We Rise or Fall Together

Barack Obama reelected for second term

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With the next four years in mind, many Suffolk students hurried to a designated poll place to choose their preferred candidate. On Nov. 6, 2012, the nation made a choice and elected Barack Obama to his second term as president, winning 303-206 in electoral votes.

"I feel it’s definitely a tight election and it’s going to be interesting to see who becomes president," freshman Christina Pellegrino said prior to the results. The 2012 election could be considered different from all other elections due to the increase in social media over the last four years. Obama used Facebook during his last campaign to raise money, but now both candidates use Twitter and other forms of social media to connect to all generations that voted. During each presidential debate, Twitter was used as an outlet for students expressing strong political opinions.

"This was the first time I’ve watched all the debates and been into it," freshman Amanda Kennedy said. A large amount of students tuned into each debate accompanied by their interests and ideas. Kennedy, an Obama supporter, watched the candidates as they discussed ways to improve the economy for when she graduates.

"Generation Y" has handled this particular election differently in terms of privacy. Many adults do not say who they voted for because of past election etiquette.

"I don’t care enough about politics to give someone a hard time about it," freshman Joe Presti said. Pictures of ballots have appeared on Twitter and even Instagram, an app that allows a picture followed by a caption to be edited and posted. The openness of a checked off ballot was once unheard of, but with the trend of "sharing" becoming popular, many first time voters partook in the celebration of being an adult by distributing their opinion to others.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Monday, October 29**
8:55 a.m.
150 Tremont
Possession of marijuana-less than one ounce. Judicial internal.

8:59 a.m.
80 Tremont
Other agency assist-assault. BPD assumed jurisdiction.

**Monday, October 29**
6:07 p.m.
Tremont Street
Other agency assist-assault. BPD assumed jurisdiction.

**Wednesday, October 31**
12:46 p.m.
Off Campus
Other agency assist-alcohol violation. Investigation.

**Wednesday, October 31**
7:02 p.m.
West Street
Disorderly conduct. Verbal warning.

**Thursday, November 1**
12:09 a.m.
Miller Hall
Possession of marijuana-less than one ounce. Judicial internal.

**Thursday, November 1**
1:01 p.m.
Sawyer building
Larceny from building. Inactive-all leads exhausted.

**Thursday, November 1**
7:50 p.m.
Law School
Disorderly conduct. Verbal warning.

**Sunday, November 4**
8:02 a.m.
150 Tremont
Vandalism. Inactive-all leads exhausted.

**Monday, November 5**
5:30 p.m.
Mason Street
Other agency assist-disorderly. Subjects gone on arrival of officers.

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**Boston Book Festival Celebrates the “Power of Words”**

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The Boston Book Festival (BBF) was held on Oct. 27 in Copley Square. The event, sponsored by 90.9 WBUR, among others, had over 40 events spread over 13 venues for Bostonians of all ages, ranging from book discussions, to poetry, to nonfiction, and participatory seminars.

"The BBF team and I are proud to present to you the fourth edition of the Boston Book Festival, and we hope you enjoy it as much as we have delighted in putting it together," said Deborah Porter, the founder and executive director of the event.

There were two keynote speakers in this year’s festival. For children, Lemony Snicket, the author of the *Series of Unfortunate Events* series, and for adults, Richard Ford, known for both his novels and short stories.

Other speakers for the BBF events included authors, professors, and experienced presenters. Although the events filled up quickly throughout the day, only a few were ticketed events open to a limited number of guests. There were also musical performances throughout the day on the Berklee Festival Stage.

"Once again, we have assembled a diverse team group of authors and thought leaders, both established names and up-and-comers, to inspire, provoke, stimulate, and entertain festivalgoers of all ages and interests," said Porter.

Copley Square was lined with booths from various sponsors. Many book stores and publishing companies were selling books, and some even had authors present to sign copies. Emerson College and Simmons College also had booths with representatives present. There were also food from Cupcakeary, Momogoose, the Clover Food Truck, and Ravi’s Restaurant.

The partnering bookstores included the Harvard Book Store, among others, and could be found in the event venues with copies of books pertaining to the discussions for purchase.

Marlene Perez is a Suffolk University senior who was an intern for BBF. She produced the "Why Picture Books Matter" panel, which meant that she was responsible for overseeing that the panel went smoothly and escorting the authors to the venue. During the day she was behind the scenes helping alongside volunteers instead of working any of the booths.

"Everyone seemed overall pleased with the festival, and nobody was shy about telling us whatever didn't work," said Perez.

She thinks that the Lemony Snicket book signing was the most popular event of the day, noting that the line ran from Copley Square to the Tannery. Perez also believes the festival was less busy compared to previous years due to Hurricane Sandy.

BBF is said to be a “celebration of the power of words,” and that message was clear throughout the day.
Moakley Forum Elaborates on the Importance of Swing States

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On Wednesday, Oct. 24, the Suffolk Business School hosted a discussion on the potential swing states to affect the outcome of the election this year. The Sawyer Business School's dean, William J. O'Neill Jr., was the master of ceremonies for the luncheon.

The discussion included three guest panelists that all have different experiences with political polling: Suffolk's own polling mastermind David Paleologos, Michael Dukakis, former Massachusetts Governor, and Party Blute, former State Representative, former Congressman, and current Deputy Chairman of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee.

The event lasted an hour-and-a-half.

The Moakley Forum, titled "The 2012 Presidential Election: Why Swing States Matter," was held in Sargent Hall with attendance reaching close to, if not higher than, one hundred people. The mood was rather considered and respectful to each of the speakers. When Paleologos began the discussion, everyone fell silent as they listened to his wise and carefully researched opinion of the elections this year. Paleologos started by explaining that "we've got six or seven states that matter at this point," and that "Ohio is the road to the White House for both [President] Barack Obama and [former Massachusetts Governor] Mitt Romney."

For Ohio, Paleologos stated, "Mitt Romney needs it to win while Barack Obama needs it to block...Romney from winning." As clever as it is, this is also realistic in a present campaign in the 21st century. No longer do candidates visit each state, rather visit the states that have the most undecided and potential votes.

Paleologos went on to give details on how diverse each voting ballot is simply depending on the state. For example, as he explained, Massachusetts has four candidates on the ballot, while Colorado has a whopping seventeen and Florida has seven, all for President of the United States.

Of the sixteen tables, almost half were filled with students that came as part of one of their classes and stayed for the free lunch provided in the back.

Beginning by saying that Paleologos is "the only pollster [he] listen to," Governor Dukakis told the crowd his intentions during the time allotted to him. In particular, Dukakis mentioned how corrupt he considered the Citizens United v. FEC case citing it as "one of the worst three or four cases handed down by the Supreme Court."

The other issue Dukakis expressed concern for was the potential problem with the current process of the Electoral College. Dukakis remarked how he strongly thought that the "Electoral College should have been abolished 150 years ago."

Blute, Dukakis' Republican colleague, acknowledged him saying "on campaign finance, I agree with Governor Dukakis," but said he considers the Electoral College part of our founding documents.

The speakers also mentioned the possible situations of a 269-269 tie election between Obama and Romney, as well as any chance of a Romney-Biden administration.

The name for the event Moakley Forum, comes from the late Massachusetts Congressman John Joseph "Joe" Moakley who served almost three decades in the United States House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents in the ninth district. Both the Moakley Center for Public Management and the Moakley Foundation were also key sponsors of the luncheon.

Majors and Minors Expo Lights the Path to Career Choices for Students

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Thursday Oct. 25 was the major and minors expo event of Career Fest 2012. Held on the 9th floor of 73 Tremont, once students exited the elevators, there was a line wrapped around the corners of the hallway of students anxiously awaiting advice from professors of each department.

Students were greeted with pamphlets and guides to the different majors and minor courses as well as career services, as they swiped their Suffolk ID's for entry. The floor was lined with tables and representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences as well as Sawyer Business School, as they swiped their Suffolk ID's for entry. The floor was lined with tables and representatives from each department, and Sodexo catered with cookies and brownies. Representatives from each career services were also present for guidance and advice.

"It was really informative," said Dube. "All the faculty were friendly, responsive, and helpful."

However, he did think the event was over crowded and noticed that some department tables were empty or only had one member present. But, this did not affect Dube, as he was one of the many visiting the government and sociology tables. He was able to decide on a minor from the event. Although he already had an idea of what he wanted in mind, the event pushed him to declare an minors.

Dube also noticed that his peers enjoyed the event. "They had nothing but good stuff to say about it," he said.

Although this major and minor expo was a once-a-year event, career services is open year round and always willing to help students with the career needs.
S.O.U.L.S Hosts Homelessness Awareness Events Around Suffolk

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Considering Suffolk’s location in the heart of the city of Boston, seeing a man curled up next to a building on a cold winter day or hearing the infamous “Got any spare change?” chant is never uncommon for students. But almost just as frequent, the homeless individuals are ignored.

During the month of November, Suffolk’s Organization for Uplifting Lives through Service, better known on campus as S.O.U.L.S, is doing their part to help those people out by sponsoring a number of charitable and awareness-raising events in support of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness month.

“I think [this cause is] important because it is currently happening both within the United States but specifically for Boston and specifically for Suffolk. I think the concept of homelessness is something we are downtown,” said Caroline McHeffey, Community Partnerships Scholar for S.O.U.L.S.

“There’s just so much homelessness that people encounter and we definitely have to have this negative connotation with homelessness. So I think as students who really encounter these problems day by day and pass these people and don’t really know anything about them, it’s almost a responsibility for students to learn more about it. It’s a huge population in Boston and they go very, very unnoticed,” S.O.U.L.S. has organized many volunteer projects and events taking place throughout the month of November.

They will be conducting an ongoing food and clothing collection, offering opportunities to volunteer at local homeless shelters, food pantries and shelter kitchens, serving meals at weekly Super Club, and hosting a number of events that will encourage students to be more mindful of the issues they are witnessing every day.

Every Tuesday and Thursday in November, students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to participate in the “Make Change” photo exhibit display. Thereafter, set up outside their office on the second floor of Donahue. The exhibit will consist of photos and interviews with homeless people, sharing stories about what made them slip into homelessness, everything they did to help themselves and how they transitioned out. Other major events will include screenings, which helped form an audience; role-playing a meal. A certain percent of the students will get a poverty level meal while some will get a substantial, full meals and others get something in between.

Because children’s getting these meals, the inequalities are very prominent and the students [really] think about what this is all about,” McHeffey explained. “Afterwards [we] facilitate a discussion about what the children think about how unfair it was that someone got this and others got [that] and they didn’t have anything.

In addition to these events, S.O.U.L.S. will be posting a fact about hunger and homelessness on their Facebook and Twitter accounts each day to raise awareness as well.

Whether it’s volunteering time at a shelter or simply stopping by a table after class, S.O.U.L.S. is encouraging all students to get involved in some way and to learn more about what is such a prominent issue around the country.

“We’ve had a sufficient amount of student involvement [in the past] but I think this year we’re trying to exceed [that] and have an outstanding amount of student involvement,” said Erin Bestette, also a member of S.O.U.L.S.

“I think raising awareness is the most important thing people can do,” McHeffey added. “Homelessness is such a complex issue that sometimes the only thing you can do really is to teach other people about it. I think it’s a very, very worthy cause.”

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“The left and the right came together in dorm settings as fledgling freshmen discussed their views and the candidates. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors were heard discussing as well, in classrooms and amongst the lounges on campus.

The openness is a good thing, so everyone hears opinions from both sides,” freshman Joe Durkin said. “You have to look at both sides. I’m pretty open-minded.”

An example of Suffolk students who have shared opinions in a healthy way can be seen between Presti and Durkin. Presti, an Obama supporter that did not partake in open discussions, and Durkin who voted and was then involved in the election process via a twitter account and conversed calmly about their differing views.

“Everyone gets in my face, but I love knowing what people are talking about,” Durkin said.

Durkin is proud to be a Republican and is very open about his beliefs. Being a first time voter, he described the feeling being fantastic as he made his contribution to the election. Presti, who was more passive about the voting process, did not feel the need to take a trip back home where he was originally registered.

“I want Obama to win, but I am more of an independent, I don’t really have a side,” Presti said.

Many students shared Presti’s opinion on voting and believed their ballot would not make a difference. Other students, who were able to vote for the first time, didn’t think they had enough knowledge to make such a big decision.

Since students are from many different places, absentee ballots have been common on campus. An absentee ballot is a ballot that is completed before the election for voters who could not make it to their polling place or were registered in another poll place inconvenience for traveling students. A second vote was the only way to make sure student voting voice, picking his daughter up by car and drove her a half-hour back home.

When asked, many students thought Suffolk voters most likely chose Obama when their ballot was checked. Some were abc so there was no certainty. Others formed an opinion independently from already formed beliefs, doing research, and learning to the debates.

“It was my first time voting. I felt liberating.” Kennedy said. “I guess my voice matters now so it’s good to have a say in it.”

The bitter election ended up being hard fought by both candidates until the end. Initial polls showed the standard assignments of red and blue states that the parties have held onto for decades. Indiana was the first to switch from the last election, choosing Romney rather than swaying Democrat.

Despite the many lead changes nearly every battleground state remained contested up to an hour after the polls closed. Pennsylvania became the first state to switch to the democratic side, with a majority for Obama, with New Hampshire following suit soon after. By the time Ohio was called for around midnight, the state effectively elected Obama to a second term.

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Barack Obama was stationed in the McCormick Center in downtown Chicago where he gave his victory speech to an energetic crowd. He reaffirmed the spirit that has triumphed over war and depression,” he said, “we are an American family and we rise and fall together as one nation and as one people.”

Obama understood how close the race was for him and was quick to thank all of his supporters and campaign organizations. Whether he lost or not, I have become a better president because of you.”

With the 2 a.m. mark, Obama wrapped up his victory speech saying “tonight you voted for action, not as politics as usual. We are greater than the sum of our individual ambitions and we remain more than a collection of red states and blue states.”

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Student Political Groups Debate
Pressing Topics of the Election

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On Tuesday, Oct. 23, three of Suffolk's student political clubs came together for a two-hour debate on ten different issues in the C. Walsh Theatre at 6:00 p.m. Moderated by Professor David Tuerck, Suffolk's Economic Department chair and Executive Director of the Beacon Hill Institute, the debate included the Suffolk University College Democrats, Suffolk College Republicans (SuffolkGOP), and the Suffolk Libertarians.

Each group was granted two selected representatives. The selected students were Conor Finley and Kelly Lyons debating for the Democrats, Julia Whitney and PJ Faran-croft for the Republicans, and nick Bonasoro and Tom Joyce for the Libertarians.

The six representatives spent about an hour and forty minutes discussing the ten subjects ranging from education reform with charter schools, war and defense spending (specifically on Libya and Iraq), the 2014 withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan, taxes and each candidate's tax plan, to healthcare (mainly ObamaCare), drug laws and the war on drugs, same-sex marriage, abortion (concerning Roe v. Wade), immigration and potential passage of the DREAM Act, environment and regulation of the EPA, and finally gun control in regard to the Stand Your Ground law.

For the remaining twenty minutes, the three clubs responded to questions from audience members on topics like the Massachusetts Senate race between leaving Republican Senator Scott Brown and Harvard professor and Senator-Elect Elizabeth Warren, as well as legalization of marijuana.

Finley, a junior and president of the Suffolk University Democrats, said he felt “the debate went great for all parties involved,” and that “it’s nice to have events like that on campus to give students the opportunity to hear about this election from peers.” As this was the one and only student debate on campus this year, those involved were worried about the attendance but they managed to garner about forty students, faculty, and other viewers to watch the debate held just two weeks before Election Day.

Finley said that he “wouldn’t say there was a winner, that’s not up to my biased judgment. All three parties made great points and I was happy with the overall experience. I think if there were to be another one the three clubs would need to be more cooperative in agreeing on terms and conditions of the debate. The C. Walsh was a great venue for the event and I hope we continue to do these debates on campus.” Though views were not all expressed towards this same opinion.

Whitney, president of SuffolkGOP, stated that “while attendance was fairly low, the debate went well. It’s always a fun experience debating the other political ideologies on campus. I think we successfully represented both the GOP platform and our own more modern Republican views.”

Of all people in the audience, the Democrats had a row of around a dozen members showing their support with Elizabeth Warren and Barack Obama signs that they held during the debate.

Each club, with their two representatives, spoke not only on behalf of themselves and their own group, but also for their current presidential and vice presidential candidates. The Suffolk University Republicans spoke on behalf of former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney and his running mate United States Representative from Wisconsin Paul Ryan, while the Suffolk University Libertarians represented former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson and his vice presidential running mate Superior Court Judge Jim Gray from Orange County, California, and the Suffolk University Democrats represented President Barack Obama and Vice President Biden.
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Election season in the United States brings about similar feelings of anticipation, decisiveness, and political intellectuality for most Americans. Every four years, the country's eagerness to act is palpable as the first Tuesday in November draws closer. As college students, we have been depicted as the all-knowing and as many of us prepare to vote for the first time, election season becomes all too real.

With a campus as diverse as Suffolk University's, one can expect to find a wide range of opinions and emotions surrounding the presidential election, even from students from around the Boston area. However, what about Suffolk's international voices? Many international students have only been in America for a few years and have never seen a U.S. Presidential Election underway before. How would they respond to all of the press and atmosphere? Two students who previously attended Suffolk University in Dakar, Senegal, are now speaking up.

Ramatoulaye Diop, 26, of Dakar, believes that caricatures he has seen depicting the U.S. as a primate are uncalled for. "But, here people see it as a joke – back home, hell no, you just don't do that," he said.

Diop is a graduate student here at Suffolk, studying public administration and political science and has been in America since 2008. She arrived in time to see the presidential election of 2008 and admits to it being laughably confusing at first. "The 2008 election confused me," laughed Diop. "I didn't understand primary elections and to have the first black president kind of shocked me." This time around, however, Diop seemed undecided when it came to choosing the next president. And, even though she cannot vote in this country, she even had trouble naming a hypothetical choice. "First I liked Obama in 2008, but since then - I don't know who to pick. They have no difference; they are both politicians to me."

She was clear on her opinion on one thing; the issues for international students. After graduation from an American college or university, Diop disclosed that these international students have one year to decide whether to apply for citizenship and work in the U.S., or return home. She wished to make clear that her vote for president would have surrounded this issue. "It's hard for international students to make a decision whether to go back home or stay here and be illegal," said Diop. "But, here people see it as a joke – back home, hell no, you just don't do that." He said.

Diop also described how Diop, it is time for the new U.S. Administration and political adversary, they are in massive amounts of debt to them. China's need our business and rapidly expanding economy. However, China is a huge, wealthy, powerful, authoritarian state. They stand opposite of most things America stands for, and see us as a potential obstacle to their growth, while we see them as a threat to the current balance of power.

America is also not the only nation of the two that is currently undergoing political change. While Americans decided last night who we want to run our country for the next four years, later on this week there will be a transition of power in China. While not quite as democratic (the new vice president, Communist Party leader Xi Jinping, was already named five years ago by the party,) this transfer of power is immensely important. China is going through a political policy shift toward Asia. America's fastest growing geopolitical adversary, they are one of our biggest trading partners, and we are in massive amounts of debt to them. Obama's quandary is a sticky one. The U.S.-China relationship is the hardest to keep up cordial relations with China. It is the now the seemingly ageless "Chinese enigma." While America for their favorite after a long process of rallies and televised speeches have taken place. The highest tallying candidates will then go on another national tour, except this time, their losing opponents can choose a side and travel with the party of their choosing, giving further support to the remaining parties. If they keep held every five years, of which Dakar native and Suffolk senior Malick Diouf has yet to vote in. However, here in the U.S. he is feeling even more overwhelmed by our elections. Publicly overwhelming – everywhere you hear: 'I approve of this message,' said Diouf, 23, of Dakar. "The two U.S. parties have strong roots; money will be there but how are they going to use it – there's no regulations of how you can use it here! Would they give it [campaign money] to Sandy relief? I don't know, money is not really talked about with Senegal presidential races." When it comes to this upcoming U.S. election, Diop seemed more confident in his opinions. "I don't know what Romney is all about—no specifics. But if he gets this country when it was in a bad state – he can't get everything done in four years. Americans just need to trust in what he can do. You gave Bush eight years, why not Obama?" International students at Suffolk have shown interest and perspective throughout the whole election. They find themselves at odds with our system because of how different it is from their own. Regardless of political opinion or involvement in campaigns, international students are important not only to the atmosphere on campus, but to the reasoning behind their vote throughout the United States. International students in the U.S. have opinions on the election and who is in charge of the country they live in and they should be expressed no matter what. However, here in the U.S. "The current president kind of shocked me."

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China has been following a highly controversial and risky policy in recent years. China's annual GDP growth in the last decade has been unprecedented eight percent yearly increase, even at the height of the global recession two years ago. This is in large part a result of the massive levels of cheap exporting that the Chinese economy enjoys; on the reason "Made in China" has become a familiar phrase in American life. By continually buying up US dollars wherever possible, China has been good for the Chinese economy, and is largely the result of the massive levels of cheap exporting that the strict single party state will have trouble containing. On the American side, when China stops giving us money, who is going to start? This is where our military and other Chinese economic power able to stand up to us. This is still the case, and probably will be for another decade. But China is rising. In 2011, Chinese GDP was half of the U.S. GDP, at $7 Trillion and $14 Trillion respectively. But growth levels in China make American growth look like bad joke, and the level of debt in this country enjoys is really too distressing to put in print. In short, as you've surely heard often, China is coming. But what happens when they get here? There are relatively few options. Firstly, the US could find a ton of money in the next few decades, pay China off completely, and both countries will move along, happily sharing power. If you consider yourself even mildly skeptical, that last sentence made you laugh out loud. To look at it more realistically, suppose the US decides not to pay China back for logistical or sentimental reasons, China can print more of its currency and using said printed currency to buy American debt. Through making their currency artificially weaker, Matthew O'Brien of the Atlantic points out, the Chinese would provide themselves with "cheaper and more competitive currency", while keeping its value in the free market lower than it should be, especially when compared to the United States' Dollar.

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A major international concern in this year's presidential election season has been the Chinese and their role in the international economy; whether or not the Chinese government has been manipulating its currency, the Renminbi, and what the United States should do about it, if anything. By manipulating their currency, the Chinese would be essentially devaluing it. This artificial devaluation of the Chinese currency is currently happening, as countries like Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia begin to chip away at the cheap labor that their country offers, and they offset the sunk costs of setting up a whole new industry.

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Middle East

TURKEY - A court in Istanbul has begun the trial in absentia of four ex-Israeli military command­ers over the deadly raid on a Turkish boat as it tried to break the blockade of Gaza in 2010. The raid resulted in the deaths of nine pro-Palestinian activists, and has caused serious diplomatic repercussions for the two countries internationally important relationship. The Is­raeli military has been criticized for their aggressive tactics and use of violence in the incident. The court is expected to rule on the case in the coming months.

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period of immense social change. The burgeoning middle-class is no longer happy with the complacent old order. The new leaders introduce innovative policies like social reforms and reconciliation with the past. The future of the Middle East, while it will be a period of turmoil, is optimistic. The Chinese government has a plan to modernize the entire region and bring peace to the Middle East.

North America

CUBA - Rumors about Fidel Castro's various health ailments have been circulating the interna­tional community since he stepped down as head of the Cuban state in 2011. According to Natio­nal Public Radio, these rumors have been categorically denied by the Cuban regime, now headed by Fidel's younger brother Raúl Castro. But in the last few weeks rumors of another debilitating stroke that left Castro near death have been dramatically increased. In response to these allega­tions, several articles allegedly written by Fidel Castro himself were released on the Cuban State­sponsored "Cuba Debate" website Friday, along with what appear to be recent pictures of Fidel in relatively good health. The Cuban revolutionary has become little more than a figurehead in the Cuban political world, but his power as an idol and a public figure make him a continued key part of the single-party state regime currently in power in Cuba. His eventual death will have far reach­ing consequences not just in mainland Cuba, but also in the large Cuban diaspora spread through­out the United States. Raúl Castro's regime has been hailed as liberalizing many aspects of the re­gime's more harsh regulations, as has President Obama's cooperative policy on the American side.

Asia

CHINA - For the first time in ten years, there is a rumble in the Chinese leadership over how to fill seats in the Communist Party's supreme ruling body. Many of the nation's beleaguered liberals are casting an anxious gaze southward to Guangdong Province in the hope that the top official of this booming export hub near Hong Kong might win a coveted spot in the central leadership. "Wang Yang has become the official voice of the expectations and hopes of China's reformers," Xiaowei Bi, a public affairs professor at Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou told the New York Times yesterday. For a variety of reasons, the Standing Committee, the center of Communist power in China currently run by nine men will probably be reduced to seven seats during the coming parlia­ment congress, which begins on Thursday. This reduction in seats is seen as an attempt to eliminate dissenting voices amongst the leadership and a method of reconsolidating power. The council was originally seven seats, then enlarged 10 years ago. As the American presidential elections gain national attention, the Chinese leadership change goes on in shadows, behind closed doors.

Europe

FRANCE - The Socialist government of President François Hollande said Tuesday that it would cut payroll taxes for businesses as stated by Jean-Marc Ayrault, the prime minister. But the government stopped short of adopting the broader changes that an expert panel led by a prominent business executive, Louis Gallois, recommended a day earlier in a report that called for a "competitiveness shock" to the French economy. This lowering of business tax is seen by many as a move by France to become more competitive in the international business scene. At the start of the European Economic crisis, Hollande was elected because of his internal job creation and growth plat­form which contradicted German Chancellor Angela Merkel at the time. Since the elections, Hollande has not completely held up his bargain in countering Merkel, and these recent ad­ventures are a push for his election promises. Places like the UK have up to 24 percent corporate tax rates, whereas well-known tax havens like Ireland allow businesses to operate at a mere 13 percent. This move by France is intended to usher in more foreign investment and eco­nomic activity in a stagnating economy, a controversial move by the newly elected Hollande.

Chinese Currency Manipulation

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reasons. Is China the market for debt forgiveness? Possibly, but not likely. So then what? The one thing America will have till the day she dies is a military machine that could conquer the entire civilized world in less than a year. Somewhere deep in the Pentagon are plans outlining the best military strategy for invasion of every other nation in the world. Even Canada, the 51st state, and especially China. China knows this, and despite continued efforts to increase defense spending, China realistically stands little chance in an outright war. This is where our salvation lies. You heard terrified politicians point trembling fingers at China, citing our debt to China, and this week in the Dali Lama's house back to Washington. For good measure we overthrow the Communist Party and install a puppet democracy whose transition is run by Bill Clinton. Amidst college kids can stop getting migraines over trying to learn Chinese, and the U.S. economy is flooded with money that was erstwhile spent trying to prolong the inevitable. Problem solved all at once. The States has exercised an aggressive, unnecessary, self-serving, self-interested foreign policy since 1918. Why would owning China a ton of money do anything other than perpetuate this aggression? Here's what I think the plan in Washington is. If there is one at all. Navy Seal Team six storms Beijing while all 200+ of our ships sit in the South China Sea raining glorious justice down on every militaristic enterprise with a Chinese flag on it. U.S. Marines hand out Big Macs and Capi-suns in bags made out of American flags to the eternally grateful Chinese people while carrying every single stack of $1000 bills between the Great Wall of China and the Dali Lama's house back to Washington. For good measure we overthrow the Communist Party and install a puppet democracy whose transition is run by Bill Clinton. Amidst college kids can stop getting migraines over trying to learn Chinese, and the U.S. economy is flooded with money that was erstwhile spent trying to prolong the inevitable. Problem solved all at once. The
Across
1. There are this many golf balls on the moon.
2. The largest artery in the body.
3. This type of milk does not contain any butter.
4. A ball made of this will bounce higher than a ball of rubber.
5. These travel as fast as jet planes.
6. This can make a scorpion sting itself to death.
7. The most popular first name in the world.
8. Once, it was illegal to slam your door in this country.
9. The average person spends three years of his/her life on this.
10. This part of your body is 80% water.
11. This food is poisonous to birds.
12. Fortune cookies were invented in this country.
13. This sport originated in India and was developed in China.
14. This instrument contains about 70 separate pieces of wood.
15. On average, this creates more pollution than a car.
16. This animal pees on its legs to cool itself off.
17. This company was originally a playing card manufacturer.
18. This animal can convert salt water into fresh water.
19. This material is made from coal and petroleum.
20. 97% of all paper money in the US contains traces of this.
21. This animal can swim a half mile underwater with one gulp of air.
22. This animal can swim a half mile underwater with one gulp of air.
23. Rice paper does not contain any of this.
24. This name was made up for the book "Peter Pan".
25. This condiment leaves the bottle at 25 miles per year.
26. This many cells in the human body are replaced each hour.
27. Worms reportedly taste like this.
28. All the swans in England are property of this person.
29. This animal finds fish by hearing their hearts beating.
30. He was afraid of the dark.
31. Fortune cookies were invented in this country.
32. This sport originated in India and was developed in China.
33. This animal pees on its legs to cool itself off.
34. This company was originally a playing card manufacturer.
35. This food is poisonous to birds.
36. This food is poisonous to birds.
37. This instrument contains about 70 separate pieces of wood.
38. On average, this creates more pollution than a car.
39. This instrument contains about 70 separate pieces of wood.
40. This food is poisonous to birds.

Down
2. In this country, you can be fined for not using a basket at the grocery store.
4. The man who created this was once a Buddhist Monk.
5. This male animal has poisonous spurs on its legs.
6. This bird cannot see the color blue.
7. 3,000,000,000 of these have been sold around the world.
8. This part of your body is 80% water.
9. This food is poisonous to birds.
10. Fortune cookies were invented in this country.
11. This sport originated in India and was developed in China.
12. This animal finds fish by hearing their hearts beating.
13. This animal can convert salt water into fresh water.
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16. This animal can swim a half mile underwater with one gulp of air.
17. rice paper does not contain any of this.
18. This many cells in the human body are replaced each hour.
19. Worms reportedly taste like this.
20. All the swans in England are property of this person.
21. The food most craved by pregnant women.
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Maimed Cranium

by Jon Langberg

"I run at stranger trying to give them hug and all I get are four slugs in chest and hurt head from the screaming, the life of a misunderstood zombie..."
Ethan M. Long
Editor in Chief

Robert Fitzgerald Diggs is the head on top of the Voltron that is Wu-Tang Clan, he has delved into Hollywood before, but countless projects later, Bobby Digital has finally taken the helm of his own film, The Man With The Iron Fists, released last week. He wrote, directed, and starred in the film, which follows a blacksmith (RZA) as he creates weapons to protect his village from a deadly traitor. Supporting him are Russell Crowe, who plays British soldier/junkie named Jack Knife, and Lucy Liu, playing Madam Blossom, the owner of a brothel. Diggs recently sat down with a few college newspapers in the area to discuss his love for film, music, and culture, and how they all tied into his first directorial debut. RZA has been heavily influenced with eastern culture throughout his life, watching martial arts movies at a young age. This helped him cope with the world he was living in. Because of the extent of influence these films had on RZA-produced albums such as 36 Chambers, Method Man’s Tical, and ODB’s Return to the 36 Chambers, it came as no surprise when he revealed that Iron Fists is heavily influenced as well.

"This movie is inspired by the whole spectrum of martial arts films, obviously, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. And then, given an American sensibility. Think about the style of Chang Cheh, a great director. Think about Liu Chia-liang, 36 Chambers." Although his love for the martial arts genre gave him the sensibilities to create homage, he ran into a few problems during pre-production while developing characters.

"Villian with the white hair always appears out of nowhere, you know what I mean? It’s funny working with producers, they wanted to write the character out – they did not get the character. They were like 'What the fuck is this guy?' I said, 'Listen man, this is part of the genre. There’s always a guy who pops the fuck up.'"

When creating the setting of the mythical world of Jungle Village, RZA took inspiration from another movie which had a lasting impression on anyone who has been born since the late-70s.

"Star Wars is like a real cast for us. When I was a kid I saw that movie, I believed there was a Hammerhead, Greedo and Boba Fett – who only appeared in like, very short segments but I had the toy," he said. "Those things are in the film, you see the backdrop of reality...That’s what Star Wars did for us. We look at a land-speeder going across the desert, it was shot on Earth, but in our minds it was on Tatooine, you know what I mean? The ice planet Hoth, you know, where they open up Empire Strikes Back, and you’re like, forget the desert, he went to the ice now. That kind of imagination fascinates me as a movie-goer, and I wanted Jungle Village to be that kind of place.

In the director’s chair, Diggs said, "Everybody became a family. You make a movie, you become a family for a minute, you know what I mean? But everybody don’t like everybody off top."

In one case, David Batista, a martial artist and bodybuilder, came to disagree with fellow martial artist and actor Rick Yune about training styles.

"These fighters, having this energy, started having this rivalry with each other," said RZA. "I’m like, you remind me of fuckin’ Meth and Raekwon, and I would tell them that.

Continuing, "I said ‘Listen man, that’s the way some of the Wu-Tang brothers felt towards each other,’ and the whole thing is that they actual have the same point of view – they always get to the same point," he said. “It’s just that it was approached from different angles. They were always trying to arrive at the same thing and I knew that, and I was able to diffuse it."

Being a fan of film pre-90s means that one has to have a considerable amount of respect for practical effects over CGI. RZA had, early on, found his practical effects team in Greg Nicotero and Howard Berger – part of the powerhouse team that works on The Walking Dead series.

"These guys are top of the line special makeup guys. These guys are good at what they do, so you’ve got a lot of practical stuff, but you also know that I’m a comic-book reader, I grew up with those kinds of things."

RZA found a lot of inspiration for the film within music he was listening to at the time, specifically the last track on Only Profit for Martha’s Vineyard, "North Star," which he credited at least twenty pages to. "There’s one scene where ‘North Star,’ the Barry White song which we sampled, plays through from beginning to end, and plays again. I’m sitting there loving it, and [the producers] are like ‘Oh my god...what the fuck...?’ Being a first time director, it happens like that – you just love everything you’ve got... but you learn how to make it better," he said.

But RZA originally didn’t want to score the film. "The studio said, ‘Put your music in the movie please.’ I was like ‘ah...I wasn’t gonna score this. I wrote it, I directed it, I acted in it – I’m done.’ It’s like – no, no, the fans are gonna expect you to score this! The president of the studio told me that, and I doubted him," he said, continuing. "You don’t doubt the president of the studio."

"But I complained, and I went to Quentin. I’m cooking a steak – I don’t want meat. I’m cooking him a steak and I say ‘Yo – they want me to score this man.’ He said, ‘Who else is gonna score it?’"

And so the RZA added a fourth title under his name. Check out The Man With The Iron Fists in theaters everywhere!
Boston Ballet presents First Fall Program Performance

Anne Walsh
Journal Contributor

When you think of The Boston Ballet does the image of bun heads, pink tights and tutus come in your head? Well think again. The Boston Ballet's new fall program is far from it. They opened their 2012-2013 season with a three-piece set within one show. Each set comminged with a blank stage differentiated by lighting effects that revealed the tone of the dances. Each act was entirely different from each other in costume, style and choreography.

"Rooster," choreographed by Christopher Bruce, instead of the traditional ballet costumes, had male dancers in dress pants, ties, different colored buttoned up-shirts and the female dancers in black dresses that had a red flared color at the bottom. A recording of eight Rolling Stones songs including "Paint It Black," "Ruby Tuesday," and "Sympathy for the Devil" played whiled 11 principle leads danced. The style of dance changed frequently throughout the show encompassing elements of jazz and contemporary instead of strictly showcasing ballet technique. Whitney Jensen performed a dance to "Ruby Tuesday" that demonstrated such fluidity that she almost appeared to be floating across the stage. The lines her body made were stunning and beautiful by her red modern dress that skimmed the ground. As the leads danced through their lives, the brilliant set with large group numbers that, when all the dancers came together in unison, you could feel the audience around you hold their breath in awe. "The lines of the body are pulled to their maximum length from the inside out, and it can be fascinating to explore the intricacies of the movement. Each moment has multiple lines of constantly spiraling energy that makes you feel much longer and larger than you actually are," said Corps de Ballet dancer Patrick Yocum. "Giving that experience to the audience with your fellow artists and friends is an incredible feeling."

The audience indeed received that experience and reflected their enthusiasm loud and clear with a standing ovation at the end of the performance. A strong opening to the Boston Ballet's season has set the bar for the rest of their shows. I have no doubt there is much more greatness to come from the Boston Ballet and its dancers. I look forward to their next performance and recommend you do as well.
**Suffolk Hosts Annual FAB Drag Show**

By Gianna Carchia

The Suffolk Journal

Two weeks ago, on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, close to 50 students and others attended the annual Drag Show at Suffolk University. The Donahue café was transformed into a theater, with colorful covered tables stacked high with candy and snacks. Students mingled and chatted while enjoying old music and taking advantage of the free drinks offered. The show was organized by the Performing Arts Office and co-sponsored by the Rainbow Alliance.

“It’s great because we have a professional drag show for free,” said Rebecca Havu, president of the Rainbow Alliance. “It’s an actual drag show but it’s here at Suffolk. A lot of people have never seen it before and it makes it very accessible.”

The first performer was Starla, who came out gyrating and thrusting to Rihanna’s “S&M.” There was a lot of crowd involvement and everyone laughed and gasped together as they enjoyed the show.

“You think it’s gonna be so awkward, but then it’s awesome,” said Havu. “The performers are so charismatic and it’s so fun to watch.”

More than entertaining, the Drag Show was hilarious. The performers opened the crowd up to create a fun and involved environment. The next song was “Ain’t Nobody” by Chaka Khan, and the performer was named Misery.

Misery went above and beyond her performance and began to interview each table. Some people were nervous, and much of the interaction was embarrassing. Still, she visited everyone and made sure to the entire audience a part of the entertainment.

“I saw my first show three years ago,” Havu recalled. “It makes people unafraid of the culture, and they become comfortable. It creates positivity.”

The show continued in a similar fashion. Crystal Crawford, the third performer in the group, raunchily trans-rights. The Drag Show at Suffolk was “Ain’t Nobody” by Chaka Khan, and the performer was named Misery. Havu recalled her first visit Drag Show at Suffolk and said she enjoyed this year’s show was a success, and it gave a new group of people a closer look at one of the less accessible forms of entertainment.

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Harrison Ford may return in Star Wars Episode VII

After the recent acquisition of Lucasfilm by Disney, rumors are currently flying about Harrison Ford's possible appearance as Han Solo in the rumored upcoming Epic Star Wars Saga. An unnamed source told EW.com that Ford is "open to the idea of doing the movie and he's about it," although this information has not been confirmed. The source said the same about Mark Hamill and Carrie Fisher's return to the franchise. Ford wants Han Solo to die if there is another Episode. George Lucas decided to trash the idea of killing off the character in Episode VI: Return of the Jedi but Ford disagreed.

"I thought he should have died in the last one, just to give it some bite, some gravitas," said Ford in a 2010 interview for ABC. "He didn't think there was any future in the Han Solo story." Ford has rarely discussed his role in the Star Wars saga. In an interview with EW.com, Ford admitted he didn't enjoy playing the part of Han Solo and would not return to the role. He also discussed his thoughts on the possibility of appearing as Han Solo again in the upcoming Episode VII.

"I don't think there's a way to weave him back into the story," Ford admitted at the time. "Besides the issue of playing the character, Ford would have to deal with a lot of change within the Lucasfilm organization in order to return to the saga. Lucas will leave the directing to someone else while Kathleen Kennedy is taking over as president of the company, reported EW.com. Star Wars fans won't know for sure about the new sequel, or Ford's role, until both a script and director are lined up, but this recent news has excited and shocked longtime followers.
STAFF EDITORIAL

By now you’ve heard all the numbers, percentages, and outcomes of races and ballot questions across the country. Whether or not your candidate won, you voted out and voted. If you didn’t — don’t complain. There are a few bits of reflection we’d like to take the time to spell out for you.

First, during this election cycle we decided to keep the Journal as unbiased as possible. Boston.com reported yesterday on a Facebook note we had put up during the day stating the reasons why we haven’t made our endorsement — stating that we were one of the few college newspapers in the area who still believe objective journalism isn’t dead. Here’s an excerpt from that post:

“We can hope to inform you of the facts, but that’s the extent of it. If you’ve read our opinion section over the last few months, you’ve seen that supporters from all sides have used our pages to persuade and support their respective candidates, especially those third-party candidates who were completely shut out of the race this year. If anything, we support third-party voices being heard — because the way they’re treated by the national media and CPD is disgusting, and we hope we’ve allowed you to hear about at least a few of them.

In response to our coverage, we’ve had quite a few attackers who have called us out for either being a part of the “right-wing echo chamber” or “Fox Jr.” Can there be validity in that? Read closer. Just because our writers have covered more than a liberal angle, you want to judge the entire paper?

It’s just fair to cover are sides as possible, while giving attention to voices softened in the national media. What do we have now? America has more Republican governors, a Republican-controlled House, but the Senate now has more progressively-thinking senators. You read and voted. These changes should be because you’ve read facts and made up your decisions — not because the media told you to vote a certain way. Objective journalism isn’t dead. It survives in our passion to bring you fact-based stories and opinions through the eyes of students learning how to become seasoned journalists.

Next week we’ll bring you our coverage on a number of topics — from Elizabeth Warren to a new public noise ordinance being formed, in response to rowdy Suffolk students. Next, we will end with the students paying out of their pockets. Also, expect an opinion piece on Aerosmith’s latest publicity stunt and how, if they were starting out today, Boston would’ve smashed them and their friends like they are doing to the current rock scene.

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Has the United States abandoned its most strategic ally?

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When we hear Obama speak, some of us are intrigued — even for those of us who are against his views still recognize his skillful ability to deliver a great speech. I am not writing this opinion piece to provide meaning to all of his empty promises and speeches, but rather to direct your attention to the one topic Obama avoids:

For years, Israel has been one of our greatest allies in a sea of radical anti-American countries. Israel proudly raises the American flag to fly next to its own. This is a country that loves America and respects what we stand for and will stop at nothing to show its loyalty to the United States.

While Israel risks its safety every day to have the American flag fly, our President refused Clinton said “We’re not setting deadlines.” Allies ensure the safety of our country, they are our assurance that we are not alone in this chaotic world.

It is unification that makes our country so strong and it is strengthened with our allies that makes our country unbreakable. Unification is not something we as the American people already know. The last two years, the news has shown us many ways that we can be divided; all from the very mouth of our own president. If we remain divided then this division will be fed.

As Winston Churchill noted in the days preceding World War II, “War can be prevented when the world recognizes peaceful nations in stopping belligerent ones before the latter get too much power.” Never should our allies hear the words “the President’s schedule will not permit that” when they approach us during

Dear Students,

The Student Government Association would like to give you a couple of updates for this week. We have been working closely with student organization leaders to make sure events this month as well as dividing our organization up into committees so that the goals you want reached.

We would like to give a warm welcome to the following organizations into the Suffolk Campus: Suffolk University Taiwanese Students Association (STUSA), The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Student Chapter of Suffolk University (ACFE), and the American Society of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (ASBMB). We hope that you have a wonderful semester, and do not hesitate to contact us if you ever need anything.

Also, our treasurer, Martha Alvarado is working closely with the undergraduate curriculum committee so that you have any questions please do not hesitate to e-mail us.

Last but not least, we came up with a new way to be more approachable to students. We have an electronic document going out to the University in which students can give their feedback about the University. Make sure to give us your feedback when this goes out.

If you still want to be a member of SGA, you can come to our meetings. Once you have attended three meetings you can become 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,

Student Government Association

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Iran poses a threat to the United States and the world

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Iran has threatened to stop exporting its oil if sanctions on their nuclear program by Western nations get any more severe. Iran has also stated in the past it will attempt to close the Strait of Hormuz, where one-fifth of the world's oil travels through, if sanctions get any higher. Luckily a very large naval force has been stationed in the Strait of Hormuz to prevent such attempts by Iran.

The United States Navy's fifth fleet has been stationed in Bahrain and Iran will have quite a difficult time defeating the US Navy alongside our other NATO allies. This nation makes a lot of violent claims in endangering economic policies and free trade across the world, while claiming to want nuclear weapons "for peaceful purposes," so Tehran officials say. They want these nuclear weapons for peaceful purposes so bad they're willing to threaten others militarily and economically.

The US estimates oil is "half of the Iranian government's revenue and oil products make up 80 percent of the country's total exports." Iran is planning to destroy 50 percent of its inflow in sales revenue and 80 percent of its exports in order to develop nuclear weapons with no interruptions. Some of Iran's major clientele for oil is Japan, South Korea, India, and China. It seems Mahmoud Ahmadinejad could use a couple economic classes here at Suffolk to realize how heinous ignoring he is in threatening to economically cripple his own country.

Iran has also stated that if any type of warfare breaks out with Israel, then Iran will attack US military bases in the Middle East since Israel and the US are such strong allies. Iran's top Revolutionary Guard commander, General Mohammad Ali Jafari, stated, "that Iran believes the United States and West would attack Iran because its military bases in the Middle East are within the range of Iran's missiles." Iran is truly feeling quite confident in themselves and their militaristic capabilities. They're still attempting to develop weapons we've had since 1945 and egotistically boasting how their missiles can travel across countries. This is the nation that proclaimed on the United Nations stage that Israel is a cancer in the Middle East and should be eradicated, funds the terrorist organizations Hezbollah and Hamas, and desires nuclear weapons for "peaceful purposes." This extremist Islamic government should never in their entirety receive nuclear weapons; their violent and provocative behavior towards threatening free trade and western culture needs to cease.

Ellie Hawkins
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Five children missed numerous days of school and not one has come back to the field to play football. These five children suffered concussions at a pee wee football game on September 15.

The game was Tantasqua Pee Wees versus Southbridge Pop Warner. Two of the players from Tantasqua were hit so hard they had to be pulled off the field. After six more plays, a third player from the Tantasqua team was pulled off of the field.

The game ended at 58-0 with two more boys being pulled off the field. The boys that had been injured were between the ages of 10-12 and weighed no more than 120 pounds. Mercy rules were ignored when the score was 28-0. At this designated score, Pop Warner regulations required the officials to apply mercy rules to the game.

Since five of Tantasqua's players were out of the game, the team did not have enough players. Other kids who were hit just as hard might not have wanted to show they were hurt so they continued to play.

Medical reports have indicated that playing with undiagnosed concussions increases the risk of more serious damage. Staff members with emergency medical training examined the injured children during the game, but did not consider their symptoms serious enough to need more medical attention. Since the concussions were not diagnosed until after the game, the children continued to play.

After a meeting on Thursday, discussions took place in regards to the coaches, the association presidents, and the three game officials. The coaches were suspended for the rest of the season with probation in 2013, the presidents were placed on probation through 2013, and the three game officials are banned by Central Massachusetts Pop Warner.

Obviously these pee wee players wanted to play their hearts out during this football game, but officials should need to be applied. People might say that every athlete is prone to get hurt at some point in their athletic career, but when rules and regulations are not followed it only makes the sport even more dangerous.

Everyone that plays a sport wants to have fun and become victorious. This may not happen at every game that I

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Child injuries not considered serious, coaches suspended

Ellie Hawkins
Journal Staff

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Injuries in young children: listlessness, tiring easily, irritability, crankiness, change in eating or sleeping quirks, loss of interest in favorite toys, and/or loss of balance, unsteady walking.

One cannot always prevent accidents or sports injuries, but now at least you will know the symptoms. Be sure that if the rules are not being followed, speak up to prevent someone from being hurt.
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Graduate Studies Showcase 2012
Wednesday, November 14, 4-7:30 p.m.
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The BCS has dealt with plenty of controversy in the past as far as what teams make it to the championship game, but now as the season winds down, there are four teams in the hunt to play for the title. The teams in the race for the BCS are Alabama, Kansas State, Oregon, and Notre Dame. Oregon hopped Notre Dame to take the number three spot, which dropped Notre Dame to forth. All the teams remain undefeated going into the final weeks of the regular season before the bowl games. Alabama stayed on top and Kansas State also remained at their spot at number two. Other teams that have a loss or two on their record still remain in the hunt if any of the undefeated teams lose. Those teams are all SEC teams like Florida, LSU, South Carolina. The BCS is up for grabs, there is a chance that a team with a perfect record might not even get a title shot.

Ryan and Belichick voted "Most Overrated Coaches"

The New York Jets and New England Patriots coaching rivalry has gone beyond the football field. Head coaches Rex Ryan and Bill Belichick were both voted the most overrated coaches in the NFL by an anonymous poll voted by the players. Ryan finished in first place with 35 total votes, followed by Belichick finished with 16 votes landing him second place. This poll was conducted by Sporting News, a website for sports news, and they interviewed 103 players from all over the league. As far as what teams participated, players from 27 of the 32 teams in the NFL had their say in this poll. When asked about Ryan, an anonymous player said that he was “way over the top.” The Jets are currently 3-5 and share last place with the Buffalo Bills in the AFC East, they will face the Seattle Seahawks this weekend. The Patriots are 5-3 heading into the weekend, and face the last place Buffalo Bills this Sunday.

Jared Sullinger Showcasing His Skills

The Boston Celtics have found a special player in Jared Sullinger. The man can rebound. Sullinger has only started one game this season so far, but has proven that he can be a consistent at rebounding for the Celtics. Sullinger is averaging five rebounds in just three games of action. In the past two games, Sullinger has recorded 14 rebounds in 48 total minutes of play. He may only have 12 points on the year so far, but he is proving that he can be a reliable player coming off of the bench. Sullinger might even have the potential to play at center if the Celtics trust a 6’9 forward to play under the basket. Made an instant impact for his first career start against the Washington Wizards, and now the (1-2) Celtics have a player they can throw into the mix of the lineup. Sullinger may be a rookie, but there is a good chance he is the future for the Celtics.

Women's Basketball
Friday, 11/16 vs. TBA (@ Ramapo Tip-Off), 5:30 PM
Friday, 11/16 vs. Mt. Saint Vincent (@ Mawha, NJ), 5:30 PM

Men's Basketball
Saturday, 11/10 @ New Hampshire (Durham, NH), 1 PM

Men's Hockey
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Women's Basketball Coach
Optimistic as Season Approaches

Alex Hall
Managing Editor

Suffolk University's women's basketball team has been one of the school's most productive athletic programs for a decade and coach Leyden this year will be more of the same. "Our goal is to play smart basketball in the first half of the season and play in March. I think we have solid enough talent to have a lot of fun late in the season," Leyden said.

One of the reasons the head coach is so confident in his team is the fact the older members have passed on the culture to the younger players. "We take pride in how hard we practice and our team spirit. The players have been welcoming to the new freshmen. That uplifting attitude helps in a long season," said the longtime coach.

The Lady Rams have not posted a losing record in over 15 seasons and have averaged 15 wins a year since Leyden became the head coach in 1994. In order to keep up that winning tradition however, the 2012 edition of his team will need to implement their new freshmen talent into the fold. Suffolk has five newcomers on the squad.

Leyden said that the adjustment for the team's new freshmen has been a mixed bag, explaining: "the past two weeks they've been flooded with information. They've had to practice harder than they ever have had to before. Some [players] have had a seamless transition; others it's been harder but that's to be expected."

The coach is likely hoping his new players will be ready for the opening tournament of the season, when Suffolk will be a part of the Ramapo Tip-Off Tournament. Two of the Lady Rams' three opponents in the tournament have yet to be announced but Leyden has already begun to study the tape of early-year foe Mount Saint Vincent. Suffolk will face off against the Dolphins in its second game of the tournament.

"It'll be a high-level tournament. We haven't been able to team scrimmage against anybody but we've been concentrating on ourselves [in practice]...trying to play solid Suffolk basketball," said Leyden.

One hole that needs to be filled for Leyden's squad is the role of senior Anthony and in other words, graduated senior Meghan Black's old position on the team. The 2011 alum is one of the best defenders in Suffolk women's basketball history in Leyden's eyes and he admits he needs to find someone to shut down the opponent's best player.

The coach doesn't seem too worried about filling that void, however, explaining: "We're all about the team and specific roles. Everyone is expected to do what they do."

Leyden has not made a habit of fielding unsuccessful squads in the past and he appears dedicated to making sure that statement continues to be true in 2012.

The Lady Rams begin their season Friday, Nov. 16 where they will play two of their scheduled three games in the Ramapo Tip-Off Tournament.

New Faces, Youth Will be the Key to the C's Success

Brendan Martin
Journal Staff

The Boston Celtics came into the season with high expectations from players, coaches, management, and most importantly their fans. While some so called experts from ESPN and Sports Illustrated have been pretty down on the Celtics in preseason power rankings, the chatter around Boston has been about banner number 18. Predicting the Celtics to win it all this season is a bold prediction but on paper they definitely improved from last year's Eastern Conference appearance. There are several promising, new faces on the team.

Jeff Green is looking to bounce back after spending all last season recovering from a heart ailment and he has a lot of untapped potential awaiting to emerge. He can play on the wing, guard three positions, and is potentially the heir apparent to star Paul Pierce.

Courtney Lee is a young shooting guard who can do just about everything required from the position. Versatility is something that is valued in this league and Lee is a true two way player. He is a good perimeter defender and can hit the corner three or slash to the basket. He will be the starting shooting guard until Avery Bradley makes his return from his shoulder injury.

Darko Milicic is going to be a fan favorite at the TD Bank Garden. During the Celtics home opener Darko chants were heard all throughout the sold out arena. Darko, a former number two pick in the draft, hasn't lived up to his potential especially considering Carmelo Anthony and Dwyane Wade were selected after him but look for him to be a big body in the paint.

Jared Sullinger is a high risk high reward player. Projected to be a lottery draft pick before concerns about injuries dropped him to the 21st pick of this draft that the Celtics could not let slip by. Unlike recent rookies the Celtics have, Sullinger has the potential to be a clutch performer, and brings a certain swagger that Bostonians are going to love.
Men’s Hockey Off to Fast Start with 5-2 Victory Over Assumption

By CJ Haddad

The Suffolk Journal Staff

Although there may be no professional hockey played at the Garden this year, just down the street the Suffolk University men’s hockey team is hard at work in preparation for their upcoming season, which is thankfully not locked out.

Head coach Chris Gigliotta and his group of skaters are lacing them up for their 2012-2013 campaign, and hope to raise some eyebrows in the ECAC.

We are optimistic that we can make a run at the playoffs. We feel like the team will be better this year. The ECAC Northeast is a very tough league so only time will tell if everyone else also got better. We also think the move to the North End Rink will be huge for the program. Students can now walk to our games. It will give us a real feeling of home," said Gigliotta.

This season will include a relatively young roster, with the majority of players being freshman and sophomores. Sophomore Brett Roman, native of Rock Tavern, N.Y., will be the starting goaltender for the start of the season. In Suffolk’s first and only game of the young season, Roman was impressive between the pipes, saving 29 of 31 shots, allowing only two goals in the 5-2 victory over Assumption.

Coach Gigliotta is determining that this group will need to gel together and play as a team if they are to be successful. "I would say what will define this team is chemistry. So far it has been a very team first approach. Guys like Dan Feyock and Steve Drago are providing great leadership." For the Rams, that leadership will be provided traditionally by the captains and assistant captains of the team.

Adorning the "C" on his sweater this season will be senior-defenseman Dan Feyock. His counterparts will be juniors Jon Stauffer, and Charlie McGinnis. These two assistant captains will be counted on during the season by their teammates and head coach to provide not just leadership but also presence on the ice.

"Jon Stauffer and Charlie McGinnis will be major players for us once again this season," Gigliotta said. Before their first game of the year, coach Gigliotta pointed out two players who have much improved since last year, and who could not disappoint in the opening game.

"Dan Mazzei and Tim Sprague look to have really improved their game since last year," he said.

Mazzei and Sprague combined for four points in Suffolk’s first game. Mazzei received first star honors, posting a goal and two assists, while Sprague assisted on the eventual game winning goal, scored by Wes Bonnell.

Suffolk tallied a total of five goals in their season-opener, scored by five different players. The first goal of the year came short-handed and was scored by sophomore defenseman Greg Cook. Steve Drago and Mike Cherpark also notched a goal apiece.

Suffolk will play its first home game at Sterritt Rink in the North End, just down the street from the TD Garden. The match will see Suffolk take on ECAC division opponent Wentworth on Saturday, November 17 at 4:25 p.m.

NFL Week Nine: Colts Win Emotional Game; Falcons Are Still Perfect

By Roy Ben-Joseph

The Journal Staff

Chuck Pagano has been coaching football, whether in college or NFL, for the last 28 years. He has held every possible defensive coaching position from linebackers coach to defensive line to secondary up to the way to defensive coordinator of the Baltimore Ravens. But never has he held a head coaching job.

In 2012 Pagano’s luck has changed, the banged-up Indianapolis Colts hired Pagano for the shining head coach position. The Colts had the worst record in the NFL in the 2011 season, finishing 2-14 after 11 consecutive years of being one of the top teams in football, being led by future Hall of Fame Quarterback Peyton Manning. The 36 year old Manning had to sit out the entire 2011 season due to neck surgery. Just one year the Colts went from a winning team to the worst team in football. That is how deep the effect of Manning was on the franchise. Colts owner and GM Jim Irsay knew the team was no other way to improve the team other than rebuilding.

It all started by a decision that, according to Irsay, was the hardest decision he ever had to make in his life and that was letting Manning go to free agency where eventually one of the best quarterbacks of all time signed with the Denver Broncos. The Colts drafted Andrew Luck with the first overall pick in the 2012 draft and hired Pagano to rebuild the team from the basics.

After only two games as a head coach, tragedy struck the Pagano family and Colts nation. Pagano was diagnosed with an advanced stage of leukemia. Ever since his diagnosis he spent his days in the hospital in Indianapolis undergoing treatments of chemotherapy and his involvement with the team is minor. The players haven’t heard much from his head coach as of late, as Pagano is obviously focused on the most important mission of his life right now.

On Sunday night the Colts beat the Miami Dolphins 23-20 with Andrew Luck breaking the NFL rookie record for passing yards with 433. They improved to 5-3, already winning more games than all of last season. But the big surprise was waiting for the players in the locker room. Coach Pagano, in his first public appearance since being hospitalized in September, was waiting for the players in the locker room. Pagano, who is fighting for his life, but also bring the Lombardi Trophy back to Indianapolis. Pagano was very close to appearing in a Super Bowl for the first time in his life during the 2011 season. In the AFC championship game Pagano, then the Ravens defensive coordinator, lost to the New England Patriots on the last play of the game when kicker Billy Cundiff missed a game tying field goal with 11 seconds left in the game, which would have sent the game to overtime. Pagano, who finally fulfilled his dream of being NFL head coach, is fighting for his life right now, and much more important than a Super Bowl victory, all the football world can only wish that the talented coach will overcome his disease and come back as soon as possible to stand on the Indianapolis Colts sidelines. It is those emotional and inspirational speeches such as Pagano’s that make us not take life for granted.

The other big story from Week 9 is the Atlanta Falcons, who are the only 8-0 team left in the NFL this year. Since the NFL extended to a 16 games season back in the 1970s, only one team has finished a perfect 16-0 regular season. The 2007 New England Patriots sweated out the NFL regular season with a roster that was arguably the best team to ever play football. The Patriots had numerous NFL records for QB’s including the unbelievable 50 TD passes in a season and Randy Moss breaking the TD reception record.

Right now the Falcons have a perfect record. Whether it carries on or not, it would be the future Hall of Famer TE Tony Gonzalez’s last chance for a Super Bowl berth. As for the rest of the NFC, Aaron Rodgers had another stellar performance, throwing for 376 yards and three TD’s in the Packers 31-17 victory over Arizona. The NFC North Pittsburgh Steelers dominated the NFC North leaders New York Giants at MetLife Stadium in a 24-20 victory, limiting QB Eli Manning’s INTs to one INT and only 125 yards. With Pittsburgh getting better, the battle for the AFC seeding is getting more and more interesting.