Obama's second inauguration brings promises for the next four years

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With an estimated audience of over one million people covering the National Mall, Obama and Biden took the oath of office for a second term on Jan. 21. Even though it seemed to be a much bigger deal last time, when the first African-American was being sworn in as President, the inauguration this time around was still a day for many Americans to celebrate after what they considered a hard-fought campaign for Obama's re-election against Republican, and former Governor of Massachusetts, Mitt Romney.

One of the people that had the opportunity to watch the inauguration in Washington, D.C. on Monday was Kaila Millett, a sophomore at Suffolk. Millett explained that it was really cool to finally see the capital building and the President after having seen all of it on TV before.

After leaving at 5 a.m., Millett "stood out in the massive crowds until 1 p.m." Millett, an international relations major, also mentioned that she received "a gold ticket, which isn't as exciting as it sounds," and that she "was behind the reflecting pool, and was a little too far away from the capital building to see anything." As she has never attended a presidential inauguration before, Millett expressed how "it was really exciting. There were so many people," and they "were standing side by side with people for as far as the eye could see. It was worth it, but in a once in a lifetime kind of way."

In his second inaugural speech, President Obama discussed a lot about several seemingly progressive ideas for the next four years. Obama mentioned that "[w]e will respond to the threat of climate change, knowing that failure to do so would betray our children and future generations.

During the ceremony Beyoncé gave, as well as human rights advocate Martin Luther King III, the former Boston Celtics legend Bill Russell. Reverends Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, as well as human rights advocate Martin Luther King III, the eldest son of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were also there.

With the event being such a huge success. Morin believes that more communication between offices will allow the Advancement Office the opportunity to better tell the success stories of administrative and academic departments to promote Suffolk.

"There's not a lack of good ideas in higher education," Morin said. "Just a lack of people to implement ideas, a lack of resources." Morin explained that it is his job to "marry donors with ideas" to provide the university with the resources it needs to grow and improve.

"We've almost completely tuition-dependent and we need to get away from that," President McCarthy said. "We've finally achieved a town hall style meeting last semester while unveiling the university's five year Strategic Plan. The challenge of the Advancement Office will be to increase awareness of Suffolk's campus and to secure funding and donations from那里.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Monday, January 7**
8:30 a.m.
Law School
Larceny from building. Investigation.

**Wednesday, January 9**
10:56 a.m.
10 West
Vandalism. Case closed.

**Sunday, January 13**
11:17 p.m.
150 Tremont
Drunkness. Judicial internal.

**Tuesday, January 15**
8:09 a.m.
Ridgeway Building
Larceny from building. Investigation.

**Tuesday, January 15**
3:39 p.m.
Boston Common
Other agency assist-drug violation. Judicial internal.

**Thursday, January 17**
11:10 p.m.
Miller Hall
Liquor law violation—possession of alcohol by a minor. Judicial internal.

**Sunday, January 20**
2:32 a.m.
Miller Hall
Tresspassing. Report filed.

**Monday, January 21**
2:19 p.m.
10 West
Vandalism. Case closed.

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**Alternative Winter Break Inspires Student Volunteers**

Ellie Hawkins
Journal Staff

Suffolk University’s Alternative Winter Break program traveled to El Salvador in the first week of the new year in order to help those in need.

"The best part about this trip is how such a small amount of time can change me and someone else’s life," said Kirstin Mulvaney, a senior, majoring in English at Suffolk University. She explained how the alternative winter break to El Salvador changed her perspective on life. Mulvaney said she never understood what it meant to be poor until she was able to witness the conditions people were living in during this trip.

Mulvaney first went through an application and interview process. Once she was cleared to participate on this trip she signed up for a four-credit, once a week, class that helped her along with other students, learn more about El Salvador’s culture and history, including the war from 1980 to 1992. She was surprised to learn that an estimated 75,000 citizens of El Salvador were killed over those 12 years and that United States had helped finance the government there because it was in the U.S.’s best financial interest.

"It amazes me how no one knows much about it even though we were so involved," Mulvaney said. After learning these interesting facts and completing the class the group of students headed off to El Salvador.

This alternative break was ten days long, from Jan. 2 to Jan. 12.

"The first image I have is how packed the airport was and how welcoming everyone was." Mulvaney stated, "the people were so willing to share what they had no matter how little it was." The group consisted of nineteen students and they stayed in Centro de Arte Para La Paz in Suchitoto, El Salvador, translated to Center of Art for Peace. A Catholic nun from New Jersey, Peggy Guevara, runs the center and helped welcome the students into their new surroundings.

O’Neal runs the community center and helped welcome the students into their new surroundings.

The students worked with Habitat para la Humanidad in a mountain town called La Palma. Mulvaney helped build a house for a family that was originally living with another relative. The family that planned to live there consisted of three members: Mauricio, Sonia, and Kathryn, their daughter. The students worked on this house for three days. They were supposed to work on it for four, but were unable to cross the bridge on the fourth day due to a war veteran’s protest on the bridge. The Suffolk students helped clean up an auditorium for a festival that was coming up instead.

Along with helping build this house the students were able to do some sightseeing, hear testimonies about the massacres, and hike Mount Guazapa. This helped them get a better feel about what the civilians did to try to reach safety during the war in El Salvador.

Mulvaney said that it is sad to think that some of the people she met still do not know what happened to some of their family members, and this makes her try to treat people better.

"Many of the people from El Salvador came to the United States during the war and that is why I try to be more kind to random strangers on the streets, because you never know what their story could be." Mulvaney said that if any Suffolk student is signed up for one of these breaks already, great; and if a student is thinking about participating they should just go sign up; they will not regret their decision.

"...such a small amount of time can change me and someone else’s life."—Kirstin Mulvaney
President McCarthy Shares Plans for 20 Somerset

Gherardo Astaldi
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Plans for 20 Somerset are underway as Suffolk University promises to open its new building in the fall of 2015. After the Suffolk trustees put the project on hold, pending the review in 2011, Thursday's meeting in the C. Walsh Theater was pivotal to decreasing dwindling expectations as President McCarthy said, "we really hope at this point that we've gotten a plan that will work and will get started very quickly."

With the help of a real estate firm, Suffolk University underwent a "test fit" exploring the physical space available in the building. There were two questions to be answered during this preliminary phase of the project: How many classrooms of each kind, and how many kind of classrooms, could fit in the building?

During the meeting President McCarthy was also very pleased to report that "we have very strong letters of support from all neighborhood groups." These letters further encourage the construction of 20 Somerset and strengthen Suffolk's relationships with the Beacon Hill and Boston residents.

At the Nov. 14 meeting, the board approved a resolution giving permission to proceed the project of 20 Somerset

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"It's all about engagement," said Richard Blanco, Mr. Blanco, who is the fifth person to share a poem at an inauguration (beginning with Robert Frost at President Kennedy's inauguration in 1960) was particularly notable for his background in gender. "In fact, he is young, Hispanic, and gay."

He shared, titled "One Today," talked about how we "[b]reathe the doors we open, for each other all day," saying: "Hello, America, at dawn!" He added: "My name is [name] and I'm the language my mother taught me — in every language in the world."

The poem elaborated on the diversity within the United States while still focusing on what it is equally that makes us who we are. Blanco described the beautiful landscapes of a "fledgling sky" since the Appalachian and Sierras claimed their majesty, and the Mississippi and Colorado worked their way to the sea.

The last president to actually prepare for key votes on legislation in Congress is the 20th century. Even as the extensive public ceremony was conducted throughout the day, the actual and official swearing-in took place on March 4, although the inauguration ceremonies were held on March 4. Although a lot of people attend each inauguration in person, many more watch from the comfort of their homes on television. The first televised inauguration was for President Harry S. Truman's second term in office in 1949. In 1961, the inauguration ceremonies were held on March 4. Although a lot of people attend each inauguration in person, many more watch from the comfort of their homes on television. The first televised inauguration was for President Harry S. Truman's second term in office in 1949. In 1961, the inauguration ceremonies were held on March 4. Although a lot of people attend each inauguration in person, many more watch from the comfort of their homes on television. The first televised inauguration was for President Harry S. Truman's second term in office in 1949. In 1961, the inauguration ceremonies were held on March 4. Although a lot of people attend each inauguration in person, many more watch from the comfort of their homes on television. The first televised inauguration was for President Harry S. Truman's second term in office in 1949. In 1961, the inauguration ceremonies were held on March 4. Although a lot of people attend each inauguration in person, many more watch from the comfort of their homes on television. The first televised inauguration was for President Harry S. Truman's second term in office in 1949. In 1961, the inauguration ceremonies were held on March 4. Although a lot of people attend each inauguration in person, many more watch from the comfort of their homes on television. The first televised inauguration was for President Harry S. Truman's second term in office in 1949. In 1961, the inauguration ceremonies were held on March 4. Although a lot of people attend each inauguration in person, many more watch from the comfort of their homes on television. The first televised inauguration was for President Harry S. Truman's second term in office in 1949. In 1961, the inauguration ceremonies were held on March 4. Although a lot of people attend each inauguration in person, many more watch from the comfort of their homes on television. The first televised inauguration was for President Harry S. Truman's second term in office in 1949. In 1961, the inauguration ceremonies were held on March 4.
Aspiring Broadcasters take on 'Suffolk in the City'

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Meet Dan Lampariello. He may be a familiar face to students around the Suffolk University campus, but soon people all across New England might recognize him.

Lampariello was one of four students to be chosen as one of the newest broadcasters of "Suffolk in the City," a segment that airs on the New England Cable News morning show.

The partnership between NECN and Suffolk University's Studio 73, allows students to gain real world experience in live reporting, story writing, editing and interviews. Many aspiring students audition for the position, and each semester, NECN selects three to four new reporters.

Lampariello, a junior broadcast journalism student, was excited to have been chosen for the spring 2013 semester.

"It's going to be great, great experience," he said. "What college student gets to say that they've been on a major college student gets to say experience," he said. "What semester.

Lampariello was selected for the position this semester, bringing in a new wave of culture to the program.

"Suffolk has an amazing [communication] department. I learned about 'Suffolk in the City' my freshman year but I just thought it would be something fun to do one day," she said. "My enthusiasm and leadership are important things." 

Cullinane has taken a similar experience to "Suffolk in the City." He spent time in Hollywood, which has him familiar with sound production and behind the scenes aspects of the broadcast process. He said this time he's most excited about being on the other side of the camera.

"I'm excited to watch myself be on television. I think that's going to be really cool. Hopefully, MTV or ABC or some other large agency will catch me on TV and they'll think I'm hilarious, and they'll give me my own show," laughed Maynard.

"I'm also excited to entertain New England with my own spin on current events, and hopefully make you laugh," he added.

Famous or not, Maynard hopes to get a job in the field following graduation and hopes "Suffolk in the City" will be a good opportunity to get on the right track.

"I can really see networking with all the people that come into the studio to be tremendously beneficial," he said.

Carla Rojo will be the fourth broadcaster featured on "Suffolk in the City" this semester, bringing in a new wave of culture to the program.

Rojo, a junior broadcast journalism, speaks both English and Spanish. With goals of incorporating her bilingual skills, as well as her interest in sports, into a news broadcasting role, Rojo said "Suffolk in the City" will be a great way to get started.

"The experience I'm going to get from [this] is priceless," she said. "A lot of people, even people who have their degrees, don't get the opportunity to be live on cable. For all of us, this is such a great opportunity. I would love to do something like Telemundo [someday] and kind of use both sides of my heritage to communicate."
Suffolk University is not unheard of as being subject to direct violence, but underlying currents of strife abroad always hit close to home with such a prominent international student body. Suffolk University is the home to students from over 100 countries and the international population makes up around 15 percent of the overall students enrolled at Suffolk. With such a dominant representation, you can’t go through a day without hearing five to six languages aside from your own all around you.

That said, Suffolk personifies the witness to global atrocities from natural disasters such as the hurricane in Haiti last fall, which has still left people homeless, to terrorist attacks and revolutions across the globe. In recent headlines, Mali has been subject to great discontent, which has just called for French military intervention.

For France, the risks range from secure oil reserves to future political stability. More importantly, Malian lives are at risk every day and have been for over a year since the revolution in Libya culminated in the death of their president, Muammar Gaddafi. Islamic extremists have been wreaking havoc in Northern Mali. This uprising was originally incited by Tuareg rebels seeking autonomy, of whom a majority originate in Mali and Niger. This rebel uprising subsequently attracted Islamic extremists who have taken over the Tuareg cause into their own hands, without any real relation to this ethnic majority of northern Mali. The ceaseless bombardment of innocent towns and villages has left families distraught and a government rendered useless in the face of such Islamic extremist pressure. The Islamic fundamentalists have ruled Northern Mali for months and their campaign is gradually encroaching on the South, touching the lives of that many more families.

This past week, Suffolk student Dauda Wague who is originally from Sokolo, a town near the north-south border of Mali heard devastating news. The town he grew up in has been officially taken under control by the Islamic extremists. Wague stated, “I haven’t talked to my family in a week, and my aunt’s two children have been shot,” mainly because the croissant and Wague expressed that he has not found out whether they survived or not. When the Islamists take over a town, “they cut off telephone networks,” Wague stated, “because they know the populations hate them and will expose their location, their numbers, and the weapons they carry.”

The Islamic extremists, Wague suggests, “are not in it for religion and they just want power.” Wague also claims that the Malians all know these Islamic extremists from before, namely as “criminals and drug dealers who have been jailed.” Since the take-over of the northern region in Mali, a number of these prisoners have been released and are now leading the rebellion with the soldiers from Libya. Wague claims that this power structure ensuing from the north has proven powerful and relentless. The Islamic radicals are more dedicated than the Malian army, “they are so mentally strong, they can’t lose: if they die they go to a place.”

On the Israeli Election

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Roughly 67 percent of Israel’s 5.5 million eligible voters went to the polls on Tuesday to elect members of the 19th Knesset from the lists of more than 30 parties. In the weeks leading up to the vote, it appeared that right-wing, radical right-wing, and religious parties would be the major winners. The English-language press was deluged with articles examining the rise of former commanders/businessman Naftali Bennett, the charismatic leader of the Religious-Zionist party haBayit haYehudi (Jewish Home.) This pessimism has proved to be somewhat exaggerated, and for that Israelis and Americans alike may be grateful.

It is almost certain that Binyamin Netanyahu of Likud (Unite) will once again be Prime Minister, but the parties of the center-left and left have received a much needed vote of confidence. The skeptics who derided the street protests of 2011 as a passing phenomenon without political impact must now reassess their evaluations. The cost of living and the lack of affordable housing, the state support of various religious enterprises, and other civic issues remain very much in the minds of a major segment of the populace.

Avodah, the Israeli Labor Party, which has been in decline for more than a decade, appeared to steady its decline somewhat, gaining 15 mandates, but perhaps most significantly, Yair Lapid, a prominent television personality, author, and actor scored a smashing success at the head of his new party Yesh Atid (There is a Future,) which aimed to capitalize on discontent over the nature of the political process and the course of society. Yesh Atid essentially sought to redirect the energies of the political discourse more towards the issues which (theoretically) dominate American campaigns: education, social welfare, housing, infrastructure, and wealth inequality.

Following the general tenets of a classically liberal platform, the party supported decentralization of the secular school system, a draft for all citizens regardless of religious observance or ethnic origin, and a focused campaign targeting rampant political corruption. Mr. Netanyahu will have to be significantly more creative in forming a coalition, which may prove to be unstable due to the competing interests of its likely participants. Likud will either have to turn to Mr. Lapid to form a center-right coalition, or he may attempt to cobble together support for a razor-thin religious-right majority. Mr. Netanyahu has already pledged to reach out to the Shas religious party, and he could also involve Mr. Bennett and other religiously-oriented leaders. Either way, he will have to make major concessions.

Prior to the election, Mr. Netanyahu had agreed to a coalition with the Yisrael Beiteinu (Israel is Our Home)
Is Hugo Chavez dead? Probably not, but he may as well be. For the charismatic, publicly active leader, missing a camera opportunity hurts more than missing the birth of a grandchild, and yet on Jan. 19, Chavez did just that. After a majority vote of 54 percent in the October 2012 Venezuelan presidential elections, Chavez comfortably reassured his place at the head of the never-ending Venezuelan revolution, and publicly promised to do his best to "deepen the socialist revolution," as MSNBC reported last week. He has since more or less disappeared. Like his Cuban counterpart Fidel Castro, the lack of information about his health is rivaled only by the flow of speculation about his ability to stay in power. On Jan. 13, 2013, Chavez was scheduled to play the lead role in his own presidential inauguration. Yet come the day of the inauguration, the Venezuelan people were surprised not by what Hugo Chavez was saying, but for once by what he was not saying. Chavez was a no show. His Vice President and probable successor Nicolas Maduro released a statement on Sunday, admitting that Chavez has been in surgery in an attempt to thwart whatever cancer plagues him, and is "recovering." This is all well and good, and of course our best wishes go out to Hugo Chavez's health, but a recovering cancer patient is not amongst the short list of candidates fit to run a country. Of course, the comparison is unfair for many reasons, but just imagine Obama not showing up last Sunday/Monday, amidst rumors of cancer treatment, and him getting on Air Force One for medical treatment in England. He would likely be impeached faster than Rick Perry could get his own presidential campaign started. But President Obama is beside the point. That Chavez would miss his inauguration is more than proof enough that his reign, however democratic, is over. So what happens next? The official version of potential events is clear. Chavez said it himself when he said that in the event of his untimely death, his vice-president should run his own campaign for the presidential election, winning it just as fairly he himself has since 1999. However, the opposition is not so sure. A scheduled march tomorrow by a coalition of opposition forces has been canceled - a spokesperson for the march cited the "clear intentions of taking to the streets of the capital with the purpose of inciting violence." This is likely in reference to a counter march scheduled by Chavez's own United Socialist Party for the same day, which no doubt would have caused or perpetuated potential violence as the nation's divided political entities met in the streets of Caracas. Regardless of the outcome of the counter marches tomorrow, any nation whose opposition government has to cancel a march in fear of violence is no true democracy, and whoever ends up replacing Chavez will have his/her work cut out for him. Of cancer treatment and this leads many to believe that his narcissistic reign may be coming to its close. Chavez is well known for his early coups of the government and then later turning his brute radiculism into the Movement of the Fifth Republic. After becoming president, Chavez has been at odds with the U.S. saying that we were "fighting terror with terror" in the Middle East after 9/11 and that we were behind the attempted coup of his position in 2002. As Chavez is recovering, the people of Venezuela are entertaining the idea of ushering in a new president. In case of such a situation, Chavez has named his successor in Nicolas Maduro, his vice president who served for six years as Venezuela's foreign minister and heads a clique of ideologues loyal to Havana. Diosdado Cabello, a military veteran and long-time collaborator of Chavez's and the National Assembly president was quick to stand up against that decision. Cabello is vengeful for being pushed out of Chavez's inner circle and appears to be willing to fight for the "kingdom." Obviously, Chavez isn't going anywhere as of now, meaning Maduro is his "heir" and he will later win a special election that would make him the new president. If he didn't make it to take his oath of office, the role would be passed over to Cabello. Just like every election, there are ridiculous amounts of cash being funneled in, seedy interests in narcotics and arms and most importantly the legitimacy of an honest election for the citizens. Any of the viable options for who should claim the role of being an active president are not even options that the citizens have a say in. These fake elections don't even seem to be a television show. If this election doesn't concern the public opinion, and it isn't in their interests; then I ask one question: Why should this election even be important to the people of Venezuela if they hold no weight in it? Now don't get me wrong, every election is important and has gravity in the world but there isn't even the illusion of public opinion surrounding this matter. The corrupt extra curricular activities of Chavez, Cabello, Maduro, and the countless other figure heads of the Venezuelan government is only the tip of the iceberg. Truly, the core of this article is based around the subtle passive bias of my opinion of how I believe Chavez has had his time in the sun. The truth of the matter is that there isn't a real viable option here. I do feel the best of a bad situation would be for Chavez to step down and for an actual election between Maduro and Cabello to occur, but as long as the Chavez factor is in play, nothing will change any time soon.
**NORTH KOREA**

Despite more severe disciplinary actions from the UN, the United States, and even harsh diplomatic condemnation from North Korea's sole ally in the region, China, the BBC World News is reported yesterday that North Korea's nuclear program will continue in development. The UN Security Council approved new sanctions over the December test launch of what is said was a long-range missile banned by UN resolutions. Sanctions introduced by a resolution backed by the traditional Western alliance along with most countries neighboring North Korea accompanied. The country would “take physical actions” to strengthen its military force, the state news agency KCNA said, which expects insurgents as attempting to enlarge its currently small nuclear weapons arsenal.

**ISRAEL**

Israeli Prime-Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has narrowly slipped by in the national election yesterday, securing his third term in power by a much narrower margin than most polls and observers expected. While it was still a victory for Netanyahu as Prime-Minister, a huge surge by the centrist “There is a Future” party has made it so that he will have to rearrange his coalition government. “Israelis are asking for a moderate coalition,” Marcus Sheff, executive director of The Israel Project told the New York Times last night. “Israel’s middle class wasn’t asleep as people assumed. The embers of the social protest are still strong.”

**AFRICA**

The Washington Post, in collaboration with political scientist Jay Ulfelder, has been maintaining a mathematical model that attempts to rank nations by their likelihood of suffering political coups in the near future. Not surprisingly, all of the top 25 countries on the list except three are in Africa or the impoverished areas of the Middle East. The list is comprehensive and takes into account state differences within borders, political stability, market prices, inflation, and crime rates, amongst other things. This model correctly predicted both of the coups that happened successfully in 2012 in Guinea-Bissau and Mali. However, the strife that erupted in Ethiopia in the last months of 2012 came as quite a surprise to the political analyst known as Ethiopia did not even make the top 200 most prone to revolution. And despite the debate about whether the nature of the political strife in Ethiopia can properly be counted as a revolution or even a coup, it has set back the otherwise successful formula, leaving Professor Ulfelder back at the drawing board.

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party of Soviet-born former Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman. The two combined parties mustered 42 seats in the current Knesset but will likely be able to count on only 31 in the next. Despite this drop, the Likud-Beitenu faction will be by far the largest single in the new body. The most recent Likud primaries saw a rightward shift within the party itself, with moderates (the term is relative) such as Benny Begin (son of the former Prime Minister) and Dan Meridor relegated to lower positions on the list in favor of hardliners such as Moshe Feiglin, leader of the West Bank settler faction within Likud. Much of this repositioning has to do with alarm at the rise of Mr. Bennett on the right, but may also reflect a general hardening of positions within the party base. This ossification of ideas combined with disastrous economic and foreign policies may have led to a vote of no-confidence directed at Mr. Netanyahu. The nearly even split between the right-wing parties and the center-left Arab bloc (polling a combined 59-60 seats) will likely lead to political paralysis, stalemate, and a new election within the next two years. The Palestinian conflict and the threat of an Iranian nuclear weapon played a generally secondary (or abstract) role in the election. It is almost certain that whoever ends up leading Israel at the head of whichever constellation of parties will be unable to reach any sort of lasting peace with the Palestinians -- or even control the growth of the settlements in the West Bank, leaving Israel increasingly isolated in the international arena.

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**Student From Mali on Crisis**

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better place,” according to their religious affiliation, and if they win they have successfully eradicated the unfaithful. Wague expressed that he has “never read in the Koran that killing people will send me to a better place,” showing the disrupted logic these Islamic radicals are abiding by. Sharia law, which the Islamic extremists have dubbed their excuse for inflicting the homes of the innocent, has been exploited for a cause unworthy. Mali, the first country in West Africa to become Islamic, has subscribed to a strict Muslim belief system, but according to Wague, they have openly coexisted and tolerated Christianity and simple nonbelievers. For this reason, the Islamic radicals justify their disruption and incursions. With the former Malian prime minister having resigned in December of 2012 and a new one having been sworn in in early January, transition and progressive action by Mali itself has been limited. The military has yet to act itself, but with newfound confidence prompted by France's engagement, progression towards a Mali eradicated of extremists can at least be hoped for. As Wague claimed, “the [Malian] military is around 6,000 soldiers, especially for the third largest country in Africa,” this hints to great limitations. Their efforts are rendered futile in the face of dispersed warfare and security measures across vast lengths and large deserts. For Wague, the end of the conflict is unseen. French politicians have deemed France's support ephemeral and a reliance on the African Union for military assistance is the greatest hope for strength in the future. Wague’s plans for the future have been drastically disrupted, as with the rest of the Malian community that must bear the unwarranted intrusion of Islamic extremists at the cost of daily routine and hope for a normal future. From corruption to unrelenting odds, the Malian people are unfortunately exposed to an ambivalent future that is seemingly insurmountable. This is not the first time students of the Suffolk community have had family and fellow countrymen in near death situations because of internationally criticized invasions, but we can only hope to expose and support those around us who have family and friends in direct danger. The facts must be acknowledged as Wague deeply expressed, and starting within our community and creating greater awareness is one of the only measures of relief for those in almost imminent danger.
A$AP Rocky debuts full length First Album

**Long.Live.A$AP**

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When “Purple Swag” was released in mid-2011, it was predicted that artist A$AP Rocky would be another arrogant party animal with golden foil in his teeth. As the hype grew around the song, my friends continued to pressure me to listen but I continually refused or just acted like I was too busy to heed to the hype. When "Goldie" followed shortly after, it was effortless taking notice. Not because I found A$AP to be a particularly gifted rapper, but because the psychedelic drum line and Rocky’s slowed down vocals made me want to party. The video has a vintage black and white feel to it, and because the psychedelic tendencies expressed in many of his songs. As years continue to pass, and Hollywood comes knocking, it can be assumed these background stories will surface, but for now the album from front to back is satisfying. I hope his sophomore effort will yet again exceed expectations.

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_**Zero Dark Thirty:**
_**Hits Theatres, the film to Define a Decade**

Joey Johnson
Journal Contributor

Capturing the emotions and essence of an entire American decade is no easy task, especially when it comes to something as fuelled as the manhunt for notorious Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden. Yet Kathryn Bigelow, director of 2009’s Oscar award-winning war film _The Hurt Locker_ does just that with her newest film, _Zero Dark Thirty_. It is a true tour-de-force on nearly every front, from its writing and directing, to the acting and editing. _Zero Dark Thirty_ is arguably the best film of the year.

The film opens with a brutal reminder of why this manhunt carries the importance that it does: a black screen with audio tapes playing in the background of 9/11 calls on the day of Sept. 11, 2001. It sets the tone of the film immediately.

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_**Accessory Alert:**
_**Oswara Collections**

Mary Balach
Journal Contributor

With a degree in Broadcast Journalism, recent graduate of Suffolk University Farrah Channeddine has loved designing from a young age. She remembers always being into fashion ever since she was little. She used to draw dresses, welding gowns, and just clothes in general.

Upon reaching high school, she thought it would be nice to expand herself out of something that she was so passionate about just to give herself and an opportunity, so she decided to go into Broadcast Journalism. Nevertheless, she always had her heart set in fashion.

In spring 2012, while taking a semester off of school, she saw wrap bracelets and really loved how they looked. She taught herself how to make them and began making them for herself. After receiving tons of compliments, personal requests and orders, she thought to start a small business from this and move forward from there. She began making a lot of handmade wrap bracelets and selling them, which led to the start of her jewelry line, oswara Collections, in May of 2012.

With her handmade collection being a bit pricer, she expanded her business by purchasing wholesale jewelry because she thought a lot of young girls would also want good quality jewelry at an affordable price.

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Her handmade jewelry.

She also hopes to one day have a clothing business and open a store like H&M and Forever 21.

Be sure to be on the lookout for the Valentine’s Day promotion that will be featured on her website Oswara.com of free shipping and 20 percent off everything.

The wholesale jewelry ranges from $4 - $15 and the handmade collection ranges from $20 - $50.
For his massive piece featured in "Wallpower!" that measures approximately 20 feet by 11 feet, Axon began the work by sketching out tiny one inch by one inch squares. He then scanned the drawings onto his computer and manipulated them to create a pattern of wild shapes and colors. The finished product plays around with the layer of CMYK (cyan, magenta, yellow, and black) color printing process by both using this process to be painted and depicting it symbolically through layer shapes of the basic digital design colors, according to Hull.

Axon described Axon's piece as being the "cool, removed, digital artist's work that just appears in the gallery Overnight." While Hull and Axon explained though many laughs and sighs that hanging the piece in the gallery was in fact much more difficult than that, its appearance seems instant and magical compared to the live creative process that was going on at the other side of the gallery as students could see Axon painting away during the last week of last semester.

"Students got to actually witness [Conan's installation] happen," Hull said, "they actually saw his creative process unfold." Hull believes that this is a great resource and insight for art students to teach them about creating their own exhibits and installations.

"Cyrrille was a living person working right there in the gallery that students could interact with," Hull said.

Conan was equally thrilled with the live installation experience that he estimated took about 40 to 50 hours to complete. "I wasn't expecting the kind of reaction I got from students—it was a great surprise," Conan said, "it was almost like performance art." Conan's piece ranges from massive designs and blocks of color painted directly onto the gallery walls to modest-sized canvas pieces to even smaller paintings—again exploiting the concept of scale in art.

Growing up in Queens, New York, Conan said his art is very much influenced by hip hop, street art, and urban development, as one can plainly see in the graffiti-like imagery in his pieces and hear in his inspirational music playlist as tracks from Rage Against the Machine—"problems"—pump out of the speakers. One key painting that Conan described with a chuckle as "definitely a loaded piece" depicts a Bible in a recycle bin against a background of bold graffiti.

Another more abstract piece has the word 'NOD' hidden in it as a tongue-in-cheek critique of how abstract art can become "elite" at times, according to Conan.

"It's a helpful hint to the viewer that if they don't get it, they should just nod and move on," he explained.

While he says he usually does have a specific meaning and message in mind for a piece, he leaves his work open for his audience to take away what meaning they will from it.

The "Wallpower!" show was on display from December 13 until the closing reception this past Saturday. After four years as NESAD's gallery director, it was James Hull's last show as NESAD's gallery director, as Axon worked with NESAD College of Art and Design to accompany the gallery's event page online at www.suffolk.edu/news/2013-12/wallpower.htm for the most up-to-date information.

Lupe’s Inagural Flasco

Lupe Flasco was planned to headline the Startup RockOn concert on Sunday to celebrate the reelection of President Obama, reported The Huffington Post. The rapper shocked the crowd by saying he didn’t vote for Obama in the recent election and went on to perform a 3-minute anti-war song. However, this was not the first time he had made negative comments about the President. Before the release of his album last summer, he referred to Obama as a child-killer.

"I'm talking about ordering a drone attack," he said, "ordering drone attacks that go and kill mothers, innocent bystanders, children. Millennials too, but the collateral damage. You’re responsible for that, too."

Organizers of Sunday’s event said that Flasco was not kicked off stage for his anti-Obama comments, but because of his lackluster performance that failed to entertain the crowd.

"This was not about his opinions. Instead, after a bizarrely repetitive, jarring performance that left the crowd vocally dissatisfied, organizers decided to move on to the next act," Hypervocal, co-founder of Startup RockOn, commented.

Performers at the weekend’s official inaugural events included Beyonce, Kelly Clarkson, Alicia Keys, Mary J. Blige, and Jennifer Hudson, all of whom are pro-Obama and were eager to be a part of the celebration of the President’s second term.

The Sundance Film Festival hosted a controversial documentary will be screened in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The documentary, "After Tiller" is about Dr. George Tiller, a late-term abortion doctor who was shot and killed in 2009 by an anti-abortion advocate, reported The Huffington Post.

"Everything has a risk to it," Dr. Tiller is quoted saying in the beginning of the film. "Seventy-five years before the completion of Roe v. Wade, the number of stillbirths is six and the death rates is one per thousand."

Men and women of all ages appear on screen as they are counseled through their decision on whether to terminate the pregnancy, most often after finding that their unborn child would have a serious illness or a reduced quality of life. "I always come back to the woman and what she is going through," Dr. Sells says in the movie. "It's not just about being alive, but it's about life and what it will mean."
Night Moves Brings Vintage Rock to Boston

Joey Johnson
Journal Contributor

When first sitting down to listen to some of the tracks off of Minneapolis-based Night Moves’ album Colored Emotions, it’s hard not to get the sensation of being transported back in time. The four young guys from the Midwest have a sound that is a bit of a far cry from what most are used to, but that’s in no way a bad thing. Standing in front of the stage at Great Scott in Allston Sunday listening to the band fill the space with sweet 70’s glam-rock sounds with just a hint of country twang was positively electric.

Night Moves was started in 2009 by lead singer John Pelant, multi-instrumentalist Mark Ritsema and bassist Micky Alfano. They later added drummer Jared Isabella in 2011, which rounded out the ensemble. Having been recently signed to Domino Records, Night Moves released their debut album Colored Emotions in October and have been on tour ever since, gaining momentum along the way.

“This is our first headlining tour,” Pelant said upon taking the stage at Sunday’s show. “So that’s pretty cool.”

“We just got done with a show at the Mercury Lounge in New York that was sold out, and that was really nice too. That was probably our favorite show so far,” Ritsema stated.

Each band member has astronomical presence of the stage, and watching them play is hypnotizing. They pull you in to the music exceptionally well, and listening to them live is a real treat. The heavy bass hits and guitar riffs are all layered expertly on top of one another, and they move from song to song without effort and sometimes without delay. It keeps the focus on the music, and that makes viewing their live shows very gratifying.

When making their music, they will often start from the ground and work their way up. “Usually I’ll put down some beats in a program beforehand and write something simple around it,” Pelant explains. “and then we’ll layer our way up from there.”

Having come from a series of successful shows before arriving in Boston, Night Moves is rising through the ranks of the indie community.

“The Millennium Club show in New York was probably the like the audience, she showed her best yet,” said Isabella, “but we also had an almost sold out show at Lincoln Hall in Chicago, and that was really awesome.”

The group says their success is thanks to a variety of reasons; from a great record and that was really awesome.”

When asked where they want to be five years down the road, the band mostly agreed that they’d like to continue touring, and to not be working themselves in Boston, going to see them is hardly suggested.

When asked the question of “If you could rewrite the soundtrack to any movie, which one would it be?” the group took pause to think.

“Adameus comes to mind immediately. I don’t really know why,” said Alfano.

“I think I’d do something like ‘Fast-5 Furious,'” said Ritsema. Isabella joined in on that answer.

“I would probably do The Bodyguard. With Whitney Houston,” said Pelant.

“Actually, I want to change my answer to the Blair Witch Project,” said Alfano.

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A progressive response to the Governor’s tax proposal

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Last Wednesday, Jan. 15, Governor Deval Patrick delivered his seventh state address with an ambitious proposal to raise income tax rates by 1 percent and reduce the sales tax rate by 2 percent. In order to compete with surrounding states, this would raise the income tax from the current 5.25 percent to 6.25 percent. The extra expected expenditures were advertised to go towards public education and future transportation projects.

The problem with his ambitious proposal – which State Congress will be considering in the upcoming 2013 fiscal year – is not necessarily the suggested raise, but the fact with the exception of New Hampshire (which does not have any state income tax), Deval was supposedly referring to all other states.

This state, which was one of the lead successful progressive tax system, Massachusetts is also currently the state with the highest percentage rate among flat income tax rate states. The next closest percentage is from the state of Illinois, which is a solid 5 percent but is set to decrease to 3.25 percent in the next two years.

If the Governor’s excuse for the raise is to compete with these other states, his argument would be more convincing and relevant if he were to have proposed a progressive tax rate. Expecting workers of the average minimum wage to pay the same income tax rate as the wealthy and already paying federal taxes, flat rate income taxes are unfair.

In addition to the recently approved income tax changes by the U.S. Government, that Massachusetts still uses a flat rate income tax system.

If any of you are confused about what I am talking about, let me break it down for you.

Every time you receive a paycheck from your employer, a percentage of your total earnings is taken out depending on your reported annual earnings filed on your initial W-2 form filled out at the start of employment. Your employer essentially decides which federal and state tax brackets you belong in and applies your perspective percentage tax to every paycheck. On the actual checks, these taxes are commonly referred to as state and federal withholdings.

Federal income tax systems, along with the overwhelming majority of American states, follow a progressive tax system broken down by average yearly earnings.

Massachusetts is one of only seven states that does not have a progressive tax system. The “surrounding” states, that the Governor’s new tax plan might have a progressive tax rate, Deval was supposed to be referring to all Massachusetts who has not.

Dear Students,

We hope that you had a great winter break as well as a Happy New Year. The Student Senate would like to give a couple of updates for this week. Last Thursday, President McCarthy announced the building plans for 20 Somerset at the C. Walsh Theatre to members of the Boston Community, student organizations, and university staff. It is expected to be built by 2015. Under the plan, the “community is very much in expansion on the Suffolk campus. This has been referred to as a "real project." The plans were announced as follows: "President McCarthy made it clear that the height and design of the building were "something we cannot make the building higher than the" President. The building plan cannot be higher than the red and combined. If all is said and done, 20 Somerset will be fully equipped with a new dining hall, lounge areas for students, classroom spaces (not labs), and conference areas.

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"Attempting to ban the tool will have absolutely no effect"

Julianne Holland  
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President Obama has presented America with a plan to create more gun laws. For some, this is a “blessing,” but for others, it is a ban that will only make us more vulnerable. Yet another “Obamamation” to our long standing Constitution.

Our country was deep in sadness and disregarded by the horrific tragedy of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre — an event that goes beyond our level of comprehension in so many ways. Involving this tragedy in a political debate is repugnant. These children were massacred by a gun that was not licensed to its killer, but obtained from yet another criminal act, theft; making this man a criminal with a gun.

The various law enforcement officers in Colorado also lived to save these innocent victims came into the building with guns. This is the harsh reality: the event in Colorado is a perfect example of how a gun with a good guy with a gun a good guy with a gun. Criminals will obtain guns, no matter what the restrictions may be. For law abiding citizens? They are left defenseless. Nine out of 10 criminals prefer gun control, but why? You are simply tipping the scale in their favor. They won’t stop when they decide to rob a house or hold up a convenience store. So before you count your “blessings,” consider this relationship exists.

Does this mean that police and emergency personnel will not do everything in their power to protect you? Absolutely not — it simply means that one can expect more severe than ever, and having them remain legal for purchase and use cause the most dire of consequences. Consider this: assault weapons are very similar to hunting rifles and shotguns. They have the same semiautomatic action and features, but are typically a smaller punch.

One of the many details in President Obama’s proposal includes a ban on assault weapons. Many citizens jump to the conclusion that these guns are not necessary for self-defense and therefore prove that they are still in use. Although people feel assault rifles are “scary,” they are really just a more tactical version of a hunting rifle and are utilized in competition. Whatever your reasoning may be — sport, collection, or protection within reasonable limits — it should be your choice which type of firearm you select.

As stated by Keith Morgan, president of the West Virginia Citizens Defense League, people are killed in greater number by cars, bats, hammers, hands, and feet. Examining the tool and understanding the meaning of a gun is the solution. I will leave you with three conclusions: 1) Every gun control act is more control, 2) Shifting gun control is not about guns, it is about control, and finally, those who sacrifice their freedoms for the sake of security will lose both.

“Attempting to ban the tool will have absolutely no effect”
Obama delivers progressive inauguration speech

Ally Johnson
Journal Staff

Trigger Warning: The following opinion piece contains information about sexual assault.

Three things coincided this past Monday, Jan. 21, 2013. There was President Barack Obama’s inauguration, Martin Luther King Day, as well as National Gun Appreciation Day. Firearm enthusiasts rejoiced as others scratched their heads at the obvious displacement of one.

Progress is a word that should hold certain gravity yet in the past few months—with multiple shootings, a gang rape occurring in Ohio that’s currently being swept under the rug, and the loss of guns outweighing the loss of life—it’s difficult to imagine the idea of progress actually turning into a reality. In the past four years, President Obama has been forced to tread the waters in terms of satisfying Congress and the Republican Party. Yet on Monday, audiences bore witness to a new, invigorated Obama who was seemingly done with bartering around the bush and decided to face the country’s most prevalent issues head on.

It’s being said that Obama gave what could arguably be one of the most progressive inauguration speeches. It hit on points that many before him were fearful to mention, such as LGBTQ rights and the rights those who either believe these to be true are currently being denied. He saw that the fight was simply too important to continue shelving, and that the time to stand up for what he believed in was now.

He spoke about fighting to keep children from anywhere in the country safe from violence, and yes: that is him alluding to gun control. He then went on months of campaigning, debates, and speeches, Obama finally mentioned they clampdown change is in fact a good thing—not the Big Foot-like myth that Fox News wishes you to believe—and something needs to be done about it. To further his points, he made mention of Stonewall, Seneca Falls, and Selma, Alabama. This matters because not only does it reference that all three are major marching grounds for equality, but all three were also great landmarks for change.

Change: that operative word when it comes to Obama. Selma is considered to be the starting grounds for the black rights movement. Seneca Falls is New York where the women’s rights convention was held, and then was mentioned Stonewall. Stonewall was a popular gay bar in the 1960’s where when during a raid the men fought back at the police trying for their arrest. All three were monumental moments for each and every fight for equality, but they were also in the past. So why mention them now?

Today there is still sexism, racism, and homophobia, yet we have a President who is willing to stand before millions and speak out against all of those crimes: whether they are violent—the three above; or non-violent—such as equal pay for women.

Undoubtedly, those of those who either believe these to be empty words, but no matter what: they were said, they were heard, and it’s possible we can just hope that they’re acted on. Progress is necessary and maybe, despite the dragging actions of law, we’re finally headed in the correct direction.

However, home ownership comes at a great cost—not just to the homeowner, but also to the working community. Owning a house has been ingrained in the American mind as one of life’s necessities, and also makes for a great bargaining chip in our leader’s hands. Subsidies, regulations, and intense marketing strategies have been inflating housing costs for decades.

I would go so far as to say that the housing bubble is still very much a reality and we have not truly bottomed out. It is because of our pro-ownership policies that housing is such an economic drain. My desire is not to incite economic harm to those who chose to buy a house and seek their green carpet lawn and white picket fence. However, I feel we must acknowledge that we need to stop causing economic harm to society and racking up more government debt.

Since Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the New Deal, the United States has been subsidizing homeowner through low-interest mortgages, tax credits, and various other tactics. According to a New York Times op-ed, the US spends $100 billion annually to subsidize home ownership and is set to lose $700 billion in taxes over a five-year period from 2009 to 2014 as a result of deductions. This doesn’t even include the costs of expansive infrastructure networks necessary to support sprawling suburban development.

Home ownership is also subsidized in that urban development has been crippled by regulations and limitations. From zoning and land use laws, to height restrictions, to density limits, to laws on shadows and wind impacts: urban real estate developers must jump through hoops in order to provide what should be the cheaper housing option. This elevated cost of urban living forces many into the far-flung suburbs of a metropolitan area, where regulations are fewer and artificially cheaper housing dots the landscape.

These policies cause harm to society, as they raise the cost of living to levels higher than they should be. So why do these policies continue to exist? Those who already own a home will fight tooth and nail to continue using your money to benefit their financials. There are also many mega-developers out there who profit by large margins due to the artificially increased cost of housing, despite no change in the cost of construction. I advocate for less government in real estate on economic and moral grounds. It is unjust that we make so many suffer, particularly the poor, through inflated living costs and a lack of naturally affordable housing. By removing subsidies and regulations, we can help close our deficits, allow for a fairer playing field financially, and...
Sports Briefs

Deal set to send Kings to Seattle

The Seattle Supersonics may be revived once more. A Seattle group intends to relocate the Sacramento Kings, a team valued at $525 million. The Maloof family, owners of the Kings, will sign an agreement that will give all controlling interest of the Kings to a group led by Chris Hansen and Steve Ballmer. NBA fans around the country question whether or not the team will keep its original name or go with something new. There will be mature debate if the team should be named the Sonics or go even further back and bring back the Supersonics. Some big name players that will potentially play in Seattle next season are the likes of Tyreke Evans, Jimmer Fredette, Isaiah Thomas, John Salmons, and possibly DeMarcus Cousins.

Brady apologizes to Reed for Slide

The New England Patriots may have a grudge with the Baltimore Ravens after Sunday's loss, but there are no hard feelings between Tom Brady and Ed Reed. Raven fans were up in arms after Brady went to slide and lifted his cleats in the direction of the would-be-tackler, Reed. Whether or not it was intentional, Brady still apologized to Reed via phone call. Reed confirmed that Brady texted him, then Reed called back to let him know everything was “good.” The NFL is now reviewing the play to determine if Brady should be fined. Ravens’ safety Bernard Pollard, the player who knocked out Patriot’s running back Stevan Ridley, believes the play was dirty and there should be a penalty. Like most plays under review, a ruling should be expected shortly, but chances of anything more than a fine is highly unlikely.

King’s D-man Matt Greene may miss season

The NHL may be back, but Matt Greene’s back may have just ended his season as soon as it started. Greene and the Kings are coming off a Stanley Cup year, and now that the lockout is over, any hopes of repeating just became a lot harder with their best defenseman on injured reserve. He suffered his injury in the season opener against the Chicago Blackhawks. TSN’s actually reporting that Greene will be out for the season. The Kings called up Andrew Bodnarchuck from the American Hockey League to replace Greene. The Kings can still be contenders for the playoffs, but it will be hard to compete with the rest of the West. Drew Doughty will have to step up in big ways to help the defense, because even with Greene, the Kings defense isn’t too strong anyway.

Women’s Basketball

Wednesday, 1/23 @ Anna Maria 7 PM
Saturday, 1/26 vs. Emerson 1 PM

Men’s Basketball

Thursday, 1/24 @ Rivier 7 PM
Saturday, 1/26 vs. Mount Ida 3 PM

Men’s Hockey

Wednesday, 1/23 @ Johnson & Wales 7:25 PM
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The Christmas break is over and we are at the time of the basketball season where the GNAC calendar is more overbooked with games than usual. In January alone there are 12 games scheduled for the Rams, none of which means less recovery time, higher chance of fatigue among the players as well as a higher possibility of injuries. Some people might find it ironic that January is the toughest month of the year, but when at the same time it is the month that athletes usually are least prepared for, having a three to four week winter break with perhaps limited access to the hoops and no team practice. The Christmas break definitely came at the wrong time for the Rams, who at the end of 2012 were on a hot streak with three wins in a row, including an impressive win against GNAC no. 2 seeded St. Joseph. In 2013 the picture has been different and the Rams have struggled to find their previous level of fast paced offensive play with usually around 80 plus points per game. That being said, the Rams do believe in excuses according to Coach Nelson, the Rams will work their hardest to end the frustrating 0:7 streak of 2013.

A Look Back at the Top Ten Best Superbowl Moments

Super Bowl XLI was played on Feb. 3 America will hold its breath once again. For the Super Bowl this year is nothing less than special. For the first time in the history of the Super Bowl, the Super Bowl will face off in the nation’s biggest sporting event to decide the champion of the 2012 NFL season. This year Super Bowl XLV is nothing less than special. For the first time in the history of the Super Bowl, the Super Bowl will face off in the nation’s biggest sporting event to decide the champion of the 2012 NFL season. This year Super Bowl XLV is nothing less than special. For the first time in the history of the Super Bowl, the Super Bowl will face off in the nation’s biggest sporting event to decide the champion of the 2012 NFL season. This year Super Bowl XLV is nothing less than special. For the first time in the history of the Super Bowl, the Super Bowl will face off in the nation’s biggest sporting event to decide the champion of the 2012 NFL season. This year Super Bowl XLV is nothing less than special. For the first time in the history of the Super Bowl, the Super Bowl will face off in the nation’s biggest sporting event to decide the champion of the 2012 NFL season...
NHL Makes a Triumphant Return:

Eastern Conference Full of Contenders

Matt Bacon
Assistant Sports Editor

The NHL finally came to an agreement for a new Collective Bargaining Agreement with the NHL Player's Association. This means that hockey is finally back, and the NHL got underway this weekend with an entertaining and intense set of opening-weekend games to begin the shortened 48-game season. Now that the season has finally started, fans can start making their predictions for their favorite teams and players.

This year's Eastern Conference is a do-over for the New York Islanders, who will be key to our success in the division. While the Islanders have a strong lineup, it's clear that the Rangers are the team to watch in the division. As the regular season winds down, the Islanders will need to improve on their defensive play to challenge for the top spot in the division.

The Penguins have a talented roster, but they need to improve on their special teams to compete with the Rangers. The Panthers are a team on the rise, and they will be looking to challenge the Islanders for the division title. The Flyers have a strong defense, but they need to improve their offense to compete with the Rangers.

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Lady Rams Continue Highly Successful Season

As Coach Ed Leyden Wins 300th Game

Jeremy Hayes
Assistant Sports Editor

The Suffolk University Lady Rams have proven that their basketball team means business. As the regular season goes deeper into the back-end of the schedule, conference games will dominate the remainder of the season.

The Lady Rams (12-4) look to be in good position with the rest of the GNAC field, currently in third place with an 8-2 conference record and a conference game record of 4-0. Their latest victory was a 59-52 win over Norwich, and their next game is scheduled for February 10 against Anna Maria.

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