Suffolk to start new chapter

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One week from today, Suffolk's new president, James McCarthy, will begin his tenure at the university more than a year after David Sargent retired. The Journal spoke with McCarthy in a phone interview Monday about his plans for Suffolk moving forward.

"I think on a general level what I need to do is make sure that we preserve all those wonderful things about Suffolk's history and its mission, and we enhance those as much as we possibly can," said McCarthy.

"We have to reconfirm who we are, what our mission is, we have to ask what our focus should be," he said. "The first thing on my agenda is launching and then quickly completing a strategic planning process so that we answer some of those fundamental questions - set the direction that we should follow.

Board of Trustees Chairman Andrew Meyer said that McCarthy has "all the qualities we've been looking for in a new president. "We're very optimistic about his ability to effectively lead this university into the next generation," he said.

McCarthy, born in Waterbury, Conn., spent time in Massachusetts while pursuing a bachelor's degree in sociology at Worcester's College of Holy Cross before spending time at Indiana University (M.S.), and Princeton University (Ph.D). He's worked many jobs since then, whether it be a research associate, visiting academic or professor of public health at Columbia. Most recently, he served as Dean of the School of Health and Human Services at the University of New Hampshire and later Provost at Baruch College, a member of New York's CUNY system.

"He has the perfect combined elements of understanding Suffolk and its students in a way that will really resonate to help us move forward and achieve even more," said Provost Barry Brown, who has served as Suffolk's acting president since Sargent's retirement.

"He has a substantial background in urban education. Baruch mirrors Suffolk and the needs of our students," said Brown. "He's led that school as provost and senior vice president, led school to increasing levels of national prominence. He's sensitive to the needs of students in the college [of arts and sciences], the business school, and the law school. [He will] lead us to a period of exciting and dynamic growth."

McCarthy applied for the position at Suffolk last summer.

"I was very interested in coming to Suffolk because of its long history of outstanding urban education. What attracts me to Suffolk is that we're probably two things," said McCarthy. "One is the combination of professional and arts and sciences education that characterizes the university. I'm really excited about the fact that Suffolk has a business school, a law school, and a school of arts and sciences. I spent my whole career in professional education, but all my training is in arts and sciences. I really see great value in the way Suffolk is structured."

When Suffolk was first founded by Gleason L. Archer in 1906, the classes took place in his parlor room — admitting anyone. In those days, area schools had a history denying admission to immigrants.

"So I think that history of providing opportunity is a noble history, and that's always attractive," said McCarthy. "If you will, a kind of justice for the people who were denied opportunity to come to Suffolk."
McCarthy to take Suffolk’s helm Feb. 1

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McCarthy cited a number of programs at Suffolk that can attract people from around the city, including Suffolk’s Political Research Center, which has become well known in recent years for its accurate polling, and was featured every day on 7 News in the 10 days leading up to the New Hampshire primary.

“Everybody in Boston — everyone in the country — knows about Suffolk polls,” said McCarthy. The university has had the great advantage throughout its history of having wonderful people lead it for long periods of time and David Sargent was clearly one of those people,” said McCarthy. “He was responsible for the transformation of the university from a Boston Institution to a global institution.

There were undoubtedly issues that arose but there are things that I don’t really know about, but what I want to focus on is the very positive history of the university and the people who contributed to that and I want to carry those legacies forward.”

Suffolk students Jake Pi
tochelli and Brian Carey were optimistic when the Journal asked them about the university getting a new president.

“I think it’s a welcome change, I think it’s exciting,” he hope he can bring about some new perspectives, maybe bring good press to Suffolk,” said Pitochelli.

Carey said, “I’m hoping he can help us organize the university a little bit better. Make the organization a little more cohesive, a little easier to understand from an outsider’s perspective.”

SGA President Megan Garcon was unavailable for comment.

Perhaps the most important question of all is in Boston right now — is McCarthy, who is moving from New York, a Giants fan or a Jets fan?

The answer was a resounding “No!” McCarthy is a Patriots fan, who, if all goes well during Super Bowl XLVI, will be moving to Boston at the perfect time.

MBTA to put in place service cuts, fare hikes: What you need to know

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The MBTA kicked off 2012 by announcing upcoming fare hikes and service cuts in order to close a $185 million deficit and control the growth of the agency's $8 billion debt. The MBTA has presented two options to gauge public opinion and consider customer input at a series of public hearings. Both of the scenarios presented include the elimination of MBTA ferry services, weekend and late-night commuter rail service, and weekend train service on the Green Line's E Branch and Red Line's Mattapan High-Speed Line extension.

The difference between each scenario primarily comes in the magnitude of fare increases and the number of bus routes cut. In the first scenario, fares are raised 43% for CharlieCard users. A subway fare goes from $1.70 to $2.40, and bus fares increase to $1.50 from $1.25. The first scenario is expected to reduce ridership by 9-13 percent, 34-49 million rides per year, and net the MBTA an extra $161 million in annual revenue.

Scenario two eliminates about 75% of all bus routes and raises fares by just 35%. Rapid transit fares increase to $2.25 from $1.70, and bus fares increase to $1.50 from $1.25. This scenario is expected to slash MBTA ridership by 14-17 percent, 33-64 million annual rides, and raise an extra $158 million in annual revenue. Both scenarios also include increases in parking rates, including a 28% hike under scenario one and a 20% hike for scenario two.

MBTA officials and Massachusetts politicians on Beacon Hill and the state’s preference to highway projects over transportation projects has risen to fight the cuts and increase the MBTA’s visibility in the state's capital.

Many MBTA officials have sympathized with the public, stating that the MBTA has been burdened with a crushing Big Dig debt by politicians on Beacon Hill and a lack of state funding, leaving them with few options to keep the system running. The MBTA has had to bear the debt of the Big Dig after numerous costly expansion projects were imposed as mitigation for emissions during Big Dig construction. The MBTA also suffered severe funding cuts as the Big Dig’s cost continued to balloon and siphoned away transportation funding.

Numerous groups have risen to fight the cuts and hikes including Occupy Bos-
ton and the T Riders Union. On Monday, a spirited rally was held outside the State House which proceeded to march to the Transportation Building in order to voice
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**Middle East**

BAGHDAD, Iraq - A series of car bombings have left 14 dead and over 70 wounded in Iraq's capital Tuesday. The first attack occurred early in the morning at a gathering of workers in the Sadr City neighborhood. Eight people were killed and another 21 wounded. A second explosion occurred just minutes later as cars bomb detonated near a pastry shop, killing three people and wounding 26. A couple of hours later two more cars detonated, killing three more people and wounding another 29. Another bomb exploded at 10:30 a.m. near a high school, killing two students and wounding 16 more. The final attack occurred in the Huntiya district, killing one person and wounding 13. The attacks occurred in predominately Shiite neighborhoods, prompting Iraqi authorities to look at another Sunni led attack. Since the last American troops left on Dec. 18, several groups fear that the lack of proper control may lead to an increase in violence, reports the Huffington Post.

**Asia**

MOSCOW, Russia - "Russia signed a contract selling combat jets to Syria, a newspaper reported Monday, in apparent support for President Bashar Assad and open defiance of international condemnation of his regime's bloody crackdown. Allegedly the 550 million deal envisons the delivery of 36 Yak-130 aircraft. If confirmed, the deal would certify Russian opposition to international efforts to put pressure on Assad's regime over its attempts to smother out the country's uprising. The Yak-130 is a twin-engined combat trainer jet that can also be used to attack ground targets. The Russian air force has recently placed an order for 55 such jets. Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said last week that Moscow doesn't consider it necessary to offer an explanation or excuses over suspicitions that a Russian ship had delivered munitions to Syria despite an EU arms embargo. Lavrov accused the West of turning a blind eye to attacks by opposition militants and supplies of weapons to the Syrian opposition from abroad and warned that Russia will block any attempt by the West to secure United Nations support for the use of force against Syria. Igor Korotchenko, head of the Center of Analysis of the Global Arms trade, an independent think-tank, said the jet deal apparently reflected Moscow's belief that Assad would stay at the helm.

"With this contract, Russia is expressing confidence that President Assad would manage to retain control of the situation, because such deals aren't signed with a government whose hold on power raises doubts," Korotchenko was quoted by RIA Novosti news agency as saying. "It's another gesture by Moscow underlining its confidence that Damascus will remain its strategic partner and ally in the Middle East."

Another Moscow-based military analyst, Ruslan Pukhov, said, however, that Russia might be too optimistic about Assad's prospects."

**Suffolk Abroad: Vienna Part VIII**

A European Way of Life

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Of late, I have come to the conclusion that going to school in Europe, or maybe just in Austria, is exponential­ly less time consuming. Even when a student has seven or eight courses, they seem to have no problem only show­ing up when perhaps a presentation is necessary or the handing in of a final paper. The questionable part of this is that these students come out with grades that would normally take hours of exam­ining stress to obtain in the U.S. They are content going through there years, spending only 16 Euros on school every semester, taking their midafter­noon beers with their fellow students, knowing that inevitably they will need to take the step into the working world, just not yet. Being a third-year university student at the age of 21 is seen as a shock to most of them. They question why I am going so quickly and squeezing all of my classes in to a schedule, so tight that even my day planner is destined to explode. Of course, the natural argument revolves around money and the necessity of going right into a master's degree so you can begin paying off the debt you have accumulated in the whirlwind of the last five or six years. The comparison and contrast of the two defi­nitely have their validity, but I am convinced that maturity and progression of intelli­gence in a population is hard to come by when it takes one six or seven years to make it through their first or second bachelor's degree.

This is just something I have come across over the past few months, and I felt it necessary to convey the differences. Unless you are studying at an American University in Europe, expect to embrace the forever beautiful scenery, the endless pleasantry exchanged or the peaceful el­derly adamantine on taking public transportation until they don't walk, Vienna is forever a place I will feel welcomed and satisfied. Whether or not I will bring their ways back to the states is up for debate, but it is nice to know there will al­ways be another place in the world, regardless of cultural differences, that will accept you and make sure your stay is everything it should be.

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'Wordly:' quirky art at NESAD

Presented by the Suffolk University Art Gallery at the New England School of Art and Design (NESAD) is "Wordly," a solo exhibition of sculptures, drawings and installations by Arthur Henderson.

Quirky art creates a fun, bright atmosphere from the main and hallway areas of the gallery. Pieces are composed of simple materials like paint, silly putty, plaster, steel, wood, cement, clay, and plastic, as well as other things like urethane foam, polystyrene and resin.

The exhibition demonstrates craftsmanship and style similar to that of Henderson's "Construction" exhibit which was curated by James Hull and featured in the gallery in 2009.

Among the works are simple everyday objects like a wheel, an axe and a plunger, accompanied by works of different sizes, unique painted details and images, and popping colors.

"Ginsberg," made of plaster, urethane foam, steel, wood, and paint, stands out upon entry into the gallery. Raised atop an upside-down fragile-marked box is a man's head splashed with timid tones and round frames. Reaching from the floor to the ceiling, "Martin's Wheel" is a long, narrow stretch of polystyrene, resin and paint.

"Nose" is a painted plastic piece sticking out of the wall in its own secluded space. "Floyd & Zeno" sits [what appears to be] a pig's head and a wood object, side-by-side. The display is crafted of resin, clay, wood, plaster, and paint.

A sheet of lined paper is illustrated with a cartoon-like figure and bubble letters, called "The Plasterman." Rubber, paper, wood, and latex compose this bright piece.

Eight additional pieces of art include sculptures and large wall image displays. "Wordly" is free and open to the public until February 17.

RIP Etta James, R&B legend

The "At Last" singer died Friday at age 73 from leukemia. She was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2009 and leukemia earlier this year.

James' voice was a signature in the jazz and blues world. "At Last" brought her attention in the 1960s, and she won Best Jazz Vocal performance in the 1994 Grammys. Through Internet and TV, celebrity outreach has been expressed by Adele, Beyonce and Kelly Clarkson.

Bruce Springsteen
"Darkness on the Edge of Town"
Eric B and Rakim must have been listening to this when they declared "pump Up the Volume."

Hilton, house wannabe

Remember when Paris Hilton released "Stars Are Blind?" What ever happened to her pop singer stardom? Now she claims she wants to be the queen of house music, starting with an Afrojack collaboration. "I have a huge passion for house music. It has always been my passion," she was quoted on Perez Hilton. She also describes her new work to be modern, catchy party music. None of this sounds any different from her pop music phase.

Coachella 2012 lineup announced

The Indio, CA music and arts festival hits the weekends of April 13 and 20. Artists are booked to represent genres all over the board, from electro and dubstep to hip-hop and pop to punk, indie rock and alternative.

The flyer hints the Black keys, Radiohead, Dr. Dre, and Snoop Dogg to be the highest featured headliners, followed by names like Avicii, Calvin Harris, Swedish House Mafia, and Girl Talk.

All in all, there will be more than 45 different performing acts!
GLOW Boston caters to college students

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GLOW Boston, an 18+ dance party, kicks off its weekly residency tomorrow night at Think Tank in Cambridge.

Created by Northeastern senior Eric Spicuzza with the help of Suffolk senior Michael Gesualdi, GLOW Boston is a Thursday weekly event catered to Boston's college students. The party features a rotating DJs spinning electro, house and top 40 remixes. A typical GLOW Boston party is decorated with UV paint and black lights. Spicuzza said his greatest goal for the events is to create a "visually appealing place" by avoiding simplicity and boasting a custom lighting system.

Spicuzza said the idea for GLOW Boston came about two years ago, stemming from his involvement playing in bands through high school to the beginning of college. Travelling for shows as a member of multiple bands, he developed a passion for entertaining an audience with music they could dance to and enjoy. As he travelled and performed, Spicuzza developed an interest in the way gigs were set up, which led to the idea of starting his own show to bring music to the public without encountering some of the issues his bands faced during their time together.

After planning the way music would be performed and in which settings, Spicuzza decided to make the party an 18+ event, especially given the few under 21 options in Boston. This is one of GLOW Boston's most attractive draws, giving college students the opportunity to dance with their friends and meet others at a city night club without worrying about their age and illegal forms of identification.

"I wished I had a cool event to go to as a [college] freshman," he said.

"With most college kids not being able to drink and legally [enter venues], everyone is always looking for something to do," said Clayton Nickell, a Suffolk freshman and promoter for GLOW. "Thus, when you go up to them and say 'hey there, wanna go mingle, socialize and jam to some great music by awesome DJs?' the answer is usually, 'absolutely!'"

Gesualdi handles the marketing, advertising and finances of GLOW Boston. A long-time friend of Spicuzza, it was natural that he would help him create an ideal dance party for college students. Gesualdi has also handled promotions and DJ bookings. He feels the popularity of electro/house sounds in a club is growing with time, thus making GLOW Boston the perfect attraction for the college crowd.

"We got it and we did it at the right time," he said. "Everyone can go, and it gives the 18+ crowd a place to dress up and listen to house music.”

"House is my favorite subgenre of electronic music, and by focusing on that and top 40 remixes, the event very much caters to my musical tastes," said Nickell. "I think that if you're like me and trying to really get into the electronic dance music (EDM) scene, finding people who go to your school or are from the area and being able to network with them is pretty great."

Nickell also added that seeing that there are Suffolk students "as some of the mainstream behind this party is inspiring. GLOW Boston has been a popular outing for Boston's undergraduate college population since its debut evening in July, which sold out hours before doors opened. Spicuzza said that at that moment, he realized he 'stumbled onto something that could have some life.'"

Before securing a weekly residency, events were monthly dance parties spread through the Boston/Cambridge area, including a Masquerade Halloween event. Upcoming weekends include a "Little Black Dress" theme and a "White Out," which will have Jay K the DJ and Damien Paul (White Rabbit/Wonderland) on the decks.

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WeNo has DJ and production partnership Tale of Us (aka Life and Death) booked to play with Tamer Malki and Sergio Santos. The Berlin-based duo has been voted at number 15 on Resident Advisor's 2011 worldwide poll, and they're bringing a fusion of house and techno elements to Felt Nightclub tonight.

Ryan Obermiller of Marz Entertainment is paying a visit over the bridge to Re:Set Wednesdays at Phoenix Landing to hit the decks with D-Lux and Randy Deshaies. The weekly party draws locals and music heads favoring house, techno, disco, and like sounds. [19]

Thursday is looking good for parties without a cover. Among the Back Bay's popular spots, Storyville, located right below Minibar, will have DJ Costa spinning and food service until midnight [21+].

Downstairs at Barley Hall (formerly Joshua Tree), Liquid Thursdays provides top 40 remixes and house music all night. This week, there will be a giveaway for two Barstool Blackout Tour tickets [21+].

Elements is Boston's longest running dance night, and will be celebrating its 13th anniversary at Phoenix Landing with new shirt designs and exclusive giveaways. As a drum & bass-exclusive party, resident DJs Crook and Lemon will be spinning classics and current choons, [19].

Friday night, The Hood Internet, a duo who's held down crowds at festivals like Lollapalooza and Bonnaroo, will keep the Middle East Downstairs dancing while mashing up indie, pop, rap, and R&B bangers. [18+].

Next door at TT The Bear's, Clandestino continues to provide alternative Latin-American music, highlighting novedades, electro-pop, indie, vintage rock and psychedelic cumbia. [18].

Mash Up Mafia's Joey C will be joining GMGN and White Rabbit DJs Jay K and Damien Paul at the Wonderland party at RSE. Once the clock hits one, the transition into after-hours will bring in Bamboora and friends to keep both floors jumping until 6 a.m. Nine hours of electronic dance music is totally worth one cover. [18+].
Amidst the introduction of a new president at Suffolk, the Boston Globe released a prominent article titled "Alling Suffolk University gets new president." The article brought to light, again, the numerous issues our university is facing. Although some of the criticism is fair, and expected, we at the Journal felt the article was more of an attack rather than an introduction to a new era at the school.

With harsh criticism like, "...classrooms need upgrading and laboratories are seriously outdated and dilapidated," the Globe dug deep at Suffolk's struggles. Again, we understand the comments, but at the same time we'd like to point out that this is supposed to be about turning a new page in Suffolk's time line. We should not forget our problems, but see the direction the new president wishes to take.

Overall, it was a bit harsher than the norm to the point that we need to defend the school we attend.

We'd like to address that Suffolk is not the only one trying to keep their head above water. Colleges and universities across the country are feeling the same squeeze of the economic situation America currently finds itself in.

Look, let's be serious, it's easy to point out Suffolk's flaws. We're sure every student and faculty member has taken a shot at Suffolk's expense. But cutting down to it, that's for us and not for anything else. We go here. We work here. We learn here.

So clearly we have every right to bash the school. Do you? No.

As much as some may not like to admit it, we have pride in our university. Yeah, it's not an Ivy League, nose-in-the-air institution, but it's our place of higher education. And day after day, it grows on all of us.

Suffolk University is ours. Like a bully picking on our best friend out in the playground, we're going to attempt to stop the nonsense. The university isn't in the best place, but things could look up. Here's to looking at the glass half-full. Cheers.

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Oh, the power of the Internet. It is truly the one venue that can unite the masses. Unless you live under a rock with absolutely no access to any sort of technological devices with Internet capabilities, you have probably heard about the controversial anti-piracy bills being proposed by Congress. But just in case you are a caveman, here's a quick recap.

Last week, both the House and the Senate tried to pass vastly unpopular anti-piracy legislation only to be met with a firestorm of protest. Both wings of Congress had separate bills, with the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) being proposed by the House and the Protect IP Act (PIPA) being proposed by the Senate. The bills would give the Justice Department the power to go after foreign websites that commit intellectual property theft. The government would then have the power to force American companies, such as Internet service providers, credit card companies, and online advertisers to end any sort of relationship with the site in question.

Controversy arose over the proposal because several Internet companies said that up and coming sites would not be able to take on the possible costs of defending their sites against possible violations. Proponents against the bill say that it could also lead to blocking sites being motivated to severely monitor content, which could potentially infringe on freedom of speech.

Now it's understandable why there is so much resistance to these proposals. Any possible infringement on freedom of speech should always be quashed, no matter what the circumstances. But let's be real. The average American is not truly concerned with 1st Amendment rights when it comes to this issue. The average American is concerned with losing all of that great freedom content with having access to the Internet.

This notion that we all need to unite to protect our rights is well and noble, but it's a little unrealistic. Being able to say what you want when you want on the Internet is one of the great perks of the technology. There is no question about that. Complete freedom of speech on the Internet has allowed for the transferring of ideas and understanding of different cultures at a rate that has never existed previously.

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Facial Recognition of Speech or Free Content?

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With that being said, I find it hard to believe that the outrage exhibited last week by individuals, not Internet companies, was solely based on the loss of free content. Face it, people love free things. It does not matter what it may be, if it's free then it's better. So my one request to everyone would be: thicp this with the phonc outrage over free speech and admit that you just want to download the new Drake album without having to pay. There's nothing wrong with that. The old school swindle is as American as apple pie. Granted, it won't help your case with Congress or Hollywood. But what average American really wants to appease them?
Get Gronked: Rob Gronkowski's numbers spike

Rob Gronkowski set the NFL record for most touchdown catches in a season by a tight end. He finished the regular season with 17 touchdowns.

Bruins look to continue first-half success

Since the Boston Bruins captured their sixth Stanley cup championship and their new banner was raised to the rafters at TD Garden, the hype in Boston about the 2011-2012 season has been enormous. As previous teams have shown, it can be difficult to repeat as Stanley Cup Champs. Since 2000, 11 team captains have picked up their Stanley Cup championship and their second championship and their team has been playing as if they have not fully lived up to their potential in Boston, but has two goals, 15 assists and is fourth on the team in shots on net. Winger Michael Ryder was signed by the Dallas stars and has produced for them, but stepping up in his place is the 25-year-old Benoit Pouliot, who was acquired from the Habs. Pouliot has even spent time on the second line in the absence of Brad Marchand and just adds to the amount of speed on the Bruins roster.

Rookie sensation Tyler Seguin has been showing everyone why he deserved to be the number two overall pick in the 2010-2011 NHL Entry Draft. Seguin can be almost methodical with the puck at times, weaving through defenders using his speed and skill to his advantage.

The 19-year-old who turns 20 this month has notched a team leading 42 points that includes 18 goals and 24 assists. Not to mention, he leads the NHL in plus/minus with a +34. Seguin's counterparts, Patrice Bergeron and Brad Marchand are both in the top five in plus/minus in the NHL.

This year's Bruins team embodies Bruins Hockey. Patrice Bergeron and Brad Marchand, who make teams work for every puck they possess. Defense has always been the staple of Head Coach Claude Julien's brand of hockey, and we continue to see that this season as the Bruins are ranked third in the NHL in goals allowed with a 2.09. What has surprised most, and maybe even the B's themselves, is their ability to put the puck in the net this season, which has been a major hiccup in their game in past seasons. The Bruins are ranked an unlikely first place in the NHL for goals per game with 3.54. Each line for the Causeway Street rink has the ability to net the puck, whether it be emerging first line center David Krejci, or a hard-nosed glove-dropper like Shawn Thornton. The amount of offense the Bruins have produced this year is exciting, but that not may be the only reason the Bruins have the second most wins in the NHL.

Goaltender Tim Thomas took home a Vezina, a Conn Smythe, and a Stanley Cup to the bank last season, he might need to watch his heels because a 6-foot-3, 24-year-old Finnish tender may be coming for his job. Tuukka Rask, who was the backup for 2009-2010 season, has reemerged from the shadows and has been playing at a number one goalie level. In fact, Tuukka leads all NHL goalies with a 495 save percentage and 1.68 goals against average (No.1 goalie 1.69 GAA). Rask has blanked teams three times already this season and is starting to see significant time, opposed to the beginning of the year.

With a very solid first half just about in the books, the Bruins will look to maintain their spot among the elite in the East and the NHL.

Look for Bruins players Tyler Seguin, Tim Thomas, and the Eastern Conference Captain, Zdeno Chara in the all-star game in Ottawa.

The Bruins will open up the second half of the season at home against the Senators.
Women's basketball fighting for GNAC lead

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Suffolk's women's basketball team has continued their best impression of the 1995 Chicago Bulls, with a 12-5 record on the season. Winning five of their last 11 games, the Lady Rams are just one game behind Emmanuel for the top spot in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

It's been a season where the contests are either nail-biting affairs or blowouts for Suffolk, with several of their games decided by six points or less as well as more than a few double-digit victories under their belts.

Offensively, the Lady Rams are getting stellar production from junior jacqueline Viennou who is shooting 39 percent from the field and close to 33 from three point range. She's not the only one putting up points for this however, with others such as seniors Mary Garon and Meghan Black both making over 33 percent of their shots from anywhere on the court. On the defensive side, Suffolk has been stingy to say the least, giving up just 53 points per game. Opponents aren't getting many open looks against this Suffolk squad, who boast the best field goal percentage defense in all the GNAC. The defense has been a team effort, but the younger members of the squad have been the top contributors. Sophomore Jennifer Ruys and freshman Tori Brillaud have been racking up the rebounds, as they both are averaging close to seven per game and a combined 154 this season. Head Coach Ed Leyden has had his team playing nothing short of consistent basketball all season, but with their recent winning streak, this team is hitting its stride at the right time. The women's basketball regular season is just eight games away from concluding and with seven of those games being inter-conference contests, meaning Suffolk has the opportunity to grab the top spot in the conference, with their game this Saturday being perhaps their most important game left.

They'll be taking on second place Saint Joseph's of Maine on the road with a chance to move ahead of their conference rivals. Luckily, they have three games against some of the GNAC's less fortunate teams as a chance to make up for a skid if the team were to lose their next few games.

The Lady Rams' next home game will be against seventh ranked Albertus Magnus at 7 p.m.

Kelley bright spot in disappointing season

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While the Suffolk hockey team has fallen on some rough times this season, they have not quite managed to get their upper-classmen on the roster, and one of their most consistent performers has been sophomore goalieder Cam Kelley.

Originally from Brighton, Kelley is the only goaltender on the roster to have played in all 15 games this season, and although the team has been less than spectacular, Kelley has been solid, stopping 308 of 364 shots while posting a .846 save percentage.

"I played forward until I was about nine years old," Kelley says. "I switched to goalie because my teammate decided that he didn't want to play anymore in the middle of a game. I went into the net that game, and haven't looked back since." Kelley showed flashes of his talent last season, when he backed up then-senior captain Jeff Rose. Kelley played in five games, starting one, and stopped 55 of 58 shots, all while sporting a 1.69 GAA.

Kelley was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference Goaler of the Week earlier this season after the Rams won their first two games of the season in the Becker College Icebreaker Tournament. He stopped 48 of 50 shots in those two games, which earned him the award.

Senior Mary Garon scored a career-high 19 points in Suffolk's 54-41 victory over Simmons College on January 18. The team stands at 12-5 overall.

The Rams currently have just four seniors on the roster, and youth has certainly played a part in the team's struggles this season. The future, however, as underclassmen have scored 29 of their 31 total goals this season.

The Rams' top 13 scorers are all underclassmen, which guarantees that the nucleus of this team will be back for at least one more year. Kelley shares the hope for the team's future, and knows that the Rams could be a legitimate threat in the ECAC conference in the future. "My personal goal is to go out there every game and give my team the best possible chance to win; I think we have a bright future as a program, and I am excited to see what the future brings for the team."