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New website for students seeking internships

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Not many 20-year-olds would be able to operate their own online business while attending school full time. But Boston University juniors Stephanie Gurtman and Lauren Grunstein, prove that it's possible—and you don't need a business degree to do so.

Gurtman, originally from Seminole, Florida, and Grunstein, of Closer, New Jersey, are roommates and co-founders of InternshipRatings.com, a website where students can try to rate and write about their internship experiences.

"Students have a resource where they will be traveling next. The seminars take place during winter, spring and summer breaks and offer separate programs for graduate and undergraduate students. The programs are designed by a faculty leader and each program is unique and significant in furthering the student's understanding towards global business." Students have a resource for rating their professors, and good internships are just as important as having good professors," said Gurtman.

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**Heritage medallions awarded**

From modest beginnings as a law school crammed into one building to a flourishing undergraduate and graduate level university, Suffolk has made many strides in the 102 years since it was founded. Connecting Suffolk’s past with their present, the Heritage Committee awarded four dedicated members of the Suffolk community during their annual Heritage Medallion Ceremony to represent their part in the university’s transformation.

The recipients of the medallions included current Suffolk Law Professor Herbert Lemelman, retired Director of Admissions William Coughlin, deceased former President of the University Robert Munce, and retired former Chair of Sociology Alexandra Todd. Accepting the award for Munce was former Dean and friend, Joseph Strain, and accepting for Alexandra Todd, was current President David Sargent.

The ceremony took place last Wednesday in the McLaughlin Moot Court Room at the law school. Each honoree, with the exception of Munce, spoke to the audience and extended both their appreciation and their pride in Suffolk. Lemelman stated he could not imagine his professional life without Suffolk, while Coughlin described the university as his extended family.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Wednesday, Sept. 17**

10 West St.
1:50 p.m.

Units responded to a smoke alarm in room 412 due to burnt food.

**Friday, Sept. 19**

150 Tremont St.
6:54 p.m.

Officers reported an alcohol confiscation at resident hall. Report filed.

**Monday, Sept. 22**

120 Tremont St.
3:38 p.m.

Report of a large group fighting on the corner of Tremont and Bromfield Streets outside of the Suffolk Law Bookstore. Report filed.

**Grad. student awarded full scholarship**

Natalia Musatova

Journal Contributor

The Suffolk University Sociology Department announced Nyjah Wyche to be the first recipient of its annual full-tuition scholarship for Graduates in Women’s Health.

According to Amy Aggajan, Director of the Master of Arts in Women’s Health program, Wyche was awarded the scholarship for her demonstrated leadership and commitment to African-American women’s health.

Wyche, who was awarded the scholarship on Sept. 10, is originally from Cambridge, Mass. She spent four years in Atlanta, Ga., where she attended to Spellman College, a historically black liberal arts college for women.

"Spellman College was wonderful! It sparked my interest in women’s health issues," she said. "I studied English and all of the subjects had an African-American element to them. We looked at women’s issues across the globe and the issues unique to African-American women, and women of African descent."

This is Wyche’s first year in graduate school. She is also a Resident Assistant at the Hyatt Regency, a hotel downtown currently housing 120 Suffolk students. In addition, Wyche is the Assistant Director at the Health Education and Learning Program (HELP) for Black Males, a community-based non-profit organization whose mission is to initiate dialogue and action aimed at increasing awareness and effecting positive change towards the health care needs of black men.

In order to win the scholarship, Wyche had to write an essay addressing core health issues facing black women, explaining her interest in the program, and what she hopes to learn. In addition, each applicant had to define what being a leader in the field meant to them.

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**Local group promotes women’s health rights**

"Women are often misinformed about that has been a major challenge because people don’t know the latest data."

Although Our Bodies, Ourselves and the organization are geared towards women, Norsigian has found that men not only are familiar with the issues discussed but have read the book themselves. "Many men read the book and hope to educate themselves," said Norsigian. "They wish they had a book like this. We encourage everyone to read the book."

In the fall of 2007, Suffolk University announced the addition of Norsigian to their spring faculty as a part of the new Masters in Women’s Health program.

A member of Our Bodies, Ourselves asked if I would like to teach a course at Suffolk, said Norsigian. "There is a wonderful student body and there is a lot to learn about women’s health.”

As the Executive Director of Advocacy in Women’s Health, a course helping students learn about communication, the media and public relations in the field of women’s health.

"The class was all females, but that’s not surprising given the subject content," said Norsigian.

Despite the barriers Our Bodies, Ourselves has worked to shut down for women, the biggest one might still be to come, that is if the McCain/Palin ticket makes it to the White House, according to Norsigian.

Ever since Sarah Palin was named the Republican vice presidential candidate, she has made her views on women’s health issues and rights abundantly clear. According to ABC News, Palin stands against stem cell research and abortion, even in the instance of rape. "They (McCain/Palin) are pro-life," said Norsigian. "So obviously we would not agree with that, being pro-choice."

Moreover, the McCain/Palin ticket might not only create more problems for organizations such as OBO, but unravel what they have worked years to create. "If the McCain/Palin ticket makes it to Washington, that would mean a lot more work to scare off a bleak future," said Norsigian.

"That’s a major concern."
New student organization works to curb genocide

Victoria Acosta-Rubio
Journal Contributor

Megan Costello stood on Temple Street defending human rights at the Student Activity Fair last week. She was working to spread awareness for places like Darfur, where populations have been entirely wiped out by Sudanese government officials since 2003.

Costello is President of STAND, The Student Anti-Genocide Coalition at Suffolk. She, along with other club members, are trying to educate students on the many tragic genocides going on in the world.

"We are humanitarians," said Costello. "People should have their basic human rights and we believe it is possible. That's why we advocate for those who don't have them. We are here to be the voice of those who don't have one."

STAND and its partner, the Genocide Intervention Network, share a vision of the world in which the international community protects civilians from genocidal violence. Founded by students seeking to end the genocide in Darfur, Sudan, they actively fight to "prevent the next genocide wherever it may occur."

STAND is a student driven, non-profit, grass-roots organization founded in Chelsea, Massachusetts in 2000 by two Suffolk students, Vanessa Frontiero and Stephanie Gurtman.

This is the group's first year on campus, and they are working to spread awareness to the student body about the events this semester and to the College of Communication about the events this semester. The club will work in the I Vote For Darfur Campaign in October, an event that consists of bringing together a petition signed by students asking the presidential candidates to take action in Darfur.

"We are excited because we have so much planned and the response we have received," said Frontiero. "The club has been really helpful."

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President of the College Democrats Jimmy Quinn said that some sort of political pressure should be imposed.

"The US is looked at for leadership and we should get involved if we have the resources to do so," he said. "We cannot be inconsistent with US policy if we just stand by it and not do anything about it. I think it's great STAND is working on raising awareness. Not a lot of people know what is going on and it seems to be a recurring problem.”

In the meantime, STAND members will continue to push for protection towards human rights. It is hoped that by working together, the issue can be done and individuals coming together to bring attention to this issue I think has a big impact," said Costello.

"One day, hopefully, this genocide will be stopped and the basic human rights will be met. It is something that we take for granted and if we can make people understand that they will help regardless of political party.”

BU students create network for rating internship experiences

includes a short survey asking questions about different aspects of the internship, such as the supervisor, whether the hours were flexible, and what kinds of tasks were required on a day-to-day basis. The internship is then rated on a five coffee cup scale, a humorous tongue-in-cheek reference to the stereotypical intern coffee-fetching duties.

Gurtman said that their friends have been really supportive of the business pursuit and many of their schoolmates are even using the site. "Everyone was really excited and most of our friends have been helping us spread the word," she said. "But it was different at first because we didn't tell any of our friends until we launched [the site]. We kept it a secret.”

The roommates said the website has taken up a lot of time, but they've been able to balance their schoolwork and business work. Gurtman said that when they first launched the site, they would attend classes all day and then, after finishing our homework, we'd spend about four hours each night working on the site." But the late nights paid off, the website currently lists about 260 companies and has almost 500 members. According to the young entrepreneurs, most of the users are in the Northeast region of the country, while the state of New York accounts for the highest number of internships on the site.

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Prof. hopes to add solar panels to university buildings

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two years ago that senior John Cordaro helped hardwired, as well as the second, larger cell which went up in June.

"I work with the electronics," said Cordaro, who has been working on the project between twenty to thirty hours a week since last May. "I take the data cell which went up in June as well as the second, larger panel project. "We're investigating panel orientation," he said, ready to explain his jargon. "A cell collects more efficiently when its pointed directly at the sun, so we're working on tracking the sun and moving the panel instead of leaving it in a fixed position."

According to Cordaro, Cooke is also thinking of putting some solar panels on buildings on Suffolk's other campuses in Senegal and Madrid in the near future.

"Basically, we're trying to make the solar panel more profitable so it gets used," said Cooke. "In the future I'd like to have solar panels on about ten percent of roofs in Boston."

African American women's health as new focus

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administration interviewed the three top candidates and then chose Wyche as the recipient. "Nyjah really impressed us with her interview and her commitment to black women's health," said Agigian.

Both Professor Agigian and Wyche pointed out that black women's health lags behind the general field of women's health, demonstrating the significance of the African-American Women's Health Program.

"Women of color are more likely to develop diabetes than white women," Wyche pointed out. When asked why she was chosen, Wyche replied that she was not sure what gave her that "extra edge."

"The program description was exactly what I was looking for to study women's issues," she said. "It was a supplement to my work experience."

Most importantly, as Wyche explained, her philosophy was "in line with the Center for Women's Health and Human Rights Department's feminist look at health issues of African-American women."

"The Graduate Program in Women's Health looks at women's issues with a critical eye," she said. "It looks at race, gender, ethnicity, class and how they interact."

As Assistant Director at HILLP for Black Males since 2006, Wyche has already founded a campaign called Get Your Mind Right. It was introduced in 2006-2007 as a summit, forum and panel discussion to increase awareness about mental health issues of African-American men, said Agigian. According to the school for how men can get comfortable discussing their mental health, and discuss the extent to which stress can affect their mental health and physical wellness.

Wyche has a clear purpose and goal in making a difference in the lives of African-American women. "I want to study and learn to develop needed programming to educate African-American women on different health issues," she said. "I plan to take advantage of every opportunity I have to study African-American women's health and hope to make a connection with leaders in the field."

She cleverly pointed out that there is plenty of research done to recognize problems and disparities as they relate to the health of African-American women. At Suffolk, she hopes to learn how to develop strategies towards educating communities and what strategies are effective in preventing health and outreach.

"I'd like to be in the position where I can create programs on a large scale where it can influence the lives of women and men in the education system, in public health and other areas," said Wyche, who also mentioned she would not mind having her own nonprofit something that will allow her to develop effective programming.

"Nyjah is just great! She is extremely intelligent and highly committed," said Agigian. "It's the combination of her talents, background, motivation and vision that impressed us most."

According to Agigian, it is the vision of the Dean's office that allowed Wyche to receive the full-tuition scholarship. "It recognized the true value and significance of this program," she said.

In turn, Wyche is ready to take full advantage of the program, saying, "I am very excited to be able to study something of interest to me with the support of the program."

The Master's Program in Women's Health at Suffolk University is currently the only non-clinical degree program in Women's Health in the nation.

Lecture's goal to encourage student voting

Delia Mooney
Journal Contributor

Suffolk University's Center for International Education presents the 2008 Derek W.E. Coward Lecture, taking place Thursday, Sept. 25, Scott Reed. Director of International Student Programming, has invited Nigel Hamilton, an award-winning author, to give a lecture on "Twelve American Caesars: And What the Next President Can Learn from Them."

Nigel Hamilton is a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and the Human Rights Department's_curator for Women's Health and Physical Wellness. He has won the Whitbread Prize for Biography and the Templar Medal for Military History in Britain. In 1998, he received the New York Blue Ribbon Award for the BBC documentary and all of his pieces have been translated into sixteen different languages.

The lecture will start at 5 p.m. in the rooftop ballroom at the Omni Parker House. A reception is scheduled to follow.

Hamilton's most recent piece, the American Caesars, is a modern version of a Roman classic, The Twelve Caesars. His book focuses on the last twelve American presidents, from Franklin D. Roosevelt to George W. Bush. His other pieces include Bill Clinton: An American Journey, Bill Clinton: Mastering the Presidency, and The Brother Mann, in the American Caesars, he researches the leader's achievements and failures by investigating American history from WWII in 1939 to the current problem with Iraq.

"Nigel Hamilton is a nationally well known author," said Reedy. "It's Hamilton's first time speaking at Suffolk University. He will lecture on his views of the presidential election and his opinions on our last twelve American presidents."

With the presidential election in November, but a potential of months away, this is "a timely subject," said Reedy.

Suffolk is encouraging all of their students to voice their opinion this election.

New global seminar destination

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said this is the best course they have ever taken at Suf­ ford, and it can be life changing.

He also assures that he has never had a student complain or say they would not recommend it to a friend. "Learning through experience is very powerful," said Brown. "Being able to see for yourself what you read about is important."

Accompanying the semi­ nar abroad is a series of four classes taught before the trip by the faculty leader. The courses are better taught students about the country, its culture, and its economy. Differences from a study abroad program, GTS travels to unique locations that are not typically available or places that students do not normally choose to visit for study abroad.

"Both [study abroad and global travel seminars] are incredible opportunities and should be an integral part of education," said Brown.

While study abroad programs are at least a semester in length, GTS offers more flexibility for those who cannot afford to leave their homes or for such a lengthy time.

During GTS, students are also with like peers and under­ graduate faculty advisors who are able to help students better understand the experience.

"When you are studying abroad you are on a campus or in a community but not going to businesses and seeing these companies first hand," said Frost. "It is a different kind of learning experience... On a global travel seminar the world becomes your classroom." This year, Suffolk is offering its first GTS program to India for undergraduates. Led by professors, Jansheid Mistri and Brigitte Muehlmann, Indi­ dia was selected because in recent years it has become a prime business destination.

"In this global economy where we all seem to be de­ pending on each other, emerg­ ing countries seem to be doing better than already developed countries," said Mistri. "There is something to learn from these countries that seem to be doing better at the present time."

Brown emphasized how important India is becoming to the global economy and referred to a survey by Pricewater­ houseCoopers that stated by the year 2050, the Indian Economy will be as large as the Ameri­ can economy. "These seminars to India are especially exciting because you cannot talk about global business without talking about India," said Frost. Registration is still open for this program.

Graduate students will be traveling to Bangalore, India with professor Jodi Detjen while undergraduates will experience both Mumbai and Pune, India.

For more information on GTS, visit www.suffolk.edu/globalseminars.
Africa

Mogadishu, Somalia - A plane carrying African Union peacekeepers was attacked on Friday as it attempted to land at the capital’s only airport, which has been shut down since last Tuesday when Islamic fundamentalist rebels from a group known as Shabaab threatened to shoot down any plane that attempted to land. As the plane landed, rebels on the ground fired heavy artillery and mortars while government employees and Ethiopian soldiers who support the government fought back to protect the plane.

Asia

Shanghai, China - 53,000 infants have taken ill and four have died after a Chinese dairy producer, the Sanlu Group, failed to disclose that their baby formula contained melamine, a toxic chemical used to produce plastics. Tuesday, the Chinese media company Xinhua News released the news that Sanlu’s milk had been contaminated since December 2007 and that the company had refused to recall their formula.

Europe

Russia – A fleet of warships, including anti-submarine and nuclear-powered guided missile cruisers, headed for Venezuela this week for war exercises as Russia continues to attempt to strengthen ties with Latin American governments, particularly those of Venezuela and Cuba. The convoy was deployed after Russian Tu-160 bombers successfully completed exercises over the Caribbean Sea last week.

Karolina Stefanska
Journal Contributor

Ewa Kowalska, a 19-year-old economics student, and her brother Tomasz Kowalski, a 28-year-old unemployed journalist, live with their parents in a two-room apartment in Kielce, a centre of trade and commerce, approximately 66 miles north of the cultural city of Cracow, Poland.

The family occupies a 650 square foot apartment in the city center. Approximately fifty percent of Mr. and Mrs. Kowalska’s income goes towards the mortgage for their apartment. They own a white Ford Fiesta automobile, which Mrs. Kowalska drives to work every day.

A mother of two, Elzbieta Kowalska is the major source of income in the household. She works full-time as a bank employee. In addition, she takes weekend classes at the University of Kielce to obtain a degree in Business Administration. Her goal is to achieve a better position with a higher degree, thus improving the family’s standard of living.

Her husband Tadeusz Kowalski, a former construction worker, has been unemployed for over eight years. He has had health problems with his back, which cause potential limitations to any job. He receives a pre-retirement disability pension. Mr. Kowalska tries to find part-time jobs on the side, which provide him with an additional income. Many middle-class workers such as Mr. and Mrs. Kowalski do not declare their part-time work pay.

Their daughter Ewa, who is an economics student at the local university, plans to acquire her diploma in a couple of years. As her parents, the Kowalskis have always stressed education because they believe a university diploma facilitates a higher standard of living.

Ironically, Ewa, a non-smoker, advertises and promotes cigarettes in nightclubs and trendy dinner locations on weekends, a part-time job that gives her pocket money for her personal expenses. “Since I like going out, I can combine my job with some fun,” she explained.

Tomasz has never acquired his university degree. He gave up his studies for an opportunity to travel to Ireland and work harvesting fruit in an orchard for a season. He said, “I wanted to get out of [here] and see different places. Plus, I was able to make some money, so I don't regret anything.” With the money he earned he purchased a car, a luxury for most Poles. Today, he takes on a variety of jobs to get by and is still thinking about returning to the university and finishing his degree.

Despite a February report from Poland’s Central Statistics Office that confirmed the unemployment rate increased by 11.5 percent compared to 20.7 percent in February 2003, there is still a large number of young people unemployed. In fact, when visiting Poland recently, the first couple of sentences that changed the conversation was whether they had married or were involved in a relationship. "Do you have any children?" asked the exchange. "How old are they?" "Do you work?" It shows that despite a slow improvement in the Polish economy, people are still worried about employment. "When you have work, you are well off," explained a woman who I met at a wedding.

It wasn’t that long ago when most Poles could not pursue higher education, and although people graduated from universities, many of them did not practice jobs in the area they had studied. Others who attended college and received university diplomas, abandoned their field of studies for better opportunities to work abroad.

"Why attend school for six years and finish with a university diploma if there is still doubt about getting a job to pay the bills?" a Polish man in his early 30s argued. The reasons for lack of education are evident. A graduate with a law degree in Poland was able to earn more harvesting grapes in Germany for one season than working six months as a lawyer in Poland. This is just one of the obvious reasons why education has not been stressed in Poland in the past.

Since Poland joined the European Union in 2004, doors opened for travel throughout Europe, and many of the young and even highly educated people have tried to find jobs abroad. Most of them travel to Ireland, Germany or France to work in gardening, cleaning, or in the service sector, including selling in shops and waiting tables in cafes and restaurants. Many Poles have been performing jobs in the service industry due to the lack of their education.

Language has also been a barrier, but less-so today because English was introduced to every school’s curriculum shortly after the Communist regime ended. Today, there are numerous private language schools in every major city in Poland, demonstrating peoples’ thirst for learning, international communication and cross-cultural understanding.

Education has become more important and valuable. Despite the positive changes, many things remain the same. The Polish people are very proud of their history and culture. They are also proud of their homemade foods and handmade products. Religion and cultural tradition play large roles in Poles’ lives, although it seems that the younger generation has less concern for these values.

Once the Euro monetary system stabilizes, the Polish economy will improve, and more people will be able to find employment, and the need to work abroad will abate.

Poland’s economy is on a slow road to progress, and the people’s optimism is evident, especially in the recent economic improvements and their daily way of life.

Education still slow in Poland

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Last week, we advocated for more communication between the Suffolk administration and the residents of Beacon Hill. This week we are asking for action. It’s easy for us to whine about how our neighbors dislike us and how the administration ignores us, but it’s harder to actually do something about it.

We aren’t calling for a march down Temple Street, not yet, anyway. We think about time Suffolk students own up to our actions on Beacon Hill. Enough shuffling behind the safety of our computer screens and blogs. The generations before us were out burning their bras and marching by the thousands into Washington to vie for changes they believed in. Our generation can do something real, too.

Communicating with our neighbors will enhance our living situations by a number of measures. First, they will know that we care about Beacon Hill too. Secondly, if they have a face to associate us with, we aren’t those annoying Suffolk kids. By introducing ourselves to our neighbors, they might come to realize that it’s not only Suffolk students who have parties, and that Emerson and Northeastern students are not innocent either. If talking to neighbors is too much, reach out to each other and start an on-campus organization to get involved with the expansion process.

Also, if some are not aware, the Beacon Hill residents and Suffolk faculty hold meetings to discuss current situations about the university and the neighborhood. Go to the meeting to hear what people are saying about our university and our neighborhood. Check in the Journal for updates on meetings times and locations. By reaching out, we can start the foundations for a better relationship with Beacon Hill residents and with the university. So stop creating anti-new-Facebook groups and get involved in something real.

Jeff Fish
Journal Contributor

What to do with Wall Street

The crisis in the stock market has us all waiting with baited breath to see how it affects the presidential campaign and, more importantly, the American people.

The failures of huge banking companies like Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Meryl Lynch, Lehman Brothers, and insurance giant AIG have brought stock markets down to post-9/11 levels. But late on Thursday, Sept. 18, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson has called for $700 billion to invest in bad stock and stabilize the markets. The markets have had a small rebound as a result, but this measure will increase the national debt at taxpayers’ expense. This is a double edged sword involved in the always contaminating Wall Street System. If this plan is successful, the market should rebound, albeit slowly, and the fed can sell back these stocks at a profit, as they bought them at a cut rate.

The fact that a Republican administration would advocate such measures is undoubtedly peculiar, but there seems to be a consensus that letting the free markets sort out its problems at this point is not an option. Small government, I believe, is an admirable principle, but when we get to a certain point, the government must step in. I actually have confidence that Washington is doing the right thing. Even Nancy Pelosi and the do-nothing congress seems willing to do something and do it quickly. Something must be done quickly before the problems on Wall Street flood Main Street.

As usual, the political party who has been out of power has gained the advantage on the economy during a downturn, and Senator Barack Obama is trying to capitalize on this. We must not forget that during the past two years, the Republicans have only been in charge of the executive branch and not the legislative.

In truth, both parties have failed us, so we need to look at the candidates themselves and not the parties they are affiliated with. Senators John McCain and Barack Obama have rightfully blamed corruption on Wall Street as the root of this problem. Also, large banks like Fannie Mac and Freddie Mac have given thousands of mortgages to people who couldn’t afford them. This caused the housing market to balloon and ultimately collapse.

Senator Obama, of course, blames the Bush administration and also John McCain, painting him as more of the same. But in 2005, Senator McCain actually predicted the Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae crisis and pushed for legislation to prevent it, which was shot down. This is an example of McCain’s judgment and why he would be better suited to help the country through this current hardship.

Let’s not forget about Obama’s intention on raising the Capital Gains Tax, which would tax all profits of businesses, big and small, and any profit made from selling stocks. This increase would be disastrous for the fragile market and economy. Where both candidates have reacted virtually the same this week, this is a stark difference on how they would act as president.

With the first presidential debate coming up this Friday, John McCain will hopefully get his chance to call Senator Obama out on this and turn the tide in the election, getting rid of the partisan stigma Obama has been trying to stick on McCain. At the end of the day, the most important thing is the well being of the American people, not the presidential race, but I believe electing John McCain will help that cause.
Alyssa Mitchell
Journal Staff

With the Massachusetts Education Financing Authority on hiatus and the current economic crisis draining the savings accounts of once financially stable families, college students faced a particularly difficult dilemma this year. Paying for college suddenly became a burden that forced many to take time off school in order to work full time, or simply “bury themselves in 50 percent of my tuition.” When I asked the Bursar’s office when I would be refunded my money, I was informed that it would not be until mid-late October. October — it was barely August. The consequence if I didn’t pay up? I would be unregistered from all of my classes and lose my housing.

Considering how difficult it already is to get into the classes you need to take in order to graduate on time and the large number of students competing for dorms, this is a serious threat. With the current state of the economy, Suffolk University should be providing more leeway in the area of payments, and working with the students to create more effective payment plans. After all, the only way to assure that our generation and younger generations better understand how the economy works, and how to learn from previous failures, is through education.

Both the Financial Aid office and the Bursar’s office do not show any of the compassion or consideration for students that Suffolk claims to have in its “student oriented” policies. If students have been informed enough to need to call either office at any point then your experiences may have been similar to my own. Calls are too often wrongly transferred simply because you are pressing your concern, and when you are speaking with the correct person they are often uninterested in what you have to say. Both offices also are extremely slow when mailing letters and providing important information. While my friends who went to other colleges were receiving their financial aid packages from their respective schools in June, Suffolk students were forced to wait until late July. If there was a problem while filing your FASFA or you were missing any information, do not expect to hear about it for a while. Suffolk does not dispense the awarded scholarship money until October, so technically my account will not be paid until then, which also means that no one receives any scholarships is going to be refunded, except money until then. Most loan companies’ slogans revolve around the fact that you can use the loan to buy a new laptop or books with excess money, can you imagine going two months without a laptop? A student may be looking for any windows halfway through the semester?

Despite the fact that we students have to oblige to a strict August 1st deadline, Suffolk can take as long as it wants to live up to their end of the deal. We are expected to be organized and responsible, yet our school does not dispense the quality service it should.

Mariannene Manzler
Journal Contributor

It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon for the 2008 Boston Hemp Fest, people relaxed on the green to some musical highlights such as Graveyard BBQ’s cover of “Sweet Leaf,” Herbal Nation’s “We Love the Heed,” and Fear Nuttin Band’s rendition of Bob Marley’s “Re- demption Song.” In addition to these performances, High Times’ Rick Cusick and Danny Danko, and Republican congressional candidate John Cun­ ningham all addressed the crowd of over ten thousand. The air was thick with a mixture of incense, a diverse of food vendors, and of course, the unmistakable scent of marijuana. Bright yellow flyers warned the attendees that there was a large police presence and to discourage any support­ ers from breaking the law and smoking marijuana at the event. One of the biggest issues being pushed at the rally was Question 2, the marijuana measure. Supporters were handing out awful literature, stickers, and even offered fresh fruit to attract more people to their booth. NORMA, National Or­ ganization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, reports that “a poll analysis released today, by 7NEWS/Suffolk University demonstrates that seventy-two percent favor­ ed the proposed law, which would replace the crimi­ nal penalties for possession of up to one ounce of marijuana to a civil penalty of forfeiture of the marijuana and a fine of $100.”

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Pro Question 2

Being underage is not a license to binge drink

Katelyn LeGoire
Journal Contributor

As a 20-year-old I can see the appeal for a change of the drinking age. The Amethyst Initiative, a group of university professors across the country, are convinced that the current law is ineffective, and are pushing for our country’s lawmakers to lower the minimum drinking age to eighteen.

Their arguments suggest that the current drinking age does not prevent anyone under 21 from drinking, most specifically on college campuses where binge-drinking becomes the norm.

When I first heard of the proposal, I was a bit shocked but more importantly, a little irritated. I know the person I have become in the past two years of my life and I know without a shadow of a doubt that I am far more mature than I was at eighteen years old. If I were to participate in underage drinking at both eighteen years old and twenty years old, the deci­ sions I would make would be far more responsible than they would have been two years ago. The age of the pre­ vent binge drinking is a completely absurd notion to begin with.

Regardless of what the minimum age is alcohol will not double continue be abused on campuses across the country. It has become a part of our culture, a practice among soci­ ety and a rite of passage in the life of a college student. It will undoubtedly remain a long awaited aspect of going to college and eighteen year olds does not imply that they will be rushing to bars to spend $5 on a single beer when they can go to a campus party and have up to 30 beers for $2. Parties and frat houses and games like flip cup, beer pong and kings available to them.

Since there is the issue of underage drinking rose now with 18-20 year-olds, what will happen in the drinking age is in fact lowered? Will 16 and 17-year-olds suddenly become so intrigued since they will be so close to the legal age? The problem will not go away, but simply defer to a different age group. If that were to happen, more harm would come from this than good.

The bottom line is that ex­ cess drinking is not an issue of age, it’s a cultural one. We are taught abstinence, not mod­ eration, which is what we should be focusing on instead.

The fact remains that what we can’t have, we will try to get anyway. So instead of constant­ ly preaching that we should never drink until we’re 21, we should be saying that it’s al­ right to drink, so long as you are responsible with the alcohol.

While changing the drinking age will make every eighteen, nineteen and twenty year old extremely happy, it will not solve the problem of alcohol abuse.

Therefore, there is no need for the change in legislation.

"Just because people will be able to drink legally when they reach college, doesn't mean they won't continue to drink excessively."
Amy El Khatib
Journal Contributor

The Theater Arts Department put on their second annual 24 Hour Play Festival in which students were challenged to write, direct, and act in six skits within the allotted 24 hours before the performance. They were given four objects to base their work off of, a chair, a table, a silver ball, and a teddy bear. As it said on the program "ANYTHING is possible in a day."

As a production, these skits were original, comical, and crude. For the most part, the actors played convincing roles as their characters. The actresses Amanda Barbella and Katiuska Brendel were especially credible throughout each of their skits.

Although well performed, there were bits in two of the skits that lost the audience. Although ‘Kaput’ by Theo Goodell, had the audience laughing out loud, the theme was scattered and confusing. "Immaculate Conception" by Rachel Kelsey had a script that jumped far too much between a teenager impregnated by aliens, explaining the conception to her father, and the events of her abduction. The lengthy monologues were too much to handle in the short time allotted and the entire skit was performed with actors reading from the script, taking away from the suspension of disbelief.

‘It’s Over, Betty’ by Shanah Jilberhweit was the most convincing of the six. With a well rehearsed cast and a few jokes thrown in, the scene had a great touch in, which the audience could actually form a short, emotional attachment to the outcome. The singing voice of Patricia Torpey was both soft and sweet, although random, was a great entrance to her character.

The stories held strong with jokes the entire audience could enjoy. Both shows were performed to a full audience. It held a local attribute including one of the skits titled "The Crazy Lady Outside 7-Eleven" with the lead character well portrayed by Brittany Daley.

Overall, what they did within only 24 hours was remarkable, and the festival will get bigger and better in the years to come.
**1968 Chicago Riots Revisited**

Robert Boudreou
Journal Contributor

At 21 years old, Ron Pownall found early fame with his poignant photographs of the 1968 Chicago Riots. Now, 40 years later, these images are being shown again at the Panopticon Gallery. Entitled "The Whole World Was Watching: Images of the 1968 Chicago Riots," these photos are shown every fifth anniversary to remind people of the tension and chaos surrounding the Vietnam War.

"The tension was palpable... and the adrenaline was pumping."

Robert Boudreou
Journal Contributor

As soon as the sun began to set, all those who had been in the parade gathered on picnic blankets along the river bank. There were even families piled into canoes on the water to enjoy the music and beautiful sunset.

The chorus, which was sitting atop the bridge, began the festivities with "This Land is Your Land." As the sun sank and the celebration continued on with songs like "So Sang the River" and "Down by the River Side," the lighted bridge became a brilliant spectacle reflecting on the entire river and its participants. It was enchanting to see this yearly event shift into a scene fitting for a Disney movie.

River Sing is certainly a family oriented event, riddled with toddlers, dog walkers and popcorn helmet bearing tourists, but it also brings out that sort of "good old days" feeling that everyone loves, even college students. It's nice to enjoy an afternoon away from the TV, Facebook, or studying and instead remember what it was like in first grade when your only obligation was to draw a picture of what you did over the weekend.

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Green first appeared during the opener set, Person L, accompanying his back-up band. Good Old War, performed next, from their debut album, "Initial" (Sargent House, 2008). Green has been a long known name in the alternative world, but now he is taking it to the next level by trying the solo album that you could easily lay down with your headphones and peacefully listen, yet still be intent on looking for Pownall's images vaguely reminded me of "a time of upheaval" during the 60's. One image in particular shows this face-off, cops on the left, rioters on the right, no one moving, everyone staring down each other with almost visible apprehension. Even a fellow photographer of Pownall's, Rodger Kingston, said that the images "captured the event and the 60's perfectly."

The most interesting answer came from Tony Decenas, the owner of the Panopticon Gallery, which is located at the Hotel Commonwealth, who said he was "very interested in the power of photography."

When he was asked what he thought about the photos, he said that it was simply a case of Pownall being "in the right place at the right time."

When asked to describe the experience, Pownall simply said it was "surreal."

**Saosin frontman makes it on his own**

Ashley Mocelli
Journal Contributor

Anthony Green, former frontman of the band Saosin, and who is currently still part of the bands The Sound of Animals Fighting and Circa Survive, rocked new tracks from his debut solo album "Avalon" (Photo Finish Records, 2008), at Harper's Ferry in Allston last Thursday.

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Elizabeth Mullen
Journal Staff

Thank God for Simon Pegg. Pegg provides the only believable comic relief in his new movie "How to Lose Friends and Alienate People" (MGM, 2008) as main character Sidney Young despite a script that pulls its jokes from every stereotypical brainless comedy released in the past 30 years.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the film's other actors. Kirsten Dunst's attempts at being cold and sarcastic as Alison Olson are simply unconvincing, especially with a random change of heart halfway through the movie. Interestingly enough, Dunst had the author of the memoir this film is based on, Toby Young, banned from getting too close to her on the set due to some negative comments about her acting style. Maybe being more open to criticism would have helped this film out.

The movie's lacking and achingly predictable plot follows Young's attempts to rise from no-name aspiring journalist trying to get his do-it-yourself magazine off the ground to one of the country's most powerful gossip magazine writers.

In the book, Young may say some of the off-color and seemingly offensive things that Pegg's portrayal of Young says; however, the book also features his thought process, making the print character seem deeper than the onscreen rube-yet-somewhat-loveable fool.

It seems that the writer, Peter Straughan, took all the outrageous stories that occurred in the book, made them more outrageous, threw them together and called it a movie. Exactly how Young manages to succeed is glossed over, only showing him having drinks with the stars and not much in the way of his actual accomplishments. In contrast, the beginning of the film spends a substantial amount of time focusing on his failures for a laugh. The script's strong point is its clever one liners, which is the best one can ask for with such flat characters.

For moviegoers who have seen more than five films, it's pretty easy to figure out what the ending holds after Pegg's opening 30 second monologue, and who he's going to end up in love with as soon as he sits down next to her. Unlike some comedies that sacrifice plot lines for laughs, the humor in "How to Lose Friends and Alienate People" was not enough to warrant the lack of plot and character development.

How to lose fans and alienate your audience

Clay Adomczyk
Journal Staff

Earth as a society is crumbling over an Oil War. Dog-Men (a half dog, half man race) roam the planet, and our dwindling oil supply is controlled by the Gasoline Queen and the Dog-King. The only hope for humanity is Colossus, the Proto-Man, a giant robot god from outer space.

This may seem like some new science fiction flick, it's really the latest work from Portland, Maine's 1970's style/science fiction flick, Dog-Men. It's as if your life depends on the story coming true.

Although this may come as a shock to many of you, the film is actually 11 different chapters of the story. Then becomes the impending destruction of Earth when all empires fall at the hands of an evil King and Queen's hell-bent greed.

Ogre's ingenious idea of a one track concept album is masterfully pulled off. Bass player/vocalist Ed Cunningham's voice inflicts urgency and destruction as he takes the roll of narrator and characters alike. Will Broadbent's heavy drumming and Ross Markonish's doom-ridden guitar and lighting fast wash pedal work set the battles in a way you can envision them happening.

According to Markonish, fans may get visuals if "Plague gets a vinyl release. "We want an actual comic book as part of the artwork," says Markonish. "The label just doesn't have the money right now." The comic would match the cover art designed by Broadbent.

Until then, the album allows you feel the anxiety of the attack, the plight of the enslaved, and fear of the Dog-Men. It's as if your life also rests in the hands of Colossus. Can the Proto-Man save the planet before it's too late?
Staff Sounds: What the Journal listens to...

Clay Adamczyk
Assistant Arts Editor
The Feelies
Crazy Rythym
My only regret is not knowing this album my entire life.

Alex Pearlman
Assistant News Editor
Betty Harris
All I Want is You
It’s so soulful and she has an incredible story.

Caitlin Costello
Managing Editor
Lupe Fiasco
The Cool
“Go Baby” is the best song to listen to in the morning to get you pumped for the day.

Tara Lachappelle
News Editor
Lil' Wayne
Da Drought 3
Perfect for when you’re zoning out on the T to class.

Constitution Week Quiz

Your knowledge of the U.S. Constitution could win you a scholarship!

In honor of Constitution Day (Sept 17), the Office of Financial Aid is raffling off two $500 scholarships. Any student who correctly completes the Constitution Quiz will be entered in a drawing for one of the scholarships. All Suffolk employees are ineligible for these scholarships.

Download the quiz, correctly answer all eight questions and return it to the Financial Aid Office by Wednesday, October 1, 2008. One quiz per student, please!

The quiz can be found at http://www.suffolk.edu/admission/29.html. Return your quiz by fax (617)720-3579 or mail to 41 Temple Street, Boston MA 02114 or drop it off at the Aid Office on the first floor of the Donahue Building. Use our drop box if the office is closed!

Winners will be selected on October 1, 2008 and will be notified immediately by email or phone. Good Luck and thanks for participating!

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WEDNESDAY

Learn how to cook and get a free meal at Cooking 101: Latin Flavors. This event is co-sponsored by the Suffolk University Hispanic Association and the Commuter Student Association and will be in the Donahue Cafe from 4-5 p.m.

THURSDAY

The Jazz Ensemble is holding auditions at 8:30-9:30 p.m. in Donahue 426A. Email the Performing Arts Office at performingarts@suffolk.edu or call 617-305-6307 with questions.

FRIDAY

NKOTB!!! New Kids on the Block are performing at TD Banknorth Garden! Go grab last minute tickets and go dance with your Boston boys! www.ticketmaster.com

SATURDAY

Oktober Fest at 75 Chestnut in Boston starting at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

If intramural flag football at Suffolk doesn’t spike your interest then join the Boston Metro Flag football team at 8:00 a.m. at Charlestown High School in Boston. All ages are welcome.

MONDAY

Artist Rachel Yamagata will be performing at Cafe 939 at Berklee at 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Every Tuesday night is ladies night at the Red Sky (16 North Street, Boston). This is the last week for 80’s night! Start voguing at 5 p.m. 21+

ACROSSES

1. Pertaining to Benedict XVI
6. Boost
10. Increase in height or number
14. Flagrant insult
18. Charisma, atmosphere
19. Fish appendix
20. Vietnamese New Year
21. Attempts
22. Search
24. Perfuming to the small intumidin
28. Kid leather
27. Walking
29. Piller
31. Image
32. Trims
33. Cow chow
36. Cause light to pass through
40. Become firm
41. Sharp
43. Goes in
49. Irritably impatient
50. Basic unit of heredity
51. Killer whale
52. PC key
55. Japanese rice wine
56. Shrivelled, without moisture
57. Dirt
60. Affirm with confidence
61. Like Wrigley Field’s walls
62. Some wines
63. Wither through heat exposure
64. Like beaches

DOWN

1. Skin
2. Tropical plant
3. Underskirt
4. Darya (Asian river)
5. Heed
6. Fundamental
7. Dominion
8. Son of Zeus in Greek mythology
9. Move about recklessly
10. Take on a fresh supply of fuel
11. Like Wrighty Field’s walls
12. Inward feeling
13. Formerly, formerly
21. Old cloth
22. Inward feeling
23. Some wines
24. Four Corners state
25. Waterfall
26. Appear
27. Mines
28. Land measure
29. Saline
30. Authentic
31. Image
32. Purple fruit
33. Acting as a cause
34. Like beaches
35. Repudiate
36. Locks up
37. Like beaches
38. Locks up
39. Russian no
40. Becomes firm
41. Sharp
42. Hydro髂al
43. Four Corners state
44. Fine hair
45. Authentic
46. Hoist
47. Inquired
48. Eccentric
49. Like Wrigley Field’s walls
50. Former Russian ruler
51. Basic unit of heredity
52. Killer whale
53. Traditional prayer ending
54. Of the highest quality
55. Of the highest quality
56. Distress signal
57. Dirt
58. Knock vigorously
59. Affirm with confidence
60. On a single occasion
61. Roof overhangs
62. Some wines
63. Like beaches
64. Like beaches

Got Notes?

by phil flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)

THANKS FOR TAKING ME TO BRUNCH. IT ALWAYS MAKES THESE “MORNINGS AFTER” LESS AWKWARD.

WHAT WAS YOUR NAME AGAIN?
Men’s Soccer team nets new coach

Mary McCrossen
Journal Contributor

This past summer, Suffolk University’s Athletic Director Jim Nelson welcomed Andrius Ziekus as the new head coach of the men’s soccer team. Ziekus replaces Nick Papadopoulos, who is making the transition from head coach to recruiting coordinator and adviser for the team.

Ziekus, who served as assistant coach for the 2007 and 2008 seasons, is looking forward to taking on the larger role this year, and he feels very positive about his team.

“The athletes are enthusiastic as a team, are very passionate about the game and want to succeed,” said Ziekus.

Ziekus’ goals for the team are to not only compete for a championship, but more importantly build a team of strong students as well. His goal is for the whole team to make All-Academic in the conference, which means they all must earn at least a 3.0 GPA.

Ziekus has already taken steps to help realize this goal. Motivating his players to go to class and helping them learn how to improve their time management skills. His coaching techniques are focused on making sure his players can be successful both on and off the field.

Ziekus brings a fresh viewpoint and plenty of experience to the team, having worked as a coach at Boston Latin School and Medford High School. Along with coaching soccer, Ziekus has also coached basketball and understands how to handle student athletes and prepare them for success.

One of the many reasons AD Nelson chose Ziekus is because there is a lot of traveling involved with practices and games, and he knew Ziekus would be committed to the team and be a strong leader. Having worked as an assistant coach at Suffolk already, Ziekus is familiar with the challenges and strengths of the athletic department.

Former coach Nick Papadopoulos’ job as advisor means he will be greeting prospective Suffolk student athletes and attending showcases to recruit for a strong future program. Papadopoulos will still be attending all the home matches to guide the team and offer support.

Despite starting off this season with a 1-4 record, the team is trying to stay positive and persistent over the long season. Ziekus believes that the team will be more successful in upcoming games.

“We have focused on organizing the defense” said Ziekus, who also added that “all the hard work the team has put in will eventually pay off.” Like all of the Suffolk athletic teams, the goal for the soccer team is to compete for the Great Northeast Athletic Conference championship in the post-season. Nelson feels strongly that the soccer team will earn a seat in the conference: “With the significant numbers of new players, by the end of the year, the new talent will mesh well with our veterans and that, combined with a well-prepared Coach Andrus will lead to success.”

The Suffolk Athletic Department is very enthusiastic about Ziekus’s promotion and continued hard work as head coach. Ziekus is also excited to be here, and has lofty goals for himself and his student athletes. “We are working to put together a strong program for this year and future years to come,” he said.

Ya like tha Sox?

then write for Spawhhhts, guy.
Correction: Last week’s September showdown baseball article was written by Roni Smith.

Men’s Soccer
The men’s soccer team has gotten off to a shaky start. Plagued with injuries, the team feels they are not performing at the level they can and should be. However, Coach Zeikus is very pleased with the hard work and enthusiasm his team has displayed so far. Zeikus says that the team is “more organized and showing more commitment” than last year, and that the players are working hard to stay healthy and hopefully go deep into the playoffs this season.

Women’s Soccer
Despite having a program that’s only in its sophomore season, Coach Ernst Cleophat has big plans to take his team far. Last year, the main focus was not so much on wins and losses, but to “get well polished” and get through their first season as a varsity squad. They played each match with class and style, and this year their main goal is to make it into the playoffs. Freshmen Leslie Hayden (Ross, CA) and Christina Michael (Fall River, MA) are two players hoping to push the team into the post season. “We want to win it all,” says Cleophat. “But to do that we need to make it to the playoffs first.”

Men’s Cross Country
Recent Results
Sept. 19: Daniel Webster Invitational
- Daniel Hassan 4th place out of 6
- Matthew Stas 8th overall (30:32)
- Craig Rubis 9th overall (30:42)

Upcoming Games:
- Sept. 26th at Rivier Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

Women’s Cross Country
Recent Results
Sept. 19: Daniel Webster Invitational
- Rachel Perron 2nd overall (21:07)
- Anna Birdsall 5th overall (23:11)
- Meghan Scully 13th overall (25:28)

Upcoming Games:
- Sept. 26th at Rivier Invitational, 4:00 p.m.

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Women’s Tennis
The women’s tennis team is coming off of an undefeated season, something that Coach Isaac Stahl believes is hard to replicate. With losses already to Simmons and MIT, captains Kaitlyn Cates (JR., Middlebury, CT) and Alex Hernandez-Vallant (SO., Newton, MA) hope to exhibit leadership and bring their team to another championship, as well as an NCAA bid in the spring. Expectations are high, and some key match-ups against Rhode Island and Emerson are being eagerly anticipated by the team. “There’s a bit of bad blood with Rhode Island, so the team is looking forward to that match-up,” says Stahl. Freshman sensation Lauren Cameron (Kington, Jamaica), who plays at the number three spot, has posted an undefeated record so far, grabbing the team’s only win against MIT.

Recent Results
- Sept. 17: vs. Emmanuel, W 7-2
- Sept. 20: vs. Albertus Magnus, W 9-0

Upcoming Games:
- Sept. 25th vs. Wentworth, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 27th at Emerson, 3:30 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball
Recent Results
- Sept. 20th at Norwich, L 3-0
- Sept. 20th vs. Simmons (at Norwich), L 3-1
- Sept. 23rd vs. Salem State, L 3-1

Upcoming Games:
- Sept. 27th at Mount Ida, 10 a.m.
- Sept. 27th vs. Lasell (at Mount Ida), 12 p.m.
Baseball "Cathedral" comes to a close

Mary McCrossen
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Buildings and stadiums are knocked down, new pieces of architecture are built to better suit the times, and life goes on. For the most part, people didn’t create a fuss when Busch Memorial Stadium in St. Louis, Missouri was knocked down in favor of the new, inventive Busch Stadium. With the passing comes the need for relevancy; an adaptation to the modern world.

But Yankee Stadium, famously dubbed “The House That Ruth Built,” seems to be an exception to the rule. Never before has there been such a hallowed building in which sports and events are held. Yankee Stadium (the first American sports stadium to actually be dubbed a “stadium”), has played host to events that revolutionized sports in general. The park encompasses greatness, and what it means to be part of something special. Ultimately, when the Yankees knock down the stadium and prepare for a new season at the updated version across the street, memories of the past 85 years will be left in its wake. No longer will Derek Jeter be able to say he stepped into the same batter’s box as Babe Ruth (albeit in a different spot considering the renovations that were made in 1973). No longer will opposing teams come to New York and have the opportunity to patrol the same outfield that Reggie Jackson and Roger Maris did with such elegance. No longer will we have the luxury of seeing present-day athletes strive for glory on the same field as their predecessors. The Cathedral of Baseball has closed, and we may never see anything like it again.

Athletic Department Graduate Assistant Anthony Del Prete has recently been named Suffolk’s new interim Sports Information Director. Del Prete takes over for the recently departed Jim Seavey, who has moved on to become the full-time SID at Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay, Mass. The Sports Information Director position is responsible for managing all athletic public relations, for maintaining statistics and promoting the athletic department. Athletic Director James Nelson said, “Anthony is a serious candidate to fill the position indefinitely when a final decision on the SID job is made by December 1st.”

The Boston Red Sox defeated the Cleveland Indians 5-4 on September 23rd to clinch a playoff spot for the fourth time in five years. The Red Sox will wrap up their regular season with two more games against The Tribe before ending the year with a three game series at home against the rival New York Yankees. Depending where they finish in the division (they are still battling the Rays for top spot), they will face off against either the AL West champion Anaheim Angels or the winner from the AL Central division (either the Chicago White Sox or Minnesota Twins) in the first round of the playoffs.
Womens Volleyball serves for success, despite loss

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On September 23rd, the Suffolk University women's volleyball team played their eighth game of the season at the Ridgeway Gym. However, the outcome of the match was not what they had hoped for, as the Lady Rams fell to the Salem State Vikings in a non-conference match by a score of 3-1.

Jim Feeley, who has been coaching the women's volleyball team for nine years, said he thought his team played a hard-fought match in the loss. "It was a good match," said Feeley, who originally started out as a head coach for three years before becoming an assistant for two and finally back to being a head coach for four seasons. "We lost 3-1, but (all the sets) were close games."

The Rams, who are now 3-5 on the season, have one of the youngest teams in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. The team has no seniors, only two juniors, two sophomores, and seven freshmen.

Feeley said that his team may be very young, but it is not stopping them from trying to achieve their goal for the season. "Making the playoff tournament with this team would be a really big accomplishment," said Feeley.

Feeley added that watching the older players progress over the last couple of years is what he has enjoyed the most about coaching the team.

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"I've enjoyed watching the younger kids grow up," said Feeley. "The younger kids are learning some set plays (every practice). We're much more aggressive hitters than we were last year."

An example of a player who has made tremendous improvements in her first two seasons is Julie Sullivan, a sophomore from Haverhill, Massachusetts. "Our center Julie Sullivan has improved running the offense dramatically from last year," said Feeley.

The captain of the Suffolk University volleyball team, Kelsey Armstrong-Hahn, is one of many players who believes the Lady Rams can make it to the tournament and succeed. "I hope our team accomplishes coming together as a team, and I hope we make it to conference playoffs, and I hope we can be successful in the conference playoffs," said Armstrong-Hahn, a junior on the team from Corvallis, Oregon.

Armstrong-Hahn also added that she has had a blast playing on the volleyball team for the Rams. "I love the girls, and I think it's one of the best sports, because you always have the full support from your team," said Armstrong-Hahn.

The Rams go for their fourth and fifth wins of the season Saturday in a conference doubleheader at Mount Ida College vs. Mount Ida and vs. Lasell at 10 a.m. and 12 noon respectively.

Replay in baseball? Just say NO!

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Though it has taken time to get it right, instant replay has been one of the most innovative features in sports in the last 15 or 20 years. Let's face it, without it in football, basketball, hockey, and even tennis, some "judgment calls" from officials would never have been fixed. After being recently instituted into Major League Baseball, the instant replay issue has again surfaced.

Let's take an inside look at two scenarios where replay has proved to be both good and bad.

2002 Snow Bowl, Patriots vs. Raiders

This may be the most important use of instant replay ever in a sporting event. Down by three with less than 2:00 to go in regulation, Tom Brady was hit by Charles Woodson of the Raiders, causing a fumble that Oakland recovered. However, the officials upstairs buzzed the referee and he took an extra look at it.

As a spectator at that game, I have to admit it was a bit tense. The official looked at the replay for the maximum time possible as everyone in the stands played the waiting game. Some people even left the stadium when the play occurred; however, surprisingly enough, they were set back in when they heard that the play was under review.

As the tension continued, everyone in the stands was holding their breath. Finally after three and a half minutes of drama, the official came out and announced his decision. "After reviewing the play, the quarterbacks arm was going forward...it is an incomplete pass." After that, we all knew what happened, Adam Vinatieri hit the tying field goal to send the game into overtime, and the Pats eventually won the game. Patriot fans can thank the "catch rule" for that one.

Admittedly I may be a bit biased on that one, so let's look at another call, one with a negative outcome.

2008 NCAA Hockey Championship

Boston College had a 3-1 lead going into the third period against Notre Dame. Mid-