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Greek Life attends discussion on hazing

Ellie Hawkins  
Journal Staff

A speech at Suffolk University began with fun and laughter, which soon turned into a grave realization of what goes on in other Greek chapters around the country. Mike Barcelo, an alumnus of Delta Chi, gave a speech to the Theta Phi Alpha sorority and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity about hazing awareness. Barcelo gives this speech to many fraternities and sororities.

 Held on November 7, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sawyer building, every TPA and SAE member was required to attend, which totaled about 100 Greek life members in the classroom.

Before the speech was given, some of the Greek members brought pizzas in for everyone. The room was laid back and happy with excitement as they greeted each other and talked. After the pizza was provided, the presentation began.

"They think that it will not involve them because we do not have hazing, the examples we have do not represent us," said Emily Swartz, the TPA Risk Manager, who is concerned that people would not take this speech seriously, because hazing is prohibited at Suffolk.

First, Barcelo introduced himself with the two risk managers in TPA and SAE, and then continued by asking about what images hazing brought to students’ minds. Images like binge drinking, physical harassment, emotional harassment, and Greek life were brought up. Barcelo stated that this was the typical image that people have when they hear the word “hazing.”

"It is a serious issue at college campuses across the United States,” Barcelo said. With a PowerPoint slideshow, he then continued with the definition of hazing: "any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization whether on public or private property which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or another person.

Barcelo showed a 20-minute video about how hazing is a major problem on college campuses. The video, which was focused on a death that happened in Boulder, Colorado at a Phi Chi fraternity, explained that many Greek life members think that new members have to earn the right to be initiated by physically and emotionally harassing them. The Suffolk Greek life grew quiet and serious as the video continued to play.

Once the video was over Barcelo explained how hazing might not be a problem right now in Suffolk University Greek life, but all it takes is someone who wants to make things more interesting for it to change.

"You can go back to your chapter in 10 to 15 years and it can completely change," he said.

After this, the risk managers handed out hazing scenarios and the members broke up into groups. They discussed how the situation would be addressed if they or anyone else was put into that circumstance, and then they shared their answers with the rest of the members in the room.

Lastly, the members watched a more humorous video that showed members stepping in to stop hazing; the comedy of the video made people laugh and it lightened up the mood in the classroom. The YouTube video had been brought a few unexpected surprises, mainly with how Obama was able to capture the Cuban vote in Florida, which is a demographic that tends to vote Republican. Where President Obama was able to capitalize was the Latino vote, which he beat Romney on by 40 points.

Finley went on to add, "We need to keep building this country economically, while continuing to protect the rights of our citizens. We will keep moving forward on the progress we have made with President Obama.”

AJ Applegate, vice president of the Suffolk College Republicans, explained “the election obviously didn’t go the way that we hoped it would, but Suffolk/Suffolk volunteers alongside other College Republicans from across Massachusetts, and we are proud of our efforts.”

The Suffolk Democrats were not available for comment on the Election results.
POLICE BLOTTER

Wednesday, November 7
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Wednesday, November 7
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Thursday, November 8
1:09 p.m.
Law School
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Friday, November 9
7:51 a.m.
Ashburton Place
Other agency assist-disorderly. Case closed.

Saturday, November 10
1:58 a.m.
10 West
Drunkenness. Judicial internal.

New Trading Room Built for Sawyer Business School

Melissa Hanson
Assistant News Editor

One of the newest editions to Suffolk’s Sawyer building is the trading and financial center on the fifth floor. Praneeth Machettira, director of technology for the Sawyer Business School, calls the room a multipurpose lab for business students.

“This is a wonderful resource for business students,” said Machettira. The center was thought of in early 2012. Machettira and his team in the technology office, along with three students, Scott Petras, Dan Feyock, and Johanna Gaviria, “championed the cause,” spending most of spring 2012 researching and planning the center. While the students were more involved with planning the design of the room, Machettira visited other campuses to observe their trading and financial rooms. He also had to get approvals on all the plans and figure out the budget.

Machettira spent the spring researching the software and design of the lab after getting inspiration from other universities. He says that his team spent a few months just researching a stand to hold the dual-screen computers in the lab. “You’d be surprised,” he said. The team spent such a long time focusing on the center piece by piece to secure longevity in the products.

Machettira also spent months researching the different software products they could have in the center.

“The software ultimately drives the room,” said Machettira. The software he was able to secure includes, but is not limited to, Computer, StockTrak, Morningstar direct, and Bloomberg. The software is not only available in the trading and financial center, but also in the Sawyer 5th floor computer lab.

The real construction of the work could not begin until a few weeks into the summer when classes were over. A small staff had to dismantle the contents of the room before they could bring in anything new. The room needed remodeling through painting and new carpeting. Then the team could install the equipment. Machettira says all the departments on campus came together for this effort.

The room was finished in the last weeks of August to be ready for classes. It currently houses classes in the finance and ISOM majors. Machettira hopes that the finance and investment clubs on campus also can use the room for meetings. The center will provide them an atmosphere that will match what they are learning in class and discussing as a club.

“At the end of the day, they are the ones who are using it,” said Machettira.

Aside from the new software, the center is equipped with brand new hardware as well. It has 29 dual-screen computer stations, six flat screen panels that steam live data and the business channels, a stock ticker, a world clock with different time zones, and a brass opening and closing bell. “It’s kind of a fixture you have to have in a trading room,” said Machettira of the stock ticker.

All the features of the room cost over $160,000, according to Machettira. He says the timing had a lot to do with the pricing of the center’s fixtures. However, Suffolk got a good deal in comparison to the trading rooms of other universities.

“Most, if not all, universities have spent half a million or more,” said Machettira. He believes Suffolk was, “facially conservative,” and “cost effective.”

Machettira will not say what he is most excited about as far as the fixtures and technology in the center go.

“I think that should be up to the students,” he said. He does think that there are many interesting tools for business majors. This is only phase one of the center, and Machettira says with more money and resources they can add a lot more.

He believes the center gives students the opportunity and place to practice what they are learning in their business classes.

As far as feedback goes, Machettira says the technology office typically only hears from students and faculty when something goes wrong.

“That’s the nature of technology,” he said. However, the trading and financial room has brought positive feedback to Machettira and the office of technology. He says students have been impressed and that he can see them “oohing and ahhing” as they walk by the room. Also, the faculty has expressed that they are happy to have the center as a resource for teaching.

“The trading and financial center is not just tools and software, it’s a physical room,” said Machettira. It is access to world class financial databases.”
Dear students,

The Student Government Association would like you to know that we have been working closely with student organizations at Suffolk, co-sponsoring events all month as well as tackling student concerns that come up, such as internet issues, elevator spacing issues, and library spacing issues. We also like to thank everyone who stopped by our tables last week and enjoyed some of the Mac & Cheese. Keep your eye out for more free food from us, as well as student representatives to approach with any questions, comments or concerns. We also like to extend our thanks to all the students who registered to vote through Suffolk’s voting initiative, co-sponsored by SGA.

Last but not least, we came up with a new way to make Lunts 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 be a member-at-large and then get voted in as a Senator. Our weekly meetings are every Thursday at 1:00pm in Donohue 311. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at sga@suffolk.edu

Have a great week,

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Is the U.S. Approaching a Fiscal Cliff?

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Fiscal cliff, a term coined by Chairman of the United States Federal Reserve Ben Bernanke, refers to a number of steep government tax hikes and dramatic spending cuts that will all turn rapidly decrease our deficit. These tax increases and spending cuts are estimated to cost over $600 billion per year; most of this total will be generated from increased taxes on the American people.

What does this actually mean for the average American? Higher taxes will force corporations to lay off numerous jobs and will endanger investments that would create new jobs, essentially causing the unemployment rate to skyrocket. Our economy will also suffer greatly, with fewer jobs being created along with higher taxes. People will be forced to cut their spending, making businesses in nearly every sector diminish. Our country will, with all certainty, face another devastating recession.

The numerous spending cuts that our country must make will include drastic military reductions, which will put our country in an extremely vulnerable position. As turmoil in the Middle East continues to grow and Iran becomes closer and closer to a nuclear bomb, it is vital that we build our defense network.

America has made its choice for president; one can only pray that we now do not suffer its consequences. The Republican Party and the Democratic Party must come to an agreement; this is the only way to avoid the fiscal cliff and its devastating details. We must focus on what makes us similar, rather than what makes us different.

Our common goals: for our great nation, but together we can. Alone we are powerless, united we are unbeatable.

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Proposing Free Market Roads in America

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Opinion Editor

How does a private enterprise operate roads — not just highways, but collectors and local roads as well — with the revenue to stay in business and maintain our roads as a proper level? Would these roads be safe for the public to utilize? How can we even expect them to provide more efficient and safer services?

One of the principle concerns with privatizing is revenue. The most obvious source of revenue for roads comes from tolling: a method that has been with us since 700 B.C. or earlier. Let me be clear that I do not see human beings collecting cash at every street corner being feasible in the slightest. Regardless, the possibilities are endless and where there is the potential to make profits, capitalists will innovate.

We already have early stages of electronic tolling using RFID transponders: E-ZPass. In fact, this technology is already at the point where some toll plazas allow RFID users to completely bypass highway speeds while still being billed their toll. It is conceivable that this could be applied to local roads, perhaps with RFID passes embedded in cars’ undercarriages and scanners planted in the road to minimize traffic congestion.

In addition, road companies would likely charge landowners for curb cuts — the break in the curbs which allows your driveway at home to connect to the street network. One unintended benefit to this is that urban — and thus more environmentally friendly development — would be encouraged due to the added cost that otherwise comes with having a car and driveway. Additionally, parking would also be at market rate, thus further encouraging car use through free market economics.

I find that the thought of privatizing our roads is not only economically efficient, but we would find the act of commuting itself to be more efficient. Road companies would be readying to reduce congestion and improve road conditions in order to compete with other road companies. This speed limit would continue to exist in a manner that ensures safety and the highest rate of car throughput, otherwise they would lose profits to other roads.

In seeking to obtain the highest profits, and thus most efficient throughput of cars, we would see reduced pollution put per car, as well as fewer car trips overall. This is due to the nature of peak pricing to minimize traffic congestions to cap the number of cars traveling at any one given time as well as having drivers pay their fair share for their road use.

Continuing on the ‘green’ theme of reduced pollution, exurban and suburban roads would be reserved for higher rates billed to each driver as there are fewer cars with which to share the one lane of the road. As such, our forests and farmlands would be better protected from our ever-sprawling metropolitan areas. Overall, I would surmise that privatizing our roads means a healthier planet, faster commutes, and more efficient use of resources and money.

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Veterans' Home Sweet Home

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Opinion Editor

The fifth annual Home Sweet Home dessert competition and fundraiser was another outstanding success for the Home Base Program – an organization formed under a partnership between the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital. The money raised at Home Sweet home will go directly towards support and research on the part of the Home Base Program.

According to the Home Base Program website, the program originated in 2009 to serve Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and families affected by combat or deployment-related stress. The program also provides information to communities in order to educate the public on the difficulties many veterans face as they adjust to life at home again. The crowd was silent as jarring statistics were acknowledged: one active duty soldier and 18 veterans commit suicide every day, and 31 percent of our military men and women come home with traumatic brain injuries, post-traumatic stress, or depression. Jack Hammond, executive director of the Home Base Program, said we can help our veterans by hiring them or a spouse of a deployed service member, reaching out to families of service members, and by attending fundraisers such as Home Sweet Home. Attendees were also reminded that they could donate individually through the program’s website.

Funds were raised through entrance fees and both silent and live auctions of various items and services. Tickets to Home Sweet Home went for $1,500 per person. Some of the auctions included Hubway memberships, a Liverpool soccer jersey signed by the entire team, a gift card to Anna’s Taqueria, season passes to the Cutler Theater from Emerson College, a guitar signed by David Ortiz and Steven Tyler, and your own personal show on NECN’s TV dinner. Present throughout the night were numerous veterans who had received help from the Home Base Program. Among them was Bob Davis, a Newton firefighter who served in Iraq. After suffering a brain injury, Davis found the Home Base Program which was able to reach out and help him. Davis claimed that daily life is still a struggle even when everything is going right, but the Home Base Program keeps him strong.

Home Sweet Home also featured a roasting live performance by the Love Dogs, as well as a “sugar blowing” and sculpting session in which a team of chefs crafted a swan. Two young boys, Eric and Jack, then presented the Home Base Program with a $2,100 donation after raising the money with a lemonade stand.

The event came to a close after celebrity host Billy Costa announced the winners of the dessert competition as chosen by guests and the celebrity judging panel. Guests voted Zephyr on the Charles – located within the Hyatt Regency Cambridge hotel – as Best of Show. Blue Ginger crafted delectable almond biscuits topped with miso cream, pomegranate, and sesame seed.

The celebrity judging panel consisted of Andrew Rimas, Editor of Improper Bostonian, Jill Epstein, Host of Improper Bostonian, Amy Traverso, Senior Lifestyle Editor of Yankee Magazine, and Jordan Rich, WZLX Radio Host for “Connoisseurs Corner.” Together the panel declared Blue Ginger of Wellesley as Best in Show. Blue Ginger crafted delectable almond biscuits topped with miso cream, pomegranate, and sesame seed.
**Chiaroscuro Evening Goes Out With A Bang to Rush Midnight**

**Soleil Barros**

**Art Editor**

Music enthusiasts may have heard a tune or two from the well-received new wave artist Twin Shadow, but many have yet to hear of the Rush Midnight. Recent bass player and formally trained jazz musician of Twin Shadow, Russell Manning, has launched a solo project to met music audiences with his chill and soothing melodies, captivating audiences across the globe.

Rush Midnight recently visited the Middle East in Cambridge, performing at the upstairs stage after traveling seven hours on a bus just to make it to the event, as he announced during his set.

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Having exposed himself to cool reggae and hip hop bands throughout the years, Manning had the opportunity to attend live shows as these bands played in the city on their various tours. Growing up after the explosion of Hip Hop, Manning was set apart introducing himself to a unique sound at the time, when friends were tuning in to the Strokes and other popular rock bands. A brand new influence of having the advantage of growing up in Brooklyn only adds to the cool factor that Rush Midnight is quickly starting to gain.

Rush Midnight released his debut EP, "Take Care," in October via Cascine label group. The tracks provided on the EP of "Rolling Stone" and "Rolling Stone" music making process and ability to appeal to various audiences. "I absolutely add a bit of the R&B influence that Manning was exposed to at a younger age. Rush Midnight's new album can be found now on iTunes.

**The Weekend ends anticipation with debut Trilogy**

**Mackenzie Cummings-Grayly**

He has been hailed as the songbird of our generation by Rolling Stone and MTV. He headlined Coachella over the summer despite releasing only mix tapes, and he beat out Jay-Z and Kanye West as album of the year. He is Abel Tesfaye, or better known as The Weeknd, and is currently the biggest name in RB music. On Tuesday Tesfaye will release his debut album entitled Trilogy, which is a combination of all three of the mix tapes that he released back in 2011. The album will come with three bonus tracks, but if you have been following the XO child, you've already memorized all of the songs on this album.

When House of Balloons was released back in March of 2011, Abel's identity was unknown. He was simply just known as The Weeknd, a man with a haunting voice and a disturbing message to get across. The swagger behind this mix tape was unlike anything ever heard before. It was incredibly slow, bogged down in eerie drum beats and bass. Abel's distinctive voice was all that defined him as an artist. The mysterious persona combined with his musical sware was all that was needed for him to become one of the best-selling artists on the internet. He had almost invented a genre. After downloading the mix tape I didn't know what to make of the tracks like "The Party & The After Party" and "Wicked Games" left an empty feeling in my stomach, like someone had just sucker punched me. I became almost masochistic towards the music. It sunk my soul into the depths of guilt, like I had witnessed a murder, but I craved more.

Without any updates on new releases or even who he was, Abel dropped Thursday out of the blue on Aug. 18. With this release he handed his fans another surprise, his identity. He said his name was Abel Tesfaye, but all Google searches alike could not pull up a face for the name. While House of Balloons made me uncomfortable, Thursday made me feel down right filthy. I felt guilty listening to it, as if I had just cheated on my girlfriend. Even to this day I can't listen to the tape all the way through without feeling off kilter.

Abel's voice was much more powerful this time around, singing on drug addiction, the dark side of partying, and even sexual assault. Fans crowded towards this tape more than his debut not only because of the hype surrounding it, but because track seven offered a guest verse by Drake, and after "The Zone" had concluded I knew they were a match made in heaven.

Drake took Abel on to his parents record collection, set music for Manning. I started writing music in middle school and high school. I started writing songs on the piano in between classes in high school. I'm doing the same thing now, except I have more structure," explained Manning. "When I got access to my dad's record collection in middle school that was a novel thing." In the midst of touring with Twin Shadow, Manning managed to create an incomparable sound of his own, appealing to audiences worldwide. Rush Midnight carries such a unique sound, it is only natural that the music-making process for Manning is just as unique as the tracks as they are. Rush Midnight set the tone for many of his songs, presenting a great influence on the intimate audience that attended in the snow cold evening. Ranging in various ages with apparent fans who gardians had to take to the evening. Ranging in various styles of music for the intimate audience that attended on the snowy cold evening. Ranging in various ages with apparent fans who gardians had to take.

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Drake took Abel on to his label after Thursday's release and used his talent on multiple tracks on his album Take Care. This allowed him to gain some radio popularity around Abel, as well as the quality of Take Care as a whole. Songs like "Over My Shoulder," "The Ride," and "Good Ones Go" are still my favorite tracks on the album, simply because Abel and Drake sound so smooth together. While touring with Drake, Abel released his third and final mixtape Echoes of Silence and it is currently the most radio friendly work to date.

While Thursday was more experimental and had tracks where Abel would just play around with the beats and his voice, Echoes of Silence was well constructed. Songs like "Outside" and "Montreal" have a really catchy song, Abel still manages to make music for yourself, but its cool to make music for other people to enjoy. Growing up in Brooklyn also contributed a great influence on Rush Midnight's unique sound.
Suffolk Student Offers Tips on Study Abroad

Kelly Flores
Journal Contributor

With bags packed and passports in hand, thousands of students make the journey to a foreign country each year in order to experience a different culture and study a second (or even third) language. But endless travel opportunities, limitless free time, and ever-shrinking budgets can overwhelm those students. What if my flight is cancelled? What if my credit card gets lost or stolen? How will I make sure I cross off all the to-dos on my bucket list? Many students study abroad with high expectations about the experience, and hopefully these tips will put future travelers at ease.

Write to do:

Firstly, keep a folder of all your important documents and information, in your homestay or place of residence, and create a second copy for traveling. Make sure to include a passport copy, insurance information, emergency phone numbers, any necessary prescriptions, and key phrases in your country’s language, should you get lost or need help. This is also a good place to store your boarding passes and directions buying bottled water adds up. Finally, go get lost! Set aside time during each of your trips to explore a neighborhood or area of the city you might not normally visit. The best part of traveling is experiencing something new, whether that constitutes trying a new food, mingling with the locals, or finding a perfect, hidden beach just outside the city.

WANT NOT TO DO:

Ignore your own city. Remember that you chose to study abroad in a particular place for a reason. Whether you were intrigued by the culture or wanted to practice the language, take time once a week to engage in your own country’s traditions. Ask your host parents for corrections.

Difficulties Identified in LGBT Communities Abroad

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Since last week’s election, Maine, Maryland, and Minnesota were added to the states allowing same-sex marriage. It would seem that homosexuality is finally accepted; however, there is still a contentious battle across the world for gay rights. In many countries, homosexuality is illegal, even punishable by death. Many friends’ and families’ countries across the globe are suffering because of the damages done to their loved ones in light of unconstitutional laws that are still practiced by the same governments. In South Africa, members of the LGBT community are actively targeted and are unable seek help from police. According to online news site Global Post, 19-year-old Zaidkwa Mhoyana was stoned and stabbed to death in Khayelitsha, South Africa for being a lesbian. Another woman was sexually assaulted and killed by over 20 men for claiming she was not a tomboy, but a lesbian. Only four were charged and the rest are still free today. Many lesbians in South Africa live in day to day fear of being tortured or even killed. The South African LGBT community combats these crimes and participates in the conference, “Isini Sam” (my sexuality), which is the second annual education workshop on LGBT issues.

Another country that bans homosexuality to the point of punishable by murder or exile is Iraq. As many as 100 people have been killed for being gay. As stated in another Global Post article, these murders are even traceable to actions directly carried out by militias in Iraq, and the Iraqi authorities.

The Iraqi government facilitates their murder by arresting victims and handing them over to militias to kill them. There is much support for anti-gay violence since the military announced that they are “antagonist and must be eradicated.” There have been many people beaten or taken without arrest warrants, never to be seen again. A professor from Iraq wrote an explanation of the murders claiming that homosexuality is a threat to the culture. Although the violence against homosexuality is extreme in Iraq, there is still hope with a group of parliamentarians who demanded an investigation into the killings, claiming it was “an act of terrorism.” While South Africa and Iraq struggle with the acceptance of homosexuality, the United States is determined to use American diplomacy to protect gay rights around the world. President Obama recently claimed he would make efforts by other countries which criminalize homosexual conduct, and abuse gay men, lesbians, bisexuals or transgendered individuals.

Although the United States is pushing for better treatment for gays internationally, there is a possibility of resistance with United States ally, Turkey. In Turkey, homosexuality is banned and punishable by death of flogging. Earlier, the Justice and Development Party (AKP) in Turkey vetoed a proposal that was introduced by the Republicans Peoples Party and the Peace Democracy Party that would bring constitutional protection for gay rights. The AKP claimed LGBT rights had no place in the Turkish constitution. However, the United States still makes it clear that it is imperative on raising this specific issue as an importance on the foreign policy.
SPORTS BRIEFS

Reyes Goes to Toronto in Blockbuster Trade

The Miami Marlins have traded superstar shortstop Jose Reyes, pitcher Josh Johnson, pitcher Mark Buehrle, catcher John Buck, outfielder Emilio Bonifacio, and right-handed pitcher Jeff Feierabend to the Toronto Blue Jays for shortstop Yunel Escobar, and top prospects Jake Marisnick (outfielder) and Adley Rutschman (shortstop). The move is a major shakeup and the upper management has made it clear that they are trying to rebuild the team. Reactions to the trade have varied, with some Toronto players expressing excitement, and Marlins players frustration. The deal is not yet set in stone, as the MLB must first investigate the amount of money and contracts being exchanged between the two teams before signing off on the deal.

D'Antoni Hired as Lakers Head Coach

The Los Angeles Lakers have the story of the NBA this year, but for all of the unexpected reasons. Touted as having the best team in basketball at the start of the season, the Lakers slipped to 1-4 before firing their head coach, Mike Brown. Team management made yet another surprising move, passing over franchise legend and 11-time NBA champion Phil Jackson as their new head coach. Instead, the Lakers have hired former New York Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni to coach the team. Expectations are high for the new coach, and he knows it. "If we're not at least in the hunt, a serious hunt, then I've failed as a head coach. I'm comfortable with that," D'Antoni told the "Mason and Ireland" show on ESPNLA 710-AM.

NHl Lockout Still Headed Nowhere

Two months after the NHL officially locked out its players, negotiations between the NHL and the NHL Players Association on a new Collective Bargaining Agreement have gotten nowhere. Despite a fresh round of negotiations, in which meetings were held during seven out of nine days, the two sides remain far apart on key issues like salary rollback and the division of "hockey related revenue," or money from the sale of things like tickets and merchandise. Meanwhile, the exodus of players to Europe continues as questionable for this week's game against the Baltimore Ravens. Despite a fresh round of negotiations, in which meetings were held during seven out of nine days, the two sides remain far apart on key issues like salary rollback and the division of "hockey related revenue," or money from the sale of things like tickets and merchandise. Meanwhile, the exodus of players to Europe continues as

Charges Against Peterson Dropped

The misdemeanor resisting arrest charges against Minnesota Viking running back Adrian Peterson have been dropped, an off duty police officer outside a Houston nightclub where Peterson was arrested on July 7 after a confrontation with the officer was working as a security guard. Peterson had supposedly shoved the officer after being asked to leave, but the officer was working as a security guard. Peterson had supposedly shoved the officer after being asked to leave, but denies this occurred. The NFL's leading rushing season this year was released on a $1,000 bond at the time, and is very relieved to have had the charges dropped.

Sprained Shoulder for Roethlisberger

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has been diagnosed with a sprained shoulder following his early exit from Monday night's 16-13 win over the Kansas City Chiefs. The injury is an unusual one, and because of this the Steelers have not yet offered an official timetable for Roethlisberger's return. Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin was, however, able to say that Roethlisberger will be questionable for this week's game against the Baltimore Ravens.

INJURIES, PLAYER SAFETY

Most Prevalent Theme in Week Ten

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Referring to Week 10 in the NFL as "wild" would be an understatement. Not because it featured two elite defenses of the Chicago Bears and Houston Texans battling for the victory in the Windy City where the game was played under inclement weather conditions. It also featured the first tie game in any American sport since 2008, and another rivalry in the AFC East between the Bills and the Patriots, with the Bills coming to Foxboro where they are 0-11 against Tom Brady and the Patriots since the stadium was opened in 2002. But the main issue of Week 10 was once again the immortal debate of player safety.

It is not a secret that NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and the organization are under law suits from former players who suffered concussions during their careers and carried the damage on to their post-NFL career lives. In May, 2012 the football world was stunned from the sudden suicide of future Hall of Famer and former New England Patriots and San Diego Chargers Linebacker Junior Seau. With no predetermined signs or any depression, Seau shot himself. His death is related to the frustration and problems he dealt with from the many concussions he suffered throughout his career and may have been a cause of this extreme act. Scientists have asked the Seau family for permission to study his brain which are still being conducted. Seau was part of the unprecedented and historic 2007 New England Patriots season where they went 16-0, sweeping the NFL regular season.

Due to Seau's death and the many lawsuits, the NFL became very sensitive for players safety, introducing new rules. Today, many more penalty flags are thrown by the officials for personal fouls, hitting a defenseless receiver and for targeting the head. The quarterback is almost a protected species in the NFL. The "Tom Brady Rule" has been in effect since the 2008 season. This rule forbids a hit on the QB under his knees due as a result of the Bernard Pollard hit on Tom Brady on the first play of the 2008 season where the Future Hall of Famer tore his ACL and missed the only season in his career.

There is no tolerance for head shots at all in today's NFL and that's an understatement. Every helmet to helmet hit will draw a penalty flag, no matter what position the player is playing. In addition, hitting a defenseless receiver will not be tolerated as well. Week 10 in the NFL featured four starting quarterbacks who left early with injuries. The 49ers Alex Smith, Eagles Michael Vick and Bears Jay Cutler left their respective teams due to a concussion and are all questionable for next week. Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger left Monday night's game with a right shoulder injury which is his throwing arm.

Many players in different positions have suffered concussions this season. It seems that despite the fact more penalty flags are thrown, teams lose field position, and players are being fined for reckless hits, it is still not enough to intimidate those who cause these injuries. The debate will keep on going in the court and it seems that no matter what the NFL does, those injuries still happen. Those players who suffer them are sometimes finding out that what was just a concussion during their careers is developing into something worse that haunts them in their post NFL life. In the future, NFL fans can only wish that instead of talking about player safety issues, the focus will be on the great play on the field.

After Week 10, the Texans are already 8-1, the Falcons average more than 30 yards and nine more points per game than number two on the list, the Detroit Lions. They already broke the all-time record for consecutive games with more than 350 yards. The focus has to be on the game, and in order for that to happen, the NFL must solve the player safety issues as soon as possible.
The Rams Set To Slam-Dunk

The GNAC After Facing D-I Wildcats

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It is no surprise that there are NCAA Division III teams out there who are happy to live the life of a "big fish in a small pond" in an easy conference with limited challenge, rather than having a competitive and demanding existence as a "small fish in a big pond" in a tough conference. Some teams have an easy schedule besides "small fish in a big pond" in an easy conference out there that are happy to live themselves and playing tough their mandatory conference and demanding existence as a are afraid of challenging where the Suffolk University win a lot of games, and it looks pond" together with the other and one day evolve to "a big fish" that can swim in a "big pond" and one day become a better team and diligent work pays off. The sweetest victory is the one you and tears. Nelson was asked how the second half of the season is against a Division I team. That dream came true against Wheelock College; we had a scrimmage last week against UNH and [they turned over the ball] and we just cleared the score and against Wheelock College; we got some experience. That against UNH who were "Goliath" in top physical condition and if (sic.) look at one game at a time. We've got the talent to really make a run at it, but again we wanna (sic.) look at one game at a time.

Adam Nelson has already led the Rams to the GNAC championship semifinal once before and he is hoping he can do it again this year, or go even further. The Rams are more ready than ever against in the pre-season: "We think a long time ahead and at every game face on and showed feel like we are fully prepared, but we've been going at it for a long time. Offensively and defensively we got all of our stuff in there, so we are definitely ready to play somebody else. We've best each other up for about a month here so we are definitely ready to play somebody else." UNH is not the only team that the Rams have been playing against in the preseason. "We had a scrimmage last week against Wheelock College; we were up 55-20 in the half and we just cleared the score and just played the second half to get some experience. That was a good test for us because one of our things this year is that we want to be physical and aggressive defensively and when we get out there we [they turned over the ball] 30 times. That is our thing - to be physical and aggressive. The Wheelock game doesn't really count and we don't want to be fat and happy about it, but it shows that we are definitely headed towards where we need to be", said Coach Nelson. Every sports team has their own goals prior to the season and while some coaches like to think a long time ahead and at several games at once, Coach Nelson takes it one step at a time: "I want to come and play hard every game. One of the things that we've talked about this year as a team is that we got (sic) 25 regular season games and we are not gonna (sic) look ahead. That next game - the game that is coming up is our most important game, we are only looking at that game. Nov. 16 we open up against Maine, Fort Kent - that's the game we are focused on now. So that is kind of our goal to take it one game at a time, and if we can do that, we're gonna (sic) win a lot of games.

being able to focus on one game at a time can prove to be vital for Suffolk men's basketball, who play in an extremely competitive conference in which the last year's winter made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament. Coach Nelson is not afraid of the competition and he made one thing very clear: "We want to finish in the top half, and get a playoff home game, that is our goal. Can we do it? I think so. We've taken the talent to really make a run at it, but again we wanna (sic.) look at one game at a time." The GNAC conference in which the last year's winner made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament. Coach Nelson is not afraid of the competition and he made one thing very clear: "We want to finish in the top half, and get a playoff home game, that is our goal. Can we do it? I think so. We've taken the talent to really make a run at it, but again we wanna (sic.) look at one game at a time."