Protestors throw 'Tea Party' at Boston Common

Jeff Fish
Journal Staff

Last Wednesday, April 15, was the day taxes were due for millions of Americans and for some, the chance to voice their outrage over the current tax system at rallies in over 300 locations across all fifty states. The 'tea parties,' as they were called, condemned higher taxes and government spending and the one in the Boston Common across from the Mass. State House emphasized the Boston Tea Party, which was an act against the tea taxes implemented by the British. Hundreds gathered at the Common on one of the first warm, sunny days of the season bearing colorful signs that had slogans like, "Who will bail out our grandchildren?" "Stop the tax insanity," "Stop Obama's Socialism," and "I can stimulate myself." There were also many "Ron Paul for President" signs.

The event was hosted by Todd Feinburg, host of "The Todd Feinburg Show," on WRKO Radio and the first speaker was former Libertarian Gubernatorial candidate, Carla Howell from the Center for Smaller Government. "I came here to change politics in America," said Howell, before explaining that the Boston Tea Party was "a political action that made government smaller."

"Are you willing to take political action?" said Howell as the crowd answered with cheers in the affirmative. "Are you willing to vote against big government?"

see TEA PARTY page 2
Police Blotter

Tuesday, April 14

2:39 p.m.
Sawyer Building
Received report of an individual entrapped in the handicapped lift at 8 Ashburton Place lobby. Report Filed.

Friday, April 17

10:18 p.m.
150 Tremont St.
Alcohol and drug paraphernalia confiscated at 150 Tremont St. Report Filed.

Saturday, April 18

1:27 p.m.
1 Beacon St.
Received a report of a wild turkey in front of 1 Beacon Street. Animal Rescue and Environmental Police notified. Report Filed.

Sunday, April 19

2:41 a.m.
Assisted Northeastern University with a stranded Suffolk resident. Report Filed.

Monday, April 20

9:53 p.m.
150 Tremont
Resident of 150 Tremont Street reports being harassed by two male individuals on Tremont St. Report filed.

12:23 p.m.
Law School
Received a report of a lady changing in the 1st floor ladies' changing room at 120 Tremont Street in the Law School. Report Filed.
Dean Coyne discusses Suffolk’s FERPA standards

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), the biggest cause of suicide among college students is mental illness, usually depression. Depending on the person, if a student chooses to get help while in college, their records are not considered to be disclosed by the school, even to parents. This is due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 74. This Federal law protects students privacy and applies to all schools that receive federal funds, according to Coyne. Coyne said that the family pays the bills but can't see the records, and that the hardest thing is that the family pays the bills but can't see the records...

“...The student is the responsible person [and when we make the decision to disclose student records] we make the decision with the student in mind.”

There are restrictions as to what the school is allowed to do with student records, and while FERPA appears very strict to those opposed to it, there are instances where schools have the right to disclose student records. These restrictions are not absolute. We may disclose student records if the student is a tax dependent of the parent. We can if there is a legitimate need to know,” said Coyne. “We can share records with officials of another school if a student is transferring. We have to if we have a court subpoena, we have no choice.”

After the Shin case, restrictions to FERPA were altered which held schools more responsible for their decisions regarding students' records. Schools are now required to document their decisions, giving adequate reasons as to why they chose to disclose student records or not. These decisions, according to Coyne, are not to be taken lightly and are made to benefit the student.

“We are concerned about student safety. When a student is in imminent danger, we have informed family members,” said Coyne. “We need to look at each case individually [and] we try to involve students.”

While the University has laws they have to abide by, Suffolk is one of the schools under FERPA guidelines, and the administration has frequent meetings to discuss FERPA and how it applies to its students. Though Suffolk has not been under fire because of FERPA restrictions, we try to involve students.

Dean of Students Anne Coyne gets calls from parents every day, asking for student records, usually regarding their grades. However, under FERPA restrictions, she is unable to oblige without student consent.

“The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act was put into place to uphold the privacy and confidentiality of student records, and allows students to govern their records and correct and review their records,” said Coyne. However, Coyne understands the concern of parents, as many of them feel they have every right to view their own child's education records. “The hardest thing is that the family pays the bills but can't see the records,” said Coyne. “The student is the responsible person and we try to involve students.”

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More photos taken at the 'Tea Party' protest at the Common

Photos by Ethan Long
Asia

Seoul, South Korea – Twelve hours after it was supposed to start, a meeting between delegates from South Korea about the return of a factory worker taken by North Koreans and the North Korean government, finally took place and only lasted for 22 minutes with nothing resolved between the two countries. South Korea attempted to ask its northern neighbors for the return of their worker, but the North refused to discuss the issue. The meeting was delayed because a venue couldn’t be agreed upon by the two governments until twelve hours after it was supposed to start, said the LA Times.

North America

Juarez, Mexico – Over 10,000 soldiers are now patrolling the streets of Juarez, a city home to 1.3 million people across the Rio Grande from El Paso, TX, after Mexican President Felipe Calderon dispatched the army to attempt to curb drug-related deaths and violence in the city. The military is now responsible for all civil law enforcement in the city, including writing traffic tickets, investigating domestic abuse, and other policing activities, reported the Washington Post. However, while deaths related to drug trafficking have seen a steady decline since the military arrived in the city, over 170 complaints of beatings and illegal detentions have reached a new government office set up specifically to monitor the army’s conduct.

Europe

Geneva, Switzerland – Delegates from more than 30 countries walked out of the UN anti-racism conference yesterday when Iran’s president made a speech attacking Israel and calling it a “racist” nation, according to the BBC. Delegates from France, the UK and the US all walked out, as well as the delegation from the Czech Republic, which currently holds the rotating EU Presidency. President Ahmadinejad’s remarks included the assertion that “in compensation for the dire consequences of racism in Europe, they [Jewish migrants] helped bring to power the most cruel and repressive racist regime in Palestine,” which Israel’s President called “an absolute disgrace.”

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COMMENTARY:

Somali pirates are modern-day Robin Hoods

Clay Adomczyk

Journal Staff

Al-Jazeera reports that suspected Somali pirate, Abdiwali Abdiqadar Muse, is facing charges in the United States under federal law dealing with piracy and hostage-taking, the first U.S. piracy charges in over a century. Muse, whose family claims he is only 16, is alleged to be one of four pirates involved in the April 8 hijacking of the Maersk Alabama cargo ship and its Captain, Richard Phillips. Despite Muse’s young age, the Southern District of New York courts found that he is to be charged as an adult; and the court documents also claim that Muse “conducted himself as the leader of the pirates.” April12 saw a U.S. Naval rescue mission that freed Phillips, but left three pirates dead from sniper fire that left only Muse. This is all from an increase in U.S. military presence around the shipping lanes off the coast of Somalia; and what President Obama described as the “halt to the rise of piracy,” in a press conference the morning following Phillips’ rescue. Obama also encouraged international allies to “ensure that those who commit acts of piracy are held accountable for their crimes.”

Apparently it more important to try stop a piracy problem than a problem which leads to a desperate nation to piracy. Ever since Somalia’s collapse in 1991 after a civil war, it has widely been described as a true “failed state,” and has left its people to live in poverty. This has left opportunities for the pirate to turn to piracy, specifically in Somalia’s Puntland region. What most people fail to realize is that this is not the image of a blood lusting, vicious, killing machine who only look out for themselves and have no regard to human life. These Somali pirates are much more comparable to the golden-age pirates of the Caribbean such as William Kidd, Bartholomew Roberts and Boston’s own William Fly. These pirates were everyday working sailors pushed too hard by the rich and mistreated by their captains. To fight back, they had no choice but to resist their oppressors and take them down by force. After, they sailed as a group, sharing all gotten goods and work equally. Each pirate had a voice and lived completely autonomously.

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When attacking and commandeering a ship, always from the rich elite and never a fellow blue-collar sailor (many pirate crews even spent great time sailing in consort), they would ask the crew of the commandeered ship whether or not their captain was fair and just, if not, they dealt with him accordingly, but if he was fair, he had just as much right to become a part of the crew. They were the Robin Hoods of their time, just as the Somali pirates are today. The Somali pirates are similar to the Robin Hood-esque golden-age pirates for their community building and the world’s perception of them committing brutal acts of violence that just isn’t true. Though the Somalis are not offering seized ships’ crews to join up with them, they are taking good care of them while “hostages,” cause they know the crews not share holders of the well companies whose ships take. Reports also show that these pirates have hired caterers to prepare foods that app. to Western tastes. Money the pirates receive from ransoming a crew along with their ship goes into the community it surrounds them. The Associated Press reported a story in Nov. that said, “Somali pirate transform villages into bloody towns,” referring to the city of Hardeshe, where citizens spoke favorably of their pirate allies. A mother of five, Shamso Moalii was quoted as saying “Regardless of how the money is coming in, legally or illegal, I can say it has stan ed a life in our town.” Our children are not worrying about food now, and they go to Islamic schools in the morning and play soccer in the afternoon. They are happy.

With no reports of any slay ings at the hands of a Somali pirate, it is hard to justify the actions the U.S. took in the reti of Captain Phillips. Though the taking of hostages can not be condoned, the murder of Sc malia certainly cannot be either. Within the troubled state of Somalia, citizens have had to turn to pirates for livelihoods with inside aid. The AP story also said, “Town that once were eroded by year of poverty and chaos are now bustling with restaurants, Lamm Cruisers and Internet cafes. Residents also use their gains to buy generators - allowing full days of electricity, once an unimaginable luxury in Somalia.”

LONG LIVE PIRATE SOLIDARITY - YO HO
So we come to the end of, as the Beatles referred to it: "the long and winding road." Students are given an April shower of their last minute schoolwork that they assigned by their teachers about over the semester. The rooms begin to empty, classes become smaller, and the not dreaded part of the end year surfaces - not the "goodbyes" to friends over the years, not the heartbreaking and sweet moment of knowing you just had your last class, and definitely not the toga party you and your friends are planning for this weekend: finals. From the 27th to the 30th of April, the library will be jam-packed with students with an insane urge for private study rooms, laptops, and textbooks they haven't bought over the semester. Within the College of Arts and Science, essays will be typed at the very last minute and for the business school, group projects will be thrown together so quickly that you would think such students were given the duty of trying to solve the financial crisis. Yes, it will be stressful, but heed these words: the end is near. Think of how you're near the end of a book. By then your brain is tired from concentrating, you're flipping to the end to count how many more pages are left, and you're already thinking about what you're going to do once the book is back on the shelf. By that point, the final twists and turns of the plot, which are only significant because of what came before, tend to lose their importance as the mind prepares for what happens once the story is over. In the same way, the prospect of four long months of work, travel, or just hanging around makes it easy to get distracted.

Recognizing this tendency, we urge you to take a break and put the book down before you finish it. It makes sense to wait until after you've received your grade to look back on the material you rushed through in order to figure out its significance. Give yourself a little bit of time now to think about what you've learned as a whole this semester. That way, whenever you pass by and look at that book on the shelf, you'll have a much better idea of what it's all about.
Students to hit the big screen with Campus MovieFest

Ashley Macelli
Journal Staff

Boston's college students have taken their creative ideas and made them a reality this past month thanks to the Campus MovieFest. Campus MovieFest gave students a week to make a short film of less than six minutes with given equipment, including Apple gear, cameras, AT&T video phones and a 24-hour tech support hotline.

This movie festival started eight years ago thanks to four students at Emory University. Now in 2009, more than 200,000 students have participated in Campus MovieFest throughout 50 different colleges in the United States. Campus Movie Fest gives out over $500,000 in prizes as well as global exposure with "ABC World News Tonight," "The Today Show" and CNN covering the event.

Ramsay Kamal, a sophomore political science major, told The Suffolk Journal about his experience with the Campus MovieFest. Ramsay and his group took a simple yet creative idea and went with it. "It's a story about two friends that end up getting into a fight because a peddler gave them some magic chocolate that made them fight each other," Kamal said. "They fight, and after they fight, they agree to put aside their differences."

Overall, Ramsay and his team truly enjoyed being a part of this festival. "The good parts were theatricals, doing the scenes we filmed as well as watching the whole movie come together in terms of the scenes. It was fun to work with my group to make this movie," said Kamal.

"I actually enjoyed the Campus MovieFest a lot. Even though the whole process of movie-making was kind of tough at some points, I found the whole experience to be a very fun one. I would definitely do it again." At 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 23 in the C. Walsh Theatre, the sixteen best short films from Suffolk will be shown for all to see. But before, at 6:30 p.m., there will be games including a Guitar Hero contest, and door prizes. Best of all, it is all free!

Come support Suffolk's amateur directors, actors and movie makers this Thursday at the Finale Campus MovieFest.

Nimoy to reprise role as Spock in New 'Star Trek'

Ethan Long
Journal Staff

Flash back to the 23rd century, where the Klingons are the enemy, and a young captain Kirk sleeps with green aliens. Romulans, though descended from the peaceful and friendly Vulcans, want to destroy us, the Federation, as much at the Romulans, though descended Kirk sleeps with green aliens.

The original 1960's theme song plus the original series color patterns showed up on promos that started off the press campaign. The same crew that have been together are now back on the screen, only now they're played by different, younger actors and actresses who will take us through the early years, except these early years aren't the Shatner/Kirk's early years.

Trailers have shown a new, fresh look into the Trek-verse that tries to fit in non-Trek-ies. Paramount is so sure that this movie will open up Trek to the masses once again that they've already started planning the twelfth movie in the series. Yes, because the Spock from the future is, indeed, from the future, this movie still ties into what is known as the "canon," or, the official timeline and information.

Because Leonard Nimoy is back, the movie fits into an alternate timeline from the Trek that we know. He is once again donning the pointed ears a Vulcan Spock, who make it his mission to save not only his history, but — if executed — Earth's fate. Spock, living in the 24th century, follows Romulans back to the times before Kirk joins Starfleet. The Romulans' plan? Effect Kirk so drastically that he won't be the same Kirk that they always lose. Kirk has saved Earth and many other planets over his years of captaining the Starship Enterprise, but if the Romulans are able to complete their mission, then the Kirk we know may change drastically.

Joining Nimoy on the bridge is Zachary Quinto, playing a younger version of the half-vulcan-half-human hunter-of-knowledge, Spock. Chris Pine plays James Tiberious Kirk, but not the same young Kirk that we've learned about from Shat-
Boston's best ska/soul up, Westbound Train, is k with their fourth stu-album, "Come and Get (Hellcat, 2009) released erday. The album is tainly their strongest ef-t to date, with a balance their ska, reggae, soul, and Motown influences it not only blends together perfectly but replicates the band's enthusiastic shows.

For this album, Westbound Train teamed up with producer and Slackers saxophonist Dave Hilliard, and the collaboration only paid off. Hilliard's influence is subtle yet noticeable, making parallels between Westbound Train and the Slackers even stronger. The disc is more akin to "Five to Two" (Homespun Records, 2003) and arguably the quintessential balance of upbeat cheerful tunes under lyrics that discuss the pains of life. The original version was a live treat, but the new one will be a sure dance-inducer. Another new song that has already been popping up at the band's shows and will be a sure staple for years to come is the upbeat title track "Come and Get It" with its quick, catchy rhythms and sing-a-long chorus. Although the group's Motown influence was detectable on the group's previous discs, it's much more evident on "Come and Get It," especially on tracks like "What You Need" and "So Many Things a Man Can Say" that feature female backup vocalists, recreating the classic 60's sound with a new school twist. As always, Westbound Train's instrumental tracks are just as gripping as the ones with lyrics, whether on their albums or at their shows. "The Passage" and "Critical Ska" exemplify this talent.

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CD release shows will be held at the Middle East this Friday and Saturday, and the band will be featured on the Hurley.com stage at this year's Vans Warped Tour.

The Jazz great demonstrates his versatile abilities, all in a small NY loft.

- Elizabeth Mullen

Against Me!

"Search for a Former Clarity"
Four years after my new SU friends and I went to Newbury to buy this CD on the day it came out and the day we moved into the dorms, the friends and this CD are still just as great as they were that first day.

- Elizabeth Mullen

Led Zeppelin

"Going to California"
"Standing on a hill in my mountain of dreams, telling myself it's not as hard, hard, hard as it seems."

- Ben Paulin

Chester French

"Love the Future"
"Dear Mr. Drumme you're pretty good, but you should replace your singer. I know he's a friend, but he isn't good."

- Ethan Long
There could not have been a better time to release a movie about journalism. With the industry in a rapid decline, a positive movie about a journalist/blogger team trying to uncover a massive government conspiracy was well needed.

"State of Play" (Universal, 2009) had it all: deadlines, scoops, sexual tension, crime and a final ended that could make any journalist teary-eyed. Russell Crowe was casted as the old-time journalist, for the Washington Globe, complete with old car and a Rolodex of sources. He surprisingly gave a superb performance, just enough attitude and empathy. Rachel McAdams, playing Della Frye, was the new wave of journalist - a blogger. After much begrudging, her character, Della Frye, became a hard news reporter under the tutelage of Crowe's character Cal McAffrey. The plot grew as each of the reporters uncovered new evidence through scoops and old-fashioned reporting. Ben Affleck played a Congressman from Philadelphia, who happened to be the college friend of Crowe's character, presenting the constant struggle for journalist/friend relationships. Affleck's performance would have been a whole hell of a lot better if he didn't try to fake a Philadelphian accent, which ended up sounding like a bad Boston accent.

The movie, though dosed with journalist themes, also touched on crooked government and the problems of the Wars. In the "The Paper" (Universal, 1994) and "All the President's Men" (Warner Brothers, 1976), "State of Play" the journalists were the truth seekers and not the sleazy muckrakers. Not ignored were the current problems of the industry, low readership, new corporate owners, all pointedly spelled out by the saucy editor, Cameron Lynne, played by Helen Mirren.

"State of Play" will definitely jerk some tears from journalists and keep the non-news people on their seats. Also, cameo from Jason Bateman will surely draw laughter.

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For more information, contact Margarita Sáez at 617.373.2788 or via email at ste@neu.edu.
Your week: Delia’s Pick

Delia Mooney
Journal Staff

The Top Movies produced by Suffolk University students during Campus MovieFest will be playing at a red carpet finale on Thursday, April 23 in the C. Walsh Theatre. No tickets are required but make sure you get there early for seats are guaranteed to fill up quickly. There will be a 6:30 p.m. Guitar Hero Contest and the movie showings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Come join more than 2,000 volunteers as they help clean up the Charles River at the 10th Annual Earth Day Charles River Clean Up. Just bring yourself for volunteers will be provided with gloves, trash bags and a free tee-shirt. Event will take place Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

The New England Aquarium whale watch will take place on Sunday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m. The tour will take viewers 30 miles east of Boston and runs for about 3-4 hours. Visit their website or call 617-973-5206 for tickets.

The Museum of Fine Arts will be hosting an opening evening of “Art in Bloom” on Monday April 27 at 5:00 p.m. There will be free guided tours and entertainment by Project Step, The Renaissance Children’s Choir, jazz and hip hop from Sociedad Latina and more.

Club Vertigo is hosting “Selective Tuesday” on Tuesday, April 28 from 10:00 p.m. Everyone is free before 11:30; $10 cover fee after. Party on two different floors and enjoy $5 martinis. Also, free parking will be available for those who arrive early.

Answers to Last Issue’s Word Search Puzzle

Be sure to check the next issue for the answers for this week’s puzzle.

BLUNDERGRADS

Emu! You got your tongue pierced! Your parents are gonna be pissed!

Isn’t that reason enough to do it?

Will I need an appointment?

Nope. Just $40 and a high pain threshold.

by phil flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)
THE RAM REPORT

MEN'S BASEBALL
Conference: 11-3
Overall: 24-7
4.15.09 @ Western New England, W, 6-3
4.18.09 vs. Lasell DH, W, 8-4, W, 15-7
4.19.09 @ St. Joseph's (ME) DH, L, 6-5, L, 5-2

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
Conference: 17-7
Overall: 21-16
4.15.09 vs. Lasell DH, W, 4-2, W, 9-1
4.17.09 @ Rivier DH, L, 6-4, L, 4-2
4.18.09 @ St. Joseph's (Conn.) DH, W, 4-1, W, 7-3
4.19.09 vs. Mt. Ida, DH, W, 11-1, W, 9-1

MEN'S TENNIS
Conference: 3-1
Overall: 7-3
4.16.09 @ Bridgewater St., L, 6-3
4.18.09 @ Albertus Magnus, W, 9-0
4.20.09 @ Curry, W, 5-4

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Celtics pow-erless for rest of playoff

The hits keep coming for the Boston Celtics. On Tuesday, forward Leon Powe became the latest member of the Green to suffer a serious injury, tearing his ACL and meniscus in his left knee during the second game of the Celtics' playoff series against the Chicago Bulls. Powe will miss the remainder of the season, joining Kevin Garnett as the second Celtic to suffer serious knee injury this year. Powe's injury is unrelated to the sprained right knee that hampered him in March. Rajon Rondo also sprained his ankle in Monday night's game, but he is expected to be in the lineup for game three on Thursday night.

Lowrie likely shelved long-term

Boston Red Sox shortstop Jed Lowrie may be out until the All-Star break, as he is contemplating undergoing surgery on his injured wrist. According to ESPN.com, the team is still having internal discussions on whether or not to proceed with the surgery. If done soon, Lowrie could return as soon as mid-July. Lowrie is currently in the 15-day disabled list, and struggled in his early season appearances, going a combined 1-for-18 at the plate. While some has speculated on whether or not the Red Sox would seek a replacement for Lowrie via trade, Nick Green is currently filling the void.

NBA handing out individual hardware

The NBA has begun handing out its individual awards, honoring Cleveland head coach Mike Brown as coach of the year, as Orlando forward Dwight Howard as the Defensive Player of the Year. Brown, who has brought the Cavaliers to the playoffs in each of his four seasons, led the team to a 66-win regular season and the number one seed in the Eastern Conference. The 23-year-old Howard led the league in blocks and rebounds this season, only the fifth NBA player to be tops in both categories in the same season.

Four straight no-hitters in Florida

Patrick Schuster, a senior at Mitchell High School in New Port Richey, FL, pitched his fourth-straight no-hitter on Monday night, shutting out Pasco High School, 5-0. Schuster, who has committed to the University of Florida but may go straight to the pros instead, struck out 17 batters in the victory. Schuster has racked up 60 strikeouts in the four no-hitters. The national record for consecutive no-hitters is six.
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Men's Baseball Update

Ryan Sal Staff

The first-round playoff series between the Boston Bruins and Montreal Canadiens was a chippy one from start, filled with slashes, checks and scrums after whistles. While it's clear that such tactics are against rules, for the most part referees have "let the boys play," and allowed playoff brawls to be part of the game.

However, towards the end of Saturday's 3-1 Bruins win, things got out of the control of NHL officials, anyway, but out of control.

After a fight late in the game was blown dead and Pens' winger Milan Lucic is called for a cross-checking penalty, he was approached by blogs, message boards, and fans to start respecting, and fans to start respecting, the difference the players: picking and choosing their spots, and suspending on a whim, not on any consistent system.

If the league really wants players to start listening to, and fans to start respecting, their decisions, they need to dole out punishments on a more consistent basis.

The Suffolk University Men's Tennis team is headed to the playoffs. Led by first year Head Coach Isaac Stahl, the Rams came finished the year with a 5-3 record in singles play, an 8-5 win in the doubles.

The team learned that we could play with anyone after that loss," said Stahl. "It was such a close match and it could have gone either way. We're confident and looking forward to a possible rematch.

Tim Doyle and Dan Deha. "Both of them have been playing great," said Jacopucci. "I really don't know where the team would be without them."

"Our pitching has been good and our defense has been outstanding," said Jackson. It can't really single anyone out because the whole team has been great.

The teamwork is thanks to the strong chemistry the men have developed both on and off the field. "Everyone gets along great. We're a close team and I can say this is one of the closest teams I've been on," said Jackson.

"We're a great team, and great friends, as well," added lacopucci. "We always hang out together and usually play video games, so we're not just together for baseball. We're always seeing each other."

The Rams are hoping to go into the playoffs with a lot of focus and concentration, as well.

"We all know we just have to bear down and get ready," said Jacopucci. "It's going to be a crazy weekend."
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When discussing the most widely viewed sporting events in New England, one would be hard-pressed not to bring up baseball, football, hockey, or basketball. Even in terms of nation-wide events, the general consensus is that one of those four major sports captures our attention more than any other. However, with Patriots Day comes the annual Boston Marathon, the 113 of which was run in this city on Monday. According to the Boston Athletic Association website, the Boston Marathon is the second largest in the country in terms of on-site media coverage of a single day sporting event, next to the Super Bowl; with 1,100 media members representing more than 250 outlets.

According to the website, approximately 500,000 spectators gathered along the 26.2 mile course on Monday, starting in Hopkinton, Massachusetts and officially ending at Copley Square alongside the Boston Public Library. While the Red Sox played their early-bird 11 a.m. start at Fenway Park, some of the most well trained and conditioned athletes in the world were trekking across the infamous hills of Newton, trying for one of the most prestigious athletic accomplishments this country has to offer.

Coming into the race, Kenyan Robert Kipkoech Cheruiyot was the odds-on favorite, having won the race in 2003, 2006, 2007 and 2008. In 2006, Cheruiyot set the course record with an impressive time of 2:07:14. Looking to become the first man to win four straight titles, he began to tail off midway through the race, dropping out at Cleveland Circle only to be checked into St. Elizabeth’s Hospital. Instead, 28-year-old Ethiopian Deriba Merga withstood an onslaught from the rest of the men, separating themselves, running by little less than a minute. The women’s side, things were far more dramatic. Kenyan Salina Kosgei beat out her Ethiopian rival Dire Tune by one second to win her first Boston Marathon. The race, which saw the slowed finishing time since 1985, pitted three racers in an extremely close finish that resulted in a difference of mere seconds.

The Rams lost their two most recent games against St. Joseph’s of Maine, which included a 6-5 nail biter. The two losses caused Suffolk to miss out on the postseason’s top seed, and they will have to settle for second instead.

Suffolk Baseball earns #2 seed heading into GNAC playoffs

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