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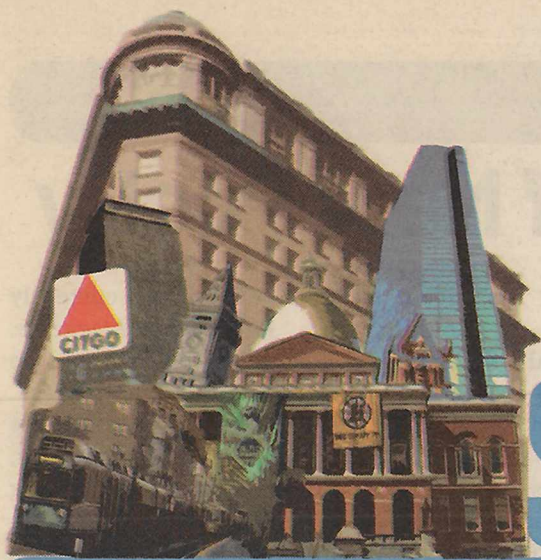
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Suffolk Hosts Mock Presidential Debate

Ivan Favelevic
News Editor

Suffolk University's Economics Department hosted a mock presidential debate this Tuesday at the Modern Theatre. Moderated by Dr. Robert Rosenthal, the event pitted two economists from The Beacon Hill Institute: Jonathan Houghton, Senior Economist and David Tuerck, Chair of the Economics Department at Suffolk. Each professor had to represent a presidential candidate, Houghton siding with Obama and Tuerck fighting for Romney.

The first segment of the debate concentrated on foreign policy. Tuerck said that "the difference between Romney and Obama is that Romney will defeat radical Islam." Meanwhile, "Obama believes that the war is not real...much like a video game, zap here, zap there and the problem is gone." On the defense, Houghton said that "Romney has no idea about foreign policy." He cited his involvement in the Olympics games and the "confusion" with Israel and Palestine. According to Houghton, Romney's policies are "completely the reverse" of what he is advertising.

"The truth is that Palestinians are not going for a two-state approach," said Tuerck "they want to deny the Israelites." He enforced Romney's belief that as long as "Palestinians continue to murder Israelites" there will not be a two-state solution. On the other hand Houghton pushed for Obama's method of denying Prime Minister Netanyahu the ability to divide the country. He does not want to give Netanyahu the power to start a U.S.-backed conflict. In contrast, Tuerck focused on the left's insistence to "sympathize" with enemies of Israel. The conversations moved on to what both sides agreed was the biggest threat in the Middle East: Iran. It is a country "run by psychopaths" according to Tuerck. "It is a real nuclear threat and Obama will just leave them hanging. A blockade will get their attention." However, Houghton said that it "is far more dangerous to be saber rattling" against a country like Iran.

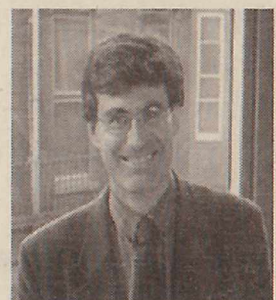
The second segment focused on domestic policy and broke down into several segments. First off was the talk about jobs, with the recent unemployment numbers taking center court. Tuerck voiced Romney's stance on feeding

"American businesses that are standing on billions of dollars of untapped revenue. You don't grow an economy by being nice to the poor." The right-wing economic plan proposed by Romney seeks to end the "preposterous green energy" program and fix a job market that was "ruined by Obama's policy."

Houghton backed the idea that economic focus should be



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Executive Director,
The Beacon Hill Institute



Jonathan Houghton
Professor of Economics
Senior Economist,
The Beacon Hill Institute

Robert Rosenthal,
Moderator
Chair, Department of
Communication & Journalism

placed on education and infrastructure. He attacked the concept of lowering all taxes by stating that something must give in the end. "Romney's approach is living in la-la land," said Houghton. He backed democratic views on democracy, stating that there is "no need to spend five percent of our GDP on military development, much less encompass 45 percent of the world's military

spending."

Once the debate had reached its time limit, Dr. Rosenthal said that what was just witnessed is a debate where two candidates "talk about issues that affect people's lives." If someone supports a different party "they are not evil people, they just have different visions."

Modern Theatre Home to Presidential Debates and Discussion

Miles Halpine
Journal Staff

Election Day is less than 30 days away, and the race is heating up more and more each day. Polls and public events are partially shaping peoples' views, but one thing more popular is the Presidential, and Vice Presidential, debates. With one down, and three to go, the debates have potential to change what happens with voting on November 6. Americans across the United States tuned in on Wednesday, October 3, at 9 p.m. to view the first of the debates.

The debate, held at the University of Denver in Colorado, was hosted by PBS Jim Lehrer and lasted an hour-and-a half. The theme of the

debate was domestic policy with topics ranging from ways that each will improve the economy to health care and the way government should work – though most of the time was used by each candidate to describe his own platform to create new jobs and make the economy stronger.

This year, Suffolk University is providing a free venue to watch all four of the debates. Conveniently located at Suffolk's own Modern Theatre at 525 Washington St., the doors open at 7:30 pm. At 8:30 pm, the half-hour discussion starts. For each of the debates, Suffolk provides open admittance and an enjoyable conversation with some of the most knowledgeable political and communication profes-

sors and analysts in the area.

At the first debate, students who attended talked with the Government Department's Professor Brian Conley and Communication and Journalism's Gloria Boone. Conley and Boone discussed with the audience strategy of debating, the potential that the debate could have on the election itself, and peoples' opinions of the two candidates.

Professor Conley provided some comments about the outcome of the debate. Conley, a political science professor at Suffolk, explained that he "didn't think that either of them delivered a decisive knockout blow."

Conley said the economy remains a very important issue to Americans and that, in

order to win, Romney must connect to voters on a personal level which what he attempted to do at the debate.

After the 30-minute talk, the debate began around, 9 p.m. Of the total 119 people that attended the event at the Modern Theatre, a large majority were students taking notes about what the candidates said. Twitter was also abuzz with many viewers tweeting quotes and their opinions during the debate.

Most media outlets find that former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney won the debate, although it was his first. Even though President Obama seemed to be properly prepared, Romney was on the offensive and giving a somewhat aggressive response to

the moderator's questions. It seemed as if Romney was not going to let the President stop him from answering the question or intrude on his own speaking time. It was a lack of time, apparently, that gave way to back-and-forth clatter between Obama and Romney.

Overall, it was apparent that Suffolk students had a wide range of expectations and reactions to the debate. Freshman and Public Relations major Lance Williams, a registered Independent, said that he "thought it was very weak on both sides, more could have been on said on each candidate's part, and that neither of them did a very good job."

Williams said he feels that

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POLICE BLOTTER A Celebration of New Poetry

Tuesday, October 2

10:41 p.m.

10 West

9 weapon violation-illegal possession of a weapon. Judicial Internal

Wednesday, October 3

6:24 p.m.

Miller Hall

Disorderly conduct. Report filed.

Thursday, October 4

10:24 p.m.

Miller Hall

Liquor law violation-possession of alcohol by a minor. Case closed.

Friday, October 5

7:55 a.m.

Tremont Street

Other agency assist-larceny. Case closed.

Sunday, October 7

1:51 a.m.

150 Tremont

Drunkenness. Case closed.

Melissa Hanson
Assistant News Editor

Tuesday October 9 was a night of poetry. The English Department and the Creative Writing Department held their first reading of the year featuring poets Jeanne Marie Beaumont and Martha Collins in the Suffolk Library Poetry Center from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Suffolk's Director of Creative Writing, Dr. Fred Marchant, described the night as a "celebration of new books." The event was actually planned for Oct. 9, but was rescheduled for Oct. 9, according to Marchant. After his remarks on the English and Creative Writing Department's excitement for the night he introduced Beaumont first. Beaumont studied at Columbia and taught at both Rutgers and the Robert Frost House. She has three books of poetry published. Currently Beaumont teaches in Manhattan and Southern Maine. Marchant says Beaumont channels Sylvia Plath.

"It's a pleasure to be here and to read with Martha Collins," said Beaumont at the beginning of her reading. She spoke a little about her work and said she would start with some fairy tale poems.

"I like to mash things up a little bit," said the poet.

She described her first poem as an adaptation of Goldie Locks titled "Is Rain My Bare Skin." This poem contained many examples of onomatopoeia. Her next poem was called "New Wires Tales, Index of First Lines," which she called an "index kind of poem." The third poem recited was set in 1963, titled "Dressing Table," remarking on make-up and vanity items.

"This week is a rather auspicious [one] if you're thinking of American poetry," said Beaumont. This week marks the 50th anniversary of Plath's last poems, and this month marks the anniversary of her death, according to Beaumont. She then read a few of Plath's poems, including 10 lines of one of her last works. Beaumont said she has been reading Plath's poems for about 40 years.

"And of course, the influence seeps in," Beaumont said. She then read another Plath poem. Beaumont remarked on her interest in the supernatural and then told the crowd an anecdote about a possible encounter with the ghost of Plath.

"I should have brought my magic eight ball," said Beaumont. She claims she was able to communicate with Plath through the object. The Colombia graduate read the crowd a list of questions and answers from her encounter with the supernatural Plath, receiving many laughs over the contents of the conversation.

Beaumont then spoke more about her interest in the afterlife and how that played a part in her Catholic upbringing, reading four letters from limbo, which were influenced from the bible.

She also read a poem from Theodore Roethke and remarked on his death. The end of Beaumont's reading was marked with applause from every member of the audience.

Marchant then returned to the pedestal to introduce Collins. She is the author of two books, one of which is a book-length poem and the other is based off the lynching her father witnessed as a child. Collins is the founder of the creative writing program at the University of Massachu-

setts in Boston and currently works for *Field Magazine*.

"She takes on one of the most profound challenges... the legacy and persistence of race," said Marchant.

Collins began her reading by talking about her work; explaining her most recent book not only reflects on what affect the lynching would have had on her father as a child and adult, but also what affect it had on her childhood in Iowa.

She began by reading the first poem in her book. As Collins paused in-between readings a theme became apparent within her poetry. Many of the poems contained a missing word. The first poems she read never addressed the words "black" or "blacken," while poems she recited later in her reading would skip over the words "white" or "whiten."

Collins said she only remarked on the racism of places she had lived, and said many of her poems were based on New England. The third poem she read took place in the Boston Common, which got a reaction out of the crowd due to the extremely close proximity.

"We call ourselves white, but we're not white at all," said Collins in between poems. Her next reading was a list of white-colored objects. She then read a poem that she said was about white privilege.

"Like many of these poems, it's a collage," said Collins. She read two poems and then concluded, followed with as much applause as Beaumont received.

Marchant ended the night by thanking the poets and telling the crowd there were copies of their poem books available for sale that could be signed upon request.

About three Suffolk students from the poetry workshop class were present at the event.

"Coming from a young writers point of view it was interesting to hear the prior generations writing," said junior Corey Howard. "Each writer had their own style."

"I thought it was fantastic... both of the poets were fantastic," said junior Alex Eustice, "I was surprised both of their presentations of the poetry were very clear and enthusiastic."

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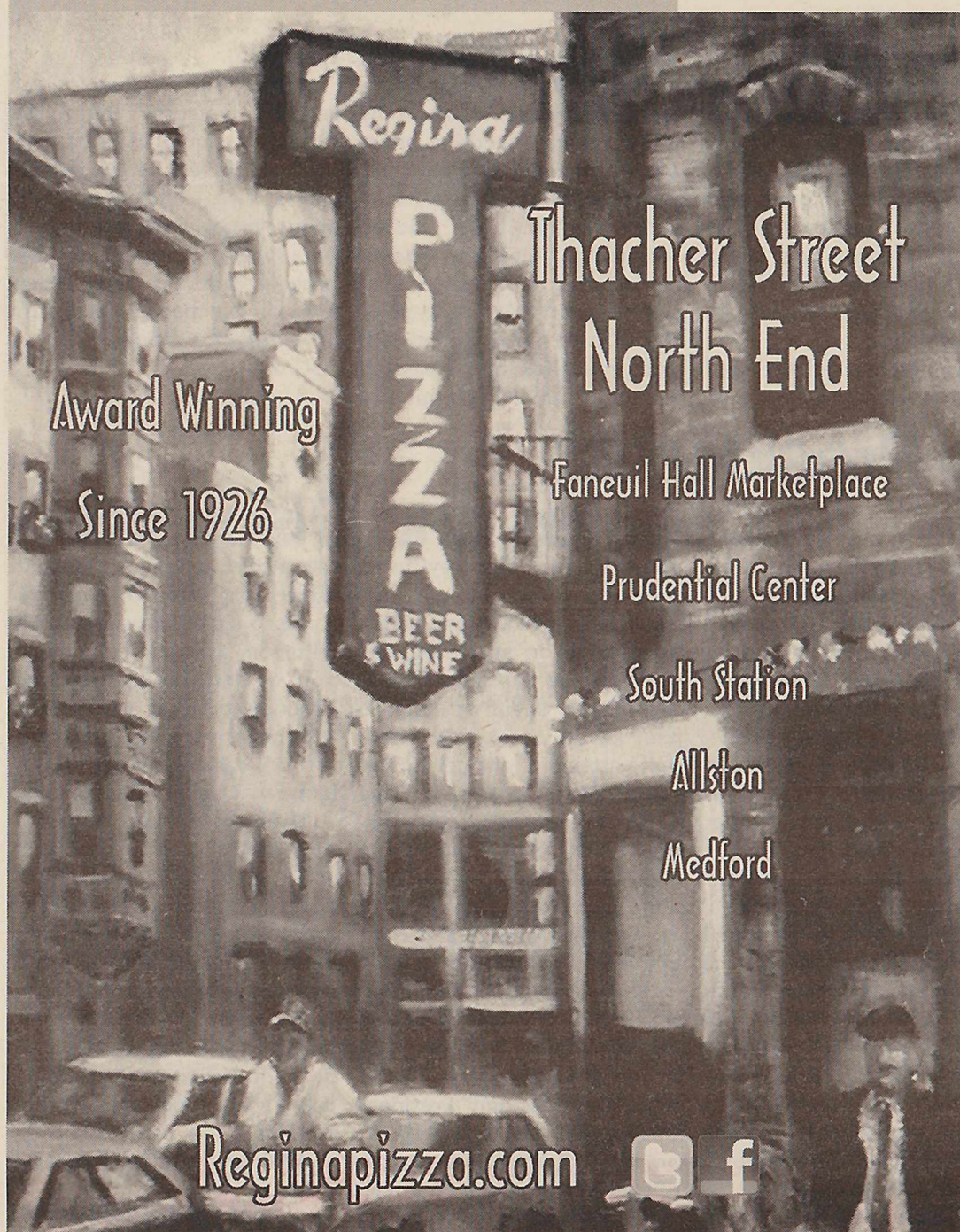
Romney won the debate, but "not by a landslide." This seems to be a pattern with people, that Romney won but not by a huge margin.

Williams, a resident from California, said the debate did "absolutely not" have an effect on his choice for President.

The next debate is Thursday, October 11. It is the first, and only, for the two Vice Presidential candidates and will

be moderated by ABC News' Senior Foreign Affairs Correspondent Martha Raddatz.

Suffolk will be hosting a discussion with political experts from the college's Communication and Journalism and Government departments. According to the Suffolk University website "David Paleologos, director of the Suffolk University Political Research Center, will lead a post-debate debrief featuring reactions from viewers."



Suffolk Students Participate in a "Feed the Homeless" Event hosted by the Boston Rescue Mission

Ellie Hawkins
Journal Contributor

"If we did not have them there would not be an organization," said Mauricia, who is a volunteer at the Boston Rescue Mission. She was explaining that without the volunteers, that come help the Boston Rescue Mission, there would not be an organization. Boston Rescue Mission is one of the first soup kitchens that was established in the city. It has been around since 1899. For the past nine years, she has been preparing meals for the homeless who live in the downtown area of Boston. Every Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. she prepares these meals along with other volunteers then drives over to the Boston Common to pass out the food.

A tragedy in her family drove her to want to volunteer and help other people. Mauricia had researched the Boston Rescue Mission and decided that this was the place that she wanted to volunteer. She explained how she was not just the only one making a difference in her life. The people she brings food to have changed her life. "They are regular people," she stated, "everyone has their own story."

Some of the homeless have mental and substance abuse issues. Some just lost their jobs and could not pay their rent because of the economy. Mauricia has even brought her daughter to some of these Saturday Morning Outreach events. She said that she wanted her daughter to realize that



Photo by Ellie Hawkins

Rachel Gresser, Senior, making sandwiches

"anyone can be in this position." Now her daughter loves coming and helping pass out the food. Mauricia explained how her daughter mentioned that people her age should experience events, like the Saturday Morning Outreach events.

Volunteers come from businesses, churches, and schools in the area. Some organizations make their own sandwiches and bring them to pass out; otherwise they make the sandwiches at the Boston Rescue Mission, located at 39 Kingston St. They usually make whatever is given, but this past Saturday they made tuna

sandwiches with tuna that was donated. The tuna sandwiches were either on white or wheat bread with cheese on top. The 15 volunteers made the sandwiches and passed them out in the Boston Common along with a pastry, a bowl of soup, and water or coffee. People coming through the lines were allowed a maximum of three times. They were only allowed one sandwich, one pastry, one bowl of soup, and one item to drink each time. The people who came through were enthusiastic and happy for the food. The pastries, soup, and coffee were the most popular items.

Rachel Gresser, a senior at Suffolk University said, "I wanted to help out because I feel that people are given opportunities to thrive through the Boston Rescue Mission. People do not realize how many homeless are out there. I feel better when I'm volunteering, and I hope others will step up and help their community as well." Gresser came and volunteered this past Saturday. She explained how she has been working here for a little over a year and that it is one of the most humbling experiences she has ever had. She started volunteering here because she was required to do 60 hours of community service for a psychology class. Gresser completed her hours and still is continuing to help out today, and encourages others to do so as well.

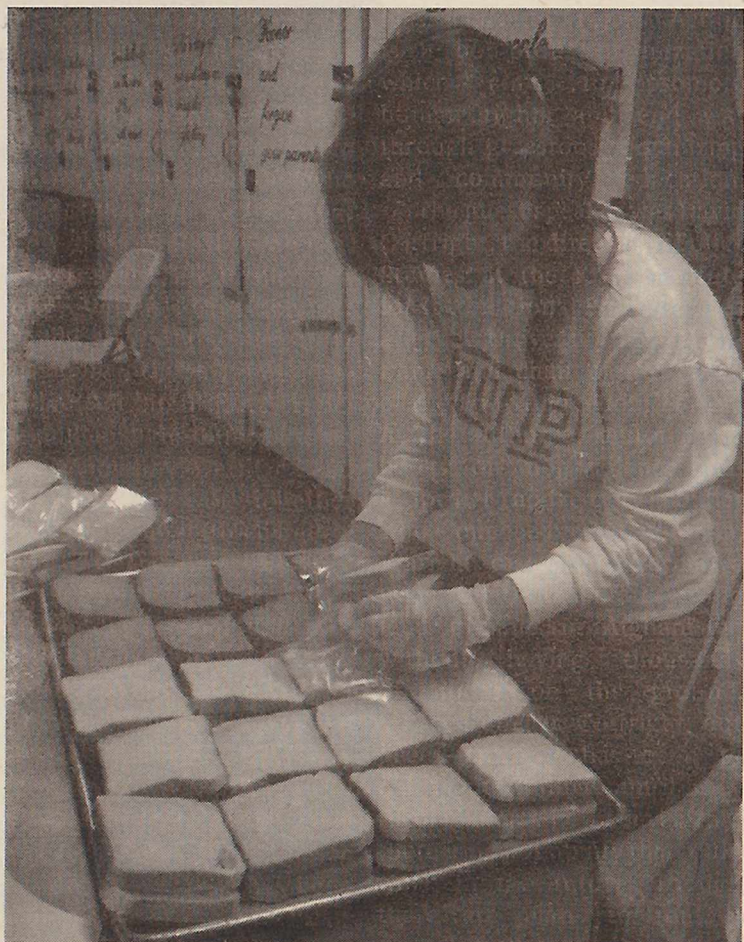


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Melissa Mazuca, sophomore, bagging tuna sandwiches

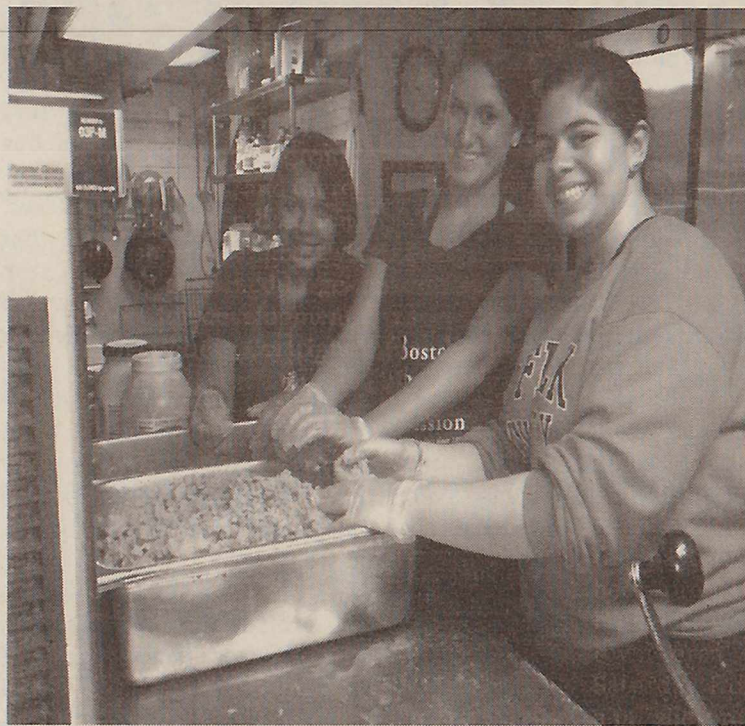


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Suffolk students volunteering

**"They are regular people, everyone has their own story."
- Mauricia**

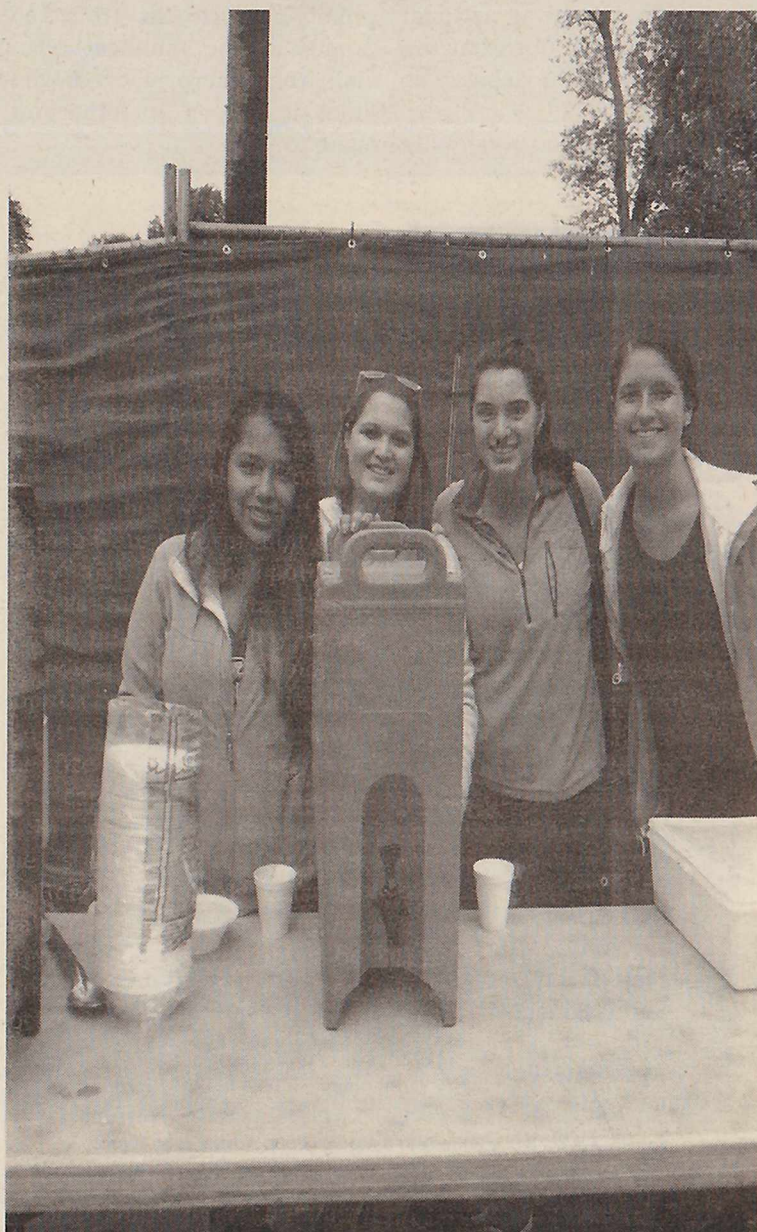


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Volunteers serving soup and coffee

STAFF EDITORIAL

Sure, you might be tired of hearing about Big Bird and Romney's attack on *PBS* during last week's debate, but it sure is strange of him to bring it up in the first place. How much money does he think public broadcasting is sucking from our budget? Maybe somebody should ask Mr. Numbers himself, Paul Ryan. He might be able to smack some sense into Romney, because one-hundredth of one percent of the national budget isn't really something of national importance. His cutting of the funding itself would be a devastation to the low-to-middle income families who rely on *PBS* to bring them to the Met, Carnegie Hall, space, and beyond.

"I'm sorry, Jim. I'm going to stop the subsidy to *PBS*. I'm going to stop other things. I like *PBS*," Romney said. "I love Big Bird. I actually like you too. But I'm not going to — I'm not going to keep on spending money on things to borrow money from China to pay for it. That's number one."

So making sure that one-hundredth of one percent of our budget isn't owed back is his number one priority. We could name quite a few things that deserve to be placed above *PBS* funding as far as national importance goes, but what the hey — you won the debate Mr. Romney.

What are his motives? Why

would he cut something that would have no effect on our debt? No one wants to point out a possible clash of classes. We're not trying to say that Romney wants kids to stop watching *Sesame Street*, which helps those children whose families cannot afford preschool learn to read and understand other concepts. What we're saying is that Romney doesn't have a valid reason to cut funding to public broadcasting.

And if Mr. Romney wants to protect local businesses, why go after some of the most community-driven? *PBS* issued a statement regarding this issue:

"A key thing to remember is that public television and radio stations are locally owned and community focused and they are experts in working efficiently to make limited resources produce results. In fact, for every \$1.00 of federal funding invested, they raise an additional \$6.00 on their own — a highly effective public-private partnership."

It just doesn't make any sense. Please, Willard Mitt Romney, if this somehow gets to you, we'll offer you two columns in an upcoming issue for you to explain why cutting public broadcasting from the homes of the families, especially the underprivileged, who enjoy it is such an important issue to you.

An alternative Congressional candidate for the people

A.P. Blake
Opinions Editor

One district in Massachusetts has an especially heated race as we approach Election Day. The Massachusetts 6th Congressional District is currently represented by John Tierney (D, Salem) who is seeking his ninth consecutive win for the seat. The opposition is former State Senator and Senate Minority Leader Richard Tisei (R, Wakefield) and the Libertarian first-time-candidate Daniel Fishman (L, Beverly).

that neither side knows what to make of. However, I can tell you what to expect from Fishman's campaign: honesty and logic. Some claim that he will be a spoiler, perhaps taking away from Tisei's votes and handing Tierney the election. I would say this is nothing but an attempt by Tisei supporters to disenfranchise Fishman supporters and try to funnel support towards the GOP hopeful.

What they may fail to realize is that many have defected from the Tierney campaign as a result of the ongoing scandal, but have turned to Fishman simply because he is not



The 2012 race was destined for attention as Tierney became embroiled in controversy after his brother-in-laws were indicted for illegally operating an internet gambling service during his 2010 election. It was found that his wife played a role, and she later pled guilty to her involvement of aiding and abetting in filing false tax returns. Her role included stashing some of her brothers' money away in her joint account with Tierney, to which he claimed no knowledge of.

Tierney won his 2010 election by a large margin despite the controversy as it was only still developing at the time. Now, Tierney's brother-in-law is claiming that he had elicited knowledge of the operation and even set his wife to take the fall in order to save himself and his election.

The story could cost Tierney his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, and as such the tightening race quickly gained notoriety — after all, it isn't often that an incumbent Democrat will lose an election in Massachusetts. And in fact, Tisei would be the first newly elected Massachusetts Republican to the U.S. House in 15 years if he wins. He would also be the first openly gay Republican in the House of Representatives. Many Republicans spotted the opportunity and have thrown their weight behind the candidate.

Then there is Daniel Fishman; the Libertarian candidate

a Republican but is still an alternative. There is also the fact that Libertarians appeal equally to both sides through being socially liberal (a key Democrat platform) and fiscally conservative (a claim touted by Republicans, though rarely abided by.) As such, he stands to potentially gain votes from either side, as well as serving a sect of voters who are rarely appealed to.

Fishman is quick to attack both sides of the race, noting that neither wishes to curb the size of government. He is eager to point out that both are interested in growing government at the expense of the people and their freedoms. Fishman claims the primary reason he entered the race was the passing of the National Defense Authorization Act, which allows the indefinite detention of Americans without habeas corpus. It was one of the few times both Republicans and Democrats were able to get together and pass a new law.

It is clear after delving into the facts based on voting records and past actions that neither side appeals to Fishman's camp. I find Fishman's quest for the House to be a refreshing change to the politics as usual that is undermining our country's values. Daniel Fishman's goal is not to spoil the race; he is there to fight for the people, and especially those whose voices are rarely heeded.

A word from the

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Dear students,

The Student Government Association would like to give you a couple of updates for this week. First we would like to congratulate Yancy Brown, the newly appointed Finance Committee Liaison.

This month, Student Government Association is going to be co-sponsoring the Professional Dining Etiquette Luncheon sponsored by Career Services. This will be on October 26th, in the 9th floor of 73 Tremont. Every student that has gone in the past has loved this program, and we are sure you will too! Get your tickets at the HUB in the Donahue lobby.

This week, the Student Government Association approved two finance requests. One of them was for the SUPERS to attend their National Conference, and the other was for Model United Nations so they can go to their National Conference.

We would also like to announce that after a successful retreat, the Student Government Association board has made a list of goals they would like to achieve this year. A few of these goals are: a 'Take the Stairs' initiative that would relieve student traffic in the academic building elevators; supporting our student athletes and their Suffolk teams; Making more high demand textbooks available on reserve and bringing more newspapers to the academic buildings for student use. We will continue to keep you updated on the status of all these goals throughout the year, along with all the others.

If you still want to be a member, you can come to our meetings. Once you have attended three meetings you can be a member-at-large and then get voted in as a Senator. Our weekly meetings are every Thursday at 1:00pm in Donahue 311. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at ssga@suffolk.edu.

Have a great week,
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Who deserves credit in the first debate?

Chris Musk
Journal Contributor

The Presidential debate on October 3 was quite a surprise to everyone as both candidates appeared in an

ed States as of September 2012 is 7.8 percent. I'm not saying that Social Security is 100 percent doomed for my generation, but it is safe to say that we may need to give up part of our income to people that will actually promise us a return

for him to take over. Nonetheless, he has definitely spent and contributed to our debt.

Some people tend to forget how bad things were when Obama became president, blaming him for things that happened under Bush's presi-

though; the legislation to have our troops removed from Iraq by January 2012 was signed by President Bush and the Prime Minister of Iraq in the very end of Bush's second term. Obama was simply in office while the event took place and is trying

had stepped his game up, more so than opposition thought was possible. In contrast to Obama's exceptional public speaking skills, he seemed like a scratched CD repeating the same part over and over again until you want to throw

it out your car window. I give a round of applause to both men for stepping up to the plate in trying to resolve this country's issues, as it is a tremendous task for any human being.

Obama will appear stronger in the next debate now that he knows exactly what he's up against. I'm sure Romney still feels high as a kite with his first performance, as he should, with the media declaring a "defeat" of Obama despite speaking four minutes less. God could not help Jim Lehrer,



Photo courtesy of Chronicle.com

unexpected light. Romney impressed both parties, with even liberal media claiming he did well afterwards, while Obama held his ground albeit rusty. Obviously, Romney has had more recent debating experience coming out of the primaries, but the overall remembrance of Obama's 2008 debates loomed.

It has been established that both Governor Romney and President Obama are rumored to have told lies in this debate. I don't think anyone is shocked from these accusations. The debate's moderator, Jim Lehrer, was quite entertaining with his occasional jokes and failure to keep both candidates under control as far as speaking within the time limit and not allowing for interruptions.

I was troubled by both candidates' remarks on how they believe there is a sustainable future in Social Security for my generation (people of ages 16-24.) Neither revealed any plan as to how they would keep it afloat. The highest growing population in the United States right now is seniors (or people who are retired) and the highest unemployment rate among age groups is my generation, which in July 2012 had an unemployment rate of 49.8 percent. The unemployment rate for the entire Unit-

on our investment one day.

Obama and Romney both seemed very strong and ran into a great amount of common ground on environmental issues. Both stand behind clean coal, which I have always thought of as an oxymoron, and expanding nuclear power. Obama has done a significant job with the automobile industry, having them promise to make all cars to 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025. Romney wants to repeal the Clean Air Act, which was enacted in 1970 and amended again in 1977 and 1990. I do not know why Romney would want to deregulate the control on how much hazardous air pollutants are released into our atmosphere. Maybe he is one of those Republicans who denies global warming and thinks there is no individual responsibility for cleaning up the Earth.

Obama has done a pretty good job as president of the United States over the last four years. No doubt about it, these four years have been some of the hardest times America has ever seen, with our country holding the highest debt ever recorded by any nation in the history of mankind (currently residing at roughly \$16 trillion.) It is true Obama walked into office with most of this debt already in place, and inherited the mess that was left

dency. President Obama does not deserve the full criticism by any means. Remember this

to take the credit.

By the end of the first debate it was clear that Romney

and our ears, in getting these two men to speak within cohesive time limits.

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Who's campus? Her Campus.

Jess Karmazyn
Journal Contributor

From "Campus Cuties" to tips on tailgating fashion, *Her Campus* has become a popular website among Suffolk students. Since January 2011, co-editors Mackenzie Newcomb and Erika Markle have worked hard to make *Her Campus* full of new tips and information about campus life at Suffolk.

"We wanted [Her Campus] to be something every girl can relate to and have fun with," Newcomb said.

The website consists of news, blogs, "Campus Cutie," events, "Campus Celeb," polls, and a "Campus Style magazine." Newcomb and Markle split their editing duties among the websites' sections. Newcomb has creative input and Markle has a talent for spelling and grammar; they are the perfect team.

"Erika and I became close friends because of it. We never would've met otherwise," Newcomb said.

Her Campus has become



Photo courtesy of *Her Campus*

a successful website, but the most popular section is "Campus Cuties." The *Her Campus* committee votes on potential "cuties," and they are then contacted to fill out a survey. If the survey is up to par then the candidate will be chosen.

"Honestly, when they first came up to me I was really

happy about it. It got me pumped for the rest of the day and put a pep in my step," Sean Riddell said.

Many guys around campus often ask Newcomb why they were not chosen, but each week someone new gets a chance to shine.

"At first I thought it was going to be a bad thing, but now

it's sort of a fun competition thing," said Connor McCarthy.

Riddell doesn't see the competition in being a "Campus Cutie," but McCarthy sees a friendly, harmless amount. The "cuties" are all different types and personalities so every girl on campus can relate to at least one.

With so many sections on the website and with 50 writers this year, Newcomb and Markle are busy editing and making *Her Campus* as perfect as possible.

"The hardest part [about being the editor] is my whole heart is in *Her Campus* so it's hard to focus on school work even though I know it's important," Newcomb said.

The *Her Campus* team puts on events such as their Pretty in Pink Party for Breast Cancer Awareness. The event will be on October 16 from 9p.m. to 1p.m., located at the OM Lounge in Cambridge.

"Being involved with *Her Campus* gives me a feeling like I have a place and importance in the school," said Newcomb.

Adele a perfect fit for the 'Bond' sound

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When Adele released her album *21* last year, it went 10x platinum and was deemed the greatest album of the 21st Century by *MTV*, *Rolling Stone*, and contemporaries alike. The album still reigns supreme as the highest selling pop album in history and is currently placed at number ten on the *Billboard Top 100*.

Unfortunately, after the global success of *21*, Adele was forced to cancel multiple tour dates and performances due to a serious vocal hemorrhage that resulted from her chain-smoking habit. From then on, gossip on the British singer faded to black. She was last known to have undergone microsurgery in November of 2011.

Then, out of the shadows, Adele released "Skyfall," the next anthem to the *James Bond* film of the same name. "Skyfall" is Adele's first studio release since *21* and the song reassures fans that all is well. While "Skyfall" may not be Adele's strongest vocal performance, it does satisfy *Bond* fans and Adele fans alike with

a bold, brash sound that both the *007* films and the singer

without the strong ensemble, this song wouldn't have reso-

ing sound of "Set Fire to the Rain" or "Rolling in the Deep" this song could resound as a disappointment. I got antsy as the song continued, expecting that final chorus to climax into the belting, gritty snarl that we all know she can produce.

Adele could have easily left her John Hancock on this song and announce her full throttle return to the music world, but "Skyfall" comes off as a small tease. Granted, her voice is still in repair, she could not yet be ready to hit those high notes and I would rather have her save herself for her next big project than pour it all into one song.

The new *Bond* theme will bring goose bumps, but only because of the 21-piece ensemble and Adele's reputation behind her back. She assures us that she is currently working on a new album, and that it will be a bolder and more mature sound. Until that day comes, I am satisfied with "Skyfall" but I will be holding out and waiting for the next "Rolling in the Deep."



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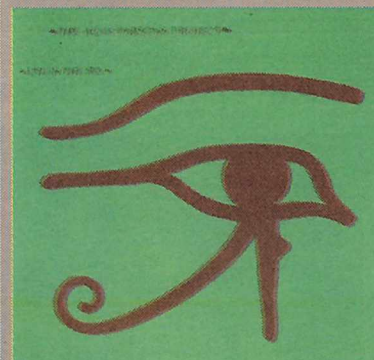
The chemistry between the *Bond* "sound" and Adele's voice is undeniable; with a 21-piece orchestra behind her, Adele takes advantage of almost every opportunity to make the theme her own.

However, I do believe that

nated nearly as powerfully with audiences as it did. The instruments provide more of a climax than Adele does, getting progressively louder and thicker as the song continues, while her voice remains relatively the same.

If you're used to the belt-

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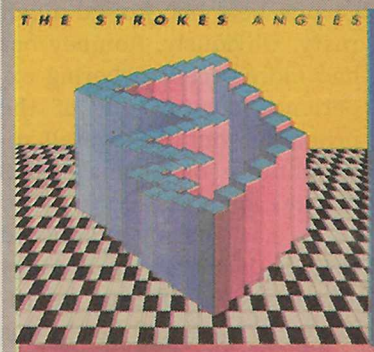


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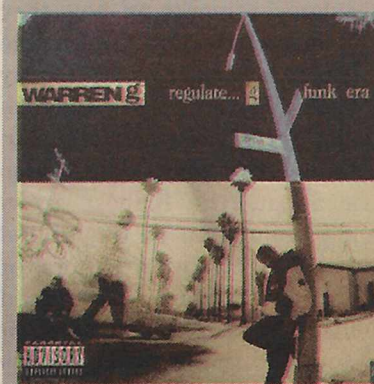
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Showtime series shocks viewers in new season

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Managing Editor

Dexter has been *Showtime's* flagship show for almost a decade now and this season has done its best through the first two episodes to remind everyone why that is.

After a captivating season five focusing on Dexter Morgan's ability to connect with another person despite his serial killer tendencies, the show went a bit off the tracks but it appears the show runners have found their way back on the path to multiple *Emmy* nominations.

The season seven premier picked up with the same exact scene where the audience was left with at the end of the previous. Dexter's sister, Debra witnesses him execute the Doomsday Killer: Travis Marshall. In easily one of the top five scenes in the show's history, Deb goes into full cop mode and questions her brother as to why he was so prepared to kill Marshall.

Dexter does his best to easily explain the knife collection, rubber apron and gloves to his sister but is unable to keep her off his trail throughout the episode. After 55-minutes of Deb snooping through the Ice Truck Killer evidence box, helping her brother cover up Marshall's murder and interrogating Dex once again, the episode's final scene gives us the epic moment that Dexter hoped would never happen.

The camera focuses in on Dexter opening the front door to his longtime apartment until it quickly pans the room and shows Debra sitting in a chair with his victim's blood slides strewn across the living room table. She proceeds to ask him if he killed all of those people, to which Dexter confirms he had. To top it all off, Deb's next question is "Are you a serial killer?" to which her brother says "Yes."

There were several other subplots established during the premier, including the murder of Detective Mike Anderson by a member of a Ukrainian crime syndicate. Masuka's intern Louis continues to harass Dexter by cancelling his credit cards after he sent him the plastic hand from the Ice Truck Killer's evidence box in the season six finale. In perhaps the most intriguing of all three, Captain Maria LaGuerta discovers Marshall's blood slide that Dex failed to take from the crime scene at the church. She easily makes the connection to the Bay Harbor Butcher case from season two when Miami Metro was

unknowingly hunting Dexter before evidence lead them to believe the late Sergeant Doakes to be the Butcher.

The premier turned out to be the most watched episode in the history of the show, and that's probably because it was arguably the strongest in terms of setting the season up. In just under an hour's time, we see Debra discover Dex's Dark Passenger, LaGuerta begin to reexamine the case that almost had Dexter in the electric chair, and an initial look into this mysterious crime family. There were some phenomenal scenes between the siblings Morgan, the fear of more people discovering Dex's favorite past-time down the road, and perhaps the next big bad villain(s) all brought into play.

The second episode of the season was every bit as action-packed as the first. We get to see Debra lash out at her brother, even punch him, before deciding to attempt to cure his need to kill. The scene outside the station when Deb explains she almost arrested Dexter that morning shows the audience just how much she's struggling with knowing his secret, but also that she truly wants to help him. Dexter is the only family Deb has left, and season six revealed she might even be in love with him, not just simply love him in a adopted brother-sister sort of way.

While there is some progression made in Louis and LaGuerta's story highlighted by Dexter threatening the intern and the Captain confirming the slide to contain Marshall's blood, the episode leans heavily on the interaction between Deb and Dexter, and works perfectly. Seeing Dex move into Deb's place, and having him explain to her what actually happens when he gets the urge to kill was intense, but also humanizing for him in a way.

In the pilot episode of the series, Dexter says in one of his first monologues that if he had feelings for anyone, it would be his sister. He hasn't always shown it, but Dexter truly cares about Debra and he's attempting to control his urges for both their sakes. The best example of this is when he drugs Louis, feels the urge to kill him, but follows one of Deb's first two rules and calls her to come talk him down.

Dexter sits on the edge of his car and tells his sister how badly he wanted, even needed to kill that night, but respected her wishes and made the call. Deb tells Dexter that "this is a good thing" and tells him that

she now believes he can learn to control his need. For one of the first times in the season, we see her smile at her brother and begin to move past the anger of discovering what he truly is.

Seasons four and five were centered around this idea and the show has finally gotten back to it with Debra finding out the truth about her brother. Unlike the aforementioned seasons however, the show is not stuck with simply focusing on Dexter's inner struggle, but also how he deals with Deb knowing and her attempts to help him fight his urges.

For as great as *Dexter* has

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The premiere of *Dexter's* seventh season was worth the wait. After season six ended with Deb catching Dexter indulging his Dark Passenger, viewers were hoping for a worthy payoff and a long-awaited showdown between the siblings. The *Showtime* series returned with a confused Deb and a worried Dexter at odds over the experience they had shared.

Dexter attempted a lie that caused Deb to become involved in the cover up of Travis Marshall's murder, but

look. The production crew on the series seems to have kicked it up a notch as the show featured a more serious and artistic look; one scene was filmed partially from above a ceiling fan as Deb searched for clues in a shadowy room, creating an anxious and dramatic tone.

The premiere ended with a crowd-pleasing scene in which Dexter comes home and finds Deb in his living room with his murderous gear laid out on the table. There is only one thing he can say when Deb asks if he's a serial killer.

In the new episode, Deb is trying a rehab-like approach to Dexter's sickness. After allowing him to describe the Code and explain why he can't help killing, she instructs him to stay at her house and do everything with her so she can keep an eye on him. She even asks him to call her if he thinks he will kill again, a plan that comes through at the end of the episode when he loses it with co-worker Louis.

As always, there are side plots that keep the story going separate of what is happening with Deb and Dexter. LaGuerta investigates Travis Marshall's blood slide that she found at the crime scene while Angel and Quinn are investigating the murder of their fellow cop. However, the side stories pale in comparison to the aftermath of the biggest shock since Dexter found Rita in the bathtub.

There has never been tension like this in Deb and Dexter's relationship before, barring the awkward storyline of the sixth season when Deb's therapist convinced her she was in love with her adopted brother. Although her inclination to help and support her brother is endearing and interesting, it's hard to believe that the situation would play out like this in real life. Upon finding out that your brother is a serial killer, inviting him to live with you is hardly the first thing that would happen.

However, television is television, and in this case the outstanding series can be respected for the fiction it is. *Dexter* is unique and thought-provoking, and this penultimate season is sure to deliver.

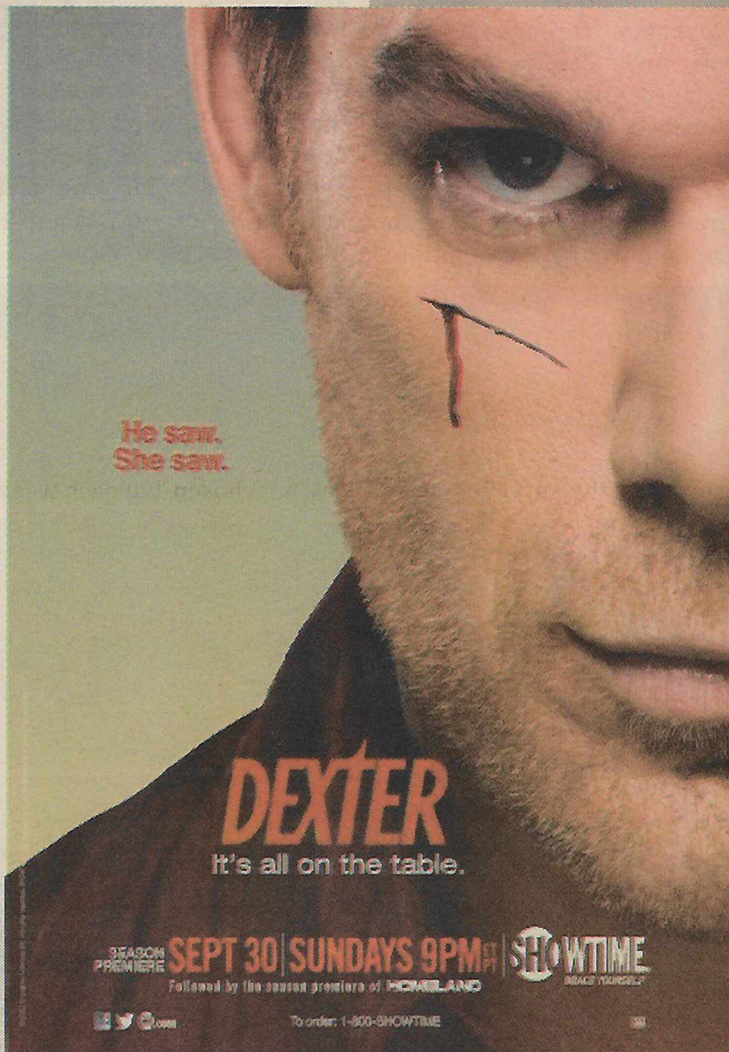


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been over the years, one of its strongest characters, Debra Morgan, has always been misused in a way. Without her knowing Dexter's secret, she's kept out of a huge part of the show which went on for too long. But now in season seven the show is much more focused on these two characters connecting and learning the whole truth about one another, which has produced the most memorable scenes so far.

With this season's big storyline being the changing relationship between Dexter and Debra, along with some intriguing and ongoing side notes, this has the potential to be the strongest season of the decorated series to date.

the Lieutenant was smarter than that. Amidst flashbacks of their childhood, the episode featured a number of confrontations between the siblings. Deb searched for the truth while Dexter did his best to hide the dark secret from the person he cares most about in the world.

The seventh season not only came back with excellent writing and, as always, superb acting from the show's main cast, it came back with a new

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Former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Visits Suffolk

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Gabriella Shalev, the former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations (2008-2012) spent the last week touring Suffolk University, hosting and guest-speaking in a lecture series as well as visiting classes. As a former United Nations Ambassador, she brought to the table unique insight into both the inner machinations of the United Nations itself, as well as the situation Israel finds itself in on the modern international scene.

She served as the guest speaker for a series of lectures and discussions whose topics span most of what Israel makes the headlines for these days, specifically the Iranian nuclear threat and the Palestinian situation, as well as internal Israeli politics. What she said was never less than insightful, and sparked plenty of discussion on issues that were already relevant; all of her lectures saw impressive turnout rates, and audiences still had hands raised for questions and discussion long after the allotted time in every case.

Some of the highlights of her tour here at Suffolk included description of her background and how she approached the difficult role of the Israeli representative to the United Nations when speaking to Professor Beshimov's International Organizations class last Tuesday. At one point, while discussing Israel's approach to foreign policy, she went so far as to describe Israel as a militaristic state. Israel does have a mandatory draft for military service for every eligible citizen aged 18 and over, one of only about 50 nations worldwide to facilitate such policy.

Furthermore, Israel is one of less than ten nations to be actively involved in a border war, and is number five on the list of national military expenditure as percentage of GDP at 4.5 percent, behind only Eritrea, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. By most standards, Israel is considered a militaristic state. However, Israeli rhetoric on the subject tends to be much less straightforward, and officials in general tend to favor vague and noncommittal language when discussing Israeli foreign policy at all.

Ambassador Shalev described Israel as militaristic,

and it showed both her ability to cut straight to the issue while maintaining a diplomatic atmosphere in what could easily have turned into a contentious environment. The diverse nature of the Suffolk student body and the lack of international consensus on the Israeli-Palestine situation could have made her initiatives more volatile.

All of this came to a head during the question and answer part of her lectures, specifically after her Iranian Nuclear program discussion. In this discussion, she maintained steadfast diplomacy throughout what was undoubtedly an active, engaged, and at times direct audience. Ambassador Shalev began by pointing out that the title of the lecture, "Iran's Nuclear Program, Containment or Pre-emption?"

speculation that the unusually high number of accidental delays in Iran's sluggish approach to nuclear capability has been no accident at all. Many fingers point to the Israeli equivalent of our CIA, the Mossad. If these allegations were true, Shalev states, it would suggest that Israel is not unfamiliar with a pre-emptive style approach to the Iranian nuclear situation. These are not unlike the blitzkrieg tactics adopted during the 1967 war with Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon, which saw a swift and decisive victory for Israel.

However, consider the recent turmoil that Iran's currency, the Rial, encountered. In the last week or so, the Rial has dropped more

future of Iranian economic security looks more and more bleak in the eyes of the people.

The plummet of the Rial is largely a result of a series of stricter tariffs and embargoes

us to believe that both the current Israeli approach to Iran's nuclear program and perhaps an answer lies at the hands of a diverse, adaptable policy. This opposed the black or white nature of the talk that Ambassador Shalev guest starred in last Tuesday.

Ambassador Shalev also sat in on a panel discussing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, where she was more diplomatic, and less willing to indulge in non-official rhetoric. Ambassador Shalev continued her habit of straying somewhat from official policy rhetoric, by repeating several times the idea that, to use her words directly, "they are attacking us. We do not wish conflict with anyone. They attack us." Several sharp questions were thrown her way once more, but Ambassador Shalev reverted back to a diplomatic restraint more typical of people in her position. Nevertheless, she stuck to her guns, and was unwilling to discuss or acknowledge any serious transgressions on the part of Israel, while admitting several times that "the situation was complicated."

Perhaps the toughest question that Ambassador Shalev handled directly, would be a very specific query into the nature of successful embargoes Israel had implemented in the past. After some dialogue with the professor who asked the question, Shalev admitted that Israel herself did not have the buying power or the economic sway to truly affect Iran's economy.

She went on to discuss the importance of international cooperation (a fitting comment from the former United Nations Ambassador of all people,) and outlined what she hoped to see accomplished in the vein of oil embargoes in the near future. This discussion came on the very eve of the current Iranian Rial crisis, and thanks to insight from Ambassador Shalev who predicted the very embargoes that are now largely responsible for Iran's economic strife in response to the question asked last Tuesday. Thus, thanks to Suffolk University's excellent visiting scholar program, students can say they heard it here first, as they scan the international news headlines of newspapers around the world.



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Israeli-West Bank Barrier in Jerusalem

"Ambassador Shalev began by pointing out that the title of the lecture, 'Iran's Nuclear Program, Containment or Pre-emption?' was somewhat vague, and that Israel's approach to the situation was never so stagnant as to be simplified to an either/or."

was somewhat vague, and that Israel's approach to the situation was never so stagnant as to be simplified to an either/or. And was right to do so. Though it has never been proven, there is widespread

than 40 percent against the American Dollar. This was an unprecedented plummet that has the Iranian people in an uproar. Both the international community and Iranian President Ahmadinejad as the

that Iran has seen in recent years. These conditions were imposed by the international community at the behest of the United States, and thusly Israel. All this suggests that Ambassador Shalev has led

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Russian Democracy: Yea or Nay?

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Using the words "Russia" and "democracy" in a sentence is like going to Fenway Park and looking for a fair price on beer. It's not there. To recap briefly Russian history in one sentence, there were the Middle Ages, a series of Czars (1574-1917,) Lenin for about ten minutes, then Stalin (1927-1953) and several other Soviet Leaders (dictators) until the breakup in the early 1990s.

Admittedly, the early 90's saw many multi-party elections, breaking Russia's previous record of zero such democratic practices, and indeed Boris Yeltsin, the predecessor to the current head of state Vladimir Putin, enjoyed 57 percent of the popular vote in the 1991 election that put him in office. And for eight years, with

some contention over Yeltsin's reelection in 1996, democracy in Russia looked feasible.

Then, in 1999, after surviving the second impeachment attempt on his presidency, Yeltsin fired his entire cabinet (the fourth time in eight years he had done this) as well as his prime minister. He replaced the PM with Vladimir Putin, then named Putin as his successor, and five months later, aired his official resignation on national Russian television (possibly the first bad news about Yeltsin's administration state television had ever aired.) Vladimir Putin, after a few weeks of maneuvering, took the helm, and has more-or-less been in charge of Russia ever since.

To give you an idea of Russia's current press situation, publishing the last two paragraphs in Russia would more-or-less guarantee me a visit from a few overweight thugs armed

with crowbars and low IQs. Or, depending on Putin's mood that week, a free ride to jail where I could sit next to the likes of Pussy Riot members Nadezhda Tolokonnikova and Maria Alyokhina, who made the news recently for their public protests and arrests.

Civil Archipelago," this is explainable in part by what he considers a formerly apathetic public interest. While this may or may not have been the case in the past, the mounting demonstrations that have made headlines for the past months in Moscow are



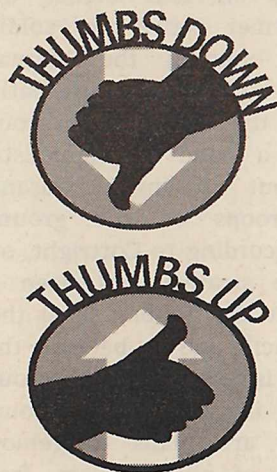
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Or, if I was particularly brutal (or honest) about Putin's "democracy," I could end up like Gadzhimurat Kamalov, a journalist shot dead in a drive-by shooting outside his office last December. Regardless, democracy as we know it in the west, where President Obama will defend my right to slander him outrageously, in comparison with Russia, puts them far from being free.

However, recent Russian history has revealed an interesting characteristic about Russian society. As a whole, they seem to be largely uninterested in politics. Putin, despite his fairly blatant transgressions against the standard democratic method, has enjoyed the sort of approval ratings most American presidents might sell limbs for, in the range of 60-to-75 percent, which Putin had in the last five years.

As David Remnick discusses in his recent article "The

testament to the fact that the political climate is heading for a change. Whether this will mean more democratic policy, or indeed whether democracy is really what Russia needs remains to be seen. But Putin's plummeting approval ratings mean one thing for sure, if democracy in Russia ever had a chance that the likes of Boris Yeltsin couldn't squander with loud threats and intimidation, that time is now.



Doe Sebanakitta
Journal Staff

Clifford Levy's article, "Russia's Knockoff Democracy" published in the *New York Times* this past week, paints an accurate picture of the kind of political society that was being

conditions." However, by eliminating local elections in 2004, Putin removed the groundwork he was referring to when he was defending the clearly pseudo democracy he helped institute. Levy revisits this issue in 2011, where he accounts for Gorbachev's criticism of Putin's policies in his article, "Russian Democracy Has Disappeared." Gorbachev's exposure of Putin's autocracy is seen when he points out that "Democracy begins with elections... elections, accountability, and turnover."

Another policy that negates democratic standards is Putin taking part in the nomination of a Presidential candidate. Levy describes how Putin is presented with a nominee whom the public have had no say in regarding the decision that led to his selection. By Putin misrepresenting the candidate as one who "reflected the views of a broad variety of Russians," he attempts to portray a democratic process that doesn't exist.

Even when elections actually take place in Russia, there is intimidation of opponents, corruption, and voter fraud. Jackson Diehl, in his article, "Autocratic status quo crumbling in Russia, China," describes how Russia and China face challenges in maintaining their autocracy due to a rising, more educated middle class. Diehl illustrates the fact that "in Moscow crowds of tens of thousands have turned out to denounce fraud in December's parliamentary elections," is a good example to show the true nature of the "knock off democracy." True democracy requires free and legitimate elections, coupled with assurance that the rights of all voters are protected.

A free election campaign involves freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and most of all, safeguard of basic human rights. All of these components are absent in an autocratically run election. Putin's active development toward a less democratic strategy of rule than what he depicts, speaks to the history of Russian autocracy, which it has failed to break free of.

played out in 2007's Russia. A picture that was more autocratic than democratic. Levy makes the case that the policies the Russian government implemented were contradictory to democratic principles and they need to be called out on it.

The efforts which Russia's ruling elite use in showing the Western world they are implementing democracy contain elements contrasting Western countries views and application of democratic values. Levy presents Putin's deception that he is "broken with the old ways and was progressive as any leader in the West," by revealing the fraud of their so-called democracy installation.

For one thing, local elections should always provide the service of representation in any civil society. Levy quotes Putin admitting that democracy "takes time and the right groundwork and

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Middle East

ISRAEL – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, according to the *Washington Post*, has called for early parliamentary elections. Often, early votes are called because leaders want either term reassurance, or they need to pass laws with a parliament majority. In this case, the Prime Minister failed to pass a Budget Plan. The election is meant to give him a higher majority of parliament, thus making his measures more easily passed. Along with budget issues, the parliamentary majority would give Netanyahu the opportunity to use even harsher power politics with Iran, and in this case, possibly war over Iran's nuclear program. According to the Labor Party leader, Shelly Yacimovich, these budget plans will also overwhelmingly favor the rich and harm most other citizens.

TURKEY – As the bodies from the deadly shelling of Turkish soil by the Syrian government forces were laid to rest last Thursday, Turkish residents of the town of Akakale, where the deadly shellings took place had questions to ask for their own government, as well as the perpetrators of the unprovoked attack last Tuesday. As local police forces went around the town of Akakale telling people to leave in the interests of their personal safety, many residents wondered why they had been forced to become refugees in their own country, because of a war they had no part in. It appears that the Turkish government's retaliation with a series of mortar strikes into Syrian territory has settled the issue for now, as Syrian fire has ceased. But as *Der Spiegel* reported, among the five Turkish citizens left dead from the deadly strike were three girls, aged 14, 12, and 8. No doubt tensions will remain high as both sides and the international community watches the continuation of conflict directly across the Turkish-Syrian border. No one wants a war, many residents of Akakale told *Der Spiegel*, but as the Turkish parliament demonstrated with its quick militaristic remonstrations, they are willing to pay whatever price to defend themselves.

Europe

GREECE – According to the *New York Times*, German Chancellor Angela Merkel visited Greece to express European cooperation and solidarity amid the current financial crisis. Over the past year, Merkel has been advocating for austerity measures to be implemented in Greece and other south European countries whose economies plummeted as a result of faulty bank and debt management. Merkel's role in the demise of Greece's quick-fix via pushing austerity measures has led Greeks to protesting with signs depicting her as a Nazi and a reincarnation of Hitler. Her visit to Athens was looked forward to and welcomed on a political level, in order to develop furthered cooperation. On the contrary, much of the Greek public, who are experiencing an extreme dip in welfare as well as very high levels of unemployment, came out to protest. Both violently and peacefully, Greeks demonstrated their displeasure at Merkel's presence in the name of growth and Greek nationalism. The spending cuts and tax hikes, stated the *New York Times*, have not been agreed upon between Greek Prime Minister Samaras and the troika, which is made up of the European Commission, European Central Bank, and the International Monetary Fund. With so much built up hostility, Germany and Greece are not poised as friends, but they must work together to solve this major financial crisis and keep the Euro currency.

North America

MEXICO – As stated in *BBC World News*, another leader of a Mexican drug cartel has been killed, though the body has been stolen from its temporary resting place by an armed gang. The leader, Heriberto Lazcano, was the suspected head of the Zetas cartel, which controls a significant portion of the North-Eastern part of Mexico's border with Texas. A recent increase in armed conflict reports, combined with discoveries of more bodies in recent months, have led authorities to suspect there has been some sort of a spilt in the power hierarchy of the Zetas cartel. His reputation was one for brutality and lack of mercy. Why his body was stolen remains to be seen, but authorities suspect that either side of the supposed split could have been responsible, seeking to either bury or humiliate the body, depending on which side staged the raid on the funeral parlor.

Discussion at Suffolk: How to End the War in Afghanistan

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Last Thursday the Suffolk University Law School hosted an event run by Massachusetts Peace Action on how to

the situation in Afghanistan.

"This policy is not moral," he said. "It's not effective, and it is leading to chaos. This is what the Taliban lives on."

Cortright explained that terrorist groups have political

be a diplomatic contact group of neighboring states, and there must be an interim protection force put in place. Lastly, there must be sustained large-scale support for development and human rights. Cortright



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end the war in Afghanistan. Massachusetts Peace Action is a non-profit organization which aims to promote human rights and end war through grassroots organizing and community education.

The guest speaker was David Cortright, the director of Policy Studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame and chair of the board of the Fourth Freedom Forum. As the author or editor of 17 books on non-violence and a former active-duty soldier who opposed the Vietnam War, he discussed alternative ways the United States could lend a hand in Afghanistan without having thousands of troops on the ground.

According to Cortright, our peace strategy has been to defeat the Taliban until they reconcile and he believes that there is no possibility this could work in the future. Though there are plans to remove most of the soldiers from Afghanistan by 2014, it is likely that 10-20,000 will stay behind indefinitely, a strategy which Cortright believes is worsening

agendas. Currently, their only purpose is to remove opposing occupation. There have been no records of Taliban attacks outside of their own territories. In fact, over 90 percent of suicide bombings have occurred to drive out foreign forces.

"They are waging war on the United States because we went there," he said.

At this moment, there are over 400,000 American troops fighting against an estimated 20,000 armed insurgents. Cortright believes that the United States should focus its energy and spending on social development programs instead of military planning.

"If your main tool is a hammer," he said, "every problem looks like a nail. Military planning is our primary instrument."

He laid out a five-step action plan for the United States regarding its involvement in Afghanistan. First, foreign military disengagement would have to occur, followed by political reconciliation, and power sharing with Afghanistan. Third, there must

strongly emphasized public education programs as part of Afghanistan's social development.

Since insurgent groups have political goals, they must at some point face the public to strengthen their cause. Cortright believes that if the Taliban were to form their own party and face the political process in Afghanistan, they would fail. When they were in power they were not a popular group. Furthermore, the insurgents do not have the fire power to take over the capital city of Kabul.

In order to implement the strategy that Cortright outlined, individuals must be trained to do the policing in Afghanistan, security must be provided for those working on social development programs, and there is always the possibility that the country will default and a civil war will occur. Still, Cortright believes that no progress can be made until the soldiers are removed from Afghanistan.

Womens' Volleyball Breaks Skid With Big Win, Ready for Playoff Push

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Sports Editor

The womens' volleyball team has finally snapped a seven game losing streak with a 3-2 victory over St. Joseph (CT) on Monday night.

The win improved the team's record to 9-13, and hopefully will be a catalyst for a strong playoff push. The team has been streaky this year, winning two then losing two, winning four then losing seven, etc. Despite a ravaging series of injuries, including starters Hailey Atkinson, Jessica Bard, and Kathryn Babb (who played in only her third game of the season on Monday,) the team has hung in there and is still in the playoff hunt.

Head coach Noel Moran, in her second season as head coach, was very proud of the team after the skid was

snapped. "Our bench really came through for us. We have been dealing with a bad string of injuries, and the girls stepped right up to the challenge. Taking St. Joe's to five showed how much winning means to them. We had a long weekend with four games and 11 hours traveling in buses. I'm beyond pleased they ended the trip on a positive note," said Moran. After seven straight losses and a grueling weekend, the women refused to give up and showed what being a Ram is all about.

Coach Moran also gave high praise to her team's fortitude and determination in Monday's match. "Mental toughness mixed with physical toughness was key. When St. Joe's would

get three points, Suffolk would answer with four. The girls we needed to, which led to a victory for the Rams," she said.

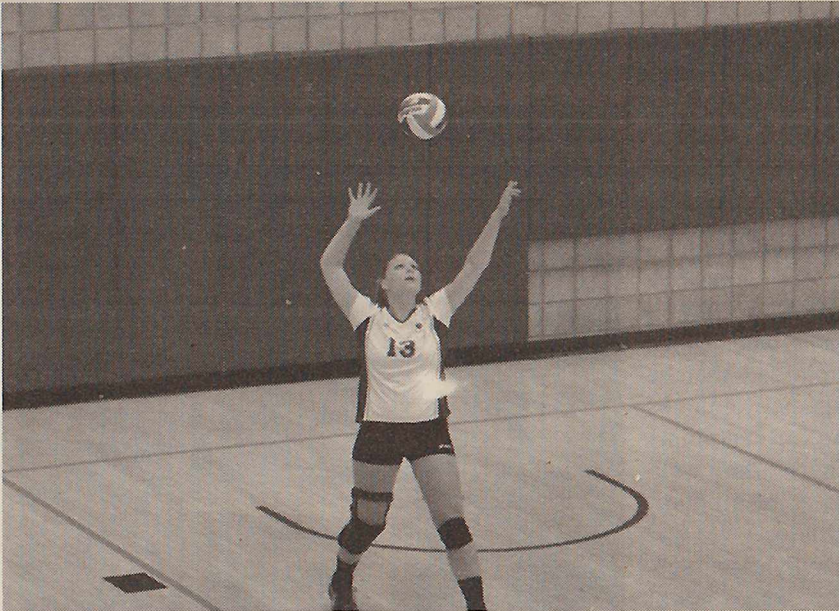


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"The team has been taking the losses to heart. They know what they need to do to fix it and will put in the work at practice. We are bouncing back and practicing all week to get back on the winning side of the few matches we have left... We are on a new course to better the outcome and make the playoffs."

With this kind of energy and work ethic in the locker room and on the court, womens' volleyball will definitely be looking to make a huge statement in their seven remaining games. They most certainly have the talent and drive to do so.

The womens' volleyball team is looking to inch closer to the playoffs when they take on UMass Dartmouth this Friday on the road. Their next home game is Tuesday against Rivier.

regained balance instead of letting St. Joe's run away with it. We controlled our side, got serves in, put the ball in when

Moran is excited with the new focus and direction the team can take with their losing streak now out of the way.

Womens' Tennis Picks up the Pace in Final Week of the Season

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The Suffolk University women's tennis team is going into the final week of the season with a great start, by defeating Mount Ida on Columbus Day 9-0. The win improved their overall record to 5-7, placing them sixth in the conference. The Lady Rams are 3-4 in conference play.

The Rams will now face two more schools at home,

so much from our first practice and the teams that we lost to early on in the season, I think we now have a good chance of beating." Although the Rams seem like they are in a set position for the playoffs, Conrad believes that the final two games will really help the team.

"These next two conference games will be important wins for confidence and getting into the zone for the playoffs," she said. "Both teams are very

With one team out of the way, Albertus Magnus stands alone as the last threat to the Rams' record. Erica LeBlanc, who played in the number two spot against Mount Ida, believes the victory is a step in the right direction.

"We defeated Mt. Ida which is great and we are definitely feeling confident about Albertus Magnus," said LeBlanc, sophomore. "Our focus is really on preparing

for the playoffs and to do that we have to practice strong and make sure we put what we work on in those practices to use for the final season matches."

Other players, like Stacey Politis, understand the importance of conference games.

"The next two conference games mean the world to our team and to our morale especially," said Politis, junior.

"Everyone has had their own obstacles to get through at some point in this season and we've had a tough schedule from the beginning."

The Rams take on UMass Boston Thursday at 6 p.m., and then play against Albertus Magnus in the season finale.

"We've grown as players throughout the season," said LeBlanc. "We are ready to take these last few matches."

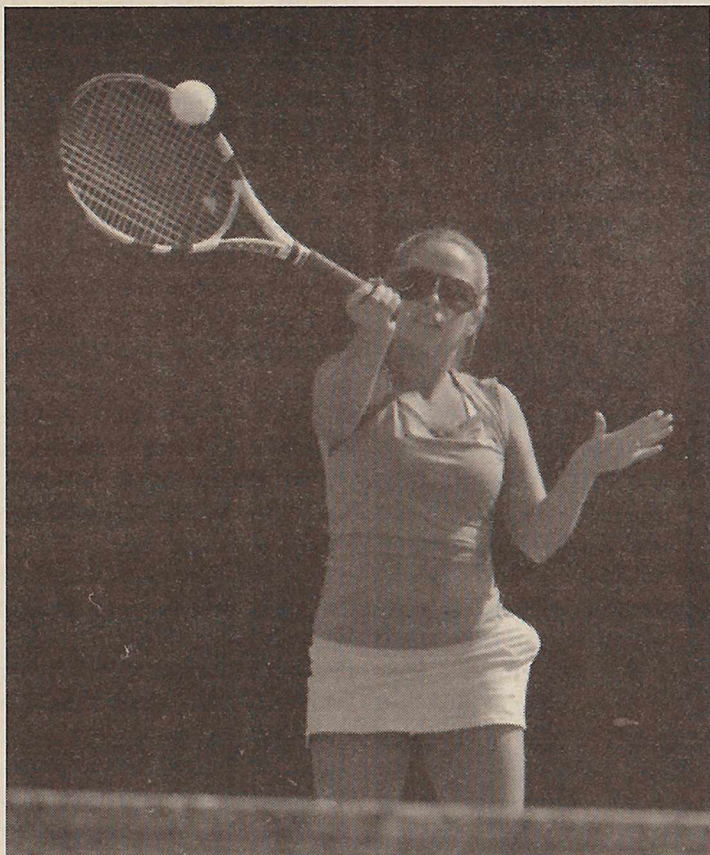


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with their last one being a conference game against Albertus Magnus. Captain Kelly Conrad feels very optimistic going into the final week of play, and has confidence in her team.

"I feel very optimistic going into the final week of matches," said Conrad, a senior. "The team has grown

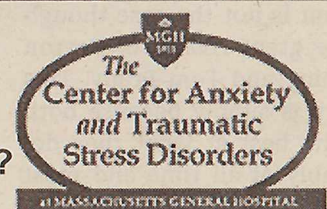
different and will help us in different ways."

"The first team is non-conference but a very strong team, so the strategy against them will be to be aggressive and play like we have nothing to lose. Both matches require a focused and calm mentality, which will be necessary come playoffs."

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Suffolk Athletic Director Jim Nelson receives NCAA Division III award

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Managing Editor

Suffolk University's Jim Nelson was awarded for his work as the school's athletic director this past June, winning the 2012 NCAA Division-III AD of the Year for the Northeast Region.

"I was thrilled," Nelson said. "I consider it to be an award that recognizes our student-athletes and our coaches as well. Without them, the recognition would not have gotten as far as it did."

Nelson received the award at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics 47th annual convention down in Dallas, Texas where he was not only recognized but able to partake in some interesting seminars and chat with others who hold the same title as himself.

"There were athletic directors from Division-I and Division-II schools at the conference. I had the opportunity to share in not just the honors ceremony but

various seminars; ideas with these award winners as well as promote the name of Suffolk," Nelson commented.

The longtime Suffolk men's basketball coach explained that he especially enjoyed the seminars where the well-being of student-athletes was heavily discussed.

"It was about more than health and safety. It was about integrating them into the university. I value excellence in competition but equally important is

having a well-rounded amount of extracurricular activities," said Nelson.

While he was honored to receive the award and enjoyed the conference in Dallas,

and share Nelson explained the trophy

recognized internally here as well. Those awards will continue to be of high value to me."

Nelson has been a part of Suffolk's athletic department since becoming assistant basketball and athletic director back in 1966, racking up a considerable number of awards over his 40+-year career. Suffolk's acting athletic director since 1975, Nelson was part of Suffolk's inaugural athletic Hall of Fame induction back in 2007 recognizing his time both in his current role and as men's basketball head coach from 1976-1995.

As the fall athletic season continues to progress though, Nelson has his eyes on the future of the department going forward.

"This [past] afternoon I had a meeting with student organizations and the alumni

association about Suffolk spirit... with new President McCarthy on board for his first full academic year. He, I, and others have [also] spoken about enhancing the facilities," Nelson explained.

The improvement of those facilities will not include a rumored move to the New Balance facility in Brighton that is currently under construction, however.

"The discussions with New Balance are primarily for ice hockey rink rentals. New Balance is still going forward with the project but there was a misinterpretation that we were moving our facilities there and that's not the case. I've gotten a few calls on that," chuckled the athletic director.

As these efforts to improve the facilities continue to be ongoing however, Nelson encouraged all members of the Suffolk community to attend at least one contest this year, saying "I think they'll be pleasantly surprised."

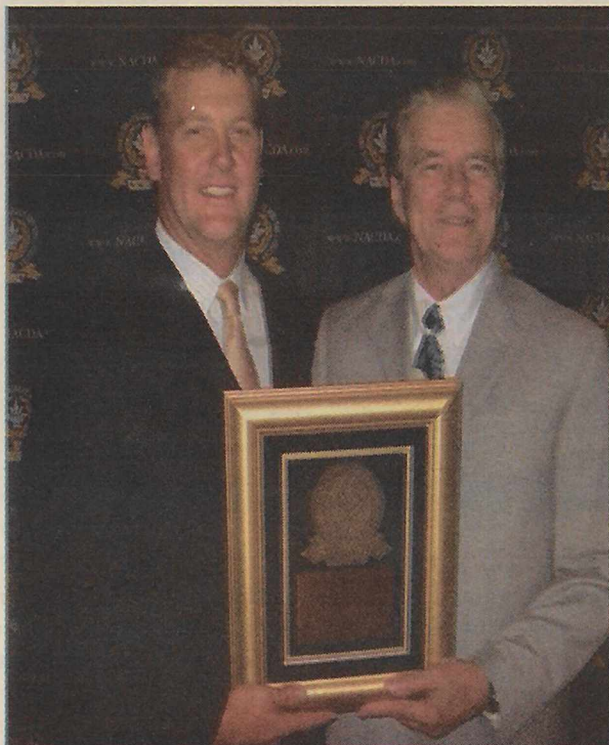


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NFL Week Five: Brady Beats Manning; Is Rex Ryan Ruining the Jets?

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Rivalry might be the best thing about sports; the passion, the competitiveness and the desire to win. Rivalry in sports could be based upon ideology, mutual history or political views of both fan bases. It might also exist as a result of one side being a great success, while the other a constant failure.

That is not the case though in the great rivalry of Peyton Manning and Tom Brady. This rivalry is simply because both are the best at what they do, arguably of all time and most certainly in their generation. But who is the greatest of all time? This kind of question, my dear friends, is what creates rivalries, and this one has been going on since 2001.

Let's look at the numbers. Tom Brady beat Peyton Manning on Sunday night. Why does this line sound so familiar? It does because on Sunday Tom Brady and the New-England Patriots beat the Denver Broncos 31-21, making it the ninth time Brady has been the winner against Manning in 13 meetings between the marquee quarterbacks. This year's meeting, however, featured a major change. Manning, who was as recognized in the Indianapolis Colts uniform in the last 13

years as Joe Montana was with the San-Francisco 49ers logo, has a new team this year. The future Hall of Famer has joined the Denver Broncos in one of the most discussed topics of the off-season. The two future Hall of Fame Quarterbacks entered the 13th meeting of all time with Brady leading in the win column with an 8-4 record.

Although the meeting between the two had been the main discussion of Week Five throughout the NFL, it is safe to say that running back Stevan Ridley stole the stage. The second year RB out of Louisiana State University ran for 151 yards and 1 TD, making it the second

game in a row he had 100+ rushing yards. The Patriots overall had 251 rushing yards and it marked the first time in more than 30 years that the Patriots had back to back games with 200+ yards on the ground.

But Brady wasn't absent from the show. On the second possession for the Patriots he threw an eight yard Touchdown pass to Wes Welker, putting the Patriots on top 7-0. Overall, Brady completed 23 out of 31 pass attempts for 74

percent completion and had 223 passing yards with one touchdown pass and another one yard touchdown run which Brady scored on a quarterback sneak. He was sacked four

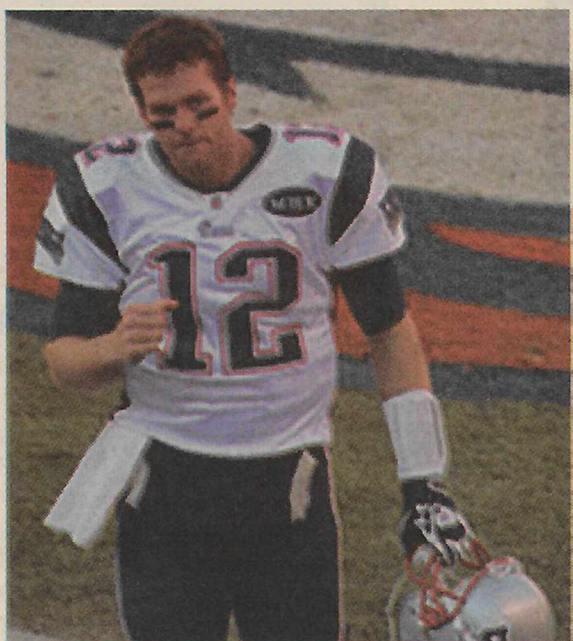


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times with no turnovers. Brady was also big on third downs, converting three crucial third and long after penalties, which extended the Patriots possessions and kept Manning out of the game.

Manning, on the other hand, threw for three TDs, completing 31 out of 44 pass attempts for 70 percent completion and 345 yards. Manning was sacked two times, one of which caused a crucial turnover that led to a scoring play by Brady and the

Patriots. The Patriots defense was able to stop Manning on a critical fourth down and two, which gave the Patriots their last possession.

Overall, the Patriots combined for 474 offensive yards against 415 yards for the Broncos, Manning, who underwent four neck surgeries last year which caused him to miss the entire 2011 season, looked very sharp on his throws. He also featured his famous no-huddle offense, and was very good in calling plays in the line of scrimmage. But once again, despite all Manning's achievements throughout his career, he lacks success against Tom Brady and the New-England Patriots.

The other big story from Week Five was the New York Jets, who are coming off one of the worst games in franchise history after being shut out by the San-Francisco 49ers in a 34-0 loss. Quarterback Mark Sanchez entered 2012 with a huge chip on his shoulders. In 2011 Sanchez threw more interceptions than TD passes, completing less than 46 percent of his passes, leading the Jets to an 8-8 record and missing the playoffs. But the real chip on his shoulder is Tim Tebow. The former Bronco was

traded to the Jets due to the acquisition of Peyton Manning by the Broncos in the off-season. Let's not forget that Tebow's passer ratings last season were as bad as those of Sanchez. But Tebow's famous running game compensated for those liabilities, and Tebow had a 7-4 record with Denver as a starter, leading them to the playoffs. Head coach Rex Ryan's insistence on Sanchez has started to upset the most patient Jets fans. Ryan, who is known for his arrogant and impulsive style, mentioned after Week One that he has the best football team in America, something he has consistently said since last season's failures. He is looking more and more like someone who is losing his fan base and any connection with reality. With Jets fans cheering during the *Monday Night Football* game against the Texans when Sanchez (one TD, two interceptions, 45 percent completion) left the field and was replaced by Tebow, it is not going to shock anyone if Tim Tebow starts a full game soon. But with the stubbornness of Coach Ryan and his "unique" coaching style, it is not going to shock anyone if "Tebowmania" does not hit New York anytime soon, and Mark Sanchez will continue to enjoy endless credit as the Jets continue to look like the most pathetic show in the NFL.