Debating the Presidential Debate

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Tonight Americans will turn on their television sets to watch the first of four announced debates between Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney (R-MA) and incumbent President Barack Obama (D), an event many political commentators have hailed as the most important debate in decades. While Mitt has had practice in the last year debating against the likes of Newt Gingrich, Michelle Bachmann, and Rick Santorum during the Republican Primary season, it has been four years since President Obama faced John McCain. Presidential debates are a staple of the United States' campaign season, and since 1960, a non-profit organization known as the Commission on Presidential Debates has been the main driving force, using private contributions from sponsors to fund the events. Recently, major sponsors, such as the YWCA and Phillips, have pulled their contributions from the CPD citing that they oppose the promotion of bi-partisan politics within the presidential debates. Present-day debates have not only been affected by the bi-partisan CPD, but social media has become an important factor when it comes to each night's 'winner.'

"The Commission of Presidential Debates is a creature of the Democratic and Republican National Committees, formed to take control of the debates away from the original sponsor, the League of Women Voters, because they wanted to control it for their own ends," said Dr. John Berg, director of Suffolk's graduate program in political science, who poses the question, "What purposes do they share and what do they not share?"

Of all the issues both the RNC and DNC might disagree on, they "pretty clearly agree on" that "we should restore the real non-partisan, as opposed to bi-partisan, nature of the debates," continued Dr. Berg. "Right now it's just a subjective judgment by the major parties, and only once have they ever let somebody else in." Meanwhile, third-party candidates aren't totally shut out of the race. "Their respective campaigns have had volunteers gathering signatures, see DEBATE page 4"

SGA Retreat Cultivates Ideas for the Future

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The newly elected members of Suffolk's Student Government Association, SGA, are fresh off their weekend retreat and ready to get started.

"It really opened my eyes," said junior Jenny Trieu about the retreat. "I didn't know SGA had such an impact on the student body. I learned how much we put in to make a difference." A commuter student, Trieu plans to work hard to involve commuter and off-campus students more on campus. She said she looks forward to coming on campus more than she ever had before because of her involvement in SGA. "It changed my mindset about school," she said. "I love what I'm doing right now." Junior Isatta Coomber said the weekend was one of the best experiences she has had at Suffolk. "I learned what kinds of people I work best with," she added. "I've been involved all three years, but this is the first year that I know my voice will be heard." Coomber's main goal for this year is to cater to the class of 2014. She plans to try and organize a junior weekend that leads up to senior week.

Freshman Matthew Gifford said the retreat was a bonding experience. He was happy with the results of the election and added that this is a good way to start revitalizing the SGA name across the Suffolk campus. "We shared our goals and our enthusiasm," Gifford said. "We're willing to work together and share our ideas. This will be great for the future of SGA."

For some of the new senators, this weekend provided knowledge that will help them going forward as they begin making changes at Suffolk. "I learned from the retreat," said sophomore Tyler LeBlanc. "I learned what's realistic, what's not. I've learned that some things are going to have more of a snowball effect while others can be done tomorrow." LeBlanc discussed the importance of creating a stronger school spirit by improving marketing for Suffolk athletics. "We need to get everyone working together," he said. "It needs to be unified. Instead of everyone doing their own thing." Freshman Colin Loitelle also mentioned promoting the sports teams, saying that he hadn't heard anything about them since he started at Suffolk in September. "We really need to increase school spirit and get students more involved on campus," he said.
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Fall Concert another success for Suffolk and the SGA

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Model U.N. Changes Name to Suffolk University International Affairs Association

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The United Nations held their 67th General Assembly session with dozens of speeches from leaders representing countries across the globe. From our own President Obama to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the U.N. had their fair share of news and popularity with the session beginning last week. However, as the school year begins, so does our own Suffolk University Model United Nations chapter. Although the year has just begun, the chapter's e-board has some big plans ahead this year for a new-and-improved club.

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InstaRam SU Giving Students Instant Access To The Arts

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Two weeks ago, Suffolk's new social media student group, InstaRam SU, launched. The group is run by sophomores Erica LeBlanc and Corinne DeCost, and monitored by Director of P.A.O., Kristen Baker.

LeBlanc describes the club as, “your connection to the art community at Suffolk University.”

The idea for the club was to have the group run by students instead of professors. She figured Suffolk students “are public relations majors and do more on campus as well.”

The secretary for the group is Gabriela Sterling, who said that they received “a lot of new interest showing up with the incoming freshman,” and mentioned how, at the Temple Street Fair, there were a lot of people interested.

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InstaRam SU is actually a work-in-progress. InstaRam SU can be found by searching “InstaRam SU” on Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Youtube and Wordpress.

To go through this process, DeCost said that, as a freshman two years ago, there were around six students from the Suffolk Model U.N. chapter that went to the international conference in New York and, during her sophomore year, there were ten people. This past spring, there were 18 students that took the trip to the conference. But the increase of membership seems to keep going: this fall, more than 25 people signed up to participate in the travel team for conferences but the problem is that there are not enough slots available for them all. It is enough for each attendee to have a partner to split the work with, but the e-board actually had to turn some people away.

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Gary Johnson stopped by Suffolk on the ballot. Just last states where their names appeared on the Massachusetts ballot. Jill Stein has never been on the Massachusetts ballot. The exclusion of third-party candidates for President. Four candidates for President. Five did Virginia last Thursday, five in most markets, and those who they believe in professional politics will be watching to see just how much the numbers will be affected. The SUPRC has already conducted a debate-based poll, asking the voters in Florida and Virginia who they believe will be the better debater. "In Virginia, it was 46-19 when we asked who was a better debater. Obama, 46. Romney, 19," said Paleologos. "In Florida, it's 52-19. So now, you've got two swing states where the bar is so high for Barack Obama to jump over and so low for Mitt Romney — that's potentially a big problem for Barack Obama. He's got to meet or exceed expectations to keep his momentum going or to gain ground. Romney doesn't. Romney has to look good, show up, handle himself person-to-person, and express how he feels in terms of the differences of his vision."

"In today's world of high-speed news, social media, and constant communication, one might think a candidate is a clear winner off-the-bat. However, the quickness of the information age may just expose voters to a higher quantity of opinions and points-of-view. There's a little bit of lag time," Paleologos explained. "In this day of social media, when people don't watch stuff live — they'll Tivo or whatever — and they'll get their information through social media or they'll get it on their iPhone or their Blackberry, and they'll watch a video clip and a summary of the debate. Social media websites will flood with clips, opinions, and accusations of fact as early as the first ten minutes of the debate."

"As a pollster you've got to allow for a bit of lag time to see where the race settles, because people will have an emotional reaction, then they'll think about it, then they'll talk to other people over the next day or two, and they'll be impacted in that second or third ripple," said Paleologos.

As for what will actually happen on October 3rd, the Commission on Presidential Debates knows for sure. "I'd like to hear some debate about drones and I'd like to hear a debate about the war in Afghanistan," he said. "The First 2012 Presidential Debate will be at 9:00 PM EST from the University of Denver. Jim Lehrer of PBS' NewsHour will moderate. It is scheduled to be broadcast on all major networks as well as cable news stations.

"Let the candidates look each other in the eye, explain their differences, and give the people a vision." - David Paleologos

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people excited," he said. Increasing the interest and involvement with the sports teams would create a stronger bond between students and the school. "It's just a bunch of buildings," explained Loiselle. "We need to unite the campus. We also need to do more to unite all the dorms."

Loiselle also mentioned improving the cafeteria experience and plans to talk to Res Life and Sodexo. "The variety and quality of the food is very limited," said Loiselle, "and the prices can be outrageous." He also wants to work on putting quarter machines in the dorm laundries. Senior Christian Cayo has another idea for bringing the school community together. "I'm focused on getting the clubs connected so that they're on the same page," Cayo said. "We also need to involve students about SGA and get more people involved." The SGA senators are ambitious as well as passionate. Sophomore Carol Leon hopes to work at the United Nations in the future, but for now she's excited to start making change at Suffolk. "There are many issues we need to address," Leon said. "I want to talk to commuters, to international students. I have the power to give a voice to my classmates."

Plans to involve commuters and international students as well as those to promote school spirit and unite the dorms and clubs present a clear goal for this batch of SGA senators to unite the campus and make Suffolk more of a community. Each member encourages classmates to approach them with ideas, suggestions, or to seek help. The SGA exists on the strength of student voices and they welcome the chance to speak for you.
Outlets for Sexual Assault Victims in Boston

TRIGGER WARNING: The following story contains references to sexual assault.

In Boston, a city with a high population of college students, how to be safe and how to get counseling is strongly advised in regards to sexual assault and rape. Non-profit organizations like the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) are available for counseling 24/7.

"The crime of rape occurs when the offender has sexual intercourse or unnatural sexual intercourse with a person and compels such person to submit by force and against his/her will, or compels such person to submit by threat or bodily injury," the Suffolk Sexual Misconduct policy states. One in every four women and one in every six men are sexually assaulted or raped, according to the BARCC, if any Suffolk student has encountered sexual assault or rape, they are welcome to contact their 24-hour hotline at (800) 841-8371 or go to www.survivrape.org.

We really just want to help the survivor in any way we can," Bossong said.

A way for students to stay safe in a busy city like Boston is to download an app or program onto a cell phone that allows the individual to contact help right away.

"Circle of 6" is available on iPhones and Androids and is designed to get anyone home safely no matter where they are or who the person is with. This app has different symbols for different ways of communicating. By entering six close friends or family, the app allows the individual to send out a need for assistance quickly and easily. There is a call option, a text option, and a car option which sends a text message to the six people chosen with the address of where the friend or family member needs to be picked up from.

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"College students need to look at their social groups and see if they are in a safe environment. We want to see how we can make dorms and social groups safer," Bossong said.

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Over the weekend, Suffolk University and the Saudi Students Club hosted the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission to the United States to celebrate their National Day. Though formally celebrated on September 23, Saudi National Day provides a chance for Saudi's in the U.S. to come together and embrace a piece of home during their time abroad. Visitors included the Cultural Attaché, Suffolk University President James McCarthy, and most of the Saudi Arabian student population coming from universities all over Boston. The event brought together a distinct culture from another country aiming, and prevaling to represent the university. As stated by the Suffolk Saudi Students Club President, this was "a special day" for the club and their community on campus.

The Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission to the U.S. (SACM) is an agency set up by the Saudi Arabian government focusing on the educational needs of students in the U.S. They provide annual trips back and forth to Saudi Arabia for the students as well as scholarships to subsidize, in full, their educational experience. Their goal, as stated on SACM's website homepage, is "to provide our country with qualified individuals capable of achieving the country's goals for progress and development."

A visit from Cultural Attaché at Suffolk University Al Saggaf, asserted her overwhelming joy over the students in her field and how much progress they were making. Saudi students at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences were represented at the event, and the director commented on how much return Saudi Arabia is receiving on account of the exemplary performance of the students in Boston. Not only from health and science programs, but engineering students from MIT and Northeastern were in attendance, reiterating the wide dispersion and eclectic range of Saudi students in Boston. Suffolk President James McCarthy visited the event and spoke on behalf of the prestigious international community that Suffolk is so renowned for. Having presided over Suffolk for seven months to date, President McCarthy was delighted to celebrate, for his first time, the Saudi National Day at Suffolk which has had great showings in the true taste of what Saudi Arabian culture means. Upon entering the event, visitors were presented with traditional Saudi coffee and chai to immediately evoke the feeling of being directly in their homeland. Dates, a sweet fruit which are considered to be best in Saudi Arabia, were presented in various flavors from pistachio and almond to more traditional versions such as black seed. Extravagant presentations of Saudi traditions were displayed amidst the event outlining the most important tenets of the Muslim religion and Saudi history. A proportional representation of the Holy City, Mecca (or Mekkah in Arabic) was exhibited in order to illustrate the holy pilgrimage that all Muslims are suggested to make at least once in their lifetime. Students explained the assorted displays to each passer-by. The Najd, a tent used in history to facilitate migration toward the rain for cultivation was fully displayed. Another exhibit, the Jalbyah, traditional regional gowns worn by women differentiating in color and style for each specific region, were shown off exemplifying their true historical elegance. A Suffolk student was even playing a traditional instrument, Oud, for curious guests.

For students from Saudi Arabia, this was just as satisfying as a true homecoming. Suffolk's involvement represented on behalf of the community that Suffolk is so actively welcomed and represented in Boston. Although certain students did find themselves at odds with the food provided, it was a considerable mix of Egyptian and Turkish, and not formally Saudi. A favorable change that most students agreed on would have been to toss the silverware and eat out of a communal bowl of meat and rice with only their hands as frequently in their homeland. The mutual understanding Suffolk has created with
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Not only does he have to pay up, but his monthly salary will be cut from 2200 Euros to 1930 ($2800 to $2200.) Less straightforward is the case of Eminence Bishop Anthimos of Thessaloniki, who owes back taxes to the Greek Orthodox Church, who has thus far renounced the far-right political parties that exhibit neo-Nazi sympathies, whereas in Austria they play a significant role in politics. The population in Germany has outwardly come to terms with what occurred by building prodigious memorials in most major cities. Germany also implements laws that favor German-Jewish citizenship and laws against the denial of the Holocaust. On the other hand, Austria has openly embraced its role as a victim of the Nazi regime. Particularly events have shown how recent an advent it has been to talk about the Holocaust and the Austrian role in it. Only in the year 2000 was the building of the only Jewish remembrance memorial erected. In the first district, in a square surrounded by the seven-story Viennese old-style apartment buildings you find Judenplatz. In the middle of Judenplatz a small memorial stands to remember the 65,000 Austrian Jews killed during the Holocaust. Comparatively, it is quite small and nothing of the spectacle you find in Berlin. JUST this past spring, Vienna city officials decided to rename a busy main street in the center of Vienna which was named after a popular Mayor who was an outspoken anti-Semite. Karl Lueger, the mayor of Vienna from 1897 to 1910, was extremely charismatic and revolutionized Vienna's infrastructure. On the other hand, he was a well-known anti-Semite who was claimed to have a "major influence" on Adolf Hitler. Though he actively sought out the betterment of the city and party slogans reminiscent of those used by the Nazi party. Furthermore, Austrians were overrepresented in the voluntary Waffen-SS (the Nazi Protective Squadron.) Their claims as a victim of the Holocaust manipulation only go as far as simply not having their country name directly identified with the Nazi Party. They played a major role throughout the Holocaust and no matter how much it wasn’t their "idea," they actively participated and to this day they have not shown half the guilt Germany actually displays. On the contrary, there is a population in Austria who does seek our recognition of the Holocaust and how much of a role their ancestors played. Comprised of the younger Austrian population and students, activists criticizing the FPÖ and other neo-Nazi oriented movements have been popping up everywhere. Throughout the streets of Vienna, there are graffiti marks renouncing anti-Semitism and the actions the NSDAP (Nazi party) carried out during the war. Often the tags read, "Traus Nazis," meaning to renounce and relinquish the neo-Nazi name asserted in sects of Austrian society. Protestors in the name of remembrance have also taken place at right-wing events such as a Viennese Ball sponsored by the FPÖ. Austria internationally is seen as an innocent, pleasant place home to long-time Christians and music, and this is not at all wrong. But they have not fully come to recognize what they duly identified with the Nazi Party. The FPO was ever an opportunity to own up, now is that time.
Horoscopes
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Aries:
You can look forward to lots of opportunities this week, but be sure to read the small print and know what you're getting into.

Taurus:
Your head is in a jumble this week, poor Taurus, so don't make any large decisions, especially relationship ones.

Gemini:
Looks like some cutie has caught your eye and is pushing your professional life to the side. Although the break is nice, don't lose focus.

Cancer:
Don't let your emotions fog up your communication, especially this week as domestic tensions can be a higher.

Leo:
Be wary of empty promises this week and keep your communication and intentions clear to get the integrity you need.

Virgo:
Get your financials in order this week and soon you will not have to worry so much about them. Your charm is working well, too.

Libra:
Your main set back this week could be you are not getting the team spirit you need. Set a good example and see results.

Scorpio:
You won't get far in your projects in the next week, it would be best to wait for the sun to return to your sign after 10/23 to get the ball rolling.

Sagittarius:
Your love life is centered around the thought "thunder only happens when it's raining." Accept it now, recover later.

Capricorn:
Your work and personal life are playing tug and war this week, and you're stuck in the middle. Keep your feelings clear.

Aquarius:
Reflect and research your opportunities, because when it comes knocking soon you will be more than prepared.

Pisces:
You might meet someone through a friend this week who will leave you flustered with the intensity of their attention or affection for you.
Yes Oui Si teams up with Boston Future Alliance

Jonette Glass  
Journal Contributor

Members of the Boston community gathered last Wednesday at the Emerald Lounge to participate in celebration of the re-birth of the Yes.Oui.Si gallery into Company One. The event was an after party in support of the success of a "brand hacking" collaboration with the Future Boston Alliance earlier that day. Together, these two organizations, along with the help of local supporters, successfully created a logo and an established creative, new professional direction for Yes.Oui.Si.

Together they made the transition of branching out from a brick and mortar exhibition space to relaunching as Company One. Yes.Oui.Si. and Future Boston take a seemingly unconventional approach to facilitating culture and community.

"We bring people together through pop-up shows, pop-up concerts and exhibitions. Being able to move it all around keeps it all from seeming institutionalized. It has to be done this way. This is something that just can't be forced," said Olivia Ives-Flores, founding partner and curator of Yes.Oui.Si. Established in 2008, Yes.Oui.Si. has been bringing communities and artists together through the use of impromptu showcases, documentaries, exhibitions, parties, and more. All of these acts have been completed in the name of facilitating community discussion and creative and cultural expression.

"This method keeps us from being isolated to a single dimension," said Ives-Flores. "We can work with different bands and artists in different areas and just evoke more contemporary art to promote the artistic ecosystem. Accomplishing this event is a part of our goal to achieve the triple affirmative yes. That means taking risks to actualize our core goals and bring that discussion." Last Wednesday's event was the third exhibit of what they call The Assemble Series held weekly at the Emerald Lounge. This week's Assemble brought together community business owners, artists of all mediums, musicians, students and community members all in the name of cultural diversification and the creative economy of Boston.

"I'm so happy that there is something like this out here. All these people in one place think the arts are as important as I do and everyone wants to help share that art. I'm just so excited that this exists," said student Leila James. This innovative approach attempts to bring awareness to the slightly hidden culture of creativity in Boston, which was reflected by the eclectic crowd. The event attracted people of all ages, from older professionals to students, all interacting, communicating and laughing in the name of art, culture, and community. The excitement of this event was present in the constant murmurs and buzzing of conversations being held around paintings and sculptures and the bar. "I'm very happy to be here supporting both Yes.Oui.Si. and the Future Boston Alliance. I think that it's a great way to bring artists together and

No Doubt returns after an 11 year hiatus

Alexandra Martinez  
Journal Contributor

After 11 years, the Southern California based band No Doubt is back with their first studio album after hiatus. Push and Shove. The album isn't a new version of the band, or a revamp of what they had been back in the early 90s. No, Push and Shove leaves off where 2001's Return of Saturn leaves off, and continues that reggae dancehall rock sound the band grew into since their Ska Punk days of the early 90s. The band is no longer the edgy 20-somethings from 1995's Tragic Kingdom, but a more adult version that still has the sound their fans have grown accustomed to. No. Doubt has adapted to the changing times. The title track "Push and Shove" which has been playing on airwaves as well as Target commercials to draw interest to the album, is just a small taste of what is to follow. It's fast upbeat reminder of what Rock Steady was and a welcome back for the band, especially with the strong trumpet section that brings back memories of songs such as "Bathwater", as a post Gwen Stefani bubble gum pop world.

Unlike the title track off Rock Steady, it is more of a party anthem. The 10 tracks that surround the title track, which is actually the fourth track on the album, contain a totally different sound from much of the other songs on the album. It is kind of a sampler of who No Doubt was, and who they are now after the 11-year hiatus, which spawned a successful solo career for female vocalist Gwen Stefani. It is clearly evident within the first track of the album, "Settle Down," that it will be chalked with girl-power infused lyrics. Listeners will be reminded of "Hollaback Girl," but the album says fully. Stefani-centered. Tracks like "One More Summer" and "Undone" are a reminder of a former crooning broken hearted Stefani from Return of Saturn and reminders of Tragic Kingdom, while tracks like "Sparkle" and "Giovanni" embody that old sound.

The entire album is true to the band in who they were and who they have become now growing into their 40s. The band still proves that they can rock and that they are really back this time with a great sound. Although those Ska Punk fans from the earlier albums may be disappointed with this album due to the lack of very little elements that remind Listeners of that classic sound, at the end of the day, new No Doubt fans and some old will love this album, which is the last sound of lingering summer and makes for a good party album you won't want to stop playing.

This is a great thing to be a part of. Not just for artist but for everyone. If you go to California or New York, you'll be exposed to events like this all the time," said Pescia Cooper, 26. "There needs to be more events like this in Boston to actually keep us here instead of moving away in search of this."
Your Week(end):
Things To Do

Angela Bray
Web Editor

Resource and Trade presents
A Made in Massachusetts Forum with panel discussions

Boston Fashion Week edition! Fashion Week events and parties are highlighted in addition to city nightlife and festivals. The full Boston Fashion Week schedule, which can be found at Bostonfashionweek.com, includes fashion shows, panel discussions, shopping events and trunk shows, exhibits, and educational programs.

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[Wed. 10/3 - Fashion]

Retail/fashion truck showcase featuring The Fashion Truck, Lola’s Urban Vintage, ARTichoke, The Erkst Cib, Sneakerbox, and the Boston Sports Apparel Company. (City Hall Plaza, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Free)

[Fri. 10/5 - Fashion, Art]

Popular city retailers collaborate with the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) to bring a runway show and advice from designers and stylists. Museum access included. (ICA, 5:00pm to 10:00 p.m., Free members/ $15 nonmembers, 21+)

[Fri. 10/5 - Nightlife]

See event picks at RISE and House of Blues in the Suffolk EDMC column. Other venues to check out: Down Ultra Lounge, Rumor, Royale, Bond, The Estate. (18+, 21+)

[Sun. 10/7 - Food]

The Boston Local Food Festival highlights over 100 local food-related vendors and exhibitors. (Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Free)

[Sat. 10/6 - Shopping]

The SOWA open market features 140 indie designers, crafters, artists, musicians, farmers, food trucks, and more. There will also be a clothing swap for men - simply put, a swap ticket is rewarded per item brought. (SOWA Open Market, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Dance: Event Picks

Wednesday, Oct. 3
- Catz ‘n Dogz @ Phoenix Landing (19+)
- Wobble Wednesdays @ Wonderbar (21+)

Thursday, Oct. 4
- Proper English @ Phoenix Landing (19+)
- Hi-Frequency @ Splash (21+)
- Appleblim @ Middlesex Lounge (21+)

Friday, Oct. 5
- Wonderland + After-Hours (w/ Bamboora) @ RISE (18+)
- Borgore @ Prime (21+)
- Anthony Attalla @ Underbar (21+)
- Saeed Younan @ Bijou (21+)

Saturday, Oct. 6
- GLOW Boston + After-Hours (w/ Deka) @ RISE (18+)
- Crystal Castles @ House of Blues (all ages)

Sunday, Oct. 7
- Bingo Players @ Prime (21+)

Tuesday, Oct. 9
- Sander van Doorn @ Bijou (21+)

Tweet: Party Pics
"@SuffolkEDMC #kandi" via @angelabray
Mumford & Sons release new album

When Mumford & Sons stepped onto the stage in 2009 with their debut, Sigh No More, they redefined the folk rock genre into a collection of radio-friendly anthems with boisterous harmonies and thick instrumental arrangements. The album became an international hit. It was certified platinum four times in the U.K. and twice in the U.S. with a world tour, and five DVDs documenting their success, the quartet became one of the biggest names in rock genre into a collection that sold more copies its first week than its predecessor. It has become an evergreen hit of the band's sound. It is like listening to a lost flame, and while Sigh No More was a great album, I don't want to listen to the "remastered" version of it. I want some new unpredictability, new shock and awe. Perhaps I asked too much of it, and it was too high a standard. Yet while Babel is fun and their lyrics more mature and poetic, it's time for them to take next step before they lose the incredible fan base they have accumulated.

The excitement continues with Mumford yearns for a lost love. This theme is reflected in the melodies. Oftentimes, a track starts out mellow, or with a somber tone, and it grows into the passionately heart-wrenching flair in the listener as lead singer Marcus Mumford yearns for a lost love. The excitement continues with Mumford's incredible vocal range.

The album has 12 tracks (the deluxe version has three bonus tracks) and you don't want to skip any of them. Each is hopeful and strong; the distinctive banjo and mandolin, as well as steady buoyant beats, serve to ground the album in Mumford's matchless sound. Listening closely for the slight word choices, I truly understand why Mumford and Sons has become so popular. With a unique folk sound, they are an unusual number of a pop genre that evokes in me the best of the band's sound. It seems to come from the melodies. Oftentimes, a track starts out mellow, or with a somber tone, and it grows into the passionately heart-wrenching flair in the listener as lead singer Marcus Mumford yearns for a lost love. The excitement continues with Mumford's incredible vocal range.

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Fluffed-Out at FLUFFEST: 2012

Jenette Glass
Journal Contributor

This past weekend marked the annual Fluff Fest, a celebration of the deliciously sticky treat and the industry that creates it, Archibald Query. The festival took place in Somerville on Saturday, September 29. After about 95 years of excellence the Fluffer Nutter sandwich still holds a place in the hearts of Somerville enthusiasts.

The festival is a celebration of invention and creativity organized by the Somerville Arts Council. Karen Truer, member of the council, has been involved in the organization of three Fluff Festivals. Truer, like many festival attendees, appreciates the novelty of the event, as it simply isn’t your average street fair. “At other fairs you have the same boring t-shirts and the same fried dough but here everything incorporates fluff,” said Truer.

There is also emotionally complex, a great action film, yes, but not the movie. This film is the theory of time travel. Will Smith, escapes, setting off a string of events, events that will stick with you long after the film credits have rolled.

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The edible isn’t the only original aspect of the fair. There is a marshmallow war, a fluffer nutter making roller derby, and even a fluff hair contest. Amongst the activities, you can see several high-school and middle-school students walking around with boxes of Fluffer Nutter’s shouting “Fluffer Nutters support our music program and arts programs!”

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These chants help to ease the guilt of over indulging on the sugary treat. Little sticky-faced children run around shooting oddly shaped marshmallows at each other care free, hoping to aim them into each other’s mouths. At least I can stuff my face in the name of art,” said Jessica Reyes, 26, of Somerville.

The cooking contest is one of the major highlights of the show, which includes both a most creative winner along with an overall winner. This year’s winning recipe was a fluff rosewater and pistachio cake. In addition to the fluff contest, there were also fluff pizzas, fluff cupcakes, and even fluff popscicles. “We can only imagine what kind of sugary innovations will pop-up at next year’s event,” said 13-year-old Shelby O’Connor, after biting heartily into her chocolate drizzled fluff pizza.

The premise is this: In 2072 it’s nearly impossible for an individual to disappear. The one which may happen with Johnson, there is creativity in his work that is refreshing and inspired. Looper suggests a future that has failed to violence and mayhem. Johnson captures the atmospheric hopelessness.

Despite the expansive sets, shots of mile long fields, and momentous cities, the film is still too up-close and personal, too gritty and raw. In one particular scene involving another looper (Paul Dano’s small but important role) he manages to create a truly effective scene with minimal special effects. Johnson knows how to create beautiful scenes without succumbing to the obvious. The story beautifully crafted, never allowing the audience to jump too far ahead. With Willis’ Joe and Joseph Gordon Levitt’s Joe sit face-to-face in a diner, you think you may have a hunch about where the film’s going; about what may be the ultimate outcome versus nurture can affect a human mind.

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With the professional sports world's focus fixed on the NFL and NCAA football seasons, some may forget that the 2012-2013 NBA season opener between the Boston Celtics and Miami Heat is just weeks away. The obvious rivalry between the two teams that has grown over the past few playoff seasons had a new chapter added during the offseason when beloved Celtic Ray Allen decided to leave Boston in favor of sunny Miami.

Despite countless trade rumors surrounding the 37-year-old veteran over the past few seasons, many Celtics fans were deprived of hearing their fan favorite Allen had decided to join their hated rival. Current Celtics player and Allen's teammate during his four years in Boston, in Kevin Garnett, was among the depressed by the former Seattle SuperSonics's decision and told ESPN Boston's Chris Forsberg, "I don't have Ray's number any more...I'm not trying to communicate I'm just being honest with everybody here...it's just what it is."

Allen did respond to these comments on AOL Sporting News, saying "That's a shame I'm a good person to talk to on the phone." Over his career, the newest addition to the Heat has never been one to grab headlines or participate in a public war of words, which is just one of the reasons Celtics fans shouldn't hold Allen's latest decision against him.

Allen was an essential key to Boston's 2008 NBA Championship and was nothing but respectful and productive over his time with the historic franchise. If he was to be booted by the TD Garden fans when the Heat visit Boston at the end of January, that would be a slap in the face to everything that Celtics fans love him for over his four years with the team.

In our 9/19 issue, we incorrectly identified the Suffolk University Political Research Center as the "Polling Research Center." We apologize for any misunderstanding.

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Deciding the right of life and death

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The Massachusetts Death with Dignity Act is featured in Question 2 on this November’s ballot and it concerns legalizing assisted suicide.

To qualify for assisted suicide, a patient must suffer from an incurable disease that is likely to cause death within six months. However, much confusion exists over who qualifies. One potential concern is that family members could be coerced into taking the drug, or the drugs could find their way into the wrong hands intentionally. Vote NO on Question 2 to keep death out of the hands of the general public.

People with treatable cases of depression will be allowed to commit assisted suicide instead of encouraged to seek psychological care, all in the interests of letting people control their own life and death. Unfortunately, sometimes these interests are uninformed and a poorly written proposal on a voting ballot can have very dangerous societal repercussions.

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SuperPACs are obsessed with negativity.... We are over it

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Co-Opinion Editor

With Democrats defending 24 Senate seats along with the Presidency, the topic of Republicans possibly gaining control has been on the minds of every politician. With all this uncertainty comes a wave of attacks from all sides. Campaign commercials, in my opinion, have become a necessary evil.

I miss the days when commercials regarding any election were clean and relevant to the candidates’ record and values. It has come to a point where I change the channel for every political ad that comes on my television (which is sad because I breathe politics). I have yet to see a completely positive commercial that comes with any mention of the candidate’s opponent. I am convinced by any of them. It frightens me that people see these commercials and will be voting solely on the negativity presented by them.

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Poorly written and flawed

of the time this prognosis is incorrect. Patients should be encouraged to explore other options that could prolong their life, and give them hope, rather than provided with an easy way out. Doctors will be required to discuss all possible treatment options, but there are no safeguards against financial, emotional, or social pressures which could distort a patient’s choice.

A report published in 2008 by kwal.com revealed that a female patient in Oregon, where assisted suicide is legal, received a letter from her health insurance company saying that her chemotherapy drugs were not covered while “physician aid-in-dying” was. Tarceva, the chemotherapy drug she had received, cost $4,000 while life-ending drugs cost under $100. The insurance company defended itself by saying that the thousands of dollars they would spend on one patient would have to be taken away from other patients.

In 2012, an article published by the New York Times reported that the lethal drug now costs around $300, still much less than the majority of life-prolonging treatments for terminal illnesses.

This fact alone reduces the life or death debate for many patients to a financial decision. It is much cheaper for people to end their lives than to invest in treatment that could extend their life.

As far as emotional effects are concerned, patients will not be required to see a psychologist or a counselor before they submit their requests for the lethal drug.

As far as emotional effects are concerned, patients who are concerned about elder abuse. There is also no plan to protect against the possibility of families “doctor shopping” for one who will allow them to receive the life-ending drug.

In order to receive the drug, a patient will have to make three separate requests. After the first oral request is submitted, a written request and a second oral request must be received by the doctor. The prescription is written 48 hours later and the patient will then be allowed to receive his or her lethal medication from the pharmacy.

Of all the flaws in the Massachusetts Death with Dignity Act, the fact that patients will be allowed to self-administer the drug in whatever setting and manner they wish, with no required supervision, is not only the most faulty, it is the most dangerous. They are advised not to do it in a public place and to take it in the presence of another person, but there are no safeguards or requirements for what happens after the patient receives the drug. I fully support that men and women in America should be in control of their own life or death, but I do not believe that it should be taken care of outside of a controlled environment. The pills could be ingested accidentally by the wrong person, the patient may be coerced into taking them, or the drugs could find their way into the wrong hands intentionally. Vote NO on Question 2 to keep death out of the hands of the general public.

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China and Japan debate over ownership of Senaku Islands

Matt Bacon
Sports Editor

Over the last month, a conflict has been brewing in the East China Sea. Overlooked by news about anti-American protests in the Middle East, replacement referees, and whatever recent jobs our two presidential candidates have taken at each other, this issue is something that America must keep a wary eye on: a territorial dispute between China and Japan over a small island chain in the southern reaches of the East China Sea.

The Senaku Islands, as they are known to the Japanese, are a cluster of five islands situated northeast of Taiwan. Although small and uninhabited, the islands hold strategic importance to both nations, and the waters surrounding them supposedly hold rich deposits of gas reserves. Both countries lay claim to the islands, the Chinese saying that it's are part of their ancestral homeland, with the Japanese retorting that they rightfully received the land from the U.S. in 1972. The conflict began last month when Japan purchased the islands from their private owner.

In China, and both countries sending naval patrols to the area, the possibility of war seems very unlikely. China and Japan are Asia's two largest economies, and are showing no signs of slowing. Their economic fates are intertwined, as they are huge trading partners. But if there is something to be sure of in this crazy modern world, it is that you can never be too sure of anything.

So, why does this matter to America? First and foremost is the fact that we have a security treaty with Japan, meaning this is obviously jumping to conclusions, the militarization of this dispute could spark a devastating regional conflict between China, Japan, the U.S., and their respective Korean allies. This, however, is a very far-fetched scenario.

What is really at play here is economics. The feud puts the U.S. in an awkward position because China and Japan are two of our biggest trading partners. According to the Census Bureau, China is ranked as our second largest trading partner, and Japan is our fourth. The last thing the U.S. needs is for these two economic allies to be at odds. What if Japan were to push for sanctions on China, or for either side to suspend trade to the other, affecting the global economy?

America needs to keep a watchful eye on this dispute. While I usually do not support American involvement in the affairs of other nations, it is imperative that the U.S. makes sure this conflict is resolved peacefully. An escalation of this conflict could have detrimental effects on our economy and foreign trade policy, and in the most extreme of circumstances lead to a war. While there is almost no chance of this happening, for America's best interests it is still necessary to step up and mediate this argument if it becomes clear that the two parties will not be able to resolve it themselves.

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Outside of the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell Monday night, stood hundreds of supporters for both Senator Scott Brown and Professor Elizabeth Warren before they embarked on their second official debate. The constant interchanging of signs and chants excited everyone approaching within blocks of the debate. As cars flew by, their honks and waves encouraged all supporters that their preferred candidate was the favorite of the state. This is what I love about our great American Democracy. Only in America, can a large group filled with hundreds of people, divided by candidates, stand together in peace and express our support.

No matter how you feel about either candidate, Monday's debate presented a definite separation in policy and support. The common aura of the massive crowd inside and out, was hopeful and proud. Every time I encounter a situation like the one presented at the debate, I am reminded of what freedom looks like. It gives me hope and makes me proud to live in a country where a Warren supporter can stand next to a Brown supporter and be civil and respectful towards each other.

All of the standout participants show up for the same cause, promoting and spreading their candidates' values and reasons why they should be our next Senator. Everyone has their individual reasons for supporting a candidate and every reason can be different but the combination of efforts to spread their support is inspiring. Strangers coming together acting on separate agendas, while remaining peaceful and welcoming is something that can only happen in a democracy like ours.

Other than a couple petty arguments and an accidental crash, the site was filled with understanding and excitement. The mixture of ages amongst the crowd was also very impressive. There were children chanting and senior citizens holding their signs proudly. I was overwhelmed with satisfaction in my fellow politics. Every time I have a sense of lost hope in any election, I know I can be rejuvenated in any form of expression of support for any candidate. It brings me great happiness to know people fighting for opposite causes can set aside political views and talk about family, work and hobbies in one common setting. America has gone so far in their efforts to freedom of protest that although we are not perfect, we have become a great American tradition.
Snorts Briefs

Chars and Bergeron to Play Overseas

Boston Bruins' captain Zdeno Chara has done as others have, and signed with a KHL team. Chara will play for Prague this year, unless the lockout comes to an end. Patrice Bergeron has also announced he will play for HC Lugano in Switzerland. That makes a total of nine Boston players who will leave the United States to play hockey in a different league during the lockout. All the players leaving to play hockey in a different country are Tyler Seguin, Rich Peverley, Tuukka Rask, Dennis Seidenberg, Andrew Ference, Anton Khudobin, and David Krejci. With all the players not sounding optimistic about the labor talks, it is hard to imagine how long the NHL players leaving will be gone for. Now that the first week of preseason has been canceled, it gives hockey fans the feeling that this is not all just a bad dream, but a sad reality that there might not be any hockey this year for the NHL.

Romo Falls Apart on Monday Night Football

The Dallas Cowboys were completely steam-rolled by the Chicago Bears under the lights of Monday Night Football. Tony Romo recorded one touchdown, plus two more, but for the wrong team. Romo threw two interceptions for touchdowns in Monday's game, he also threw a total of five interceptions in the game. After the second interception for a Chicago touchdown, the Bears were up 24-7. Romo was so bad, they had to bring back-up quarterback Kyle Orton, who ironically, went nine for ten in completions. Romo finished with an unbelievably bad quarterback rating: 14.2. Bears' Wide Receiver Brandon Marshall was the player of the game with seven catches for 138 yards, and a touchdown. Dallas Owner Jerry Jones was disappointed in the Cowboy's play, but now they have to move on and gear up to try and challenge the Baltimore Ravens on the road after their bye-week. The Cowboys need to ask a bold question: Will Orton be better for the Dallas Cowboys right now?

L.A. Still Belongs to Kobe

Dwight Howard and Steve Nash march into Los Angeles to create the newest "Big 3," but Kobe has made it clear that it is still his team. Kobe claims that the team is his right now, but when he retires, it will be passed down to Howard. This raises questions if pride will be a problem in the locker room with three All-Star players, two of which have huge attitudes with teammates in past seasons. He hopes that when he retires, it is as if he had never left, and the team will stay on top. Bryant, 34, in his 17th season, leads a loaded roster with Howard and Nash, but also players Pau Gasol, Metta World Peace (formerly known as Ron Artest), and Antawn Jamison. The Lakers are expected to be the team to beat in the West, and be the number one threat to the champions, the Miami Heat.

Women's Volleyball

Wednesday, 10/3 @ Emmanuel 7 PM
Saturday, 10/6 @ Norwich 12 PM
Saturday, 10/6 vs Simmons (@ Norwich) 2 PM
Monday, 10/8 @ Albertus Magnus 1 PM
Monday, 10/8 vs. St. Joseph (Ct.) 3 PM

Women's Soccer

Wednesday, 10/3 @ Tufts 4 PM
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Roy Ben-Joseph  
Journal Contributor

It is hard to believe that 45 years have gone by since Red Sox Hall-of-Famer Carl Yastrzemski won the last Triple Crown in Major League Baseball. A player wins the Triple Crown when he leads the league in R.B.I., batting average, and home runs. With three games left in the regular season it seems that the Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera has almost secured his second consecutive batting title with a .329 average, leading rookie-of-the-year nominee Mike Trout by four points. In the R.B.I. column Cabrera has a ten-run lead on Josh Hamilton of the Texas Rangers. In home runs, Cabrera has only a one-home run lead on Josh Hamilton, putting his unbelievable and rare achievement at risk. With only three games left and both the Tigers and Rangers securing their post season birth, it is safe to assume that Cabrera can clear his mind now and focus on securing the first Triple Crown since 1967. Mike Trout from the Los Angeles Angels will most likely be chosen for the rookie-of-the-year award, but not their division. clinched their division and will go to their first post season since 1982, when the franchise was still the Montreal Expos. Cincinnati Reds clinched the Central Division and the San Francisco Giants won the west. The Atlanta Braves will compete in the wild card game against the defending World Champions, the St. Louis Cardinals. Red Sox fans are trying to forget this season, which was the worst season the franchise had since 1965. As much a disappointment the Red Sox have been the Nationals have been just as much of a pleasant surprise. The Nats won their first division title in franchise history, and with a young and talented team put together by veteran manager Davey Johnson, who has been in a season with an E.R.A. lower than 1.00 (Eckersley did the same in 1990.) His main competition for the trophy would be from starting pitchers David Price, Justin Verlander, and Jered Weaver. Price, Rodney's teammate in Tampa Bay, has the lowest E.R.A. in the American League among starters with 2.56 and is tied for first in wins with Weaver, each posting 20. Verlander, who last year became the first pitcher to win both the CY Young and MVP awards in the same season as a starting pitcher since Roger Clemens did it with the Toronto Blue Jays in 1997. His main competition for the trophy will either go to last year's winner, Clayton Kershaw from the Dodgers, or Gio Gonzalez from the New York Mets. Clayton Kershaw from the Dodgers, and Gio Gonzalez from the Washington Nationals. Kershaw, last year's CY Young winner, has the lowest ERA with 2.58 and also the lowest WHIP (walks and hits per innings pitched). He is also second in strikeouts with 221, trailing A.A. Dickey by only one strikeout. Dickey has the minor lead in strikeouts, and a lead in complete games with five. Gonzalez is the only 21-game winner so far in all the majors and also leads the NL with 201 opponent batting average.

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MLB Postseason Will Be Dominated by New Faces and New Games

The playoffs are about to start, and this postseason is already unique and will feature some new additions. The addition of another wild card to each league will bring us a one game winner-takes-all. The two wild card teams from each league will compete in a one game series on the right to advance to the AL and NL divisional series. If the season ended today, the Baltimore Orioles and Oakland Athletics, two teams that posted a winning record for the first time in more than a decade, will compete in the wild card game. The Texas Rangers and Detroit Tigers already clinched their respective divisions and the Yankees have secured a post-season birth, but not their division. In the National League, the Washington Nationals have clinched their division and will go to their first post-season since 1982, when the franchise

For the American League CY Young award, given to the best pitcher, we might see the first relief pitcher winning since the sensational season Oakland Athletics' reliever Dennis Eckersley posted in 1992. The Tampa Bay Rays closer Fernando Rodney might be the first one to win it since Eck. Rodney has so far posted a line that includes 0.61 E.R.A., 76 strikeouts, .318, 367 opponent batting average, with 48 saves in 74.1 innings pitched. He is only the second player in MLB history to post 40+ saves in a season with an E.R.A. lower than 1.00 (Eckersley did the same in 1990.) His main competition for the trophy would be from starting pitchers David Price, Justin Verlander, and Jered Weaver. Price, Rodney's teammate in Tampa Bay, has the lowest E.R.A. in the American League among starters with 2.56 and is tied for first in wins with Weaver, each posting 20. Verlander, who last year became the first pitcher to win both the CY Young and MVP awards in the same season as a starting pitcher since Roger Clemens did it with the Toronto Blue Jays in 1997. His main competition for the trophy will either go to last year's winner, Clayton Kershaw from the Dodgers, or Gio Gonzalez from the New York Mets. Clayton Kershaw from the Dodgers, and Gio Gonzalez from the Washington Nationals. Kershaw, last year's CY Young winner, has the lowest ERA with 2.58 and also the lowest WHIP (walks and hits per innings pitched). He is also second in strikeouts with 221, trailing A.A. Dickey by only one strikeout. Dickey has the minor lead in strikeouts, and a lead in complete games with five. Gonzalez is the only 21-game winner so far in all the majors and also leads the NL with 201 opponent batting average.

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Men’s Soccer Suffer Bump in the Road vs. Emerson, Look to Rebound

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Suffolk University is off to an interesting start in all of their sports because all the teams are still competitive in the GNAC. On September 24, the GNAC awarded three different players recognitions for their play in the previous week. Sophomore Luke Ferrari of Men’s Golf won a medal for being listed on GNAC’s Weekly Honor Roll. Men’s Golf has finished first in both of their events.

Ferrari finished the Saint’s Invitational shooting 70 (+1). He finished off the day with a total of five birdies, and helped Suffolk finish in first place at William J. DeVine Golf Course. Sophomore Tori Brillaud was also named to GNAC’s honor roll for the last week of September. Women’s Volleyball has fallen to an 8-9 record, but is still having a great season. Brillaud helped Suffolk get three wins in one week with her offensive skills up front. She had a total of 23 kills against two teams, Cauldron and Anna Maria College, in one day leading Suffolk to a double-header victory in Anna Maria. Brillaud continued to rack up numbers for the week. Freshman Nicholas Chamma was awarded GNAC Rookie of the Week for Soccer. Men’s Soccer is currently 6-4-1, and in fifth place in the GNAC. Chamma, although in his first year, has proven to be a key element to the Suffolk’s soccer team. He managed to only give up two goals in a span of three games. That means that Chamma recorded two shutout games in one week. He had a total of 22 stopped shots in a week, and only gave up two goals total. Suffolk Athletics seem to be reaching a high point as fall sports reach the halfway mark, and players continue to show their talent to help Suffolk progress in every sport.

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Suffolk Athletics Receive GNAC Honors

Women’s Tennis Drops to 3-7

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Women’s Tennis at Suffolk this past Saturday, dropping the Rams to a 3-7 record. This is their fourth loss this year without winning a match in the GNAC with a 1-4 conference record. The Rams last win was against Rhode Island College last Wednesday, 5-4. Team leaders Kelly Conrad and Erica LeBlanc have a combined record of 4-11 in singles play. Allison Weisenbach has the best singles record of 5-2, plus a matching 5-2 record when she is involved in a double’s match. The team overall, in both singles and doubles, has an average .325 winning percentage. The Rams only have two seniors in Conrad and Weisenbach. This is a team in the process of finding its foundation. The Saint’s has young talent all around, and can still be a potential threat in the post-season.

Photo courtesy of Suffolk Athletics

University is having a tough start to their season after recording another non-conference loss. Springfield beat Suffolk 9-0 against their opponents. This leaves Suffolk in the middle of the GNAC standings, in between teams that are undefeated in the conference, and teams who have yet to win a conference game. Suffolk is having a hard time competing in the GNAC. Chamma, although in his first year, has proven to be a key element to the Suffolk’s soccer team. He managed to only give up two goals in a span of three games. That means that Chamma recorded two shutout games in one week. He had a total of 22 stopped shots in a week, and only gave up two goals total.

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Suffolk takes on Saint Joseph’s (Conn.) on Wednesday at 6 p.m. to try and improve their conference record and position in the rankings.
Concussion Discussion: Brain Injuries in Sports Take Center Stage in Latest Ford Hall Forum

Due to pressure from Nowinski and the Sports Legacy Institute as well as former NFL players like Mike Ditka, the NFL has made changes to the game in order to lessen the likelihood of concussions happening at the professional level and Nowinski did spotlight other leagues who aren't even dealing with the issue of concussions in its sport, notably the NCAA, the English Premier League and FIFA as a governing body.

"The NCAA is evil on so many levels, don't get me wrong," wrestler explained. Putting a more personal face on this issue, Twellman discussed his battle with concussions as well as his talks with late NFL linebacker and former neighbor Junior Seau. "When I met Chris [Nowinski] three years ago, I wasn't sure what was going on but instead focusing on a far more serious issue: brain injuries in sports of all levels."

Longtime Patriots quarterback Bob Lobel leads the discussion with former New England Revolution player Taylor Twellman and the man formerly known by his ring name, "Harvard" Christopher Nowinski, to highlight both athletes' struggles with concussions and their efforts to prevent others from having similar issues with the injury.

"I've had seven diagnosed concussions from age 14 on... with the last one happening in 2008" Twellman noted. Nowinski explained that the rotation of the neck and vertebrae might feel a little woozy and his two years playing with concussions while both doctors and concussion researchers are trying to figure out how to test brain injuries and CTE.

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