Suffolk's diverse set of students come together for breast cancer awareness

Melissa Hanson
News Editor

For the fifth annual year, Suffolk University hosted the human ribbon picture event Oct. 8, which had students from all over campus come together in the Ridgeway gym to pose for a picture in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

October is dedicated to raising awareness and educating the public about breast cancer. Nationwide there is a collaboration of events, national public service organizations, professional medical associations and non shutdown government agencies working together to promote breast cancer awareness as well as granting better and easier services to those in need.

Suffolk students participating organized themselves in the form of a ribbon, donned in pink t-shirts that read "Fighting Breast Cancer One Step at a Time."

The idea sprung from Dave DeAngelis, the club's advisor, who was inspired by the Journey program's leadership through sailing activity. The Journey program gave students the opportunity to sail out on the harbor in the fall, and it became so popular that he wanted to extend it year round.

Through the Boston Sailing Center, the club is able to go out onto Boston Harbor and learn the basics of sailing. On Sundays, they go out onto the water through the Sailing Center, and in the winter they will go to classes that help them learn more about the sport so they may use it in the spring.

The club's president—or Commodore as the members call her—is Eleanor Jenner, a freshman. A Commodore is a title for a navy officer responsible for more than one ship and crew, so the label felt appropriate for the Sailing Club.

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The club is planning to get its members out on the water and some students joined around 40,000 others for approximately six mile walk.

The club is hoping to recruit more members throughout the year.

The club is for anyone interested in sailing, no matter his or her experience level. The club encourages students to take advantage of this great opportunity to learn and experience sailing.

"People should join the club because sailing is a life-long sport," said Taylor Preston, a member. "You can sail at any age and just the simple concept of being able to transport yourself without any technology is amazing." Preston joined because she has been sailing since she was eight and was on her high school sailing team. She missed the thrill that came with sailing, and was excited to learn about the club, especially since they would get to be out on the Charles.

"It's a great opportunity to be able to see the city from a whole new viewpoint," said Preston.

Suffolk students on the water

Suffolk University, says she's looking forward to the event relate directly to my department. The program and its work study for the American Cancer Society's estimates that about 39,620 women will die from breast cancer in 2013.

"It's important because the more people who can contribute the better," Monsen said. Alexa Barrios, a junior, who was handing out the pink t-shirts to passerby's and attendees said, "I am actually in the radiation therapy accelerated track here and am also a work study for the department. The program and the event relate directly to my major." Breast cancer, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is the most common cancer amongst women in the United States. The American Cancer Society's estimates that about 39,620 women will die from breast cancer in 2013. They also state that at this time there are more than 2.8 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. including women both in and out of treatment.

On Sunday, steady rain didn't stop Suffolk students from participating in the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on the Esplanade.

Suffolk student club students aren't shy of the rain drops and gray, gloomy skies. The Ramifications, S.O.U.L.S., Theta Phi Alpha, and individual students joined around 40,000 others for approximately six mile walk.

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Learning inside and outside the classroom at Suffolk, an Alum’s story

By Ally Thibault
Managing Editor

"I got to help develop the virtual tour, a huge creative cornerstone of the school, which was awesome," she said.

Directly after school, Bishop worked for a year as a freelancer.

"Freelancing is awesome," she said. "I've learned a lot from it. It keeps you working hard; it keeps you on your toes. You learn a lot about tax law and financing too."

Now, as a full-time digital producer at Suffolk, Bishop works mostly with interactive web and video.

"Our mission is to find the right students who want to come here and get those prospective students interested and engaged," Bishop said of the office's aim.

"It's also important on a personal level for me to get students where they want to go," Bishop said. "It can get you a call someone, it may not be,"

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Rebecca Bishop smiling while working at Suffolk

Photo courtesy of Suffolk marketing and communications office

POLICE BLOTTER

Tuesday, October 1
4:41 p.m.
Law School
Vandalism by graffiti. Case Closed.

Thursday, October 3
11:37 a.m.
Donahue
Trespassing. Arrest by SUPD.

Friday, October 4
7:47 p.m.
Donahue
Larceny. Arrest by SUPD.

Friday, October 4
8:29 p.m.
Miller Hall
Drug offense - drug law violation. Arrest by SUPD.

NEWS BRIEF

Yellow buses no where in sight

Normal morning routines came to a halt Oct. 8 when Boston’s bus company went on strike. Big, yellow school buses did not pull up to stops as planned, surprising students, parents, and all of Boston. Police officers stopped on the streets to give children a ride to school, and parents missed work, trying to accommodate their children’s schedules. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority began offering free rides to 33,000 Boston Public School students. Tuesday, BPS reported attendance was 10 percent below average, said BPS in a statement.

Mayor Thomas M. Menino addressed Boston Tuesday, calling on drivers to return to work. He and BPS Superintendent John McDonough joined the city’s crisis team in an attempt to stop the illegal work stoppage. "This has been a day that has tested us as a school community," Superintendent McDonough said. "Parents truly have been heroes today. Principals, teachers and staff, Boston Police, the Mayor’s Office and so many others have pulled up to stops as planned, surprising students, parents, and big, yellow school buses did not.

The class of 2010 graduate came to Suffolk from Glastonbury, Conn, after visiting a high school friend at the university.

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Correction

Due to a reporting error, last week the Suffolk journal wrongly identified Brendan Clifford as Brendan Joseph in the page one article on changes in Suffolk’s honors programs.

"As a sophomore, I called around to offices at Suffolk looking for a job," Bishop said. She was hired as one of the first student employees in the marketing and communications office in 2007.

"I've moved forward a lot in my career," Bishop said. "I've kind of mastered video production at this point and I'm moving into the realm of content strategy...I'm taking the next step."

While her job at Suffolk has changed, Bishop has also seen Suffolk change drastically since she began as a freshman in 2006.

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Apple and pumpkin themed foods fill the bellies of Bostonians at Boston Local Food Festival

Sam Humphrey, Journal Staff

Thousands of local-vores and epicurious Bostonians braved the damp weather to browse the many booths and food trucks at the Boston Local Food Festival on Sunday.

Booths at the festival covered over four blocks of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, featuring local restaurants, cooking demonstrations, live music, cooperative farms, and sustainability advocates. Even Ford had a booth, with a raffle for a two-year lease on a new C-Max hybrid. Its culinary offering consisted of some rather uninspiring cookies.

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Many vendors offered free samples of their products, and the event capped the prices vendors could charge at $6. The low prices and free admission drew many parents and children looking to sample a lot while spending little.

Food vendors included restaurants and farm stand kitchens, and ranged from American to Thai and Jamaican food. Many of the foods had a fall theme, often with pumpkin ingredients. Local farmers displayed a range of freshly harvested vegetables and apples fresh from the orchards.

While there, I sampled food from Volante Farms and Flour Bakery. Chef Todd Heberlein of Volante, in Needham, cooked up pork sandwiches, slaw, and salads that they make in their farm stand. Their perfectly cooked pulled pork sandwich featured apples and slaw on top.

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Many sustainability organizations reached out to attendees, including the Massachusetts chapter of 350.org, an anti-pollution website. One of the organizers even performed a street act to counter the controversial Keystone XL pipeline. At least three vendors tried to sell their own ‘green living’ magazine.

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“People tend to get offended if you take a moral stance on anything,” said Coman-Hidy, who tends to keep his explanations simple. All in all, impressions are important, and if they’re for the overall betterment of the conditions that animals live in, then good impressions are necessary, he believes.

The third suggestion Coman-Hidy gives for activists is to focus on the psychology of activism. Studies have shown that some methods have shown that some methods of activism work better than others. For example, telling stories about individual animals versus spewing out statistics is more impactful as far as educating and moving people into activism or eating a meatless diet. Other mantras to remember are, “everyone’s doing it” (people like to feel like they’re part of a movement), and “a great way to start is to get your foot in the door” (hence, vegetarian society plans for meatless Mondays).

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singing and dancing along. "The crowd was really energetic despite the gray clouds," said Andrew Hull, of the Ramifications. The American Cancer Society has asked the Ramifications to perform for two years now, and it is something they hope to keep as a part of their yearly routine.

"It's something that hits home for our group," said Dylan Santos. "We're all passionate about it."

"It was a really good experience just to walk," said Jackie Bresnahan. "We wanted to be there."

The group of about 10-15 enjoyed the rain, rather than letting it wash out their spirits, Bresnahan said. "It was really good to walk with people I care about," said Bresnahan. "The walkers started together but then went at their own pace."

"This is a cause that's close to my heart," said Bresnahan. "It affects women and men too."

The combined groups raised around $700. "People were ready and excited to walk," Bresnahan said. "We wanted to be there.

The Suffolk Ramifications at the breast cancer walk.

Dan Olson
Journal Staff

"I try not to tell everybody my politics," says Rachel Cobb, head of the government department and associate professor at Suffolk. "But, I think the government shutdown is not necessary and doing more harm than good."

America watched as its government shutdown last week, leaving many departments in the country unfunded and employees of the entire federal government out of work. Some college students look at this event and may not directly feel its effects.

If any international student needs to use any federal business to verify their student visas, that is not possible during the shutdown, which obviously has potential issues. Also, similar problems arise for students looking into study abroad programs. Because of the shutdown, students may encounter issues obtaining proper documentation to study in other countries. Consulates should still be proceeding as normal to issue visas and passports but delays may occur. According to the Washington Post, almost 30,000 passports per day were unprocessed during the last federal government shutdown in the 1990s; so, essentially, expect delays.

Of course, there are other major issues spreading throughout the country, including problems getting any kind of mortgage or family loans, cuts in military salaries, and research institutes shutting down as well. So, how long will this last? According to Professor Cobb, hopefully not much longer.

"I think it's going to last until late October," said Cobb. "We've got the debt crisis looming on Oct. 17, so we may solve this by then. Basically, we've got two crises and some economists are saying that if we don't solve them both soon, the results could be catastrophic."

There are smaller issues that affect nearly everyone as well. A couple who planned a wedding in Yellowstone National Park were forced to reschedule because obviously it's closed. All professors who interact daily with Suffolk students may not be aware of any daunting problems they may be having, especially ones that are indirectly related to them. "I'm sure this is having impacts on [student's] families in some way, shape, or form."

Some government services are still offered to civilians but anything related to the federal government has been discontinued until further notice. This affects everyone, to varying degrees.

The government shutdown continues, poses risks for students

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Former Afghani MP Joya Visits Law School

Matt Bacon
International Editor

At first glance, the mild mannered Malalai Joya does not pose an intimidating figure. Joya, a new mother as of eight months ago, spends quietly and chooses which words of her second language she would like to use carefully. She speaks only about shoulder-high. One who does not know of her background and her achievements would lump her in with the masses as just another ordinary person.

Malalai Joya, who spoke at the Suffolk Law School on Tuesday, is anything but ordinary. Called the "bravest woman with a pencil" by the BBC, in her youth she bounced around refugee camps in Pakistan and Iran. In Taliban-ruled Afghanistan, which forbade education for females, she founded and ran an underground school for young women. In 2003, at the age of 24, Joya was elected to Afghanistan's new parliamentary assembly. There, she gained international notoriety when she gave a scathing speech denouncing NATO's corrupt backing of Afghan warlords. Two years later, she became the youngest member ever elected to the Afghan Parliament. In her time in parliament, she was very vocal about the issue of rape, arranged marriages, and female self-immolation, a practice that she says is "skyrocketing" in Afghanistan. She showed the audience pictures of children who had been raped and killed by white phosphorus bombs used by NATO forces. In a short documentary film she showed, a man described an experience in which himself and four friends were fired upon for no reason by American soldiers.

Joya's anti-American rhetoric has not seemed to cool much since her first big speech in 2003, but it must not be misinterpreted. She lauds the American people for being lovers of freedom and justice, but condemns our government and NATO for its handling of the Afghan crisis and other similar situations in the Middle East and around the world. She also blames Western interference for many of our own problems in the Middle East.

"The Taliban, warlords, and drug lords... are products of the White House and not the enemy of the Afghan people," she said, explaining that the Afghans themselves did not give rise to these problems, but that they are in large part a reaction to Western Imperialism.

Her criticism does not stop there, as she also accuses NATO of supporting an illegitimate farce of a democratic government in Afghanistan. She claims that elections in Afghanistan are corrupt, and most of the candidates are either corrupt U.S.-backed technocrats, or corrupt, U.S.-backed warlords. "In Afghanistan we have a saying 'It is not important who is voting, it is important who is counting.'" She also did not refrain from calling Afghan President Hamid Karzai's government a "mafia state" and citing news reports in which he admits to some of his colleagues raking in deliveries of cash from the U.S. in the hopes of securing his government's loyalty.

"Your taxpayer money goes to the pockets of warlords," she warned the audience. Joya also pointed out the more immediate effects of the U.S. presence in Afghanistan. She showed the audience pictures of children who had been raped and killed by white phosphorus bombs used by NATO forces. In a short documentary film she showed, a man described his experience in which himself and four friends were fired upon for no reason by American soldiers. He was the only one who survived.

Joya's lecture concentrated some time on the plight of women in Afghanistan. "My country is the most dangerous place in the world to be a woman... my country is the heart of women's rights disaster in the world," she stated bluntly. "Eighty percent of women [in Afghanistan] face violence on a daily basis yet the perpetrators are not punished." She brought to light the issues of rape, arranged marriages, and female self-immolation, a practice that she says is "skyrocketing" in Afghanistan. This is an issue that she was very vocal about during her time in parliament, and a large part of the reason for which she was eventually expelled.

The talk proved to be an enlightening experience for all in attendance. It presented an inside look into the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the state America's policy in the country is currently in. The country is not just a war zone but also a nation that has been at war with itself and with the world.

Joya spoke of the corruption in the Afghan government and how it is being controlled by warlords and drug lords. She also talked about the violence against women and how it is tolerated by the government. Joya's message was clear: the Afghan government needs to be held accountable for its actions and the United States needs to reevaluate its policies in the country. The audience was left with a greater understanding of the complexities of the situation and the need for change in Afghanistan.
From All Corners: International Opinion

On the recent anti-homosexual legislation in Russia

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Danni Marrero
Journal Staff

In the past months, Russia has been the central focus to the international campaigns promoting equal recognition for LGBTQ people. From politicians proposing bills allowing for authorities to take custody of children of same-sex couples, to the controversy over gay and lesbian athletes in the Olympics, Russia has taken its biggest step against the issue by passing a law that prohibits any actions or speeches that promote homosexuality.

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Russia has recently taken a lot of heat from around the world, especially from the Western media and governments, regarding its new laws prohibiting "homosexual propaganda." The backlash against these laws has been so passionate that the country has had to pass additional laws prohibiting protesting in and around Sochi when the Olympics will be held there early next year.

Russia's new legislation is a dangerous affront to the already shaky implementation of democracy in Russia. It is a violation of freedom of speech and assembly, the basic foundations of any democratic country. In the United States, we have to pass laws to protect the rights of our citizens. The laws in Russia may be legally enforceable, but they are not morally or ethically sound. They are a violation of basic human rights and freedoms.
Hispanic Heritage Month's Rich History and Background Reflects that of Latin-Americans

Hispanic Heritage Month began in the United States in 1968 during President Lyndon Johnson's administration. It is a month marked by celebrations of the rich cultures of the Spanish speaking world as well as recognitions of notable Hispanics that have been a part of the U.S. The dates are from September 15 to October 15 annually as stated in the official Hispanic Heritage Month website. Now, although the days are not what we would normally expect when one says Hispanic Heritage Month, it was a decision strategically chosen to include a number of special days within the Hispanic culture. September 15 marks the day of the independence of Latin America countries such as Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, followed by Mexico and Chile. Columbus Day, or, "Dia de La Raza", also falls within those dates on October 12.

However, the celebration didn't always have an entire month dedicated to it. When it began in 1968, the festivities were limited to a short seven days to take place in. It wasn't until two decades later in 1988 that Robert Lopez, an intern at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, began to form a bill that would expand the official celebration. "I got resistance at first. That's not a thing we want to support," Lopez told CNN. His colleagues at first saw the expansion as unnecessary. It was an idea of little importance that would take time that they could invest elsewhere. This did not discourage Lopez, although he did seek guidance to continue his efforts. He found the advice he needed from the Black Caucus as well as observing members, and in August 1988, the bill was passed. "I had no idea it would be as big as it is today," said Lopez to CNN. In 2013, Hispanic Heritage Month has found its way to every part of the U.S. culture. We can find festivals, TV shows and films, magazines, and even government sponsored events that give Americans an opportunity to admire arts, recipes, music, and dances that Hispanics grow up with, as well as become aware of the impact that they have made and continue to make to our history.

"I hope Hispanic Heritage Month helps people learn the things I didn't know growing up, the importance of Latinos in our history, and the contributions they've have made," Lopez said. "It's a good way to celebrate our own culture, but also for non-Latinos to be exposed. You can't really understand American history without understanding Latino history."

At the Temple St. Fair, SUHA Students will appreciate the celebration as well. "I'm excited! I think it's a good way to raise awareness of our culture and customs. We can learn a lot from it," said one SUHA student. Without question, this year's Hispanic Heritage Month presents a fantastic opportunity to explore and appreciate the rich history and culture of Latin Americans.
Tickled Pink exhibit displays at the MFA

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Four letters create a one-syllable word that assumes so many meanings in our society—p-i-n-k: Indeed, the Pink Ribbon has become a pioneer symbol of the fight to cure breast cancer, while Victoria’s Secret advocates the color as the ultimate fashion statement. And when we are buying for ourselves—tickled pink.

But what is it exactly about this color that has given it license to serve so many purposes, to be at once a source of hope during illness, a symbol of intimacy or the best hue for a girl’s party dress?

In a seemingly unprecedented effort, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA) has turned to art to answer this question and consider many more with their new exhibit, “Think Pink.”

“Think Pink” presents a multimedia display of artworks, including both those never-before-seen from the museum’s collection and acquisitions, to discuss the evolution of the color’s meaning and function from the 18th Century to present day. And it should come as no surprise that it arrives in October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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Play Me I'm Yours: Street pianos Boston festival

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Celebrating its 75th anniversary, Celebrity Series of Boston has brought 75 pianos into public spaces around the city. "Play Me I'm Yours," created by artist Luke Jerram, has brought more than 1,000 pianos worldwide into over 35 cities around the globe since 2008. The pianos are spread out around downtown, Cambridge, Fenway, as well as several neighborhoods and other areas in the vicinity. The concept is simple: if you see a piano, you can either stop and admire the artwork or take a seat and play for others. Anyone and everyone has access, regardless of skills or musical background. To make this project more interesting, local artists and organizations were invited to decorate the pianos, making every one unique and representing a different idea or mood. The instruments range from displaying rainbow colors to polka dots, to more traditional brown wood patterns. However, they all display the same, inviting phrase: Play Me, I'm Yours. The Celebrity Series of Boston has its official opening single tracking shot with space debris--------------------------

Sci-fi Gravity draws in audiences

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In Alfonso Cuaron's space thriller Gravity, Dr. Ryan Stone (Sandra Bullock) is a medical non-stop, go-no-pauses pace for the duration of the film. It is an original film from the remakes and sequels observed Hollywood with a female as the lead and major drawing name and I could not love it any more than I do. The chairs are anonymous in front of many strangers and tourist and play your favorite song. It is a short rush of adrenaline as your friends are cheering you on and suddenly a small crowd gathers around you with their phones out to capture that moment. Even if you are no Mozart, feel free to take the liberty to bow at the end and thank your "fans.

This project will be in town until Oct. 14. After that date, all (surviving) pianos will be donated. A website is available for local residents to picture and videos of their experiences with the pianos. Posts include the date, location, and name of person playing.

Updates such as instruments that are unavailable due to rain or other minor problems are also posted on there. To view this website and receive more information visit www.streetpianos.com/boston2013. Photo credit to Samantha McGilvray. McGilvray took this picture when the Suffolk's Show Choir Rampage was rehearsing in the Common using this piano.

Miley Cyrus releases new album Bangerz serves up to be a surprise

Following weeks upon weeks of speculation, we have finally arrived at the date that sweeps it all under the rug as the universe was exposed to Miley Cyrus' highly anticipated album Bangerz. While Cyrus has a sea of harsh critics and fans, the overall feedback seems to have served a surprise to most listeners "Smilers" or not. Released Oct. 8, Cyrus debuted a 16-track full album including popular tracks including "We Can't Stop" and "Wrecking Ball," along with a few other tracks like "Bangerz" and that will hit the Top 40 in no time. Where songs like "Do My Thang" express Cyrus' more fun and expressive side, the starlet hits high notes showcasing her growing talent while still keeping true to Miley's current reckless image spitting the lyrics "I'm a Southern Belle/I told you once before I get crazy as hell/Got wild in here, get crazy up in here, turn up, turn up, in here." Available for purchase everywhere music is sold, Cyrus has released five different editions of the album Bangerz running five immensely different covers for fans to squeal over, some much more limited than others. As Cyrus' fourth studio album is being well-received, famous supporters including Kayne West and Pharrell Williams have publicly noted their support of the pop princess after the album was released Tuesday. With a Mimi Vice-type feel to the overall theme of the album it is clear that Cyrus had grand intentions of breaking through her new image with this contemplation.

the Sinclair
1. Gold Panda ft. Slow Magic & Secret School Thursday, October 10 @ 8:30 p.m. $17
2. BELLS! ft. Tristen Friday, October 10 @ 9 p.m. $15 (18+)
3. Claude Vonstrokes ft. J. Philips Sunday, October 12 @ 9 p.m. $14
4. Radical Face ft. Johnny Rodgers & Sun Monday, October 13 @ 9 p.m. $15 (18+)

House of Blues: Boston
1. Flux Pavilion - Freeway Tour Wednesday, October 9 @ 7 p.m. $30
2. Evolution 10.17 presents Hangover Friday, October 11 @ 7 p.m. $22.50
3. the Naked and Famous Saturday, October 12 @ 6 p.m. $25
4. Ra Ra Riot Sunday, October 13 @ 7 p.m. $22.50

the Orpheum
4. the Weekend Thursday & Friday, October 10 & 11 @ 8 p.m. $40

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Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Productions

George Clooney is used for his easy charm and ease in playing the mentor role, always the voice of reason and relaxed persona to the edgy Stone. But the shoulders that the movie rests upon are Sandra Bullock's, who undoubtedly delivers the performance of her career. Bullock's Dr. Stone is a highly intelligent, damaged, human and watchable. Her perseverance and her fear are so captivating that it is not a struggle to keep your interest piqued throughout the running time. She makes you emotionally invested so that every decision she makes weighs heavily on the audience as well. It is Cuaron, however, that deserves the majority of the accolades this film will be receiving. Having been at the helm of many other masterpieces (Children of Men, A Little Princess) it is a daunting prospect to keep it original in his breadth of

Continued Gravity
Ke$ha, Pitbull turn heads with new single "Timber"

Alex Hall
Editor-in-Chief

Not that anyone should be surprised by more crazy things from Ke$ha, but the glitter-doused pop queen was featured on rapper Pitbull’s latest single “Timber.” The two toured together this past summer, during which time they must have decided to collaborate on a new hit. Pitbull and Ke$ha have previously teamed up on tracks such as “Girls” back in 2009 and as recently as the official remix to the latter’s “Crazy Kids.”

While there are signature elements from both artists throughout their latest track, there is also a country twist—or twang, if you will. Neither Ke$ha nor “Mr. 305” are known for dabbling in the world of pickup trucks and southern drawls. Ke$ha, on the other hand, is a country influence come from the South’s biggest music factories. Her mother also wrote country songs for the likes of Johnny Cash and Dolly Parton back in the day. After the harmonica-based intro, one quickly learns that the title of the track comes from Ke$ha’s clever chorus line “It’s going down/ I’m yelling timber,” obviously playing on the popular phrase used while chopping down a tree. It’s clear after the opening chorus that this song is not about trees but about a loving and fun relationship.

The lyric starts with Pitbull singing the first verse of the song by doing just his typical Pitbull (or “Mr. 305”) thing. For more Pitbull lyrics, you can read them in his song “Rain Over Me.” However, Ke$ha’s verse is nothing short of unexpected. Ke$ha’s sweet, silky vocals contrast so well with the rap style delivered by Pitbull. Ke$ha’s similar to Timberlake’s “Cry me a River” in that it contains a mix of love and rustic elements that add a new layer to the song, making it more wholesome.

The chorus, “Timber,” is about having a profound moment in your life that you may or may not remember, according to Ke$ha’s part of the lyrics. It is supposed to be a fun, upbeat party song and it comes across as a decent option to listen to in that genre. Pitbull starts off his first verse of the song by doing just his typical Pitbull thing. He raps about having a good time while throwing a rather direct reference to Ke$ha’s alter ego, “Kukoo.” The lyric starts with Pitbull claiming, “This biggity diggity dog/I have a twist.” Ke$sha, on the other hand, is taking shots and swinging his dance partner around and around. All the Pitbull verses appear to be about his love for Ke$ha, whereas all the Ke$ha verses appear to be about her love for Pitbull. Ke$sha doesn’t get to go off on any venturous-rap territory with her verse, which is a shame. She could have expressed her love for Pitbull in a way that is different from the twerking she’s been doing in the past. The song comes across as a little forced. If Pitbull had stopped with just the one-liner and dropped the twerking reference, it would have been more effective.

Ke$ha and Pitbull have turned heads with their single “Timber.” The song was released as the official remix to “Timber” and has been a hit for both artists. The song features a mix of country and pop elements, and has been praised for its catchy hooks and upbeat rhythm. It is a very popular song, and has been featured in numerous films and TV shows. The song has also been praised for its humorous and lighthearted lyrics, which have been described as “fun” and “crazy.” The song has been a hit for both Ke$ha and Pitbull, and has helped to establish their popularity in the music industry.
The issue is the fact that limiting access to the remaining credit cards is going to make forming student groups much more difficult. Through the old system, whenever a student club wanted to access its money, it would simply go down to Student Leadership or the Student Government Association to grab the credit card. This allowed the group to pay for whatever it was purchasing in a timely and efficient manner. To the Journal’s knowledge, there have been no controversies from clubs frantically spending money at least over the last three years.

For student groups, or even department heads, to access their funds, they will now need to weave their way up the Suffolk chain of command. This process will surely take more time than the previous method and create unnecessary additional tasks for those holding onto these cards. The other issue to keep in mind is the fact that, unlike Westfield State, Suffolk is a private university that does not take public funds. If Dobelle did rack up the bill he did with his Westfield credit card; he was personally responsible for those dollar amounts at the Mandarin. If a student group president or department chair at Suffolk had spent thousands of dollars on their issued credit cards, it would simply be taking from the university. That's not exactly a much better scenario, but it's at least one that doesn't hurt every taxpayer in the state in some way. Suffolk would also surely be able to tell if copious amounts of funds were being used for unauthorized purchases.

Losing easy access to these university credit cards will be especially burdensome for those affected. Those in charge of letting groups and department heads use this account will soon realize how tedious it is to have to give the green light to access the cards. Individuals or groups who need to access these cards on a frequent basis will surely be frustrated with the channels that it will take to get this green light. The fact that frivolous use of these cards has not been an issue at Suffolk also shows that those that once held their own cards were responsible with them. There’s no reason to essentially punish many Suffolk students and faculty for an alleged problem at a different, public university. — Alex Hall, Editor-in-Chief

Back in August, The Boston Globe broke the story that Westfield State University President Evan S. Dobelle racking up more than $200,000 on his personal credit card was awarded in 2008. His charges over the years included an $8,000 four-night stay at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand and $4,000 for limousine rides in '08. Dobelle denied those allegations on WXEO’s “Broadside” show, in what feels like a gut-reaction to these events at Westfield. Suffolk University has removed all but the government credit cards forever issued to departments and student groups. It’s understandable that Suffolk would want to limit the access to university funds to prevent frivolous spending.

Boston’s Mayoral Race: Part 1

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Today, the United States federal government is at the forefront of a very news story. In fact, lately all you hear about is what’s going on in Washington. We tend to forget that a great deal of politics (sometimes even good politics) happens at the state and local levels. Boston, one of America’s largest cities can surely attest to that. Over the next two weeks, I will research and analyze the candidates running for mayor of Boston. I will pull apart their biographies, voting history and campaign websites. While I can’t promise you will agree with me, I will give you my honest opinion on both candidates. First up is Marty Walsh.

Walsh, a native of Dorchester, Massachusetts, has been part of Boston politics for sixteen years. He represents Massachusetts’s 13th Suffolk district in the House of Representatives and has had his eyes on the mayoral prize for quite some time. The 46-year-old lawyerman is known for being tough and gritty and has strong roots in the community (if you ask me, he sounds a heck of a lot like Mark Wahlberg.) Walsh has voted on hundreds of measures, but the following are some that I found interesting.

In 2012, he voted “yes” on a bill that requires habitual violent offenders to serve their full prison sentences. Honestly, this should have been passed years ago. We can’t let criminals who are convicted of serious crimes to walk the streets with innocent children and children. Walsh has also launched a “fight against illegal arms.” Civilians do not need to own weapons that should only be used in war, like high capacity magazine firearms, and they should definitely not be allowed to own illegal firearms. However, Mr. Walsh voted to lower the see MAYOR page 12
American culture of "Never Forgetting" becoming one of no forgiveness

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It was a Thursday night and after a long shift at work I decided to decompress, grab a beer and catch the end of the Red Sox game. As I sat waiting for my Shipyard Pumpkin Head with the cinnamon sugar rim, I noticed a man sitting a couple of seats down with a scowl taking over his face. He was older in age, on the precipice of the WWII generation, and had lived through Korea and Vietnam. This particular night the Red Sox were playing the Rays. I was pleased as we watched the spectacular Koji Uehara walk on the mound. I commented that he was an amazing closer and having an absolutely historical year. The older gentleman to my left simply replied we should have finished them all off, wiped them all out with nukes when we had the chance.

I tell you this because this gentleman constantly lives in the past, his prejudice is fueled by his constant need to never forget. We as a country can, and will, fall into this never-ending circle of what I refer to as "half-progression;" never allowing ourselves to move on, to heal.

It can be seen on the anniversaries of some of the most tragic events in our history, this mantra of "Never Forgetting." Americans in particular tend to be caught up in this "Never Forget" mentality. By feeding into this culture, we hinder our ability to move on and move forward. This impediment of progression is exacerbated by this adopted slogan and can be seen time and time again, most recently in the form of racism towards the winner of the Miss America pageant, Nina Davuluri. She is from New York and is a Dean's list student who graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in brain behavior and cognitive science. Yet all of these achievements seem to be null and void by the fact that she is of Indian descent. When her crowning was announced, the Internet was ablaze with horrendous racial pronouncement varying from calling her a terrorist and "Miss Al-Qaeda" to crowning her Miss 7-11. It is this type of absolute ignorance that stems from a culture that cannot move forward; a culture that can never forget.

Those who do not heed the past are doomed to repeat it, but those who live in it constantly are constricted to the same fate. If we want to foster a culture of progression and equality, "pillars" we as American's in particular pride ourselves on, it is imperative to escape this "Never Forget" mentality before we find ourselves permanently stuck in a state of never forgiving.

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- Melissa’s 16 hour work day
  Plus 1,600 points
- Tedeschi Root Beer
  Plus 300 points
- Miley Cyrus on SNL
  Plus 400 points
- Pizza in a bowl
  Plus 300 points
- Bruce changed glasses
  Minus 200 points
- Candy Corn season
  Plus 30 points
- Fanueil Hall bathroom shut down
  Minus 300 points
- No school busses!
  Minus 30 points
- Donnie Wahlberg Fios commercials
  Minus 900 points
- Ethan is still Journal DJ
  Plus 1,000 points

Total points this week: 2,180

Mr. Walsh has proven to be a good representative and has the potential to be the next outspoken mayor of Boston. He has accomplished lots of good things for both Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and seems to be pretty well-liked. Who knows, pretty soon it could be Mayor Walsh. Unless of course, John Connolly beats him to it.
Before upcoming election, student says farewell to Mayor Menino

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Journal Staff

People have lost faith in politicians. I'm with them. How can we trust and respect those who want our vote but can't actually help us with anything? In today's twisted world of politics, it’s hard to actually find a good politician. When we finally do find one, it’s even harder to say goodbye to that person. No matter what political party you affiliate with, Democrat, Republican or Independent, there is no arguing the fact that Thomas Menino was a remarkable politician. He served his city valiantly for twenty years and will go down as one of the brightest and certainly one of the strongest men to ever occupy the mayor’s office. Boston Mayor Menino has grown to be one of America’s flagship cities and will continue to be because of the tireless efforts of the mayor and his staff.

In 1993, when Menino took office, for every 100,000 citizens of Boston there were 1,957 violent crimes. In 2011 there were 845. He has opened seven new public schools and has improved education for Boston’s 57,000 public school students. He played a key role in the development of Boston’s seaport district and the subsequent development of over 1,000,000 square feet of convention space. He used his political might to put that square footage to good use when Boston held the 2004 Democratic convention.

He improved healthcare for poor citizens with the creation and implementation of the Boston Medical Center and has always, since day one, stood up for the rights of those in the LGBTQ community. To me, creating a diverse community is an important job of any one in public service. Mayor Menino has done an outstanding job in this regard.

Since 1993, the Hispanic population in Boston has grown almost 7 percent, the Asian population, almost 4 percent. 53 percent of Boston’s communities are ones of color. Boston has become a world class city with world class people. Of course, there were some setbacks like the great “Filene’s Hole,” but all of these setbacks will lead to growth and will help the next mayor, whoever he may be, succeed in areas Menino could not. However, after twenty years of public service, I give this mayor a standing ovation. I hope that the next mayor governs in his own way and does things differently but he should definitely look up to Menino as a great example.

Farewell Mayor Menino, your dedication and courage will be missed.

Governor Patrick and Mayor Menino

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Study finds female self-esteem decreases throughout college

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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**UMass Lowell men's hockey tops poll**

The UMass Lowell Riverhawks opened their 2013 campaign against McGill University this past weekend, playing to a 3-3 tie. UML opened the season as the nation's top team according to the *USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine* VoVi. The Riverhawks still hold the top spot after the draw with McGill, receiving 13 No. 1 votes. Miami (Ohio) University and Yale each received No. 1 votes of their own, which sit at No. 2 and No. 6 respectively. Overall, the Hockey East Association currently owns four of the poll's top 15 spots. In addition to the Riverhawks, Boston College ranks No. 4 while the University of New Hampshire and Providence College sit at No. 12 and 14 respectively.

**Julio Jones could be lost for season**

A source has told *ESPN* that Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Julio Jones could miss the remainder of the 2013 season. Jones suffered a foot injury during the Falcons' 30-28 loss to the New York Jets last Monday night. The X-rays on Jones' foot were clean but his CT scan on Oct.8 raised some red flags. Atlanta head coach Mike Smith told the media in a press conference Oct. 8 that it was "premature" to call the wide out's injury a season-ending one. Jones is currently leading all NFL receivers with 41 catches on the season, tallying 580 yards and two touchdowns. "He's going to be a hard guy to replace, if we have to replace him," his coach said at the press conference. The Falcons currently sit at 1-4 on the season and have lost their last three games.

**Patriots believe Gronkowski will play week 6**

According to league sources that have talked to *ESPN*, the Patriots are optimistic that doctors will clear tight end Rob Gronkowski to play for the first time all season come Week 6. *NBC's Pro Football Talk* is also reporting that Gronk is expected to take the field. Dr. James Andrews is the independent physician charged with signing off on the tight end's return. New England has gone 4-1 this season without its former Pro Bowl tight end but quarterback Tom Brady admitted to *WEEI* that the team has missed its injured players. "We've missed ( Amendola) for most of the season missed Gronk for most of the season. We missed Shane for most of the season," Brady told the radio station. The Patriots play the undefeated New Orleans Saints on Sunday.

**LA Dodgers off to NLCS**

The Los Angeles Dodgers capped off their NLDS series with the Atlanta Braves with a late home run from Juan Uribe. LA won Game 4 of the series 4-3 and subsequently won the five-game series 3-1. Dodgers manager Don Mattingly told Uribe his third baseman to bunt with the team down 3-2 in the eighth inning but instead delivered a two-run shot over the Dodgers' Stadium fence. "This moment, today, I'll never forget," Uribe said to the press after the series-clinching victory. Los Angeles now advances to the NLCS. The team will play the winner of the Pittsburgh/St. Louis NLDS for the National League pennant.

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**Team standings**

**Men's Soccer**

1. Lasell 9-2
2. St. Joseph (Conn.) 8-3-1
3. Johnson & Wales 9-0-2
4. Norwich 6-5-2
5. Mount Ida 4-5-1
6. Emmanuel 5-8
7. Suffolk 3-7
8. Rivier 1-8-1
9. Anna Maria 3-6-1
10. Albertus Magnus 4-7

**Women's Soccer**

1. Lasell 7-2-1
2. Saint Joseph's (Me.) 7-3-1
3. Albertus Magnus 7-3-2
4. St. Joseph (Conn.) 7-3-1
5. Emmanuel 5-6-2
6. Simmons 6-5
7. Suffolk 3-7
8. JWU 4-6-2
9. Rivier 2-7-1
10. Mount Ida 2-8
11. Anna Maria 4-6-1
12. Norwich 0-7

**Women's Tennis**

1. Johnson & Wales 7-1
2. Simmons 7-2
3. Anna Maria 6-3
4. Suffolk 1-6
5. St. Joseph (Conn.) 3-4
6. Mount Ida 0-6
7. Albertus Magnus 2-5

**Volleyball**

1. Rivier 11-5
2. Emmanuel 13-9
3. Saint Joseph's (Me.) 11-4
4. Simmons 8-18
5. Lasell 10-9
6. Norwich 4-13
7. Johnson & Wales 4-15
8. St. Joseph (Conn.) 7-11
9. Anna Maria 8-8
10. Suffolk 9-10

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Eshoo and Lady Rams win first match of the season

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The wait is over. The women's tennis team won its first match of the season against Anna Maria, pulling out a lopsided victory of 7-2. The Lady Rams won five out of six singles matches, and lost one of its doubles matches. The five and six seeds for the Lady Rams' singles, Melissa Cherney and Abby Trigilio, did not lose a single game against Anna Maria.

A new addition to the Lady Rams also earned the team its only first seed victory of the year thanks to freshman Aidianna Sagdyndykenova, from Almaty, Kazakhstan. She won her match 7-6, 7-5.

Rebecca Eshoo, the leader in wins for the Lady Rams in singles competition, was the only one who won both her singles and her doubles match. If the Lady Rams continue to improve in the GNAC, Eshoo, a sophomore will be a great player to have if they make it into the postseason.

"It feels great to have our first team win, it gives us more motivation to finish the season strong," said Eshoo, from Farmington, Conn.

Eshoo may be playing further down the seeding, but she is taking on every opponent and winning matches for the Lady Rams.

Eshoo has a singles record of 3-4, which may not appear to be stellar, but she is the only one who has a positive record for her seed, four, which is 2-1.

"Personally, winning both my doubles and singles gave me more confidence because this was my first doubles win of the season," said Eshoo.

The next goal wasn't scored until the 67th minute when, who else, Andres Cohen potted his team leading 6th goal of the season. His header snuck past the keeper, giving Suffolk a 2-1 advantage down the home stretch of the match.

The resilient Rams stayed solid up until the 90th minute, and did not allow Regis to tie. The stifling defense of Suffolk only allowed Regis to have four shots on net all game, with Nicholas Chamma stopping three of them, on his way to his third win of the year.

Suffolk improved to 3-6 after the victory, while Regis dropped to 3-7-1. Suffolk's next match took place in Providence, R.I., when the men took on the only undefeated team left in the GNAC, Johnson & Whales. J&W has an overall record of 8-0-2, but a conference record of 2-0-2, putting them in third in the GNAC despite having no losses.

One of the most challenging games of the year started off on the right foot, twenty three minutes into the first half, a 35-yard screamer off the foot of no. 20 on the Rams, Alberto Benhamu. His goal was unassisted and momentarily gave Suffolk the upper hand. Johnson & Whales equalizing goal came just before the end of the half. In 43rd minute, O'Kyle Corridon scored on a breakaway to bring the score even, which means whoever took the second half would win the game.

Similar to last game when Suffolk put the dagger into Regis in it's 67th minute, J&W returned the favor to the Rams this match. Early opposite to the game before, in the 67th minute, Xavier Carty nailed a free kick past goalkeeper Nicholas Chamma to give Johnson & Whales the deciding goal in the match.

Chamma did have an impressive game stopping 11 of 13 shots he faced over the duration of the contest. The win improved J&W's record to 9-0-2, while Suffolk declines in the GNAC standings having only won one of their four total GNAC matchups so far.

This week Suffolk takes on Elms, followed by a Saturday night game against conference opponent Norwich.

The Lady Rams will have a tough week ahead with very crucial games, as they have are at home.

There are no easy matches at this point in the season, but this new confidence and realization that the Lady Rams are still in the running for the postseason. It would appear Eshoo has played confidence of not just her own abilities, but the abilities of all of her teammates as well.

"We are looking forward to pick up some wins this week at our upcoming conference matches," said Eshoo. "Simmons will be a tough match but we are prepared to rise to the occasion.

Hard work and will power has paid off for the Lady Rams, who were 0-6 going into their match against Anna Maria. With one conference win, all of a sudden this win-less team has become 1-1 in the GNAC, and fourth in the standings.

Will the Lady Rams start their first winning streak of the season? Suffolk will have to wait and find out.
Women's soccer earns third GNAC victory; most among Suffolk teams

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The Soccer Lady Rams rocked Rivier College 3-0 this weekend to earn their third GNAC victory of the season, which is the highest of any Suffolk team so far in the Fall season. The beginning of the season might have been tough, but now it looks like the team has found its form and converted that to victories. The Lady Rams are more focused, more determined and most importantly they play as a team.

Against Rivier the Lady Rams showed how dangerous they can be when they play together as one unit. No matter what Rivier tried to do, the Lady Rams' win this match, the team is almost certainly going to make it to the playoffs this year. One of the keys to earn the entrance to the playoffs is forward Taylor Miranda. The senior has scored four goals and is certainly hungry for more in her fourth and last season for the Lady Rams. The hopes are high among the players and there is a great atmosphere with the team. It's time for the Remarkable Lady Rams to shine.

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NBA season ready to kick off, high expectations for the Celtics

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Every National Basketball Association Season there are new superstars that emerge and underdog teams that shock. This season will be no different as we traverse over the 82 game season. Will the Miami Heat three-peat? Will the hometown Boston Celtics make the playoffs? I will give you my pick for the NBA Eastern Conference and Western Conference finals match up.

First, lets address the hometown Boston Celtics. Yes, they did trade away the Truth, Paul Pierce, and Kevin Garnett, who along with Ray Allen brought an NBA Championship back to Boston just a six short years ago. With head coach Doc Rivers now in Los Angeles with the Clippers and Rajon Rondo coming off a tear of his ACL, what can we really expect from the Celtics this year? With the majority of the core remaining, it being healthy, it's going to be very tough. (Miami Heat, Indiana Pacers, New York Knicks and Nets, and the Chicago Bulls) I believe it is possible to squeak by and earn the 8th seed and still make it into the playoffs. Do I expect them to win a championship? No, but the Celtics could be a tough first-round matchup. Don't expect the Celtics to win 60 games or make a deep run into the playoffs, but the future is bright for new head coach Brad Stevens and the new Boston Celtics.

Now, on to the Eastern and Western Conference finals matchups. Starting in the Eastern Conference, I predict the Indian Pacers to take on the Heat, in a rematch of last year's conference finals. We all know about the Miami Heat, and the talent Lebron James, the most important player in the world) has, as we are reminded daily by ESPN.

However, with the Pacers managing to resign Paul George and getting back a healthy Danny Granger, along with Roy Hibbert and David West. Not to mention, Luis Scola and C.J. Watson on the bench the Pacers will beat the Heat in seven-games to win the Eastern Conference.

The Western Conference is more of a challenge. So many good teams like the Spurs, Warriors, and Nuggets all competing to be champion, but I am going with the Los Angeles Clippers and Oklahoma City Thunder to meet up in the Conference finals. Hopefully, Russell Westbrook will stay healthy (he will miss the first 4-6 weeks of the season) and Kevin Durant is one of the premier players in the league and they will finally lead the Thunder to the promise land.

Finals Prediction: Indiana Pacers vs. Oklahoma City Thunder! Stay tuned for my finals prediction next week!

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