Suffolk Town Hall outlines five-year Strategic Plan

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On Tuesday, Oct. 16, President Obama and Governor Romney met for the second time in the debate cycle this month. This time it was a bit of a different setting. Hofstra University, located on Long Island in Hempstead, New York, was the college that provided the venue for the one-and-only town hall style debate. Candy Crowley, host of CNN's State of the Union, moderated the debate while both candidates took questions from a highly selective audience. The TV-prepped crowd was said to include 82 currently undecided voters from around the area.

Starting just a minute or two after 9:00 p.m., the discussion began with a question from a student named Jeremy on the topic of whether or not he will have a job when he graduates in two years.

From that point forward, both Obama and Romney gave their strategic and subjective responses to that and each of the following questions within the next hour-and-a-half. The media and politics across the country predicted a separation of church and state. Romney, in fact, won the debate.

Lee replied to questions with serious answers and gave reasoning as to why he claimed Romney's various statements on issues like Libya and education were truly false. The opinion at Suffolk was definitely similar to those throughout the United States.

A notably registered Independent, as well as a sophomore here at Suffolk, Blaney Lee said he watched the first Presidential debate, but did not yet get a chance to view the Vice Presidential debate that aired last week.

Lee, an English major, explained that he will most likely be supporting Obama for several reasons including the fact that he considers him "so-called liberal" and thinks that "Mitt Romney is a social buffoon." When it comes to social issues, Lee follows some of them closely such as same-sex marriage, abortion, as well as separation of church and state.

At the end of Tuesday's debate, Lee proudly proclaimed that he believed Obama had won the debate.

It was noticed by most commentators and debate-watchers Tuesday night that, per usual, the two Presidential candidates were trying hard to be as sincere, honest, and personal as possible with each and every person's question.

This is not anything new, and is basically considered the regular fashion for town hall forums every four years when the candidates actually answer questions from real voters -- as almost a reality voter awareness night of some sorts.

When it came to the concerns of there not being any new things new, see DEBATE page 3.
POLICE BLOTTER

Wednesday, October 10
1:24 p.m.
West Street
Other agency assist. Case closed.

Wednesday, October 10
10:24 p.m.
Off Campus
Other agency assist. Report filed.

Thursday, October 11
2:25 p.m.
Cambridge Street
Disorderly conduct. Case closed.

Thursday, October 11
6:54 p.m.
Off Campus
Forgery. Case closed.

Friday, October 12
12:06 a.m.
Miller Hall
Possession of marijuana, less than one ounce. Case closed.

Saturday October 13
12:26 a.m.
Tremont Street
Disorderly conduct. Case closed.

Sunday, October 14
1:58 a.m.
150 Tremont
Drunkeness. Case closed.

Monday, October 15
6:23 p.m.
Tremont Street
Disorderly conduct. Case closed.

Monday, October 15
10:25 p.m.
Ridgeway
Larceny-theft. Larceny over 250. Case closed.

Scaffolding at Sawyer to improve efficiency of windows

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Assistant News Editor

Scaffolding has been on the Sawyer building since July, and according to Senior Director of Facilities Planning and Management Gordon King, it has been part of a much needed renovation.

The scaffolding is in place so the windows of the building could be replaced from old wooden ones to new, more energy efficient aluminum ones.

The project will be finished by the end of this month.

"We just can't wait for the scaffolding to be down," said Gordon, "it's nice for the projects to be finished." He has been working on this project since early 2012. The old windows in Sawyer were leaky, falling apart, and not energy efficient, according to Gordon, and after a pane fell from the 6th or 7th floor last year, luckily injuring no one, it was apparent they needed replacement.

The design for the project was established in early 2012. From there, Gordon chose Joe Kennedy of Casai to be the project manager, and chose to use scaffolding from Lee Kennedy, no relation, a company Suffolk has used before. Both Joe Kennedy and King stressed the amount of time spent planning the project prior to construction. Lee Kennedy was hired in May and needed two months prep work and mobilizing to obtain the scaffolding. From there the project was off.

This project is costing Suffolk over 1.5 million, which is less than planned, according to Gordon. He says that the university has an annual budget of $8.5 million for projects like these and that it is, "well worth the money." According to Andelman and Lelek Engineering, Inc., who prepared an energy savings estimate for King, the windows will save Suffolk 87,000 KWh of electricity, or $16,000 yearly.

Joe Kennedy described this project as a "big upgrade." As the project manager he had to survey the site area and handle all the logistical planning of the window replacement. Although it was a time consuming project, he says he is happy with the overall progress.

The scaffolding itself was originally supposed to be constructed using the sidewalks for support, but because they are hollow and would not support the scaffolding, it had to be anchored on the roof of the building. Aside from the change in plans on the placement of the scaffolding, Kennedy said Sawyer was an easier project because of its easy accessibility.

Because Sawyer is on a one way street with the available parking lot on the right and access through Miller Hall when needed, it was an ideal location for this type of project.

"Everything went smoothly," said Kennedy, "it was easier than most." The project required, at full, about five teams, according to Kennedy. This includes painting, abatement, masonry, and installation, in teams of two or three members each. The superintendent and laborer were provided by Lee Kennedy.

The project only suffered a few slight delays since July. They had to make their schedule around the class schedule in Sawyer and were held up due to this month's rain.

Neither Joe Kennedy nor Gordon King has heard feedback from students or faculty concerning the project.

"No feedback is good with a project like this," said Kennedy. Although they have not heard feedback, Suffolk
National Coming Out Day: Lectures outline struggles and successes of LGBT community

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Online News Editor

The Office of Diversity Services hosted self-proclaimed "transactivist" Justin Adkins for this year's annual event on National Coming Out day, last Thursday, October 11.

Before the event, students mingled with Craig Cullinane, associate director of Diversity Services at Suffolk University and coordinator of the event, while helping themselves to some refreshments.

"Suffolk University wants to support and provide resources for the LGBTQ community," said Cullinane. "We want students to know we are an ally and an advocate."

As one of the events scheduled for LGBTQ History Month, the presentation titled "My Fabulous Transgender Life" created a light-hearted and friendly environment for the students who attended.

Adkins spoke with students at Williams College on issues of gender, sexuality, and activism. He met Morher Theresa during his time as a missionary and spent time living in both India and Zimbabwe.

Justin Adkins experienced "coming out" three separate times, and he shared his story with the students at the event. He explained how he had been born a woman and initially came out as a lesbian. Eventually, he realized that he didn't identify himself as a woman and started testosterone treatments. After that, he became conscious of the fact that he was bisexual.

"There's me in my genderless state," Adkins explained as he showed the audience a picture of his pregnant mother. "It was fabulous!"

The event was kept up-beat and open as Adkins shared his story and talked about a safe space for those in attendance. Though he has dealt with serious struggles of his own during his journey, he was a positive representation of the success and happiness students can achieve through self-expression.

Adkins also discussed discrimination that he experienced at the hands of the NYPD during the Occupy Wall Street movement. At the time, he reached out to the media to tell his story in order to expose the unfair treatment of the LGBTQ community. He encouraged others to share their stories and to speak up about discrimination so that they too can prompt serious changes in social attitude and behavior.

However, coming out isn't just for members of the LGBTQ community; both Cullinane and Adkins stressed the importance of coming out as both allies and advocates. In fact, Suffolk University is one of the first schools in the country to include gender identity and expression in their discrimination policy. LGBTQ History Month is a celebration of the community as a whole, including those who are willing to reach out and become friends to those who need support and encouragement.

The next event scheduled at Suffolk University for LGBTQ History Month is the "Brown Bag Lunch Discussion: The Election and the LGBTQ Vote" on Thursday, Oct. 18 in Donahue 403. This will be an opportunity for members of the LGBTQ community, as well as allies and advocates, to come together and discuss topical issues as the November 6 election approaches.

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rate from 78 percent to 70 percent, according to McCarthy. which currently sits at five percent according to McCarthy. also what Suffolk will do to something about that," McCarthy explained. This may not mean the relocation of all classes however, as the strategic plan specifically states that all departments not listed as areas of strength or growth for Suffolk will be evaluated. The document lists 19 departments that will be exempt from evaluation, with McCarthy adding "we can't be all things for all people."

The plan hopes to restructure the physical appearance of the school with the addition of 20 Somerst, and also what Suffolk will focus on academically. The entire document is available to view online via the school's official website.

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enough security during the American embassy terrorist attacks in Libya, Obama criticized Romney for trying to say that the President was "playing politics" with the matter.

Among other subjects discussed were tax cuts, ways to actually create jobs, energy plans for the country, and, particularly a hot button issue, gun control.

All Rabesa, a junior at Suffolk majoring in American History, is still undecided at this point but is leaning towards voting to re-elect Obama. As an Independent voter, Rabesa has true potential to swing the outcome of the election; most people are looking at swing states like Ohio, Nevada, and Florida to see how moderates and undecided voters will cast their ballots.

On another note, even though there are two other official Presidential candidates, the Libertarian Party's Gary Johnson of New Mexico and the Green Party's Jill Stein, the two third-party candidates were, and never really are, allowed to participate in the Presidential debates.

Outside the David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex (where the debate took place Tuesday evening), Stein and her Vice Presidential running mate Cheri Honkala were arrested for trying to get inside the debate halls to let Stein also have a chance to answer the questions.

In the end, the debate went over the planned 90-minute mark and ended 8 minutes later at 10:38 p.m.

The next, and final, debate is on Monday, October 22 at Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL.
Thrill in the 'Ville II pits young against old

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Last Thursday, Oct. 11, the non-partisan Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) hosted the second debate at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. Commonly referred to as "Thrill in the 'Ville II" since they hosted the single Vice Presidential debate in 2000 between Senator Joe Lieberman and former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney," the one-and-a-half hour table discussion between current Vice President Joe Biden and his Republican opponent Representative Paul Ryan of Wisconsin was definitely one for the books.

The setting for the debate was a bit more laid-back, instead of the format where both candidates stand several feet away at podiums, the Vice Presidential one was set at a table. Biden and Ryan sat just a few feet from each other with the moderator, ABC News' Martha Raddatz, in between. There was no audience. It was sort of a more casual atmosphere without considering the speaking and conversation itself.

When asked if the Vice Presidential debate changed her perception or opinion of the race, Couture replied "not really, but I feel these debates are not big 'game-changers.'" After the Vice President said this, searches on Google for the word "malarkey" went up over 20 percent. Throughout the debate it seemed, Biden proceeded to explain how.

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"Making Strides:" Suffolk Students Participate in Breast Cancer Walk

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October is breast cancer awareness month, and the American Cancer Society held its 20th annual Breast Cancer Walk on the Esplanade on Oct. 14. The walk is just under six miles and, according to the American Cancer Society's website, about 40,000 were expected to participate. Although the day was rainy and overcast, Bostonians made their way to the Hatch Shell for the 8 a.m. start. During registration, speakers from the American Cancer Society made speeches thanking the participants for donations and showing their support. The area was decorated with pink balloons and tents from various sponsors. Chevrolet was handing out forms to auction off a pink car. Other tents had free goodies like hand sanitizer and decorative bags. Throughout the day entertainment, including singers and dancers were on stage, including Suffolk's own a cappella group, The Ramifications. There was also an ongoing study during the day for women ages 30 to 65. The participants were a sea of pink; even under rain coats and umbrellas, just about every person present was wearing at least a touch of pink. The event offers pink sashes to breast cancer survivors to wear while they walk. Participants enter the events in teams, and many came with painted faces and matching tee shirts to show their enthusiasm for the event and their support to finding a cure. The walk starts along Storrow Drive, crosses the river at the River Street Bridge, continues along Memorial Drive, crosses the river again over the Harvard Bridge, and finishes at the Hatch Shell.

"It didn't seem like five miles, it was a nice time to go out and participate in the community," said Ryan Breslin, Suffolk senior and member of the Ramifications. According to Alyssa Meers, Suffolk senior and business manager for the Ramifications, the group raised over $1,000. The Boston Duck Tours said they would match 100 percent of what the Ramifications raised, according to Breslin. The starting line of the walk was decorated with a large banner and volunteers to cheer on the walkers. Throughout the route there were more volunteers to tell walkers what mile they were on, and to keep cheering them onto the finish line.

"I thought the fact that there were people cheering people on at check points was awesome," said Breslin. There were occasional stations with cups of water for walkers. The American Cancer Society also puts up signs with breast cancer facts, frequently asked questions, tips for cancer awareness, and inspirational quotes from Abraham Lincoln and Dory from Finding Nemo, among others. Each mile was marked with a sign. The community was also involved with the event. Drivers would honk their horns as they drove by and ice cream trucks were parked along the route. The end of the walk was marked by another large banner and snack bags with chips and granola bars for participants. The largest and loudest group of volunteers was at the finish line cheering on and congratulating everyone who completed the walk. The Ramifications were asked to sing at the event. They were on stage at 12:45 p.m. and sang four songs, three of their own and then "Happy Birthday" to honor the American Cancer Society's slogan, "create a world with less breast cancer and more birthdays." Participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk was a great experience for the Ramifications...

"It was so much fun," said Breslin.
Suffolk Students React to Chavez’ Reelection

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The reelection of Hugo Chavez has caused an unsettling feeling for the residents of Venezuela. Chavez is running for his third term in office, a position he has held for the past 14 years. Martinez feels that Chavez is a politician people do not want to lose. Chavez’s power is something that has come to be expected, and there is concern about what will happen if he leaves. Martinez believes that Chavez will do whatever it takes to remain in power.

Chavez has been trying to make Venezuela independent from the United States. The fact that Chavez is trying to give the country its own petroleum resources is one of the reasons people are concerned about his election. Chavez’s opinion of the US is not one of respect, but rather one of disdain. Chavez has been trying to make governments in each of the countries he interacts with less relevant by creating local commissions. These commissions respond to his political interests and by allocating money to them instead of the elected local officials. It is an ominous feeling for the country of Venezuela, not knowing what Chavez will accomplish in six years.

Suffolk Student Abroad on Harvest Season, Florence

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While everyone in New England is flocking to apple orchards and pumpkin patches, another kind of harvest celebration is happening in Tuscany, Italy. No tree tops change color, no brisk autumn wind blows, and no one has even heard of pumpkin spice lattes; instead, Florentines are enjoying the last days of late summer warmth as this year’s grapes are collected from the evergreen vineyards. Just as Bostonians flee the city for a weekend to enjoy the scenic countryside and take a hay wagon ride through the orchards, Florentines head out to the sparsely populated Chianti Classico wine region between Florence and Sienna to breathe in the aroma of freshly pressed grapes and marvel at the ancient villas and vineyards.

In Italy, we don’t drink wine, we eat it,” Professor Giovanni Pacinotti, a winetasting teacher at Scuola Lorenzo de’Medici in Florence explains. If you gulp your drink, you like alcohol; if you take your time to sip on it and chew it, you like wine.” The importance of wine, in social and culinary circles, cannot be stressed enough in understanding Italian culture and values. The grape harvest season gives residents a chance to learn about the history of Italian wine civilization while dreaming about new quality wines that will be ready in the spring. A recent trip to the Fattoria San Michele a Torri vineyard, just a 20-minute bus ride from central Florence, reveals the intertwined past and present traditions in wine culture.

The vineyard is all-organic, refusing to use any kind of pesticides or chemical fertilizers in growing its grapes and olives. In doing this, the vineyard is trying to keep in touch with its historic roots and old-fashioned environment. Farm hands pass off ties with the United States due to their reliance on the country’s petroleum. “When Chavez attacks the US, he does so to put on a show, to create this image of a strong, independent country that does not kneel in front of the ‘imperio,’’ yet reality tells another story,” said Esquivel. Both students are fearful of Venezuela becoming like the unstable Cuba. “I am afraid that my country will end up like Cuba,” Martinez claimed. Cuba and Venezuela have a relationship based on Venezuela supplying Cuba with cheap oil. Castro was more then pleased with the reelection of Chavez. Esquivel fears Chavez is influenced by the Cuban leader. One of the biggest similarities between them is that like Castro, Chavez has been trying to make governments in each of the countries he interacts with less relevant by creating local commissions. These commissions respond to his political interests and by allocating money to them instead of the elected local officials. It is an ominous feeling for the country of Venezuela, not knowing what Chavez will accomplish in six years.
From All Corners:
International Opinion
Israel-Palestine: A Future of Turmoil or Peace?

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Over the course of its first term, President Obama has come under heavy fire for his behavior towards Israel, one of America's closest allies, and a key strategic partner in a region where we are not exactly popular.

In the Middle East, America's interests are Israel's interests. Since the founding of Israel in 1948, the two nations have treated each other with sincere respect and admiration. President Obama, however, has fallen short of the mark of showing this respect. In four years of office, he has yet to visit Israel once. The President and Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister, are not exactly the best of friends, and aren't afraid to make that known. Obama has also stated he believes that Israel should return to its pre-1967 borders.

Now, the president's administration is coming under fire for not backing Israel on the issue of the Iranian nuclear weapon program. The rogue nation is supposedly very close to crossing a "red-line" that would allow it to produce nuclear weapons in places that cannot be reached by Israeli bombs. While Netanyahu is getting antsy in Israel and turning up the war rhetoric, the Obama administration has made it clear that they have no intention in involving America in an armed conflict between Israel and Iran. Presidential candidate Mitt Romney has accused Obama of throwing Israel "under the bus."

In reality, it seems as though the President is merely taking a logical stance on the issue. America has been at war since 2001. It is now 2012. Over a decade of time, billions of dollars, and most importantly thousands of American lives have been lost in a conflict that is necessary but also overextended (yes, I'm talking about the war in Iraq). The conflict has also contributed to a large chunk of our deficit.

So, why would it make any sense to get dragged into yet another conflict? Iran should not be allowed to obtain a nuclear weapon, but America getting involved is not the answer. We should no longer be relied upon as the "world's policeman." Israel itself has a very powerful military and is arguably the strongest power in the Middle East. In fact, their military is often ranked in the top ten militaries worldwide. The Mossad, Israel's intelligence agency, is arguably the best and most efficient in the entire world. Iran would be no match for Israel in a war, and therefore there is simply no need to get involved in a potential conflict.

Critics of the President on his policy towards Israel and table manners, it is ridiculous to suggest that this administration is throwing Israel "under the bus." For any president to do this would be an insult to one of the strongest alliances on the planet. The President is simply looking out for the best interests of America as a whole, and unfortunately in this current situation with Iran, that may not work out in Israel's favor. But the Israelis are efficient, innovative and can certainly use the $3-billion dollars in aid we give them each year wisely if things escalate even more between them and Iran.

Also, it is not easy to keep the facts straight, which is rather difficult given the conflict is half-a-world away. Furthermore, finding an objective opinion on the subject, even amongst the most scholarly echelons of academia is tough. As it stands, the President is merely taking a logical stance on the issue.

There is nothing to say about the Israel-Palestine conflict that hasn't already been said. The solution, if any, lies in the hands of momentous social upheaval, or as each side fervently hopes: other-worldly intervention. Until either manifestation of the impossible presents itself, all that seems to be left for the casual observer is to attempt to

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Balfour Declaration promising English support of a Jewish state in Palestine, more or less directly in conflict with their 1915 agreements.

Then, 1938 solidifies the outbreak of World War II and a surprisingly small amount of pro-axis sentiment arises in the Arab World. For the most part, Arabs are too caught up in their own affairs to go to war. The US stepped in and drew lines all over Palestine, giving roughly half of the current Israeli border to the Jews. Thereafter, the UN decision led to civil war, which the Jews won dramatically. In 1967, Egypt, Lebanon and Syria began mobilizing their armies for what looked suspiciously like an invasion. Israel became paranoid and invaded first, resulting in another overwhelming Israeli victory. From 1973 until now, Israel moved on with its life: enjoying American aid and becoming a leading military presence in the area. Without ever openly admitting to it, in 1973, Israel became capable of nuclear warfare (see the Vela Incident.)

Due to Israeli dominance and overwhelming interference, the Arab-Palestinian state suffered massive economic strife for 40 years. Much in the same way Hitler piggy-backed off the German Economic recession, the Herzbollah came into power in Lebanon and openly declared war. Israeli soldiers have fallen in Israel every day since.

In essence, this awfully general summary of the last 80 years does nothing except emphasize how difficult the situation has become. Is my opinion, both sides need to stop living in the past. Israel is there. It's not going anywhere. Neither is Palestine. If the past 800 years could be forgotten, chances are the two sides could finally dust themselves off and move toward peace.
Africa

AFRICAN LEADER PRIZE - The African Leader prize that was to be awarded this past week, has once again gone to nobody. The stipulations for the prize, dictated by the London-based organization that funds the award money, stated that any leader to be considered for the prize must have "governed well, raised living standards, and voluntarily left office." According to the sponsors, "no compromises can be made. We created our standards, and we have to stick to them." Thus, no African leader has managed to stand up to all expectations this year, as was the case in 2009 and 2010. In 2011, Former President of Cape Verde Pedro Verona Pires was awarded the prize. The prize, aside from the various prestigious accolades involved, is accompanied by a $5 million lump sum, as well as $200,000 yearly pension for life. The award ensures financial freedom for leaders as an incentive to follow the path of righteousness and lead their nations to prosperity.

Middle East

TURKEY - A Syrian Air flight on its way from Moscow was pulled over and forced to land the second it entered Turkish airspace last week, reports the New York Times. Turkish officials claimed that the civilian air flight, (the Syrian equivalent of an American Airlines flight,) had military cargo in its hold. The flight, which was carrying Turkish government officials on their way from Moscow to support Bashar Al-Assad's regime in Syria, currently in the throes of a massive civil war. The incident is the latest in a series of diplomatic difficulties between, on the surface, Syria and Turkey. However, depending on what the plane's cargo turns out to be, this could turn into a huge embarrassment for Moscow, who has been claiming that the delivery is one that was agreed upon before the outbreak of civil war, and thus not a violation of current international arms embargoes to Syria. Russia's ambiguous statements on the matter are evidence that it was very possibly illicit cargo. This made it even more contentious of a moment because it was flown over Turkish airspace on a civilian flight, thought to help disguise the shipment. Officials allowed the plane, which was carrying 17 Russian nationals, as well as Syrians, to continue its flight the next day, after the cargo had been examined and in some cases confiscated. This attempt at deescalating tensions is viewed as a diplomatic move on Turkey's part, to keep tensions with two important neighbors at a minimum while still protecting national security interests.

South America

BRAZIL- BBC World News reported on Sunday that Brazil has made another huge move in the name of cleaning up Rio de Janeiro in lieu of the upcoming 2016 Olympics. Two of the reported "worst neighborhoods for crack cocaine" were "invaded" on Saturday by upwards of 2000 armed police and navy soldiers under state jurisdiction. Recently, the program has stepped up to prepare the country for the influx of tourists that the Olympics will no doubt generate. Police moves in teams of eight throughout the favelas, searching house by house and at times engaging in gun battles with militant members of certain drug gangs. Opponents of the action cite the relatively troubling civilian casualty rate that these raids often create, as well as massive instances of corruption that have always plagued Brazil. No numbers have been released by the Brazilian government as to the results of these raids, but official reports state that they were "successful," and have put previous no-go areas back under state control.

Central America

CUBA - The Cuban government has announced the latest in a series of regulations and rule changes that have been loosening the government's hold over its people. Since the Cuban revolution in the late 1950s, any Cuban looking to leave the country for any reason, location, or duration has had to apply for an exit visa, issued by the Cuban state allowing the citizen to leave the country. The onerous process has been a source of much consternation, as reported in an article following the announcement by the Cuban government last Tuesday. This is the latest in a series of policy changes that Raul Castro's government has put in place, following Fidel Castro's exit from the political scene due to health trouble several years ago. However, the new law still retains the right of the Cuban state to deny the removal of any citizen for "national security reasons" which suggests that open dissidents will still have the same difficulty leaving as previously. Furthermore, Cuba's may only stay outside the country for two years before they lose their rights to free healthcare and social benefits that accompany the socialist state, which is up from the prior deadline of nine months. Other moves toward a free market economy, such as small-time entrepreneurship and property sales, have signaled a new policy transition in Cuba. Critics highlight huge taxes on such private enterprise attempts as evidence that the state still holds most control over most things.

Harvest Season in Florence

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gift shop), the vineyard representative educated us on the ancient roots and the flavor and sensations of Chianti, while others hail it as innovative and creative. Older generations of Tuscans value the robust red wines

"If you gulp your drink, you like alcohol; if you take your time to sip on it and chew it, you like wine."

modern updates of the each Tuscan wine she poured for us. This year's latest industryfad revolves around grape variety ratios. San Giovese, the famous local grape variety, used to make up at least 85 percent of every Chianti D.O.C.G (the top Italian white younger generations are more enthralled with spumante (or sparkling) whites, our guide said on changing wine preferences. But with the ancient wine villas such as the famous Medici and Antinori families in Florence still standing and producing world class wines, it is obvious that no trend in winemaking will shift Italy too far from its history. As long as the harvest comes each year, there will be both new and old ways devised and cherished for keeping alive the tradition of Italy as the Mecca of wine civilization.
Across

4 Bubble gum contains this substance.
6 You burn about 2.6 calories doing this for a minute.
7 The average person takes this many minutes to fall asleep.
10 The U.S. has more bagpipe bands than this country.
13 One of the only birds that can see the color blue.
14 The object most choked on by Americans.
15 One of the two planets to have no known satellites.
16 A pound of this animal's meat contains 780 calories.
19 Mosquitoes have these.
22 This animal can go without water longer than a camel can.
23 Almost a quarter of the land area of Los Angeles is taken up by these.
25 The closest relative to the manatee.
28 On average, people fear these more than death.
30 Washington D.C. has one of these for every 19 residents.
32 In 19th century England, this word for an article of clothing was considered a dirty word.
33 This animal has eight senses.
34 In space, astronauts cannot do this.
36 This creature can change its sex every seven days.
37 The Dutch word for father.
38 When you die, this still grows for a couple of months.

Down

1 This musical TV series does not have a theme song.
2 0.3% of all road accidents in Canada involve this animal.
3 Mosquitoes are attracted to people who have recently eaten this fruit.
5 The South African antelope that is almost the same color as grape juice.
6 "Empty orchestra" in Japanese.
8 The color of mourning in Turkey.
9 Mario's original name in Donkey Kong.
11 A puppy in this state came back from the dead after being euthanized.
12 This fruit can cost up to $100 in Japan.
16 Money is made out of this substance.
17 The only U.S. capital without a McDonalds.
18 There are more plastic versions of this bird in America than real ones.
21 An edible ingredient of dynamite.
22 These fruits explode when you put them in the microwave.
24 There were none of these in the Pony Express.
26 45 different kinds of antelope can be found on this continent.
27 In 1987, Bayer marketed this drug. (Not Aspirin)
30 Washington D.C. has one of these for every 19 residents.
31 It's against the law to catch fish with your bare hands in this state.
32 In 19th century England, this word for an article of clothing was considered a dirty word.
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Cris Cab’s The Rise Tour visits T.T. the Bears

Saturday evening, singer and songwriter Cris Cab made his way back to Boston, headlining The Rise Tour, making a stop at local venue T.T. the Bears, located in Cambridge. The 19-year-old Miami native returned to life on the road once again to promote his third EP, Rise. Fellow musicians Red Arlington – better known as Corey Leonard, and Sebastian Mikael, shared the intimate stage with Cab for the evening.

Cab treated his Boston fans to a full set of upbeat tracks from Rise, along with a few original title tracks including “Good Girls (Don’t Grow On Trees)” and “My Life.”

The night kicked off with Red Arlington, taking the stage to set the mood for the fan-filled night. Having such a local name, it came as no surprise to find that the 25-year-old hip-hop artist hails from Arlington, MA. Drawing inspirations from artists such as Asher Roth, Sam Adams, and Mac Miller, Arlington knows exactly who his audience is. The crowd took a fast liking to this party boy, who not only warmed up the crowd with his energy, hype, and upbeat songs such as “Club Soda” in preparation for the show while also providing a few lucky fans the opportunity to meet the artist. From a young age, Mikael knew he wanted to make music. Once on stage, Mikael and his touring band made sure to keep the crowd alive and kicking for their set. This did not seem to serve as much of a challenge since Mikael carried a stage presence that could rival the likes of Bruno Mars. Mikael also presented the audience with silky falsettos showcased in songs such as “Beautiful Life” and “Speechless.” It is safe to say that if some crowd members were not fans of Mikael prior to the show, they are now.

With his unique charm, honest lyrics, and engaging guitar playing, Mikael is the total package in what one would look for in an up-and-coming artist. Mikael melted the hearts of the listeners, receiving a roaring applause following his set.

Shortly after, members of the audience anxiously waited Cris Cab’s appearance as they chattered among one another, anticipating what songs Cab would possibly play. Moments following, he burst onto the intimate stage with his charming vibe, enthusiastic as he could possibly be. Moving straight into the intimate song “Going Home,” Cab fans were beyond excited singing along to his smooth, modern reggae styling’s of Cab, with songs such as “Crypsets on the Boulevard,” “Turn You On,” and “Better off Running.” Cab, who covered songs from famed artists Shaggy, Foster the People, and The Steve Miller Band, introduced his cover of Bob Marley by mentioning, “This is my main inspiration, why I play music; Mr. Bob Marley,” causing fans to raise their glasses through the red-lighted atmosphere. The feeling in the air at that moment was one that this lucky audience will never forget.

Following the show, Cab hosted a meet and greet for fans at his merchandise table, snapping photos and signing autographs for fans. The night made for an overall success and a relaxing start to the fall evening, providing rhythmic and gratifying tunes throughout the entire event. Be sure to check out Cris Cab’s latest EP Rise, now available on iTunes.

Have you been to a good local show lately? Come write a cover story! We would love to have you.

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Director Kevin Smith visits the Wilbur Theatre

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Saturday evening, fan boys and girls, young and old, lined up around the block waiting to see their idol live before their eyes at the Wilbur Theatre. Kevin Smith, a well-known screenwriter and director of famed films Clerks, Clerks II, Mallrats and Chasing Amy, visited the theatre with one purpose: to talk. “An Evening With Kevin Smith” accomplished this.

Aside from the die-hard fans, who else would want to go see that? Granted there are many fans who do more than get his autograph, one doesn’t have to be that way to enjoy his lecture. Smith is like the crazy uncle who always told you inappropriate stories when your parents weren’t around — yeah, it’s that kind of humor.

Smith started out the evening stepping onto the stage in a long trench coat. He stood straight in front of the audience and opened his coat, revealing a Bruins jersey. He has been called a “poser” in the past for this, he revealed later on, but that night the audience didn’t seem to care. He started by encouraging attendees to ask him questions. He revealed his favorite lightsaber fight is in the Phantom Menace, and said the newest Batman movie was a “religious experience” and “almost comparable to the birth of my child.”

Unfortunately, Smith was mixing in self-deprecating comments throughout the discussion. At one point Smith was concerned that if someone saw him with his dachshund, Shecky, they would say “Hey that’s a fat man with a little dog.”

As the night progressed with many typical fan questions about Star Trek and Aqua Man, the audience got a glimpse into the more sweet and serious Smith. Smith smiled and talked about how his brother had been married to the same man for 20 years and at the wedding there were nothing but bright smiles. Again, marriage became a soft spot for the somewhat vulgar director when a woman who was getting married in a week asked for a hug. He gladly obliged. Although Smith wasn’t so kind to his own marriage, revealing an embarrassing story about Jennifer Schawlbach to the audience, too crude for this publication, he meant no harm by it.

If you are into off-color humor and combination super hero-sex jokes, then you will be into this. Not just a director/writer with podcasts all over the Internet, with a superb Twitter following and his show Comic Book Men, Kevin Smith knows how to be funny and entertaining, yet always genuine.
YourWeek(end): Things To Do On/around Campus

Wednesday, Oct. 17
5:57pm: Make Halloween desserts in Cooking'101. (Sargent Hall, 120 Tremont Street)
Corcoran Room, Seventh Floor)

Friday, Oct. 19
7pm: Suffolk's Hispanic Association presents their annual culture show, Nuestra Cultura, to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. (Location TBA)

Saturday, Oct. 20
11am-12:30pm: Grab a free brunch in the Donahue Cafe before the Women's volleyball game in Ridgeway.

Monday, Oct. 22
6-10pm: Attend the FutureM marketing festival opening night celebration for food, drinks, music, and guest speakers. (Space S7 at Revere Hotel [200 Stuart Street], Boston. 21+)

Tuesday, Oct. 23
6-8:30pm: Taste some refreshments and enjoy a free screening of Philip The Fossil (Donahue 311)

CreaturoS is not Doomed

David Frederick
Journal Staff

If you want to experience psychedelic garage rock that'll bleed perfectly into your fall, you should check out CreaturoS debut, SWAMPP Thinggg. With the surf-rock-inspired opening track 'James Day's Milk Shake,' the band creates a crisp vibe that lets you experience a truly raw hype. If any track off of SWAMPP Thinggg will catch and reel-in new fans, it would have to be 'Charles Brown,' as its melodic chords sweep you up and send you into a technicolored stratosphere, turning into a wild fever dream.

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'Last Summers' #1 Hit Single is ironically catchy like The Black Keys on an acid trip. I would have to say that my favorite track would be 'Weak End,' as it is an ever transcending wall of sound that cannot and will not be ignored. The band is tapping into the grand well of DIY nostalgia by releasing SWAMPP Thinggg on cassette. It fits the motif perfectly, it's like finding a long-lost piece of work from a long-forgotten band, but CreaturoS is anything but forgettable. With tracks like 'I Don't Want To Go To The Beach' and 'Leave Your Face Behind,' short but angst-drenched, fast-paced jams are just plain experimental fun. The last track on SWAMPP Thinggg clocks in at 9'52" and each second is put towards giving the bands' sound, the idea of being repetitive could happen but if these guys manage to stay inspired, I see a bright future for them.

As of now, they are touring in support of SWAMPP Thinggg with already confirmed events such as Homegrown 4: Boston Hassle Fest, taking place at the Cambridge Elks Lodge, in Central Square, from November 2 to 3. (18+/$15) They will also play on Monday, Oct. 29 along with The MFOS and Freak Flag at Zuzu's on Mass Ave in Cambridge SWAMPP Thinggg.

Get: Halloween Tix

Three HUGE shows in Boston right on Halloween:

- Richie Hawtin, Loco Dice, Paco Osuna, Ean Golden @ RISE (18+)
- After-hours @ RISE (w/DJ Dan) (18+)
- Doorly @ Prime (21+)
- Mind Control @ Bijou (21+)
- LOUISAHHH!!! @ Samba (21+)
- Doctor P @ RISE (18+)
- GLOW Boston @ RISE (w/DJ Doubletake) (18+)
- After-hours @ RISE (w/Chriss Vargas) (18+)
- Pretty Lights w/ Bonobo, Sammy Adams, Eliot Lipp @ TD Garden (18+)
- Danny Tenaglia w/ Wil Trahan @ Bijou (21+)

Get tickets asap - they're selling fast.
Macklemore strikes listeners with "The Heist"

Macklemore Cummings-Grey

With a slew of new music being released in the last week from many talented artists, it was going to be a close call as to who would reign supreme on the top of the Billboard charts. Ellie Goulding, Cris Cab, All Time Low, and Machine Gun Kelly were all expected to make the list, but all fell short to a new hip-hop artist fresh out of Seattle, WA. Within one hour of release The Heist, by rapper Ben Haggerty (better known as Macklemore) and beat maker Ryan Lewis, reached number one on iTunes.

At first take The Heist may seem like nothing particularly special. Macklemore's voice isn't distinct or unique in comparison to the likes of Lil Wayne or Wiz Khalifa. The beats, on their own, aren't as unique as those of Kanye West or Lupe Fiasco, but Haggerty's swagger on the rhythms, as well as his impressive lyricism, make this debut a deep inspirational rap album that will launch the duo to stardom. Macklemore takes the opportunity not to please the general public, but instead to make a political statement; in a way that is easily relatable, and not bogged down in poetic metaphors like Lupe's Food and Liquor II. To most hip-hop listeners, this album was what The Great American Rap Album should have been.

The opening track "Ten Thousand Hours" acts as the opening dedication to a novel, and has Macklemore thanking the fans for appreciating the hard work he has put into his musical career. The hook states: "Ten-thousand hours, felt like ten-thousand ants, ten-thousand ants, they carry me." The hours of work he has put into this album begins to deteriorate, and drops occasional hints that these marriage failures are all too common in American society; that people marry out of other reasons besides love; "the greatest trick the devil ever pulled was convincing women he loved them.

While tracks "Can't Hold Us" and "Thrift Shop" show the fun, party side to Macklemore, he makes sure to put those songs early in the album, as if to get them out of the way before he moves in to what he really has to say. The song "Thin Line" has Mr. Haggerty describing a loveless marriage beginning to deteriorate, and drops occasional hints that these marriage failures are all too common in American society.

The Heist provides a breath of fresh air for hip-hop, and reaffirms my belief that hip-hop isn't dead. Hopefully Lewis and Macklemore are ready for the pressure they put on themselves, and will continue to make inspiring tunes in the years to come. Until that day comes, listeners can enjoy their debut album until every song is ingrained in their brain.

Fall Fest '12 is truly 'Spectacular'

Flora Wilds
Journal Contributor

Suffolk's Performing Arts Office produced their annual Fall Fest this past weekend. The free show, entitled "Sports Spectacular," was held at the G. Walsh Theater. Acts included performances by student musical groups and soloists, as well as routines by Suffolk's own step team and dance troupe. While the group acts were entertaining, it was the solo performances that better displayed Suffolk students' diverse talent in the arts. Three solo acts stood out to students and faculty in particular. Aikens, a freshman at Suffolk, sung with confidence and passion. It's safe to say he stole the show during the first act.

Another solo act that brought roaring cheers from the crowd was Nick Aikens on the piano, singing an original song entitled "Stuck Inside My Head." Aikens' performance exhibited his skillful range as a singer as well as a meaningful lyricist. Aikens, a freshman at Suffolk, sung with confidence and passion. It's safe to say he stole the show during the first act.

Follow the reading, the final solo act impressed all. An Wang performed on the Guqin, an ancient Chinese weapon turned instrument. Wang has been playing since she was only four years of age, and her talent was obvious in her beautiful and precise performance. Sandwiched in between two numbers by the ensemble, Wang's piece was a unique and refreshing break from the Glee-like enthusiasts of the show choir.

Other notable acts included a lengthy, but fun, routine by the Fresh Beat Dance Crew, a high-energy display of talent from the Suffolk Step team, and the band Lost & Found performing their original song, "Average Joe." Overall, Fall Fest was an entertaining show, but the acts that deviated from the sports theme turned out to be the most spectacular.
Have you discovered Clover yet?

Ellie Hawkins
Journal Contributor

In today's society, fast food has become part of our daily city routines. As local and organic food takes an all-time high in the food market, Clover Food Labs has discovered a new take on making fast food with wholesome products and in more sustainable ways, creating a more healthy food option for their customers. Clover was created by Ayr Muir, who started the business with his first food truck located by MIT in Cambridge. Now, there are currently two restaurants and five food trucks throughout Boston and its neighboring area.

Clover makes it a key priority to pride itself on its sustainability commitment. Julian, an assistant manager at Clover, explained a few of the ways the company maintains itself as a sustainable and successful food provider. Instead of buying new trucks, the company acquires their food trucks from old linen or food companies and fix them up to meet current-day regulation standards. These trucks can be seen all over the greater area of Boston. They are also careful about their impact on the Earth and use reusable containers to transport food to the trucks. Needless to say, all the packaging is biodegradable.

On a daily basis Clover trucks will host a maximum of 12 people. Some of the workers will be on the interior of the truck cooking food while others will be outside taking orders. Julian said, "I also enjoy meeting the customers and getting to know them." The Clover location by the recently-refurbished Brewer Fountain gets a variety of customers due to its downtown location. This particular location is open seven days a week throughout the entire calendar year. Monday through Friday 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Clover has four reasonably priced sandwiches that will always be on the menu along with two drinks. The most popular sandwich is the Chippea Fritter Sandwich (pictured on the right) paired with their popular Rosemary French Fries.

Clover has a daily sandwich, drink, and soup available only in the winter along with classic salad specials. It changes its menu items based on the different seasons and seasonal occasions. The only downfall is that this location shuts down due to weather conditions, which they play by ear every day throughout the tougher seasons. The Tremont and Park Street location is a stunning place to eat with great thanks to the seating area in the Boston Common next to it, making for a convenient setting for customers. There are tables and chairs located around the gorgeous Brewer fountain, which also adds to the atmosphere of the Clover food truck.

Clover is able to maintain their prices low and reasonable, due to the restraint of advertising or web designing, instead designing their webpage as a blog. Clover has designed the blog so their customers can find an easy outlet to comment and give feedback on their food experience. Their sandwiches range from $5 to $6 and their drinks, $2 to $3. This is a perfect location for Suffolk, Emerson, and other neighboring college students to eat if they are looking for an affordable way to explore away from their daily cafeterias.

Other locations around the city include 7 Holyoke St., Atlantic Avenue, 20 Carleton St., and Summer St. If you would like to learn more about Clover or find other locations, visit www.cloverfoodlab.com for more information.

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Jay-Z ditches lavishness

Jay-Z hopped aboard a New York subway train to Brooklyn last Saturday to reach the new Brooklyn Nets' Barclays Center where he was scheduled to perform, reported SFGate.com.

Instead of riding in the back of a luxury Maybach, he joined New York residents and tourists in the subway as he made his way to the list of his eight performances in the city. He posed for pictures with fans and started a conversation with an elderly woman he sat next to.

Jay-Z, was not alone, however. He was accompanied by body guards and policemen in plain clothes. Nevertheless, he traveled on one of the city's oldest trains, the R train, between Canal Street and the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

The rapper's adventure didn't end at his Atlantic Avenue stop, however. Onlookers were surprised to see Jay-Z walking to the venue from the station.

Brooklyn born and raised, the 42-year-old rapper no doubt felt comfortable on the way to his show among the people he grew up with. Now a father and loyal husband, Mr. Carter opted-out of the lavish hip-hop star lifestyle for one evening to show respect for his fans and area.

His wife Beyonce did not join him on the ride, but she attended the show and even got on stage to perform "Diva" and "Crazy in Love" alongside her husband.

Esquire Honors Kunis

Following the recent success of Black Swan, Friends with Benefits, and Ted, along with a long-standing role as the voice of Meg on Family Guy, Mila Kunis' no-nonsense attitude and stunningly dark features have earned her Esquire's Sexiest Woman Alive.

Kunis started off her career as Jackie on That '70s Show by lying about her age so that she could be on the show. Years later, her popularity is flourishing, but the 29-year-old has stayed grounded.

"So much of who you are in this industry is based on what that critic says, what that director says, what that actor says," said Kunis. "People start believing all that, and they become what everybody else wants them to be. And I think that I've consciously repurposed my two lives. I love what I do. I couldn't imagine doing anything else. But when I'm done with work, I'm done with work. I think that if I bought into the hype, I would lose all sight of who I am."

The cover of the new Esquire features Kunis wearing only jeans and the photo shoot includes a lot of lacy black lingerie. Her down-to-earth personality combined with her signature doe-eyed expression and killer body is a nearly unchallenged recipe for Sexiest Woman Alive. With this honor, she joins a group that includes Rihanna, Minka Kelly, and Kate Beckinsale.

To add to this year's success for Kunis, she and Ashton Kutcher, also a star of That '70s Show, recently went public with their romantic relationship.
FDA needs more power

Chris Musk
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New England Compounding Center (NECC) — a Framingham, Massachusetts based company — has been distributing a steroid to patients across the United States for various medical reasons. The last shipment of these steroids sent out by NECC has apparently gone to 23 states and 71 medical facilities that could affect up to a total of 14,000 people, according to government health officials. This steroid has now been confirmed to have infected people in over 14 states, with 205 cases being recorded, and so far 15 deaths from fungal meningitis. NECC has recalled their products sent out and for the time being, suspended production. For those who do not know, meningitis is an infection of the membranes covering the spinal cord and brain, where symptoms can include nausea, headaches, and fever. Luckily fungal meningitis is not contagious only the bacterial and viral forms of meningitis are.

How does such a thing like this happen when we have government programs like the FDA overseeing all of the drug makers in America? Many patients have individual needs for specific mixtures of medications; the process of mixing medications to fit each patient’s drug prescription is the process known as drug compounding. The process of drug compounding is performed by many pharmacists, but requires a doctor to physically oversee the pharmacist in making these prescriptions. The batch of steroids released by New England Compounding Center was not overseen by the FDA because the FDA does not have legal jurisdiction to regulate “drug compounded” medications, but rather only normal medications given to patients. As one can tell, clearly something went wrong in the drug compounding process and the FDA should immediately be given congressional approval to start regulating this process before another deadly outbreak happens again.

Tennessee, out of all the states affected, has suffered the worst repercussions from this horrible tragedy, with 53 cases of meningitis and six deaths. Michigan has been the second hardest hit state, with 41 cases and three deaths, followed by Virginia with 34 cases and one death. Many other states affected by this outbreak — including my home state of New Hampshire and the ones listed above — have filed for administrative hearings with possible violations to come for New England Compounding Center. NECC is likely to lose their license in the state of Massachusetts for giving patients drug prescriptions and I would not be surprised if we start seeing some of those physicians and doctors who work there being arrested. It would be completely unacceptable for the doctors and pharmacists at NECC to get away with any of these offenses.

Some of New England Compounding Center’s patients have been diagnosed with fungal meningitis have already filed lawsuits against the company. With a total of 15 deaths and hundreds affected by these drug compounded steroid medications, I believe the question is not whether people will be going to prison, but how long are these NECC pharmacists and doctors going to prison for.

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Anya Batrakova  
Journal Contributor

It has come to our attention that one in five Americans has no religious affiliation. A study that just came out conducted by the Pew Center and PBS says that 19.6 percent of the population is religiously unaffiliated. This includes atheists and agnostics, who comprise six percent of the population. Perhaps I view the country as more conservative than it actually is, but these percentages surprise me. The numbers are at their highest point ever in American history, and they are higher than I assumed. Maybe my fear of religious zealots taking over the country has skewed my idea of our nation's general spiritualism.

Let me just say, I am one of those people who proudly proclaims that I am spiritual and not religious. This probably gets a lot of mental eye-rolling. But I pray, believe in a higher power, and even if I didn't, I follow my own moral and ethical codes. I formed a lot of my morals not just from my parents, who are for the most part religiously unaffiliated, but through what I myself deem spiritually fit.

Sometimes it's intrinsic, and other times it's through the trials and errors of daily living. Many people are just like this. So many of us have tried to find a religion that fits our ideals, but to no avail. Somewhere, something within organized religion doesn't click for them but do believe there is something bigger than them. The reasons for this, the study claims, are usually that the unaffiliated view the religious organizations as "too concerned with money and power, too focused on rules, and too involved in politics." Discounted, many have given up on God altogether.

It is also not shocking to learn that 60 percent of voters who are religiously unaffiliated are Democrats. They support same-sex marriage and women's abortion rights — something not typically embraced in religious institutions. I visited a church service recently as a portion of my research for a class, and they were talking a lot about how woman was made for man, and if you divorce you won't get into heaven. It is easy to see how these ideas could make an American of today uncomfortable. Clearly, the Pew statistics show an appropriate progression into modern times. Not only are many people turned off from what they interpret to be hypocrisy, but many of our views have changed into something more free, liberal, and open-minded.

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Why we *shouldn't* trust propaganda

A.P. Blake  
Opinion Editor

With the drums of war beating for Iran, too few questions are being asked. There are striking similarities with how the United States entered the war with Iraq. How do we entered Iraq based on the premise of weapons of mass destruction? We even had mysterious covert sources passing on information about the weapons, but we never found a trace when the boots were on the ground.

Now we have reports that Iran is trying to construct a nuclear arsenals with nothing to back it up except distorted quotes and grainy satellite imagery. The way many in the American public will eat this up just goes to show how quickly we are to disregard other people's lives for the sake of how we believe the world should or for our own minor conveniences.

So who exactly is responsible for beating the drums of war, and what do they want? Some may point to extreme political Zionism and note the conflict between Israel and Iran. While I am sure this may say with almost everything in politics. Follow the money.

Following the destruction and occupation of Iraq, mega-corporations came out rolling in the riches and a country was arguably left reeling in a worse position than before. These corporations include Halliburton, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, General Electric, and numerous oil giants. Most of military bases, oil field re-pairs, and various infrastructure rebuilding projects across the war-torn nation, just from my parents, who are religiously unaffiliated, but through what I myself deem spiritually fit.

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With big contracts and crooked opportunities abound, it is imperative that we take a look at just who is beating the drums of war. Money talks in American politics. I do not wish to make baseless accusations, but we should face facts: the premise of the Iraq war was an outrage - a lie that fooled shaky at best and some very well-connected contractors cashed some obscenely large checks. The current rhetoric about Iran has even less credibility, and I suspect the cost will be much greater.

Iran is not developed and far more advanced than Iraq was; an invasion will not work. Many people of our country worry and our deficit will be far greater than what we've already seen. The American military industrial complex is in place and well, so lets not be fooled.

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Incumbents too weak?

Matt Bacon
Sports Editor

Last Thursday night, Americans everywhere tuned in to watch the only vice-presidential debate of this campaign season. It was no surprise when Biden faced off against the young and charismatic Paul Ryan in what promised to be an intense clash.

However, when the curtains closed and the final words had been spoken, the buzz was more about Biden's behavior than the actual substance of the debate. The vice president was on the attack all night, cutting off Ryan, accusing him of lying, and at some points even openly laughing or smiling when Ryan stated something he believed was untrue. Though entertaining, his antics certainly distracted from the high stakes of the presidency, and even though Biden "won" the debate, it was not by a whole lot. His rude demeanor won points for the opposing camp.

Joe Biden has always been a no-nonsense kind of guy. He's rough around the edges, he tells it like it is and isn't afraid who he offends. But on Thursday night, what may have otherwise been written off as "Joe being Joe" looked more like desperation from a campaign that is beginning to feel threatened by what they once perceived as a weak opponent. It is no secret that the president greatly underperformed in his first debate, and one can't help but wonder if Biden was going over the limit to make up for lost ground.

Biden's performance in the debate is just another example of what has so far been a failed campaign by the incumbent team. Instead of concentrating on what Obama plans to do next for the nation, his campaign has focused on Romney's shortcomings, trying to bring out of him as insignificant and corrupt. Between both campaigns' strategies, which are actually quite similar, this might be the most savage election season we have seen in a long time.

The strange thing about Biden's approach to this debate is that, at least for the supporters of the President, it seemed to work. Many Democrats hailed Biden after the debate for his passion and felt reassured that this administration has more fight in it. Old Joe also hit all of the right points, criticizing the Romney team for things like his "47 percent" comment, and his comment suggesting that we should let the auto industry "go bankrupt." Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley even said in an interview with ABC News that he felt many of Ryan's comments deserved the laughter they drew from Biden.

I am a liberal, and a supporter of the President. Earlier this week I filled out my absentee ballot for the state of Connecticut, and I am proud to say that the first president I have ever voted for is Barack Obama. I believe he truly has the best interests of all Americans, and the country as a whole, in mind. However, if he and Joe Biden want more people to think like me, it is time for them to start taking this campaign seriously. Romney and Ryan have both had strong debate performances and have proven they are not here to mess around. On the other side of things, Obama's first performance was terribly lacking, and Biden, although putting forth a much stronger performance, came off as rude and condescending.

As I write this in preparation for what is now last night's debate, I am hoping that the President will focus more on the issues than just attempting to cast aside Romney and tout his own achievements. While he has done some great things for this country, these debates are about what he will do next, not what he has already done. If both candidates stick to the issues, and their plans to tackle those issues instead of demonizing each other, President Obama will undoubtedly prove to the American people that he is a much better choice for the future of this nation.

One girl's struggle for an education

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Living in a free nation, we sometimes lose sight of how important our basic freedoms are. To Malala Yousafzai, this lack of freedom has inspired the 14-year-old Pakistani girl, and has ultimately led her to fighting for her own life. On Tuesday, Oct. 9, Malala was shot in the head and neck while boarding a school bus to go home from school. Two of Malala's friends were also injured. After the attack, the Pakistani Taliban took full responsibility for the attack claiming that Malala was a target because she began voicing her opposition against the Taliban in regards to violence and the lack of education for women in her country.

In a statement released by a Taliban spokesperson, Malala was the main target because she represented "the symbol of infidels and obscenity" because of her liberal ideals about girls' education.

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Growing concern. According to new statistics that were released by the Federal Education Ministry of Pakistan, 74 percent of girls in the country are illiterate. The report also showed that out of 163,000 primary schools, only 40,000 are for girls. While many of these statistics are arguably incorrect, especially considering they are the official statistics released by the Pakistani government, more independent statistics show higher numbers.

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Philadelphia Eagles Fire Castillo

Philadelphia Eagles Head Coach Andy Reid fired defensive coordinator Juan Castillo. Reid, in his 14th season coaching the Eagles, dismissed Castillo mid-season, after Castillo coached the Eagles offensive line for 13 seasons. This came after the game against the Detroit Lions, in which they blew a 10-point lead to lose in overtime. Reid felt like he put Castillo in a position that he believed would work, but it simply did not, and Reid is taking full responsibility. With last year's early struggles on defense, it is apparent that the blame has fallen on Castillo's shoulders. Castillo was part of the Eagles organization for 18 years, which is the longest that any coach in franchise history has been with the team. The Eagles (3-3) face the undefeated Atlanta Falcons in Week 8, when Philadelphia will give a chance for new defensive coordinator Todd Bowles, the former secondary coach, to ease into his new position during the bye week.

NHL Offers At 50-50 Split

The NHL has brought labor talks back to life, offering a 50-50 split in hockey related revenues. This agreement would also mean an 82-game hockey season starting on November 2nd. It is now up to the NHL Player's Association to consider signing this agreement. The NHLPA has already come out and said that the document is so long that this will not be a quick deal. The league's current offer would not affect any contracts of current players. NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr claims that this current offer that the NHL has put on the table would last for at least six years. According to sources, if the deal is accepted by the NHLPA, teams will be able to go over the cap, which could be up to $70 million. The deal is on the table, and there is a chance that America will have hockey back in as soon as a week. Will the NHLPA end the lockout?

Holmgren Leaves Browns

Mike Holmgren is no longer the Cleveland Browns team president. New Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam III has announced that Holmgren is out, but will remain with the organization until they resolve the position. Haslam bought the team with a $1 billion purchase from Randy Lerner. The NFL owners voted, and all 32 approved of Haslam's purchase of the Browns. Holmgren is a former Super Bowl-winning head coach for the 1996 Green Bay Packers. Although he has been the owner for a short time, the organization feels that Haslam has made great decisions so far in his ownership. Eyebrows are now being raised, because the big question the people now want to know...will Holmgren go back to coaching? Many reporters are also questioning if this move means they will look for a new coaching staff next year. The rumors will continue to circulate, but for now all that anyone knows, the Browns are looking for change.

Women's Volleyball

Thursday, 10/18 vs. Curry 7 PM
Saturday, 10/20 vs. Johnson & Wales 1 PM
Tuesday, 10/23 @ Lesley 8 PM

Women's Soccer

Wednesday, 10/17 vs. St. Joseph's (Me.) 6 PM
Saturday, 10/20 vs. St. Joseph (Conn.) 4:30 PM

Men's Soccer

Wednesday, 10/17 vs. Lasell 8:30 PM
Saturday, 10/20 vs. River 8 PM

Team standings

Men's Soccer
1. Lasell 13-1
2. Albertus Magnus 11-3-2
3. Johnson and Wales 9-6-1
4. Saint Joseph's (Me.) 9-6-2
5. Norwich 8-5-1
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7. Emerson 7-6-1
8. Mount Ida 6-7-1
9. Suffolk 6-8-1
10. Emmanuel 4-4-2
11. River 0-11-1
12. Anna Maria 2-12-1

Women's Volleyball
1. Emerson 13-8
2. Rivier 15-9
3. Simmons 14-12
4. Saint Joseph's (Me.) 17-5
5. Emmanuel 10-14
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7. Johnson & Wales 10-17
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Aaron Rodgers Dominates as Packers Crush Texans; Manning Overcomes Largest Deficit in Career

Roy Ben-Joseph
Journal Staff

It was in the summer of 2008 when the residents of Green Bay, Wisconsin, woke up to shocking news. Their long-time franchise quarterback and future hall of famer, Brett Favre, had asked the team to release him after 17 seasons and one Super Bowl ring. It was clear at the time that the 24th overall pick in the 2005 NFL draft, Aaron Rodgers, who spent the previous three seasons as backup for Favre, was going to take over.

In the beginning, the fans did not take the news too well. The rest, however, is history.

In 2010, Aaron Rodgers would lead the Packers to a victory in Super Bowl XLV and win the MVP award on the way. The next season, Rodgers would lead the world champion Packers to a 15-1 regular season record, a franchise high, and win the NFL MVP award.

Entering play in Week 6 of 2012, the Packers and their reigning NFL MVP entered play with a 2-3 record which marked the first time in many years they have a record under .500. After a stunning loss in Indianapolis in Week 5, in which the Packers lost an 18-point lead at the half time, doubts began to surround the ability of Aaron Rodgers to recreate his 2011 season. The Packers faced the Houston Texans, who had a 5-0 record for the first time in franchise history, looking to extend the perfect season. The Texans defense, which was ranked third entering play, had suffered a huge loss in All-Pro Linebacker Brian Cushing who tore his ACL in a Week 5 game vs. the Jets. It was soon clear that instead of the game being a celebration of the Texans franchise, that it would be Aaron Rodgers' show.

The Packers started the game in a storm with two quick touchdown passes by Rodgers in the first quarter for a 14-0 lead. After Houston running back Arian Foster ran for a one yard TD to cut the lead in half, Rodgers threw another 21-yard pass to Jordy Nelson to give the Packers a 21-7 lead. A Shane Graham 51-yard field goal made it 21-10 Packers at the half time.

The second half was once again exclusively the Aaron Rodgers show, as he threw for three more touchdowns, tying a career high six TD passes. Overall, Rodgers was 24-for-37 in passing for 338 yards and six TD's. It was the much improved Packers defense, who last year ranked last in the league and set an NFL record for yards given up, that stopped Houston QB Matt Schaub, who went for 20-39 in passing for 298 yards and six TD's. The game also featured the two sack leaders in the NFL, Clay Matthews III from the Packers and J.J. Watt from the Texans. The Packers ended up crushing the Texans 42-24 with 437 total offensive yards against the third ranked defense in the NFL. As Aaron Rodgers looked like the man who won the MVP award last year, it is safe to assume that he has completely beaten any vestige of criticism.

In the overtime prime time game, the San Diego Chargers hosted the Denver Broncos and future Hall of Fame quarterback Peyton Manning. The Broncos were coming off a loss in Foxboro to the Patriots in Week 5, and Peyton Manning still had to deal with some questions as to whether he could recreate his performance from before his neck surgeries that caused him to miss all of the 2011 season. Three hours from the start, the game became another big milestone in Manning's rich career. At half time, San-Diego was up 24-0. Never in his career has Manning overcome such a deficit. In the second half, we saw a different Manning. We saw the old shepherd who used his stature in the community both as a football coach and as a mentor through his Second Mile charity for at risk children to take advantage of his victims. His victims, which most wish to not be named, have had their remarks read in court and they are quite incriminating in nature. One victim, as read by the prosecutor Joseph E. McGarrigian III, said "He promised to be my friend and mentor. Jerry Sandusky humiliated me beyond description." The Washington Post reported.

Another part of this story is one of the victims happens to be one of Sandusky's adopted sons. He came forward during the trial and told prosecutors that he was abused, which made Sandusky decide not to take the witness stand.

Jerry Sandusky again at court claimed he was innocent, that this was all a massive conspiracy, and that all the facts victims are lying. Almost everyone in the courtroom was visibly upset by these statements.

"Others can take away my life. They can make me out as a monster. They can treat me as a monster. But they can't take away my heart," the Washington Post also reported Sandusky as saying. "In my heart, I know I did not do these alleged disgusting acts."

Sandusky's defense team plans to appeal the court's decision, citing not enough time for the defense to prepare before going to court, that no one would listen to Sandusky's side of the story, and lastly that the victims were not trustworthy.

Judge John M. Cleland in handing down the sentence said to Sandusky "You abused the trust you were given. You... The crime is not only what you did to their bodies, but your assault to their psyches and souls."
Men's Soccer in midst of intense playoff race

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It's almost playoff time for the Suffolk men's soccer program as there are only three games left on the schedule this season.

Recently it's been tough as the men have dropped their last three games, allowing three goals in each match; the Rams were defeated 3-2, 3-1, and 3-1 again.

These are tough matches to drop as Suffolk will need every win it can get to have momentum going into the playoffs.

Sitting in eighth place in the GNAC right now, the Rams have a record of 3-4-1, which makes them eligible for the last spot in the playoffs if they can perform up to par in these last three matches.

Out of those matches, two of them will be played against GNAC opponents; Lasell and Rivier.

Lasell this year has been dominant posting an 8-0 record on the season and in first place in the GNAC. Rivier on the other hand sits below Suffolk and is threatening to overtake them in the standings if the Rams cannot defeat them in their upcoming game.

Before playing the GNAC rivals, they will have to go on the road to face Salve Regina, a non-conference game that can help boost their record and winning-percentage.

Sophomore Dijbril Niang of Senegal has been a major of this year's Rams team, fourth on the team with four goals and fourth in assists two on the year.

As a midfielder, prima the left side, Niang over the field playing of and getting back for de as well. He feels that the are poised for a playoff and can't wait to finish off season.

“Our game versus Sal just a warm up for our two conference games, win our last two (conf games), were into the pit and possibly be able to p home in the first round.”

When asked about playing undeated Lasell, Niang itching at the chance, “Excited. I scored equalizer when we tied last year. I can't wait to first team to beat them if the rest of the roster is as excited abe end of the season as is, it looks as if this tea exactly what it needs to to run to the playoffs.

Suffolk will play at home on Wednesday 8 p.m. at Dilboy Stad Somerville.

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Women's Tennis White-Hot Entering Playoffs

CJ Haddad
Journal Staff

And then there were four.

This MLB post-season has been filled with drama as all four ALDS and NLDS series came down to game five. Those left standing are the Yankees and Tigers from the American League, and the Giants and defending World Series champs, the Cardinals.

In the American League match-up, we find the only Triple Crown winner since Boston's beloved Carl Yastrzemski, Miguel Cabrera, and last year's MVP and Cy Young winner Max Scherzer represent the Tigers. For the Yankees, second base sensation Robinson Cano and dominant ace CC Sabathia lead the charge for the evil empire. If the Yankees are to make it to the World Series, they are going to have to do what they've been best at all year: hitting home runs. The Bronx Bombers have hit a whopping 245 long balls this year, which can be much accredited to that generous short porch and "wind tunnel" that is the new Yankee Stadium right field.

Along with that short porch is an abundance of left handed hitters who all have the power to send that ball into that big gust of air. Among those left-handers is Curtis Granderson, who alone impressively hit 43 of his own home runs, second in the MLB. Mark Teixeira, Robinson Cano, Carlos Delgado, and the new Yankee in the lineup, Jason Nix, and the man who is the only player in post season history to hit three home runs in the ninth inning or later in one post season, Raul Ibanez, also have put forth impressive performances with the Yankees.

Though the power numbers are there for the Yankees, those bats haven't shown up in the playoffs until this point. After their five run explosion in the ninth inning of game one, the Yankees have only scored nine runs in games two through five. Hopefully (or not so hopefully) the power outage stops or the Yankees will find themselves watching the Fall Classic from their couches.

"The Detroit Tigers on the other hand looked poised to make the World Series since they lost four games to one to the St. Louis Cardinals in 2006. Offensively, the Tigers picked up the most coveted free agent of this past off season in Prince Fielder. Prince has made the transition to American league better than anybody in recent memory by hitting .315, with 30 home runs and 108 RBI. He would be getting all the attention on the team if it wasn't for MVP candidate Miguel Cabrera who this year had a hall of fame line of a .330 AVG, 44 HR, and 139 RBI.

Surrounding the deadly one-two combination are playmakers such as leadoff hitter Austin Jackson, who has had a break out year with 101 runs scored. Others such as Delmon Young, Johnny Peralta, and Brennan Boesch provide a solid supporting cast to make the Tigers dangerous.

On the mound, Detroit may be tops in the majors at having pitchers with dominant "stuff". The group of Justin Verlander, Max Scherzer, Doug Fister, and Anibal Sanchez lead the American League in starting rotation ERA this season. Also, all of those four

The matches are single elimination in the playoffs, so it is a win or go home situation when the Lady Rams play Johnson & Wales University.

"We definitely know this won't be an easy match," said LeBlanc. "Last year, Johnson & Wales was our first playoff game and we lost to them 4-5. It's time for some vengeance for the staff.

"We have to boost our game up to a level higher than we have these past four matches," said LeBlanc who recorded his seventh shutout in the regular season and second on the tennis team. "It was a strong end to the regular season and gives us a great jump to power through our next match."