Lecture objects to use of Native American imagery at sporting events

Lauren Gondert
Journal Contributor

A lecture held in honor of Native American History Month led by Steve McAllister and Jeff Falcusan, both graduates of Central Michigan University, both in opposition of Native American mascots, took place on Nov. 8. It was entitled "Native American Mascots in College Sports," and discussed the issues and controversy surrounding the use of Native American images and memorabilia in a disrespectful way.

McAllister and Falcusan, self-proclaimed "white guys," who have no experience or degrees relating to Native American studies (McAllister is the Assistant Director of Student Development and Activities at The New School in New York and Falcusan is a Policy Analyst for the National Association for Housing and Redevelopment Officials) recount their experiences of challenging the use of the mascot of Central Michigan, The Chippewas.

"We thought it would be good to talk about Native American mascots because it is a really big issue among colleges and universities," said Jacinda Felix, the person responsible for bringing McAllister and Falcusan here.

"The Office of Diversity Services normally does one event for Native American Heritage Month. We have done many different events in the past, [and] we try to change it up and make it different every year.

"All of us know of a high school, college, or professional sports team that has a Native American as their mascot," McAllister explained. "So why do schools choose to have Native Americans as their mascot?" The audience came up with several answers. According to those in attendance, these mascots "give schools something to rally behind," they represent strength, "they are easy to portray," and "they represent mythical qualities" were among the responses.

According to Falcusan, Central Michigan's use of the Chippewas started in 1941, when the then football coach wanted a mascot that would "strike fear into its opponent's hearts!" better than The Beavers.' Michigan's previous name. "Student Council saw an opportunity to exploit the stereotypes [given to Native Americans] and the stigma surrounding them when they chose to [agree with the football coach and] use the Chippewas as a mascot," Falcusan.

"People are saying the names were taken in support of Native Americans," said Falcusan. "But the mascots are doing dances that are culturally inaccurate at the 50 yard line. You can't divorce the origins of the nickname from the consequences of the name."

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Lecturer

According to McAllister, the hard part about changing the Michigan mascot was the fact that the students did not have much say in the matter. "I went to the Board of Trustees in 2000," McAllister explained. "And asked if the student body voted to change the nickname, would it be changed?" The Board said 'No.' When did the power over students to the Board of Trustees?

Falcusan added, "We were called the Political Correctness Police. The major argument given to us was that were political correctness gone away?"

Many of McAllister's peers argued that he couldn't speak for the Chippewas, since he wasn't one of them. "In the history of the civil right movement, not one [minority] group hasn't needed someone from the group of oppressors to represent them," McAllister argued. "There have been tens of thousands of signatures from Native Americans saying they wanted the name changed."

In 2003, at a Central Michigan football game, students wore war paint and headdresses. They are mocking a culture," said McAllister. "No matter what you do, you can't separate the history of something from its image."

Even after all of McAllister and Falcusan's efforts, the Chippewa mascot remains. "We didn't succeed in doing what we wanted to do," explained Falcusan. "The torch going because it takes 10, 20, even 30 years to change something," noted Falcusan. "You are only at the school for four years; the university can wait you out."

S.O.U.L.S. canned food drive begins

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Journal Contributor

Do you ever take a moment out of your busy day to think about the clothes you wear, the food you eat or the fact you have a warm place to sleep? Though these are necessities to most, in this country and in the city of Boston alone it is a luxury. Think about the man in the Commons asking for change or the man in need of food on your street corner. November is Homelessness Awareness Month and S.O.U.L.S. is participating with a variety of activities to get students thinking about homelessness, such as a canned food drive.

According to Jonathan Paton, Service Scholar, the group's initiative is to reach out to organizations within the Boston area. "Getting the message out there, that it is an important issue. Students shouldn't take it lightly; we live in a city with well over 6,000 homeless people, that's including adults, children, male and female and to be aware of our surroundings" said Paton. Cans are being collected for the Friends of Boston's Homeless, Neighborhood Action, The Paulist Center, The New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans, and On the Rise shelters.

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Police Blotter Highlights

November 12th-
No reported activity.

November 11th-
A resident from 10 Somerset reported of a larceny of his I.D. 13:42
Reports odor of marijuana on the 3rd floor of
150 Tremont St. 23:51

November 10th-
Unit 74 responded to a medical report. 1:01
Units 51, 66, 37 responded to 75 Arlington St. (NESAD) for a medical assist. BPD & EMS were notified. 11:15
Unit 36 confiscated pepperspray from resident of 150 Tremont. 19:27

November 9th-
Informed by MBTA Police that two Suffolk students were followed by a man with a gun from North Quincy Station to Park St. Station. 9:23
Unit 29 responded to Donahue 5th floor Student Activities Office for a vandalism report. 12:17

November 8th-
Received a student infraction report. 9:28
Received a graffiti report. 15:10
150 Tremont unit 31 responded to a medical report. 21:37
Unit 31 confiscated alcohol 150 Tremont St. 22:57

November 7th-
No reported activity.

November 6th-
Reports of a student being assaulted on Tremont St (11/2). 11:36
Report of a Medical Assist, unit 37 & 41 responding to the Ridgeway building. EMS notified. 17:05
Reports of a medical assist. C. Walsh Theater. Unit 37 responding. EMS notified. 22:03

Israeli Consul General to New England Nadav Tamir spoke to Suffolk students at a lecture on Wednesday, Nov. 2, covering issues concerning Israel's role in the Middle East.

Tamir's lecture, "Recent Developments in the Middle East: an Israeli Perspective," focused on Israel's current state of affairs and offered solutions to some of the conflicts. "Israel's economy is booming, [in] the age of globalization, and free economy. Business can be done without the need of politicians. This has changed how DEBATE from page 1 different region so it will offer a whole set of different teams to compete against," he said.

The participating teams are scored on a scale of one to ten; one being the worst, ten being perfect. "Lawyers and witnesses are judged on their performance services. The mock trials operate just like regular trials. Two judges, usually lawyers, score every participant in the mock trials. Teams are allowed to bring their own judges to the competitions but are not allowed to judge the team they came with. In some of the larger competitions, participations appeal to a jury but the recent competition at Brandeis University did not involve a jury; the mock participations pleaded their cases to a judge.

Participation in mock trial involves much more than memorization of affidavits and preparing closing statements. "There is a lot of acting involved," Nye said, "about the performance of mock trial members as witnesses especially are required to act their testimony.

Because of the acting nature of the competition, Suffolk University's Mock Trial Team is trying to appeal to more theater majors, according to Nye. While many of Suffolk's participants are government majors, there are several communication majors on the team as well. The team is comprised of only freshmen and sophomores but since mock trial is not involved in their curricula.

Many members of the mock trial team plan on attending law school. According to Nye, he and several team members were able to get summer law internships. "We were able to get internships with the Boston Lawyers Group through contacts we made while participating in mock trial," he said.

Seven coaches assist the mock trial team in their preparations. Three coaches are from the public and private law sectors, two are undergraduate law professors, and two are professors from the law school.

"The governments are being built in Israel," Tamir said.
"Tamar was born in Kibbutz Maran, located in Northern Israel. Tamir attended Hebrew University in Jerusalem and received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Political Science. In 2004 Tamir earned his masters in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

"Tamar spoke on the fears that plague Israelis, one of which is Israel's role in the region. "Everywhere you look Iran has a part in everything, they are supporters of terrorist groups," said Tamir.

"Israel's history plays a part in the conflict according to Tamir. "Because of our history, people tend to think that strong military solves the problem," he said. "The real solution is [a] strong diplomatic arm in the decision making process."

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"S.O.U.LS. Events for the Month of November Month long collections on campus- canned food, toiletries, warm clothing drive. Photo representation by the homeless. Displayed throughout the month on Donahue 4th floor photo gallery.

Nov. 15. Oxfam Hunger Banquet. Role playing luncheon from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Donahue 403. Admission fee is $1 or canned food item for the S.O.U.LS. drive.

Nov. 19. Traditional Thanksgiving dinner with Suffolk's international students. Open to entire Suffolk community located in the Donahue cafe from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission fee of $1 or a canned food item for the S.O.U.LS. drive.

Nov. 15 and 29. Supper Clubs are serving meals at the Paulist Center and Neighborhood Action Food pantry. All are welcome to attend. The group will meet in the S.O.U.LS. office and travel to the site as a group at 4:45 to 7 p.m.
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Tuesdays at 1pm
Let them play: why Native American mascots should be a non-issue

This month is Native American Heritage Month. But are Native American tribes really getting their respect? At least in one area they think they are not and that is with sports teams using Native American mascot names such as the Florida State Seminoles and Cleveland Indians. On the professional level there is no current controversy, but for some colleges around the country the fight has gone to the NCAA as well as state government.

Right now there is a battle between the University of North Dakota (whose nickname is the Fighting Sioux) and the Sioux tribe from North Dakota. That battle has been going on for years now and finally has to end within the next three years. That is because the NCAA ruled that North Dakota has to get permission from the Sioux tribe to use their nickname. If that doesn’t happen, than the Fighting Sioux will have to change their team nickname. The logic is that the Florida State Seminoles have permission from the tribe, so why not other universities?

It doesn’t just start with North Dakota though. A few years ago the NCAA ruled that schools with Native American nicknames will be banned from post-season play. So what happens if the Central Michigan Chippewas make the NCAA tournament? What would they be called, the Central Michigan Bears (or the school’s nickname until 1941), or would they just be called Central Michigan? Some schools were willing to change their nickname before this whole fiasco began. Take, for instance the Carolina Hurricanes. Their new nickname is the Carolina Hurricanes (is there really such a bird?). Another school that has changed from a Native American nickname is Syracuse University, who went from the Saltine Wafers to the Oranges to the Orange. That to me is the most embarrassing move of them all, going from a controversial nickname to a fruit for color. St. John’s University also changed its name from Redmen to Red Storm. Have you seen a red storm? What values does that stand for?

Well, let’s just say it means nothing. The fact that Native American tribes that still exist today are upset that universities are “mocking” their culture is not even a legitimate argument. Aren’t team nicknames supposed to be a way of keeping a team’s identity? And doesn’t that Red Storm look like a team nickname? Did Native Americans fight to defend their lands, in many cases against all odds? Isn’t that a noble concept to endorse in a team name? And schools like Syracuse have been degraded to the name of a fruit, color, or whatever you want to call it, in order to be inoffensive. Hey, how about that Fighting Orange? Or doesn’t that Red Storm look fearless? Those are names I would be proud of if I played at Syracuse or St. John’s.

Nevertheless, some schools like Florida State have been able to keep their nickname because of an agreement with a tribe. Do they really have to do that? What is the matter with the states, NCAA or the Native American Tribes? These people have made an issue that should not be important into one of the most controversial issues in collegiate sports.

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Shrapnel Preview

Written and Directed by Wesley Savick, Shrapnel opens this weekend in the studio theatre. It is inspired by the writings of James Hillman, Chris Hedges and Lawrence LeShan. Savick explores the nature of war in a theatrical approach that includes mythology, live music and personal accounts to explore the war around us.

When: Nov 15-18
Where: Studio Theatre
41 Temple St.
How: Get Tickets

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Opening this Thursday
Jeffrey Vachon  
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Control is worth watching

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Not much is known about Ian Curtis other than his life in Joy Division, the post-punk band out of Manchester, England. The film *Control* is an attempt to provide an insight to his life, beginning when Curtis and his wife, Deborah, met to the time of his tragic suicide. Directed by acclaimed music photographer Anton Corbijn, known for shooting Joy Division in 1980 and later directing the video for “Astramophone” in 1983, Corbijn portrays Curtis as an executive producer and a screen play solely based on her book *Tracing From a Distance: Ian Curtis and Joy Division* (Faber & Faber, 1996). Corbijn could not have been put together more accurately to fact.

Tony Wilson, Factory Records founder, band promoter, and all around pinnacle musician, and is at least accurate to the life of Ian Curtis. Control is currently playing at the Kendal Square Cinema in Cambridge, MA.

For Next Week

Jeff Vachon reviews the new album from El Presidente

Nicole Sharaf  
Journal Contributor

If you're looking to expand your horizons, singer-songwriter Matt White might just be what you're looking for. His new album *Best Days* (Geffen 2007) presents a version of pop that is all acoustic. White's songs are about discovery - that following your heart and living in the moment is the right way to go. In this album, the songs portray bits and pieces of meaningful moments shared among his family and friends.

White was born in Englewood, New Jersey, but spent most of his time getting to know the streets of New York City. While growing up at home, White learned to play the piano and later learned the guitar. He attended the University of Wisconsin where he discovered that playing live for people is his true passion in life. Since then, White has traveled around the country playing for anyone who will listen.

The most popular song on this album is the title track, "Best Days." The song really expresses White's pain and pleasures of growing up. This song is about a reaction to the death of an epileptic girl who knew who died from a fit. Epilepsy tortured Curtis every day. He had fits on stage, his medication never helped him, and his problems with epilepsy were a leading cause of his depression. Another was his internal conflict over his love for his wife and love for his mistress, Honore, that is shown to be the subject of the song "Isolation." "Mother I tried please believe me I'm doing the best that I can I'm ashamed of the things I've put through I'm ashamed of the person I am."

Another song on the album, "Love" has a catchy tune and heartfelt message that brings his many emotions alive. With lyrics like "What is love? What is love? I just want it to be love," it's easy for the listener to relate to the song. His songs are a diary of his relationships and this song proves that to be true. This track is more personal and Mellow that the other songs on the album. White writes this song as if it was a poem and incorporates his true feelings to reach the listener.

Now entering the world of Billboard charts, White's video "Best Days" is now showing on VH1 and MTV.
Wednesday

11/14

Do you have an opinion about legalizing gambling in Massachusetts? Do you want to hear more about it? Come to Donahue 403 today for the S.O.U.L.S. event: Food for Thought: Jackpot? at 1 p.m. Free pizza will be served. To R.S.V.P. email S.O.U.L.S. at souls@suffolk.edu, or stop by their office in Donahue 209.

If you love board games, then head over to the Living Room (101 Atlantic Ave Boston, MA) in the North End for board game night. You can grab your friends for some appetizers and drinks and enjoy playing any of their new and classic board games. Enjoy food and drinks and play some games or just hang out! For more information you can log on to http://www.theflyingroomboston.com/.

Thursday

11/15

If you are looking to do something good in the community, join S.O.U.L.S. today as they help the homeless at the Paulist Center and Neighborhood Action Food Pantry. Everyone is welcome to attend and will leave as a group from the S.O.U.L.S. office (Donahue 209) at 4 p.m. For more information, visit the S.O.U.L.S. office.

If you love to ski and snowboard, then head to the Ski and Snowboard Expo at the Bayside Expo Center (200 Mount Vernon Street Columbia Point Boston, MA 02125) tonight from 4-10 p.m. You can check out exhibitors from resorts near and far and see all the latest in winter sports gear. Admission is $10. For additional information log on to http://www.onthesnow.com/ots/images/be w/966686545687546262.png.

Friday

11/16

This is just a reminder that all Tuesday classes that meet at 4 p.m. or later will meet today to make up for the Veteran's Day holiday. This make-up does not apply to students in Sawyer Business School undergraduate business classes.

Come celebrate the winter season and go ice skating on the Boston Common Frog Pond ice skating rink. Grab your friends or that special someone and get ready for a night of fun. Skate rentals are $8 and admission is $4. The rink is open from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. For more information log on to http://www.bostoncommonfrog­pond.org/index.htm.

Saturday

11/17

Come to the Museum of Fine Arts today during their two week festival celebrating the films of Iran. Shorts, documentaries, and feature films by acclaimed directors from Iran, one of the most important artistic cinemas in the world, will be shown. The cost is $8

$10 per viewing. Visit www.mfa.org for more information.

Want to learn how to entertain like Jacqueline Kennedy? Come to the JFK Library today to see Kennedy’s gloves, handwritten notes and table settings from her stay in the White House at the exhibit Jacqueline Kennedy Entertains: The Art of the White House Dinner. The cost is included in admission, which is only $8 for college students with a student ID. For more information log on to http://www.jfklibrary.org/.

Sunday

11/18

Want to add a little mystery to your life? Come and see the best comedy show of the year in Boston, Shear Madness. Watch as a wacky murder is committed and as a part of the audience, get to help solve the crime. Bring your Suffolk ID and receive discounted college student tickets for $20. Shows begin at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at 74 Warren St Boston, MA 02116. Call 617-426-5225 74 or visit shearmadness.com for more details.

Governor Deval Patrick comes to Suffolk University today! The Black Law Students Association and Omega Psi Phi fraternity will hold their annual scholarship luncheon with Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick as the keynote speaker. The luncheon will take place in the First Floor Function Room of the law school from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information contact Lou Brum, the Law School Student Activities Coordinator or log on to http://www.suffolk.edu/24712.html.

Monday

11/19

Come celebrate Thanksgiving a few days early with Suffolk’s international students. Tonight in the Donahue Cafe at 6 p.m. you can enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. This event is open to all Suffolk students and admission is a $1 donation or a canned good for the S.O.U.L.S. canned food drive. For more information you can check out Campus Cruiser.

If you are looking to hear some great tunes, head over to the Paradise Rock Club tonight at 7 p.m. to hear the band VHS or Beta. This indie rock band is sure to be a hit! For more information on the band, check out their MySpace at http://www.myspace.com/vhsorbeta. To purchase tickets, log on to http://www.thediese.com/rockclub/index.ht ml. This show is 18+.

Tuesday

11/20

Today you can enjoy Thanksgiving dinner to go! If you are living off campus and heading home, you can enjoy a free meal and head home with a full stomach. There will be a limited supply of boxed lunches on a first come, first serve basis in the Donahue, NESAD and Sawyer building beginning around 10 a.m. For more information you can email ocho@suffolk.edu. This event is co-sponsored by Retention Services, Student Activities & Service Learning and Commuter Student Association.

If you have a love of animals, head over to The Harvard Club of Boston (374 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston) tonight from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and join the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) at their Wines and Portos of Portugal Tasting party with 100 percent of the proceeds benefitting the MSPCA and their seven Animal Care and Adoption and state-of-the-art Angell Animal Medical Centers. This event is 21+ and tickets are $25. For more information you can log on to http://www.mspca.org/site/Calendar?view =Detail&id=10966&ServSessionId=909
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Sabathia wasn’t even the best pitcher on his team

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There is absolutely no reason why C.C. Sabathia should have won the A.L. Cy Young Award. Beckett’s year was astonishing compared to the way he pitched in 2006 and he was better than Sabathia in many categories this season. Sabathia may have had a slightly better ERA and also had 40 and 1/3 innings pitched more than Beckett but that was about it. Beckett gave up 189 hits this season compared to Sabathia’s 238. He allowed 18 less runs than the Indians’ pitcher and 13 less earned runs. Sabathia also gave up three more home runs than Beckett, while number 19 gave up 19 less home runs than he did in 2006. On top of that the Red Sox ace became the first pitcher to win 30 games since 2005 when Bartolo Colon won 21, and he won the Cy Young.

It might be irrelevant but it can’t go unsaid about what happened in the playoffs this year as well. The Indians’ staff went 1-2 with an 8.80 ERA in the postseason pitching 15 and 1/3 innings and giving up 15 earned runs. Beckett on the other hand pitched like a man possessed; winning all four of his starts he pitched, including winning two against Sabathia in the A.L.C.S.

Only 11 pitchers with under 20 wins have won the A.L. Cy Young Award in its 40 year history, this being the second year in a row. In a game where numbers are all that count you would think wins would be the most important one of them, not innings pitched. Josh Beckett would have become the second Sox pitcher to win the award in the decade, Pedro did it in 2000. Not to say that Sabathia didn’t have a great year but even he seemed perplexed that Beckett didn’t get the award.

One of Sabathia’s teammates also had far better numbers than he did this season, Fausto Carmona had a 19-8 record this year to go along with besting Sabathia in ERA, hits, runs, earned runs, and home runs allowed. Sound familiar? Here’s another case of déjà vu. The third place vote getter for the Cy Young, John Lackey, also beat out C.C. in ERA, strikeouts, hits, runs, earned runs, and home runs allowed. I think I just developed a stutter.

So basically what I’m saying is that C.C. Sabathia was falsly awarded a Cy Young and in my own incredibly selfish way I wanted the Red Sox to have completely owned baseball for the 2007 season. Youkilis’ Gold Glove, Ortiz’s Silver Slugger, Pedroia Rookie of the Year, World Series Champs, most All-Star selections, blockbuster off-season, a no hitter and most dominant fans. Beckett had the more outstanding year, he came back from a sub-par season and he dominated nearly every game he was in. Everyone knows who the best pitcher in baseball was in the 2007 season, especially the hitters.

Point

Beckett v. Sabathia

Counterpoint

Sabathia’s stats outweigh Beckett’s

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Now that the city of Boston has come down from the trip that was the Red Sox 2007 World Series Championship, it is time to reflect on the next important news story from the sporting universe of Beantown, the American League Cy Young Award. Sure, any true ballplayer would never trade a ring for any individual honor or award, but is there still not a certain pride and appreciation for individual accomplishment in sport? There absolutely is. While Boston ace Josh Beckett helped lead the World Series champion Sox to this year’s title with his consistently dominant performances throughout the year, it is the Cleveland Indians number one guy C.C. Sabathia who was voted as the 2007 AL Cy Young winner by the Baseball Writer’s Association of America. Here in Boston specifically; there are obviously some grounds for debate. Let’s take a close look at the numbers, compare these two guys and see how it all shakes out.

Beckett’s stats are undeniably solid. JB posted a 20-7 record (with a few bullpen blowups mixed in) and an ERA of 3.27 with 191 strikeouts against 40 walks in 209.2 innings pitched. He picked up 4.85 K’s per nine innings and also 1.70 walks per nine and also held the opposition to a .286 season batting average, which is particularly impressive in the competitive A.L East division. JB however had a low fielding percentage of .936 with two errors in 30 total attempts. Beckett was the essence of the Sox staff the entire season, starting 30 games and with his strong regular season performance was certainly a worthy Cy Young candidate this year.

On the other hand, take C.C. Sabathia, with a massive 6-7, 250 pound frame, throwing low to mid-nineties from the left side, Sabathia show this past season that he is capable of putting together the type of season that has long been expected of him in the forest city. C.C. Led the majors with 241.0 innings pitched in 34 starts. He struck out 209 with just 37 walks and had an ERA of 3.21. Sabathia had 5.65 K’s per nine, and just 1.38 walks. To go with his great pitching numbers, Sabathia also fielded his position well with a .962 average with only one error in 25 attempts the entire season.

While both players are certainly deserved of the award, I believe it went to the correct player. Sabathia was the most deserving to win the Cy Young award in 2007. Here in Boston, surely the consensus is that Beckett was the man for the crown, but looking with an objective view, anyone can understand why 19 of the 28 first place votes went to Sabathia, as opposed to Beckett’s eight. Obviously, it is impossible to ignore their playoff appearances where Beckett clearly outclassed Sabathia (and all his opponents for that matter) in their match ups, however these votes were placed before the playoffs commenced and thus are only representative of the player’s regular season performances.

Looking at the 40 year history of the Cy Young award, it is impossible to set any sort of standard or guidelines for giving out the award, as it is truly an in-exact science left up the baseball/sports media, but based on his performance this year, it is impossible to argue that C.C. was not just as or more worthy of receiving the Cy Young honor.

Yes, this year the A.L did have some other viable candidates such as Los Angeles Angel’s stud John Lackey and Sabathia’s teammate in Cleveland Fausto Carmona, who both compiled superb numbers, but in the end, this evidently turned into a two dog race with Beckett and Sabathia.

I will admit I need to somewhat lean against the fence with this one, as unquestionably, both players could have easily taken the title without argument, but for me in the bigger picture, C.C. is the guy. Yes, Beckett is clearly a top-rate pitcher and maybe the best right-handed arm in the game today, but the point is that this year, Sabathia showed the durability of a top-rate pitcher, was the anchor for his team’s success and compiled the best that out statistics and proved that he is most deserving of this Cy Young win.

Overall, the truth is that there is no absolute formula in which to determine the Cy Young winner during any given year. That is essentially what makes baseball so great, the fact that you can break down every miniscule statistic that exists and you still may not be able to truly make sense of everything. In the end, Beckett, the Sox and the city of Boston won the win, it really matters. Sabathia may have proven to win the battle, but the Beckett and the Sox ultimately won the war. See you in the spring.
more and we're going to play more defense, it's more of a team effort this year. "

Nelson isn't too worried about the team's lack of familiarity of playing on the college level. "We're young and we're going to get better at the season goes on. As long as we're playing our best ball in February we'll be alright. If we win the GNAC Tournament we get an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament which is really great" said Nelson. Although the men's team is young, Coach Nelson says that this crew is more talented than any since he became the head coach in 2005. Hopefully the team's untapped talent will be on full display in their opener at UNH and for the entire 2007 season.

Lady Rams build on last year's success

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After a successful 2006-07 season that saw the team reach the semifinals of the GNAC Tournament and qualify for the ECAC Tournament, the Suffolk Lady Rams are set to kick off their 2007-08 campaign this week in the season-opening MIT Tournament.

The Lady Rams had a strong season last year, finishing with an 18-10 mark overall, while posting a 9-2 GNAC record, good for third place in the conference. This gave the team the number three seed in the GNAC Tournament, where they beat Johnson and Wales in the first round, but lost to number two seed Norwich in the semifinals.

Due to their strong season, the Lady Rams qualified for the ECAC Women's Division III Tournament, where they came in as the fifth seed. The four-five match-up is often the toughest, but Leyden is very cautiously optimistic about this year's team. "By the end of the season, it could be fun."

One of the Lady Rams' strengths as a team last year was defense, as the team ranked 24th in the nation in points per game allowed, limiting opponents to a stingy average of only 52.7 points. Time will tell if the defense will remain as strong, but Leyden is very proud of and confident in the hard work his team has put in during the offseason.

"This team so far has worked very hard on conditioning," Leyden said. "I think we'll be in unbelievable shape." Of course, as any team does, it may come to light that the Lady Rams have some weaknesses. Leyden however is confident that his team's hard-working nature will erase any areas that need improvement, stressing: "If we're not good enough, we'll work at it until we are."

At this point, the season looks bright for the Lady Rams. Coming off of a successful campaign last year, and returning a number of players from that team, the Lady Rams have the skill and experience necessary to reach new heights this year. This is a team that the Suffolk community should support fully. "I would love if you [the students] could make a game. Everyone is so busy but you will like the way we represent you," Leyden said about getting support fully.

The season begins with an MIT Tournament game against Westminster State this coming Friday, November 16, at 8:00 PM. The Lady Rams first home game will be November 20 vs. Colby-Sawyer at 6:00 PM in the Regan Gymnasium.
Youthful Rams look to rebound from 9-18 season

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After a sub-par regular season last year the men's basketball team was able to come away with a win over top-seeded Emerson, making it to the semi-finals before losing to Rivier College. This season the focus will be on how Suffolk’s slew of young talent can cope with their lack of experience.

"We've got ten first year guys on our roster so we're very young and very inexperienced" said head coach Adam Nelson.

Nelson wasn't kidding; this season's roster looks more like the freshman orientation list than the varsity basketball squad. With nearly half of the team being freshman and only two seniors on the roster Nelson is hoping they can shed their adolescence on the court and play intelligently.

Three of the newcomers will be starting on this year's squad, Allman Ray and Mario Masimini, both freshman, and Joe Ramsom, a sophomore, who is a transfer student from England.

With a 9-18 record overall last season recruiting new players to Suffolk may have been a tough sell. "Recruiting is like 85% of our job at this level. We have to go out and find who attracts players to Suffolk. The city of Boston really sells, also they see that we're building a pretty darn competitive program here" said Nelson.

As far as improving the team during the off season "we've spent a lot of time in the summer identifying tough kids who play hard. If you're not tough and you don't play hard you can't play for us" Nelson said.

"One of the glaring needs was size so we went out and brought in a bunch of big guys. [This year] we're bigger, stronger, and tougher and we're better at defense because we're bigger" Nelson told The Journal.

Suffolk opens up its season with an exhibition game today against New Hampshire, a team that led Boston College at halftime in a loss last Saturday. "It's a good experience for our guys to play against a DI school. It's a no-lose situation because the game counts for [UNH] but not for us" said Nelson.

Nelson is hoping that playing UNH will help prepare the team for their regular season opener against Clark in the Roger Williams Tournament. "It's a tough one. We open up with Clark so they're going to battle us."

Last season the team's scoring threat was John Murphy, who averaged over 20 points a game, but graduated in the spring. "He was a special player; when we were in trouble we'd just go give [Murphy] the ball and let him do his stuff" said Nelson "we're going to share the ball more this year."

Men's basketball tips off tonight in Durham, NH against the UNH Wildcats

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B's offense fizzes in second Habs showdown

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When talking about great rivalries in Boston, one should mention the Boston Bruins and Montreal Canadiens. True this is not the best rivalry in all of sports, but for hockey fans it ranks up their in rivalries with Yankees vs. Red Sox or Patriots vs. Colts.

Another chapter is in the books on this fierce battle between these two teams and once again the Montreal Canadiens came out victors against the Boston Bruins 2-1. The score might have been close, but the Bruins were clearly outplayed through three periods.

So what did the Bruins do, well it is what they didn't do that concerned Bruins head coach Claude Julien. "We are mourning on what the team didn't do tonight" said Julien.

"We are looking for solutions instead of excuses." One of the solutions has not come yet. That is scoring goals. Ever since Patrice Bergeron suffered a broken nose and a concussion, the team has failed to produce goals. The defense is there, but the offense is still lacking. The loss was the sixth time that the final score of a Bruins game was 2-1 and their seventh came against Buffalo on Saturday night (which they won). The Bruins are now 2-3-2 in those seven games.

The key part of the game was in the third period when the Bruins failed to score on a five on three powerplay. In fact the Bruins had 1:58 on that two man advantage. "The best playmakers aren't making the easy plays" said Julien.

The only goal of the game scored by the Bruins was by Marco Sturm who had recorded a point in four straight games.

Nevertheless, the Canadians outplayed the Bruins, beating them to every loose puck and getting the key plays when they needed them the most.

Late in the game, Bruins defense man Aaron Ward was injured when he took an elbow to the head by Montreal defense man Francis Bouillon. The league later determined that it was incidental and did not suspend Bouillon nor did they fine him. No update has been given about Ward's injury.

There were signs of improvement however. The Bruins played a physical game, out-hitting Montreal. The highlight of the game was not the goal, but rather the fight between Bruins forward Jeremy Reich and Montreal forward Steve Begin. Reich might not have had the first word, but he sure had the final word in this fight when he took down Begin.

The goaltending has also improved from last year as Tim Thomas has been standing on his head the last several games, including this one stopping 30 of 32 Canadian shots on goal.

About the two goals given up by Thomas Thursday night, Thomas thought it was just unlucky. "In both of those situations, it was bad luck" Thomas said. One of those goals happened on a breakdown from Tomas Plekanec.

On the other hand, there is the offense, which is lacking. "You got to pay to price to score goals" Julien stressed. "You got to go to go with the players who make a difference."

Meanwhile the team is 8-6-2 after their win on Saturday against Buffalo and is in third place in the Northeast division behind Montreal and the Ottawa Senators (who have the best record in the NHL).

Whether it is Marco Sturm, Glen Murray, Marc Savard, Phil Kessel, or any other Bruin, this team needs a playmaker fast. The team can't be winning (or losing) 2-1 all the time.

So another chapter in this rivalry is complete, but there is more to come. These two teams will face each other six more times during the course of the season. One can guarantee that this rivalry will be fierce each time the Bruins and Canadiens step on the ice.