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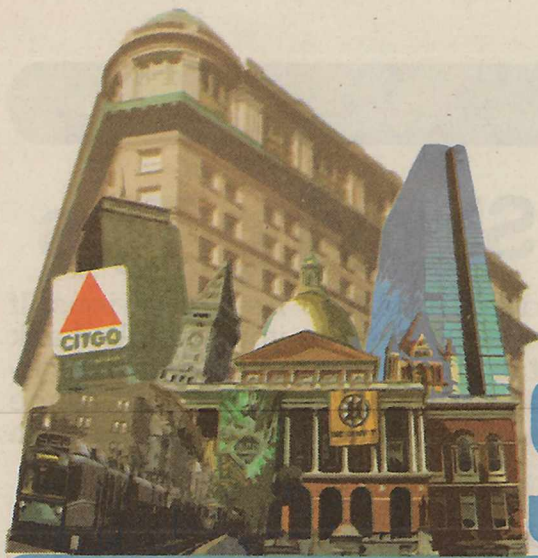
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James McCarthy Inaugurated as Ninth President of Suffolk University



Miles Halpine Journal Staff

The Suffolk University community gathered for a celebration kicking off a new generation for the school as Dr. James McCarthy officially became the ninth president of Suffolk in a formal inauguration ceremony held at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012.

At a morning gathering attended by upwards of 700 students, professors, staff, alumni, politicians, fellow college presidents from over 70 universities, and several members of the Boston police including their Gaelic Column of Pipes and Drums that began the opening procession, James McCarthy was officially declared president of Suffolk University.

Beginning just minutes after the stated time of 10:00, close to 100 presidents from local colleges walked in and took their respective seats on each side of the first floor of Faneuil Hall and then the first few rows in front of the stage.

Once they were seated, the dozen or so esteemed speakers took their seats on the stage alongside McCarthy. Those who spoke include Peter Meade, Chief Economic Development officer for Boston Redevelopment Authority on behalf of Mayor Thomas Menino; the honorable Therese Murray, president of the Massachusetts Senate; the honorable Robert A. DeLeo, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; Robert Caret, president of University of Massachusetts and Suffolk alumnus; and Samienta Pierre-Vil, president of the Student Government Association (SGA).

To break from the speeches, the Zion Gospel Choir sang the National Anthem and, later on in the inauguration, the Suffolk University Ramifications gave an impressive rendition of Natasha Bedingfield's song "Unwritten."

Dr. Robert Allison, chair of Suffolk's History Department, provided the audience in attendance, and also those viewing online via livestream, with an interesting yet amusing keynote address. Among students at Suffolk, many seem optimistic about the college's future.

Tyler LeBlanc, Sophomore class Senator for SGA, said "I think [President McCarthy] is a great president and has a lot of goals...[he] wants to serve the students the best way he can which is awesome."

LeBlanc, a student double-majoring in accounting and entrepreneurship, went on to say that McCarthy's "ability to listen to students and attack the problems they bring up will help Suffolk have a bright future."

Although he actually began almost a year ago in February, many people across campus said they have already seen

improvements under McCarthy's leadership. Before being selected for the prestigious position of college president, he was a Provost and Senior

at Columbia University and the Johns Hopkins University.

After Suffolk's previous president David Sargent resigned in 2010 over criticism

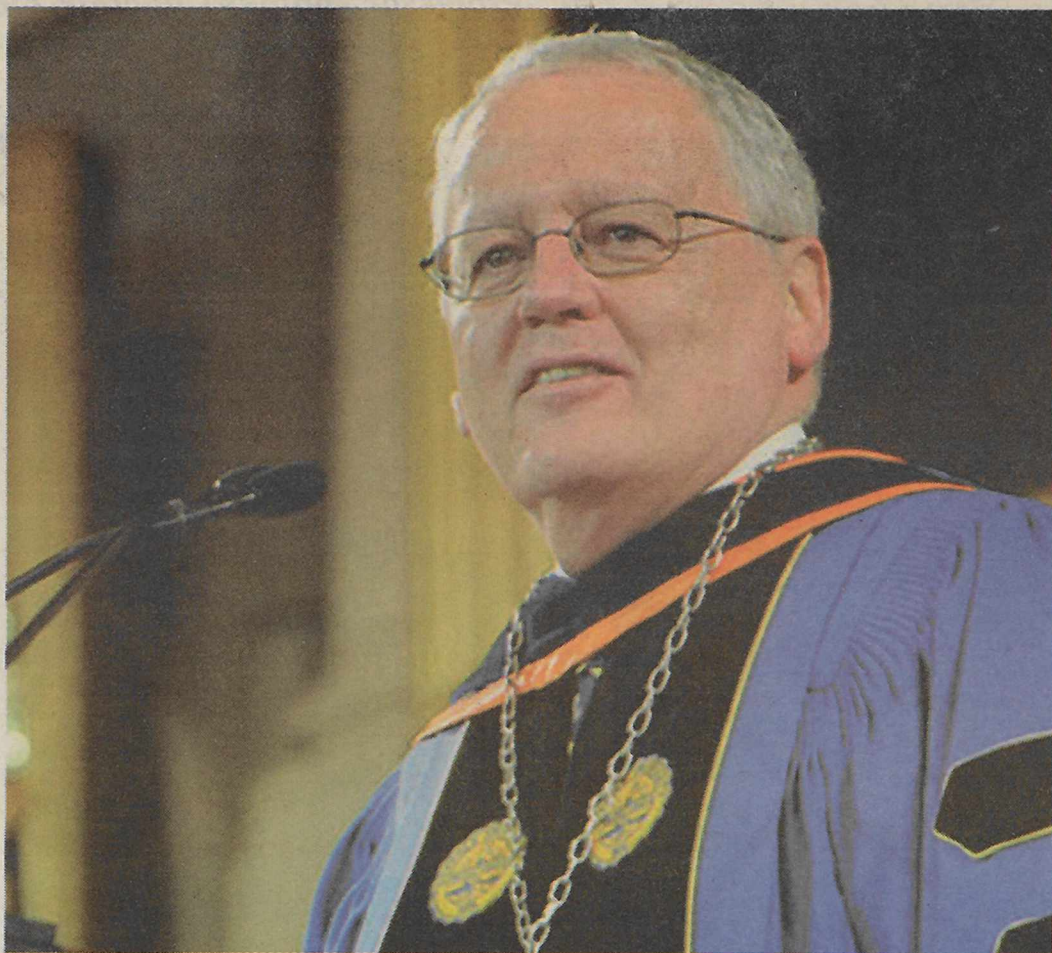
prove the school in more ways than one. It is something that many students are also looking forward to.

Megan Driscoll, a freshman on the women's basketball team at Suffolk, attended the inauguration on Tuesday and said "experiencing the inauguration of President McCarthy, I can already say will be one of the most valuable days I have here at Suffolk. President McCarthy exemplifies all the great qualities and characteristics needed to fulfill such an imperative role at a seemingly crucial time."

Driscoll, who is majoring in entrepreneurship and management, also said she holds "the highest regard for President McCarthy as well as all of his accomplishments prior to this day and look forward to the positive effects

he will continue to have here at the university."

At 1:30 p.m., Suffolk University hosted an hour-long student reception in the lobby of 73 Tremont. The reception included free ice cream and cake, as well as a surprise flash mob performance of Michael Jackson songs by Suffolk's own Wicked dance group. McCarthy also stopped by to say hello to everyone and give a short speech.



Photos courtesy of Suffolk University

Vice President at Baruch College in New York City. First receiving a BA in sociology from the College of the Holy Cross 1971, McCarthy would continue on and earn an MA in sociology from Indiana University in 1972, a Ph.D. in sociology from Princeton University in 1977. While at the University of New Hampshire, McCarthy was a professor and Dean of the School of Health and Human services. He also taught

for having one of the highest salaries among college presidents nationwide, many were concerned about Suffolk's future. "From where I stand, our future looks exceptionally bright. And I am confident that we are poised on the edge of a most exciting new era," said McCarthy during his address.

Suffolk's board of trustees recently approved a five-year strategic plan with unanimous passing that is supposed to im-

POLICE BLOTTER Professors Offer Studying Tips

Thursday, November 29

2:13 a.m.

Off Campus

Other agency assist- drug violation. Judicial internal.

Friday, November 30

10:18 p.m.

Temple Street

Other agency assist-assault. BPD assumed jurisdiction.

Saturday, December 1

12:02 a.m.

Miller Hall

Drunkenness. Report filed.

Saturday, December 1

1:48 a.m.

Tremont Street

Disorderly conduct. Case closed.

Saturday, December 1

6:04 a.m.

150 Tremont

Vandalism. Case closed.

1. Clear objectives. Your professors don't intend to be mysterious. If the material to be covered on the exam is not clear to you, ask! And ask again if you still don't understand what to study- after checking the syllabus and course materials. This is true for final papers as well. Once you know what you need to do, you can form an organized game plan for success.

2. A clear head. The caffeine and sugar that fuel your all-nighter will let you down just about the time the exam starts. Rest, proper food, and good hydration will optimize your brain function. Make time for exercise even if it's just a brisk walk; it's proven to help your brain function also.

3. A good working environment. Find a quiet, comfortable place where you can focus on your work.

4. Use hand sanitizer! This may not seem to be an academic skill, but look around and notice your classmates who are coughing and sneezing. Down time for sickness is the last thing you need right now. And have you had that flu shot? The flu is coming early this year.

5. Now you can relax and enjoy reviewing your courses, avoiding stress and drama that sap your energy.

6. Enjoy your well-deserved semester break!

-Dr. Doris Lewis, chemistry professor

1. The time to begin studying for a final is the start of the semester. You don't have to be a genius or a "grind" to figure out that the only way to retain the course information is to keep up with the work all semester long.

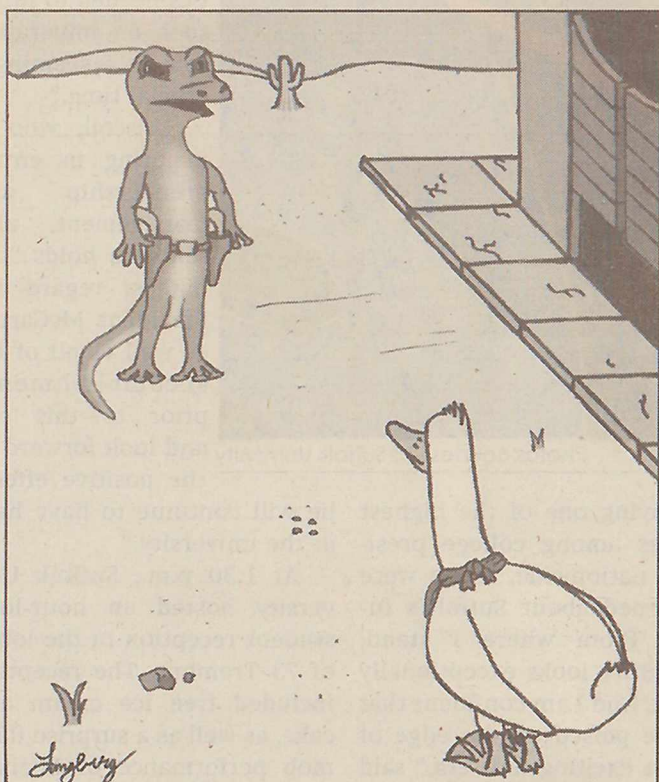
2. Ask for help BEFORE the final--before the end of the semester.

3. Students should not expect one week of work to add up to a whole semester's worth. (I am thinking more of the "term paper" written over a weekend or overnight.)

-Professor Thomas Connolly, English Department

Maimed Cranium

by Jon Langberg



"I HOPE YOU HAVE INSURANCE MATE"

President McCarthy Talks on 20 Somerset Expansion

Melissa Hanson
Assistant News Editor

After an unexpected leak of information by the *Boston Globe*, Suffolk University's President James McCarthy and Vice President of Marketing and Communications Greg Gatlin are releasing the details of the University's plans to build 20 Somerset and sell both the Ridgeway and Fenton buildings.

"Reporters were digging around," McCarthy said. At that point he decided the University should speak with *the Globe* in order to get Suffolk's point of view into the article, which was released last Tuesday. The University had not planned to inform the Suffolk community, let alone other reporters, until further notice, but now that the information is public, McCarthy and Gatlin are excited to share the news and get going on implementing these new changes.

20 Somerset has been in Suffolk's plans since 2008, according to McCarthy. Every ten years Suffolk files an institutional master plan that sets out the vision for the University over the upcoming decade. The agreement involves communication with neighbors, such as those in Beacon Hill, who also have to approve of the University's plans. In 2008 while making the current master plan the university decided to "shift its center of gravity," in the words of Gatlin, "moving classroom seats off residential Beacon Hill."

McCarthy is not concerned that Suffolk will lose its

Beacon Hill identity with this move. He also says that the University was not pressured into moving by the Beacon Hill residents. He says, "we agreed to it...a compromise."

Greg Gatlin says Beacon Hill is okay with academic Suffolk, just not residential Suffolk. But, he calls the move in agreement by both Suffolk and Beacon Hill a "win-win."

After going through the processes and approvals necessary to plan 20 Somerset, the University realized they will have more room than needed, and decided to sell Ridgeway and Fenton. No potential buyers have looked into the buildings yet, as "we weren't telling anyone," said McCarthy. The University plans to sell the buildings through its real estate firm.

"The concepts aren't new, the specifics are different," said McCarthy. Although plans for 20 Somerset were established four years ago, the specific details have been altered with time. 20 Somerset was originally supposed to be the new home to the New England School of Art and Design, but those plans changed recently.

"Now we need to start thinking about Ridgeway and Fenton," said McCarthy. The University plans to remove all classrooms from those buildings, as well as Donahue and Archer, to fill 20 Somerset. The rooms used by the theater majors will stay in Donahue, however. Suffolk hopes to sell Ridgeway and Fenton by the time 20 Somerset opens in the fall of 2015. Donahue and Archer will be kept because they are attached to the C. Walsh Theater and home the Financial Aid and Bursars

office, among others. The departments that are located in Ridgeway and Fenton will move to Donahue and Archer. The Donahue dining hall will close as a new dining hall is in the plans for 20 Somerset.

As for moving classrooms around to fill 20 Somerset, "we're just beginning to decide where things will go," said McCarthy. The University's architects are doing what are known as "fit tests" to determine how many students can fit in the classrooms of 20 Somerset.

"Suffolk students will get the classrooms they deserve and need to learn," said McCarthy. The fit tests on the building are incredibly specific, according to McCarthy, in the hopes for a perfectly designed building that comfortably houses students while in a learning environment. He also says that the classrooms will be "equipped and organized... [for the] teaching needs of the course."

The \$62 million 20 Somerset building will be the main part of the campus once it is built.

"We want every group of students to have something better than the last group," said McCarthy.

In an interview with the *Boston Globe* for Tuesday's front page article on his inauguration, McCarthy said, "A Suffolk Student graduating in 2018 will come through a Suffolk that's much more focused, that has greater depth." *The Globe* reported that McCarthy plans to put Suffolk's "resources into career-oriented academic programs," and also move 20 percent of classes online.

The money to design and

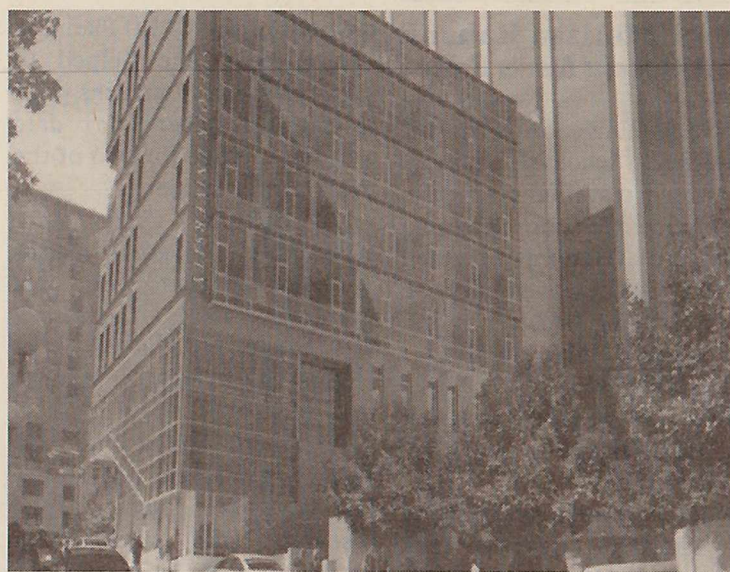


Photo courtesy of Suffolk University Office of Public Affairs

build 20 Somerset came completely from bonds the University sold, not from tuition. However, the money to pay for the interest on the bonds will come from student's tuition dollars.

The design of the building was influenced in part by the Suffolk's lack of a campus. The front of 20 Somerset will house an outdoor park kind of space that McCarthy says Suffolk is not ready to release the design of yet.

The main focal point of the building will be its glass staircase.

"People will want to take the stairs," said McCarthy. He believes that this will help the flow of traffic in the building. He hopes that students will take the stairs to at least the fifth floor and enjoy a view of Boston on their way to class.

"See and be seen," he said.

The dining hall was also designed to have a lot of glass features, according to McCarthy and Gatlin. 20 Somerset will be ten stories total, eight above ground and two below.

McCarthy and Gatlin have mainly heard feedback from students through social media.

"[a lot of students were] hitting 'like' for this," said Gatlin.

One of the major concerns from students is what will become of Ridgeway's gym. McCarthy says the University has not yet decided where to relocate the gym, but know that this is a major concern and will spend time trying to make the best decision on its relocation.

As for last year's rumors about moving to Suffolk to downtown crossing, McCarthy says they are totally false. Although the ten-year plan does mention the possible use of streets near the Modern Theater and 10 West, there is no real talk of moving to the main downtown crossing area.

"Who would think we could?" said McCarthy. "We got a chuckle out of it."

S.O.U.L.S. Brings "Food For Thought" To Students

Dan Olson
Journal Staff

The S.O.U.L.S. office, last Thursday, hosted a meeting for Suffolk students to talk with Donald McDougall, a former homeless, ex-marine, and now member of the Oasis Coalition Board of Directors, an organization devoted to serving the needs of the homeless in Boston. Students from Suffolk University are highly encouraged to volunteer their time at one of the many meals hosted at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul at 138 Tremont St.

"I'd like to see the Suffolk students rubbing elbows with our guests," says McDougall. "Just having a cup of coffee or shootin' the breeze. They just want someone to listen to

them, it's so important."

The church serves approximately 115-175 meals per session, according to McDougall, and has gained national notoriety appearing in *People Magazine*. The organization also plans on starting a type of cooking program for those previously homeless individuals who have recently been able to come into living conditions, but do not have even the basic cooking skills they need to take care of themselves.

While most people believe they could understand what it would be like to be homeless, no one has a better understanding than McDougall himself. He admitted to being homeless for four years before becoming involved with the church.

"I never thought it could

happen to me."

He left the U.S. Marines in 1992 when his wife passed away, leaving their eight-year-old son in his care. Taking a job in construction near Ft. Meyers, Fl. helped pay the bills to support his son. However, after discovering that he had a type of gum cancer, three-and-a-half months in the hospital were enough to bring him down.

"We lost everything we had because I couldn't work," said McDougall. "I admit I'm not the most religious person, but spiritually I've stepped up to the plate over the years."

And, during his time without a home, McDougall has learned a great deal about the homeless community and just how difficult it is to find that first job afterwards.

"If you don't have an

address, you're not going to get a job—444 Harrison Ave.—Employers know this address," he said. The address is the Pine Street Inn.

But, despite the hardships, there is apparently an amazing sense of community that develops, with over 6,900 homeless in Boston alone according to last year's census. With this many though, rumors spread quickly, according to McDougall.

"In those four years I was homeless, I was dead three times."

Now, McDougall has a similar sense of community but in a new way. He now serves meals to homeless at the church almost nightly and is a heavy advocate of the church's services.

"There's a meal being served somewhere in Boston

every day except Thursday," he says. "If you're homeless and you're hungry—you're lazy."

He now has become a favorite member of the team by those who accept the meals every night. Talking, and listening to the homeless is all they really want and is therefore, extremely important.

Even today though, McDougall is still coming to terms with the fact that he was homeless for a period of time.

"I was ashamed to be homeless—they take a lot of guff from people—it's a lack of self-esteem, I think," he said. "At the end of the day, all we have is our honesty."

SBS Students Impress At National Collegiate Honor Council Conference

Melissa Hanson
Assistant News Editor

Suffolk University's Sawyer Business School's honors program travelled to the conference of the National Collegiate Honor Council (NCHC) in November in order to bring back ideas and techniques to strengthen their honors program.

The SBS honors program has been travelling to NCHC for three years.

The conference, held at the Sheraton Boston, took place from Nov. 14 to 18 and featured the research of thousands of honors students and professors from across the country.

member of the NCHC Planning Committee. She helped to plan the event 18 months prior to the November start date and was a judge for two of the three poster sessions.

"I thought there were a number of great pieces of research that were just wonderful," said Larkin, "I was taken by the level of engineering and science presented."

Vantassel knew he was going to attend the conference in November 2011. His research was titled "The Betterment of Humanity, the Downfall of an Industry: How Companies Should Respond to a Cure for Celiac Disease." Professor Catherine McCabe

allowed students to travel Boston for a few hours looking at the institutions, parks, and libraries. The students came back to the conference after touring the city and gave short presentations on their impressions.

"What I would like to do is start a peer mentor group," said Vantassel. He would like to help students attending next year's conference by giving them tips on making their posters the best they can be and helping them to prepare their research. He wants to "give pieces of wisdom to new students."

Lumnah applied to present research at NCHC in March and was accepted shortly after. His poster was titled "Perceiving Privacy in a Digital Economy." Professor Stephanie Lawson was the advisor to his poster. He gathered research on websites and surveyed different groups of people. He says his poster received a good amount of interest and people were discussing the topic with him.

"It was nice to talk with other people," he said.

One of the projects that impressed him the most was the winning poster during his session. The student had studied new ways to treat cancer. Lumnah also enjoyed the opening session with a speaker from Harvard University.

The sessions that inspired him the most were on building an honors community on campuses with a lot of commuter students.

"I would say that I'm definitely taking back some of those building community tips," said Lumnah.

Both Vantassel and Lumnah received scores of 45 points on their posters out of a total score of 50. The winner during their session had a score of 46, according to Larkin, who was not allowed to score posters

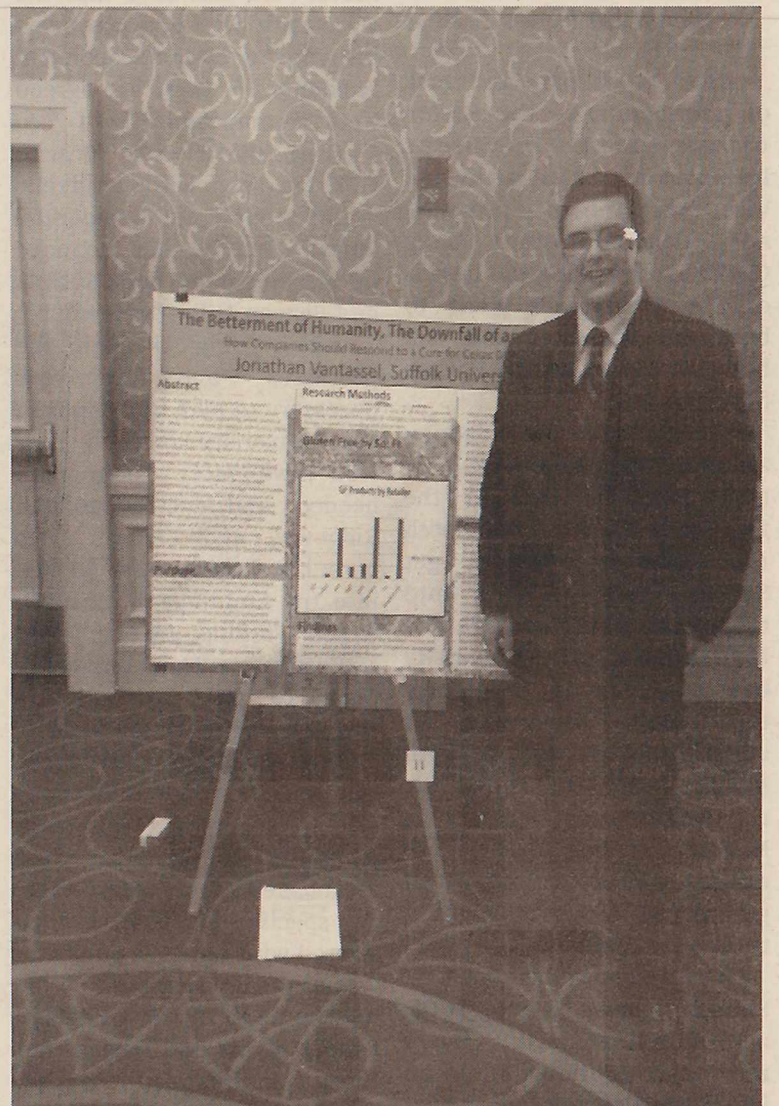


Photo by Selena Jakupovic

belonging to Suffolk Students.

Carey, an entrepreneurship major titled his poster School Facilities and Student Success: How Structure Impacts Scholastic Achievement. His research was overseen by Professor Hillary Ornberg.

Jakupovic, a marketing major researched "The Social Media Revolution," as she titled her poster. Lawson was also the professor who advised her research.

Larkin and Agnes Bain of the CAS program presented, in conjunction with NCHC, an overview of Suffolk's honors program on Wednesday at a Suffolk University hosted study group. Administrators from the Netherlands were

present at the study group. CAS Dean Kenneth Greenberg and SBS Dean William O'Neil also participated in the presentation. The study group also visited other colleges and universities in the area, including Boston College, Harvard, MIT, and Northeastern.

"We were included with some very impressive institutions," said Larkin.

"I think the conference is fabulous," she said. "It's impressive how many honors students there are... we all represented Suffolk University."



Photo by Selena Jakupovic

The close location allowed SBS to bring more students than usual.

"[it gave us] more visibility...a big learning curve," said Larkin. She wanted students to bring back "ideas to make our program better and more dynamic."

SBS was able to take four students on the trip, Jonathan Vantassel, Aaron Lumnah, Brian Carey, and Selena Jakupovic. These first time attendees were at the event Wednesday through Saturday and all four were able to present research.

Kim Larkin, Director of the SBS honors program attended the conference with her students. Larkin was also a

helped oversee his project. His research looked into what retailers should do concerning the rise of products for people suffering from the disease. The poster he presented had his findings until now, and he is currently working on a paper to continue his research.

What impressed Vantassel most at the conference was a presentation by a student from the University of Utah. She presented research about a specialty group of books that were donated to her university. Vantassel says she looked far back into the school's archives.

"I was so impressed by it... it was really cool." Vantassel also enjoyed the city as text part of the conference that



Photo by Selena Jakupovic

Visiting Scholar Enlightens Campus on North Korea

Ryan Powell
International Editor

This past Thursday at Suffolk University's poetry center, willing students were offered insight into one of, if not the, most foreign and unseen place in the world. Ambassador Friedrich Lohr, a current visiting scholar at Suffolk and the German Ambassador to North Korea from 2005 to 2007, spoke on the current and future politics of North Korea. In his discussion titled "North Korea: The Father, The Son, The Sacred System," Lohr did his best, without letting slip any classified information in the most diplomatic of manners, to provide a healthy background into a repressed, and polar-opposite culture and society than what we see in the west.

The discussion began with an introduction to current supreme leader, Kim Jong-un, in a joking light by passing around an article from the comical news cite, *The Onion*, deeming Jong-un "the sexiest man alive." This jest played into the current transition of power since Jong-un's predecessor and father, Kim Jong-il, passed away in 2011. The largest question of late, as Lohr put it, is whether or not

he will wield the same power as his father. South Korea, the US, and China have opted for waiting mode to judge the new leader, according to Lohr. The former ambassador expressed himself that "[Kim Jong-un] is still immature, but his intellect is not as low as people have surmised."

in relation to the supreme leader, acting as indications to the future military and political posts to be assigned. The people, military, and the party were illustrated through out the talk as harmonious, citing speeches given at the funeral. This displayed how the Democratic People's

part of his job was, he said, "terrible traffic jams." This, of course, was a joke considering the unrepresentative wealth dispersion in the DPRK. He commented on how more and more cars were being bought, namely from Germany and South Korea, but this is still a sign of power and wealth that

"simple, but tidy" Koreans live under consistent apprehension from a higher authority, but make due nonetheless.

The conclusions Lohr drew from the transition of power and international claims of "fresh wind" blowing through North Korea, were causally, but definitely refuted. In the name of regime preservation, high discipline, and international presence, the DPRK does not seem to be hastily embracing the international community any more than it has in the past. "The DPRK does not want and cannot be an eternal enemy of the United States, but they want to meet them at the same height," Lohr stated in representation of their future ventures. Be it the safeguarding of their nuclear weapons or "unpredictable precision," Lohr said.

Both acceptance by and embrace of a more open and international future is sadly mistaken. Although a few luxuries may be spared by the regime for those able to flaunt it, the overall grip the regime has on society will not be slipping. Lohr, in a very articulate and all-encompassing fashion, captured what he could of the current situation in the DPRK regardless of how hopeful he may not have been.

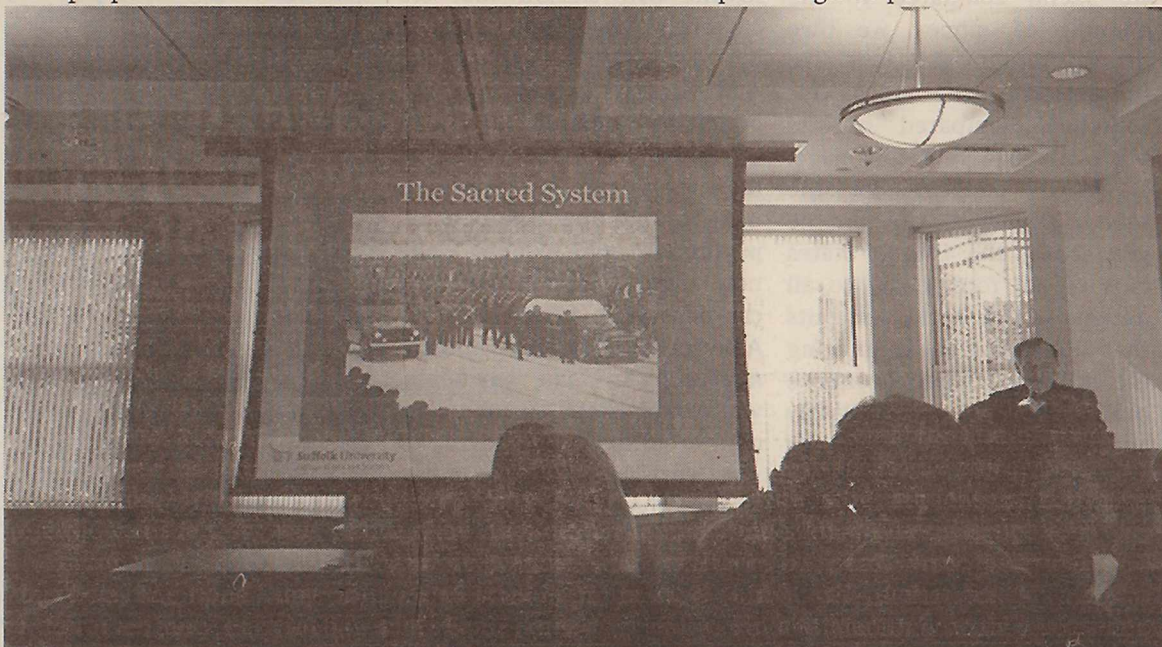


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Much of Lohr's discussion revolved around the funeral ceremony for Jong-un's predecessor and how meticulously it was carried out. A long description of specifically who was present and in what order they stood

Republic of Korea (DPRK) would not be significantly altering in any way.

Some of his own on-the-ground experience was bestowed upon attendees throughout his talk. When Lohr was asked what the toughest

most of the population hasn't the chance to conceptualize. The average citizen of the DPRK lives on a strict regimen of time and action since there are informers all over the streets and also assigned to living groups of more than five. The

Israel-Gaza Strip Clash Reaches Suffolk Students

Aamina Guidri
Journal Staff

The conflict between Israel and Gaza has affected many Suffolk students who are personally connected with this issue through friends and family. This conflict has been going on for years, with brutal violence from explosions in restaurants to rockets being fired into cities, killing many innocent civilians.

Suffolk student Angie Moussa, an Egyptian-American studying international relations, is saddened that the conflict is still an ongoing issue that seems to not be getting any better.

"I think it is sad that the conflict is still going on after all these years and I believe that more peace talks need to occur as they have been at a virtual standstill over the past few years," said Moussa. While she does not know anyone personally residing in Gaza or Israel, she still feels that the conflict is not getting better and more peaceful solutions are not being used to solve this problem.

Another Suffolk student

,Roy-Ben Joseph, is an Israeli citizen with family residing in Israel. Joseph finds that he is also very sad and feels terrible that this conflict is not getting better. He claims that he "lives in fear for my family." It is a constant worry for him to deal with his immediate family witnessing bus explosions, and even having rockets fired at them in southern Israel. The effect is tremendous and reflective of how seriously the conflict between Gaza and Israel is affecting people.

Unfortunately, as brutal as this war is, Suffolk students do not seem to think it will get any better.

"I don't know if a real solution will ever be found that pleases both sides," said Moussa. Another reason why this conflict may not be over in the near future is that with the violence occurring again at this stage in their relations, it seems that this continuous conflict is only getting worse.

"It's only going to cause more tension and bloodshed, and cause the relationship to deteriorate even further," said Moussa. Joseph believes that this conflict will not get better as long as Palestine supports

the Hamas, a terrorist group and governing party in the Palestinian territory of the Gaza Strip, which is responsible for many violent attacks. He also claims that if Abu Mazen, the Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, is elected, negotiations can begin and may be a possible solution to the problem.

Another important factor that has great impact on the conflict of late is Egypt's influence. Moussa believes that Egypt has a positive impact on this conflict and is a neutralizer.

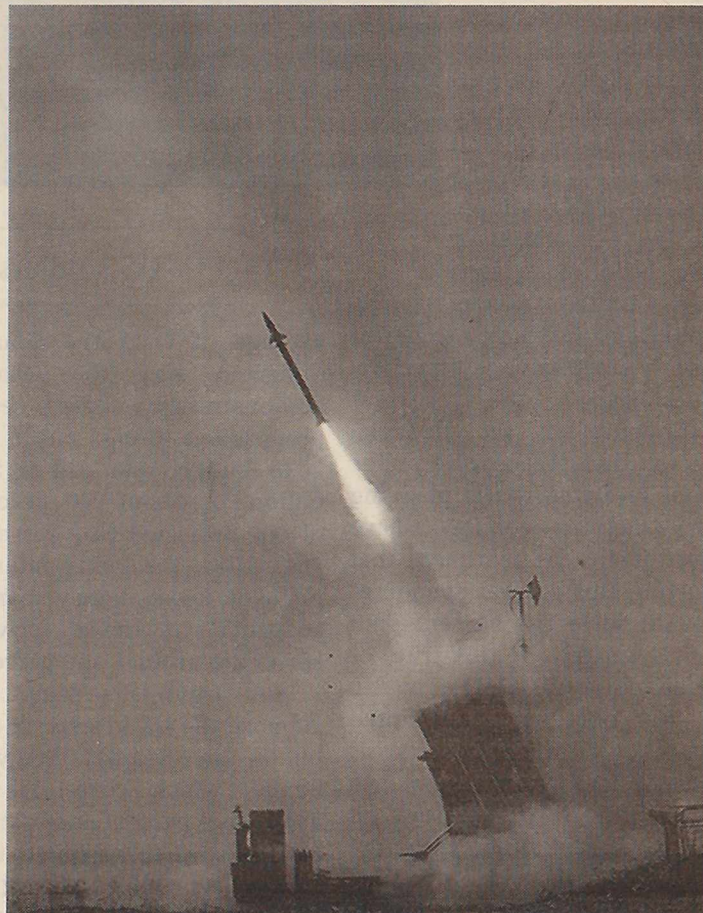
"Egypt is helping the conflict because the country helped facilitate the cease-fire that was eventually reached and that stopped the fighting," said Moussa

Joseph also shares this same opinion that Egypt can help the situation, adding that "Egypt's involvement is a blessing." However, he does not feel that the relationship between Egypt and Israel is as good as it used to be due to their former president, Hosni Mubarak, being taken out of office. Also, Moussa does not agree that Egypt's involvement will help both Gaza and Israel equally, stating, "I don't think a

certain region will benefit more than another because Egypt is trying to be relatively neutral and play a diplomatic role."

Essentially, it is very apparent that this prolonged conflict has impacted many

Suffolk students greatly. While there is still hope that this conflict will be resolved, there is still the fearful feeling that this war will continue for a long time and cause more pain for families and



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From All Corners: International pinion

US Foreign Aid: More or Less International Presence?

Gareth Jones
Journal Staff

The United States is often accused of acting on imperialistic tendencies, and over-involving themselves in places that some people believe they have no right to be. What people do not usually mention when discussing this is the fact that the United States pays for the privilege. Depending on how you classify "foreign aid," anywhere from \$15 to \$50 billion has been used by the United States in the form of aid to other countries.

Direct foreign aid, which is essentially free money, was around \$20 billion in 2011, and another \$30-40 billion left the country in the form of preferred customer discounts on American made products, particularly in the military industry. Now, further consider just who is getting this aid. The top two recipients, splitting about \$7 billion between them were Afghanistan and Pakistan. In a close third, getting a cool \$3 billion all to herself is Israel, not counting the military deals, discounts, and donations. Next comes Egypt at \$1.5 billion, and then a smattering of African nations splitting another \$5 billion.

The argument has been made that the United States could put the money to better use elsewhere, especially considering the current turbulence in the financial sector, and the horrific public debt levels currently plaguing the American economy. I have even heard the sentiment that cutting this "frugal spending" would solve the current debt crisis entirely. Is this true, or even close to it? Not at all.

Not only does the United States get much of what is spends in foreign aid back in the form of preferential oil deals, cooperation with the war on terror, and other such political-economic favors, but the amount of money

we spend compared to the amount of money we owe makes foreign aid look like the period on the end of this sentence, compared to the black ink covering this page.

Let us suppose, for the sake of argument, that for the year 2013, the United States cuts off all foreign aid to all nations of the world, and puts that money in a bank. Ignoring the millions of people whose health will be immediately and drastically affected by this move, let's look at a quick cost-benefit analysis. For the sake of argument, let's take the

to the \$15 trillion that we currently owe, not such a big difference at all, is it? And further considering the benefits foreign aid buys us in oil especially, I am willing to let the African health clinics hang around now and focus on paying my own student loans now instead of a brand new car next year. Maybe if more Americans took my humble approach to loan payments, we would start turning our debt around without having to start cutting funding in places where lives depend on it.

Jonette Glass
Journal Contributor

\$30 billion per year would be an awesome payout to any non-profit or charity in the United States. While this money did go to several charitable causes, they were not charities here in the U.S.

In 2011, the United States government footed a \$30 million bill in foreign aid allotted to several struggling countries across the Middle East, Africa, Asia and more. This year, the bill has escalated to

with goodies that we want.

But seriously, who is keeping track of what happens to the cash when it changes hands and who is making sure Americans know that their hard-earned money is not being thrown into some random black hole of any cause? According to reports by the *Huffington Post*, more than half of the top 10 countries receiving fiscal and military help from the U.S are located in the Middle East.

In response to these concerns, this past November the President has begun

working on revamping the USAID through discussing ways to develop a more dynamic, straight-forward agenda, and guide lines. So far this project, along with the role the USAID will play in its own re-formatting, is still under construction.

Providing aid to other countries helps to establish the US a powerful entity, as a strong ally and it also helps combat the stereotype of America being the big, bad, secular, and self-serving imperialists that some countries abroad think we are.

Overall, I think collaboration is key. There is no way the U.S could reach the level it is in today without participating in a lot of give and take. The ability of the U.S to build

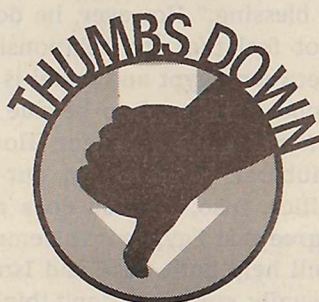
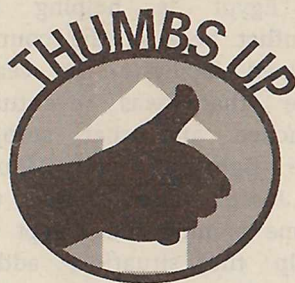


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US soldiers unloading humanitarian aid in Afghanistan

average of what the Senate, Congress, and the Obama administration have each proposed as foreign aid in the 2013 budget and call it \$38 billion, or about .90 percent of our projected GDP for next year. Now, the going interest rates on most money market accounts at most private banks are around one percent.

For arguments sake, let's suppose the US invests all \$38 billion in Spanish ten-year bonds, which currently get about five percent interest. In ten years, when we collect that money, we will be sitting on about \$1.5 billion in interest per year. When compared



\$50 billion, making the United States the most generous country in regard to foreign aid donations once again.

While any charitable work is work that should be praised, I do believe that there needs to be a transparent and efficient way to decide how much money our government will continue to allot to other countries. Let's face it, America has a tendency to "not know when to say when," when it comes to foreign affairs. Of course we want to show the nobility of America and its desire to help other countries to build and strengthen their economy, especially countries

strong and lasting partnerships across the globe has been an important factor in the success of the American economy and even some military aspects. There is no doubt that giving a struggling country a leg up is indeed a good showing of leadership, I just think it needs to be done very carefully, very transparently, and an evaluation of the outcome of that aid should be displayed, in depth, clearly, and accurately to our public.

WORLD BRIEFS

Middle East

EGYPT - Tear gas and riot gear is the name of the game once again in Cairo Square, where the *BBC World News* reported that tens of thousands of Egyptians have gathered once again to protest the government in power. Only this time, for the first time in Egyptian history, it is a democratically elected President who has over-stepped his authority. This is attested to by the masses gathered near the Royal Palace in downtown Cairo. Injuries were reportedly light after protesters cut the barbed wire around an area of the palace and riot police responded with force. Opponents of the power consolidation that President Mohammad Morsi has used to rush a newly drafted constitution through parliament, claim that the draft is "alarmingly scarce on minority rights," especially those of women. The constitution will be voted on December 15.

SYRIA - Recent awareness has been sparked over President Bashar al-Assad and the potential use of chemical weapons to subdue the opposition according to *AlJazeera*. If Assad were to condone the use of chemical weapons, the international community has voiced that "immediate reaction" and presumed intervention would be necessary. The cause for alarm was "possible movements" noticed on Syrian military bases which have holds of chemical weapons. President Obama voiced that he urged Assad not to use chemical weapons, but did not specify what his reactions would entail as reported by *AlJazeera*. This has also been reiterated as the opposition has slowly begun encroaching on the capital, Damascus.

Europe

GERMANY - Angela Merkel was re-elected as the head of the Christian Democratic Party in Germany last Tuesday with a record-breaking 97.94 percent approval rating, according to *Der Spiegel*. This show of unity will help Merkel approach the upcoming nation-wide elections with the confidence of her entire party behind her. This means that her opponents from other parties will have quite the race ahead of them attempting to unseat her next September.

EUROPE - In a rather uncommonly sharp diplomatic move, the leaders of Britain, France, Spain, Sweden, and Denmark have summoned the Israeli Ambassadors to their respective countries to protest the further planned construction of settlements in the West Bank by the Israeli government later this year. This comes soon after the United Nations general assembly voted overwhelmingly for the upgraded status of the Palestinian Observer State. This is a signal of a changing diplomatic landscape of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as the *New York Times* reported this Monday. Among the nine nations who voted against the resolution were Canada, Panama, the Czech Republic, the US, and Israel.

Asia

MOSCOW - The first big storm of the season hit the greater Moscow area this weekend, putting up to two feet on snow on the ground in some places. While the storm itself is by far not the worst of the infamous Russian winters, it was indirectly responsible for a three daylong traffic jams on the highway between Moscow and St. Petersburg. When local officials decided, apparently on their own initiative as the *New York Times* reported Monday, to close a few exits on the M-10 highway, the resulting traffic jam stretched for almost 100 miles, and involved over 10,000 vehicles. Prime-Minister Medvedev said that the storm "count not take all of the blame" and promised that those responsible for the traffic crisis would be dealt with.

Suffolk Abroad: How Travel Changes You

Kelly Flores
Journal Staff

Every former exchange student and each participant of a program-gone-global will tell you, "Studying abroad changed my life," or "I wouldn't trade my experiences abroad for anything." But what makes them say this? What is the universal lesson learned by each person who packs up their life in order to live somewhere new?

It cannot be the language, since students study abroad and workers live abroad with varying levels of mastery of the language. For example, some Suffolk students attend the university's Madrid campus without ever having taken a Spanish class before, while others speak the language fluently in their own home. Yet both fall in love with the city's charm, and by semester's end, neither student wants to leave. And this overall sense of fulfillment cannot be credited to the different pace of life in the person's host country either.

sort of routine that offers them a sense of stability in their new country. And of course, the honeymoon phase of living out of suitcase does not last long. Seeing an ancient cathedral on each street corner or hearing the fluidity with which the people around you speak in their foreign language can only impress a person for so long. Eventually, wherever you go, no matter how different you may think you seem, you will blend into the crowd. And this is where the fervor

no news of your adventures, struggles, and triumphs. The differing time zones detach you from their lives, and when you do have a moment's peace to chat with them through Skype, everything comes to mind as to what to tell them, so you can't articulate your experience at all.

Leaving your home for a temporary experience abroad shows you the importance of maintaining connections, even when the person you love may be living 2000, 3000, or even 7000 miles away from you. Living abroad causes you to realize that you aren't owed anything by the people you've left behind. In actuality, it is up to you to keep up your friendships and relationships with your loved ones, usually at the cost of your sleep and your limited free time.

Often, such a privilege to pack up your things and go to a faraway place can be taken for granted, but for those that do make the effort: to experience all the city has to offer, to not be afraid to say yes in unexpected and enriching situations, and to not forget where they've come from and who has given them such an



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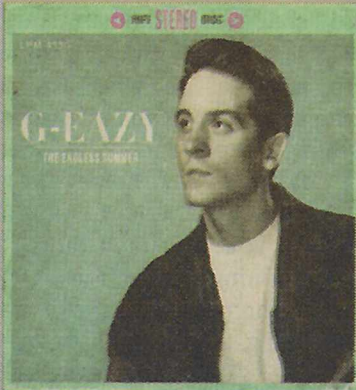
Top: Eiffel Tower lit up at night
Bottom: Landscape of the Santander region of Spain

Whether a student in Spain must adjust to a more relaxed and longer day, or a European coming to America must adapt to a faster lifestyle and a different set of cultural and familiar values, in the end, each of these people develops some

of travelers all around the world springs from. While you are away, learning a different language, maneuvering your way through a historic city rich in culture and tradition, your family and friends remain at home, hearing little-to-

opportunity, the happy ending to their travels is certain. After stepping off the plane and hugging those that come to meet them at the airport, the only thing to say that comes to mind will be, "Studying abroad changed my life!"

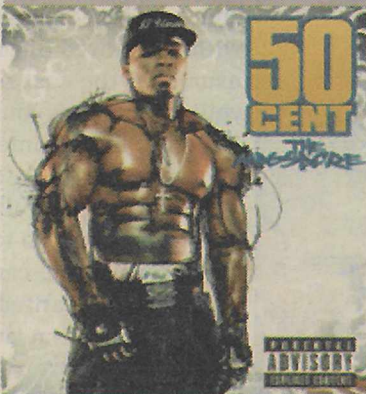
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"THE ENDLESS SUMMER"

THE DAPPE RAPPER'S SOPHOMORE ALBUM IS GONNA BE HARD TO BEAT. DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND CHECK IT OUT.
- GIANNA CARCHIA



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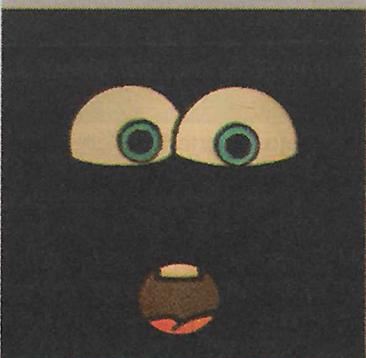
"CANDY SHOP" IS ONE OF MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE SONGS.
- MELISSA HANSON



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"EVERREADY"

"TECH IS EASILY ONE OF THE BEST RAPPERS PEOPLE STILL HAVEN'T HEARD OF. TONS OF HIS BEST SONGS CAME OFF THIS ALBUM."
- ALEX HALL



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"CUTE MUTANT"

GET READY.
- ETHAN LONG

Boston Ballet presents Mikko Nissinen's *The Nutcracker*

Annie Walsh
Journal Staff

As you take a seat in the Boston Opera House, the walls around you soon seem to dissolve as you enter a fantasy dream world and become enthralled in the story that comes alive through the dancers. It is said that a great performance has a touch of magic that makes it phenomenal. Perhaps it was merely the start of the holiday season or the beauty of the Boston Opera House but there was something truly magical about the Boston Ballet's new premiere of Mikko Nissinen's *The Nutcracker*. This classic story known around the world of young Clara, the Mouse King, the Nutcracker, and the many characters they meet a long the way has a new twist to the traditional ballet. The new production, envisioned by Nissinen, contains all new choreography, sets, and costume designs yet still exhibits the same timeless tale in a flawless portrayal.

The curtain opens on the set of a doll maker's workshop to reveal a Victorian mansion behind it where Clara and her guests are mingling. A charmingly graceful young Chelsea Perry stars as Clara; her infectious smile and passion capture your attention the moment she enters the stage. Another outstanding performer was John Lam as the Nutcracker. Once his Nutcracker head is removed and the real man is revealed, Lam effortlessly makes the audience fall in love with the courageous character. However, the true show stealer were the Christmas

bear and bunny rabbit. A dancer dressed in an overly large animal suit makes the audience laugh with their quirky dance movements and comical actions. A salute to the two dancers who played these characters is in order; the costume seemed rather difficult to dance in. Nevertheless, the dancing animals were leaping and fouetté turning across the stage smoothly and entertaining the audience magnificently.



The sets and the detail and larger photo on stage of the Boston Ballet

that went into creating the wonderful masterwork are one of the most memorable facets of the show. Imagination and powerful attention to detail is what Robert Perdziola brings to this stunning set. In the Victorian mansion, Perdziola is able to preserve the sophistication and elegance of the time period. The Christmas tree contains thousands of sparkling lights and real ornaments. When the Christmas tree grows larger

entire audience is lit up by the display of dazzling color coming from the tree. Then the set turns into a winter wonderland with a white forest and snowflakes that fall from the sky, sparkling with every flutter. A unique and innovative attribute to the production is a fresco in act two designed by Perdziola, which consists of *The Nutcracker* characters as well as historic dance figures including Romeo and Juliet, and Coppelia and

Franz. Not only does act one entail of brilliant sets and colorful pieces, the dream sequence of act two in the prince's kingdom is a sight for sore eyes.

If you enjoy impressive costumes, the Sugar Plum Fairy tutu exceeds all costumes. It consists of 4,000 Swarovski crystals and nearly 250,000 gems. As Dalay Parrondo came on stage in this costume, the sight was so dazzling you could not tear your eyes away for a single moment. Many of the costumes were altered for the new production including the period dresses. To create a more romantic and softer appearance, the dresses have an empire waistline to define flowing movements. The choreography was tailored as well to adjust to the new sets and costumes designs. Standing out from all the dances was a sultry and intense duet: the dance of the Arabians. The mood of the performance changed drastically from up beat Spanish dancers as the lights fade to establish an orange glow

to the theater from the chandeliers. Brittany Summer and Lasha Khozashvili command the stage with their captivating moves and defy gravity as they perform an incredibly difficult lift. Khozashvili effortlessly lifts Summer over his head, upside down and elevates her there while moving to the beat. Applause explodes from the audience as the shock is removed from their faces once they finish the dance.

The Boston Ballet company has done it again with the their ingenious rendition of *The Nutcracker* that included flawless performances by all company members and a gifted imagination from the production crew who crafted the sets and costumes. Bring the family, friends, anyone for this classic show will appeal to everyone and promises to truly kick off your holiday season with spirit and a feeling of pure magic.

Boston Burger Co. opens up Boylston St. shop

Joey Johnson
Journal Contributor

Many of us can say we've had that one burger that changed our perspective of burger consumption eternally. Whether it was a special new taste that challenged all preconceptions of burgers before, or something as simple as a burger done right, most burger fanatics can easily say there's one place dear to their heart that raised the burger bar for them. If you have yet to discover this kind of place, look no further than Davis Square's very own Boston Burger Co.

Boasting a menu of 28 different burgers to enjoy, Boston Burger Co. has arguably the most eclectic palate of tastes around when it comes to creating its burgers. As you begin to move down the list of burgers, you get the sensation of falling down the Rabbit Hole into a wonderland of flavors, such as the Killer Bee Burger, which is a burger topped with American cheese, bacon, and a beehive shaped pile of beer battered onion rings coated in honey barbecue sauce. Looking for something a little more exotic? Perhaps try my personal favorite, The King, which is a

traditional burger with bacon, covered with fried bananas and a nice warm spread of peanut butter to top the whole thing off. Naysayers may react with disgust toward the idea of peanut butter being on a burger, but I can safely say that this is a tasteful combination. It's definitely one that will stick with you, and may make you rethink how you prepare your burgers in the future.



Photo courtesy of the Boston Burger Co.

Even *Food Network's Diners, Drive-In's, and Dives* host Guy Fieri stopped by for a visit in early October.

If the selection of burgers isn't enough for you, Boston Burger Co. also provides a decent selection of other items, such as salads, chicken sandwiches, boneless wings and appetizers. And, if you're of age, the beer and wine collection is not too bad either.

And what burger place would be complete without fries? Boston Burger Co. takes their exuberant approach to burgers and applies it to their fries as well. All of the burgers come with made-in-house chips, but the fries are a real treat. Don't be fooled, though, these aren't the kind of fries you'd want to order for each individual person. When you order fries, you are committing yourself to a hefty amount. The best option is to order some to split between two people, as two people could have a burger, chips, and half of a fry order and still find themselves wishing someone would wheel them home in a wagon from being so full.

Boston Burger Co. boasts as to having the best burger in Boston, and that is honestly a claim that has good evidence to support it. Many famous foodies, like Guy Fieri and Rachel Ray, have made mention of the wonders contained within the doors of Boston Burger Co., so expect a bit of a wait when you arrive now that it's started to garner some attention. But don't worry, the wait is worth it, and your taste buds will thank you for it in the end.

Seven Sicknesses premieres at the Modern Theatre

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A few weeks ago, Suffolk University's Modern Theatre hosted several showings of *The Seven Sicknesses* performed by Suffolk's theatre department, directed by Wesley Savick (originally by Sean Graney). The evening included nine short plays and a dinner served at intermission.

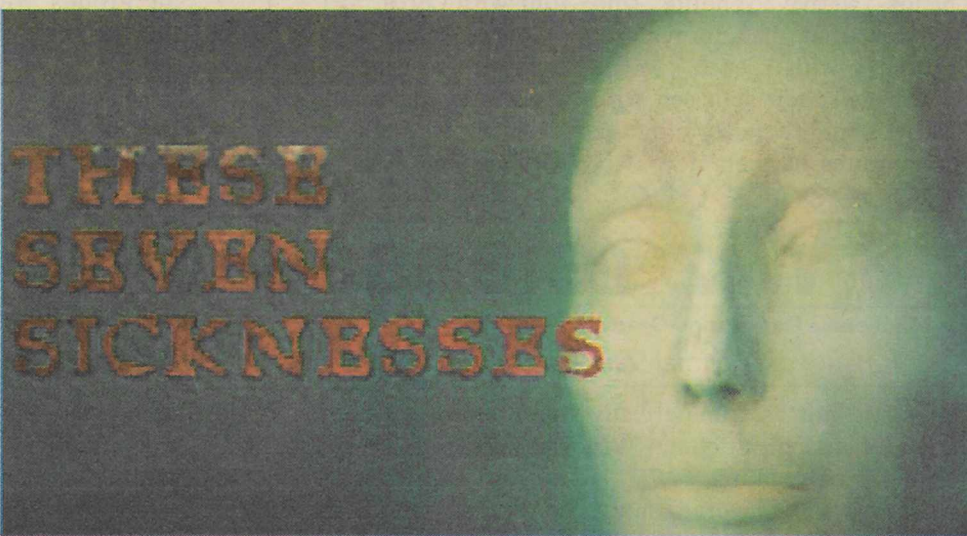
Despite the seating proximity to the stage and to the actors, the students amazed the audience with their overwhelming professionalism as the play went on. Action even took place up and down several isles of the house during the plays, which further enthralled the audience.

However, the dialogue itself seemed to place a sense of confusion over those sitting in the house and thus, it was up to the students on stage to capture

their attention; in most cases they succeeded. Still, while the costumes were well done and there were a few dazzling special effects, overall, the set seemed almost non-existent. Many props and different

repeating characters, it was a chance to further develop their characters and win over the audience.

Overall, the production succeeded in living up to Suffolk's diverse theatre



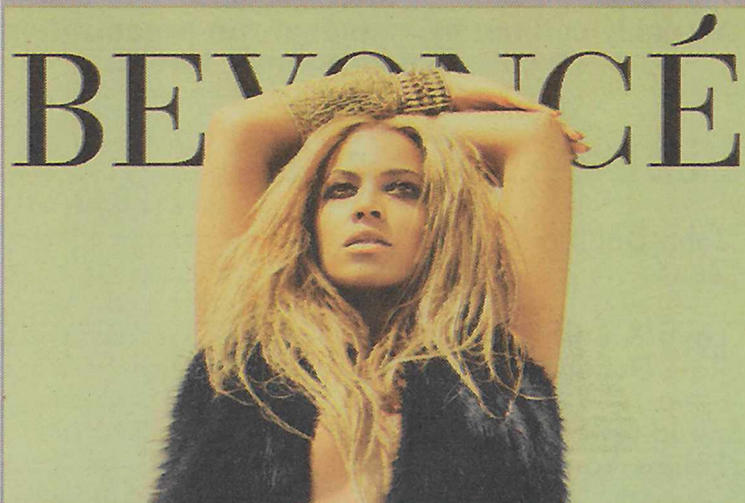
staging were used seemingly to make up for the fact that students were performing on an empty stage.

While the prologue, epilogue and all seven main plays which included *Oedipus*, *In Trachis*, *In Colonus*, *Philoktetes*, *Ajax*, *Elektra* and *Antigone* all had very different themes and storylines, they all connected to each other, using many of the same characters. For the students playing

scene thanks to many brilliant portrayals by very talented actors. Although many students gave remarkable performances, stand-out performers included: Shakyves Dubreuil as "Creon," Brian Bernhard as "Philoktetes," Gillian Gordon as "Antigone," Kelly Conrad as "Tekmessa," Raya Malcolm as "Elektra," and Ashley Hevey as "Head Nurse."

arts BRIEFS

Godess Beyonce releases new tunes before Super Bowl XLVII



Beyonce plans to release a new song before her Super Bowl performance, reported *The Huffington Post*. The-Dream, one of Beyonce's collaborators, discussed the singer's upcoming work with *Billboard*. He confirmed that the singer would be releasing a new song before early February.

"She's got her stuff going," he said. "She took the summer to start recording, and now she's in a place where she's ready to start gearing up to reveal her plan. She's already gearing up to get ready to put stuff out. I'm sure there will probably be a couple records you hear before the Super Bowl gets here."

Beyonce confirmed her plans to perform at Super Bowl XLVII by posting a picture of herself with eyeblack on her Tumblr. Other than The-Dream, she is rumored to be collaborating with her husband Jay-Z and Miguel. *HBO* will also release a documentary about the singer in February 2013.

"*HBO* has a history of pushing every boundary with class and authenticity," Beyonce said in a statement. "Some of my favorite shows are on *HBO*, so I am excited that my film will be part of its bold programming. This film was so personal to me, it had to have the right home."

Jack White shares his thoughts on Lady Gaga with *Esquire*



Photo courtesy of Flickr user Mosesxan

Apparently, Jack White is not a fan of Lady Gaga. White told *Esquire* in a recent interview that he finds the current celebrity goal of relatability leads to an unrealistic image of normalcy, reported *The Huffington Post*.

"The goal of modern celebrity is to make yourself into the lowest common denominator," said White. "Hey, I'm a guy just like you. I like a beer, a football game.' Especially in reality television, you'll see people will go so far as to make a fool out of themselves just to prove that."

A drummer, guitarist, and vocalist, among many other talents, White is clearly an authority on talent. He believes Lady Gaga's music "lacks substance."

"I don't think she lives it because it's all artifice," said White. "It's all image with no meaning behind it. You can't sink your teeth into it. It's a sound bite. It's very of this age, because that's what people want. They want a Twitter line, a jpeg, an MP3."

The talented and reclusive artist stays away from social media and feels that other celebrities over use Twitter.

"I think the only people who should have [Twitter accounts] are comedians," he said, "because it's all about one-liners. You don't want Gore Vidal telling you, 'I'm doing my dishes right now.'"

White tries to be nobody but himself, and he remains one of the most uniquely talented and substantial figures in popular music.

SUFFOLK EDMC

A weekly column by a student-run organization of electronic dance music lovers.

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Deniz Koyu
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Precursor
Pulsar

Spencer & Hill
Excuse Me (Dub Mix)

Bisbetic
Lizard

Wolfgang Gartner
Latin Fever (Zedd Mix)

Shows to See over Winter Break

Friendly People with Bear Language
Thursday, Dec. 13 @ The Middle East

Blue Scholars with Brothers From Another
Sunday, Dec. 16 @ The Paradise

Street Dogs Wreck The Halls
Friday, Dec. 21 @ The Paradise

Badfish, A Tribute to Sublime
Sunday, Dec. 23 @ The Paradise

Hoodie Allen
Wednesday, Dec. 26 @ The Paradise

The Roots
Wednesday, Dec. 26 @ The House of Blues

The Starting Line with Fake Problems
Thursday, Dec. 27 @ The Paradise

The Devil Makes Three with Brown Bird
Friday, Dec. 28 @ The Paradise

Rusko
Friday, Dec. 28 at The House of Blues

Break Science with Michal Menert
Saturday, Dec. 29 @ The Paradise

Soulive
Sunday, Dec. 30 @ The Paradise

The Democracy Center attracts local students

Mike Smith

Journal Contributor

The hardwood style of The Democracy Center in Harvard Square reminds one of an old fashioned log cabin in New England. Five groups played on November 30 opening with Au Revoir followed by a split set with Native Wildlife and Aviator. A self proclaimed "screamo band," Old Gray performed next with a powerful intermission from spoken word poet William James, finishing with Cerce headlining.

The music, came with diversity from Au Revoir's ambient post-rock to Old Gray's screamo. Kimberly, who did not wish to identify her age, facilitates the shows for bookers at usually one to two per month. They have some rules at The Democracy Center, namely, no drinking.

"We want to reach out to everyone who can't go to 18 or 21+ shows," said Kimberly.

The common range of ages of both the attendees and performers is 16 to 24. They do not just book shows though, they hold the space for business meetings, yoga classes, meditations and meetings for many leftist organizations, as evident from the posters lining the walls.

The music held good acoustics in the old Harvard extra-curricular building, giving a crisp accentuation to Au Revoir's attention to detail with their sound, pedals constantly turning on and off with an assortment of volume pedals and effects to perfectly control their dynamic and tone.

The fellow emotive hardcore bands Native Wildlife and Aviator that had previously toured with each other performed their split set, with Native Wildlife performing the 15 minutes of their new two-

song EP, *Blackwood*, which can be found on their *Bandcamp*. Both groups have members coming from a unique background. Two of Native Wildlife's members, vocalist Steve Massaroni, and guitarist John Snyder, both 20, attend BU, Massaroni studying computer science and Snyder, physics. Aviator's vocalist TJ used to be an amateur wrestling referee, while their



bassist Mike Moschetto, running the rhythmically tight bass grooves also runs a recording studio, "The Office Recording," recording Native Wildlife's *Blackwood* as well as an older Cerce CD.

The roots of these groups intertwine somewhat deeply. William James had performed his spoken word at three shows on one of Native Wildlife's tours. His performance began with him encouraging everyone to yell "getting out anything they need to get out" feeding into the beginning of his poetry. In Massaroni's words, he is "unique," and as opposed to performing at poetry venues, usually performs at these kinds of shows. Common themes in his work include a natural release of aggression, as well as nostalgia and the reminder that people, you, are not alone. He has also gone on tour with Cerce.

Cerce, with almost 3,000 followers on Facebook, booked the venue and headlined.

"They became very popular very fast" said Massaroni. Their

group, within its hardcore genre and raw energy created a more legitimate mosh pit than any other, lead by an (almost) 5'4 female vocalist with pink hair.

Becca Cadalzo, 20, a student at Berklee, admitted she didn't have many influences in the hardcore scene, as opposed to the other band members.

"I was listening to 'MMMBop' by Hanson two years ago and heard this... vocal 'squeak' and instantly felt overly inspired by it," she said. She tried to get it right and practicing in the Berklee practice rooms. Their music is available on *Bandcamp* as well.

The relationships between these people and groups are strong. An unclear, and funny situation, was clarified by Cadalzo.

"At the beginning of 'Concussion' I had my eyes closed and when I finally opened them, I saw Will James standing in the back holding a giant wrench above his head. We made eye contact for a second, I started laughing mid-singing/shouting, and I could tell people around him were laughing 'cause they could tell I was laughing," he said.

"I just want to make it clear that I hate Will," he added jokingly.

Many of the groups have and will play shows with each other, proving how open and intertwined the Boston music scene can really be. Each has their own tight following with Native Wildlife and Old Gray's followers yelling with the singer into the microphone and Cerce's mosh pit. With the Internet, any information can be easily accessed, and all groups will no doubt be playing somewhere, soon.

Wiz releases ONIFC

Mackenzie Cummings-Grady

Journal Staff

While not as commercially friendly as his debut, Wiz Khalifa's new album *ONIFC* is a composition overall much stronger than his debut. The opening tune "Paperbonds" shows Wiz taking on a swagger similar to that of his mix tapes, most noticeably Taylor Alderice, which was released last year. The favorites on the album are undoubtedly "Work Hard Play Hard" and "Remember You (Ft. The Weeknd)." The Weeknd's flow doesn't exactly fit in with an album mostly about smoking and relaxing, but it's a solid tune that will keep you

bumping on the way to the club.

The themes of the songs are no different than anything Wiz has released previously. They mostly talk about smoking marijuana and just getting really high; however, there is a notion that this album is a more mature Wiz. At brief moments, he strays from his hazy beats to inspire his listeners, with songs like "Let It Go" and "Rise Above," both of which delve into Khalifa's constant relationship issues, which have always been a victim of the media.

Despite the immature, and laughable, album cover the songs that comprise *ONIFC* show Wiz finally branching

off of his joint smoking tunes, a topic which was beginning to become repetitive and annoying. The whole vibe of the album is just as tension taming as his mixtapes, and while he dives into new territory on certain songs, he is still the tatted stoner king that we know and love. As finals come to a close make sure to start playing this album on repeat, we will all need it.



STAFF EDITORIAL

Yesterday our school officially ushered in a new era when it inaugurated Suffolk's ninth president, James McCarthy. The search for a new president was extensive after the abrupt retirement of David Sargent in 2010, and for a while the horizon was hazy and unclear. In the search, McCarthy not only met all the requirements for the position, he also had experience working on an urban campus and a knack for the future of higher education – something this university was in dire need of.

A transition was sparked in last week's announcement regarding the school's shift to move away from Beacon Hill. With McCarthy's established presence, the school is now in the process of making moves, on the forefront of using today's technology to its advantage, and providing more space for its student body to reside. We cannot yet imagine the Suffolk University of the future, but the community will definitely be able to have their input considered.

Among other things, Sargent's last decade was spent attempting to shift the university away from Beacon Hill residents and onto other properties in the downtown area. *The Beacon Hill Times* states in this week's article entitled "Suffolk University Made the Right Decision," "the signing of an agreement three years ago with officials from Suffolk University and The Beacon Hill Civic Association demonstrated the efforts of both parties to coexist relatively peacefully." Since McCarthy was hired last winter, his fresh outlook has greatly helped propel the school forward and aided in civil relations with the BHCA. His hiring was a wise move.

The migration of the school

has picked up speed with the announcement to sell the Fenton and Ridgeway buildings. Both Fenton and Ridgeway are old, with, among other things, outdated computer labs and faulty elevators. Meanwhile, time spent on renovations to Archer and Donahue are a necessity.

The addition of 20 Somerset comes as a great relief after the sale of two heavily used facilities. With the amazing work done on 10 West and the Modern Theater, which has won multiple environmentally friendly awards, this new building will continue Suffolk's growth as a prominent, innovative Massachusetts university on both the exterior and interior.

The only thing that seems to be missing from all of this is the New England School of Art and Design, still located in the same building despite outcry from faculty and students for improvements. With McCarthy's track record thus far, however, it looks like there may be another great idea coming soon.

In addition to relocation and renovation, Suffolk is going to be in a mix of schools reforming and reorganizing education for the information age. Suffolk will continue to move forward with its "hybrid" classes – courses that mix online class time with a few in-person meetings throughout a semester. It is these types of classes that will prepare students to focus on managing information and communication in a professional world.

We congratulate you, James McCarthy, for making your appointment as our university's ninth president official. We cannot wait to see what's in store.

Suffolk University fosters respectful environment with Disability Services

Anonymous

I wasn't sure how to approach this topic, but I will say straight out: I struggle with bipolar I disorder, which means gravitating towards mania. It is incurable and considered a disability, but can be managed with medication. Not only does this illness make school very difficult, but it can bring on a whole slew of other issues, including addiction and unstable relationships.

My internal and external issues had plagued me for years, and I see it all around me. There is not much understanding of mental illness in this country. For example, financial aid is limited to

praise for Suffolk. I did start knocking on those doors, and Suffolk made sure to open them. I loudly proclaimed my issues and needs to professors, other faculty, Disability Services, counseling services, and some higher-ups. As bipolars can tend to be secretive or in denial, it was a huge step for me, and the outpouring of support has been exceptional over the years. Not only was my illness accepted, I felt that I was finally accepted within the Suffolk community.

Once I started disclosing what the problems were – with some more than others – it was very freeing. I found Suffolk did everything to help me. I honestly think people here believe in every student's

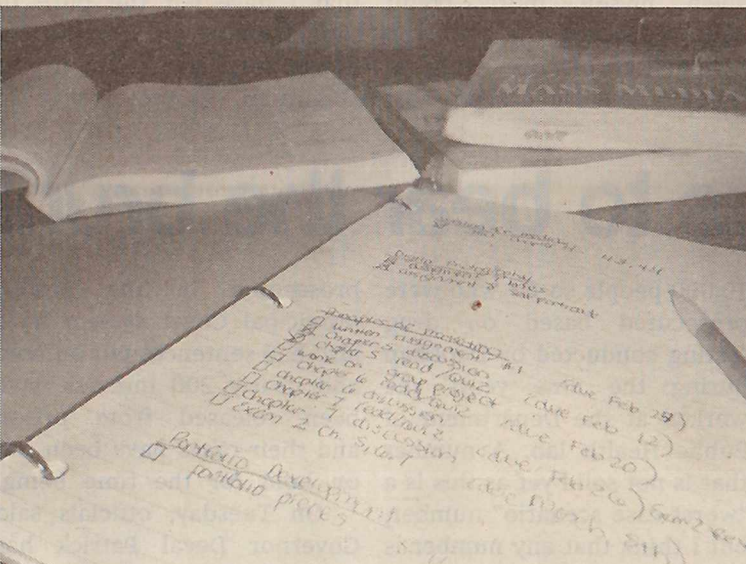


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students with drug convictions because addiction is still looked at as a personal failing, and when I see someone on a bus talking to himself, I also see people laughing at them. No one has any problems with servicing the needs of the blind or having empathy for someone with cancer, but mental disorders are not given that kind of attention. Given the lack of understanding in our culture, it can feel shameful to disclose this kind of information to a school, and many students suffer in silence.

For a long time, I floated along in school to the best of my ability. I complained and complained that Suffolk didn't help me: they didn't answer my questions correctly and I felt my needs were being ignored. But I refused to broadcast my needs. Until I got the wise advice to start knocking on doors myself.

Now, I have nothing but

potential. I checked in with professors regularly so I didn't miss anything, and they were very patient. I would get overwhelmed and ask advisors for help in all the details of my requirements, step by step. I can call Disability Services for their help in talking to teachers when I get thrown into a mania. But I don't believe anything should be handed to me because of my disability. I just have to take a few extra turns to get to the same destination as a regular person.

As a result, over the years I learned how to manage things better. Once in a while, people did go easy on me when they thought I needed it. But they also knew how to push me. Their simple belief in me, and the kindness of them all, also made me push myself. As a result, I feel a hundred times more equipped to make it in a career, all thanks to Suffolk University.

A word from the

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student government association

Dear students,

The Student Government Association would like to give you a couple of updates for this week. First we would like thank our senators Alyssa Bromley and Matthew Gifford for attending the Boston Intercollegiate Assembly Conference (BILC) and representing Suffolk University's SGA.

This week, SGA is co-sponsoring the S.O.U.L.S. Center's Suffolk Cares Food Fair Fundraiser. The event will be held this Thursday, from 1-2:15 in Donahue 403. It is a \$5 entrance fee for the fair; all proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Sandy Relief efforts.

We would also like to congratulate President McCarthy on his inauguration, and we would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out at the event. We would also like to congratulate Esteban Cajigas, new Senator for the class of 2016.

Last week SGA discussed the new-presented policy of limited printing for Suffolk students. This week, they will be voting on a resolution in regards to this printing initiative. This week Danielle Manning, Senior Vice-President of Finance and Administration, and President McCarthy will be coming to our meeting to discuss the process used to determine tuition increase as well as the budget process Suffolk University goes through.

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 nominated for an open Senator seat.

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 sga@suffolk.edu

Have a great week,

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Suffolk community fails to meet expectations of incoming students

Anonymous

This opinion piece has been a long time coming. Finally, I can spit out a piece of my mind and articulate it into something cathartic. For the past few years, I have been living the life of an average college student. It has had its ups and downs but it has changed me in ways that no one can perceive.

At the dawn of my career at Suffolk, I was like every other kid: rebellious and naïve, with a pinch of arrogance, ready to prove my worth to the world and show everyone back home that it was my time to shine. Granted, I had just come out of one of the hardest years of my life, dealing with death, separation, and social anxiety. I was more than joyful when my move-in date approached because I was happy to be going to Suffolk.

You see, when I took the tour here, I was fed the story of a place that prides itself on diversity and one that fosters creativity. I was explicitly shown a building with a

television studio, and not the buildings where I would be spending countless hours. My orientation here went off without a hitch.

I was introduced to new social circles, in-depth classes, and plenty of activities that come with the benefit of "city life." I saw no problems in sight when I befriended one of my orientation leaders, high on a naive confidence that my freshmen year would be the greatest of my entire life. In short, it was not.

Dorm life wasn't the social and scholastic experience that I had thought it would have been. Social circles already set up before day one and the dorms are some of the most anti-social establishments that I have been to. This was one of the first instances of a "wall" being put up between students.

Like most American kids, I had been slightly blinded by the media and how it portrays the college experience. I had given myself more credit than to expect the non-stop indulgence of our cultural zeitgeist, but I had been most

looking forward to finding myself. Almost instantly the cloth was lifted up from my eyes to experience my freshmen year.

My OL's and RA's have more than hypocritically abused their power. I am by no means trying to compare them to Nurse Ratched, but saints they are not. Let's talk about my professors – not only did I have to deal with sexism in regards to how I was graded

groups, etc. I came to this school because I thought that I would not be just a number. I am not a personal identity here; I'm an extra \$40,000 a year for Suffolk LLC.

I am in this school during a transition period. Trying to figure out why the school likes to buy property and not do anything with it befuddles me. Even more, I wonder why a school would buy a building, work on it for the better part

increase in the next few years because of the new 20 Somerset project – which will rob students of their Beacon Hill identity.

Okay, I know it sounds extremely cynical, but don't get me wrong. My experiences haven't all been bad here. I have met some lifelong friends and I have had experiences that are not only helping me turn into a better student, but a better human being. I just want to get the most of my college experience but I feel like it is hard to communicate with the faculty and some areas of the student body.

I'm scared that the school doesn't have my best interests in mind and is only worried about obtaining my funds. I want to take classes that interest me, ones that will be career orientated. I think the school needs a more open forum with students, faculty and staff, so that way opinions can be heard. I have my gripes, but at the end of the day, I am a student who only wishes to learn and enhance my experience at this school.

"If there has been one thing that I have felt the burn of too much ... it has been favoritism."

and treated in class, but I also had the displeasure of having a professor who clearly had no care in the world about her students. She probably has tenure despite the fact she was never without error.

If there has been one thing that I have felt the burn of too much at this institution, it has been favoritism: in the classroom, in the dorms, in

of three years, and then simply abandon those plans and leave NESAD high and dry.

Next to that, I'm still wondering why Sargent was paid more than the dean of Harvard. I wonder how well that almost \$3 million is treating him. For a university in a recession, we have no fear in spending money and I am scared about having a tuition

Tax payers to bear the brunt of drug lab scandal

David Frederick Journal Staff

I'm feeling pretty nostalgic right now. Remember that time when Annie Dookhan, a nine-year chemist at a state drug lab, "may have" tampered with drug evidence from separate cases and may have "manipulated drugs to increase weight, thus stiffening defendants penalties?" Over 34,000 cases were tampered with, and of the 1,140 cases where sentencing was based on the potentially tainted evidence, 690 of these people are in state prisons and the other 450 are serving time in county jail. Does anyone remember when I said, "this is another incident that unfortunately, the citizens of Massachusetts will have to deal with the collateral damage?"

Well surprise, surprise: it seems that the sinkhole caused by Dookhan's tampering will cost the state of Massachusetts and its lovely citizens well over \$332 million. Yes, that is correct, you heard me, \$332 million simply to represent thousands of people who faced criminal charges based on potentially tainted evidence at the now-closed state drug lab in Jamaica Plain.

Attorney David Meier said his team has identified at least

10,000 people so far who were prosecuted based on drug testing conducted by Dookhan during the nine years she worked at the Department of Public Health lab. A number that is not solid yet as this is a "worst case scenario" number, but I think that any number is an outrage. Prosecutors have figured that \$12.7 million will be needed for more prosecutors, support staff, and in some cases, office space and computers, just for all of the Dookhan related cases. I still feel like we haven't seen the worst of this case yet, and that this is just the tip of the tampered iceberg, because everyone's' eyes are seeing green in the worst way.

Suffolk District Attorney Daniel F. Conley's office said Tuesday that 110 imprisoned defendants convicted in drug cases involving Dookhan have had their sentences put on hold in Suffolk Superior Court. About 40

prosecuted in the Boston Municipal Court system have also had sentences put on hold and nearly 200 inmates have been released from prison and their cases have been put on hold for the time being.

On Tuesday, officials said Governor Deval Patrick has ordered a "file-by-file review" of every case handled by the chemist. It still astonishes me that with all the dramatics in this situation, I have yet

to hear words from Annie Dookhan. I wonder how this is playing out consciously, and how she feels morally at this very moment. She has created a financial disaster that could loom over the state for who knows how long!

On the other hand, if anything, Massachusetts can learn from this horrible situation. This could help lead to a complete shuffling of the status quo of the state drug

admission. It might sound redundant, but we need to make sure something like this can't happen again. If there is to be any just order in modern society, we have to depend on a system that gives us a fair trial, not an empty ritual. As the cost of Dookhan's corruption continues to soar, we can only stay positive and hope that it is not going to take \$332 million to fix this.

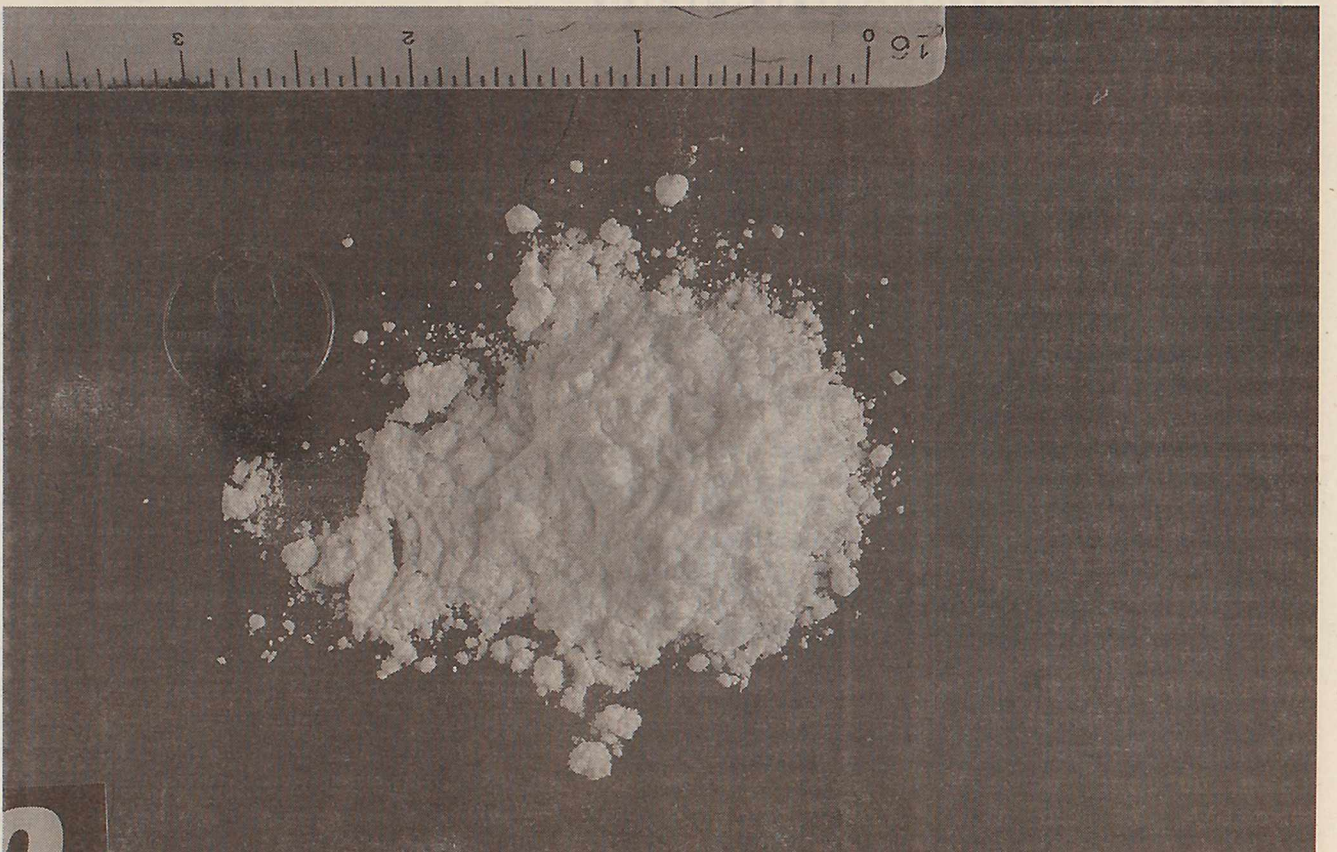
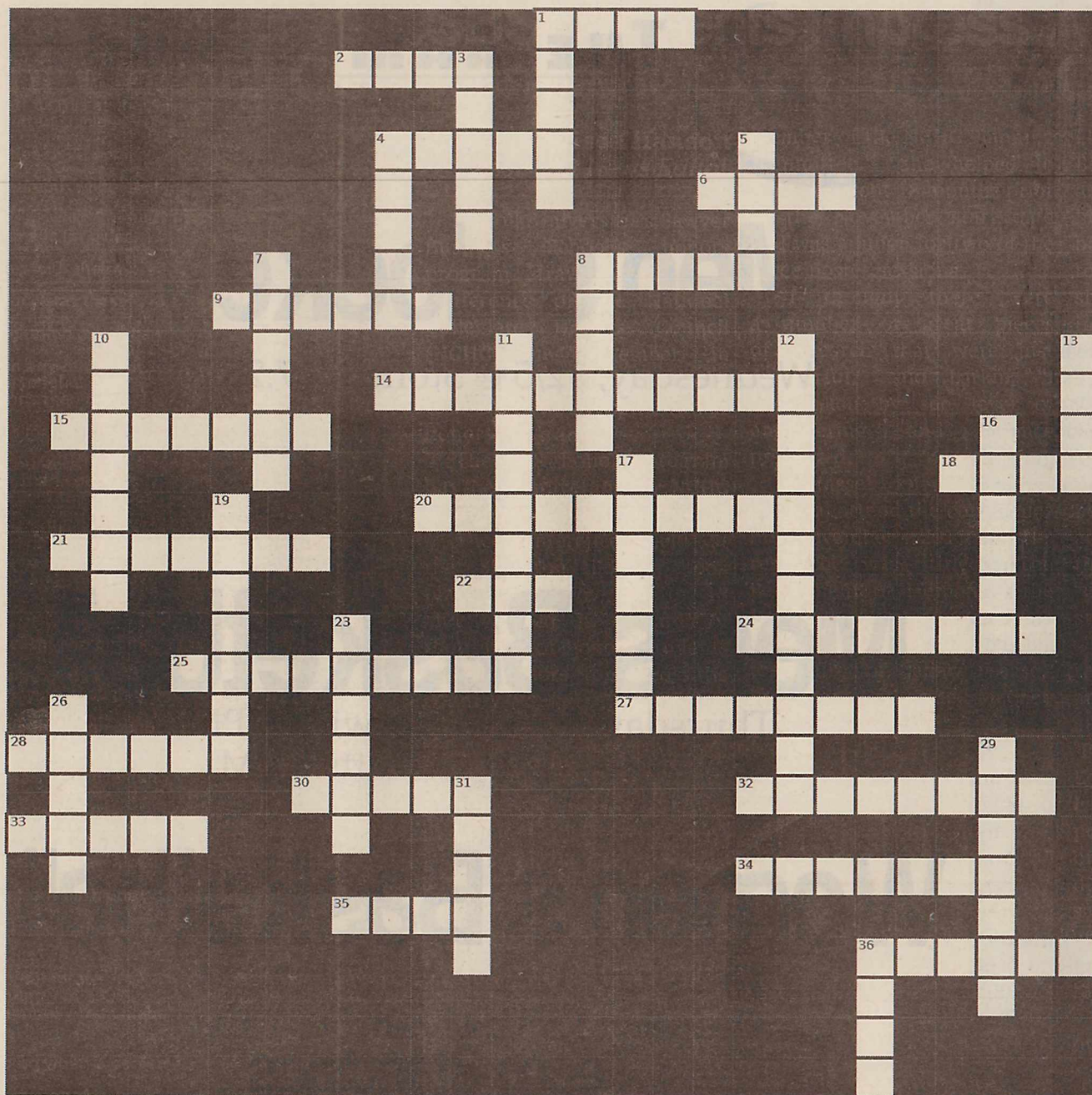


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Across

- 1 This liquid is heavier than cream.
- 2 You burn 26 calories if you do this for one minute.
- 4 A full grown bear can run as fast as this animal.
- 6 In ancient China, people committed suicide by eating a pound of this.
- 8 One year, this deceased singer paid 91% of his income to the IRS.
- 9 Black bears can be brown, cinnamon, white, and this color.
- 14 The fear of being buried alive.
- 15 This is one of the most erotic smells for older men.
- 18 Giraffes can clean this body part with their tongues.
- 20 Early Romans used porcupine quills as these.
- 21 The only bird who can swim but not fly.
- 22 This type of tree is struck by lightning more than any other.
- 24 This fruit has more protein than any other fruit.
- 25 This animal cannot stick out its tongue.
- 27 The U.S. has more bagpipe hands than this country.
- 28 Rapeseed Oil was renamed this for marketing purposes.
- 30 Drivers kill more of these than hunters.
- 32 This animal's milk has more fat than cow milk.
- 33 The face of this coin can hold about thirty drops of water.
- 34 This planet is bigger than all the other planets combined.
- 35 This eye color is most sensitive to light.
- 36 This was the official language of England for over 1000 years.

Down

- 1 Woodpecker scalps, porpoise teeth, and giraffe tails have all been used as this.
- 3 The first baseball caps were made of this.
- 4 This animal can open its mouth wide enough to fit a 4 foot child inside.
- 5 A 100 pound person on Earth would weigh about 36 pounds on this planet.
- 7 These melt in vinegar.
- 8 The first known contraceptive was crocodile dung, used in this country.
- 10 This plant can grow up to 12 inches per day.
- 11 Americans collectively eat one hundred pound of this per second.
- 12 This city in Florida has the largest total area of any city in the U.S.
- 13 This body part is the same size from birth until death.
- 16 This type of plant can grow up to 36 inches in a day.
- 17 This creature has transparent blood.
- 19 The first postage stamp to commemorate Christmas was issued in this country in 1937.
- 23 This animal kills more people annually than plane crashes.
- 26 All clams start out this gender.
- 29 This is usually the last sense to go when a person dies.
- 31 Sound travels 15 times faster through this substance than through air.
- 36 It takes this many hours to boil an ostrich egg.



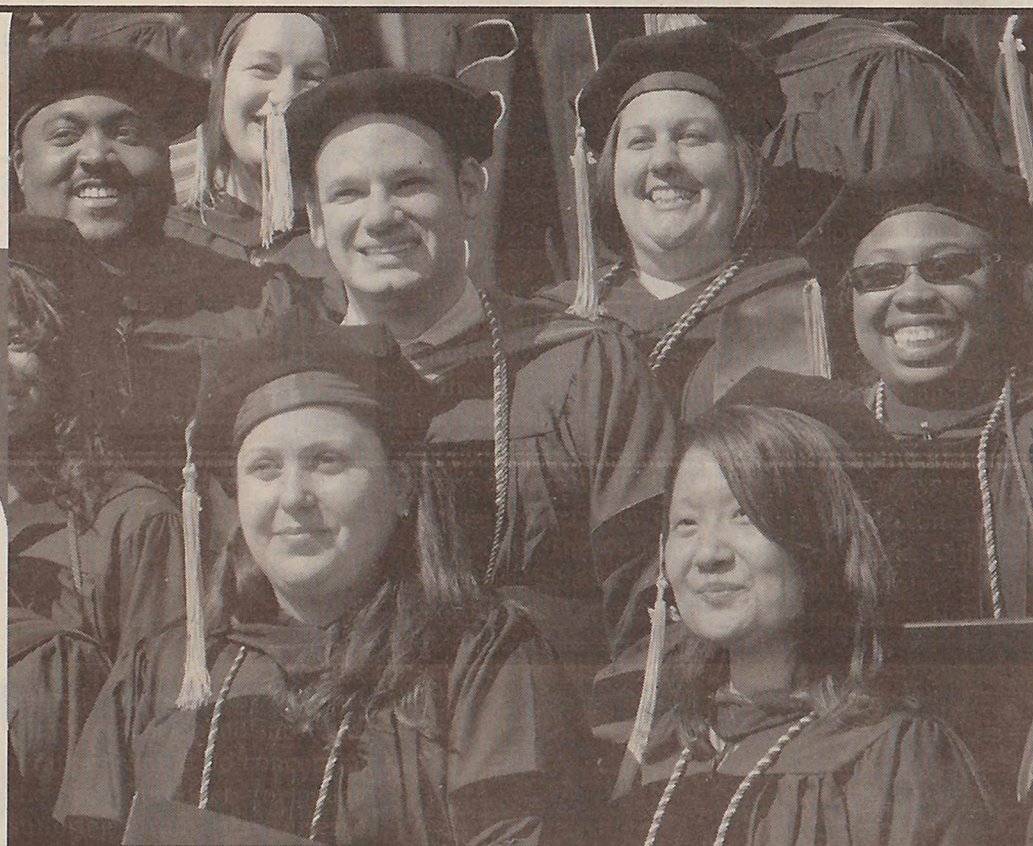
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Sports Briefs

Hornets Reportedly Changing Name to Pelicans

Yahoo! Sports reported on Dec. 4 that the New Orleans Hornets are expected to change their official name to the New Orleans Pelicans as early as 2013. Yahoo! cited numerous sources in their initial breaking news report with the news coming literally hours after Charlotte Bobcats owner Michael Jordan had commented about a possible name change back to the Hornets. "We would definitely entertain the opportunity. We've heard the community ask the question and we would listen. That's as much as we can say right now," Jordan told the *Charlotte Observer*. In a recent interview with *USA Today*, Hornets spokesman Harold Kaufman explained the team is in no control of changing its name. "[I've] been getting flooded with calls. Telling everyone that any name and color changes are controlled by the NBA and that process has yet to take shape," Kaufman said. While the name change may appear odd to many NBA fans at first, the pelican is actually New Orleans' state bird and appears in the state's official flag. Whether the name change would allow Charlotte to change its name back to the Hornets in homage of the city's original NBA franchise remains unknown.

Boston Red Sox Sign Victorino, Napoli

The Boston Red Sox have already begun their offseason acquisitions, grabbing veterans Shane Victorino and Mike Napoli during the MLB winter meetings. Dec. 3 the Sox officially announced the signing of Napoli who comes to the team from the Texas Rangers where he played both first base and catcher. The deal is still pending Napoli passing a physical but that is the only thing standing in his way of donning the Boston uniform. Napoli's deal has been reported to be worth \$39 million over three years. Napoli hit .227 with 24 home runs and 56 RBIs for the Rangers last season. Victorino comes to Boston after a short stint with the Los Angeles Dodgers last season. The former Dodger and Phillie's deal is reportedly the exact same as Napoli's: \$39 million over three years. The veteran outfielder confirmed the transaction via his personal Twitter account and the deal will be finalized pending a passed physical which isn't expected before next week according to *The Boston Herald*.

Arkansas Names New Football Head Coach

Arkansas has announced their new head football coach and his name is Bret Bielema. The longtime coach will join the Razorbacks after eight seasons with Wisconsin and seven as the program's head coach. A source familiar with the situation told *ESPN* that Bielema's contract is worth \$3.2 million each of his six years with the program. "His tough, aggressive style of play has been successful and will be appealing to student-athletes and Razorback fans," Arkansas athletic director Jeff Long told *ESPN* in a statement. The school is hoping that the hiring of Bielema will move the team out of the shame it must have felt after having to fire former head coach Bobby Petrino for hiring his mistress in the school's athletic department. Bielema still wants to coach the Badgers in the Rose Bowl presented by Vizio according to *ESPN* but it is unknown if the program will allow him to.



THE RAM REPORT

Men's Hockey

Wednesday, 12/5 @ Stonehill 7:25 PM

Men's Basketball

Thursday, 12/6 vs Norwich 6 PM

Saturday, 12/8 vs. Tufts 3 PM

Women's Basketball

Thursday, 12/6 vs Nichols 8 PM

Saturday, 12/8 vs Endicott, 1 PM

Team Standings

Men's Hockey

1. Western New Eng. 6-3
2. Curry 4-3-1
3. Nichols 6-3
4. Wentworth 5-3-1
5. Suffolk 4-4-2
6. Salve Regina 4-7
7. Johnson and Wale 3-7
8. Becker 3-6

Men's Basketball

1. Albertus Magnus 5-0
2. Emerson 3-3
3. Suffolk 3-3
4. Johnson and Wale 2-4
5. Emmanuel 1-3
6. Norwich 3-3
7. Rivier 4-2
8. St. Joseph's 3-2
9. Mount Ida 3-4
10. Anna Maria 2-4
11. Lasell 1-6

Women's Basketball

1. Albertus Magnus 7-0
2. Emmanuel 6-1
3. St. Joseph's (Me.) 5-1
4. St. Joseph (Ct.) 4-1
5. Suffolk 6-2
6. Rivier 5-2
7. Johnson and Wales 3-2
8. Norwich 4-3
9. Lasell 3-4
10. Mount Ida 3-4
11. Pine Manor 2-3
11. Anna Maria 2-4
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13. Simmons 0-5

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Men's Hockey Continues Successful Season

Christopher Bergin
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The Suffolk University men's hockey team has gotten off to a much better start this season, and they are currently competing for a playoff position. The team is coming off a 6-1 victory over Nichols College (6-3-0), making them 4-4-2 overall and 2-2-1 in conference play. This is a tremendous improvement over last season, as going into finals week of the fall semester they have already won more games than they did all of last season.

Adding to the optimism, one of their losses was to nationally ranked Bowdoin College. The Rams fell 5-2 to Bowdoin (6-0-1) at home, before bouncing back with a 4-4 tie at Curry College and the 6-1 victory against Nichols College.

With only nine conference games remaining, the team has the ECAC North East playoffs in their sights. Head Coach Chris Glionna is positive with the direction the team is heading, stating, "We think the team continues to get better every week as they work very hard in practice." He adds: "The ECAC Northeast is one of the toughest leagues in the country. With nine league games remaining, the [playoff positions will be determined] in the last week of the season."

Junior Charlie McGinnis



Photo courtesy of Suffolk Athletics

leads the team in points with eleven (10 GP, 4G, 7A). Sophomore forward Tim Sprague leads the team in goals with seven in ten games. Blue-Liner Andrew Ball (Sophomore, 10 GP, 0G, 7A) is the the team leader in points amongst defensemen with seven. Junior Jon Stauffer has also been a key presence on the Ram's defense.

Suffolk comes into this season with 14 freshmen on the roster, making them one of the youngest teams in the nation. The incoming players have wasted no time in contributing to the team's success, with freshmen forwards Mike Cherpark (10 GP, 5G, 1A) and

David Lazaro (7 GP, 4G, 1 A). With that said, the leadership of seniors Dan Feyock and Steve Drago has also had a tremendous impact on the team.

Home ice advantage has also played a key role in Suffolk's success this year, with games being held at Steriti Rink in the North End. Glionna went on record saying, "Having all our home games at the North End has been helpful. We encourage the students to come down to a game soon." Next up for the Rams is a key matchup versus Stone Hill College on Wednesday, December 5 at Steriti Rink (7:25pm).

Thoughts from Around the NBA

Chris Frangolini
Journal Staff

Are the Clippers Taking Over LA? The basketball season has been underway for almost a month now. There have certainly been some surprises like the Los Angeles Lakers abysmal 1-4 start. But have the reins been passed down to the Clippers?

The Staples Center, which both the Los Angeles Clippers and Los Angeles Lakers call home court, sells out every night to the likes of Kobe Bryant and Chris Paul. The Lakers have been through rough waters the past couple of weeks, firing Mike Brown after just five games into his second season as the Lakers head coach. The Lakers have signed Mike D'Antoni as the new skipper who will try to right the ship. D'Antoni coached in Phoenix and New York, and was an assistant on the new school "Dream Team" under Mike Krzyzewski. But it is still the Lakers division. Despite the aging Kobe Bryant and injured Steve Nash the Lakers are even at .500. Dwight Howard still struggles to create his own shot, taking less than 12 shots in 12 of 16 games. But when Nash is back look for Howards shots to increase. Howard had 28 points and 20 rebounds Friday vs. the Nuggets, he even knocked one down from beyond the arc (2-33 career from three point

range). Look for Howard to be more aggressive and help Kobe will this team to another division title.

Melo Stays Hot for New York: Carmelo Anthony is single handedly willing his team to victory night in and night out. Anthony is averaging 26.3 points per game, tying his second best points per game average of his career. Despite never getting past the first round of the playoffs, Anthony is keeping focused on the season and taking it one game at a time. The real test still lies ahead; five of the next seven games are away from the Garden, and after that the Knicks take on a six game homestand.

Harden Ignites Rockets: A lot of people were questioning the head-scratching trade between the Oklahoma City Thunder and Houston Rockets, sending James Harden to Houston. We all knew the reigning 6 man of the year, Harden, could play, but he is putting up career numbers this season averaging 24.1 (13.5 career average). He started the season dropping 37 in Detroit and 45 in Atlanta. The Rockets play in a tough division, dominated by the San Antonio Spurs, Memphis Grizzlies, and Dallas Mavericks, so the Rockets will most likely not make it to the playoffs. However, the Spurs and Mavericks are two of the oldest teams in the league, so the future is bright.

Men's Basketball Gives Suffolk Athletics Early Christmas Present With Big Win Over Saints

Vassili Stroganov
Journal Staff

While most of us were still eating the left overs of our Thanksgiving turkey, the Suffolk men's basketball team was already back on the court preparing for their game against UMASS Boston. Coach Adam Nelson said: "We've had five practices since the Thanksgiving break and really in all of them we were preparing for the game against UMASS Boston. Right now is the time of year when we are focused a lot on the scouting of the opponent, so we spent the last two-three days really going over UMASS Boston stuff and how we are going to defend it. So the practices have been really good." The Rams played a close game against UMASS, but the game that will never be forgotten was the game against St. Joseph,

a game in which the Rams shined brighter than lights on a Christmas tree, but first let's focus on the UMASS game.

The Suffolk coaches analyzed the UMASS team and came up with a strategy that the Rams worked on during the practice: "UMASS Boston runs some ball screen sets that we need to defend, so we really worked on how we want to guard them, how we want to press them and how they are going to press us, and how we are going to break it, so we think we are pretty prepared for them. But our biggest thing with this group that we found out is that we need to show up and play every day. If we don't come to play all the scouting stuff doesn't matter, but if we step on that court ready to play, then it should be a good game" Coach Nelson said.

The Suffolk Rams challenged the UMASS Boston Beacons last Thursday in a

close game that ended 92-78 to the Beacons. Even though Caleb Unni scored 18 points and Colin Halpin had a 17 point game it was not enough to secure the victory. UMASS Boston's Rahsheem Benson dominated the game and sealed the win for the Beacons with an astonishing 31 points. In this game the Suffolk team got some important knowledge that would prove to be vital for the important conference game against St. Joseph. As the wise Albert Einstein once said: "The only source of knowledge is experience." That would show to be absolutely true for the Rams in the game against St. Joseph. By gaining experience from the UMASS game, the Rams had the knowledge to play a smart game against St. Joseph. Coach Adam Nelson spoke about this important game: "St. Joseph is one of the best teams if not the best team in our league. They

are 3-0 with wins over Bates, Bowdoin and Southern Maine already, so they are very good. They shoot [the ball] well, they defend really well. They play like a funky 3-2 matchup zone which is crazy, so we have to be ready; it's going to be a dogfight here. That is our first conference game so it is a big test for us."

Suffolk used all of their knowledge and entered the GNAC competition in style, beating the dangerous runners up from last year's GNAC championship final, the St. Joseph Saints, 77-68. St. Joseph recently earned a top 25 ranking in a *D3hoops.com* poll, but that did not stop the Rams. The team that was ranked No. 2 in the GNAC prior to the season was a tough opponent, but after fighting for every single point as it was the most important one, Suffolk won the game. A glorious win for Suffolk in which Caleb Unni

scored 29 points and Colin Halpin scored 25. Colin Halpin scored his 1000th point in the game and became the 27th player in Suffolk's history to reach the magic number. Unfortunately, Suffolk doesn't have much time to celebrate the incredible win as they play against New England College on Monday, and all of the focus will be on this match.

The Suffolk basketball team is certainly prepared for the New England College game and so far the season has been going great. By beating second seeded St. Joseph College, the Rams showed everyone that they are ready to make a run for the CNAC championship. The basketball team won against the odds and gave the Suffolk Athletic Department an early Christmas present. An amazing victory is in the books and the team is now 1-0 in the conference.

Matt Pepdjonovic Etches Name in Suffolk Sports History, Again

Alex Hall
Managing Editor

For just the second time in Suffolk University men's basketball history, a player has scored over 1,000 points and recorded over 1,000 career rebounds. The latest to accomplish this feat is senior Matt Pepdjonovic, and he is the first to do so since 1977.

The Rams starter had already joined the school's 1,000-point club before his senior season started and accomplished the 1,000 career rebounds against Roger Williams University on Nov. 17. Despite these individual achievements however, Pepdjonovic is focused solely on being a team player.

"I'm just the second rebounder to do that and I'm proud but we could do better team-wise," said the forward.

Pepdjonovic is referring to the fact his team got off to a 1-3 start on the season, with three straight losses to Roger Williams, Eastern Nazarene and UMass-Boston.

When looking at the latest loss, Pepdjonovic noted that

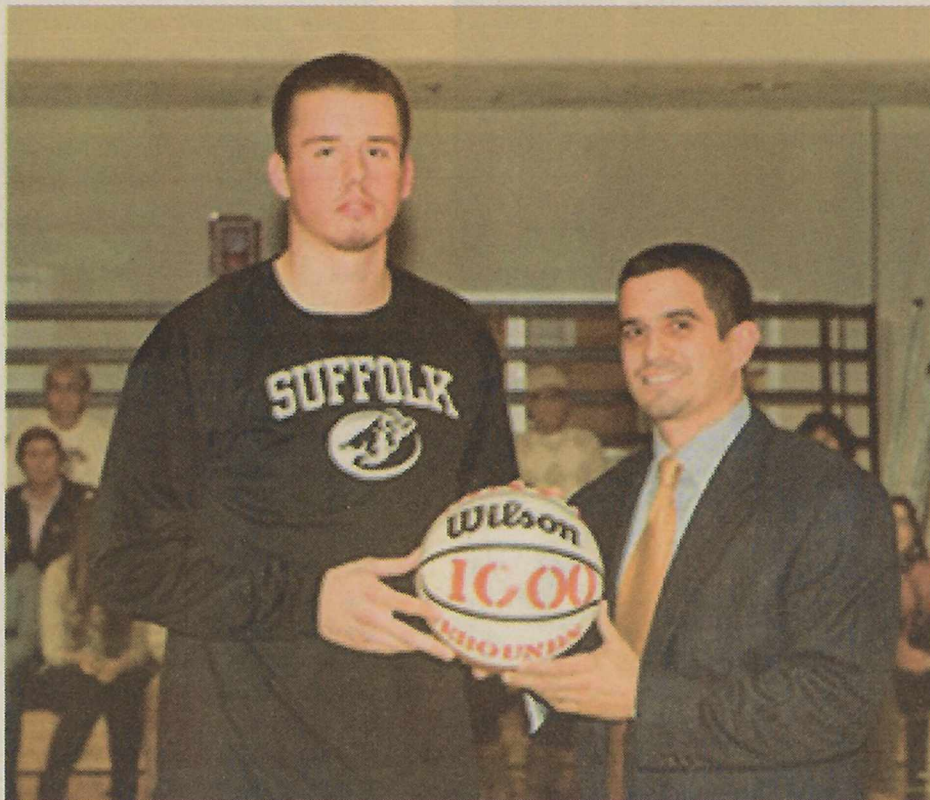


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the team had its ups and downs against the Beacons.

"We were able to score when we wanted to but we need to start games better and develop an offensive identity," the forward said.

While the team is hoping to find that offensive identity, it

is also looking to lean heavily on defensive play this year.

"We made the decision as a staff in the offseason that if we don't really buckle down and defend teams, we're just going to be average," said head coach Adam Nelson.

So far, the team's defensive

efforts have seen mixed results. The Rams were able to keep UMaine-Fort Kent and Roger Williams to less than 70 points in both respective games, but won just one of those contests.

Still, Pepdjonovic believes defense is the key to this team's success, saying "we have more athletes this year. We couldn't play man to man a lot before. It will get better

as we glue together and get better."

The Quincy native is hoping, like the rest of his team is, to break into the Great Northeast Athletic Conference playoffs and make more than a little bit of noise. This is a

goal the team has been unable to achieve in recent seasons, but that doesn't discourage Pepdjonovic.

"I feel better about these early struggles because they are fixable. We are a lot more talented than other teams in the [conference]. We dropped a couple games we shouldn't have but we can't dwell on that."

It looks as if Pepdjonovic's team has been able to move past those early struggles at least over the last few outings. The Rams won their first GNAC matchup against Saint Joseph's of Maine Dec. 1 and their following game against New England College Dec. 3.

With those victories, the team officially ended its early season losing streak and will hope to begin a more positive one over this week of play. Suffolk will host Norwich and Tufts University this Thursday and Saturday respectively. The Tufts game will be the last of the Rams' last before winter break with almost a month in between this contest and their road game against Emmanuel College on Saturday, Jan. 5.

"Sheriff" Wins Seven in a Row; Pats and Houston Ready for AFC Showdown

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It has been exactly a year ago since December 2011, when most NFL analysts said Peyton Manning, the "Old Sheriff" was all washed out and done. Peyton Manning was on the edge of his 36th birthday and his fourth neck surgery in six months. In the off-season, after becoming a free agent for the first time in his life following his release from the Indianapolis Colts, and 14 years after being selected by them in the 1998 NFL draft as the first overall pick, Manning was looking for a new home.

The Denver Broncos took the chance and signed Manning, who was rumored to have some issues affecting his throwing arm, his strength, and his accuracy as a result of the surgeries. Thirteen weeks into the season, all doubts are gone. The Broncos, who finished the 2011 season with a disappointing 8-8 record, are already 9-3 with 4 games left. Manning looks like Manning again. He is in complete control of everything that happens

on the line of scrimmage and keeps opposing team's defensive coordinators awake at night more than ever.

Perhaps Manning's most memorable game this year came a few weeks ago in San Diego where Manning was responsible for the biggest comeback in the 48 years of *Monday Night Football*, after trailing 24-0 at the half time and coming with his explosive no huddle offense in the second half to finish 35-24.

Manning is on the verge of his fifth AP NFL MVP award, and his main competitor for the trophy is his old nemesis Tom Brady (both combined for winning four of the last five awards) who

is having another record breaking season. Reigning NFL MVP Aaron Rodgers is also

in the mix again this year. Manning will almost certainly win the comeback player of the year award. Since his return, Peyton Manning hasn't only proven that he is better

they have ever been. Denver Broncos Head Coach John Fox told the press regarding Manning's performance: "as a coach, it is amazing how much I have learned about the game of football from Peyton Manning".

During Week 14, NFL fans will see one of the greatest games of the 2012 season and a possible playoff preview. The top two teams in the AFC and arguably in the NFL will meet in the freezing climate of Foxborough, MA, as the New England Patriots will host the Houston Texans in what could very possibly be an AFC championship game preview. Both teams have already secured a playoff berth last weekend, with the

Patriots already clinching their division following Sunday's victory in Miami. The Texans

have yet to clinch theirs.

While the Pats have been on the top of the NFL in the last 10 years, Houston has most definitely become the rising power in the league after having their best season in franchise history last year (a record they already beat this year). It will be very interesting to see how the Houston defense, which is ranked top five, will deal with the record breaking New England offense which is not only more explosive than ever, but also stands alone by far as the best offense in every important offensive stat with number two being far behind. Houston's defense features J.J. Watt, the 6'6 and 295LB linebacker who is going to do his best to try and disturb Tom Brady, who has blown away many teams this year. Watt is going to be in the discussion for defensive player of the year award.

The Patriots, on the other hand, suffered another blow in Julian Edelman's foot injury against Miami. Edelman will join tight end Rob Gronkowski on the disabled list.

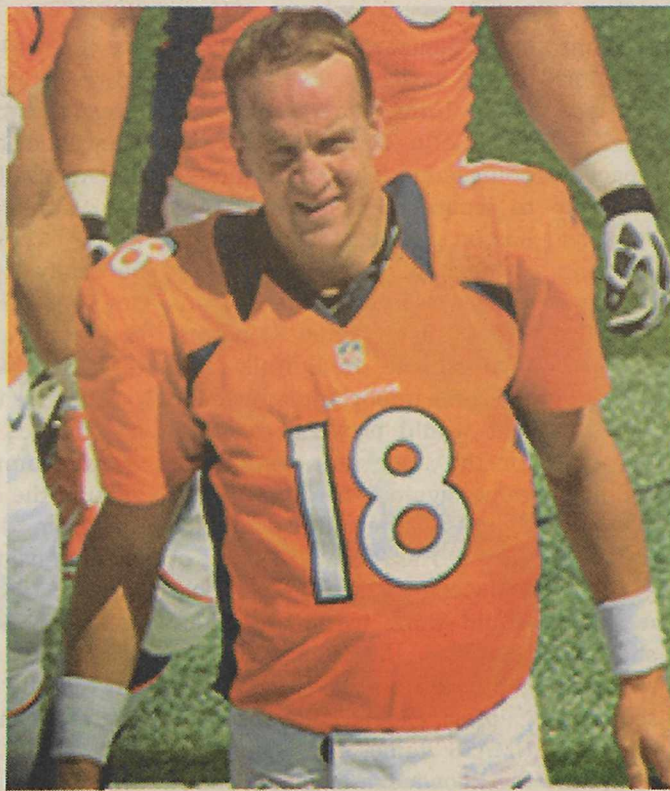


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