Barney Frank receives award from Ford Hall Forum

Suffolk University seniors poured into the Bank of America Pavilion on May 19 to mark their last moments as undergraduate students. The day wasn’t as warm or sunny as many hoped it would be, but that did not stop students from smiling as they walked across stage to grasp their diplomas.

This is a happy and joyous occasion for all of us,” said both Dean William O’Neill of the Sawyer Business School (SBS) and Dean Kenneth Greenberg of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) to the audience. This year the university decided to have separate ceremonies for both colleges rather than one large ceremony for all undergraduates. SBS met at the South Boston venue at 9:30 a.m. with 591 graduates, and CAS at 2:30 p.m. with 911 graduates. There were also 778 students receiving master’s degrees during the ceremonies.

Before the events began, students were milling about, anxiously waiting to get seated and listen to distinguished speakers. At this time Suffolk began their graduation pre-show, entertaining guests for 30 minutes before the procession began. This is also the moment when the university started its live stream of the event. Students from SBS and CAS represented 91 countries, according to a university press release, and the live stream allowed students’ families and friends from around the world to watch the day’s events.

“Your are not a believer in the First Amendment if you have not defended a very obnoxious person to say hateful things. I’m late because I just taped O’Reilly [Factor],” Frank said in opposition to the FBI request for library records, and countless other times he has dismissed some of the most heated inquiries.

Frank spoke about being one of only three House members to oppose the Fallen Heroes Act which would have restricted protests during funerals, about supporting Mayor Warren and the town of Newton when they defied an FBI request for library records, and the more it helps the community alike.

The two ceremonies were identical until this point. They were personalized for each ceremony as McCarthy finished his statement by introducing the students.

"Congratulations, you did it," said McCarthy. "By every measure this is a proud moment...Suffolk is an incredible place. With all that has happened this year I hope you remember that."

The ceremony was dressed with blooming flowers and the university’s seal as a backdrop. Guests were urged to stand as the procession began, and students marched in their black caps and gowns towards their seats. They were followed by professors and then by the board of trustees and academic administrators. The deans of both schools opened with words of wisdom and a moment of silence for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings.

"You've all shown that you are not a believer in the First Amendment," said McCarthy. "You've all shown that you support for limited censorship on the Internet. "I think it's perfectly reasonable to ban people from dangerous, violent things but with the Internet it is virtually impossible," he said. When asked how he would craft legislation like that, Frank didn't miss a beat: "I don't know. I don't look at the Internet much because I don't care where my friends have lunch. Technology has overcome me. A forum to talk face to face rather than Facebook to Facebook is refreshing."

In the second half of the event, audiences members were invited to ask Frank questions. While, as any politician would, Frank had fans and foes step up to the microphone, he allowed everyone to say their piece and took every question seriously—even if others may have dismissed some of the more heated inquiries.

"It's a good thing they deny it rather than defending it," Frank said in opposition to the forum attendees comments about Republican strategies, "hypocrisy is the sign that you know you did something wrong."

The Ford Hall Forum will start back up in September with a new schedule of events, topics and speakers. The more different kinds of people who attend the forum, the more it helps the conversation,” Bonardi said. "When the community gets to hear students’ thoughts it is so enlightening for all of the adults. Suffolk students always watch the conversation when they come out to the forum.”
POLICE BLOTTER

Saturday, April 27
10 West Street
Trespassing. Arrest made.

Sunday, April 28
Off campus
Larceny. BPD assumed jurisdiction.

Monday, April 29
Sawyer Building
Larceny. All leads exhausted.

Wednesday, May 1
Sawyer Building
Larceny. All leads exhausted.

Wednesday, May 1
Off campus
Harassment. Investigation pending.

Friday, May 3
Tremont Street
Other agency assist. Arrest made.

Friday, May 17
Tremont Street
Assault. BPD assumed jurisdiction.

NEWS BRIEF

20 Somerset Plans

Suffolk University's 20 Somerset building will be moving forward next month. Demolition of the current vacant building will begin during June.

"We are actually a little ahead of schedule and that is due to what I would refer to as a very smooth approval," said Greg Gatlin, the Vice President of Communication and Marketing. This approval process is handled by John Nucci, the Vice President of Government and Communication Affairs, and his team.

"We've moved quickly through a complex approval process," said Gatlin, impressed by the team’s efforts.

20 Somerset will add to Suffolk not only with its new technology and ample space as a learning environment, but also by giving it the university’s first community space. Suffolk does not have a traditional quad, but 20 Somerset will feature a small plaza, inviting to students and other members of the community.

"It's going to be a great asset to the university, its students, and faculty," said Gatlin.

More dates on construction and details on the building and plaza will be revealed as the project progresses.

Online learning taking over Boston

Melissa Hanson
News Editor

EdX, a non-profit education think tank, was created in Boston to continue to raise the standard of learning and is catching on quickly. The company plans to change education through massive open online courses, or MOOCs.

"EdX is building an open source educational platform and a network of the world's top universities to improve education both online and on campus while conducting research on how students learn," said an edX press release.

The organization was created by partners at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) just over a year ago, and is growing fast.

Many colleges across the country and around the world are beginning to use online courses for their entire student bodies rather than just for students who cannot be in the classroom, like those who have full-time jobs.

Suffolk University has said that along with the 20 Somerset building, students in 2015 will see a large rise in online coursework. Students can now wonder if Suffolk will want to join the ranks of Boston academia under edX.

"I personally wouldn't take [online classes] because I wouldn't pay attention," said Kirstin Reddoch, a rising junior. However, Amanda Black, also going to be a junior, does think Suffolk would be a good fit alongside other Boston institutions working with edX.

This switch to online learning instead of the classic classroom education seems largely influenced by the rise of technology over the last decade; edX appears to be trying to aid this movement.

According to edX, 15 institutions joined edX on May 21. The non-profit now serves 27 colleges and universities.

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"As we continue to grow the xConsortium and offer courses from institutions as diverse as our global community of students, we are moving forward with our mission to reimagine education," said the president of edX, Anant Agarwal, in a press release.

Mayor Thomas Menino joined the partners of edX in order to create BostonX, a way for Boston residents to come together for the online learning initiative, according to an edX press release.

"BostonX will help update our neighbor's skills and our community centers," said Menino in the edX press release.

"As of right now, anyone can register for an edX course, which are currently free, according to the edX website.
New courses will give students hands-on learning opportunities

Melissa Hanson
News Editor

Course selection can be one of the most exciting parts of the college experience and Suffolk is making sure students have relevant and hands-on classes to choose from. Four new courses will be introduced, three freshmen seminars and one Sawyer Business School (SBS) class, in the fall that will be sure to fill up quickly.

"It makes you want to be a freshman again," said Nina Huntemann, PhD, who is teaching one of the new courses and also the Director of Seminars for Freshmen.

Huntemann, an associate professor in the department of communication and journalism, is teaching the freshman seminar titled "Sustainable Media," to explore media use – how fast people go through cell phones and laptops – and to discuss whether digital media is truly beneficial for the environment.

"This class explores that paradox," said Huntemann. "Where's all this stuff going?"

Her class, which will sit 25 students, involves lots of research and mapping on where the metal, cords, and wires, for digital media come from and go to when they are disposed of. She does not want the class to appear completely negative though; students will have the opportunity to create projects to help the cause and possibly team up with the university's sustainability team.

Huntemann is also excited about the other new courses being offered exclusively to the class of 2017.

"Lincoln is really hot right now," said Huntemann, as she described her excitement for government professor Graham Kelder's course, "Lincoln and the Law."

"Professor Kelder is the perfect person to teach this," she said. A few students have already registered.

Coursework in the form of exams and papers will be based on the movies and literature the class studies. Kelder will be showing the newest Lincoln films as well as one from the early 20th century.

"I'm most excited for students to see Lincoln's role as a lawyer in Illinois," said Kelder. As a professor of political science, Kelder's links the course is, "a sneaky way to teach students about the Constitution."

The third of the new courses is "Beacon Hill: Fact, Fiction, and Fantasy," with Professor Richman of the English Department. So far, SBS was Sean Faherty, who was receiving Honorary Degree alongside James T. Brett and Catherine D'Amato.

"It makes you want to be a freshman again," said Faherty. He described his advice for their diplomas, listened to closing remarks, and proceeded out of the Pavilion. After taking harbor side photographs with their friends and loved ones they cleared out so the CAS ceremony could begin.

"How perfect," said Huntemann. "Here we are, sitting on top of Beacon Hill as a university." Richman plans to take advantage of this by spending half of the class period exploring the historic areas of the Hill.

"Beacon Hill is right outside the door," said Richman. The students will do a lot of coursework in the form of reading about historic societies and analyzing historic pictures of the area, many dating from the 1840s.

SBS is hosting a new two-credit course taught by the editor of the Boston Business Journal, George Donnelly. The course, titled "Understanding the Amazing Boston Economy," will explore opportunities for students around the city.

"The basic goal is to raise the awareness level of students," said Donnelly. The class has seven of 20 students registered. Donnelly said students will work on group projects and will analyze individual companies around the city.

"It's an opportunity to teach students what the economy will be like," said Donnelly. He also plans to have plenty of guest speakers bring perspective into the classroom. Donnelly hopes students of various majors who are planning to stay in the area will register for the course.

The hands-on classes are sure to fill up quickly and entertain the interests of Suffolk students.
City and state politics heat up this summer

Suffolk student, Megan Dutra said. As a college student, this provides an opportunity not only for government students, but also for any and every student to be an active participant in civic discourse and activism.

You’ll see rallies and protests happening throughout the school year on your walks to class. Campaign signs and chants will become as commonplace as bad drivers laying on the horn and historic brick buildings.

A special election to fill Secretary of State John Kerry’s U.S. Senate seat is happening at the end of June and a newly invigorated Mayoral race to succeed Thomas Menino will be dominating summer politics as candidates battle to win in the fall.

It seems, as each potential candidate has thrown their hats into the ring to campaign through the summer.

This cycle’s mayoral race has welcomed the first ever Latino candidate and the first ever woman candidate — showing a lot of progress since Menino was elected the first ever non-Irish mayor two decades ago. The city is currently checking signatures for all the declared candidates to make sure all have reached the 3,000 threshold to be eligible to run.

Gomez, relatively unknown before the race, won his primary race by a whopping 20 percent margin. After serving in the military for 13 years, Gomez earned an MBA from Harvard University and worked as a private equity investor. As a son of Colombian immigrants, Gomez has campaigned heavily on immigration reform.

The special Senate election will be held on June 25 and anyone registered to vote in Massachusetts is eligible to cast a ballot.

Mayoral Race

With longtime Boston Mayor Thomas Menino declining to run for an unprecedented sixth term, many new candidates are setting up their campaigns for a chance to lead the city. More than a dozen candidates have thrown their hats into the ring to campaign through the summer.

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With so many candidates vying for the vote, it may seem overwhelming to keep up with everything happening. Several websites, like HVGRF’s “Who’s who in 2013 Boston Mayoral Race” and Boston Timeline’s “Boston Mayor 2013,” break down the essential details on each candidate and even give rankings based on campaign funds and street presence, among other factors.

There are just as many candidates as campaign platforms. It seems, as each potential mayor looks to focus on a key issue. Dan Conley, who has a campaign chest of currently over one million dollars (by far the most of any other candidate), has honed in on promoting innovation through providing better education and jobs. John Connolly has heavily highlighted reforming Boston Public Schools.

Voters must be registered as an address in the city of Boston to be eligible to vote in the preliminary election on Sept. 24 and the general election scheduled for November 5. Remember, you can use a dorm building address to register to vote.
Western and local powers has been that the war currently having both a political and military branch, is considered two nations. Hezbollah, while opposes and harasses Israel, has armed and financed Hezbollah for decades, as they have close ties for many years. Syria, along with Iran, has realized the worst fear amongst the two nations. Hezbollah and the Syrian government have had close ties for many years. Syria, along with Iran, have armed and financed Hezbollah for decades, as they are the major group that opposes and harasses Israel, the regional enemy of the two nations. Hezbollah, while having both a political and military branch, is considered a terrorist organization by the United States and many other Western governments. The biggest fear amongst Western and local powers has been that the war currently raging in Syria would not remain confined to the country's borders. Syrian government forces have attempted to goad ‘Turky into conflict, shooting down a spread in the form of sectarian clashes amongst civilians, and rebels taking shelter in the country firing across the border at government troops. Hezbollah, however, remained officially neutral in the conflict. The Battle of Qusair has changed all of that. The city is located in a very strategic place for both the government and rebel forces. For the government, the city lies on the route between two major cities, the capital Damascus and Homs. It is also on the route from Damascus to the port city of Tartous and the coastal region of Syria, the heartland of president Bashar al-Assad's Alawite sect and a possible place for him to take refuge should Damascus fall. For the rebels, the city lies just six miles from the Lebanese border, and controlling the city would allow a free flow of arms and personnel through the border. When the government launched a massive offensive on the rebel held city a few weeks ago, Hezbollah initially denied involvement in the battle. Their rhetoric has gradually transformed over the course of the battle, and recently Hezbollah's official involvement in the war not only makes it much more likely the conflict will spill over into Lebanon, but also puts Israel on high alert. The Israelis have already come out and said that they will do everything in their power to prevent Hezbollah from getting more advanced weapons, including sophisticated missiles and even chemical weapons, which the Syrian government is known to have. In fact, the Israeli air force is supposedly responsible for at least three air strikes inside of Syria on convoys of weapons headed for Hezbollah.

The entering of Hezbollah into the fray signifies a turning point in the war. The Syrian government now has an official foreign ally with boots on the ground backing al-Assad, another piece of leverage he now has against the rebels. As the battle for Qusair rages, the European Union has decided to lift their arms embargo against Syria in order to arm the opposition. While this does not mean they will necessarily take immediate action in arming the opposition, it sends a strong message to al-Assad. The entering of a group officially labeled as a terrorist organization on the side of the government may have had a huge effect on that decision.

And there is always the chance that Israel will step in to protect their national security.
Newly forged Italian government faces a host of issues

From Colombia page 6 has primarily been funded through means such as kidnappings for ransom, gold mining, and the production and distribution of illegal drugs. Another rebel group with a similar Marxist-based ideology is the ELN who have been held responsible for several crimes and have a standing force of about 4,000.

It was the growth of such groups as FARC and the ELN that led to the funding of right-wing paramilitary groups to combat left-wing ideology in the country. This paramilitary groups continue to be armed and are also responsible for numerous human rights violations. In retrospect, the Colombian government probably thought that it was the right idea to arm paramilitary groups at the time. But the situation spiraled out of control by this action and the interim acting government must now deal with the consequences. Negotiations with FARC may be a step in the right direction, but there are still many problems to address. And after negotiations are completed with the FARC, how will the government address other left-wing groups such as the ELN? How will the Colombian government approach the right-wing paramilitary groups whom they armed and funded? Previous attempts at peace talks in Havana have dissolved without any progress.
Young Swedish immigrants revolt

Chris Musk
Journal Staff

A bad economy and the idea of prosperity are incompatible. Many people over the recent history of mankind have traveled from war-torn parts of the globe to the West expecting all of their dreams to come true. Some achieved these dreams and some wonder, “Did I make a wrong decision in leaving home?” When feelings of such disenfranchisement arise as an immigrant in a new country, people feel the need to express this anger, sometimes publicly.

Over the past few weeks in Sweden there have been many riots by young lower class immigrants in retaliation to a bad economy and a very high unemployment rate. The most recent attack took place last week, where during riots the school they set ablaze consisted of 325 students that are all from immigrant backgrounds. Sweden’s Prime Minister, Fredrik Reinfeldt, called the riots “hoolliganism,” while the Swedish Democrats have used these violent acts to push their anti-immigrant stance and for the deportation of immigrants who commit crime. The majority of these immigrant rioters come from the suburbs of Husby and Tensta of Stockholm. In this region, the riots began May 19 after the police shot and killed a 69-year-old immigrant holding a knife.

Additionally the major spark drawing motivation for these young immigrants is the severity of the unemployment rate. The national unemployment rate is about eight percent, but the rate is at least twice as high in immigrant areas and four times as high for those under 25 years old.

The last prominent factor as to why so many young immigrants are rioting is because of discrimination and racism. The New York Times recently quoted a young Iraqi-Swedish immigrant stating “Sweden has given me opportunity like I didn’t have in Iraq,” but “I’m not treated the same as a white guy.”

An older Middle Eastern immigrant commented on this issue to The Times. He mentioned how he sympathizes for these young immigrants that came here from other countries and cannot find a way to make money and feel frustrated about discrimination. But he says they are demanding too much for what they expected to fall in their lap upon their arrival to Sweden.

Many job seekers, particularly young men, had unrealistic demands and expected the state to find them jobs they will accept and then again when they destroy property that the Swedish government has to replace. These acts of violence are not cost-effective and the state has to respond.

The Times.

Europe

European commissioner Neelie Kroes urged the European Union to end cell phone roaming charges last Thursday. Kroes is commissioner of digital policies for the continent and a Dutch economist. Cell phone service is relatively inexpensive in Europe and companies have used roaming fees as a way to generate profit because of this. According to The New York Times, the European Parliament expects to face heavy lobbying from the telecommunications industry against Kroes’ proposal. Currently, cellphones companies in the European Union can charge up to $30 billion estimate of corruption. “We accepted this integrity for corruption, fraud, sloppiness and unprofessionalism,” Kroes said at a Moscow press conference May 30.

Russia

Former Russian deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov told CNN in a report released Thursday that up to $30 billion was stolen that was being put toward the 2014 Sochi Olympics. The games are estimated to cost $51 billion, which would make it the most expensive in Olympic history. In 2007, it was estimated to cost around $112 billion. In preparation for the games, Russia will have built three Olympic villages, an Olympic stadium and several upgrades to Sochi’s roads, bridges, hotels, etc. Nemtsov did not go into detail about the overruns that created the alleged $30 billion estimate of corruption. “We accepted this integrity for corruption, fraud, sloppiness and unprofessionalism,” Nemtsov said at a Moscow press conference May 30.

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Afghanistan

U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Robert Bales is charged with murdering 16 Afghan civilians. Bales’ lawyer John Henry Browne told CNN that special operations troops “pumped” his client with steroid-like drugs and gave him alcohol before the killings. Browne claims that Special Forces were in charge and Bales was provided with the aforementioned substances. The alleged killings happened in March 2012, with prosecution saying Bales slipped off his based after dark. He then went from “house to house shooting villagers,” according to the prosecution, as reported by CNN. The New York Times reported May 29 that Bales is expected to plead guilty. Browne told CNN the same day that his client intends to plead guilty.
Ally Johnson  
Asst. Opinion Editor

While unwilling to commit 100 percent to the original lore, Star Trek Into Darkness may not have fulfilled every Trek desire but was still a fantastically exciting ride. We’re re-introduced to our bridge crew with Jim Kirk (Chris Pine) and Bones (Karl Urban) trying to distract a tribal planet society as Spock (Zachary Quinto) is lowered planets inhabitants.

Something goes wrong and both longtime trekkies and new installments—there to provide a moment of laughter and nothing else. However in this film we get a fully developed character and possibly the most developed character we've ever had in Star Trek. Benedict Cumberbatch is a phenomenal actor. He has a masterful physicality in this film and commands attention but it goes on such a thinly drawn villain that relies heavily on prior fan knowledge than an actual three-dimensional character. He serves a purpose, and while he does so better than Eric Bana’s Nero, the villain is still the weak portion of the film over all success. And yes that Abrams clearly misses the point. I love a good action flick, I love the adrenaline, the break neck speed and the inability to relent for a second and I still love these versions of the series. However, this is such a monumental period of entertainment despite its hastily painted alien planets, handmade acting and super minisks on its female crew because of its hope for a better future. The original series was about how mankind could do better, how despite your race, sex, etc. you were invaluable to the universe. It was about helping those who needed it and accepting the help from the universe. It was about how mankind could do better, how despite your race, sex, etc. you were invaluable to the universe. It was about helping those who needed it and accepting the help from the universe. It was about how mankind could do better, how despite your race, sex, etc. you were invaluable to the universe. It was about helping those who needed it and accepting the help from

One is the villain; the other is J.J. Abrams’ Capra. Captain makes the decision to chase after a known terrorist to seek revenge he’s the one who calls him out for it, asking if they’re a militant-based crew now or if they’re the explorers second. Scotty gets the grasp of the series promise better than the director does. However, this is Kirk’s show. Pine’s Kirk is an interesting hero because he gets knocked down a lot. But, he always gets back up to fight again and there is something admirable about a hero who doesn’t get too easy the side of things and refuses to lose easily. He’s hot-headed, he’s vulnerable and he’s charismatic, all that makes a well-rounded protagonist.

There’s a lot to love about this film, Michael Giacchino’s score is breathtaking. Abrams (less flare aside) creates some truly other worldly sights, and the script is moving, if not riveting with a few flaws here and there. It’s thoroughly enjoyable, wonderfully acted and action-packed to the brim. Maybe it’s not suited for the Trek fans among us (guilty) but it is more than well-suited for the new wave of fans who are just meeting the crew of the Enterprise for the first time, waiting for Sulu to put it into warp speed.

I bridged the new and the old and while I’d hoped for more it’s still more than many could expect.
Soleil Barros
Arts Editor

Loren Benjamin, songwriter and singer, recently stepped into his first tour, taking the time to travel surrounding cities in an initiative to see what else the world has to offer, while having fun and meeting new faces along the way. Just recently celebrating his 24th birthday, Benjamin visited Cambridge's All Asia as part of his northeast tour. “This is my very first tour but I have been playing in New York for about two years. We’ve played in so many venues all throughout New York, I’ve decided to see what’s happening outside of New York City,” said Benjamin of his recent tour. The polka dot lighting was reflecting onto the hardwood floors changing from blue to green and red to then back to yellow while the audience sat in an intimate venue. Even among the chatter in the small and scattered venue, the songs performed by Benjamin like “Find Somebody” made his way onto the stage. He quickly took the stage while he takes a breather, seeming to let the crowd sing along with other lettering stitched in red lettering on the back. His signature attire of “all black” was very apparent that every day he appeared on the stage, it was the next step. We definitely wanted to see what else is out there,” said Benjamin. It wasn’t difficult to tune out the Boston sports fan gears while the energy was very subtle, being such an intimate space. “I love picking your favorite kid.” With the chorus while he strummed away on his guitar. You can tell that these guys all have different personalities, just looking to play a few tunes together. After strumming a few songs Benjamin crosses his legs and casually states, “This next song is called lonely boy.”

Kelly Rowland sets off on Lights Out Tour with new single Dirty Laundry

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Wednesday, May 29 Boston welcomed the famed Kelly Rowland to the Wilbur Theater on Tremont Street just steps away from campus. Setting off on her ‘Lights Out Tour’ performing and sold out shows, the singer from New York to Israel at a young age, Benjamin has been exposed to working and producing. Even among the chatter in the small and scattered venue, the songs performed by Benjamin like “Find Somebody” made his way onto the stage. He quickly took the stage while he takes a breather, seeming to let the crowd sing along with other lettering stitched in red lettering on the back. His signature attire of “all black” was very apparent that every day he appeared on the stage, it was the next step. We definitely wanted to see what else is out there,” said Benjamin. It wasn’t difficult to tune out the Boston sports fan gears while the energy was very subtle, being such an intimate space. “I love picking your favorite kid.” With the chorus while he strummed away on his guitar. You can tell that these guys all have different personalities, just looking to play a few tunes together. After strumming a few songs Benjamin crosses his legs and casually states, “This next song is called lonely boy.”

Kelly Rowland is hitting a new wave of popularity with her music. Rowland’s new album featuring popular tracks “Dirty Laundry” and “Kisses Down Low,” but also sharing a few other favorites including “Like That” and “Motivation”. Rowland even sampled a few of the more popular Destiny’s Child tracks, which made for a great time swaying along to all of the throwback tracks from the Y2K including “Survivor” and “Soldier”. As the red lights reflected off of her long curly black hair, she took a seat to perform her controversial track saying it “can be taken out of context,” but shared that it was truly just her experience in song. While performing the catchy track, Rowland hit an emotional strain singing with tears in her eyes as members of the audience sang along and showed their support by chanting lovely complements to the heartfelt artist. After regrouping, Rowland sang her heart out in this particular song that made the entire show and sincerely proved that Rowland absolutely carries that sweet heartfelt sound that we all know and love. Rowland plays a few more fun melodies before closing her show by waving to the audience and coming to the corners of the stage to blow kisses to members in the mezzanine. Rowland drew an eclectic crowd of all types, girls and guys of all ages and interests made for a uniquely fun experience. Rowland’s new album Talk a Good Game will be released June 18 and is highly anticipated due to her most recently released singles. Kelly Rowland is hitting a new wave, she clearly is not afraid to show the world that she still has the seductive sweet sound that we have always loved.
Let's start on a positive note. The representation of the time period in this film was remarkable in every way. The costumes, the setting, and even the music were all well chosen, especially during the party scenes at Gatsby's mansion. Despite choosing to play modern day music instead of the stereotypical jazz commonly heard during the twenties, the film was not hurt, rather enhanced. Even a cover of Beyoncé’s “Crazy in Love” did not seem out of place. All in all, the visual aspect of this film is stunning and worth seeing if for no other reason. Some of the characters, though, were poorly represented. Most obviously, the character of Nick Carraway is changed dramatically from the original novel which, in turn, changes the atmosphere of the entire film. The novel paints a picture of a very different Carraway: one who is a quiet and reserved bystander to the events in the story. Luhrmann’s version portrays him as someone who is much more aware of himself and involved in what is going on around him. In fact, the entire film is essentially a flashback in Nick’s memory as he re-tells his experiences to a therapist. In the novel, it is not until the very end when Nick realizes what he has seen and thus starts to realize who he is and where he lives. The film brings that information into the character from the start, which seems to damage the original artistic integrity. Carey Mulligan’s character, Daisy Buchanan, was also among those misrepresented.

The scene at the Crown Plaza Hotel is one of unbearable tension in the novel because of Daisy’s hidden fears. But, in the film, especially during this scene, she is overly bold and confident, removing a great deal of the tension in the room. Choices like this are made with Daisy throughout the film. Whether they were made by Mulligan or director, Baz Luhrmann, is unclear, but someone is at Fault. While Mulligan and Maguire gave satisfactory performances, others did not. A memorable scene is the movie’s concluding shot of Daisy. Mulligan has been special limited edition created to add to her performance as the “old sport” and “new woman” Daisy Buchanan is. As someone who is much more aware of himself and involved in what is going on around him. In fact, the entire film is essentially a flashback in Nick’s memory as he re-tells his experiences to a therapist. In the novel, it is not until the very end when Nick realizes what he has seen and thus starts to realize who he is and where he lives. The film brings that information into the character from the start, which seems to damage the original artistic integrity. Carey Mulligan’s character, Daisy Buchanan, was also among those misrepresented.

The film's ending leaves a lot of questions unanswered, but overall, the film is a stunning visual display of Baz Luhrmann’s modern cinematography and direction. Despite the film’s flaws, it is a must-see for fans of The Great Gatsby and Baz Luhrmann’s work.

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Based on the 1925 novel of the same name by F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby, directed by Baz Luhrmann, is certainly an ambitious film that has received a fair amount of critical praise. However, the adaptation of modern cinematography and stunning visuals seem to have detracted from Fitzgerald’s original intentions of this classic story. Still, Gatsby remains a novel that has turned many movies that will allow any movie-goer to be quite pleased with the film. Those who will always remember reading the novel in grade school will be delighted to see a vibrant and modern portrayal of the roaring twenties and memorable characters. Despite all of this, The Great Gatsby is a fantastic film with its merits.

At the start of the film we meet the narrator, Nick Carraway, played by Tobey Maguire. As he recounts his experiences living in New York next door to millionaire, Jay Gatsby, played by Leonardo DiCaprio. Carraway observes Gatsby’s many luscious and exuberant parties from his own home and watches as he overfawns over Miss Daisy Buchanan, played by Carey Mulligan. Daisy is also in love with Nick’s cousin, Daisy Buchanan, played by Blake Lively. Despite this, Gatsby continues to persuade her to leave her husband Tom, played by Joel Edgerton, and live across the bay with him.

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Every year The Suffolk Journal, the student newspaper of Suffolk University, publishes a Starting Out feature aimed at welcoming entering freshmen and providing them with tips and advice as they embark on their college journey. This feature is typically a combination of student essays, perspective columns, and editorial content aimed at helping students navigate the challenges of college life.

The feature begins with a welcoming message, followed by a section titled "Starting Out: Advice for Freshmen," which includes essays and columns from current students and staff members sharing their experiences and insights. This segment is designed to help incoming freshmen feel prepared and supported as they transition into college life.

Another major component of "Starting Out" is the "Columns" section, which features essays and columns written by students and staff on a variety of topics, including personal experiences, academic challenges, and perspectives on student life. This section aims to provide a platform for students to share their stories and engage with their peers, fostering a sense of community and connection.

The feature concludes with a "Suffolk, Boston, and the MBTA: Information for new students" section. This part of the feature is particularly useful, as it provides important information about transportation options in the Boston area, which is crucial for students navigating the city. The MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority) is a key resource for students looking to commute to school, explore the city, and enjoy all that Boston has to offer.

For example, the "Staff/Media" section at the beginning explains that the feature has been prepared by the student newspaper staff. It mentions the editors and contributors, giving credit to them for their work in compiling this special edition. The "Opinion" section includes an essay by a student named Gianna Carchia, who provides valuable insights and guidance for incoming freshmen.

Overall, "Starting Out" serves as an essential resource for new students, offering information, advice, and community support as they begin their college journey at Suffolk University.
**Boy Scouts of America lifts longtime ban on gay youths**

*Ally Johnson  
Asst. Opinion Editor*

The Boy Scouts of America ended its long divided and longstanding policy of forbidding any openly gay youths to participate in the organization. This has been a years-long battle that's been tiring, emotionally wrenching, and often loathsome. The win, so to speak, is undoubtedly a resounding victory of the organization as well as the country as well. For now let's ignore the grievous dismissing of adults in the organization. The term "boy scout" conjures up the idea of the traditional male, the standard that young men all over the country should hold to. This admission of young gay males has greatly widened a narrow viewpoint into one that's nearly all inclusive. This is a growing "America" being allowed the gracious ability to change and progress.

1,400 volunteer leaders from Scouting's 270 councils approved the Boy Scouts of America's proposal with 60 percent agreeing. This should be noted as a rising in acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community. The children of America are often looked at as the innocent, the easily corrupted, and the naive. Yet in the past year we've seen numerous heinous acts being taken against children; to see a victory for them is encouraging. It's surprising that while we still haven't made it safe for them to walk the streets, (those tricky little gun laws), we have assured them a standard of upbringing that will match all children.

This past January the issue met its boiling point when a member was denied Scouting's highest honor because of his sexual orientation, which fueled the fight with a new gusto. It became yet another organization complying and serving the ideals of the notion of God rather than serving their fellow man and being prepared to face the woes of the world alongside him. The image of the Boy Scout theme of boyhood and the means through which adults will go to protect them and guide them into adulthood, it's a transition period where a boy turns into a man, and by allowing gay members it's serving yet another, more crucial, lesson to its members. All men and women should be treated equally no matter who they love, and no man or woman should be deprived of the basic fundamental rights they're promised. It shouldn't be a hope but an assumption that sexual orientation won't hinder the future prospects of a young man or woman.


**Yahoo! purchases blogging site for $1.1 Billion:**

*Tumblr users not happy with takeover*

*Melissa Hanson  
News Editor*

The formerly popular website Yahoo! made the decision to buy Tumblr, a blog website maintained by young people, for 1.1 million dollars. Tumblr has an endless scroll feature where users can reblog photos and write posts on their own blogs. What those who don't partake in the Tumbling experience do not realize is that these users are made up of a very emotional, tight knit group of people, all of whom do not seem pleased that Yahoo! has bought the site.

It is reasonable to see a creative group of Internet dwellers upset over such an outdated website purchasing their blog. Users have expressed their disapproval over the purchase through often aggressive and angry posts. The bloggers have come together in feeling this way and even those who do not have a Tumblr URL have agreed. Yahoo! has not been a relevant site in years, and all are wondering why Yahoo! wants custody of Tumblr. Maybe they are trying to revamp their image in order to keep up with the always changing Internet, but this visitation of the website is quite rampant. The site of Yahoo! is not the place to have tons of advertisements. Yahoo! could maybe fit some on a side bar, but it would be best that they do not crowd the endless scroll with ads. It will certainly interrupt reblogging, the main joy of using the site. Marissa Mayer, Yahoo!'s CEO promised on her own Tumblr page "to not screw Tumblr up." Although it is just slightly reassuring that their plan is not to completely change the website, her cavalier language is a bit disheartening. She should take a little more pride in now owning the growingly popular site. She should use professional language to describe her plans rather than a colloquial phrase like "not screw it up." This is a big investment she is dealing with, not just a financial investment for Yahoo!, but also in the hearts of Tumblr users.

It is clear that Yahoo! is trying to be a part of social media before they get left behind and completely forgotten, something they believe Tumblr will give them instant access to. This group of bloggers is very stubborn and judgmental. They don't want Yahoo! bringing change to their Internet safe haven, and understandably so. Tumblr has a great thing going; they have made their site a free place for young people to express themselves. If Yahoo! messes with that, their website will certainly suffer.
How to celebrate Memorial Day the right way

Gianna Carchia
Opinion Editor

Most American holidays are celebrated with a abundance of food, firework, and consumption. America’s Independence Day is undoubtedly one of the biggest celebrations, marked by fireworks, parades, and lots of drinking. Car dealerships are famous for having Presidents’ Day sales on their vehicles and the Gap recently took advantage of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, introducing “MLK Weekend” discounts to bring customers in on their long weekend. The meanings of these and other American holidays are becoming lost amidst relentless consumerism.

The news broadcasts on Monday morning were a very interesting mix of stories. The morning was a very interesting mix of reports of veteran and active duty soldiers who gave their lives in battle or took their own life as a result of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), clips of parades honoring veterans and celebrating Memorial Day, and the same relentless car dealership commercial delivering its discount for vehicle sales over the holiday weekend. Newspapers featured stories about the lives of deceased soldiers that included pictures of them when they were children. In the fold of flyers that accompanies the paper, blaring ads advertised clothing at a reduced price with the urgency that the sale would end that Monday. It was simultaneously eye opening and nauseating.

Memorial Day is only one day that is set aside each year to honor the men and women who have given everything to serve this country and protect our freedoms. Taking the day off from work to kick back with a beer next to the grill is undoubtedly exercising those freedoms, but it does it in vain without honoring the individuals who helped to make it possible is to truly take them for granted. Their service is important every day of the year, whether Americans have it off from work or not. Disturbing facts about veteran and active duty suicide have surfaced recently. NBC News reported that over 349 service members from the four branches of the military committed suicide in 2012.

It’s a cause for celebration because twelve is a greater number than just a year ago. While it’s encouraging to see the country move forward, we have twelve states that have passed the bill. We have a general overall attitude that gay marriage should be a non-issue at this point, yet despite this we’ve recently also seen a string of gay bashing in New York City. We’re moving forward but we lack the conviction and vigilance to truly make a monumental difference. We’re letting the problems slide because we’ve become complacent to the glacial nature of the movement. We’ve learned to accept the notion that it’s a problem that will take time to fix but that doesn’t mean we should wait stationary and do nothing while the time crawls by. This is a non-issue to those of whom support LGBTQ rights, but to those who are actually hoping for the benefits that equality brings it’s their lives.

The Suicide rate for the Army outpaced the number of service members who died in combat; 182 Army members took their own lives while 176 were killed on the ground. The Department of Defense will release its official annual report on suicides in August. Memorial Day is not only a time to reflect and honor those who have given their life in combat, but to consider the effect of PTSD on the countless individuals who have taken their own lives. To repay these men and women by day-drinking and buying clothes and cars they don’t need is an insult to their memory. Instead of packing a closet already full of sweaters and shoes, why not donate to causes that aide the rehabilitation of veterans suffering from PTSD? Ads for useless items appear inescapable while opportunities to donate to rehabilitation programs must be sought out by the few who understand what Memorial Day should be about. Instead of taking advantage of our freedoms with a food comas a four, Americans should give back to those who have given so much for us.

Every summer day holds the opportunity to cook out and relax with friends. Memorial Day should be given the same respect that the physical memorials in the nation’s capital receive; reflection, understanding, appreciation, and inspiration are the best ways to honor the memories of fallen soldiers.

US still behind in LGBTQ rights movement

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Minneapolis has become the 12th state in the United States to allow gay marriage to be signed into law. The milestone has been made historic due to Minnesota being the first to pass such a law in the Midwest region, and to do so out of its legislature. The vote was approved 75-59. Six months prior, the state had turned back an effort to ban gay marriage in the state. Five of the House’s 61 Republicans voted for the bill while two of its 73 Democrats voted no.

This is slowly, glacially becoming less about a political issue but, as it should have been all along, beginning to be treated as an issue about equal human rights and human decency.

While there have been many to help in aiding the process of progress, Richard Carlson’s name stands out. He was a driving force in the eyes of his allies behind the passing of the gay marriage law. He had lead a largely successful campaign to overcome the amendment to ban gay marriage in his state just last year and then made a swift turn around directly following and switched over to lobby lawmakers to legalize gay marriage.

While it’s encouraging to see the country move forward, because twelve is a greater number than just a year ago. It’s a cause for celebration for those LGBTQ members in Minnesota, this isn’t a clear cut sign of progress. It’s becoming tiresome to watch the U.S take such slow steps towards being an all-inclusive country.

Recently, the Ukraine has made history by staging its first gay rally, despite the discouragement from the courts and crowds shouting hateful things as they marched. The Puerto Rican House has approved an anti-discrimination bill. The U.K. marriage equality bill is confidently moving forward solidifying its status, Portugal has allowed same sex couples to adopt and in solidifying its status, the marriage equality has become law in France. All around the world countries are making steps in the progressive direction to allow their homosexual citizens to all bear the same rights as their heterosexual counterparts and it’s wonderful to watch. However, as the U.S. stands, we’re failing to truly live up to the name of freedom. Sure, we have twelve states that have passed the bill. We have Illinois which is nearing closer and closer to doing the same. We have a general overall attitude that gay marriage should be a non-issue at this point, yet despite this we’ve recently also seen a string of gay bashing in New York City. We’re moving forward but we lack the conviction and vigilance to truly make a monumental difference. We’re letting the problems slide because we’ve become complacent to the glacial nature of the movement.

If I do not see you in class, I hope to see you at the club meetings and events that are held every week on campus. Getting involved is your way to become an active member on campus, while giving back to your classmates and university as a whole.

Sincerely,
Billy Cerullo
President, Student Government Association
SPORTS BRIEFS

Latest from the French Open

So far the French Open has not seen too many surprises as most stars advanced after being victorious in their first match of the grand slam. Yet one major upset hit us all as 5th seeded Thomas Berdych from the Czech Republic lost in the very first round against the unseeded Frenchmen Gael Monfis who is currently number 81 in the world. The man who sent the one and only Federer out of the US Open 2012 could not transfer his usually powerful game on to the clay and lost in a dramatic 5 set thriller with the scores 6-7 (10-8), 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-4), 5-7. The other top seeded players Federer, Nadal and Djokovic are all still in the competition. In women's tennis things went mostly as expected with only one major upset as 6th seeded Li Na lost to number 67 in the world Bethanie Mattek-Sands from the US. The 3rd round of the tournament is waiting now. Let’s see if there will be more surprises.

Ryan Giggs signs new 1-year contract

There are not a lot of 39-year-old professional soccer players out there and people might argue that the goal-scoring athletes should be long retired by this age. One player that thinks differently is Ryan Giggs. The player, who holds several records, including the record for most Premier League appearances with an amazing total of 611, announced on the March 1 that he would be extending his contract for another year. This means Giggs will be playing professional soccer at the highest level at the age of 40 and might break even more records.

Giggs has played for Manchester United for 23 seasons and is one of the clubs biggest legends. His glorious career started on a cold October day back in 1990 when a 17-year-old Giggs signed a contract with the red devils. Four months later he made his first team debut, but struggled to get a lot of appearances that season. In his second season, young Giggs showed what he was really made of and became a first team regular playing all 38 league games that season and scoring four goals. That was the beginning of two decades of a superb career with 13 League titles, 4 FA-Cup titles, 2 Champions League titles and more than 1,000 first team appearances for Manchester United’s first team. Even after all this glory the never ending story of Ryan Giggs continues and who knows, maybe for longer than just a year.

Rangers players reportedly wanted Tortorella Fired

According to Pat Leonard of the New York Daily News, multiple players including some “top guns” wanted to see former New York Rangers coach John Tortorella fired. The longtime NHL coach was relieved of his position with New York on May 29. Players did tell Leonard that they did not support a tweet made by former Ranger Sean Avery that said, “Fire this clown!” Team general manager Glen Sather recently told reporters on a conference call that Tortorella seemed “a little bit shocked” by the dismissal. Tortorella owns 410 career victories, the most of any American-born NHL coach. Before coaching the Rangers, Tortorella held the same role with the Tampa Bay Lightning, bringing the franchise to its only NHL Stanley Cup appearance in 2004.
Suffolk softball finishes strong, looking forward to next year

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Sports Editor

The softball Rams have had a great season, reaching the GNAC Championship Final for the first time in seven years. The team posted a 16-25 record on the season earning some incredible victories against mighty opponents. One of such performances came in the first round of the GNAC playoffs tournament against seed Norwich College. The Rams were seeded as number eights, but did not let the rankings scare them and secured a huge upset through a hard-fight and concentration. Later, on the Rams went on to beat River College and St. Joseph of Connecticut. In the final the Rams faced the other number eights, but did not let the rankings scare them and secured a huge upset through a hard-fight and concentration.

In addition, this young team did not lose any players since there were no seniors in the team. Six freshmen are being recruited for the next season. "I'm really proud of everything that happened this season. I think we made a great run in the end and I couldn't be happier with all the work they put in and the progress that they made throughout the year," head coach Jaclyn Davis said.

The Rams definitely showed a lot of character this season and proved that they belong could rise to the very top of the GNAC conference.

"Our strengths were definitely the versatility that we had and our ability to fight. We did have a team of great fighters and they worked really hard every day to keep themselves in games and continue to be successful. Where we struggled was just numbers. We didn't have big enough of a roster as we would have liked and that is what we struggled," Davis continued.

The team already has great individual talent and some of the players in the team really stood out this season. For instance, Erin Andrews had an outstanding season and was named to the NFCA-all region (North East All Region) team while gaining the GNAC player of the year award. Andrews earned a first team all conference selection as well. Sophomores Sarah Chase and Nicole Rosa both had great seasons too and earned second and third team conference selection. Another sophomore, Alicia Gonella made the all-sportsmanship and all-tournament team. Together with their other team mates these players could all play a key role in the championship hunt next season.

"I think we have talent coming in that certainly will help us with numbers and giving us different options, and I think that is my job every year to continue to bring talent in and support the talent that we have to make us better. We actually didn't lose any seniors this year, we will have everyone back which is good and right now we have six freshmen coming on in the fall and if we can draw some transfer students in there, I think we will be all right," Davis said.

With the new players joining the team, the Rams are looking to have a bright future. Whenever a team gets six freshmen a coach has a reason to be happy. This will add depth to the team and it seems like that is exactly what the Rams are looking for heading into the new season.

Small market teams making waves this NBA postseason

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Editor-in-Chief

In a league where half of the championships ever handed out have been won by teams from Boston or Los Angeles, it's hard to say the NBA's small market teams have thrived over its history. This postseason however, teams bambooing from Oklahoma City, Memphis and St. Antonio have come just as far or farther than those from New York, Boston and Los Angeles.

The Spurs swept the Memphis Grizzlies to reach the NBA Finals and hope to win the team's 50th NBA title. San Antonio holds the 37th ranked television market size according to the Television Bureau of Advertising. The team the Spurs defeated in Memphis holds the 48th. Both teams' markets are not just behind New York and Boston, but also trail the likes of Cleveland, Detroit, Orlando and Charlotte.

San Antonio has been the staple small market franchise since emerging into the NBA elite after creating its Big Three of Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili through the draft. Smaller market teams like the Grizzlies have tried to model the Spurs' success through the years. Memphis CEO Jason Levien told Jeff Caplan of NBA.com: "We want a plan that is going to allow us to be competitive for years to come. Part of that is balancing the salary cap, we're thinking about next year, the year after, being able to add more value and continue to grow as a team."

The Indiana Pacers have been attempting that model in recent history as well, acquiring George Hill from San Antonio in 2011 and drafting the likes of Paul George and Danny Granger. Savvy moves and draft picks brought the No. 21 ranked market out of the NBA's 30 teams to the Eastern Conference Finals this year against the Miami Heat.

"We don't have any egos. We don't have any 'I' guys. We have a bunch of 'we' guys," said Pacers forward David West to The Indianapolis Star's Bob Kravitz. Indiana's "we" guys might not get to face San Antonio in the finals if the Miami Heat gets their way, however. But a Heat victory would not exactly be a mighty big market dashing the hopes of the little guys from Indiana. Miami is the 16th ranked TV market in the U.S. which puts them behind the likes of the Atlanta and Minnesota.

The Heat does have LeBron James, Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh on the roster in a feat of salary cap mastery by owner Pat Riley in 2010. The former coach had to sign several veterans like Udonis Haslem to league salary minimums and has continued that mentality since 2010. The mindset brought the Heat an NBA title in 2012 and could easily do so again this year.

The Chicago Bulls and San Antonio Spurs are the only franchises with more than three NBA championships in NBA history. It's hard to say all markets have an equal opportunity to win the championship each year but that hasn't stopped the smaller teams from making noise this postseason. Regardless of who wins the Finals this year, the champion will be from a market outside of the top 17 biggest in the league. The Spurs started the blueprint for the smaller clubs rising into NBA elite and it seems there's a good chance of more doing the same for years to come.
**Men's tennis falls to Ramapo College in GNAC final**

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If there is one thing to know about Suffolk University's athletic program, it's this: the men's tennis team has historically performed well. 

This year, the Rams won four consecutive Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Championships in a row prior to this year, which asserts their place as Suffolk's premier sports program in recent years. Suffolk's squad has been one of the best in the northeast for some time though this year was a different story. The Rams lost 5-4 in a true thriller of a match which was the first time in five years that the men's tennis team did not win a GNAC championship.

Ryan Chevalier, who in the 2014 season will play his junior year with the Rams, has never lost a championship in his college career until this year. He has already one title to his name, and went undefeated for the Rams in the 2012 season. The Rams might have lost the GNAC final this year, but they still beat the one team that has always been the other serious contender for the GNAC title.

"It felt great to beat Emerson, even though it was not the GNAC championship, but the GNAC North championship. The Emerson game was definitely the highlight of the season, because no one expected us to win. We took them 9-0 earlier this season. Another highlight was the Wentworth game in which we were down by four matches and then ended up winning the match 5-4. Best comeback I have ever seen in college tennis," said Chevalier.

"Its always good to beat our arch-rivals Emerson, but I still can't understand that we lost to Ramapo College in the GNAC final by one point in one match. That was a tough one." Chevalier knew early on that a 500 record would not be good enough for the team. That's why, when they entered the playoffs with a 7-6 record, the Rams did not hold back and went all the way to the finals to beat Emerson 5-3 to capture the GNAC North title.

"Next year, I am looking forward to end my college tennis career in style by winning the GNAC Championship and go to the NCAA. We have a great team and on a good day we can definitely beat Ramapo College, so things are looking good. It would be great if we recruited one or two players to have more depth in the team also."

Still, four titles in five years is a great result. It all could not have been done without Rams coach, Steve Counihan.

"Coach Counihan is a great guy. He is a fantastic athlete who once beat Ivy league schools like Harvard and he has been in the game for 50 years now so he has a lot of experience," praised Chevalier. The Rams will have to wait a whole year to see if they can get a fifth championship in six years.