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Adjoint and part-time lecturers across the nation are growing discontent with their positions on the hierarchy of professors, according to a report released this August by the Center for the Future of Higher Education.

The report, "Who is Professor Staff?" focuses on the "second-class" treatment of contingent faculty, who make up more than half of college and university professors in the United States, and also, at Suffolk University.

"The caste system in higher education is alive and well in every American institution, and Suffolk is no different," explained Robert Rosenfeld, philosophy professor and President of the Suffolk Affiliated Faculty-American Association of University Professors (SAF-AAP), the union representing part-time and adjunct professors at Suffolk.

Although adjunct professors at Suffolk have numerous concerns, the union acknowledges that the contingent faculty here are generally better off in terms of pay and benefits than at many other institutions.

One of the many concerns that do face part-time lecturers at Suffolk is the last minute assignment or cancellation of classes, Rosenfeld says.

By the week of registration, he notes, most full-time professors have been assigned their classes and are allocated enough time to prepare for the coming semester. However, when students are making their schedules, many classes are still listed on the course catalog as being instructed by "Professor: Staff." The union notes that these are typically the classes that will later be assigned to adjunct professors, or "lecturers" as they prefer to be called. The terms "contingent" or "adjunct" often come with the connotation of temporary, which does not hold true to the many lecturers who have been working 10 or more years at the university, commented Bebe Beard, long-time professor at NEASD and Vice President of the union.

Without an adequate amount of time to prepare, many lecturers find themselves throwing together poor-quality syllabi and quickly choosing textbooks that are either a poor fit for the course or unnecessarily expensive, according to the 2011 report. Late assignments are said to also frustrate students who are often registering for courses without any idea of who will be teaching them.

"Sometimes, when I am choosing between two sections of the same course, I make my decision based on my prior experience with the professors," said Lauren Gugliuzza, a government major. "It gets under my skin when I have to make a blind decision and later find out I turned down a chance to take a course with a professor who I have already built a relationship with."

But it isn't the last minute assignments that have some professors most concerned. It is the lack of job security and difficulty to earn and keep health insurance that some describe as a bigger problem.

For a part-time lecturer to be eligible for health insurance, the union says, he or she must teach two courses each semester for 10 consecutive semesters. If the lecturer has a class cancelled and falls below the two courses, they must start the cycle from the beginning.

"Two semesters isn't such a tough goal to meet when the university is in good shape," added Rosenfeld, "But in the current financial crunch, you never know if your class will be under-enrolled and get cancelled."

In order for a course to take place, it must meet the minimum enrollment requirement. This year the minimum enrollment at the New England
**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Wednesday, September 19**

6:57 p.m.  
Miller Hall  
Possession of marijuana-less than one ounce. Report filed.

Friday, September 21

5:59 p.m.  
73 Tremont  
Trespassing. No report filed.

**Saturday, September 22**

2:39 a.m.  
10 West  

Monday, September 24

7:37 p.m.  
Sawyer Building  
Larceny. Case closed.

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Students owe the most of anyone in U.S.

Miles Halpine
Journal Contributor

...young voters, the key issue at voting population in 2008.” In year. The ever-present topic of both giving their all to appeal votes come November 6. President Obama, Governor Romney, and their Vice Presidents candidates are traveling all over the country and making appearances as frequently as possible with the debates looming over their heads. They are each trying to sway the public and, more specifically, the voters to earn support.

Obama and Romney are both giving their all to appeal to the different voter groups such as the elderly, Latin Americans, veterans, small business owners, middle class workers, and, possibly the most important, the youth and students in the United States. Considering they are the future, many political analysts are monitoring what impact, big or small, students will have on the race this year. The ever-present topic of improving the economy is the number one concern for most. But, for many students and young voters, the key issue at hand is college loans and the rising student debt crisis.

According to the nonpartisan Project Vote organization, even though they are 21 percent of the eligible voter population, voters 18-29 made up only 17 percent of the actual voting population in 2008. In this election, they still have potential to actually be the deciding factor in whether Obama is reelected or Romney becomes our 43rd president. It is obvious that they are the future of the country, so in reality one would think that what concerns them most would be a popular topic on the campaign trail. The amount of student loan debt in the United States passed the amount of total credit card debt last year and, just this summer, passed the $1 trillion mark. In such an unstable economic situation, students are becoming more and more worried about knowing if they will ever be able to pay off their student loans.

Suffolk freshman and economics major Doug DellaPorta says that, “student loans take advantage of students by exploiting their extreme need for a loan,” and “that they charge very high rates and really make students pay for the money they borrow.”

DellaPorta says, “it leaves students in desperate need for a loan and they’re forced to agree to the bank’s terms.” He realizes the huge advantage that he has over other students coming out of college.

In June, Congress voted to extend the just over three percent interest rate for student loans for another year. Although this can be considered progress, many students are still looking for more assistance with such a high fiscal burden. This was also why a vast majority of the Occupy Wall Street protesters were under 30-years-old. The movement had voice last year, but it is not certain if it will help shape a voice for the younger voters this year.

In terms of the candidates’ positions on student loan debt, they each have a plausible solution. Obama offers an “Education Calculator” for parents and students to compare the advantages of his plan for improving the process. His website also criticizes Romney’s campaign by saying, “shop around, get a good price,” referring to Romney’s multiple plans.

Romney’s campaign website provides three plans for making higher education more affordable. He says, “Strengthen and simplify the financial aid system,” “welcome private sector participation instead of pushing it away,” and “replace burdensome regulation with innovation and competition.”

Both presidential candidates still have some time to share their message and ideas for a better America, but the younger voters have a chance to actually make a difference. The outcome will show what effect they have in the coming years. Student loan debt will keep increasing across the country, state by state, student by student, until someone does something to better the situation.

Brown Replaced by Interim Provost

Mollyn Hanson
Assistant News Editor

Michael Bell was announced as Suffolk’s Interim Provost from fall 2012 to spring 2013. His job as provost is very specific, and he has quite a few plans in place for Suffolk.

"Suffolk was sort of an accident," said Bell, who was asked to join the temporary faculty by President McCarthy. Bell had not planned to come to Suffolk, but now is glad to be a part of the team that will choose a new and complete staff for the University. He said he plans to "keep the ship afloat" and "to keep it going in the right direction" as interim provost.

The biggest of his duties in this position is defining the roles of two new vice provosts who will join the staff after his leave in the spring. This involves selecting two people who will bring student and faculty success to Suffolk. "This is such a good place, said Bell. He remarks on how much the faculty of Suffolk has in common. Bell says they are not teachers of Grade 13, that they are "women and men who could transmit knowledge into a classroom." This is the common purpose of the faculty according to Bell, who hopes if given the opportunity, the faculty of all three colleges will come together and create a bigger, prouder Suffolk community.

"If you can create context for collaboration...show them all that teaching and learning are the center of what they do, but not the only thing they do," said Bell. One of his main goals as interim provost is to create a good transition and bring in people and concepts that will allow for the best services to students.

Bell is originally from the Boston area, but traveled to Philadelphia to study at St. Joseph's, a Jesuit university for his undergraduate degree.

"I wanted the experience of going away," said Bell. After college he worked as a faculty member at multiple colleges for about 23 years and then joined the administrations at Franklin Pierce College and Merrimack College.

"It sort of thought I'd gotten an unexpected career," said Bell. Bell takes pleasure in hiking, walking, and golf. He also loves reading and watching movies, and remarked on the imagination those activities bring and how that is the definition of humanity. Every Sunday he and his wife try to complete the New York Times crossword puzzle.

Overall, Bell is excited to be a part of the Suffolk community, he says, "I'm really happy to be here, this is a really wonderful opportunity."
Former Presidential Candidate Accuses Obama of War Crimes

Ethan Long
Editor in Chief

In a recent interview with *Politics* former Green Party Presidential Candidate Ralph Nader spoke to reporter Patrick Gavin about his thoughts on the current state of the Republican Party, the current administration’s renewable energy push, and the fact that he sees President Obama as a war criminal.

“He’s gone beyond George W. Bush in drones, for example,” Nader said. A report released this week by Stanford University and New York University has found that, even though drone warfare targets low-level militants and senior commanders, it has also traumatized communities in northwest Pakistan, killing civilians who are out of the reach of first aid until the area has been deemed safe for medics to enter. According to an article on *Public Radio International*, the “United States government doesn’t acknowledge that civilians have been killed in drone attacks.”

Nader continued, saying that “[Obama] thinks the world is his plate, that national sovereignties mean nothing, drones can go anywhere. They can kill anybody that he suspects and every Tuesday he makes the call on who lives and who dies, supposed suspects in places like Yemen and Pakistan and Afghanistan, and that is a war crime and he ought to be held to account.”

This past May, George W. Bush and Dick Cheney were convicted in absentia of war crimes in Malaysia. The trial, using standards set by the Nuremberg Trials, included ex-detainees of Guantanamo Bay who gave testimony on Bush’s human rights views. In February, 2011, Bush cancelled a trip in which he was to be a keynote speaker in Geneva, Switzerland due to pressure on the Swiss government to prosecute him. Obama hasn’t even finished a term.

According to Nader, Obama has served “below average because he’s above average in his intellect and his knowledge of legality, which is violating with abandon.” Nader then went on to mention Obama’s time as a professor.

“I don’t know whether George W. Bush ever read the Constitution,” said Nader. “This man taught the Constitution, and this is what we got.”

This week, Obama took time to address the United Nations, promoting free speech and challenging countries in the Middle East to respect and protect the basic human right. “Now I know that not all countries in this body share this particular understanding of the protection of free speech,” he said. In the fast-paced world of the information age, it’s easier than ever to produce and distribute content with the click of a button, something which has caused, according to Obama, the thought of controlling the flow of information “obsolete.”

“I accept that people are going to call me awful things every day. And I will always defend their right to do so,” he said.

Earlier this month, the *LA Times* reported that outside of the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, “more than a few of the marchers took jabs at President Obama, with signs like, “Arrest the War Criminal Obama” and “Obama Murders Children with Drones.”

Obama this week started his speech to the UN condemning the attacks on the US embassy in Libya. “There are no words that excuse the killing of innocents,” he said.

Why not help those in need?

Gianna Carchia
Online Arts Editor

Suffolk University’s chapter of Best Buddies is hosting a Friendship Festival this Sunday, September 30. The goal of the event is to raise awareness and recruit new members to the organization. Best buddies is a non-profit group that provides opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to cultivate one-on-one friendships.

“Individuals who can’t make friends on their own gain relationships with positive people,” said Suffolk chapter President Haley Ford. “Suffolk as a whole is really rooted into community service. It’s a small commitment, seven hours a month, to have a good impact on these people.”

The Suffolk chapter is hoping that new students will get involved. While they welcome anyone who is interested, sophomores and juniors are urged to join. Since they are creating friendships, they want to make sure the relationships can last. President Ford reflected on her experiences to inspire interested students. “I have been with Best Buddies for about nine years,” Ford said. “I was looking for an activity I would benefit from that would not just benefit me. They don’t care about the small things; they are just looking for you to speak with them. They make you realize the small things we take advantage of.”

Currently, the organization is made up of 22 Suffolk students and 20 buddies. They are looking to expand the program and possibly double the chapter. In the past, the organization has been comprised of mostly females. They are looking for more male students to get involved.

“You are spending your time valuably,” added Ford. “The benefit you receive is unexpected. As a person, you feel something as a whole.”

Best Buddies hosts monthly events, each with a unique theme. This Sunday’s event will feature a carnival theme and will run from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

FINALLY! SOMETHING YOU CAN DO AT COLLEGE THAT YOU CAN TELL YOUR PARENTS ABOUT!

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY'S CHAP TER OF BEST BUDDIES IS HOSTING A FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30. THE GOAL OF THE EVENT IS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS TO THE ORGANIZATION. BEST BUDDIES IS A NON-PROFIT GROUP THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO CULTIVATE ONE-ON-ONE FRIENDSHIPS.

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Don't Let Earth Share the Same Fate as Alderaan

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Suffolk Voices Aggravation over Film “Innocence of Muslims”

Dan Olson
Journal Staff

Recently, a video posted on YouTube by a director from California, defaming the prophet Mohammed of the Islamic religion, has caused several major demonstrations and protests in the Middle East targeting especially U.S. missions. In the past week, the demonstrations have spread to Pakistan's capital, Islamabad where some 2,000 protesters attempted to raid the U.S. embassy of Pakistan.

The United States has attempted damage control to counteract the situation, fearing that it will become more dangerous. According to an article from the Washington Post, written by Anne Gearan, “the Obama administration paid $70,000 to buy ads on Pakistani television disavowing the video,” the State Department said. Despite the efforts of the United States, the ads did little to help our cause. Gearan also writes, "Anti-American sentiment runs high [in Pakistan], and suspicion of U.S. motives run deep."

The video itself is 15-minutes long and still available for viewing on YouTube (as ruled by a California judge last week.) Entitled Innocence of Muslims the short film depicts an offensive representation of the Islamic Prophet Mohammed and the Islamic religion in general. Still, many Americans, especially students, find it hard to believe that a short viral video could cause so much upset across the world. While everyone seems to have their own theories as to what is really behind the controversies, the majority opinion seems to be that religion is taken more seriously in other parts of the world.

Grace Agosto, a junior at Suffolk University certainly agrees. "That part of the world is big on religion and will pick up on anything," said Agosto, 20, of Chelsea, MA. "It's very disrespectful; I can't believe that the director went out of his way to include certain details in the video." Facilities have also included those from the U.S., such as U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens, who was killed in the protests in Libya on September 11th, 2012. "It is sad that that happened," said Agosto, "I remember when the president reached out to his family; I just feel bad for his family." The entire cast and crew of the poorly made film have come forward in a statement made through CWK stating, "We are 100 percent not behind this film and feel grossly mistuned about its intent and purpose." While it may be that the actors in the film are among those who have been the most misrepresented, the horrible truth is that our entire country has been misrepresented. The opinions and views, not to mention directing and filming styles of one man, have now served to represent the opinions of an entire nation; ours.

While we are guaranteed the right to free speech here in the United States, what is not guaranteed is how that speech will be perceived across the world.

Suffolk Students From Venezuela: Election Time

Tyler Burke
Journal Staff

Students graduating with American degrees will likely not be returning to Venezuela in search of jobs if President Hugo Chavez is reelected. This is the consensus of Suffolk students facing the upcoming Venezuelan presidential elections, as Chavez runs to extend his 14-year reign.

President Chavez has lead Venezuela since he ran for office in the late 1990s. Mr. Chavez, a member of the United Socialist Party, believes the heart of socialism will bring strength, growth, and prosperity to Venezuela during these tough times. The up-coming elections are proving to be a challenge for the incumbent because supporters of the opposition candidate have viewed him as an oppressor.

The polls are a statement and prediction of the elections outcome is speculative at best. Two Suffolk students who are personally affected by the elections commented on the scenario. Paola Martinez, a sophomore studying economics from Maracalbo, Venezuela, and Rene Faria, a sophomore studying economics, had impressive comments on the election.

Martinez explained the situation with a very personal point of view. She affirmed that when Chavez was elected in 1998, they expected him to rule for only five years but it has now been over a decade. Martinez stated, "People of my generation have only known one way, Chavez's socialist revolution." During this revolution, the level of national security has been decreasing because Chavez has ignored critical issues to make way for his change - a change that has cost a nation its way of life. Martinez stated, "If Chavez wins, people in Venezuela and the Americas will not be able to continue with their lives because of the insecurity and anxiety that is now spreading across the country." A national election will be held on Oct 7 to elect the president for a six-year term that will begin in February 2013.

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Gareth Jones  
Journal Contributor

Austerity measures are a fancy way of saying cuts. When a government cuts spending, government employees lose. These are the police, the firemen, postal workers, teachers, pensioners, maintenance crews and public defenders, whose already unimpressive wages stand to be cut in the name of economic restoration.

Essentially, they suffer for the mistakes of people who make a lot more money than they do, namely politicians and bankers whose tax regulations and risky investment policies have put the great financial crisis of our time in motion. That such austerity measures will create civil unrest is beyond doubt. The question is how much unrest? How many people will be angry enough to take to the streets, go on strike, or burn down cinemas? In Spain, almost 20 percent of the workforce receives government pay checks and thus stand to lose money. That's an assured 10-million people (as of the 2011 census, there are almost 48-million Spaniards). In essence, it is a lot of unrest, as well as the main reason that such austerity measures amount to political suicide.

But, is adversity to such measures healthy for an economy? The short answer is that it depends. The long answer, or at least the one that the E.U. bureaucratic machine in Brussels has come to is yes. Not only is it healthy, but necessary. As Angela Merkel put it in an interview with the Associated Press last April, "you can't spend more than you take in. You can't live your whole life this way. Everybody knows this."

In Spain, they are spending 60 percent more than its entire annual GDP just to stay aloof; it seems that not everyone does know what Merkel seems to know. The austerity plans from Brussels implemented in countries like Spain and Greece involve trying to bring this rate of expenditure back down, in hopes of paving the way for long-term success after initial short-term turbulence. It comes down to a matter of shorter-term vs. long-term interests.

The biggest incentive for any Spaniard to vote, saw only 44 percent turn out. If this number was doubled, or even above say, 60 percent, austerity measures and the politicians who brought them in would be in a much more precarious employment situation.

Regardless, austerity measures look like they're here to stay, and personally, this sounds to me like good news. I can sympathize with not being able to pay your rent, but when it comes down to living with your parents for a few years versus having to leave the country when the economy finally runs out of money to borrow 10 years down the line, I'll be home every night in time for my mother's homemade spaghetti bolognese.

David Frederick  
Journal Staff

"Screw the troika, we want our life back" and "Let's go! They are ruining the country and will have to pay for it." These are some of the slogans on the signs of protestors in Madrid and Lisbon over recent austerity measures imposed on their country. From an economic standpoint, it seems like the simple answer. If they are non-violent and they are not harming a single person, then I do not see why someone would care, unless you're rich. I am not casting judgment over someone with wealth, since I personally respect their initiative. What I don't respect is cancerous greed. That can ruin any man, but these are simply people who wish to take care of their own. Maybe I am naive, but it seems to me that a country can only survive, wouldn't you do what it comes down to in the end is that they are just humans working towards change.

When thousands of young Spaniards spill out onto the streets to protest cuts, they're worried, as they have a right to be, about the short term repercussions. But not cutting means spending more money, and to put it bluntly, as far as Spain is concerned, there is no more money, unless you count bailouts from the E.U. But such bailouts come with requirements, most of which are austerity measures.

So it looks as if Spaniards are going to have to tighten their belt loops and suffer, unless a political overhaul advocating growth over austerity takes control. This is still unlikely, despite popular unrest, for many reasons. One big reason is that the young students who take to the streets armed with pickets and sangria jugs tend not to actually show up on election day. For whatever reason, they don't vote. Spanish national elections, with from recent austerity measures imposed by the government.

Of the 50,000 people that showed up in Lisbon, Portugal on Saturday, many threw tomatoes and fireworks while anti-riot police watched. This came after Economic Minister Luis de Guindos said that Spain's borrowing costs still do not reflect the country's economic and fiscal adjustment. What they all want is simple. They wanted to speak out against spending decreases and tax increases. This past July, annual bonuses and overall wages have been decreased. Their problem is similar to the one here in the U.S., being that their austerity measures affect only the lower and middle class while barely even touching the rich.

I believe that it is a fair goal; they just want adequate living situations. They want to feel a sense of equality throughout all levels of society. I think that they are being the change that they want to see. If you were struggling to survive, wouldn't you do what you could to change that? Protest has always led to great change. It's a civil and respectful way to address an issue.

Many will consider these protests an eye sore, many will be annoyed by these protestors. Many have, and many will continue to do so down the line. With Portugal's unemployment rate at 16 percent, protesting for a better quality of life seems like the simple answer. If they are non-violent and they are not harming a single person, then I do not see why someone would care, unless you're rich.

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Middle East

EGYPT – Former head of the Muslim brotherhood and current President of newly democratic Egypt, Mohammed Morsi, expressed his feelings on freedom of speech this past week. As stated in the Associated Press, Morsi called for limits to free speech after the chaos that was precipitated by the Anti-Islam film, Innocence of Muslims. The necessity Morsi stretches, that “Freedom comes with responsibilities,” acknowledges the implications of free speech that, coming from a country such as the U.S., have on those countries with stricter laws and beliefs. In Morsi’s speech at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York, he highlighted his policies of cooperation along with an adamant domestic belief structure in regard to the recent distress in relations between the U.S. and Egypt over anti-American protests.

Africa

SUDAN – In 2011, South Sudan successfully seceded from Sudan to become an independent country. This was the climax of years riddled with deadly ethnic and religious conflicts. The conflict has unfortunately not settled down and disputes over borders and oil revenues have become a pressing topic for each countries’ leaders according to BBC World News. Accusations from support for rebel groups to transit fees across borders have exacerbated the situation to a level near that of its pre-secession degree. The mainly Muslim north and Christian south have forged major differences between both communities making cooperation very difficult. The border disputes are proving to be far from resolved, but leaders on both sides are actively pushing for a truce on these tense issues.

Europe

GERMANY – Over the month of September, not actually October, avid beer drinkers from around the word meet in Munich, Germany for Oktoberfest. As German news agency Der Spiegel claimed, around 850,000 people visited the festival on the opening weekend. Though numbers have dropped since previous years, they are forever offering their daunting “Mass bier” or beer. Performances and boisterous drinking games to traditional parades, Oktoberfest offers experiences for every individual desire, to lead Brazil or its various cities. Named going by the names of Batman, Robin and Osama Bin Laden are all throwing their names into the election race.

Asia

CHINA – As reported by the Washington Post, factory riots are spreading throughout China’s electronics producing industries. Most of the grievances occurred as a result of poor working conditions and economic pressures. Foxconn, a Taiwanese based manufacturer of Apple products, was forced to shut down their facilities as 2,000 workers began rioting. As workers are becoming increasingly educated, stated the Washington Post, the large pool of laborers has had more justified frustrations with their treatment. The general discontent at Foxconn gained international attention in 2010 when they installed nets around their facilities as 2,000 workers began rioting. As workers are becoming increasingly educated, stated the Washington Post, the large pool of laborers has had more justified frustrations with their treatment. The general discontent at Foxconn gained international attention in 2010 when they installed nets around their facilities as 2,000 workers began rioting.
**Horoscopes**

Compiled by Gianna Carchia

**Aries:**
You will be surprised at your excellent financial luck. Don’t waste it.

**Taurus:**
The crisp winds of autumn will blow a new relationship your way.

**Gemini:**
Keep your chin up: academic stress may try to take an early toll.

**Cancer:**
There are transportation delays in your future. Plan accordingly.

**Leo:**
A friend from the past will enter your life again in an unexpected way..

**Virgo:**
This will be a relaxing week: take advantage of your free time.

**Libra:**
This is a good week to shop; treat yourself. You may find something special.

**Scorpio:**
People will start to look at you in a new way. Be confident.

**Sagittarius:**
A project you’re working on may not work out the first time; keep trying.

**Capricorn:**
This will be a busy week. Remember to take a moment and relax.

**Aquarius:**
You will make many new friends; smile and welcome the attention.

**Pisces:**
This is a good week at work. Keep your ears open for a promotion or new opportunity.

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**ACROSS**
2 First US president to visit China
3 This state has 5 times the amount of caffeine as a can of Coke
7 This fruit has a sporn museum with over 6,000 species (2 wds)
9 This vegetable contains the most sugar (Think Dwight!)
10 Once nominated to be official bird of the USA
11 This fish has a memory span of three seconds
12 This bird has a very long neck
15 This animal can turn its stomach inside out
16 These are first cultivated in this country 2,000 years ago
18 This fish can live to 1500 years
19 Olives were first cultivated in this country 5,000 years ago
20 Used to cure stomach aches in the 18th century
21 This animal can turn its stomach inside out
22 This soft drink was originally green
23 This insect does not sleep
25 This planet spins opposite the others in our solar system
26 One of the best exercises for maintaining healthy bones
29 This ocean is saltier than the Pacific
30 A child can be named "Buttocks" in this country
34 Largest employer in Central Florida (2 wds)
35 This animal catches human colds and illnesses
37 One pint of blood can save this many lives
38 These melt in vinegar

**DOWN**
1 City with first American celebration of St. Patty’s Day
2 Kellogg’s most famous product (2 wds)
3 This feline fish can taste with any part of its body
4 This “sulfur” can be found on the planet Mercury
5 This is the only country in which a left hand is considered a right hand
6 This planet spins opposite the others in our solar system
8 99% of this vegetable are sold for decoration
12 This fruit is named after University of Florida Gators
13 He invented the rocking chair
14 This artist only sold one painting during his lifetime
15 He invented the rocking chair
17 Best Drama Series at the Emmy’s
18 Best Dinoma Series at the Emmy’s
19 Most popular show among baby boomers (2 wds)
21 Tallest structure in world before Empire State Building was built (2 wds)
22 He made 81 films over a 50 year career
23 This pouched animal cannot walk backwards
24 This 1500 year old story became an animated Disney movie
27 This artist only sold one painting during his lifetime
28 This country where the elephant is the national animal
31 This insect does not sleep
32 A planet approximately 12 years from this planet to orbit the sun
33 This soft drink was originally green
36 This 1200 year old story became an animated Disney movie
Everything He's Not Makes Him Everything He Is

Mackenzie Cummings-Grady
Journal Contributor

For Kanye West, pushing the envelope is something the public has come to expect from him. He began with his claims that he was the reincarnation of Jesus Christ back in 2006, climaxing with his drunken interview on ESPN's "First Take" in 2009, and ended with his claims that he and Jay-Z were the undisputed kings of hip-hop in 2011. However, if one is able to step through the fray that West has created, you'll see that he pushes the envelope in his music as well as in the media. His album "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy" was the boldest move taken by a hip-hop artist I don't know what is. For me, Kanye's musical climax resulted in the release of My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy. The album has sold 1,254,000 copies and is deemed by critics as being one of the biggest names in hip-hop today such as Big Sean, Kid Cudi, Jay-Z, John Legend, 2 Chainz, and Ghostface Killah. This album was destined for greatness.

Unfortunately, that is where the excitement ends. With the album finally upon us, I can only say the promiscuous marble painted cover is more detailed and meaningful than the album itself. The electronics and soul influences that gave me goose bumps on My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy have been stripped down to the bare high hat symbol bass lines that pollute the rap industry today. However, it is not all bad news, even if the beats aren't distinctive and the verses aren't poetic, this is still an album you can jam too. If "Mercy" and "Clique" at full volume won't inspire you to grind, and if "To The World" doesn't inspire you to stick it to the man, with R. Kelly belting "Let me see you put your middle fingers up to the world, I made up in my mind I'm don't 'things my way, I'm burnin' it down tonight," I'm not sure what will. With all the A list rappers contributing to this album there was no plausible excuse for it not to be good.

It's safe to say Kanye West has always exceeded expectations when it comes to his music, and the fact that he played it so safe is disappointing. I am hoping this album was just a fun experiment, like friends playing a game of touch football at a barbecue, and hopefully on West's next go round at G.O.O.D Music he'll be able to craft the Olympic gold we all know he can.

COLLEGEFEST 2012: Orange Soda Edition
Kel, Boston students love Orange Soda

Laura Mahony
Journal Contributor

The largest back to school event has arrived and departed once again! Collegefest 2012 had yet another year of success at the Hynes Convention Center. Hundreds of exhibitors set up booths with free giveaways for the weekend event. Collegefest 2012 attracted thousands of students with the lure of free stuff and live entertainment. Among the most advertised and prominent faces at the event were musicians Wale, headlining on Saturday, The Cataracs, headlining on Sunday, and of course Kel Mitchell of Nickelodeon's famed Kenan and Kel— both to days. Each of these entertainers created a fun, energetic, and entertaining environment that resonated throughout the event.

Each day the entertainment lineup changed, and live music was constantly being performed on both a side stage in one isolated room, and a main stage in the other, allowing a constant flow of energy and positive atmosphere available to all attendees throughout the weekend. The headliners, Wale and The Cataracs, were highly anticipated, and they really provided an impressive set of performances.

Among the most popular exhibitors were the ones giving away free stuff without much commitment, aside from the occasional email sacrifice. Vendors included Student Universe, Smartcar, Monster Energy, Rockstar Energy, Ready U, Bananagrams, and the main sponsor, SkyDrive. Each of these booths, along with others, had pens, shirts, water bottles, drinks, etc. It is these brands that are most recognized due simply to the fact that students remember how easy it was to get their free items. This is the realistic point of the event: to get exposure for organizations and businesses. It's a very beneficial event to take part in.

Of the most important people at an event like Collegefest is of course, the host. As host, Kel Mitchell provided students with an incredibly energetic wave of excitement. His good-natured persona established the right kind of mood for such an upbeat and large event. There was definite success on behalf of him, and on behalf of Collegefest as a whole.
"The Master" captures twisted imagination

David Frederick
Journal Staff

"I am a writer, a doctor, a nuclear physicist, a theoretical philosopher, but above all I am a man just like you." These are the words spoken by Lancaster Dodd played by Philip Seymour Hoffman, the titular character in P.T. Anderson's latest feature, The Master. The film follows the exploits of bad boy sailor Freddie Quell, a career-defining role for Joaquin Phoenix, who is trying to find his place in a post-war America. Quell is a deeply troubled man, unable to maintain any semblance of a functioning existence. The only things that seem to trigger an escape for him is his love of creating and ingesting deadly cocktails made from a variety of chemicals as well as alcoholistic substances and his primal urge of sexual frustration. Freddie eventually stumbles onto a ship occupied by Lancaster Dodd and his family, and is almost instantly mesmerized by Dodd and his work 'The Cause.' Dodd takes an interest in Freddie as he tries to prolong his downfall into social decay being one of the most anticipated films of the year, not only because of P.T. Anderson's reputation as a passionate filmmaker but because of the subject of Dodd's "Cause" is believed to be based on the formation of Scientology.

After leaving the theater, I felt many different emotions. I had felt both hypnotized and polarized by it. The superb connection between Hoffman and Phoenix really brings Anderson's haunting landscape to life. It truly is a story about many things: isolation, relationships, ambition, authority, and bedrock caring others. The cinematographer, Mihai Malaime, deserves the highest of praise, as he helped create some of the most beautiful imagery that I have seen on the screen in years. He helped bring the ocean to life with a raw, shifting passion. My viewing experience was one of confusion, trying to decipher what was happening in the ever increasing mysterious atmosphere, leaving me with many questions. Was there a duality between Freddie and The Master? Are we, the audience, feeling the awe and confusion because we are seeing it all from Freddie's warped perspective? There are numerous theories but I would not want to spoil the film. I am sure that there will continue to be endless discussions between critics and fans alike on the merit of the film, each with their own interesting interpretation of the events. Overall, I believe that The Master will continue to entrap and make the audience speculate over its complex nature. If you do decide to see the film, I highly suggest that you see it at the Coolidge Corner Theater, as they will be having screenings of the 70 mm copy for the next few weeks.
Under 21 Nightlife: What's Good

18+ @ RISE
306 Stuart St., Boston
Green line to Arlington

- Wonderland
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  Fridays, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
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- GLOW Boston
  Boston's premier college party
  Saturdays, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
  Genres: Electro, house, top 40 remixes

19+ @ Phoenix Landing
512 Mass Ave., Cambridge
Red line to Central

- The Drop
  Bass for your face
  Sundays, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
  Genres: Dubstep, electro, house, techno

- Makka Monday
  A break from underground EDM to get rhythmic
  Mondays, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
  Genres: Reggae, dancehall

For a city thriving with so many college students, it's ironic how the majority of nightclubs and nightlife events restrict the under 21 crowd.

With the exception of sporadic concerts and shows, there are two venues known to promise consistent dance nights on a weekly basis for the younger college kids.

Venues to check for local 18+
concerts / shows

- House of Blues
  houseofblues.com/boston

- Royale
  royaleboston.com/events

- TD Garden
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- The Paradise
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- The Middle East
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- Great Scott
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The Perks of Being a Wallflower

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It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, a movie is worth a million, and Stephen Chbosky's The Perks of Being a Wallflower is certainly worth at least that many. Not only did Chbosky direct this film, but he also wrote the epistolary novel that it's based on. Starring Logan Lerman, Emma Watson, and Ezra Miller, Perks of Being a Wallflower takes you down a winding road of adolescent loneliness, confusion, and realistic coming-of-age entertainment.

The movie encompasses the unconventional mind and disturbed life of a boy named Charlie Lerman, who is just entering high school in Pittsburgh in the '90s, who quickly realizes his role as a shy, unpopular freshman. However, that all changes when he meets Patrick and Sam Miller and Watson, who open up his world and universe. As each friend learns more about the other, they find that despite their age and background differences, they always manage to be a stray piece of similarity within us all. A movie is nothing without a great story, and Stephen Chbosky provides the viewers with just that. He shows that he can relate to the detriment of adolescence, but also the strength within us all that allows us to overcome it. As many individuals face the struggle of growing pains, most could possibly relate to the manner in which it can often become very easy to develop into a wallflower.

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No Doubt is back with new album

90s sensation No Doubt is back with their first album in 11 years. The new album is called Push and Shove and was released on Tuesday, September 25. Their new album stays true to the band's roots while showcasing their ability to stay relevant. It maintains their rock and ska heritage while incorporating techno sounds and a hint of rave to stay up-to-date in today's music scene.

Push and Shove reminds listeners of both Tragic Kingdom and No Doubt's most recent album Rock Steady. Both were from different eras of No Doubt's career, and had children in the meantime. However, she flaunts her post-babies body for the album artwork. Her band mates stay true to the band's roots while maintaining their rock and ska heritage while incorporating techno sounds and a hint of rave to stay up-to-date in today's music scene.

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A Word from the
Suffolk University Student Government Association

Dear students,
The Student Government Association would like to give you a couple of updates for this week. We are happy to announce the artists for our 2012 Fall Concert: Fabolous and Go­
the House. The tickets are available at the HUB. Make sure to get them before they sell out!

Have you seen the students wearing VOTE shirts on Tues­
days? SGA is co-sponsoring Election Tuesdays with the Government Department and the S.O.I.L.S. Center. The election ambassadors will be available every Tuesday in Donahue and Sawyer to help you register to vote! Make sure
you stop by to register, and get a free t-shirt as well.

Student Government Elections open Monday September 24th and close at 5pm on the 26th. Make sure you cast your vote through SIF Connect, you will be choosing the students that will represent you!

Last but not least, you would like to invite you to our weekly meetings every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in Donahue 311. This week, President McCarthy will be our guest.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesi­
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Have a great week,
Student Government Association
The head of the Chelsea Police Department, Brian Kyes, commented on the situation, "As a police chief, I'm just in fear that the perception and integrity of law enforcement has taken a good shot. We're also looking at what happened in these cases. Was an individual convicted? If they were, what were they convicted of? Was it something specific to these drugs? We're really trying to be proactive to get an in-depth analysis of what we're looking at." I respect law enforcement - I know that there are a lot of hard-working people that actually want to make a difference in our society. So, let it be known that while this is an awful screw up, I wouldn't let it paint law enforcement in a less than flattering light. The thing that astonishes me here is how long it took for this to be stopped. There potentially tainted evidence, with 690 of these people in state prisons, and the other 450 are serving time in county jail. What exacerbates the situation even more is the fact that officials are still unsure of what may have caused contamination.

I can't comprehend the fact that there appears to be information about the case open to the public, yet Dookhan hasn't even been charged because they are still investigating her. Since the lab was closed, judges have already begun to hear motions filed by defense attorneys seeking bail reductions for defendants awaiting trial in cases handled by Dookhan. Prosecutors have agreed to many of these motions, citing possibly tainted evidence.

Another part of this story is the fact that those who are actually guilty parties could potentially be set free. Such is the case for David Huffman. The 55-year-old had pleaded guilty in August to trafficking heroin and cocaine, possession of a firearm and running a drug lab. He was sentenced last month. It is ludicrous that this man has the potential key to freedom based on a technicality. I won't even waste the time to discuss this, he was found with heroin, crack and a gun: the man is clearly guilty.

No one has actually heard Dookhan's excuse... I mean David's, cliché, melodramatic story of how she had no choice and then she be painted as some sort of martyr. I am getting ahead of myself again. She could have a really good explanation for tampering with as many as 60,000 drug samples, changing the course of many lives, ruining her nine-year career, and showing our law enforcement into a sink-hole. Yes, yes. I cannot wait to hear what her side of the story is.
Bike share not eager to share bikes

A.P. Blake
Opinion Editor

Boston’s bike share program, Hubway, has been heralded as a success despite its many failings. I am an avid supporter of bike share systems in cities when installed properly, but Hubway continues to disappoint. From station placement to slow installation timetables, Alta – the company operating Hubway – has been reluctant to offer up specifics or explanations.

Spring 2012 was to mark the second year of Hubway, and was to be ushered in with an expansion into Brookline, Cambridge, and Somerville when the system relaunched following its winter closure. However, it wasn’t until the last day of July that Hubway finally launched in Cambridge, with half the cycling season well over. And even then, the system relaunched when the system, with eight of which being clustered around the Harvard, Central, and Kendall MBTA stations. In the time since, Alta has installed eight infill stations to cover gaps, but at this point there is perhaps only two months left before the system is packed up for the winter.

Meanwhile, the city of Brookline has a mere three Hubway stations, and Somerville – perhaps one of the biggest cycling communities in the country – is still left with only four stations. In addition, glaring holes in Hubway’s coverage of the Boston region exist in the neighborhoods of East Cambridge, Cambridgeport, North Brookline, and South Boston, among other smaller areas lacking coverage despite being encompassed by docking stations at a distance.

Social networking is pleasure networking

Anya Batrakov
Journal Contributor

I can’t go to a restaurant anymore without the person I’m with checking their Facebook on their smartphone. I notice more people can’t survive without this seemingly essential need like they can’t survive without food or water, and I feel the need to question it. My own addiction to Facebook sometimes spirals out of control, as I am currently checking it right now as I write this. There have been interesting studies done in the past few years, like one that compares our pleasure-seeking from Facebook to the pleasure we seek from slot machines, and other studies that explain that it just fills needs for entertainment and “interpersonal communication.” One has to agree with all this, but is it right to have such a need for self-gratification through a smartphone app? And if you think you don’t want it, I came across a photo once that was captioned: “I wish my worth as a person didn’t depend on how many Likes I get on Facebook.”

This isn’t even the worst part, because after all, we are only human. The worst part is people replacing Facebook with actual social interaction. I went to Governor’s Ball music festival a few months ago, and was shocked (or not) at the amount of people absorbed in uploading videos, photos, or just checking in, right in the middle of a show. Seeing a good band live is a wonderful life experience – not just because of the music but because you connect with everyone else there through the music. But these people were missing out on that in favor of online interaction.

There are some people out there that share more about themselves on social networking sites than they do with friends or acquaintances. I see very personal details on social networking sites, and I see posts where I’m appalled by the sheer mundanity of what they’re saying. What do I care if you’ve just finished dinner and are sitting down to watch True Blood? But the point is, as one study from Harvard expressed, people get a sense of pleasure simply by disclosing themselves. It is the same sense of pleasure we get from food, sex, and acquisitive money.

In this day and age, we feel more of a need to be in constant contact with people because we have the means to do so. This isn’t how some of us grew up, but it is what most of us have grown accustomed to. Anyone that tries to stop social networking usually comes back within a few days, and that’s okay: we are people living in the year 2012, including the 11% of us that express yourself all you want. It doesn’t mean I have to ‘Like’ it.

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While any progress at all is always encouraging, the slow and scattered method at which it happens seems almost useless. While many are taking advantage of Hubway’s expansions, problems persist within the existing coverage area, including stations being continuously full or continuously devoid of bikes. If Alta cannot properly maintain their bicycle fleet and inventory of stations, money is being lost and we have yet to see Hubway’s true user capacity. There is also a lack of station connectivity to the MBTA in certain locations, especially downtown, where all four core stations (exception to Government Center) lack a Hubway dock.

I still hold hope that the next relaunch in spring 2013 will be swifter and more methodical than what we’ve seen thus far. I would also hope that stations do not disappear unannounced, as some did last year. Boston is ready for this year’s relaunch. Hubway is an ingenious addition to Boston’s environment; here’s looking to continued improvements.
Sports Briefs

NHL Labor Talks to Resume Friday

Both the NHL and the NHLPA announced plans to meet on Friday to resume labor talks. The two sides in the NHL's most recent labor dispute have not formally met since September 12. Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly also announced that when the talks resume, the focus will be on more non-economic issues. Prior negotiations have focused on things like the salary cap and dividing revenue between players and owners. The two sides have disagreed on those economic issues so much that absolutely no progress has been made in negotiations, so maybe the fact that they have decided to tackle other issues first is a reassuring sign. If the players and owners find some common ground on other issues, it could lead to smoother talks on the tough issues.

Jet's Revis Stricken With Torn ACL

New York Jets cornerback Darelle Revis is most likely done for the season with a tear in his left ACL. Revis was injured in the third quarter of a Jets win over Miami on Sunday, in what was only his first game back from a concussion he sustained on opening day. While not officially ruled out for the season, he will have to wait up to three weeks before getting surgery, from which it usually takes six to nine months to recover. 2010 first round draft pick Kyle Wilson will be filling Revis' role for the time being. The loss of Revis, one of the best cornerbacks in the league, will be a huge blow to a Jets team that has come out of the gate strong with a 2-1 record.

Manchester United Captain Vidic Out For Two Months

Nemanja Vidic, captain of Premier League team Manchester United, will miss two months following surgery on his right meniscus (knee). Vidic had missed five months last season after rupturing a cruciate ligament in the same knee. Vidic, a native of Serbia, has been a staple of Manchester United's defense since he joined the team in 2006, and became captain in 2011. With the recent loss of Vidic, combined with those of Phil Jones (knee) and Chris Smalling (broken metatarsal), Manchester United's defense will be hurting for a central defender.

Venues Chosen for 2013 World Baseball Classic

World Baseball Classic, Inc., has unveiled the locations that will host the 2013 World Baseball Classic. The first round will open with Pool A playing in Fukuoka, Japan, Pool B playing in Taichung, Taiwan, Pool C playing in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Pool D playing in Phoenix, Arizona. While Japan, America, and Puerto Rico are all regular hosts, this will be the first time the World Classic will be played on Taiwanese soil. For the second round, Pool A will play in Tokyo, and Pool B will play in Miami at Marlins Park. The Championship round will take place at AT&T Park in San Francisco.

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Women's Soccer Starting to Find Their Way in Young Season

Alex Hall
Managing Editor

Suffolk University's women's soccer team started the season on a low note after competing in the GNAC finals last year but appears to have found its footing. After losing their first four games of the year, the Lady Rams have won two of their last three contests.

"The season is still in its baby stage and didn't start as we expected," said Suffolk head coach Ernst Cleophat. Both victories were 1-0 wins over in-conference foes Norwich University and Simmons College. In-conference games are always the most important ones and allowed Suffolk to move from 13th place all the way to sixth in one week. The 5-1 loss against Lasell won't help that ranking, but that isn't the only part of the game that frustrated Cleophat.

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The season at the halfway point just about, and the Lady Rams are right in the middle of the conference standings. The Lady Rams need to start winning all their conference games in order to make this season worth it, because if you can't compete with the teams in your own conference, it will be a rough postseason if they can make it. Suffolk plays against Mount Ida in a late game Tuesday, then head off to Babson Thursday as they try to keep their win-streak alive.

Women's Volleyball Making A Statement With Two Consecutive Victories

Jeremy Hayes
Assistant Sports Editor

The Suffolk Women's volleyball team is creating a buzz after beating their opponents in the past two games. The Rams swept both Anna Maria and Castleton State on Saturday in Tri-Match. This means that in Suffolk's past three games they have beaten all their opponents in three sets. The two wins from this weekend improve the Rams' record to 7-6, and are above .500 for the first time this season. The Rams' three-game winning streak shows that they are a dangerous team right now, and although underdogs, have a shot to compete against the best teams in the GNAC.

In the first of two games Saturday night's three contests, the Rams made easy work of Castleton, winning 3-0. The same was true of the team's sophomore Tori Brillaud, led the team in kills with 11 total. Brillaud also led in digs with 10. One of the Lady Rams' captains, Maggie Hillman, had a strong first game of the season getting nine kills in her three or four times in the game. The referees also contributed to Suffolk's loss according to Cleophat, who noted that the officiating crew didn't call several offside calls, two of which he believes led to goals against his team.

"We made our own mistakes as well, but my girls hung pretty tough and were ready for the challenge," he said.

Even with the two victories under their belts and a recent controversial loss, the Lady Rams have struggled to light up the scoreboard offensively without recent graduate Leslie Hayden; but she can still help change things. Although she can still help change things as a head coach, it was 'about being a head coach,' said the Suffolk head coach. "I brought [Hayden] because of her knowledge of the game and her leadership as a former captain. Her former teammates were ecstatic about the news," her new coaching partner said.

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American League Playoff Race Heats Up As Season Draws to A Close

Kansas City and Minnesota. This late in the season both the Royals and Twins have got to be at an all-time low as far as moral goes which should make them easy pickings for Detroit. The Tigers two remaining opponents currently sit outside for Justin Verlander and the rest of Detroit's pitching staff. Out West, the division is currently lead by the Texas Rangers, while they have the biggest division lead of any team in the American League, the Oakland Athletics still have AL, it may prove to be the most exciting, as the two teams will face each other in four of their eight remaining games. If the A's can manage to take three of those four, or sweep the series, they will be in an excellent position to seal the go on to finish their season against the White Sox and the Orioles, two great teams still in the thick of the playoff race.

The Angels have an easier schedule than Tampa Bay and have far more firepower on offense. With rookie superstars Mike Trout, Albert Pujols and Mark Trumbo all legitimate home run threats each time they enter the batters box paired with their solid rotation, it would be nothing short of a disappointment for Los Angeles if the team missed the postseason.

In contrast, the National League divisions are all but decided. The Central Division has been clinched by Cincinnati, and the West by San Francisco.

In the NL East, the Washington Nationals are tied for the best record in the league and hold a four game lead over the Atlanta Braves. Even though this race is the only relatively close one, it will have no effect on who makes the playoffs seeing as the Braves have already clinched one of the wild card slots.

The remaining wild card slot is currently held by the St. Louis Cardinals. The Los Angeles Dodgers, Milwaukee Brewers, Arizona Diamondbacks, and Philadelphia Phillies who all have decent shots sealing the final playoff spot in the National League. LA and Milwaukee both sit four and a half games out. St. Louis, however, is showing no signs of letting up, riding a four-game winning streak. And while the Brewers have a relatively easy schedule to finish off the season, the Dodgers must take on NL West leading San Francisco for their last three games.

The final weeks of the regular season in every sport are exciting to watch. As participation for the playoffs builds, the number of teams that will move on to the second season are slowly whittled down. This is the time of year where the boys are separated from the men. The best part is that the excitement and intensity displayed now will be nothing compared to the playoffs, when those men face off for the ultimate prize.
"Bedlam and Chaos": NFL Officials Becoming Serious Issue in Week Three

The Atlanta Falcons, causing a five minute delay. The team’s defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio was also fined $25,000 for the same event. So far 16 NFL coaches have received a memo from the league, warning them about committing any inappropriate behavior following a call by those replacement officials.

During the Sunday Night Football game on NBC, the biggest officiating controversy in recent years came during the last drive when Joe Flacco making as much noise on the field as he does off it. It is not about Aaron Rodgers being sacked nine times in a game. It is not about the much talked about return of Peyton Manning after a full season out and four neck surgeries. It is also not about the Houston Texans leading the AFC with a 3-0 record. It was all about the officiating.

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