After an epic presidential race, America spoke and chose its leader – Barack Hussein Obama, a mixed-race Senator from Illinois. Obama has made history as the first black President after toppling 72-year-old Republican opponent John McCain. The call was made at 11 p.m. last night after the Obama/Biden ticket reached 284 electoral votes sweeping the McCain/Palin ticket. Both talked of change, but voters proved to believe that Obama had the most convincing promise. Obama, his wife Michelle, and two children, Malia and Sasha, celebrated last night at Grant Park in Chicago, Ill., Obama’s adopted state. Supporting the nation’s new leader is Senator Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. from Delaware, now Vice President-Elect.

Obama, whose first name means “blessed” in Swahili, was born on August 4, 1961 in Hawaii to parents Ann Dunham from Kansas and Barack Obama, Sr. from Kenya. He spent his childhood growing up in Hawaii and then Indonesia.

Obama, a die-hard White Sox fan, began his political career as a community organizer in the South Side of Chicago after graduating from Columbia University in 1983. He went on to attend Harvard Law School and became the first African-American editor of the Harvard Law Review.

"Above all, I will never forget who this victory truly belongs to; it belongs to you."

The racial tensions he experienced in New York City inspired him to practice civil rights law in Chicago. He then ran for the state senate seat from his district and in 2004, was elected to the US Senate. He became the first black American presidential candidate to win a major political party’s presumptive nomination for president on June 3, 2008 when he won the Montana primary.

Today, he stands, for some, as the personification of the American dream.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Tuesday, Oct. 28

11:21 a.m.
Sawyer
Pornography was found in the 5th floor of the ladies restroom by a faculty member. Report filed.

Friday, Oct. 31

8:25 a.m.
Sawyer
Students entrapped in elevator #2 in the Sawyer building. Report filed.

Saturday, Nov. 1

1:34 a.m.
Donahue
Officers received a report of a male individual urinating on Temple St. Report filed.

Monday, Nov. 3

1:50 a.m.
10 Somerset St.
Authorities received a report of an individual placing a couch in the elevator without authorization at the 10 Somerset St. dorm. Report filed.

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**news BRIEFS**

Take GRE before 23, studies finds

For many juniors and seniors looking forward to beginning their professional career, graduate school might be an option in their immediate future. According to Amanda Wheeler-Larsen of Tierney Communications, more college students are taking their graduate exams even if they are unsure if they will go on to graduate school because the scores are good for five years after being taken. Research has shown that students under 23 years old who take the test score better than any other age group, and so the GREs are being used as a safety net said Wheeler-Larsen.

Provost says Suffolk's finances are stable despite economy

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Guns keep public safe, says NRA President

Despite the Commonwealth being made up of predominantly anti-gun democrats, President of the National Rifle Association (NRA), John Sigler, spoke to Suffolk students last Wednesday. An event sponsored by the Suffolk College Republicans, Sigler pushed his pro-gun agenda days before the Presidential Election, attempting to inform students about the history of the Second Amendment and its various interpretations.

In the infamous case, D.C. v. Heller (2008), the Supreme Court decided that the Second Amendment guaranteed an individual right to own firearms for self-defense and also overturned the handgun ban in the District of Columbia. In lieu of this landmark decision, Sigler sought to explain what he claimed were "existing falsehoods" regarding the Second Amendment, hoping to motivate citizens to seek the truth about their Constitutional rights. Regardless of if you support or oppose [flexible gun laws], you and I face a common threat, "declared Sigler. "The danger of dishonest lies and false dichotomy if you accept these falsehoods would be intellectual confusion.

Sigler described what he called "phony research and deceptive sales pitch" used to rid people of their Second Amendment right to bear arms. Sigler made claims that anti-gun lobbyists and politicians have regarding gun control and in actuality, gun laws affect the security of American cities. "Massachusetts has stringent gun laws. The idea that those protect you is a dangerous lie," said Sigler, speaking the Massachusetts Gun Control Act of 1986. "Under this law, gun owners must have a valid license to carry a firearm. The license is not a guarantee of a safe firearm, but it does mean that the owner is responsible for the gun he or she possesses," said Sigler. "Gun owners must keep records of the guns they possess, and if they sell a gun, they must inform the state," he added. "This law has not prevented gun violence in Massachusetts, but it has helped to keep guns out of the wrong hands," said Sigler.

"When the wolves can't tell the sheep from the lions, the world is safer," Sigler said.
suffolk students speak out on election

Nick Wilson (left)
2009
"I voted yes on question 3, but my friend Mitch made me realize that may have endangered the jobs of thousands."

Jacquelyn Shea
2012
"I do not agree with dog racing in general. Dogs are meant for better things: to be pets, lead the blind, part of a family and man's best friend."

Antares Turciu (right)
2012
"I would've voted yes on question 2 due to the fact that I don't think people should be denied school loans just because they made a mistake when they were younger."

Cam Cieslak
2012
"The state would be in dire straights without it, for schools, roads and other things."

Mitch Manning (right)
2009
"The more blown out of proportion this election has been, the more I realize how irrelevant it is. Nothing will change immediately. It's not like I hate the whole process, I just feel that people have narrow views sometimes."

Melanie Blethen
2012
"I look at the elections like one person being the lesser of two evils."

Lexis Raymond (left)
2012
"Question 2 I thought was interesting. totally would've voted yes."

Dave Yang (above)
2011
"I support Obama. The problem I have with Sarah Palin is that she can't run her household, but she wants to run a country."

suffolk prof invites students to explore virtual world

Michael Kraten, a Suffolk University Assistant Professor of Accounting, recently took his class to visit the AVNET lobby in Phoenix, AZ. It didn't cost them a penny. Kraten and his class traversed the virtual duplicate of museum via the computer game Second Life, which is currently gaining popularity in the business world. The professor asks users to create an avatar (a virtual representa­tion of oneself), build a virtual business world. The professor explains, the program can be used for much more than entertainment. "Instead of shooting a gun or a basketball, it can be helpful in a business context," he said.

While most of the classes Kraten teaches are still held in the classroom for the most part, Second Life allows him to request that his students meet him online for field trips and visits from guest lecturers who would not be possible without virtual reality. "There are people all over the country and the world that I'd like to get to come to class as guest speakers, but there's no way to get them to campus," Kraten said. Along with the benefit of having guest speakers talk to the class from thousands of miles away, Kraten explains that the program can help the class itself get together. "When he first heard about the program and other professors using it in a classroom environment, Kraten thought, "this could be helpful to replace the occasional snow-storm cancelled class; it would allow me to get together with students and chat in real time."

Since then, Kraten's use of the program has expanded from a way to stay warm during the New England winter to allow me to get together with students and chat in real time."

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Democratic ticket victory means stricter gun laws

Natalia Musatova
Journal Staff

A young Nepalese woman riding a bus to Bombay, India hopes for a better life and a new beginning. She looks forward to the opportunities a large city like Bombay could offer her—education, work, and medicine for her sick child—all the things she never had access to in her small village in Nepal. But that new beginning turns out to be a devastating and heart-wrenching reality, the beginning of an end to her life.

"The day I was sold is the day My God Died," said Meena—a young woman who was taken to Bombay and sold at the age of 12, raped, battered, and forced into being a sex slave.

Narrator of the documentary is Anuradha Koirala, who rescues young women from brothels, provides them with love and care, and attempts to give them a whole new life.

"This is the price of her life," says the narrator, moving on to the next victim of sex trafficking, Jyoti, who was sold at age 12, raped, shocked, tortured, and forced into being a sex slave.

Sex trafficking is a brutal and exploitative practice that affects millions of people worldwide, but the stories of Meena and Jyoti highlight the importance of advocating for justice and working towards a world free from such exploitative practices.

New poll says more civil fines to replace criminal penalties

Suffolk University's Political Research Center released a new poll yesterday that found that 72 percent of Greater Boston residents would like to replace more criminal penalties with civil fines.

This information is consistent with the passing of Question 2 last night regarding the decriminalization of marijuana in Massachusetts.
Europeans Prefer Obama

Karolina Stancki
International Correspondent

European coverage of the United States Presidential Election is in full swing, and Presidential nominee Barack Obama’s public relations strategy pays off. It is clear he is the favorite candidate in Europe. But how did we get as far as Obama mania?

The approval of US leadership has globally declined during the Bush administration. According to the Gallup Polls that conducted surveys in Europe this year, 78 percent of German and 64 percent of French disapprove of the US leadership in the past few years. The war in Iraq and the rise of political powers invading other countries are the major reasons why Europeans have been disapproving of the US leadership.

Since Germany and France do not support the Bush Administration’s involvement in the Iraq war, they want their troops out of the war zones. Moreover, after many French civilians died in Afghanistan last summer, France demanded all of its troops to return. As Obama is against the war, the French and Germans prefer him to McCain. The European media reports that McCain is somewhat of a “continuation of Bush” and, therefore, Europeans are looking forward to the end of that era.

The German, French and Luxembourgish media has been providing more coverage about Obama than McCain in general. Because people read more about Obama, they seem to know him better than McCain and, therefore, want to like him more than his opponent. Andrea Stredlar, a Munich resident, says that she would vote for Obama simply because, “[Obama] is a more likeable person than McCain.”

Moreover, Obama’s campaigning trip to Europe in July resulted in a positive outcome worldwide. In Berlin alone, an audience of about 200,000 people came to see him. This trip also contributed to his PR boost in the United States.

“Obama is a Popstar who is winning his audience less through his political campaign but rather through his personality and likeliness,” says Dirk Widdigassen, a TV producer in Germany.

Mario Steytler, a German winery proprietor, says that although the media transforms the presidential election into a ridiculous event by broad-casting controversial commercial cliches, which are some-what untruthful, it somehow works in favor of Obama.

A French medical doctor, Charles Petitot, explains that one reason why Obama is so favored in Europe is that Europeans are now tired of the first black man to be nominated as a US presidential candidate, a fact that most people did not believe could happen.

“The fact that Obama is African-American, running to be president of the United States signifies a return to the roots of American history,” he says.

The Germans compare Obama with Angela Merkel, the German first female elected chancellor, a significant change in German politics. They also see Obama as the second John F. Kennedy, “who stands for a new, liberal and young American crowd, leaving behind the war-impressed, allmighty fantasy driven George W. Bush,” says Widdigassen.

According to Jeffrey Lodermeier, spokesperson for the US embassy in Luxembourg, Obama is clearly the favorite candidate. Lodermeier reports that the 2,600 Americans who live in Luxembourg voted by mail this week.

Germany and France are run by leaders who support the United States, as The Economist reports, and they both hope for better transatlantic relations after the presidential election.

The majority (64 percent) of European citizens surveyed, according to the Gallup Polls, agree that the outcome of the current presidential election is relevant to their own country.

Widdigassen explains that as the new US President, Obama would be better for Europe because his already won Bush’s administration’s sympathy being widely celebrated in London and Berlin.

Although Steytler doesn’t agree with all of Obama’s ideas, he believes that Obama will be better in the long run for Europe. He hopes that he will open Americans’ eyes, “so that they don’t think they are alone on this planet and [they] widen their horizons.”

Despite the “wide-likeability of Obama in Europe, there remain Europeans who support McCain.

Flavien Cassier, a French entrepreneur who lives in Switzerland, said, “[Mccain] is the worst system of the four.” He explained that although Obama is favored by the French, his vote would go to McCain because he is “more realistic than Obama.”

Cassier argues that health insurance would not be freely accessible to every US citizen, as Obama suggests because “when people get [it] for free, they end up abusing it and be-coming irresponsible, visiting the doctor’s office five times a month to get medication for a cold.” He states that in 1980, France’s health insurance and medicare systems were similar to the ones in the US today. At that time, France was ranked as the fourth wealthiest country in the world. Today it is ranked as the fifteenth because they have a socialized medicare system. “Did [this system] make us richer? No!” said Cassier.

“[So], my vote goes for McCain.”

Killian Cassier, another entrepreneur from Switzerland, agrees with his brother, Flavi- en. He believes that McCain will win the election because “the United States is a country that remunerates hard work.” He says that the French are a “herd of sheep - they follow whatever the media tells them without learning the details of Obama’s or McCain’s goals.”

Monteiro explains in an interview Monday that the US leadership has been very stubborn under George W. Bush and that “[Europeans] had always had to adapt to the US regime.” She said, whoever wins the presidential election is going to inherit “America’s biggest challenge.”

Taipei, Taiwan – One of China’s top political officials, then Yunlin, made a landmark visit to Taiwan and held three-a-day talks with Taiwanese officials about boosting trade and tourism. However, citizens of Taiwan held widespread protests, feeling that Taiwan’s sovereignty would be threatened by closer ties with China.

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While we have not formally endorsed a candidate this year, we are pleased with the outcome from last night’s presidential race. Last night we witnessed a major breakthrough for the United States, as we have just witnessed a major victory for Obama. We have come to embrace the new era of leadership that Barack Obama will bring to us. We believe he did not have what it takes to be Commander-in-Chief. John McCain was a formidable opponent to Obama. He fought hard, but mistakes were made -- Sarah Palin was an atrocious public relations stunt, and it backfired on McCain. She discredited his good name. We respect McCain. He sacrificed a great deal for this country. He has proved himself an active and a bipartisan Senator. But we believe he did not have what it takes to be Commander-in-Chief. Barack Obama does. He is a breath of fresh air for the country, a definite break from the other 43 old, white men who held the office. Obama promises change, and we all welcome the change. For too long our image abroad has been tarnished by ridiculous policies of the Bush Administration. Now when people from other countries look at our country, they can see that America transcended race lines and voted the person most qualified to be our leader. A staunch old man is not an accurate representation of America. Americans are not all white, or male. This country is a salad bowl, a huge mixture a different things, all interlacing, and creating a unique flavor. Not a melaza, a melting pot as was previously perceived. So now America, let’s take all this positive energy and turn it into the change we need, a change we can believe in.

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The challenge of change we made the wrong choice. Because these taxes would be enough to cover his huge spending proposals. I heard a $200 thousand fiasco, and our new President has said $150 thousand, although this was a definite slip of the tongue. But if you tax the rich more, they can find ways out of it an burden ends up on the middle class any way. Of course if you tax the rich 5% over the $332,000 of support for Barack Obama began in the wake of the financial crisis, I have crossed my fingers that John McCain would pull an upset and become the forty-fourth President of the United States. Obviously this didn’t happen, and we now have the most left Commanders-In-Chief in our history, with Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid at the helm of the House of Representatives and Senate respectively. From what we know of President Obama, we will be pulling out of Iraq within sixteen months, regardless of conditions on the ground. I am optimistic that we will be ready to leave at that time thanks to the tremendous leadership of General Petraeus and the surge strategy that Sen. McCain supported, and that Obama doomed to failure. But what if we did need a little more time? Everything we have accomplished over there would be undone and the United States will have a huge blow and embarrassing military defeat. Obama’s domestic policies will further weaken us when he tries to spend the wealth instead of growing it. He says his tax bracket will start at those making $250 thousand a year, but it seems that number might get smaller. I hope I’m wrong about this, but I prefer support for Barack Obama began in the wake of the financial crisis, I have crossed my fingers that John McCain would pull an upset and become the forty-fourth President of the United States. Obviously this didn’t happen, and we now have the most left Commanders-In-Chief in our history, with Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid at the helm of the House of Representatives and Senate respectively. From what we know of President Obama, we will be pulling out of Iraq within sixteen months, regardless of conditions on the ground. I am optimistic that we will be ready to leave at that time thanks to the tremendous leadership of General Petraeus and the surge strategy that Sen. McCain supported, and that Obama doomed to failure. But what if we did need a little more time? Everything we have accomplished over there would be undone and the United States will have a huge blow and embarrassing military defeat. Obama’s domestic policies will further weaken us when he tries to spend the wealth instead of growing it. He says his tax bracket will start at those making $250 thousand a year, but it seems
Q1: INCOME TAX REPEAL

Mike Gomez Journal Staff

There is no doubt that Barack Obama's Presidential victory is a tremendously significant moment in American history. The first Black American President - how wonderful it is that we have transformed this idea, which had seemed so far-fetched to so many, into a solid, immutable fact. Obama's victory doesn't mean that we have overcome racial discrimination against Black Americans in this country, but his election is undeniable proof that we are making real progress towards greater racial equality.

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The administration also said that marijuana decriminalization would lead to increased marijuana usage and addiction, something that could have destructive effects on our society. While Trump may not be the worst drug in the book, it takes its toll.

Q2: MARIJUANA LAW REFORM

Tara Lachapelle Journal Staff

In a world where the media has become an extension of government public relations, it's difficult to trust anything you read in the papers or see on TV. With networks like Fox and MSNBC putting their own perspectives forward, it's been a challenge for voters to which candidate they should listen. Really, that's what it is: fast industry competing for readership and viewer ratings.

The media's lowest point, how could anyone decide who to vote for? It is that we have transformed this idea, which had seemed so far-fetched to so many, into a solid, immutable fact. Obama's victory doesn't mean that we have overcome racial discrimination against Black Americans in this country, but his election is undeniable proof that we are making real progress towards greater racial equality.

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Let's look towards the future and vote 'yes' on Question 2.

Q3: BAN OF GREYHOUND RACING

Tara Lachapelle Journal Staff

In a world where the media has become an extension of government public relations, it's difficult to trust anything you read in the papers or see on TV. While our crowded prisons are pushing 140 percent capacity, job security is a top priority for middle class Americans.

Considering trainers are trying to make money from the dogs it only makes sense that they will take good care of them. The concern here is what appears to these dogs when they no longer bring a profit, when that first place trophy outweighs their drive. Dogs should not be used as a means for making money. If you want a quick fix, buy a scratch ticket.

In lieu of the financial crisis, job security is a top priority for middle class Americans. For those who can't find another job, they can find another one, but is this includes those in the greyhound racing industry. In Massachusetts, 707 employees work in the greyhound racing and related facilities, and if Question Three passes, their jobs would be in jeopardy. In Massachusetts, greyhound racing is safe for the dogs.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, there has been no record of animal abuse regarding a racing greyhound. There have been no violations that have to be met in order to make sure the dogs safe on the track, such as kennel size and the conditions of the track. Voters need to reconsider what Question Three means their jobs.

Just because animals are involved in a competitive sport does not mean animal abuse is occurring in a disadvantage in our society. President-Elect Obama inspired us to imagine a better country for ourselves. During his campaign, he expressed deep concern for the working and middle classes, called for increased cooperation in both national and international politics and proposed practical solutions to the toughest challenges that America now faces.

We were impressed with his ideas, but we were also moved by his message. "Change" and "Hope" were more than just useful one-word slogans intended to portray Obama as the antithesis to George W. Bush and his failed presidency. These words signify a break from the prejudices of the past, and a movement towards a kind of country that our principals actually describe.

While Obama's electoral victory is also a victory for racial equality, I hesitate to say that a new day has dawned on America. We are still struggling with our deep-seated legacies of the prejudices, class materialism, and self-absorption that run deep within our society. Only if we completely appropriate for the Bay state! Vote yes on Question 1.
With the current presidential election results, it is impossible to ignore the effect art has had on politics. It does not come as much of a surprise that more artists showed their support for Obama than as his proposed plan for presidency include a focus on expanding support for artists much more than McCain's plans. According to a recent article in the Los Angeles Times, Obama's plans call for increased government funding of the arts as well as reforming the No Child Left Behind Act, under which many public schools have lost funding for their arts programs. Artist support for Obama has been popping up around Boston since he was declared the Democratic nominee. On Thayer St. in the South End, a giant mural posted up with wheatpaste commissioned by Gallery XIV which combines elements of Obama and Abraham Lincoln's faces in a multi-colored montage reminiscent of Andy Warhol's works adorns the side of the building. The Miller Block Gallery on Newbury St. also recently featured an exhibit of campaign buttons designed by local artists, many of which were pro-Obama.

The use of music in campaigning is nothing new. Whig candidates William Henry Harrison (a war hero of the Battle of Tippecanoe) and John Tyler played "Tippecanoe and Tyler too" at rallies during their 1840 campaign against Martin Van Buren's re-election campaign. This song by Alexander Coffman Ross praises the Whigs with "...the ball a-rolling on/for Tippecanoe and Tyler too," while demeaning Buren through "Van is a wimp/and with/Tip and Ty/ we'll beat little Van."

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Suffolk holds talent with Amber Lee

Julie Cielsinski

Staff Writer

“We do it for the love of music,” smiled Amber Lee Gesslein. Singing for her self-formed band, Amber Lee, Gesslein harkens on her musical experience with subtle happiness. Gesslein's songs are very structured and vocally-oriented with a mellow, low-key sound. “I can't put us in a category because one song could be all happy and one all jazzy,” Gesslein said of the band's sound. Gesslein is currently a junior, majoring in Political Science at Suffolk University, but she's earned her Associate's Degree in General Arts at Ocean County College. The other members, Tony Defabritus on bass, Jerry Reballion on guitar, and sometimes Gregg Bautista on keyboards, attend Berklee College of Music, with the exception of Gesslein, who goes to Ocean County College in New Jersey. Though Gambino and Defabritus were the original members of Amber Lee, Gesslein confesses that it's hard to find people that click together, Gesslein said of their current group. Defabritus owns a studio called the Ant Farm at his home in New Jersey. While music is a hobby for Gesslein, it's a passion for Defabritus. He loves the process of music production and has a knack for making recordings sound professional. “He's very talented. I'll hum him a melody and he'll write a song,” said Gesslein. The band has recorded three songs so far, all showing the wide variety of musical talent Amber Lee possesses.

For most of Amber Lee's musical career, coffee houses were the main venues. They play shows frequently at the Java Joint back in Toms River. Before the fall semester, they played a hometown gig, actually making a little money. Their next planned show is back at a Musician's Network show at Suffolk on Nov. 15. Currently trying to get a show for Christmas break, Gesslein commented that Defabritus has all their connections for bar gigs.

For Gesslein, balancing university life and a band is relatively easy. “If we were to get a deal I'd definitely take it,” she said. Currently, Amber Lee and its members are raising money to produce a demo, but Gesslein confesses that it's hard to get a gig with good pay in these times. Defabritus is working on getting Amber Lee signed to the Berklee College's student run label Heavy Rotation Records. “I don't know if that's considered professional, but they'd put [us] in a studio and record music,” said Gesslein. She says that they intend to sell the demo at shows, or give them to people they know. She comments that even though their music is easily accessed through the group's MySpace page, most people like having things on mp3 players, and that even though their music is cool to be called a rock band. "I don't know if that's considered professional, but they'd put [us] in a studio and record music," said Gesslein. She says that they intend to sell the demo at shows, or give them to people they know. She comments that even though their music is easily accessed through the group’s MySpace page, most people like having things on mp3 players, and that it would really help them get their name into the music scene.

Amber Lee's most recent activity was at Fallfest during Suffolk's Parents' Weekend. Gesslein recalled that the reception from Fallfest was great, with appreciative crowds each night. Her only regret is that they had to play their song “Fell in Love with a Boy” each night.

“It really doesn't show our full style to people who were there all the nights. But it was cool to be called a rock band. People applauded for that,” Gesslein said. She explained that Coach Jim Nelson accidentally didn't read their submitted introduction, but his ad-libbed introduction turned out to be very funny. "The cast was very supportive; they were very open to us even though we were not part of the company," Gesslein said.

For now, Amber Lee is continuing their band as they always have, Gesslein laughs while describing their song-writing process. "We'll just be jamming and I'll write down ideas. New ideas spring up every day when we're just fooling around," she said. Amber Lee's three recorded songs ("Andy Warhol," "Fragile," and "Angel in Disguise") can be heard at www.myspace.com/songsbyamber.
More sympathy, less history in "W."

Jeremy Lindy
Journal Contributor

Before Bush's term in office comes to a close, the new movie "W." (Lions Gate Entertainment, 2008) takes a look at the high points of George W. Bush's (Josh Brolin) youth and the low points of his presidency. Most of the movie takes place before the Iraq War has started and focuses on less political aspects of his life.

Oliver Stone, director of "W.," has presented a different view of Bush, almost drawing sympathy for him. The movie shows how Saturday night, the point of his family, struggling to live up to his brother Jeb's successes and the young George W. Bush as he is being initiated with the Skull and Bones. He has trouble drinking his way in. His father George Sr. (James Cromwell) gets frustrated with his drinking problem when he is thrown in jail and goes out drinking with his 15-year-old brother.

Then the love story of George and Laura (Elizabeth Banks) is told, beginning with when they meet at a family barbecue and fall instantly in love with each other, even with their differences in politics and George's dislike of reading. Throughout most of the movie George struggles with alcohol and his love for Jack Daniel's increases. This ends when he replaces alcohol and religion with Jack Daniel's. Dr. Pepper. He thinks his lack of religion and the fact that he wasn't Texas enough is the reason why he lost the race to be the Governor of Texas.

Josh Brolin's portrayal of George Bush was an interesting performance and a good impersonation suitable for Saturday Night Live, especially when he uses words he has made up on the spot. It seemed that Bush was eating or picking food out of his teeth in every scene, which was excessive. Elizabeth Banks made Laura very likable, especially when she was helping George with a hangover and wearing the gangster pants we all assumed that she would wear. It was clear that she was always concerned with his drinking and the founds he was having with his family. The minor characters were all interesting, mostly because of the physical similarities the actors shared with the people they were portraying. None of them were brilliant, but were not that bad either.

The movie is entertaining, and is timely with the current election and the end of the Bush era. Parts of history, such as the 9/11 attacks or the Iraq War, are not mentioned, even though they do have memorable moments like when Bush choked on a pretzel, stuttered through a series of questions, not being able to actually answer one, and was filmed chopping wood on his ranch. Perhaps in eight years there will be an "O." but the world is still waiting for a movie based on the Clintons.

Day of the Dead comes to life at Suffolk

Abby Kingston
Journal Staff

The Donahue lobby was adorned with skulls and colored decorations this past Saturday night, along with a grand altar covered in ornaments and food at the center. A tribute to the spirits of those we have lost. People crowded into the lobby and the cafe to celebrate and enjoy tamales, hot chocolate and pan de muertos (bread of the dead).

El Dia de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead), is a holiday into the lobby and the cafe to celebrate and enjoy tamales, hot chocolate and pan de muertos (bread of the dead).

The percussionist performed an impressive hand drum solo, in which he used his fingers, palms and elbows to create complex and fast-paced rhythms. After nearly five minutes of the solo the audience exploded with applause. During fuller and more melodic pieces the pianist and upright bassist brought richness to the music. Since 1994, Sol y Canto has created and performed beautiful Latin music, which brings listeners from many different cultures and generations together.

During intermission it was wild to see and hear all the different people and languages present at the same event. It was nearly a metaphor for the band as the musicians hail from Peru, Argentina, the United States, Uruguay, Puerto Rico and Panama. Sol y Canto's performance was a perfect tribute to El Dia de los Muertos, as they celebrated family and friends, alive or dead, through their music.

Melodic Vision included exactly what their name suggests: various images of Dia de los Muertos shown on a large projection screen accompanied by the group's music. While the photographs were certainly evocative, they were no comparison to the excitement produced by the previous performance. Susan Wilson and Rebecca Strauss, the women who created Melodic Vision, did a beautiful job of incorporating visual images of the holiday into a poetic musical performance.

The movie "W." was a great success as it included many aspects of Mexican culture into one celebratory night, not only entertaining but educating the audience. It was no doubt a fiesta to remember.
Christmas on Mars

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Journal Staff

"Christmas on Mars" (2008) will have fans of sci-fi and the Flaming Lips going crazy. It is described as "a Fantastical Film Freakout," the movie accompanied by a score also written and performed by the band Lips. The plot is hauntingly well done. Additionally, the cinematography is up to par and the film is solely to entertain. The movie has been given so much hype and praise from Lips' fans. 

The story brings a certain peace to the mind. This film does not in the least amount of oxygen. The hallucinations are the purpose of this film. 

"Christmas on Mars" will be playing at the Brattle Theatre in Harvard Square until Sunday, Nov. 9. The DVD will be released on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

God David Byrne Plays the Wang Theatre

Clay Adomczyk
Journal Staff

The Talking Heads' front man, writer and recent bike rack designer David Byrne is not one to live in the past, but has never shunned the past either. Now that he is touring under the moniker "The Songs of Byrne and Eno," in support of his and Brian Eno's self-released "Everything that Happens Will Happen Today" (2008), he's showing just that performing songs both old and new. 

Though Eno could not be persuaded to join the tour, last Friday's (Halloween) performance at the Wang Theatre was beautifully put together and had the high energy choreography that was very reminiscent of the Heads' theatrical film "Stop Making Sense" (Palms Pictures, 1984). 

As Byrne approached center stage, it became evident this was a performance rather than an ordinary concert. He was followed out by a drummer, full percussion section, a keyboard player, a trio of back up singers and three dancers all clad in Byrne's classic white. 

The peaceful side of the show is more than just the music. Byrne and the dancers all turn to the audience withılm featured in "The Talking Heads' tunes, providing the old Heads' film. 

The audience with is featured in "The Talking Heads' tunes, providing the old Heads' film. 

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2008
Time: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Where: President's Office
73 Tremont Street, 13th floor

President David Sargent invites you to meet with him to ask questions, express concerns, suggest ideas, and tell him how you feel about Suffolk.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet and speak with the President.

No appointment necessary.
The time has past for outside concerts, but Boston's music scene is still alive. In the month of November, Boston will welcome dozens of music performers to appear at hot spots all over the city. We have listed below three different bands that we recommend you check out.

All three concerts have ranges of ticket prices from $39.50 to hundreds of dollars. This variety of prices gives you the option of how much you would like to spend.

On Saturday, Nov. 8 Bob Weir & RatDog grace Boston with their presence at the Orpheum Theatre. The group started off as a side project for the Grateful Dead. After the death of Dead's lead singer, Jerry Garcia, Bob Weir and bassist Rob Wasserman devoted all of their time to Ratdog. The band covers famous hippie anthems from the Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan and the like. This fall, they are touring with the Allman Brothers Band. The concert will start at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available online as well as local ticket vendors.

TD Banknorth Garden has invited legendary rockers AC/DC to perform songs from their first album in eight years, "Black Ice." AC/DC is an Australian band that started in 1973 by guitarists and brothers Angus and Malcolm Young. With Brian Johnson as the lead vocalist, Cliff Williams playing the base, and Phil Rudd on the drums, this is sure to be a spectacular comeback for the rock legends. This highly energetic band will take the stage Sunday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Boston's Wang Theatre hosts the Smashing Pumpkins on Friday, Nov. 14. The band began their journey in 1988 as an underground alternative rock band characterized by heavy guitar and unique vocalization. Little did the members know that this was the beginning of a journey to stardom in America; one which incorporated multi-platinum albums and a Grammy nomination. Recently, drummer Jimmy Chamberlain was reunited with the band by singer and guitarist Billy Corgan. This show is sure to be a blow out and reminiscent of the band's original groundbreaking sound. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer
Conference: 4-6
Overall: 5-10
11.08 @ Mount Ida, L 1-0

Women's Cross Country
1.08 GNAC Tournament,
1 place out of 10
- Matt Stas 30:40
- Craig Rubis 32:21
- Matt Noonan 34:46
- Brian Harrington 35:28
- Corey Allen 35:45

Women's Volleyball
Conference: 3-9
Overall: 6-21
11.08 @ Keene St., L 3-0
10.25.08 @ Worcester St., L 3-0

Women's Cross Country
11.08 GNAC Tournament
Did Not Qualify
- Rachel Perron 21:01
- Megan Scully 24:56
- Elora Herberick 31:30

Women's Cross Country
- Rachel Perron named to GNAC All-Conference Team
- Rachel Perron named to 2008 GNAC Sportsmanship Team

Women's Volleyball
- Kelsey Armstrong-Hahn, 2008 Johnson and Wales Invitational All-Tournament Team

Men's Cross Country
11.08 ECAC Division III Championship

Women's Cross Country
11.08 ECAC Division III Championship

Men's Hockey
11.08 Dakin Donuts Tournament @ Becker College
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New challenger for boxing title
Hasim Rahman, an American boxer, has been chosen to challenge International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko for the title on Dec. 13 in Mannheim, Germany. Rahman, 45-6 with 36 knockouts, is replacing Alexander Povetkin of Russia as Klitschko's adversary. Povetkin was originally slated to face the champion, but pulled out of the fight due to an ankle injury. Klitschko boasts a career record of 51-3 with 45 knockouts, and has held the IBF heavyweight belt for over two years.

Brodeur goes down
The New Jersey Devils were dealt a serious blow this week when star goalie Martin Brodeur went down with an elbow injury in a game against the Atlanta Thrashers. Originally termed a bruised elbow, Brodeur's injury was subsequently disclosed to be a torn tendon in his elbow. The injury will require surgery, and he is expected to miss up to four months. Brodeur is currently seven wins short of tying Patrick Roy's career record of 551, and five shutouts shy of matching Terry Sawchuk's career mark of 103.

Mixed Martial Arts group folds
It looks like the mixed martial arts industry's once rapidly expanding bubble of popularity may be showing signs of bursting. EliteXC, the MMA organization that made waves after signing a prime-time contract with CBS, has folded operations and cancelled an event scheduled for Nov. 8. Recently EliteXC suffered a major publicity blow when one of its brightest stars, brawler Kimbo Slice, suffered a devastating 14-second defeat at the hands of a replacement fighter.

"Answer" is Mo-Town bound
Allen Iverson, one of the more prolific scorers in recent NBA history, is on the move again, having been traded from the Denver Nuggets to the Detroit Pistons, on Monday. In return, the Nuggets received guard Chauncey Billups, center Chetishk Sam and former Nugget Antonio McDyess. Billups was the 2004 NBA Finals MVP, but Pistons GM Joe Dumars had warned of a shake-up after what he deemed as a series of poor playoff performances. Iverson is expected to make his Pistons debut tonight against Toronto.
Soccer reaches end of 2008 road and we just found ourselves very unfortunate to concede a goal eight minutes left in the second overtime. I told the players after the game that it was a superb effort and that I was very proud of them.

The Rams came into the game very confident that they would walk out of the stadium with a win. They beat Mount Ida 2-1 in overtime during a regular season game on Oct. 8, and Mount Ida College had yet to be victorious at any sport in the school’s second season as part of the GNAC Conference.

Zeikus actually recalls the Mount Ida regular season win being the best moment of the season for the Rams.

“We came back late in the second half to tie the game and won in the first minutes of the overtime,” said Zeikus. “After the second goal was scored, everybody rushed on the field and celebrated the win. I think this was the greatest positive emotional rush this season and I believe many of the guys will remember it for a long time.”

As he recalls on this past season, Zeikus said that the leadership he got from his captains was phenomenal during every game.

“Christian Palacios and Clayton Plummer were the captains this season and did a very good job,” said Zeikus. “Both of them have proved once again that they are the true leaders on and off the soccer field. Christian and Clayton helped me out with various managerial tasks, team building activities, disciplinary issues, showed great organizational skills, and were in charge of the group on and off the field.”

Zeikus was also satisfied with many other players who gave great efforts all season long.

“I was very impressed with Danny Lloyd, Alex Capoossi, Mathias Perry and Stephen Gaudet,” said Zeikus. “The latter four stepped up to the competition, continuously improved throughout the season and carried out their responsibilities on the soccer field. Junior forward Nick Celia and senior Eric Zettervall showed great leadership and organizational skills throughout the season, as well.”

Zeikus thinks the future looks very bright for the Men’s Soccer team and hopes the hard work continues into the off-season.

“I was very pleased to find out that some players were lifting weights on the first official day of the off-season and we will be looking to bounce back next year with the right attitude, good discipline and good work ethic,” he said.

“Once again we will look for improvements on a daily basis and will continue setting [and trying to meet] both athletic and academic goals.”

Corey Hobl Journal Staff

While October has come to an end this weekend, so has the Suffolk Women’s Volleyball season. The team capped off their season losing both matches in the Bridgewater State Invitational, Saturday. The Lady Rams failed to win a set as they fell to both Keene State and Worcester State 5-0.

The team finished the season with a record of three wins and nine losses in the GNAC and an overall tally of six wins and 21 losses. One of the struggles the team faced this year was playing with young talent. The team had seven freshmen, two sophomores, two juniors, and no seniors. “We did the best with what we had,” said Assistant Coach Keri Lemasters.

Another major affect on the team was key injuries. One big injury was sophomore middle blocker Kelly Loder. The young talent that the team has will only get older and more experienced as they look towards next season. “We have a good group to build upon next year,” said Lemasters. The leader in kills this season was a freshman, outside hitter, Melissa Griffin and along with other up-and-coming players including Julie Sullivan and Tanya Forbes and some hard off-season work, the team can get back to being a force in the GNAC.

Also, junior captain Kelly Armstrong-Hahn played a crucial role in leading the team on the court in both digs and service aces and served as a positive influence off the court as an elder on the young team.

With such a young squad and lots of room for improvements, team team can take the positives away from this year and look forward to future successes next year.

“I am looking forward seeing how the team develops and turns into the next season,” said Coach Lemasters.

Despite a poor record this year, the Volleyball team will continue working off throughout the year and work to improve and become more competitive next fall.

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Women’s Volleyball wraps up 2008 season

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Join us as leading Boston-area journalists and political pundits share their thoughts about the presidential election and its outcomes.

10:30 am Stephen R. Walt, Professor of Government, Harvard University, and Senior Advisor to the National Security Council. Author of, “The踊 World in Crisis: America’s Role in Global Politics”

1:30 pm Joan Venocchi, Columnist, The Boston Globe

2:30 pm Bruce Butterfield, BU ’70, Suffolk University Journalist in Residence, and Boston Herald reporter for The Boston Globe

3:30 pm Adolph Armstrong-Hahn, College of the Holy Cross, and co-founder of the First in the Family Coalition

4:30 pm Chuck Armstrong-Hahn, College of the Holy Cross, and co-founder of the First in the Family Coalition

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Election 2008: A sports odyssey

Category | Barack Obama | Advantage | John McCain |
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Pro Sports Allegiances | The President-Elect roots for the Bears and White Sox. | Slight advantage for Obama. White Sox and Bears have at least won something recently. | The Senator from Arizona, roots for the Phoenix Suns and Arizona Diamond Backs. | Push: Both are popular sports and these two are obviously solid athletes (in their hay-day). |
Athletic Background | Played basketball in high school. | Big Advantage for Obama: After all he had over 75,000 attend the event. | Push: Both were pretty good interviews, and both candidates are obvious sports fans. | Spoke at the Xcel Energy Center, home of the Minnesota Wild, during the Republican National Convention. |
Convention Locales | Spoke at Invesco Field at Mile High, the home of the Denver Broncos, during Democratic National Convention. | Interviewed by Stuart Scott and Chris "Boomer" Berman of ESPN. | Interviewed by Bob Ley and Chris "Boomer" Berman of ESPN. | Push: Both were pretty good appearances and both candidates are obvious sports fans. |
Popular Appearances | Endorsed by superstar baseball player, Derek Lee and recently NFL star wide-receiver Ocho Cinco himself, Chad Johnson, NBA star Paul Pierce and Who advertised his campaign in Madden NFL 09. | Endorsed by legends and sure-fire Hall-of-Famers, NFL quarterback John Elway and Beantown baseball star Curt Schilling. | |
Athlete Endorsements and Advertisements | Threw out the first pitch when the White Sox were in the Core Two of the ALCS in 2005. | Moderate for Obama: Both are pretty good athletes, but many would rather see a political figure show off their arm strength and throw a pitch then simply flip a coin. | Tossed coin at the NFL College Football Title Game in 2007 between Ohio State and Florida. | |
Ceremonial Introductions | | | Tim Rosenthal, Journal Staff | |

residential Candidates state their final case on MNF

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More than just football tuned in to watch the losers defeat the Redskins on Monday Night Foot- thanks to last minute ap­ pears by then President-hopefuls Barack Obama and John McCain via satel­ during the halftime show. In one-on-one interviews with ESPN analyst Chris Berman, the candidates made last attempts to sway votes before Election Day. As nan noted, though the time show usually recaps game and action around league, this time it was discussing the election. Berman kept topics light, ng primarily sports related tion, but giving candi­ s a chance to tell voters they deserve their vote.

"I don't get too high when things are going well. I don't get too low when things 'get tough,'" said a hopeful Obama. "We just try to run our game plan and don't get dis­ tracted too much. And I think that it has served us well and, hopefully. If I should have the honor of serving as president, that will serve us well at a time when things are pretty tough." Obama, an avid basket­ ball fan, was asked what issue he would change in the world of sports. Though delivering a light hearted answer, he re­ sponded in a stern tone, as if to relate to die-hard sports fans: "I think it is about time to appeal to the sports viewer and use of performance en­ hancing drugs," said McCain, when asked about what issue he would change in sports. "It's not good for the athletes...! think it can attack the very in­ tegrity of all sports going all the way down to high school."

McCain, like Obama, at­ tempted to show how his past sports experience boosts his presidential credentials. "I had a football coach who was a football star himself. He taught me lessons about life and took a very, very immau­ sure young man who was kind of a rebel without a cause and at least gave me a glimpse of life and literature," said McC­ Cain. "And the guy was my inspiration then and he's my inspiration to this day. I think the most important lesson he told me was that you've always got to do the honorable thing and even when nobody's look­ ing because maybe nobody will know, but you'll know." McCain flashed his humor­ ous side when asked what he wants voters to think when they see his name on the ballot. "I want them to think: He Could. Go. All. The. Way... to the White House," McCain laughed, playing on Berman's own famous rendition of the sports catch phrase. "I want them to know Chris, that I've al­ ways put my country first. They may disagree with me from time to time on a specific issue but I've always had the great honor to put my country first."

Ending on a more relaxed note, McCain addressed the status of his Arizona Cardina­ lls (5-3) who are first in the NFC West, saying, "as for the Cardinals, hope springs eternal in the human breast."
Suffolk Men's Hockey preview

Tyler Duke
Journal Staff

During the 2007-08 season, the Suffolk Men's Ice Hockey team got off to a shaky start, stumbling out of the gate with a 0-6-1 record in their first seven games. Fortunately, the squad pulled together and made a big comeback, in which they coupled winning with improved statistics.

After finishing with an overall record of 7-15-2, they qualified for the post-season. After a couple of bad puck bounces during the semi-finals, the team was knocked out of the tournament by Wentworth Institute of Technology and veteran defenseman Bill Galvin and Nick Da

also mentioned a few incoming players that will be "real good players in the league."

In recent weeks, the team has been practicing hard, looking forward to game action.

"We're a speed based program. We've got a lot of speedy guys, so practices have been consisting of getting our speed where it needs to be. It's not something that comes overnight, so we're getting our systems ready for game action," said Gliona.

And getting their systems ready is exactly what needs to be done, since the season's schedule is one of the most aggressive schedules the university has ever played," according to Gliona.

Although the team has lost some key players including seniors Tim Danzey and Tim Recio, most of last year's squad is returning, and there are a few incoming players that should strengthen the team. Some returning guys include last year's assistant captain Bill Galvin and Nick Davis and veteran delierman Sam Kessler. Coach Gliona was knocked out of the tournament by Wentworth

Suffolk Cross Country takes strides at GNAC competition

Katie Coll
Journal Staff

While the race most people are paying attention to is the race to the White House, students from Suffolk engaged in an other race as Suffolk Cross Country teams competed at the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Tournament over the weekend. The Men's team finished in eighth place out of 10, while the Woman's team did not qualify.

Through the GNAC race is not the final race of the season, it determines the overall conference championship. Ultimately, Johnson and Wales University claimed both the Men's and Women's titles.

The team participates in nine tournaments each year and each race is 8 kilometers or 5 miles long. The race is scored in a very easy way. The judges simply add up where the top 5 finishers of each team placed and you have the score. For example, if the team finished first, second, third, fourth and fifth, they would have a total of 15 points, and overall, the team will have the lowest point total, wins.

This past weekend, the Men placed eighth out of 10 teams, and the Women, with only a total of three runners, failed to qualify for the final rankings in their races. In order to qualify, a team must have at least five competitors and with injuries plaguing the group, the Women's side only had three runners.

The Cross Country program requires great dedication and is rewarding for all those involved.

During the fall, the Cross Country team has practices five days a week, with the seventh day being a day to rest or on their own. There is a weekly schedule which includes basic distance runs and other technical aspects which help enhance the training. These may include drills to stay efficient and injury and weight lifting to keep their bodies strong. Also, each athlete completes 100 push-ups and 200 crunches daily

"I ran in high school as a kid, I had a lot of fun with it," said Matt Stas, a senior. "The men's team was here, so I thought why not come on, there is a good team here at Suffolk that was also that is not too competitive, so it was right up my alley." With two more events to go, he can't wait to continue the practices and tournaments. "We are looking to finish the season strong," he said.

The team's final race this season, the East Coast Athletic Conference Championship and the NCAA Division III Championships meet in the coming week.

Feldman feels that the team can do a lot coming in, but: "Both teams are extremely young with only three members that are not in their first year," he said. "The team is continuing to improve and look to be very competitive the rest of this season and next season."

Men's Soccer stalled; closes 2008 campaign

Mike Giannattasio
Journal Staff

On Nov. 1, the Suffolk University Men's Soccer team played Mount Ida College in a Great Northeast Athletic Conference game held in Newton, Mass.

Both teams did not score in regulation, forcing the game to go into overtime. The score remained knotted 0-0 at the end of the first overtime, but a goal by Mount Ida Mustangs' player Billy Beazle with 1:21 left in the second overtime gave the Mustangs the lead and the win.

The loss ended Suffolk's season with a 5-10-0 overall record and a 4-6-0 record in conference play. Although the Rams did not advance to the semifinal round, Suffolk University Coach Andries Zeikut said he was very impressed with the effort given by his players in the game.

"We played very well [versus Mount Ida]," said Zeikut, who has coached with the Rams since Suffolk added the varsity program in 2004 and just completed his first season as head coach. "In my opinion, we dominated the whole game, out-shot our opponents and we also had some quality chances. The ball hit the post several times and hit the crossbar twice."

He continued, "I think all of the players who stepped on the field played very well.\n\n
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