead and never gave the competition between the dorms, Conte said this year’s edition was designed to help resident students meet new people.

“We wanted to try and build friendly competition between the dorms," Conte said, adding that one of the major resident complaints was not knowing many people from other buildings.

The game was set up in what has become standard dodgeball format: if a player gets hit with the ball, he or she is out. If the ball is caught, then the person who threw it is eliminated, and the team that caught it regains a player who was out.

Heading across the line serving as the barrier between the two teams.

Each game lasted eight minutes, or until all players on a team were eliminated, whichever came first. Players filtered in from class throughout the evening, meaning the number of players on each team changed from game to game. For most of the games, each team had 12-14 players, as the sides were kept as even as possible.

Right from the get-go in the first game, the ball players and "Dodgerball" movie quotes were flying. Tremont jumped out to an early lead with a lot of great catches, and led the game 11 players to 2 with 6 minutes to go. At this point, Miller made a valiant comeback, and took the lead at 5.4 with 3:13 left to go.

The rest of the game played out like a chess match, with neither team making many risky throws with such little time left. A few eliminations later, time was up and Miller took game one, 3-2.

The second game started off slowly, but Tremont went on a quick tear and took control, leading the game 13.1 with 5.55 to go. The merciful end came only a few seconds later for the lone Miller player, as Tremont took the lead at 5-3.

Tremont's fighting spirit remained strong after two straight defeats, as they rallied to win the next three games, 9-1, 11-0 and 11-0. After nine games, the two teams were clearly very well matched, as most of the matches were exciting, back and forth struggles. Tremont was able to get itself a slim lead however, and led by one going into game 10.

Finding itself trailing for the first time in the series, Miller was able to bounce back with a win, led by great catches by Ciccone and Allison. They finished Tremont off with 1:18 to go, winning the game 7-0.

After 10 games, the two teams were right back where they started, tied up at five games a side.

It was gut check time, and the boys from Tremont stepped up to the plate. They took game 11 with a 7-0 win at the buzzer, and followed that up with a 5-2 victory in game 12, led by great catches from many different members of the team.

With these two wins, Tremont had a firm grasp on the series, and on dodgeball bragging rights for all of Beacon Hill.

Game 15 turned out to be anything but unlucky for the team from Somerset Street, as they showed they weren't ready to throw in the towel yet and go down without a fight to a 9-0 victory heading into the final game.

Heading into the final game, Miller needed a win to even the series and force a winner-take-all game, while Tremont needed to secure the series with an eighth victory.

Miller jumped out to an early lead at 11-9 with six minutes to go, but a couple of catches and some sharp throws later, Tremont climbed into the lead, and never looked back.

The game and series ended with 3:25 to go, as Tremont held on to their lead and, for the time being, was crowned the best dodgeball playing dorm at Suffolk.

After the games, the players had nothing but good things to say about the event. "I would recommend to everyone to play in the future," said Charlie Ciccone, adding that "there should be at least one program like this every week.

Sophomore Kevin Finnigan added that the game was "a lot of fun." As for the event overall, Mike Conte said that the event went "really well," adding that the large turnout on a Friday afternoon was "a testament to people wanting to get out and do stuff as a community.

Freshman Nick Velica loved the intensity of the game, saying "I loved how intense the game got. I didn’t expect it to get as competitive as it did. When everyone wants to play, it makes it a lot of fun." Velica added that, overall, the event was "definitely a success."

Drew Allison added that "the goal is to get people together and promote healthy competition, and it definitely succeeded." For anyone who missed this great event, Conte said that there was a definite possibility of similar events in the next couple of months.

He also urged people to get out and get involved in other Suffolk events around campus, saying that there is "stuff for everyone."

Allison added that "we’re hoping to set [a dodgeball] date up. I keep it going up, and maybe do one game a month," depending on the interest level of the students.

For anyone with Suffolk sports fans interested in playing in the next game, watch and keep your eyes open for flyers or ads around the school.