The program is already being put to use in classes such as Entrepreneurship, Business Plan Writing, Launching New Products and Innovation for New Products, and students are finding the plan to be a great help. “I’m using (the plan) in all of my classes,” Bhatia said. “Many students have learned of the nine steps and they are feeling very good about it. It helps to give them direction rather than being in the dark. This will help them all the way through.”

Bhatia said they are hoping to incorporate the plan into the rest of the business school classrooms this fall, so that more students can prepare for real life innovations and see successful results as well. “The program is giving them a more innovative and creative way of thinking so when they get out in the real world they will be able to have more innovative capabilities,” he said.
POLICE BLOTTER

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

Wednesday, January 23
10:26 p.m.
10 West
Vandalism. Report filed.

Friday, January 25
1:51 p.m.
150 Tremont
Drunkenness. Report filed.

Friday, January 25
4:02 p.m.
10 West
Assault. Report filed.

Friday, January 25
11:05 p.m.
Modern Theater Residence Hall

Saturday, January 26
12:38 a.m.
150 Tremont
Drunkenness. Judicial internal.

Saturday, January 26
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Maimed Cranium

BY JON LANGBERG

Proposed MBTA Changes, May Cost One Billion

In his State of the State address last week, MA Governor Deval Patrick proposed a new tax plan that could fund what he calls a “21st century transportation network.” The new plan would increase state tax revenue by $1.9 billion overall.

In his proposal, the sales tax would decrease from 6.25 percent to 4.5 percent and its revenue would be used exclusively to fund transportation and infrastructure projects, according to Boston's NPR member station WBUR. The income tax would be increased from 5.25 percent to 6.25 percent.

“Imagine if you could depend on a bus or subway that came on time, was safe and comfortable, and ran until a student at UMass Boston or a worker in a downtown tower finished up at one or two in the morning,” Patrick said in the address.

With the new tax revenue, the state would spend $1 billion a year on new infrastructure projects. Some proposals for improvements include:
- Green Line to Medford, and extending the commuter rail further south and west as far as Springfield.
- After a smoldering box at Arlington Station on the Green Line disrupted the morning commute last Wednesday, MBTA General Manager Beverly Scott said at a State House press conference that the incident is “another reason we’re sitting up here talking about reinvestment.”
- Transportation Secretary Richard Davey spoke about the problem and the MBTA’s response to it as well, commenting, “This is why we need more revenue.”

But not everyone on the hill is supportive of the plan. “This is about the taxpayers funding the Deval Patrick legacy project,” Republican House Minority Leader Brad Jones said. “Quite frankly, I don’t think the taxpayers want to or can afford to.”

In Patrick’s $34.8 billion fiscal 2014 budget proposal released after the State of the State address, the governor also extended the sales tax to include currently exempt items like candy and soda and increased the “sin” tax on all tobacco products, including a tax hike on cigarette packs from $1 to $3.51.

“This is a plan to grow jobs,” Patrick said, “I do not submit this proposal lightly.” Many in the state legislature, both democrats and republicans, are skeptical of the new revenue and spending proposals.

House Minority Leader Jones decried it as “a tax and spend approach” that does not benefit the public.

Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr said, “My sense is the Legislature is going to move on to its own proposals, and not spend a lot of time trying to sort out the entanglements of [Patrick’s] budget.”
Congressman McGovern Visits Law School
To Overturn Supreme Court Case

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United States Representative Jim McGovern and Massachusetts state Attorney General Maura Healy visited the Suffolk Law School for an hour on Jan. 24 to discuss the beginning of efforts to overturn the Citizens United case decided by the Supreme Court of the United States three years ago.

Hosted by the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service, Congressman McGovern held a press conference to publicize awareness of his recently created constitutional amendments to reverse the Supreme Court of the United States’ ruling on the Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission case in 2010.

Also in attendance were several Massachusetts elected officials and other dignitaries. They included State Senator Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton), State Representative Marty Walz (D-Boston), State Representative Cary Atkins (D-Concord), Harvard University Law Professor John Coates, Free Speech for People co-founders John Bonifaz and Jeff Clements, and American Sustainable Business Council CEO David Levine.

In the Supreme Court case, Citizens United refers to a conservative nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. They claimed that since Michael Moore’s film Fahrenheit 9/11, a controversial documentary that includes several scenes criticizing President George W. Bush and his administration, was basically made “with a goal of being spent against President Bush and his potential presidential candidate over another one. The court case ended with a 5-4 vote in favor of Citizens United. McGovern, who spoke first, noted “issues that should be debated in Congress are avoided” because of so much corporate money is given to Congressmen to prevent any discussion or possible vote on a matter they wish to not be brought up.

“The issue is not just money in campaigns but corporations too,” McGovern, who currently represents Massachusetts’ second Congressional district, added. He said that corporations cannot physically bring a war to war, or have kids, a comparison to actual humans. This point has been brought up time and time again for political candidates running last year, including Mitt Romney, former Massachusetts Governor and the 2012 Republican nominee for president, said that corporations are people.

On Jan. 22, McGovern’s Congressional office published a press release. The statement said that the two measures that the Congressmen introduced last week would take steps to “overturn Citizens United case, which unlinked a flood of corporate and special interest money into the American political system.” The two pieces of legislation that McGovern brought up in Congress are House Joint Resolutions 20 and 21.

The first one, HJR Resolution 20, “advances the fundamental principle of political equality for all by empowering Congress and the States to regulate political spending.” It will give Congress authority to pass legislation on reforming campaign finance without any interruption from potential challenges from the Constitution.

HJR Resolution 21 might be considered a little more controversial for several reasons. This resolution would actually overturn the Supreme Court’s decision in the Citizens United case. McGovern’s press release claims it the “People’s Rights Amendment,” and says it would address “corporate rights as they pertain to campaign finance,” but would also clarify that corporations are not people that have Constitutional rights. The latter was a key inclusion in speeches last year from then-Senate candidate and Harvard Professor Elizabeth Warren, among many other Democratic politicians. However, although it may come as a surprise to many, the movement to overturn Citizens United is not solely a Democratic effort but, rather, an entirely bipartisan one.

Clements, one of the co-founders for Free Speech for People, noted at the press conference that Montana, which is often considered a swing state in elections, recently had a statewide vote on the issue. In the end, 75 percent of voters showed their support for an amendment that would thoroughly explain the phrase and clarify that “corporations are not people and money is not speech.”

In respect to potential opposition in Washington, D.C., McGovern said that the “major goal is to get a debate going in Congress and across the country on the issue of corporate personhood and whether or not corporations should be considered as people...and the huge amount of money going into political campaigns.” McGovern hopes that this push will help legislators talk more about the issues that matter instead of spending so much time raising money for their re-election campaigns.

To spread the word about his efforts to overturn Citizens United, McGovern had a “People’s Rights” tour where he visited Boston at Suffolk Law School, then went to Clark University in Worcester on Thursday, and finally, the Forbes Library in Northampton on Friday.

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Students transfer to, from Suffolk every semester

In an article that was published in an email, Greg Gatlin, Vice President of Marketing and Communications for Suffolk University, provided some information on what is actually happening with admissions and transfers at Suffolk.

According to the new freshmen who started at Suffolk in Fall 2009, 285 transferred to another school after one year. For Fall 2010, we had 234 transfer to another school. For Fall 2011, we had 212 transfer to another school. So the number dropped; the number dropped from 2009 to 2011 and 2011 to 2012, the retention rate was 76 percent. Fall 2010 to Fall 2011, the retention rate was 77 percent. Fall 2011 to Fall 2012, the retention rate was 76 percent.

According a Boston Globe article that was published on the day of President McCarthy’s inauguration in Dec. 2012, “the acceptance rate for undergraduate applicants [at Suffolk] was nearly 85 percent.” Last year, “in 2012, the acceptance rate was 78 percent.”

To add to some positive outlooks for Suffolk over the coming years, they have hired a new Senior Vice President of Advancement, Stephen Morris. His job will be to “help students, financially and academically, be rewarded for their hard work to get through here.”

Hopefully this will be as helpful to students as it sounds.
Ellie Hawkins
Journal Staff

Suffolk University's Writing Center had grown remarkably each year, seeing hundreds more students seeking help with papers. "There has been a lot of support from Dean Greenberg and Dean Royo," said Bryan Trabold the Interim Director of the Writing Center. Trabold has been working in the writing center for three years, where he hires and trains the tutors, supervises the staff, and supervises graduate fellow, whose responsibilities include creating workshops for the center.

He went on to explain how the Writing Center had moved from their original location in the current English department in Fenton to their new location in the library, on the third floor, a few years ago. He talked about how the Writing Center is not privately funded. It is funded by the school; part of the Suffolk University budget.

The move has provided the space for more tables and tutors to accommodate more students who are looking for help with their papers. There are now 16 tutors and six tables to work at. In Fenton, there were only be ten tutors and three tables.

Since they have moved, the Writing Center has been able to serve more students. In 2010-2011 academic year only 451 students were served totaling 1,174 tutoring sessions (some students make more than one appointment throughout the year). During just the fall 2012 semester they served 502 students and there were 1,264 tutoring sessions. This is more than the 2010-2011 academic year altogether.

The Writing Center is willing to help anyone with their papers. If an undergraduate or graduate student is looking for help from the Writing Center, they can call or walk-in to make an appointment. The writing center is able to help students with papers ranging from English, to government, to business and more. The only papers they are not able to help with are law papers (students from the law school) and papers that are written in another language.

The session time is less than 60 minutes, the appointment times are scheduled long so students and tutors will not feel rushed. Students are not required to stay the duration of the 60 minutes if not needed. Kirstin Mulvaney is a senior this year and majoring in English. She started working as a tutor in fall 2011 and loves the experience. "An on-campus job makes it easier. When I was working off campus I wanted to die. They didn't understand I had school and would schedule me whenever," Mulvaney said.

So if students want to become a tutor or get help with a paper, make sure to stop by at the writing center in the Suffolk library.

The times are:

Sunday: 4 p.m.-7 p.m.; Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

They can be reached at (617) 573-8270. If a Suffolk undergrad wants to become a tutor he or she can apply. The application is simple with general information and a few short answer questions.

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Tactful Efforts in South Korea Initiated by a Suffolk Professor

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Tucked into the corner of the 10th floor of the dominating 73 Tremont building, the government department resides as home to internationally acclaimed professors whose activism, scholarship, and progressive teaching create a thriving atmosphere for students. Desires neither bored nor brazen, professors of the government department take on trials of the world with modest portrayals and inspiring intentions. Alongside former ambassadors and scholars-at-risk in Suffolk's government department, one professor has gone above and beyond the call of duty with sympathies directed toward the Republic of Korea. Professor Simone Chun, who teaches among other topics: global political economy, human rights, and the politics of China on campus, has exercised her abilities to network in professional capacities to reach out and make a difference. These efforts are characterized by activism for workers and international awareness to raise any issues pressing the country. Over the past few years, developments in her understandings with workers' rights activists have come to fruition. Beginning in 2011 at the Hanjin Heavy Industries shipping company on the southern coast of Korea, a female employee set the tone of protest against an abuse and hindrance of rights on the job. According to the Los Angeles Times, "South Korean labor activist Kim Jin Sul" held a 309-day labor protest stop a construction crane. Her quandaries included the "excesses of the country's corporate culture, in this instance the 400 job-cuts announced by the bosses last year." This protest resulted in agreements with both the company and the Korean National Assembly on rights of workers unions. Professors Chun's work, namely in assisting world-wide awareness, led to endorsements by renowned activists such as Noam Chomsky. More recently, in December of 2012, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and Korean President Lee Myung-Bak wrote a letter defining the former instance and a new, more fateful protest against the Hanjin Industries. Employee Choi Byung-seo committed suicide on account of untenable conditions surrounding his employment at company. His suicide letter read as follows: "I surrender to the abuse of the (company) owners... I cannot even conceive of such huge sums of money, let alone where it would come from. It's hard to survive in this world where money means everything." The emotionally devastating manifestation has sparked even more interest in workers' rights. Choi's wife has pleaded, not in sympathy, but in the name of action and progress, for strides to be taken in talks with unions. Choi's wife is also seeking funds to finally bury her husband whose body still "remains in a mortuary refrigerator." Throughout the previous protest, Professor Chun's efforts of exposure and international attention assisted greatly in proliferating awareness which allowed for monumental change. Unfortunately for the most recent protest, the shipping company, Hanjin Heavy Industries, went back to work.

EU Progress Report: The United Kingdom and EU Membership

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The United Kingdom's euro-skeptical attitude towards ever increasing turmoil in the European Union's (EU) financial market has come to a turning point. Prime Minister David Cameron's Tory Party believes Brussels to be "bossy, wasteful, and out of touch." Few Members of Parliament think the EU's format and integration mechanisms will benefit the United Kingdom. The nation's decision to depart from the trading block could ultimately weaken its relations with the United States and Europe, decelerate exports, and lead to higher inflation. Firstly, exiting the free market area would result in a reduced flow of goods and services. This would dampen the economy and send England back into recession. Secondly, if imported goods were to become more costly due to EU tariffs or quotas, the pound would depreciate. Thirdly, analysts say the UK ran a trade deficit last year with 159 billion pounds exported against 202 billion pounds imported. Thus, if the EU imposed tariffs, this would further endanger the UK's deficit. Questions arise when debating about immigration. Some debate that decreasing, if not banning immigration, would help the country improve the quality of life and its infrastructure, while others suggest that immigrants contribute to the nation's economic growth and annual gross domestic product (GDP). The United Kingdom has always played an outcast role in the European Union. Starting from when it decided not to adopt the euro in favor of the sterling. In David Cameron's speech on Wednesday, Cameron stated that if reelected, he would offer the British a referendum vote of "in or out of the EU." Feelings of cohesion between the United Kingdom and the European Union have plummeted in the last couple of weeks and seem to have reached a definite end. The New York Times reported that a phone call delivered to Mr. Cameron...
From All Corners: International Opinion

The Effects of the Western Arm in Africa

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The battle against Islamic extremism and terrorism has taken up a new front. For a couple of years, the West has turned a naive blind eye towards growing Islamic extremism in North Africa. While once confined to concentrated areas of the continent like Somalia, al-Qaeda and their affiliates have taken advantage of the instability of the Arab Spring, and in countries like Libya, which no longer boasts strongman Muammar Gaddafi to keep order; the violent Islamic extremist movement has taken hold. Mali, a country in Western Africa, has seen the worst repercussions of the spreading jihad. Several jihadi groups have taken up a new front. For a extremism and terrorism has confined to concentrated in North Africa. While once a couple of years, the West has turned a naive blind eye towards once, the West has made such a bold statement.

"Mission Accomplished" speech, which eventually came back to bite him in the rear. The Iraq War had two phases: the invasion phase, in which American forces and their allies fought the organized Iraqi Army; and the post-invasion phase, in which the same forces battled Islamic insurgency and a country reeling on the edge of civil war for years. There is a very good chance that the battle in Mali may turn out the same way. While the citizens of Mali seem to be generally united against the militants, an advantage we did not have in Iraq, the basic framework is still there. The militants in Mali have shown no signs of being any less resilient than their counterparts in Iraq and Afghanistan. When the French are forced out in the desert to exterminate these jihadi groups, they will be at the classic disadvantage of an invading nation. Northern Mali is predominantly desert, and the men defending it know well. While the harsh, unaccommodating countryside will be unfamiliar to the French forces fighting

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The French have been known In the past to be less enthusiastic towards American foreign directives than our other close allies. They opposed the initial UN Resolution proposing an invasion of Iraq. They have been on and off with their support for our various subsequent operations in the "War on Terror." Their own opinion of the invasion was a double-edged sword; the French would suffer for their lack of cooperation, and the American public could identify with the French outcry versus "Them" mentality, waging war in the grocery store instead of the caves of Miranda. The democratic principles of France are mostly landlocked desert wastelands without even the current of oil lying around. Trade from them involves agriculture more than anything, and France is not going to make or break its budget on North African wheat and dainty products. So why the million dollar spectacular boycott claim that the fairly newly elected President Hollande is trying to play the good guy by interfering, and they may be right. Despite serious setbacks involving a hostage crisis run by a one eyed cigarette smuggler named "Mr. Marlboro" (I kid you not, Google it) the French intervention has been a success. So it seems that Hollande is to be congratulated, because regardless of his motivation, he made a good call that resulted in good peace for the French foreign policy. Our own political regime could learn a few things from the
Suffolk Professor Works with Korea

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Professor Chun wishes to simply raise awareness, namely in support of Choi's wife. With a specific target and potential concrete results, focusing on one individual is all that Chun desires. "To reduce the suffering of only one," Chun stated, "is worth it." In connecting an international audience via large, inclusive networks of scholars, Chun yearns to successfully mobilize activists around the world for small, tangible efforts vs. more grandiose issues that may be too great and idealistic to be changed.

Professor Chun firmly believes in students, especially of institutions in the United States who are receptive to international causes and can develop the competencies to move forward in the future toward evident change.

Professor Chun's latest endeavor involves recent threats by the North Korean government to go ahead with a third nuclear weapons test as a product of furthered sanctions. Chun is vying for international discourse that considers further the threat that more sanctions and less diplomacy will have on the humanitarian crisis in North Korea. With malnourished breast-feeding women, a third of five-year-olds with stunted growth, and many civilians starving to death; the people must not be subsidiary to international political woes.

The United Kingdom's EU Membership

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said that America relies on "a strong England that makes critical contributions to peace, prosperity and security in Europe and around the world."

European leaders were not pleased with Cameron's words to "negotiate" the UK's stay in the EU. "The EU does not need unwilling Europeans," said Mario Monti, Italy's prime minister and former European Commissioner. David Cameron "is playing a very dangerous game by feeding euro skepticism," said Spanish Foreign Minister Garcia-Margallo. This general feeling of skepticism by European leaders towards England's role is of great concern for the trading block's future.

Additionally, European leaders also believe that the British will not be able to dictate their terms for remaining apart of the EU with a referendum. The decision needs to be taken within the trading block "together," not separately. This will also cause turmoil with the United States as many U.S. officials have stated that they want the UK to be a "leading" member of the free market area. "This is not about turning our backs on Europe, it's about how we make the case for a more competitive, open, and flexible Europe" said the UK's prime minister during the annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, last Wednesday.

Nationalism and populism are not ideas supported by members who envision a more unified Europe. The United Kingdom's role in the EU is pivotal, as it would represent a failure if the nation were to exit. After the UK's departure it would become an option to exit and the envisioning dream of a united Europe would be more difficult to pursue and inspire.

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Government Professor Simone Chun

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Ellie Goulding makes the most of her recent visit to The Hub, then Tweets about it

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British sensation Ellie Goulding released her album Halcyon in October of 2012. Goulding launched her tour on Jan. 16 and made her way to the House Of Blues Boston last Wednesday. Her set list contained 19 unforgettable songs from her new album as well as songs like "Under The Sheets" and "Guns And Horses" from her previous album and her renowned cover of Elton John's "Your Song." As Goulding stepped out onto the stage wearing only a pair of black leather pants, a grey t-shirt and a beanie, the crowd immediately fell instantly further in love with her adorability and humbleness. It seemed the authentic songwriter was revealing herself to the Boston audience as she explained that she was wearing a beanie to cover up the bad day hair she was having. She's normal too!

After finishing the first couple of songs on the set list, Goulding captivated the audience as she paused for a moment to comment on the atmosphere.

"I've never been to Boston before but I love this venue. I can see everyone's faces, even you up there in the balcony. I think that's really important to see how my songs affect you."

As the show went on, Goulding went from utilizing her entire band, the infinite amounts of light programming, and a special effects microphone, to stripping everything away and facing the crowd with nothing but her soothing voice and a guitar. Singing "Guns and Horses," Ellie united the crowd as she welcomed audience members to sing the refrain alone as, "but I wish I could feel it all for you," echoed through the House of Blues as an acapella song. As one of her band members came out with the grand piano accompanying her to "Your Song," the crowd went absolutely crazy for the song as the ballad persuaded everyone to sing their hearts out. Ellie told the story of the time she performed this song for the royal family and how her and her band member "peed their pants."

Goulding had many other stories that went along with other songs she performed, explaining the meaning behind them or how she was feeling when she wrote them. After her single "Lights" became a huge success, she felt the pressure to write her next album. She focused this album on her experiences with love and other personal matters. She revealed that her song, "I Know You Care" was about her father and as she sang the song, her words seemed to possess an even greater meaning to the audience. Although her slower songs were incredibly powerful, her upbeat songs had a beat that went straight into the soul. At times when she seemed delicate and soft singing her ballads, Goulding would complete a 180 with powerful passion and creative moves. She had her very own drum set by her microphone stand that she would simultaneously hit. Every strike of her drum could be felt in the deepness of your chest. Not only did she win over the audience with her fervent singing, but her noticeable coyness was also quick to turn into a sexy vibe with her sensual hip thrusts and circles. Audience members became so enthralled in her performance that many girls threw their bras on stage which she later tweeted, "Boston show = Sick... Not sure why but had a lot of bra's thrown at me."

She also posted a picture of all the bras thrown at her via Instagram. Goulding likely won't be forgetting the show she performed at the House of Blues in Boston for a while. As she left the stage to end the show, the audience cheered her back to fulfill their yearning for more. This encore consisted of two more final songs including her hit "Lights" with quite the twist.

The remix of the song was out of this world with dubstep incorporated, an astounding end to an amazing and thrilling concert. I have no doubt that this is just the beginning of a very long and fulfilling career for Ellie Goulding and that we will be seeing much more of her.

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SU Poetry Center hosts Greek History inspired reading

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Suffolk University Poetry Center hosts Greek History inspired reading

"You can never be that other voice," Ferry read, "What we hear in a good translation is not purely that voice but also the voice of the translator." Kaleogeris said "Dialogos" is comprised of "twelve pairings of writing to put poems in dialogue with each other." The poems within the book come mostly from ancient Greek writers but also from modern Russian and Serbian poets. All the writings share the theme of struggle—whether it be the struggle to let go of the past or the struggle to merely survive.

In a poem titled "Antivernario," the narrator laments each passing birthday he has, striving to go back to a time when "birthdays were something to celebrate." As the writing turns from a slightly humorous tone of accepting aging to a tragic tone of loss, personal life through the lens of Greek myth and classics. As a Greek-American, Kaleogeris explained that all his poems are about his experience with this identity.

In his poem, "Odysseus Seeing Laertes," Kaleogeris reinterprets the famous scene of Homer's epic "The Iliad." Dova explains that the pivotal moment in Homer's poem depicts Odysseus finally coming home to Ithaca and meeting his grieving father in his orchard for the first time in 20 years. In Kaleogeris's poem, his own father comes home to the end of a day to admire and groom a tree in their front yard.

"The tree in [George's] poem is an excuse for joy," Ferry said, while the tree in Homer's work evokes feelings of tragedy and grief. "Guide to Greece" (named after the Greek intellectual Pausanias's major work) explore his family and intellectual Pausanias's major work.

The warm smell of coffee and sound of spoken poems filled the Suffolk University Poetry Center as English professor and director of the Classics Minor George Kaleogeris read selections from his new book "Dialogos" and his upcoming release "Guide to Greece.

Professor Fred Marchant, co-director of the Poetry Center along with Professor Jennifer Barber, welcomed a full room of Suffolk University students and members of the community to the first poetry reading of the semester. Marchant explained that the reading would be followed by a live "dialogos" between Kaleogeris and Stamatia Dova, a professor of classics and modern Greek studies at Hellenic College in Brookline, Mass., to explore the meaning of Kaleogeris's works in relation to Greek history.

Suffolk's Scholar-in-Residence poet David Ferry introduced Kaleogeris by reading an excerpt from the introduction to "Dialogos," describing the work of translating another poet's voice from a foreign language to English.

"Painting the way I feel today. Focus on what matters!" he said in the caption. The exchange with Ocean is currently being investigated by law enforcement. TMZ was the first to report there was a fight involving Ocean, but Ocean himself called out Brown in a tweet, saying, "you jumped by chris and a couple guys. Lol. I only wish everest was there." According to witnesses, Brown angrily punched Ocean after he refused to shake his hand. A source said that Ocean had laughed at the gesture, leading to a huge fight outside Westlake Recording Studio. However, the official statement from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department does not reflect the witness accounts.

"Chris Brown and the victim were involved in an altercation over a parking space. The altercation allegedly led to Chris Brown punching the victim," they told the Associated Press. Brown is still on probation for assaulting his girlfriend Rihanna in 2009. He faces serious consequences if found guilty of assaulting Ocean.

Affleck serves payback after following Golden Globes & SAG Awards

Though Argo was nominated for Best Picture at the Academy Awards, Ben Affleck failed to receive a Best Director nomination. After Argo won Best Picture at the Golden Globes and Best Ensemble at the SAG Awards, it is now the Best Picture front-runner for the Oscar as well, reported the Huffington Post.

Entertainment editors Michael Hogan and Christopher Rosen discussed the front-runner and Affleck's chances at payback. Affleck received the Golden Globe for Best Director, and audiences and critics alike were shocked that he missed the Academy Award nomination.

"Argo was left for dead after Argo was unceremoniously snubbed in the Best Director category," said Rosen. "Even I, unofficial board member of Team Argo jumped off the bandwagon; for Argo to win Best Picture with a nomination for Affleck, it will have to overcome 84 years of Oscar history. Now, three weeks later, and it'll be an upset if Argo doesn't win Best Picture."

Hogan, on the other hand, claims to be Team Lincoln. Though he admits that it wasn't the best film of the year, he feels it's the most "Oscar." One of the major criticisms of the award show in recent years has been this very sentiment: the films that win are not the best of the year, simply the most politically charged.

"I assumed that the Best Director snub meant that Hollywood had not forgotten about Abig after all," said Hogan. "But instead it looks as if the directors' branch, which decides nominees in that category, is the Revolutionary Guard of Oscar season; they tried and failed to stop Affleck at the gate and now they're chasing the Argo down the runway in their Jeeps. Good luck with that."

The Oscar race officially ends on Feb. 24. An Argo win will likely ease the pain of the Academy's ignorance of Affleck. Even if it doesn't win, the film has already received more recognition than anyone expected.
Kat Edmonson’s Way Down Low gains attention on Billboard Charts

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With acts like Katy Perry and Ke$ha still reining queens of power pop, no other female musical act has seemed to match up in the same genre. Wannabes like Lily Allen and Kat Graham struggle for oxygen amongst the growing popularity and replay value of “Die Young” and “Wide Awake.” A change in swagger is sometimes needed to get to the top of the Billboard charts. While the name may seem unfamiliar now, Kat Edmonson’s new release “Way Down Low” is already beginning to crawl its way to the number one spot. With her voice sinking into the sweet sound of a saxophone, listeners will be in for a treat.

The music is more interesting than it actually is, however. There is no real storyline or message to the music itself. It is just a collection of songs that don’t really stand out as anything special. However, Kat Edmonson’s voice is what really makes this album shine. Her raspy yet powerful vocals are what make her stand out from the rest of the pack.

The album consists of eight songs that are all different in their own way. The first track, “Way Down Low,” is a slow, bluesy number that showcases Kat’s soulful voice. The second track, “Without You,” is a faster-paced rock number that features some great guitar work.

One of the standout tracks on the album is “Wide Awake.” This song is a perfect example of how Kat Edmonson’s voice can take over a song and make it her own. The vocals are so powerful that you can’t help but sing along.

Overall, Kat Edmonson’s Way Down Low is a solid album that is worth a listen. The music is interesting and original, and Kat’s voice is definitely the highlight. So if you’re looking for something new and different, this album is definitely worth checking out.
An editorial in Sunday's Boston Globe entitled “As online classes gain acceptance, colleges must adapt” refers to the state of Boston University. Together it’s health on whether local universities make the right bets about how best to transform current-based instruction and whether they can bring their faculties along.” The editorial includes a collection of in-classroom developments regarding online instruction in lieu of in-classroom time. While the cheaper cost of online education, as well as the limited access, are definitely pros—it’s still in early stages, backed by a whole lot of hype which could also be perceived as an attempt to profit.

We do not know the lasting effects of online education at this moment, as the trend is in the trial-and-error stage. In a recent New York Times article entitled “Securing the University,” Thomas L. Friedman raves about online courses, citing the possibilities of the future. For example, could you imagine being able to take a class in Cape Town taught by the one and only Noam Chomsky? Now, imagine being able to take the class at your leisure, working into your already busy schedule instead of working around the class. Education can be brought anywhere, a truly amazing idea which will be exercised in our lifetime. But we were taught differently.

While jumping on online education and enrolling in Suffolk courses, it will take quite some time before it’s accepted as the norm. Right now, students and faculty have to work together, transitioning from in-person learning to looking at a screen. Then again, if there’s one thing our generation seems to love, it’s looking at a screen. Because of the trial-and-error aspect, it is not yet known which subjects will translate well online. While a HubTimes study concluded that one-third of all college students take online courses, there is still the question of whether or not having no set times could lead kids to skip the videos and cram for the exam. With in-person courses, you get to meet person-to-person. Online, you have to be self-motivated, and explore the city around you. Without human interaction, how can you be sure students will be engaged?

Perhaps online education isn’t for those of us, as there are tons of dollars in loans. “Elite” schools such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard have begun to offer online classes for free. A springboard out of poverty, these courses can be taken for "credentials" rather than a degree, perhaps that will be a change in the "degree" world. Perhaps the lack of students swayed away from the high costs of college in lieu of the trial-and-error costs of online courses.

Again, we here at The Journal have no clue how online education will change the future, because we haven’t seen it in action yet. As Suffolk takes the necessary steps towards the future, perhaps the question is this: "How are many online courses should we offer?" But, instead, "what makes our online courses work differently, and better than others offered as a reduced cost?"

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The right step forward for rights

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The first wave of the Women’s Liberation Movement began in the 19th century and still largely with women’s suffrage. The second wave hit in the 1960s through the 1980s and went on to deal with gender inequality in the work force and at home. Now, in 2013, women can vote and own jobs that bring in the main source of household income.

Despite all of that, feminism is still an unwelcome term in many areas of the United States. Individuals may feel safer with fields driven by men (firemen, policemen) because of inbred, patriarchal beliefs that women are physically incapable compared to their male counterparts, despite the vigorous training endured in order to reach certain stations. However, many things have changed: the fight for gender equality and feminism powers on, albeit in different terms.

Women have been allowed to fight for their country in active service since the 1970’s and despite some harrowing roadblocks, they have continued tirelessly to seek work in combat and fight for their country.

Why then, after seemingly overcoming so many other bigoted positions on women and their rights to serve, have women been denied such a crucial standing as fighting on the front lines? In 1994, the Pentagon ruled a restriction on women from artillery, armor, infantry, and other combat roles; all of this despite the fact that women often found themselves in combat situations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Last week’s ruling made by Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta, is lifting the military’s ban on women in combat, which will open up jobs on the front line. More importantly, this will help solidify a woman’s place in the military, as well as her importance, allowing her recognition to be more easily sought and given.

There will be an undoubtedly those of us whom believe the provision is unwelcome in the United States military. Those are the individuals who believe women are too emotional, Volta: sexism still exists and pressures on.

For the past decade, some women have been fighting in hostile combat areas, despite the lack of acknowledgment. They’ve been black ops pilots and drivers entering areas with landmines, for example. Despite the fact that they’ve been hounded from shooting a gun on the frontlines, that hasn’t stopped them from being shot at. It hasn’t stopped them from being injured; it hasn’t stopped them from dying. Why deny such a consequential role for so long and why overturn the law now?

This law being passed just adds to a series of potential progressive measures, such as direction of equality. People can fight about whether or not they should, but no matter. This will allow women soldiers to be compensated for the work they’ve been doing and will now continue to do. With this upcoming year, have more job openings and dignity awarded to them.

This turn of events is mirroring the mindset that the general public is in. We’re changing, we’re moving forward (albeit at what sometimes feels like an excruciatingly slow pace,) and the rest of the country is following suit. There’s no doubt that this will continue to be a hot button issue and people will debate the merit, but the first step is the overturning of the 1994 law. From here, on we cross our fingers and hope that women receive the same amount of respect for giving up their lives for the United States military that men do.
MBTA needs a plan for overhaul and streamlining

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January 1967, a college student commuting to school is probably reveling in the excitement of the first super bowl, or perhaps he's more excited about his new calculator, the first hand-held one ever made. What does he have in common with you? (Not his tuition cost.) You are both probably riding the exact same Red Line train car.

I, like many others, am blessed with the presence of the Red Line every morning. There's nothing I love more than going “stand by” at every stop along the way or tap dancing with the person behind me when the operator decides to slam on the brakes - and nothing starts my day right like being 20 minutes late for class because my train ride decided to go from 40 minutes to an hour-and-a-half. Regardless of your line, you feel my pain.

Jan. 23 seemed to be the MBTA apocalypse. On the coldest day in three years, we were all left stranded all over the MBTA map. The Green Line was on fire and make a tourist never come back here? That's easy: just wait until they have to be somewhere and tell them to take the train. Pick a line - any line! These tourists will be horrified because they are used to their own transportation services. As a matter of fact, I can catch a train every five minutes or less. I will give the MBTA credit for the new system that tells you how long until the next trains arrive - however, wouldn't it be so much better if the times were accurate, or if they didn't ever have to say, “Brantree 20+ mins”?

The pressing question is how can the MBTA make all the improvements they need? They will instantly say, “We need more money.” Yeah, well, so did the Big Dig, and look where that got us. You want more money? Then treat the city of Boston as your investors: present us with a detailed plan of exactly what you plan to do with this money - every last penny of it. Right now, riders feel as though the MBTA is nothing but a leaking pool of money. If you want anyone to put more investments into this pool, fix the leaks. Get rid of the corruption and keep up with the maintenance, specifically replace “zombie” train cars that are literally so far past the end of their life it's almost pathetic. Replace the rails that need to be replaced and above all have a system in place for the inevitable delays.

If the MBTA system proves itself to be competent then more people will want to ride it. More customers mean more revenue, and more revenue means no more excuses. Money has time and time again been granted to the MBTA, yet not much has changed. With a recent increase in the fares, it leads most to wonder what exactly that new revenue is going towards. Most of the money the MBTA system needs can be found by simply allocating costs better. I agree that this is no easy, quick, or inexpensive fix, but it is one that is possible and one that needs to get started.
Economic pessimism is a bunch of rhetoric

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I hope this reaches you. If you're reading this, then you must be one of the few survivors. I commend you on your fortitude and your ability to persevere in this post-apocalyptic America that the re-election of President Barack Obama... Wait, everyone is alive, you say? The world didn't come to an end as was predicted by certain political pundits. I guess they were wrong; maybe all the name-calling and finger pointing can stop. No, wrong again, you say?

A lot of this political back-and-forth bullying seems to always include certain people portraying us as victims to a stagnant economy. What I didn't understand was the growing momentum behind this argument up until the election. After the election, it started all over again - this time in the form of the fiscal cliff. A makeshift deal was made to avoid that self-inflicted wound, yet another disaster loomed ahead: the debt ceiling. Throughout all of these tribulations, people still kept getting back to the stagnant economy and its slow recovery. It seems to me that something which took eight years to break should at least 10 percent in October of 2009; one year after the market went into recession. As of last month, the unemployment rate was hovering around 7.8 percent. This, for those keeping score, is a 2.2 percent decrease in unemployment claims. One of the largest indicators of economic health is new business start-ups, which in a recent survey published by Bloomberg Business Week, and executed by Babson, an absolutely astounding rise in new business start-ups was shown, marking a 60 percent increase in new business development from 2010. I would very much recommend taking a look because it provides you with an in-depth look at where the economy is heading.

2013 is off to an astounding start now that the bridge to get across the fiscal cliff was found, the debt ceiling has been extended, and people are starting to trust the market again. The housing market is also on a steady road to recovery as we see the fastest year over year growth since 2006. Job creation is up as of January 4, 2013 and total non-farm payroll employment increased by 155,000 (these numbers were produced from the BLS as well.) The Dow Jones and S&P 500 are close to reaching all-time highs as the markets closed on Tuesday in reaction to the better-than-expected housing numbers - providing investors with the tools to re-discover the confidence that has been missing.

So for all you out there fretting about the economy, I am here to tell you it is time to come out of hiding. The United States economy is strong and bouncing back. Send a message to the others: we have survived!

Legal battles over public projects must be put to a stop

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Is there anything more infuriating than pointless obstructionism? Medford resident Bill Wood is doing just that, along with neighbors Carolyn Rosen. According to the Boston Globe, a lawsuit against the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, along with other agencies and select officials, was filed by the duo.

The claim is that the state failed to properly study the negative environmental impact of the Green Line Extension Project from its current terminus in Lechmere through Somerville, and up to Tufts University in Medford. The best part is that the two filing the suit live on the other side of Medford from the project and should have no concerns. However, that hasn't stopped Mr. Wood from trying to stand in the way of the project for years and so far as to hog up speaking time at community meetings.

Whatever the true motive may be, the plaintiffs should realize that the project would merely be delayed by their actions, no matter the result of further environmental studies. Ultimately, a project - which Somerville has been demanding for more than half a century - will be further delayed and the taxpayers will foot the bill for the state's legal fees and any further studies.

Unfortunately, such cases are routine for just about any project, with seemingly no sane motives. In Westminster, a particularly vocal resident has filed suit against the MBTA for extending the Fitchburg Line. The MBTA has ignored pleas from the resident and the town management, citing legal precedent for their right to construct a one-stop extension of the line. However, opposition remains fierce, with the hopes that the project will be halted and ultimately overturned. While there is little chance that this will happen, one has to wonder what makes someone put the time and effort into these legal battles.

I would hope that anyone who buys a property near railroad tracks would realize the railroad has been there long before they moved in. In addition, they should expect all the ill effects associated with being adjacent to railroad property. I'm sure it would be a different story if I lived next door to their house and then filed a suit that I disliked the times at which they come and go from their house.

It is up to the property owner to acknowledge their investment in the property comes with risks. This goes doubly when there is historical precedent. The Green Line extension, paralleling the Lowell Line, will not mark the first time there was a four-track-wide right of way carving through Somerville and Medford. Mr. Wood, et al., spare the public from the obstructionism and bloated project costs and realize that your property rights concern just that: your property, and your property only.
Sports Briefs

Oden Likely to Sign with Heat or Cavaliers

In March of 2012, the Portland Trail Blazers parted ways with 2007 NBA Draft No. 1 pick Greg Oden but he could be back in the association shortly. According to CBS Sports, the Miami Heat, Cleveland Cavaliers and Boston Celtics have expressed interest in the 25-year-old. Oden told a source that Oden is “leaning towards making a comeback with Cleveland or Miami.” If the former Ohio State Buckeye were to sign with either team, could take an NBA court for the first time since Nov. 17, 2010. Oden had to have microfracture surgery on his left knee that cost him the remainder of the 2010-11 NBA season. He underwent arthroscopic and microfracture surgery on his right knee the following season. Oden has played just 82 games in his professional basketball five-year pro career.

Sources: Yankees Trying to Cut Ties with A-Rod

Alex Rodriguez has been linked to yet another drug allegation, which has led a source to tell ESPN New York the Bronx Bombers will look to terminate the third basemen’s contract if he is disciplined. The New York Times linked Rodriguez and other notable athletes to performance-enhancing drugs, but one source to ESPN that “You can’t use this [story] to try to get out of the last years of a [player]’s contract.” A-Rod sent a response to the New Times article to the New York Post, saying “The purported documents reference in the story – at least as they relate to Alex Rodriguez – are not legitimate.” Rodriguez is currently under a $275 million contract with New York until the 2018 free agency period.

Jets have had talks about JaMarcus Russell

2007 NFL Draft No. 1 overall pick JaMarcus Russell is attempting to resurrect his NFL career and the New York Jets found this interesting. According to NewJersey.com members within the Jets organization have had “some very exploratory, informal discussions” regarding the former LSU quarterback. Russell played all three of his NFL seasons with the Oakland Raiders, where he won just seven of the 25 games he started over that time span. The Raiders parted ways with their former No. 1 pick in 2009, but not after paying the QB more than $36 million. One year later, the former quarterback was arrested in his hometown of Mobile, Alabama for possession of codeine syrup without a prescription. NFL.com recently learned that TEST Football Academy, an agency that is known for preparing college players for the NFL Combine, is working with Russell to “reclaim the quarterback’s promise.”
A Football Game Not Worth Watching?

The NFL’s Big Pro-Bowl Question

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Every year the National Football League captivates millions of viewers that actively tune in every Sunday, Monday, and Thursday towards the end of the season. New stars arise and become household names, while also capturing the hearts of sports fans everywhere. Whether it’s J.J. Watt, who somehow finds his way to the quarterback, even if he is double-teamed and blocked, or rising rookie stars like Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III who lead their respective teams to the playoffs, or Russell Wilson who won a playoff game. There are also heart-warming stories of triumph and comeback, that even Hollywood could not script, like Adrian Peterson and Peyton Manning. Peyton Manning came back from neck surgery and missed the entire 2011 campaign with his former team, the Indianapolis Colts. Manning put up MVP-like statistics with the Denver Broncos completing 68.6 per cent of his passes (career high), throwing for 4,659 passing yards (second best of career,) and 31 touchdowns. By the way he only threw 5 interceptions (second lowest of career.)

A D R I A N Peterson, the favorite to win the Most Valuable Player of the 2012 season, on the other hand, came back from an ACL and MCL (similar to Tom Brady in 2008) tear from week 16 of last season. Peterson went through surgery, rehab, and started the first game from Ray Rice, Frank Gore, and Colin Kaepernick.Needless to say, this will be one great Super Bowl after a couple of not so noteworthy ones.

[ETHAN] At the end of the last quarter, the Ravens will be down by seven points with the total score of 13-20. The crowd will start chanting “Lewis! Lewis!” as he makes his final departure off the field. Joe Flacco calls for a shotgun and throws the perfect spiral down the field, 40 yards, right into the hands of Jacoby Jones who runs another 20 yards for a touchdown, picking up the Dougie as his victory dance. As quickly as they can, the Ravens regroup and attempt a two point conversion, which they get - leaving the final score a 21-20 Ravens. 

[SOLEI:] 49ers never overcame waylessreppin. [ALY] This year’s Superbowl, terribly nicknamed the Brolbowl, will be a close game but only because Colin Kaepernick does 49ers win will. More importantly, Destiny’s Child’s singer “soldier” or else everyone loses. [RYAN] Personally American football is too far beyond my intellect level, but if it has to happen, I would prefer that the San Francisco 49ers take home the Lombardi Trophy if I was rooting for a team with several years of success in front of them. The 49ers are a young team with a very young leader and this team is all about D. I think they can bring home the Lombardi Trophy for Ray! [MELESA] Although I would prefer that the San Francisco 49ers win the Super Bowl, I think the Baltimore Ravens will be the new titleholders. After their win against the Patriots, it seems as if the Raven’s talent and good coaching will lead them to victory. Regardless of who wins, the Super Bowl is always fun to watch and it is much less stressful when your team is not playing. [GIANNA] If New England can’t be in the Super Bowl, there’s no other team I want there more than the 49ers. And I want them, and expect them, to tear up the Ravens. Not only is Colin Kaepernick sexy, his talent and rise to the NFL, just seems a little better than what’s happened with Brady, Newton, and Manning. Given this is the early part of Brady’s NFL days, it seems as if the Ravens talent recognition is reminiscent of the early Brady’s NFL days. Since I experienced my first legitimate nervous breakdown last February, I will try not to invest too many of my precious emotions in Sunday’s big game. However, now that I don’t have a horse in the race, I’m down close to the field, I’m game. I’m hoping for something around 31-28 San Francisco. And if the Ravens lose, or the game and commercials fail to entertain, at least we have Beyonce. [ETHAN] Who do I want to win? The 49ers. Ray Lewis has made Baltimore look like they can’t be stopped since they moved from Cleveland and provided that city with the team they deserved. Seeing him go out in one last amazing game is the least that can be said for such an illustrious career. The 49ers are a young team with a very young leader and this team is all about D. I think they can bring home the Lombardi Trophy for Ray! [MELESA] Although I would prefer that the San Francisco 49ers win the Super Bowl, I think the Baltimore Ravens will be the new titleholders. After their win against the Patriots, it seems as if the Raven’s talent and good coaching will lead them to victory. Regardless of who wins, the Super Bowl is always fun to watch and it is much less stressful when your team is not playing. [GIANNA] If New England can’t be in the Super Bowl, there’s no other team I want there more than the 49ers. And I want them, and expect them, to tear up the Ravens. Not only is Colin Kaepernick sexy, his talent and rise to the NFL, just seems a little better than what’s happened with Brady, Newton, and Manning. Given this is the early part of Brady’s NFL days, it seems as if the Ravens talent recognition is reminiscent of the early Brady’s NFL days. Since I experienced my first legitimate nervous breakdown last February, I will try not to invest too many of my precious emotions in Sunday’s big game. However, now that I don’t have a horse in the race, I’m down close to the field, I’m game. I’m hoping for something around 31-28 San Francisco. And if the Ravens lose, or the game and commercials fail to entertain, at least we have Beyonce. [ETHAN] Who do I want to win? The 49ers. Ray Lewis has made Baltimore look like they can’t be stopped since they moved from Cleveland and provided that city with the team they deserved. Seeing him go out in one last amazing game is the least that can be said for such an illustrious career. The 49ers are a young team with a very young leader and this team is all about D. I think they can bring home the Lombardi Trophy for Ray!
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A sports team is like strings on a guitar, while its coach is the guitarist. He picks on a guitar, while its coach picks the strings that he has. Sometimes the strings get rusty if they have not been used for a while and the music becomes smoother than ever before. The “tune” in sports is a combination of team spirit and tactical efficiency as well as physical and mental strengths. The Suffolk Rams were searching for their tune in this busy month of January and it seems like they found it. Three wins in a row. Two to their record and the Rams’ music is playing louder than ever this season.

When coach Nelson was asked about Suffolk’s game against River College last Thursday he said: “The game vs. River was a very physical game. They are very good defensively - we knew that it proved the team is where it needs to be both mentally and physically. It shows that the team can keep a cool head even when the game is tied and there are only minutes left of the game. A player that really stood out in the River game and has made a tremendous progress in the season is Matt Powers. “Matt was great off the bench. He went 5-5 from the three and made big shots at key times. He followed that performance with five more scores and 17 points in our win on Saturday vs. Mt. Ida. He is definitely finding his groove at the right time. He is very difficult to guard - he is a 6’8" shooter," Coach Nelson said.

No team can be successful without a great coach. Thankfully Suffolk does not have to worry about that. In coach Nelson, Suffolk has a very talented coach with many years of experience in the sport (having also been a part of Boston College basketball in the early 90’s.) At the age of 26 he became one of the youngest head coaches in the country when he achieved the position of head coach of Becker College. Everyone has a favorite team, no matter if you are a player, a coach or a fan. Coach Nelson’s favorite professional basketball team is the 1988 Detroit Pistons, a team the Rams have many similarities with: "The 1988 Detroit Pistons were known as the ‘Bad Boys,’ they won the NBA Championship, and tended to get a bit chippy. They were very balanced like we are, and had a lot of weapons. Colin Halpin plays like Bill Laimbeer - he’s a big tough kid who plays inside and out (and can get under the skin of the opposing crowds - just ask the fans as Riviers!). Matt Pepeljnovic is like Dennis Rodman - he rebounds everything! Caleb Unni is our Isaiah Thomas - a floor general who can score. Chris Torres is similar to Mark Aguirre - a savvy vet at the end of his career who can flat out score! Off the bench, Matt Powers is our Vinnie “the Microwave” Johnson - he gets hot fast! Jonneris Mendez plays like John "Spider" Salley - a tough competitor who can really rebound and defend. Adam Chick is like Joe Dumars - a no-nonsense guard who does all of the little things." The Rams have many great characters on the team and judging by the last couple of games, the team is only getting better and better.