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Suffolk students see promise in Mayor-elect Martin J. Walsh disappointment in rejection of Suffolk Downs casino

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State Representative Martin J. Walsh defeated City Councilor John R. Connolly in the mayoral election Tuesday, becoming Boston's first new mayor in two decades.

Walsh beat Connolly by more than 4,000 votes. Several media outlets estimated that only a third of registered voters actually came to the polls.

Walsh will take office in City Hall Jan. 6, 2014, succeeding long-time Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

Walsh, a lifelong resident of Dorchester, has represented the Savin Hill neighborhood in the Massachusetts House of Representatives since 1997.

Known as the "labor candidate" of the race, Walsh was active in the Laborers Local 223 union, recently serving as a high-ranking

union official until he resigned to run for mayor.

President of the Suffolk University Democrats

Conor Finley and Student Walsh in charge.

Government Association "Marty Walsh will do well as mayor," Finley said. "He's positive future for Boston with been a proven leader, and he's

prepared" to serve the city.

Cerullo hopes that Walsh continues to "develop the city for younger people, specifically making sure there is enough housing and affordable apartments for students."

Walsh will "need to focus on reducing crime, especially with [crimes that target] women." Finley said. "He'll also need to work on the city's transportation systems and improving public education."

Finley also noted that while unions heavily supported Walsh, he will have to balance those interests with the needs of the rest of the Boston's residents.

"I'm excited to see what Mayor Walsh will bring to the table. Menino will leave a big legacy, so I'm interested in how Walsh is going to fill his shoes, while carving out his own legacy," Cerullo said. He plans to watch how "the plans that Marty Walsh laid out are going to come to fruition in

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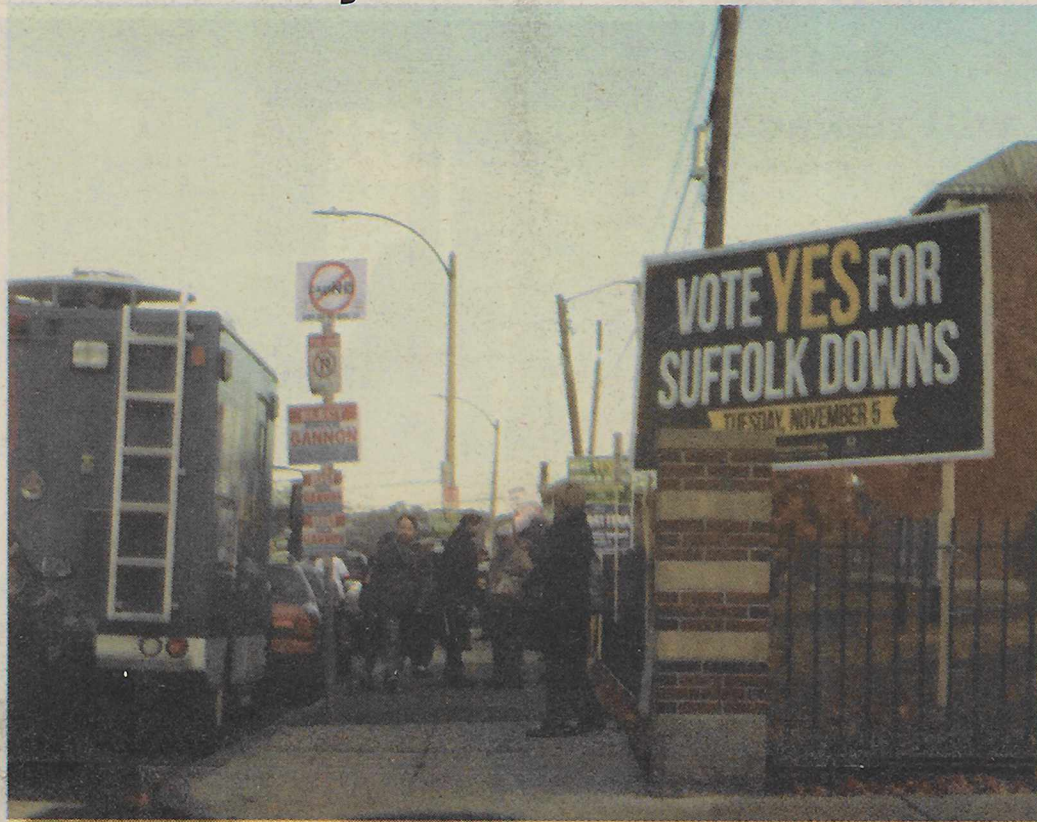


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Voters outside East Boston High School Tuesday morning

Suffolk students react to Obamacare following the president's visit

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After the less-than-successful launch of the Affordable Care Act, President Barack Obama visited Faneuil Hall in Boston Oct. 30 to discuss the act's debut.

Massachusetts is a state already familiar to a similar health insurance structure as applied by former Governor Mitt Romney, and Obama used its story to defend the current issues of the ACA.

Registration in Massachusetts turned out to be slow in the act's first days, but the numbers added up by the end of the month and grew quickly after that, especially when penalties started to take place. For the ACA, or "Obamacare," numbers have been small as well, but it is largely due to major glitches on the website that have left millions of citizens frustrated after being unable to sign up.

"There's no denying it. Right now the website is too slow,

too many people have gotten stuck. And I'm not happy about it," Obama said, according to *The Boston Globe*. "There's no excuse for it. And I take full responsibility for making sure it gets fixed ASAP."

President Obama also addressed why thousands of citizens received letters stating their health insurance was canceled, even after Obama promised to allow those who were happy with their insurance to avoid making changes.

"These bad apple insurers had free reign," Obama said. "One of the things health reform was designed to do was help not only the uninsured but the under-insured."

Requirements were set for insurers to cover a broader range of treatments as well as remove all lifetime limits set for coverage, a standard that bare-bones plans did not meet.

Suffolk freshman Haley Peabody expressed support for the ACA, saying that although it certainly won't be easy to implement, it is what is most

behooving for the US.

"It benefits everyone in the long run," Peabody said. However, Peabody stated that she disagreed with the lack of choice the new law leaves the citizens with.

"This is where I have a problem with it. I don't think that the way our government is set up should allow it to be mandatory."

In concordance to Peabody, sophomore Nick DiVirgilio shared that good health should always be a priority.

"We often defend America's 'pursuit of happiness' and all, but you can't pursue that if your body isn't in good condition. Health comes first," he said.

The priority right now for the ACA is to smooth the process for people to register. Although similar difficulties were encountered when Massachusetts was implementing its new insurance policies, the problems were solved efficiently and quickly as they only applied to one state, not 50.

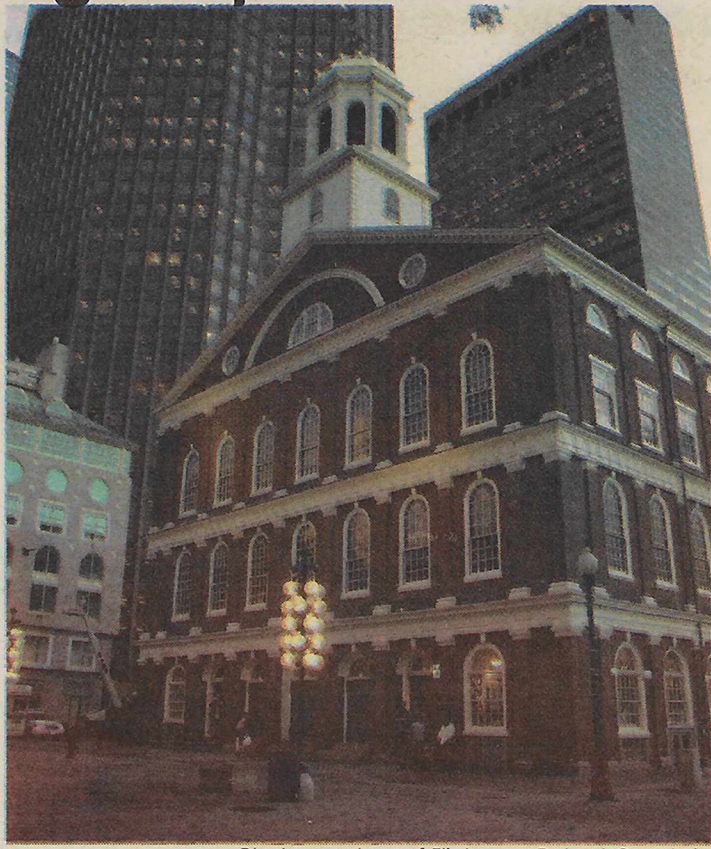


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"Yes, this is hard. The health care system's a big system, and it's complicated," Obama said. "If it was hard doing it just in one state, it's hard doing it in

50 states -- especially when the governors of a bunch of states, and half of Congress, don't want to help."

POLICE BLOTTER

Suffolk University police did not have a blotter prepared for this week's issue. Check next week's paper for updates on crime at Suffolk. You can also check suffolkjournal.net for an in-depth story on changes with SUPD this semester. This week, a Boston Police Department will replace the SUPD Blotter.

10 a.m. Friday - 10 a.m. Monday

Homicides: 0
Nonfatal Shootings: 0
Nonfatal Stabbings: 1

Street Robberies: 2
Commercial Robberies: 0
Bank Robberies: 2
Other Robberies: 0

Vehicle Thefts: 5
Vehicle Recoveries: 5
Vehicle Breaks: 8

Residential Break-ins: 5
Commercial Break-ins: 2

10 a.m. Monday - 10 a.m. Tuesday

Homicides: 0
Nonfatal Shootings: 2
Nonfatal Stabbings: 6

Street Robberies: 14
Commercial Robberies: 0
Bank Robberies: 1
Other Robberies: 0

Vehicle Thefts: 6
Vehicle Recoveries: 7
Vehicle Breaks: 18

Residential Break-ins: 15
Commercial Break-ins: 3

Cool conversation and bagels bring Suffolk students together

Bryanna Gallant
Journal Contributor

Every Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., a variety of students, faculty and staff gather on the fourth floor of Donahue to chat, to mingle, and to laugh over coffee and bagels.

Diversity Services has hosted coffee hour once a week throughout each

can sometimes bring.

Coffee hour first started as a way to educate the Suffolk community about the Diversity Services office.

"We wanted to bring people into our space, because it can be a little hard to find," said the Director of Diversity Services, Jacinda Félix Haro. "People love to come in to chat and have breakfast, but we also are a place people can count on to be here every week, where they

first fed those at coffee hour. Student organizations may also co-sponsor a coffee hour, for a small fee, just as the Orientation and Residence Life groups have done in the past.

Coffee hour was also created to better serve Diversity Services's mission of creating a welcoming and safe environment on Suffolk's campus. Every year the office helps to sponsor a variety of different events



semester for the last five years. Accessible from either Donahue or Archer in room 481, members of the Suffolk community gather around a table filled with Bruegger's bagels, cream cheese, coffee, and hot chocolate. While some people could only stay long enough to say hello and grab a cup of coffee, others are able to stay for the entire two hours. The conversation held by attendees incorporated everything from exams to weekend plans. There are also those always willing to offer advice when needed. It is an environment free of the stresses that life as a student

can be themselves."

For many students, coffee hour has become part of their weekly routine.

"I love it, it's a really nice place to come every week," said Suffolk sophomore Michelle Wallace, who began coming to coffee hour her freshman year. "I like to come as much as I can, and hate when I miss it," she said.

Since coffee hour began it has increasingly grown in size.

"We're now buying four big bagel bundles," said Haro. Sometimes there are even small pastries and other snacks, which is much more than the one bundle that

at the university, including their support of the African American, Hispanic, Asian American and Native American student organizations, LGBTQ programs, as well as many social justice and educational trainings.

Diversity Services remains a positive resource for students on campus. The office also offers one on one counseling services, problem solving conversations, and helps to uphold Suffolk's Policy Against Bias, Incidents, and Hate Crimes.

Events and programs run by Diversity Services are posted in their newsletter, on Facebook, and on Twitter.



Photos by Bryanna Gallant

Suffolk discusses hate on the Internet with Anti-Defamation League New England

Dani Marrero
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Suffolk University Law School partnered with the Anti-Defamation League New England Monday to bring a presentation on discussing hate crimes on the Internet and the current regulations that apply to them.

The ADL is "the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry through information, education, legislation, and advocacy programs that

counteract hatred, prejudice, and bigotry," as described by Suffolk Law Professor Robert H. Smith.

The panelists were composed of professionals who specialize in privacy, cyber bullying, and other legal issues found on the web.

"Challenges posed by hate speech in the online age are new and uniquely complex," Smith quoted from "Viral Hate," a book by author Christopher Wolf, who sat on the panel, and Abraham H. Foxman. He explained that hate speech on the internet is so vaguely defined and left to

the jurisdiction of users that it is difficult to narrow down on what is criminal activity and what is protected by the First Amendment.

"In the pre-internet era, the job wasn't easy, but it certainly was easier," Wolf said. "The issue of haters and hate speech was illustrated by people meeting down in dark alleys and distributing their materials in plain, brown wrappers. It was a problem that wasn't completely manageable, but at least contained."

The web has provided an easier medium for hate organizations or individuals

to spread their ideas at a faster and more viral rate to "pollute social media," making it an impossible task to control every post, tweet, or page being published.

Jonathan M. Albano, managing partner of Bingham McCutchen LLP, discussed what role the law should take on fighting online hate speech.

"You can try to stop speech as it's happening, or even before it happens, and if you can't do that, you might consider civil action you can bring to recover for the damages that hate speech can cause," he said.

Albano said challenges this would bring include clashing with the protection the First Amendment provides over free speech, which gives the right for all speech to take place but can be addressed or subject to lawsuits later. One's claim against online hate speech can also be dismissed due to the anonymity and vagueness of cyber bullying, since libel requires such statements to have been clearly made about a specific individual.

New England Regional Office Director of the ADL, Robert Trestan, reminded the audience that this applied to all social networks, including Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and Google+.

"The owners and operators of these platforms are not liable for any of these posts," Trestan said. "It's something you will also see in the terms of services."

Although there is support for all online speech to be regulated, Trestan explains that the ADL does not support that approach.

"Shutting down and censoring speech is not the answer. We believe that encouraging more speech, more counter speech, is a much more effective way to face the problem."

One of the solutions to this issue, provided by Wolf, is to begin educating children about what they will face online as well as teach them to keep their posts away from being considered hate speech.

"We should inform them that what they post online can affect their education and job opportunities," Wolf commented. "What you say or post online can really haunt you forever."

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the ADL, marking a century of fighting bigotry in the U.S. For more information regarding ADL and its services, visit newengland.adl.org or check them out on Twitter @ADL_NewEngland.

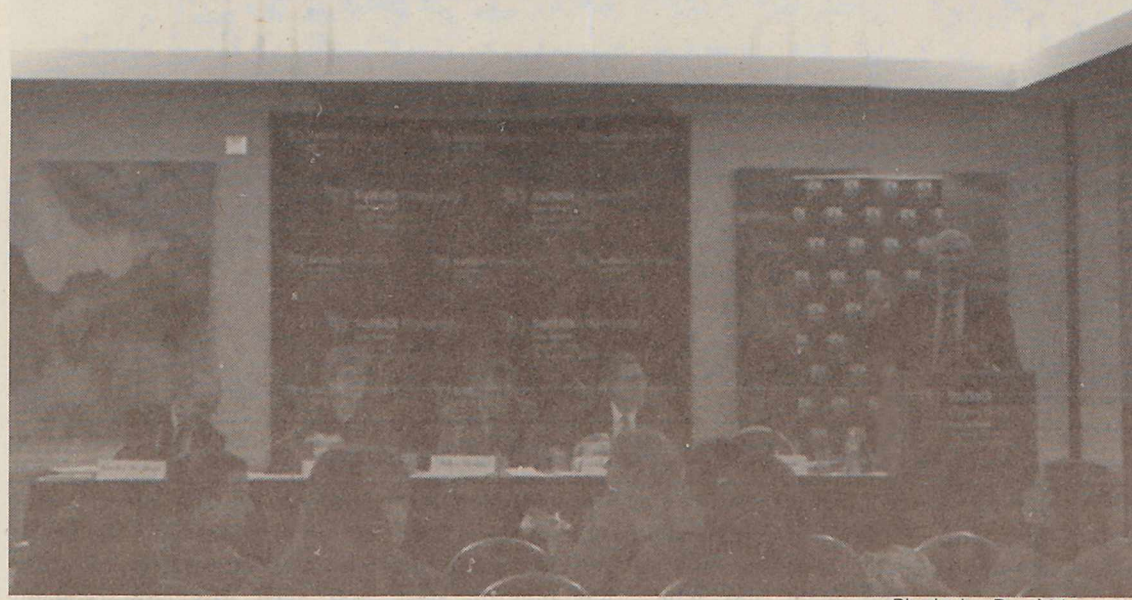


Photo by Dani Marrero

Panelists: (left to right) Jonathan M. Albano, Linda Hamel, Robert Trestan, Christopher Wolf, Robert H. Smith

Prison Book Program draws attention of Suffolk students

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There is little room for personal development in prison. Hours spent alone, even with others, are all marked by the time you spend there, whether it be 20 months or 20 years.

At United First Parish Church, a Unitarian church in Quincy, the Prison Book Program helps prisoners break out of day-to-day mind-rotting activity and gives them a chance to develop their personal selves by providing them with books of their choice. With the occasional exception of books that contain sexual or violent content, prisoners are free to request what they would like to read, including materials to aid them in the completion of their GED.

Education, along with working after being released from incarceration, is proven to reduce the rate of recidivism, the likelihood that a prisoner will return to the prison system. The Prison Book Program is essentially a community service project aiming towards reducing the rate of recidivism and helping to stimulate the minds of the

thousands of prisoners they've reached over time.

The Suffolk Organization for Uplifting Lives through Service (S.O.U.L.S) Center offers students the opportunity to help out with the Prison Book Program every Thursday, evening.

Francesca Catrone, a psychology student at Suffolk University, finds weekly solace in the program.

"I haven't done it before this year," said Catrone. "I just started this year because I have a community psychology class [with Professor Harkins], so I have to do 60 [community service] hours. I was on SU Connect and found this one that fit into my schedule. It seemed interesting...you have to read letters from inmates and you get to send them books according to what they request."

The program goes something like this: volunteers read through letters and try to search and fill as many requests as volunteers can, afterwards placing the bundled orders and invoices into boxes to be shipped out to prisons throughout the nation. In the basement of the United First Parish Church, hundreds of orders are filled per session.

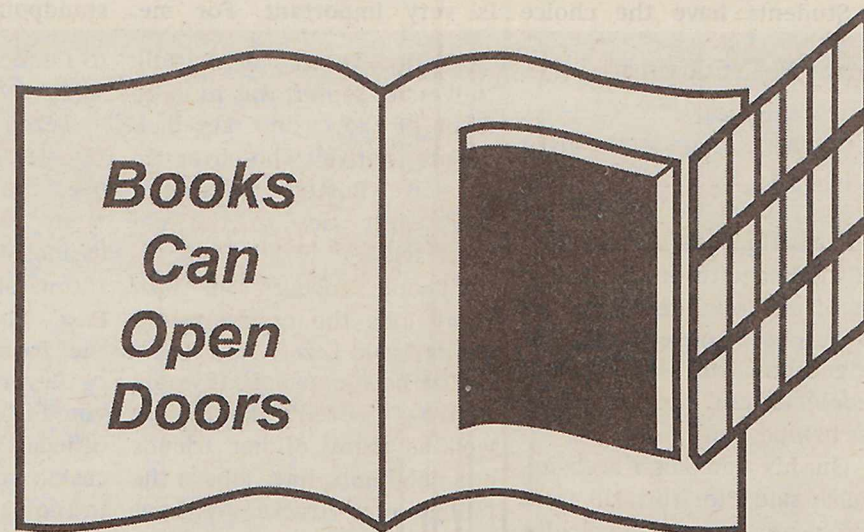
Catrone said that the prison book program is far behind on fulfilling orders. In September, it was still fulfilling orders from March, and now the program is currently fulfilling orders from May. She also described the sessions as emotionally intense for some.

"I've had people do it with me. They read the letters and they cry," she said. "I've read letters from everywhere. Some letters are more like 'I want this...thank you' and others say 'I really want to further my education, and I want to get my GED.'"

For that reason, the books that are highest in demand are dictionaries.

Although Suffolk only offers six slots available for students to sign up in per week, if you express a high level of interest to coordinators of the program, it is not difficult to be included in the sessions.

"Getting involved in community service or with a disadvantaged group gives



Prison Book Program

you a different perspective and can help you help them," said Catrone. In a blog post on the Prison Book Program's blog, a man named Edward Laccarino's book request made it online. The essay read:

"Books are important to me because it keeps me in touch with reality. It gives me reason to get out of bed. For us warehouses here 10 years or more, have lost contact with family and friends who have been wore down. For being one minute the head of household, the bread winner, who now your spouse has to get a job and also take care of

the money just not there. We ask for dictionaries so we can use them to write letters and sound educated and well informed in this world where we lost dignity and are treated like kids, losers, nobodies, talked down on and belittled by guards and staff. Computer repair books are biggest impact because I can face a future and be prepared and have a skill not many others can have time to perfect."

Students who would like to participate in the Prison Book Program can go to SU Connect, which is located on MySuffolk, and sign up for a session.

Suffolk Free Radio offers insight for communication majors, gives students a place to express themselves

Dani Marrero
Asst. Int'l Editor

Suffolk Free Radio is a student-run organization that provides hands-on experience and expertise in the broadcasting field. Shows run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and are broadcasted on the web, allowing listeners from all over the world to tune in to the hourly shows hosted by Suffolk students.

Stephen Thomas, new music director of SFR, has been involved with the organization since his freshman year, an experience that has influenced his decision to go into the communications field.

"Being involved with SFR has helped me figure out what it is that I wanted to do with my life," Thomas said. "When I came into Suffolk, I didn't even a major declared. I knew I liked communications, but it wasn't until I started working with the equipment here and having my own show that I realized all the opportunities available."

"SFR offers students an hour to pretty much relax and play the music they want to hear," Thomas said. "We know that the radio nowadays are the same songs that no one likes, so SFR offers the opportunity to run a show how they want it."

Students have the choice

to name their show as well as choose the topics to discuss. Current disc jockeys range from talk shows, music shows, even sport shows.

Michael Peppe, assistant general manager of SFR, worked as an orientation leader in previous years and would often recruit most of the DJs during that time.

"I always used the hook that you have an hour to express yourself," Peppe said. "Regardless of what kind of show it is, it's your time to express your thoughts through music, talking, or anything you want."

Heidi Walsh, general manager of SFR, shared that the club gave her useful experience for her broadcast journalism major since her first year at Suffolk.

"As a broadcast journalism major, the use of your voice is very important. For me,



Photo by Dani Marrero

Michael Peppe, SFR Assistant General Manager

SFR wasn't all about playing music," she said. "I used it to talk about news, so it was an opportunity for me, even as a freshman, to have that experience early on. Usually students have to wait a few years to wait to get a hands on training."

"From a personal standpoint," Peppe said, "the

station has always been there since my freshman year. This is like a second home to me, where I've met my best friends. You see people grow bonds, and it's something that I enjoy watching."

Members of SFR receive training on how to handle the equipment available at the station, a valuable skill for

students in the broadcasting or communications field. No prior experience is required, and new DJs are typically added during the first week of every semester. To join SFR, visit their office located in Donahue or via email at suffolkfreeradio@gmail.com. To listen to the shows, tune in to suffolk.edu/radio.

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the coming years."

"Walsh ran a great campaign. He had a good strategy from the primary to the election," Finley added. "His message resonated with a lot of different demographics in the city. I think that's what helped him win, was different people around the city could get behind him."

On his campaign website, Walsh said, "for this kid from Dorchester, having the chance to run for Mayor has been a dream come true."

Tuesday's election also included a vote on the proposed Suffolk Downs casino for East Boston and Revere. In October, Caesars dropped its bid for the plot of land, causing turmoil in official's plans, and arousing doubt in residents in East Boston.

Caitie Lezell, a Suffolk University senior, was in large favor of the casino. Lezell, a Revere native who lives in an East Boston apartment, has family ties to the old racetracks.

"People focused on how many jobs the casino would create," said Lezell, "but didn't realize how many jobs it would destroy." Lezell's family, as well as many of her friends and neighbors, have jobs at the failing race tracks. Without a casino to bring in revenue, they will likely lose their jobs, she said.

"Ever since I was a little girl," said Lezell, "money [at Suffolk Downs] has been a problem."

The only solace to Lezell's parents is that this will happen when their daughter has grown and moved out of the house, and not when they had

to financially support her, she said.

Lezell thought Revere and "Eastie" seemed torn 50/50 over the casino. In her eyes, many residents thought the casino would be a "headache." Ultimately, 56 percent of East Boston voted against the casino. But, 61 percent of Revere voters, like Lezell, voted in favor of it, prompting officials to question if the casino could be built entirely in the neighboring city.

As for Boston mayor, Lezell says she should have paid more attention. She did not study up on candidates since she knew she couldn't vote, she said.

Tuesday's vote also defined four winner's in the City Councillor at Large race, and City Councillors for Boston's nine districts.

Incumbents Aynna Pressley, Stephen Murphy kept their at

large positions, and Michelle Wu and Michael Flaherty were also elected.

Salvatore LaMattina, Bill Linehan, Frank Baker, Charles Yancey, Timothy McCarthy, Matt O'Malley, Tito Jackson, Josh Zakim, and Mark Ciommo were elected to the nine districts.

Not every Suffolk student was following the mayoral election.

"I knew that Walsh won, but I didn't really follow the race," said

Kevin Sung, a freshman. "I don't know anything about Walsh or Connolly, other than they won the primary."

In last week's edition, the Journal interviewed Dave Paleologos, head of Suffolk's Political Research Center, who noted that he didn't feel the

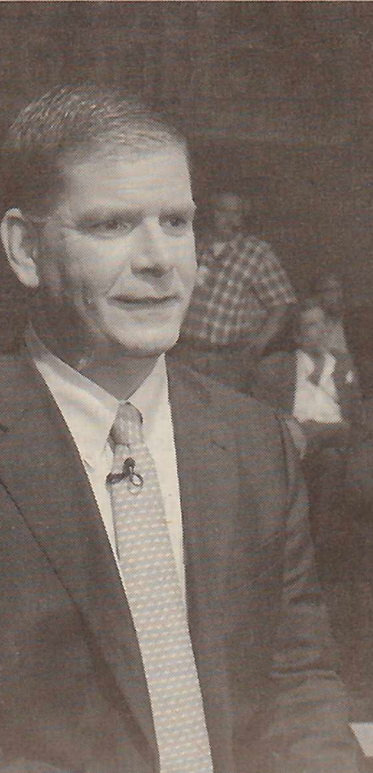


Photo by Ally Thibault

Marty Walsh during a debate at Suffolk's Modern Theatre

mayoral campaign brought the high level of excitement and participation among Suffolk students that the 2012 presidential campaign did.

Check out last week's for the front page interview with Marty Walsh on his life and plan for students in Boston.

"I'm excited to see what Mayor Walsh will bring to the table."

-Billy Cerullo, President of SGA

Hispanic Suffolk students celebrate Día de los Muertos, or All Saints' Day

Dani Marrero
Asst. Int'l Editor

All Saints' Day, a celebration in Mexico intertwined with Día de los Muertos, is a holiday where families gather to remember and pray for deceased family members. Although Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a celebration that mostly takes place in Mexico, its candy skulls and beautiful altars have

are areas that hold onto traditional customs better than larger Mexican cities.

"It's a massive celebration, and also a very happy one. People build altars with pictures of their ancestors, decorate them with candles, and sometimes cook food that they enjoyed and place a plate for them on there, too," Kim said.

Día de los Muertos has also found its way to states that border Mexico, in part due to its geographical nearness and

Mexican restaurants can be seen decorated with the traditional papel picado, or perforated paper, and modest altars usually dedicated to family members of the owners of the establishment.

According to *National Geographic*, "Día de los Muertos recognizes death as a natural part of the human experience, a continuum with birth, childhood, and growing up to become a contributing member of the community. On Día de los Muertos, the



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Traditional Día de los Muertos altar

spread to other countries in Latin America and neighboring U.S. states, such as Texas and Arizona.

Suffolk freshman Kawon Kim, who was raised in Mexico since the age of six, shared her experience with the holiday growing up in the city of Guadalajara.

"Día de los Muertos is a very traditional activity in Mexico. Although the volume of the celebrations has diminished in recent years, schools still encourage students to take part in the traditional acts of painting colorful skulls or designing the perforated paper."

Kim explains that places such as Oaxaca and Michoacan continue to hold large and colorful celebrations on the Nov. 1 every year, since they

the large immigration that takes place in states such as Texas and Arizona, bringing in customs such as this.

Growing up in south Texas and with my extended family residing in Mexico, I was able to witness this celebration take place and blend between these two areas. In school, particularly in Spanish classes, we were usually tasked to color or paint skulls that we would later turn into masks to present. In the end of October, art classes can be found collecting newspapers and glue to create doll-like figures of La Calavera Catrina, or Catrina the Skeleton. Around the community, one can usually find candy stores selling carefully crafted and designed miniature skulls made of sugar, locally-owned

dead are also a part of the community, awakened from their eternal sleep to share celebrations with their loved ones."

Nov. 1 continues to be an important tradition in Latin America. Although the ways of celebrating it have changed, now including people sharing Facebook posts and tweets expressing how much they miss their grandparents or other family members, the act of remembering one's ancestors still takes place.

"It is a day, at least symbolically, to spend with your ancestors," Kim shared. "Legend goes that it's a day where they can come from their world to ours."

WORLD BRIEFS

Brazil

Brazilian newspaper *Folha de São Paulo* has reported that Brazil's government was spying on officials from other countries. These reports come after harsh criticism from the Brazilian government towards the NSA, including a postponed state visit to the U.S. The spying was allegedly done back in 2003 and 2004, and it was done while the foreign diplomats were in Brazil, taking "place within the bounds of Brazilian laws to protect national interests," the government said in a statement. The Brazilian government has stated that they will charge those responsible for leaking this information with criminal charges, similar to U.S. actions against Edward Snowden. Justice Minister Jose Eduardo Cardozo defends Brazil's acts to be different from those of the U.S., saying that since the spying was done in Brazilian territory, it did not violate anyone's rights. "This seems to me a very crucial difference," he said. "If we don't make that distinction, it gives the impression that we are using the same method that we are criticizing. That is not the case."

India

India launched a rocket to Mars on Tuesday, attempting to join the U.S., former Soviet Union, and Europeans in the list of successful projects to the planet. "It will take 10 months for India's Mars Orbiter Mission to reach the Red Planet after lifting off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre near Chennai. The probe will explore the planet's surface features, minerals and atmosphere," *CNN* reported. This is the country's first attempt to reach Mars and hopes to receive results over the loss of water and methane gas from the planet. The U.S. has planned a series of robots scheduled to be launched on Nov. 18, while the European Space Agency and Russia are cooperating on a mission to begin in 2018. India is expecting to receive information in about 10 months from its Mars Orbiter Mission.

Cuba

President Raul Castro ordered for dozens of privately owned cinemas and video game clubs to be shut down, claiming that they were never authorized and were running on false licenses. A government announcement, reported by *BBC*, read, "cinematic exhibition [including 3D rooms] and computer games will cease immediately in whatever kind of private business activity." The communist government has taken this action after several of these businesses were caught working under licenses granted to restaurants only and is doing this to "instill discipline in the private sector." Young Cubans have spoken up against this and are working to keep these places open. One Cuban said to *BBC*, "The cinemas and games rooms were keeping us off the street, and out of trouble. Now where are we supposed to go?"

Germany

Germany became the first European country, joining Australia, Pakistan, and Nepal, in allowing parents to "leave gender blank on birth certificates", the *Washington Times* reports. "The new German law, intended to ease the pressure on parents and prevent hasty decisions regarding newborn sex-assignment surgery, allows parents to leave gender blank on birth certificates." The third gender will be assigned as "X", alongside the traditional "M" and "F." The new law will allow these children to make decisions over their gender identities once they reach adulthood. While there has been strong support for this change, firm opposition against it has brought up the debate that this will only increase discrimination over intersex individuals. Activists for anti-discrimination are standing back to see the results, saying that it opens an "honest debate about what happens to us, and issues of self determination and bodily integrity. It gives a greater urgency for the need to educate parents, and wider society about our existence."

Destination Tibet: Prof. Haughton experiences the ancient and the modern

Ally Thibault
Managing Editor

Suffolk University economics professor Jonathan Haughton was teaching a summer course in Shanghai this year when he decided to take a trip to Tibet. While he was excited to see the ancient culture of a region that has so fascinated him, he was not expecting to find such modern influences in the storied city of Lhasa.

"The culture there is very different from what I am used to and I wanted to see it before it melts away... I don't think it will ever melt all away, but tourism will transform it," Haughton explained at a lecture co-sponsored by the Asian studies program, the economics department, the Rosenberg Institute, and the Chinese Student Association.

Speaking to a group of about 50 students and faculty, Haughton gave an overview of Tibet's long history, described

woman in his compartment with an oxygen tube in her nose, "like at Mass General," he said.

The railway snakes its way through the arid countryside, one of the least densely populated areas of the world. According to Haughton, there are still about two million herders in Tibet out of a total population of about three-and-a-half million.

There were signs of people on the Tibetan plateau 20,000 years ago. The political area of Tibet we talk about today is truly only

the southern part of the actual geographic area. Throughout history Tibetans were friendly with both the Chinese and the Mongols, even acting as mediators between the two groups at times. Since the early 1700s, Tibet has fluctuated between being a de facto independent region and a protectorate of Chinese influence several times.

But in 1959 the Chinese military came to take full control of the region and, the Dalai Lama fled to India leaving

the devoted Buddhist people on their own. Haughton visited the Potala Palace, a 17th century building that use to serve as part temple, part fortress, and part home to the Dalai Lamas. "It's a bittersweet experience for many to visit the palace because of course it is now unoccupied," he said.

Haughton called Lhasa's Jokhang Temple and Barkhor Square the "heart of the Tibetan Buddhist universe." He saw many religious pilgrims performing Kora, clockwise circular walking patterns around holy sites, and arduous prostrations in the square during

all hours of the day. "It's a real workout," Haughton said, "I'm not a religious person but it is astonishing the depth of devotion people bring to it."

At the Sera Monastery, Haughton had the opportunity to watch monks debate theology. "These are not polite debates," he warned before he played videos he took of the sessions. Several groups of monks gather together as the teacher poses a question to one of the men, and then the young monk seems to put on a kind of performance as he moves his body swiftly through meditation-like exercises or even gets in physical tussles with other monks around him.

Throughout the presentation, Haughton compared his photos from this summer to photos from famous travelers in the past. Most notably, he included pictures from the former Nazi officer Heinrich Harrer who fled to Tibet following World War II. Harrer wrote a book entitled "Seven Years in Tibet" where he describes his time in the region and meeting the current Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, when the spiritual leader was only 14-years-old.

"We can actually trace the Dalai Lama's English back to a Nazi officer. The world is a fascinating

place," Haughton said.

While the lecture focused mainly on Haughton's personal travels, he also included some information on the economy: "How could I not?" he grinned.

"Tibet is somewhat poorer than China, but urban Tibet is not really poor. You aren't really walking back into medieval times anymore," Haughton said.

Most visitors to Tibet are Chinese citizens, as foreigners must apply for another type of visa to enter Tibet and must go with a tour group. But, Haughton noted, it has become rather fashionable for Chinese families to drive across the country as a road trip vacation instead of taking the train.

"The cheap souvenirs in Tibet are imported into China from Nepal. The Chinese goods are actually expensive. This is the new China," he said.

Tibet is technically an autonomous region within Chi-

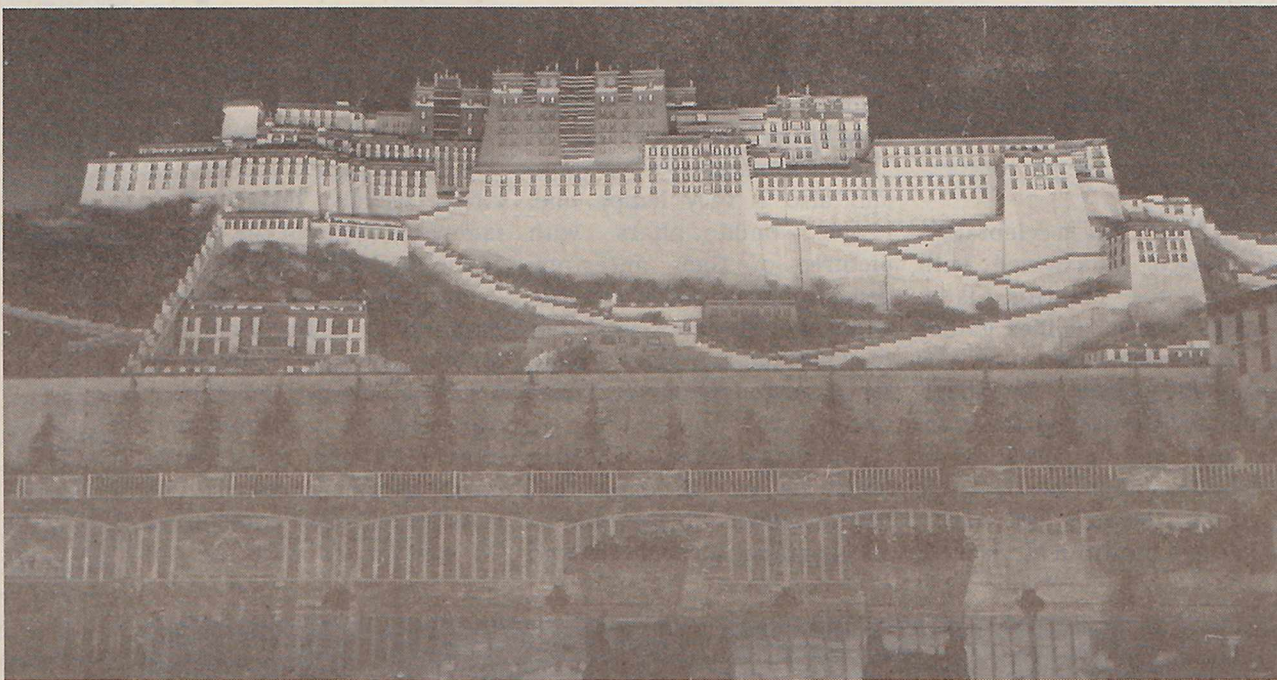
na, but since 1959 the Chinese government has exercised a lot of control over the area.

Haughton described seeing three Chinese soldiers marching across a square, the middle soldier in the line holding a fire extinguisher in case a monk decides to self-immolate in protest.

"Tibet says they only want autonomy, not independence," Haughton said, "But autonomy to do what? The devil is in the details."

While Tibet may still want more freedom from China, it will be difficult to keep outside influences away from the iconic region.

"The world has been knocking on the doors of Tibet for years and they will not go away," Haughton said. "When we were there, someone was opening a BMW dealership."



Photos by Jonathan Haughton

Potala Palace



Lhasa

the influences that inspired him to take a journey on the world's highest elevation railroad, and passionately shared photos and stories of his experience.

"Anyone from China will recognize this as a typical waiting room," Haughton joked to the audience's delight as he showed a photograph of a jam-packed train station in Shanghai.

The train cars need oxygen feeds to reduce pressure in the compartments since it reaches such high altitudes on its trek across China. Haughton even had a picture of a Japanese



Monks debating at the Sera Monastery

S.O.U.L.S. volunteers spend afternoon at Casa Nueva Vida, local homeless shelter

Dani Marrero
Asst. Int'l Editor

Suffolk's S.O.U.L.S. volunteered at Casa Nueva Vida, a program "with the mission of helping our resident families gain the

education and skills they need to permanently lift themselves out of poverty", according to the Casa Nueva Vida website. S.O.U.L.S. members visited on Saturday, Nov. 2 to help clean up the outside of the home where the children's playground is located, as well as spend time with the

children helping them with their homework or playing a game.

Denise Quiros, an administrator at Casa Nueva Vida, provided a tour of the home, showing S.O.U.L.S. the colorful library for the 23 children who currently live there, the shared kitchen and dining area for all the families, and the computer room where the single mothers of the home are able to receive basic computer skills in a class taught by a local professor.

Women who participate receive a certificate upon finishing this class, a skill that they can add to their resumes to find jobs.



Virgilio Rojas (Project Leader), Annie Duong, Ayhan Melis Semerci



Photos by Dani Marrero

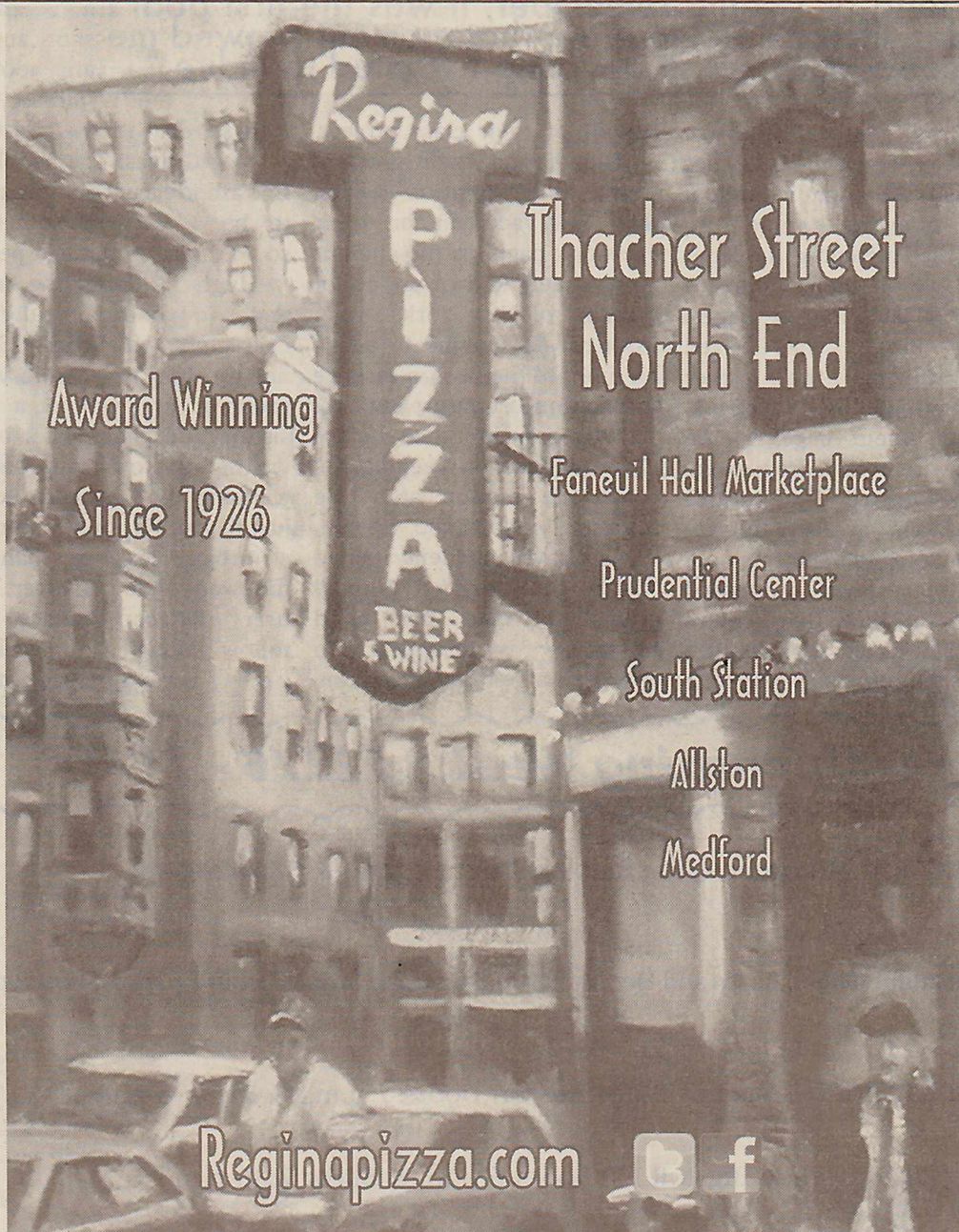
Casa Nueva Vida

"Casa Nueva Vida is a homeless shelter," Quiros said. "We started off in 1987 in the basement of a church with four families." Two years later, they were able to purchase a small

place of their own. They are also offered an English Second Language (ESL) program.

"We offer these programs [ESL and basic computer

"We are always grateful when volunteers visit us. You all are what helps us make this home look the way it does"
- CNV Director Denise Quiros



property and began to build the house. Quiros explained that CNV originally could only house seven families due to the limited space and funds that they were granted. Since then, however, it has expanded to now have 16 families under its roof, each with their own room and privacy. The three-story home also has a kitchen where each family has their own fridge, but share all other appliances. Each mother is assigned a night to cook dinner for everyone in the house, an activity designed so that all the children and adults spend bonding time together.

"Six years ago we opened a new shelter in Lawrence, and we are looking to build a third one in 2014. We are doing pretty good," Quiros said as she walked S.O.U.L.S. to the living room to end the tour. "In Lawrence, we have 12 families, and we hope to have another 10 in the third one."

Families can stay at the shelter from a few weeks to up to two years and are referred by the Department of Housing and Community Development as space becomes available at CNV. During their time at Casa Nueva Vida, a housing manager and case worker aid them in their transition as

training] to help them find jobs. We sit with them and search for jobs online and help them write their resumes. We do it to give them the first step to organize their lives and get them back up on their feet."

Project Leader Virgilio Rojas said that S.O.U.L.S. has visited the home on several occasions, every time helping out with the weekly chores and engaging with the children.

"It's a good feeling to give back to the community," Rojas expressed.

Annie Duong, Suffolk class of 2014, joined the organization to volunteer at CNV for the first time on Saturday.

"I enjoy helping out in events like these where I know I am making a positive change. I would like to work in this environment after graduation," Doung shared.

Quiros expressed warm thanks to the S.O.U.L.S. volunteers as they finished cleaning up the leaves that covered the front porch of the building.

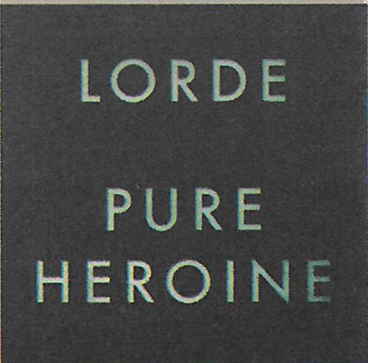
"We are always grateful when volunteers visit us. You all are what helps us make this home look the way it does."

staff SOUNDS



ARCADE FIRE
"REFLEKTOR"

WE FELL IN LOVE WHEN I WAS
NINETEEN / AND I WAS STARING
AT A SCREEN.
- ALLY T.

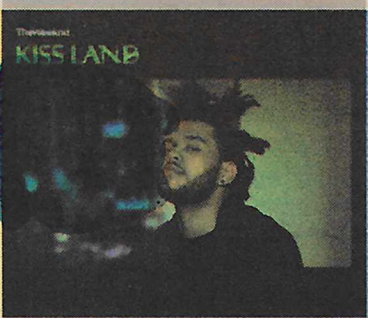


LORDE
"PURE HEROINE"

I'M HOOKED. IT'S NOT JUST "TEN-
NIS COURTS" THAT I LOVE.
- ALEX H.



VARIOUS ARTISTS
"SPACE JAM SOUNDTRACK"
COME ON & SLAM
- MELISSA H.
(INSISTED BY ALEX H.)



THE WEEKEND
"KISS LAND"

SERENADING ME WITH THE
SWEETEST SONGS, MAKE IT NEVER
STOP. LITERAL <3
- SOLEIL B.



MADONNA
"RAY OF LIGHT"

THIS SONG IS FOR A BEAUTIFUL
DAY IN THE PARK.
- VASSILI S.

Suffolk students group together for class project, in turn create a pleasant online photo exhibition

Soleil Barros
Arts Editor

Sparkling the extra note of inspiration and fulfillment is not the automatic first response to the average college student when learning of a semester-long project assigned at the start of a new school season. For four students a mere assignment in a marketing course allowed them to start a new chapter of a creative project that has generated a bit of buzz outside of the classroom – and has extended to the greater part of Boston and all of the many eclectic characters that reside within it.

Members of the CJN-Intro to Advertisement class were asked to divide into groups and generate their very own ideas for a concept to present to the World Wide Web of social media. Founders of Urban Essence include Hannah Naranjo, Hugh O'Connell, Meg Graves and Angela Nelson – four students who came together with a simple concept for a class that is currently delivering joy to the Suffolk community.

"The very nature of our concept alone sets us apart from some of the other projects in the class," said O'Connell.

"The nature of our approach is such a positive one because we support people in the street, interacting with the Suffolk community."

As the members of Urban Essence sporadically continue to friendly ambush members of the Suffolk community and many pedestrians around the greater Boston area, these four students are continuing to spread unintentional smiles and joy around the city.

"We kind of jot down the quote, but we typically have a set list of questions that we like to ask. The hardest part about getting the

right answer is always just asking the right question. Sometimes people find the questions cheesy, so we are always prepared with a back-up questions," added Nelson. The power of social media

project was started on Oct 8. "We are basically seeing how advertisers promote a brand on social media websites like Facebook and Twitter to see how a brand really promotes itself," said Nelson on the

into the State House to vote. As these students continue to collect photos and quotations from people throughout the city as the days continue, it is only hoped that the pleasant project will continue beyond

the class period of these creatively clever students. "We enjoy the positive energy because we are sharing and giving inspiration to our community," added Graves.

The members of Urban Essence shared a few of their favorite posts to date with the Suffolk Journal. Angela Nelson: My favorite post was of Yuri and Morgan, it was actually a candid shot and its an adorable picture, they



Photo by Urban Essence

"My happiest moment was during my time living in Tanzania. My time there taught me to take risks, live my life by my own standards, and to cry. Now I understand that I can make the world as big as I want to make it, or as small as I want it."

"My happiest moment was that day I arrived in Japan. Standing at the busiest crossing in the world surrounded by all the neon lights came the realization that I had finally fulfilled my dreams. Going to Japan had been my dream since as long as I could remember, it was the first goal I ever had in life and being there that moment showed me that I could accomplish anything I wanted to in life."

allows the members of Urban Essence to track the analytics and visits to each individual post, allowing them to track the incoming Internet traffic to their current Facebook and Twitter pages.

The project has dived into utilizing the power of "tagging" on Facebook, allowing their page to be shared with even more viewers as it's posted to various profiles. On average, photos that have tagged subjects gain about 600 views – opposed to those without that acquire about 230 views, with about a total of 11,000 views since the

benefit of their class project.

They found their greatest source of inspiration (which they fully accredit on their Facebook page) in the similar, more widely known project of Humans of New York. Urban Essence was looking to add a bit more of the Boston essence focusing on just the greater hub.

"We've been asked before if we planned on keeping the project in motion after the semester ends," said Nelson.

As Graves suddenly yelled "Catch that guy!" O'Connell seems to read her mind as he swiftly disappears to approach a gentlemen walking

were so real with their answers.

Meg Graves: The people we find are so eccentric and excited to be a part of something so I like unique people.

Hugh O'Connell: Angela and I found three really cool characters on School Street not too long ago. There was a group of three woman, a set of sisters and their sister-in-law visiting Boston from Georgia claiming they came to Boston just to visit National Sister Day.

Urban Essence can be followed on Twitter via user @Urban_Essence1 or follow along via Facebook. com / Urban Essence.

Shows & Events Upcoming Week of 11/6 - 11/12

Wednesday, Nov. 6

1. Born Ruffians ft. Twin Peakes & Kid Mountain @the Sinclair Doors 8 p.m. & Show 9 p.m.
\$14, 18+

Thursday, Nov. 7

1. Reel Big Fish ft. Five Iron Frenzy, Beautiful Bodies, Beebs and Her Money Makers @the Royale Doors 7 p.m. & Show 8 p.m.
\$25

Friday, Nov. 8

3. Kate Nash ft. Potty Mouth and La Sera @House of Blues Boston Doors 7 p.m.. & Show 8 p.m.
Advance Box Office Prices - \$20

3. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis ft. Talib Kweli & Big K.R.I.T Doors 6 p.m. & Show 7:30 p.m.
\$29.50 - \$59.50

Popular book series *Ender's Game* is transformed onto the big screen

B. E. Alexander
Journal Contributor

It's official. The teen paranormal romance is dead, ushering in the new trend - teenage dystopian future blockbusters. After the horrific *Reign of the Twilight Saga*

compelled scores of hormonally-charged fangirls into a collective frenzy at your local theater, movies about kids being forced to fight each other to the death or trained to prevent

and attack an alien race from destroying earth have arrived to fill the void left by the Cullen family.

Following the success of *The Hunger Games*, Hollywood decided to cash in on the hype by churning out movies of a lesser quality---dull, half-baked efforts. The main concern is to find the next big franchise.

Such is the case with the new movie adaptation of the popular young adult science fiction book, *Ender's Game*, that focuses more so on visual effects than telling a deeper story.

In the future, 50 years after Earth's population is nearly decimated by an insect-like alien species called the Formics or "buggers," the government mandates that every child must undergo rigorous training to develop military

strategies and skills in hopes of preventing and ultimately annihilating the Formics in its International Fleet (IF).

Why are children being used instead of adults? Because it is easier for IF to brainwash them into becoming mindless killers who carry out orders without

CGI dreams. However, they fail to make any sense. The connection between his dreams and his special abilities is not revealed until the very end.

Even when it is revealed, the long dream sequences seem more like finding something to take up time to make it a

two-hour long movie than serving to move the story along.

This is one of the many problems with *Ender's Game*. Throughout the movie, it feels like there is more focus on

the surface than the deeper story. There are long training sequences in which teams of young cadets engage in laser-gun battles with each other in zero gravity.

However, there is never any opportunity for audience to get to know and relate to Ender. He is emotionless and driven by something in his past that is never shared. Relationships are glossed over. One can argue that it is a difficult task to make a faithful adaptation. This movie fails to provide details. It has a high concept idea, but cannot deliver.

For those who have read the book, they will know the story's background and will not be disappointed. Still, anything is better than a movie about a tortured vampire with sparkly skin and severe attachment issues.

question or regard for life. Andrew "Ender" Wiggin (Asa Butterfield) is a child soldier that quickly rises through the ranks to become commander of the entire International Fleet.

From the start of his training, a commander Graff in the IF (played by Harrison Ford,) realizing Ender's potential to be "The One" who will save mankind from future destruction from the Formics.

Ender has proven himself an expert at military strategy in war games and a leader that others want to follow. Still, the movie fails to explain why Ender is so special and why he is singled out by his upper command. There are plenty of kids who have also proven themselves to be great leaders and experts on figuring out strategies during war games.

So, why Ender? The answer lies in his bizarre



Photo courtesy of Entertainment One Productions

MIA delivers brand new bangers, releasing album *Matangi*

Thalia Yunen
Journal Staff

The Hindu goddess Matangi prefers to dwell outside the mainstream.

Sometimes referred to as the "outcast goddess," she is all-powerful and a facilitator of music, literature, and speech.

Recording artist, actor, director, songwriter and painter M.I.A. allegedly found inspiration for her new album from the Hindu goddess after three years of not releasing a new album.

Ironically, *Matangi* is only a slight variation of MIA's real name: Mathangi Arulpragasam, so her latest album is not quite, but almost self-titled.

The part Sri Lankan, part English artist released her latest album, which

includes a version of her single *Bad Girls*, which sold over 100,000 copies in the US just last year, on Nov. 1.

The album is a brilliant

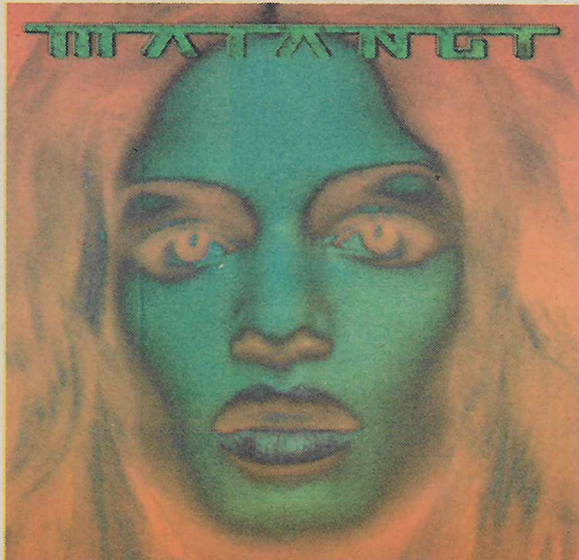
the melting pot of sound.

In "Bring the Noize," the albums lead single, MIA raps, "I'm so tangy, people call me

Mathangi, goddess of word, [expletive] imma keep it banging. Truth is like a rotten tooth, you got to spit it out. Let the bottom two, let my wisdom work it out." MIA was chief songwriter and producer on this album, so it's probable that most, if not all, of the lyrics on her album reflect her own personal experiences and flare.

In "Boom Skit," she raps, "'Brown girl, brown

mix of trap, dancehall and techno-infused bhangra music. MIA's politically-infused raps and seemingly chaotic chants complement



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Arcade Fire releases long-anticipated album *Reflektor*



Photo courtesy of Merge Records

Arcade Fire fans can rest assured this month, as the band's most recent album *Reflektor* was released online Oct. 29. The popular Canadian group released its 13 latest tracks set along to a lyric video playing over the classic 1959 Brazilian film *Black Orpheus* admittedly after the album was leaked via the web outside of the United States.

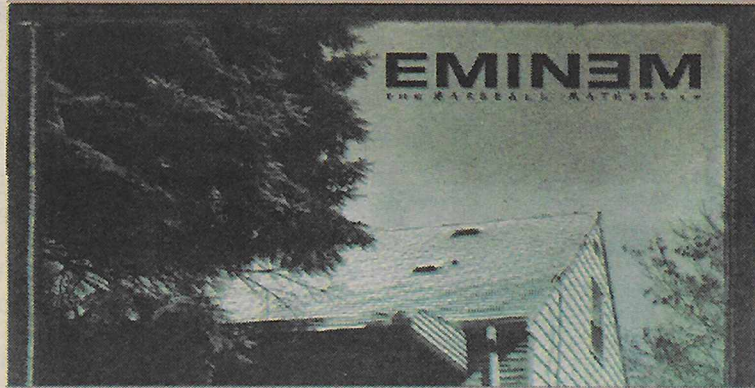
The band, consisting of 10 members – teamed up with Haitian percussionists and took on LCD Soundsystem's James Murphy as the co-producer of the album leading it up to be one of the most anticipated albums set to release over the past three years.

As Arcade Fire delivered information about their latest released set of songs on Comedy Central's famed Stephen Colbert television program, the band's lead singer Win Butler described the album as "ideally you should be shaking your ass with a little tear in your eye."

The band was able to record the album over the course of three years in Haiti, Jamaica, New York and Montreal anticipating up to the end of this year when *Reflektor* was set to release. The band reaches new breaches as they attempt to clash different music stylistics including "punk-funk" and an eighties style type of bounce. As many famous artists have produced and released unique and eclectic sounds, Arcade Fire may be stepping on the toes of history as this album has been compared to the likes of U2 and Bob Marley in various reports released this week highlighting the album.

Arcade Fire also has delivered surprise warehouse shows in Brooklyn, N.Y., teaser videos leading up to the release of *Reflektor* and even a performance on *Saturday Night Live*.

Eminem releases new album *Marshall Mathers LP 2* after years of absence



After a timely hiatus, rapper Eminem returns with newly released title *Marshall Mathers LP 2* released Nov. 5 generating buzz in headlines just as he did decades before. The 41-year old hip-hop icon does not fear the new competition currently set out on the MTV scene, as he has the advantage of having been around for many years.

As always, rapper Eminem does not hold back when it comes to the intensity of emotions debuted on his albums, which has led to his great success in the albums he has released earlier. Although, unlike his other albums the rapper has covered plenty of new ground aside from the heavy dishing of emotions that we would usually expect of Eminem with a few slower tracks presented.

Featured on the album is famous pop-rapper Kendrick Lamar, sampling Joe Walsh's 1978 hit "Life's Been Good" shining a more positive aspect on the energy generated by this particular album. *Marshall Mathers LP 2* is available currently wherever music is sold.

Film *Kill Your Darlings* tells the classic tales of college delivering a few wild twists, hiding in the horizons

Ally Johnson
Asst. Opinion Editor

It seems that in each new iteration of the *Beat Generation* that has come out in recent years the same three titles are heard: *Howl*, *Naked Lunch* and *On the Road*.

By far the most popular pieces by Beatniks Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac and William S. Burroughs but also the most tired. This is what makes *Kill Your Darlings* such a fascinating film—it brings our wandering poetic heroes back to the beginning, where they all met and by no means were they individuals to model yourselves after.

It is 1944 and Beat Generation icon Allen Ginsberg (Daniel Radcliffe) has just been accepted into Columbia University. It's there that he meets and falls for the mysterious Lucien Carr (Dane DeHaan) who introduces him to his future fellows, William S. Burroughs (Ben Foster) and Jack Kerouac (Jack Huston).

Carr however has the extra baggage of David Krammerer (Michael C. Hall) who has developed an obsession with Carr that has amounted to dangerous episodes. It is this relationship that provides the

focal point of the movie where a murder disembowels the group's dynamics and changes the course of their lives forever.

Director to the film, John Krokidas, has produced his first feature length film and unless having been told that I never would have

used for this film and what he managed to make with it. The acting is even better and helps propel a sloppily edited and in need of a trim ending, sure the movie could have shaved off about 20 minutes, but with the performances given for the

as the relaxed, easy going charisma infused man that many envision him to be but due to the main players was given a lot of background work and few big character moments to play with.

It is DeHaan and Radcliffe however whose performances—and palpable sexual chemistry are the driving forces of the film. DeHaan is likely Hollywood's next heavy hitter and plays Carr with a vulnerability and intensity that's so well equally measured that it's difficult to see what version of Carr is the real one: or if there's a real one at all.

It is not my favorite performance by DeHaan as it lacks the organic quality that he lent to his characters in *Chronicle* and *The Place*

Beyond the Pines but it is hard to deny the powerhouse that you are watching.

Radcliffe has possibly one of the most interesting trajectories of any young actor and *Kill Your Darlings* proves there is range that is only beginning to be tapped into. If this performance is any indication on how he career will play out it is

going to be an exciting ride. Over time readers have becomes overwhelmed with admiration for the Beat Generation (as they do with Holden Caulfield of *Catcher in the Rye*) believing their lifestyles and morals were ones to try and capture themselves—believing that it was the renaissance of thoughts and creativity and failing to see the dark and gritty underbelly of the groups beliefs. While *Kill Your Darlings* doesn't go as far as disillusionment, Krokidas does thankfully paint them as humans, rather than characters created from the page. Carr is manipulative and shallow, Ginsberg is easily played and at the time lacks much of a backbone with his peers, Kerouac is cocky and terrible to his wife and Burroughs is so addled on drugs he's nearly incomprehensible. This movie is full of faults—Editing, awkward bridge of genres, a dull final act are among them but the tension and the chemistry and the acting and the mood are so stellar, and so well performed that despite the issues you'll leave the theater feeling content.

Kill Your Darlings is now in theatres.



Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures

presumed that to be the truth.

The final product is gorgeously shot, utilizing their sets and on scene location shooting to the fullest extent. There's a 1940's edge, from the music played to their hand rolled cigarettes, the atmosphere is wonderful and domineering.

Krokidas is one to watch for considering the minimal budget

first hour and twenty minutes, can we really complain?

Foster is a chameleon actor who allows for Burroughs eccentricities to build the character rather turn him into a caricature: he's soft spoken, always high on something, with a consistently underlying feeling that he's a ticking time bomb.

Huston plays Kerouac

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girl, turn your ish down, you know America don't want to hear your sound."

Most likely, this is in response to her seemingly racist critics. In a recent interview with NPR, M.I.A. discussed her middle-finger fiasco at Superbowl XL VI.

She explained that it was only a misperception and that it was in fact a spiritual gesture, comparable to gang signs thrown up in America, as a sign of belonging. She said, "it's called the 'Matangi Mudra,' you can Google it."

In the interview, she also describes her affinity for *Matangi*, the goddess, "She's basically a goddess of inner thoughts — the outward expression or the outward articulation of inner thoughts. She was really interesting because she lived in the slums; she lived with the untouchables and represented them. So it was really cool to find a goddess that was not considered clean and pure, and was not on a pedestal."

In the dancehall-infused song "Double Bubble Trouble" MIA sings, "Uh-oh, you're in trouble, I step in the game and I burst that bubble." Her ominous, yet light, lyrics remain throughout the entire album. In "aTENTion," she raps, "My existence is militant, cause my content bangs like it's

potent. Never hesitant, always consistent...back it up, yeah, I'm very blatant. Don't try to copy this cause I patent!" Then the beat drops into what sounds like 90's Uncle Luke hip-hop.

Nov. 3, MIA performed "Come Walk with Me" at the Youtube Music Awards. It is a slower song with what at first seemed like cutesy lyrics that weren't typical for M.I.A.

"There's a thousand ways to meet you now, there's a thousand ways to track you down. There is nothing that can touch me now, you can't even break me down." Even her romanticism is tinged with a fierce independence. "Can I be your best friend, can I make it to the end, can you give me some of what you went and gave them?" It starts off as something of a techno-infused doo wop song, and then morphs into trap and dancehall.

Matangi, which is also the title of the album, is sort of like a call to arms. Over a beat that is hard to pinpoint the genre of, and what she describes at Tamil syllables that she learned from school, she says, "Somalia, Bosnia, Cuba, Colombia India, Serbia, Libya, Lebanon, Bali, Mali," and so on.

Although her seemingly clashing instrumentals on the album shouldn't go together - they do. Her defiant lyrics coupled with her defiance to stick to one, or even two or three genres of music, go extremely well together.

STAFF EDITORIAL

The *Boston Globe's* op-ed section has made headlines recently for columnist Jennifer Graham's recent article regarding the millennial generation. Graham believes that children born between 1982 and 2000 have gone from becoming "the next great generation" to the idle generation. She sweeps an entire generation into the stereotype of young adults that do not want to leave the comfort of their parents' basement. Apparently, our generation has not produced enough Mark Zuckerbergs in the eyes of Graham. It appears Graham forgot that Zuckerberg is not the only millennial that has seen early success.

Former Journal Editor-in-Chief Alex Pearlman is now a member of the *Globe's* editorial board and even wrote a rebuttal to Graham's article. Last week's edition of the Journal included a profile of Suffolk alum Michael Barra. The former finance major now works on business development and franchise management in the theatrical department at Walt Disney Studios. These are just two local examples of members of our generation who have seen early success after applying themselves in college.

Generation Y is forced to deal with global climate change, the issues of the European Union, and the fact that America's debt currently stands around \$17 trillion. Our generation is being

forced to deal with issues handed off to us from the baby boomers as they enjoy social security, a benefit Generation Y might not even have.

Our generation has no choice but to go to college and accumulate the nightmarish debt that comes along with doing so to pursue almost any career. Despite all of this, our generation is one built on acceptance of diversity and embraces the technology around us. The baby boomers might think that all we young people do is play *Angry Birds* on our iPads, but we are also learning how to use Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn to get our names out there. We are applying for internships and post-graduation jobs listing social media as an expertise. And besides, nobody plays *Angry Birds* anymore.

Criticizing the newest generation is typical of those who came before it; history has more than a few accounts of this phenomenon. The issue with Graham's post is that it ignores the successful members, not named Zuckerberg, our generation has had. She spends too much time making analogies and not enough time looking at the hand this generation was dealt by the ones that came before. Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion, but sweeping an entire generation into a stereotypical category does not make for an accurate one.

Barney's New York accused of racial profiling

Serina Gousby
Journal Staff

It is almost Christmas time and November is the perfect time to get an early start on shopping. However, would you want to go to your favorite department stores that have been repeatedly accused of racial profiling? The department store Barney's New York has been in hot water for the last few weeks after two African Americans claimed that they were racially profiled after paying for their expensive items and left the store. According to *CNN*, a 19-year-old college student, Trayon Christian, has sued Barney's New York and the city police department, expressing that he was racially profiled because of his \$350 belt purchased in April of this year. He claimed that two undercover NYPD detectives stopped him immediately after he left the store. The officers started asking him questions about how he was able to pay for the belt and made accusations that his debit card was fraudulent. As soon as they confirmed with the bank that it was his card, they apologized and left.

Soon after, 21-year-old nursing student Kayla Phillips came forward claiming that four undercover officers attacked her after she left Barney's with her expensive purchase in February. She told *CNN* that she always wanted to have a Celine bag after seeing a friend buy it for his mother. With her debit card, she spent \$2,500 on the bag and left the store. When the officers stopped her, not only did they question her, but also attacked her by pushing her against the wall and were "very rough." As soon as these stories came out, many fans and supporters of rap mogul and businessman Jay Z demanded that he end

his partnership with Barney's New York, since he is working on a clothing line that is set to sell during the winter holidays. He released a statement on Oct. 26, saying, "Why am I being demonized, denounced and thrown on the cover of a newspaper for not speaking immediately? The negligent, erroneous reports and attacks on my character, intentions, and the spirit of this collaboration have forced me into a statement I didn't want to make without the full facts... I am no stranger to being profiled and I truly empathize with anyone that has been put in that position. Hopefully this brings forth a dialogue to affect real change." He also said that he and his team would look for more information and try to find a

perfect solution regarding his partnership with Barney's. As an African-American, this story has surprised me a little bit because New York is full of diversity and different cultures, and it should not matter which race comes in the store. I am not sure whether to express this situation as racism or just a matter of judgment, because since Jay Z is a black man who happens to have a partnership with Barney's, he would not be a target. Because he is a public figure who is able to purchase very expensive items, there is no reason to profile him. However, since the

two African-Americans were students, young, and probably were dressed in a casual way, not in suits or in fancy clothing, that would have made them a potential threat to Barney's. In addition, the officers had



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no right to attack the two students after they purchased their items. If there was a problem, the officers should have approached calmly and asked them questions, and not allegedly treat them as criminals because of the color of their skin. For someone who has never been racially profiled in a store, or just never really noticed, stories like this makes me a bit curious of how many other people, not just African-Americans, have been judged in a department store because of their race, weight, or sexual orientation.



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US denies NSA violation of international privacy regulations

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Chances are, if you have an Internet connection or cable access, you are aware of the appalling scandal that has come to light concerning the U.S.' National Security Agency (NSA). Also, chances are, if you have an Internet connection or smartphone, that same office has read your texts, listened to your phone calls, and read your emails.

In an open letter to the public, NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden states, "Today, no telephone call in America goes through without record from the NSA. Today, no Internet transaction enters or leaves America without passing through the NSA's hands." However, as it has recently come to light, not only U.S. citizens are subject to surveillance from the federal government-run NSA's crooked supervision.

Over 35 world leaders, those who hold positions of importance and influence in powerful nations worldwide, have had their personal phones tapped by the NSA for years. A notable name on that list would be that of

German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Merkel's communicative activities could perhaps be of interest to the NSA due to positions she holds that could perhaps affect the integrity of the American federal government. She holds a key position that could vastly affect the global economy, and Iranian and Afghani relations with the United States.

While it is unclear if President Obama was aware of the wiretapping of Merkel's communications, allegations are currently flying in both directions, pointing fingers of guilt towards him, while others proclaim his innocence. Sources such as the NSA and the Senate Intelligence Committee have made statements that it would "not be practical" to inform Obama of every single wiretapping operation. Other sources such as the *Huffington Post* cite German media sources, stating that the president not only knew of the tapping of



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German Chancellor Merkel,
UK Prime Minister Cameron, President Obama

Merkel's phone, he approved and extended the tapping period.

While it may currently be unclear what the president's exact involvement was, he has recently contacted

Chancellor Merkel, "assuring the chancellor that the United States is not monitoring and will not monitor the communications of the Chancellor," said White House Spokesman Jay Carney.

It is impossible to deny the illegality of the NSA's actions, which also include targeting the communications of other U.S. Allies, such as France, Mexico and Brazil. While the United States offices involved in the scandal, such as the office of the director of national intelligence, have denied some claims, they have not denied all. They have tiptoed around denying collecting millions of recorded calls in and out of France, but have not denied collecting millions of text messages and metadata (massive amounts of data encrypted with identifiable user ID.)

While the NSA scrambles in the wake of all its violations, we may have just begun to hear of its international and domestic privacy violations. Since the initial information leak by Snowden, more NSA employees have begun to blow their own whistles. In the coming months, we may find the U.S. government and the NSA in quite a perplexing and treacherous quandary. In the meantime, Americans everywhere ought to read up on George Orwell's *1984* in preparation for what may lay ahead.

Texas ruling makes it harder for women to find legal abortions

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It's 2013 and women in Texas (and let's face it, many places in the U.S.) are finding it increasingly difficult to be allowed agency of their own bodies.

Texas has been going through quite a tumultuous couple of months, the outcome of which could foretell serious ramifications for the female population of the state.

One third of the state's abortion clinics have stopped providing services. The state passed, as appeals are being processed, a law which requires doctors who perform abortions to have formal admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the abortion clinic.

Many women did not hear of these rulings until they were at the clinic and were delivered the news.

The court cannot simply make abortions illegal, but in jeopardizing their businesses they can manage to bypass the law.

The three judge appeals court panel likened the ruling to saying that abortions should be performed by licensed doctors, favorable to the pro-life side of the argument.

The case is not over, the full appeals court have arguments scheduled for January, but as

of right now it seems bleak for women of Texas.

The problem is that abortion has always, and likely always will be, one of the toughest subjects to debate because individuals on both sides of the argument are steadfast in their opinions and rarely budge on them; it is an

they are lucky enough to have the means to make the trip as well as pay for the procedure.

Females are once again, in yet another case, being subjected to marginalization: their bodies are not their own, the decisions are made outside of their jurisdiction and the legality of said actions

for themselves what steps they will take with a pregnancy, unwanted or not.

Roe v. Wade makes it impossible for Texas to say that the act is illegal, but they are doing their best to try and make the process as difficult as it possibly can be so that the action is nearly obsolete.

this past summer, many believed that some form of change may appear in the often conservative state, but it did not take long to realize the falsity in that hope.

Despite the resolve that pro-choice activists are demonstrating, it does not help when the anti-abortion

groups have greater means at their disposal. They have a court that is favorable to their side, months until an appeal is heard, plenty of time for businesses to fall, and a state with a history of swinging their way.

It would be hopeful to think that the appeals ruling will go in the favor of pro-choice groups but there is a rightful need to be prepared for a negative ruling. Across the country, anti-abortionists groups stand outside Planned Parenthood facilities to yell obscenities and impose a threat to female patients. Abortion in many areas is still spoken about as if it were a dirty word. Women are still

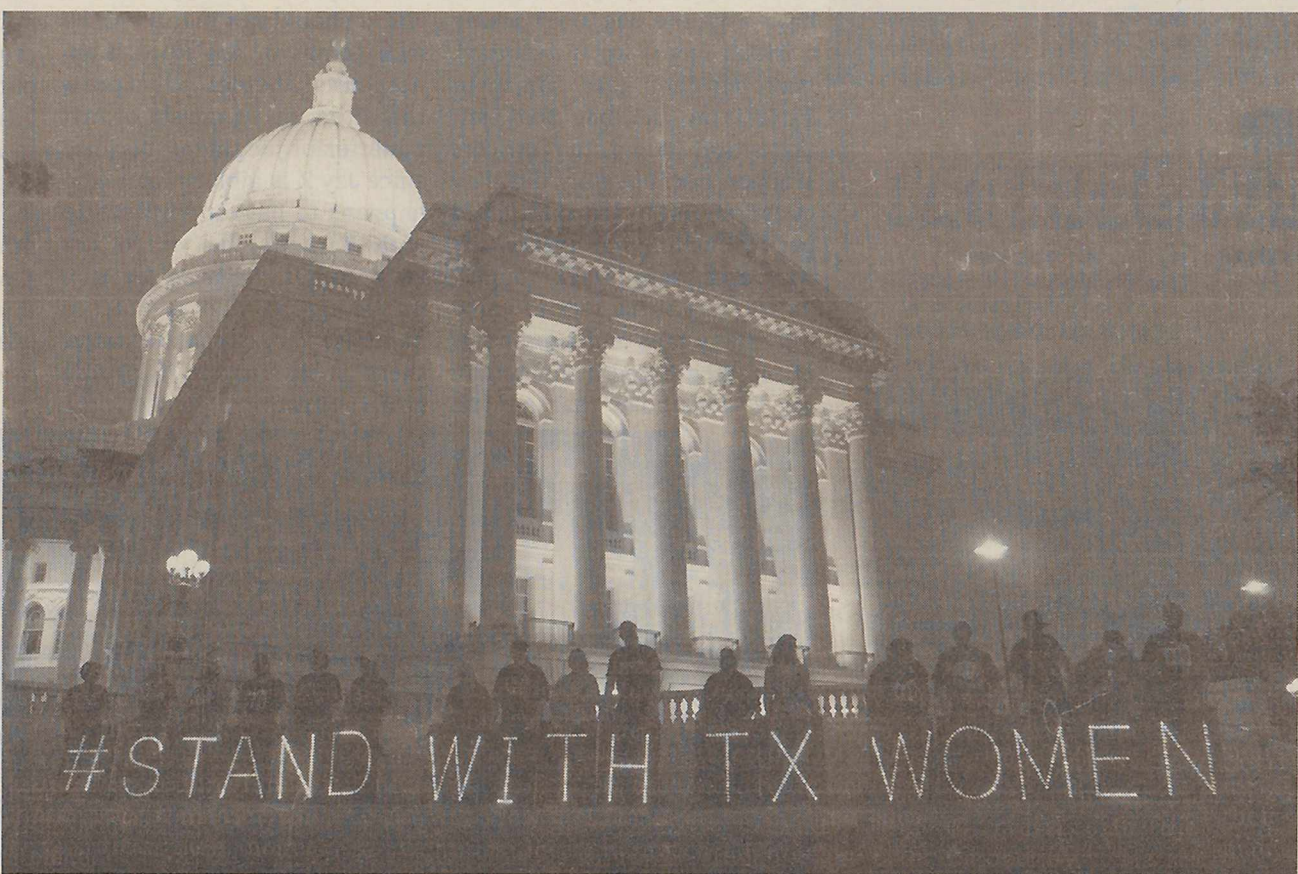


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emotional debate.

The consequences, however, largely fall on the female's shoulders. Now pregnant women who are searching for abortions will have to travel much further for the procedure, as long as

is placed in the hands of the courts rather than their own.

Abortion will always be a tricky subject, but the basic underlying goal should be that women gain credence to their own bodies. Women should be allowed to choose

Despite the hearing of appeals in January, it may not be soon enough to save some of the businesses.

It is one challenge after another. After State Senator Wendy Davis gave her much talked about 13-hour filibuster

looked at as criminals when having admitted to having the procedure.

Hope for the best, anticipate the worst, and maybe the outcome will be more favorable than pro-choice activists will have hoped for.

Victims of Hurricane Sandy still struggling

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By the time Hurricane Sandy hit the U.S. northeastern coast, it had dropped from a Category Three to a Category One storm, yet the following destructive nature was undeniable.

It has been a year since Hurricane Sandy and it seems that there is still much work ahead.

From Florida to Maine the storm affected the Eastern costal border, wreaking havoc on many of the states in the area. Despite the damages inflicted, many seem to have forgotten that the storm ever happened at all.

Hurricane Sandy was the second costliest hurricane in U.S. history. It affected states all along the coastline and one year later we are still dealing with the after effects.

It is a year after Hurricane Sandy and relief efforts are still widely necessary. There are questions about rebuilding coastlines and what should be done in preparation for the next big storm. After portions

of the New York coastline were destroyed last year, these questions seem particularly prevalent.

Seventy percent of New Jersey's old submerged marshes were flooded. These marshes are natural storm barriers that lessen the force of incoming waves; a year later

announced, no one believed that the nature of the storm was as destructive as the news would have us believe. We were seeing middling winds, some rain here and there, and waves that seemed far from disastrous. But once it hit in full swing, the threat of the storm was seen to its fullest

The Red Cross has sent \$280 million to recovery items and \$17 million in food.

According to *Rolling Stone* there are still a number of towns and cities strongly in need of help. Keansburg, New Jersey has seen a rise in the homeless with people sleeping in Keansburg dunes or couch hopping. Union Beach, NJ shows entire blocks still empty and they try and rebuild from their own finances and volunteers' helping hands.

In Breezy Point, Queens, more than 300 families lost their homes and finances are quickly draining as they attempt to rebuild their own homes. All around the New York and New Jersey shore people who are simply trying to rebuild the lives that were taken from them. From street sides to businesses, to their own family homes, the hope is to someday soon seenrecovery, but much of that hope is beginning to slip.

The storm may be long and past but the struggles that the victims are dealing with are all too present and should not be forgotten.



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and they are still struggling with how to fix the issue.

Places such as Midland Beach on Staten Island have yet to fully recover and, due to the sustained damage, likely never will.

When news of the oncoming storm was being

extent.

There are still places and charities that are actively trying to help. There is The Robin Hood Relief Fund that has sent millions in relief contributions towards organizations in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

China should increase security in Tiananmen Square

David Frederick
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Assuredly, we must recognize the importance of areas like Tiananmen Square. This past Monday, a family in an SUV drove through many citizens and then proceeded to light their car on fire, and an explosion rocked the same area that once had a citizen now known in the zeitgeist as 'tankman' stood his ground during the square protests of 1989. Now being identified as a terrorist attack, the police have detained five individuals that are believed to have participated in the horrid act which took the lives of five civilians and injured dozens of others. The fight for a peaceful democracy is still very much going on.

In the day and age of digital enlightenment, it was almost instantaneous that we found out about this bombing, and it is now being linked to an Islamic separatist group. Police reportedly found gasoline, two knives and steel sticks, as well as a flag with extremist religious content in the Jeep. What is interesting is that the group was of two tourists and three members of a family of Uighurs, a Muslim ethnic minority from northwestern China's Xinjiang region, who were in the car used in the attack. They included the 70-year-old mother of the driver.

They have figured out the

key settings of rival factions that set off the chain of events, the amount of money saved for it, and all about anything that you would need to know about the Jihadist Uighurs that happened to divulge into the incident. Then, if we can find these things at what happens to feel like the snap of a finger, why is it hard to prevent these things from occurring? It is surprising that with all of the events of violence that are politically motivated, that the place is not turned into a stronghold, especially underneath a giant portrait of Mao Zedong.

The most defense is that fire extinguishers are kept at the site and have been used when protesters set themselves

on fire, even though Chinese police have arrested 139 people in Xinjaing for being a part of a ring that spread religious extremism propaganda which came about: riots that had wiped out another 35 unfortunate individuals. Which seems to just leave a puzzling vicious circle in its path, one truly has to wonder the strange allure that the area brings to it. One has to think that with a more open forum, this plague of political extremism can maybe be fixed.

It is quite the task to formulate an opinion on such a layered topic but one can see that whatever has been used in the current paradigm, it has not been effective. The continuing weeks and months

ahead will not only unravel this tragedy but it hopefully will not be exploitative to the good people that make up that community. Regulation is key in this situation. Even though it has been said that "the notice should not be taken as the evidence of Uyghur involvement in the incident," or that "It was close to the Zhongnanhai party headquarters," and, in terms of timing, it is on the eve of the plenary session of the Chinese Communist Party. They do not want these rumors and speculation, it is imperative that this continues to be discussed so that this will not get lost in the shuffle and that people stay aware to the political threads that tread in society.



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A WORD FROM

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SGA
student government association

Dear Students,

The Student Government Association would like to share some updates from this week.

In our meeting this Thursday, during our open forum, concerns were shared regarding issues that are being faced on campus. We discussed things such as the future of the Ram Card and how to better improve them, possibly having longer hours for the new student space on the 9th floor of 73 Tremont as well as putting up a bulletin board in that building which will inform students about events and the latest news on campus. Our SGA Treasurer Tyler LeBlanc, along with senators Maria Foglia and Haley Rooney, visited NESAD this past Thursday to speak with the students and take note of their concerns as Suffolk students.

Oct. 29, SGA, along with the Athletics department, CLAS, Office of Diversity Services, BEST BUDDIES, and SAAC co-sponsored the Headucation event. This event was focused on creating awareness about concussions among athletes. Keynote speaker Chris Nowinski was a defensive tackle for Harvard's football team and then a professional wrestler for the WWE. He was forced to retire from the WWE due to the side effects of a concussion. Free shirts and wristbands were given out to students who attended. The information he shared was very eye opening.

The annual Etiquette Dinner, which SGA has been co-sponsoring for the past 15 years, occurred this past Monday. This event allows for students to have a better understanding of what behaviors and actions are appropriate at the dinner table, whether among friends or business partners. It was a great learning experience and we hope students continue to take an interest and acknowledge the importance of these skills.

We hope you all had a great week! Our weekly meetings are every Thursday in Donahue 311. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at sga@suffolk.edu.

Have a great week,

Student Government
Association

SPORTS BRIEFS



THE RAM REPORT

Team standings

Aaron Rodgers suffers broken collarbone

The Green Bay Packers will have a few rough weeks ahead of them since Aaron Rodgers announced he has a broken collarbone. The injury happened in the game against the Chicago Bears on Monday night, when Rodgers was taken down hard onto his shoulder after a sack by defensive end Shea McClellin on the first drive of the night. Seneca Wallace was called upon to play the rest of the game. Green Bay lost to the Bears 27-20. Collarbone injuries can cause players to miss up to three weeks, which means Wallace will have to be the starting quarterback for the Packers. The Packers are in a three-way tie for the NFC North, and hitting the halfway point of the season means that the upcoming games are must wins. They will have to face the Philadelphia Eagles, New York Giants, and Minnesota Vikings with Wallace at the helm.

Boston Celtics open season with four losses

The Boston Celtics 2013-2014 season was not anticipated to go well, and it has started off that way. The Celtics have lost their first four games and sit at the bottom of the league standings at 0-4. They are ranked 28th in the league for points per game, but their defense still looks solid by ranking sixth in the league for points allowed. Jeff Green, as of now, is the leading scorer for the Celtics, although his durability throughout games is definitely a cause for concern. Other than Green, no one has looked like they can be a play-maker for the Celtics. Vitor Faverani is handling his starting position well, but he is not expected to make that big of a splash that could help the Celtics win games. Rumors are already circulating about possible trades that the Celtics will try to make to ease into the rebuilding process a little more.

NCAA: Oregon football ready to face Stanford

The Oregon Ducks have been jumped in the polls by the Florida State Seminoles, and the Ducks are not happy about it. Running back De'Anthony Thomas told Oregon's official website his thoughts on their next opponent Stanford; "I feel like, this team, we should at least put up 40." Now that the Ducks are ranked third in the BCS, players like Thomas know they have to make a statement against Stanford who is currently fifth in the BCS. Besides the Ducks and Seminoles, Alabama and Ohio State also remain undefeated, so one loss will end any BCS Championship hopes. The Ducks played UCLA last week, a top 25 team, and destroyed them with a final score of 42-14. With this being the Ducks last game against a top ranked team (as of now), they will need to prove that they are one of the two best teams in America. They face Stanford on Thursday, Nov. 7.

Men's Hockey

1. Johnson & Wales 1-0
2. Nichols 1-0
3. Salve Regina 1-0
4. Suffolk 1-0
5. Wetworth 1-1
6. West. New Eng. 1-1
7. Curry 0-1
8. Becker 0-1

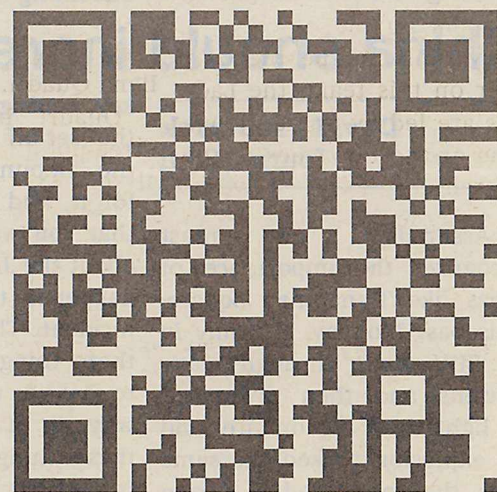
Men's Basketball

1. Anna Maria 0-0
2. Albertus Magnus 0-0
3. Emerson 0-0
4. Johnson & Wales 0-0
5. Saint Joseph's (Me.) 0-0
6. Suffolk 0-0
7. Rivier 0-0
8. Emmanuel 0-0
9. Lasell 0-0
10. Mount Ida 0-0
11. Norwich 0-0

Women's Basketball

1. Emmanuel 0-0
2. Suffolk 0-0
3. Saint Joseph's (Me.) 0-0
4. Rivier 0-0
5. Albertus Magnus 0-0
6. Emerson 0-0
7. Johnson & Wales 0-0
8. St. Joseph (CT) 0-0
9. Lasell 0-0
10. Norwich 0-0
11. Anna Maria 0-0
12. Simmons 0-0

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the Red Sox duck boat parade from Boylston
Street to the Charles River



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Ruys, Quadri look to help lead women's basketball to win

Jeremy Hayes
Asst. Sports Editor

A new season with a new look, that is what the Suffolk University women's basketball team has ahead of them.

The Lady Rams were one of the best teams in the GNAC last season, but have lost their two captains in graduated guards Jacqueline Vienneau and Lindsey Rogers. Vienneau had more playing time than any player on the team, but was not the Lady Rams' leading scorer.

Jennifer Ruys, forward for the Lady Rams, is a returner as the leading scorer, and will now have to be the one to lead her team. The senior averaged 15.8 points per game, along with shooting an average of 45.8 for her field goal percentage and a 79.1 free throw percentage.

"It is surreal being a senior already but these girls are not just my teammates, they're my closest friends. It's fun leading a team who is so invested and committed. I just want to do everything in my power to give them a great season."

Ruys will not be the only leader on this team, the Lady Rams are led by arguably one of the greatest coaches in the conference, Coach Leyden, who was the 2012-2013 GNAC coach of the year.

Leyden's approach on defense is unmatched is the conference, on average, the defense gave up 51.9 points per game. With an offense that scores 10 times more on average than they give up, it is an elite team to say the least, but the Lady Ram's defense was the second best in the conference next to Emmanuel.

"Coach Leyden places a lot of emphasis on our defensive game and we work hard at it every day in practice," said Ruys. "As a team, we are always focused on ascending from our successes last year."

Another key player for the Lady Rams has to be their guard, and the best three-point shooter on the team, Ilana Quadri.

Quadri had the highest three-point percentage in all of GNAC, averaging 43.6 percent from beyond the arc. She averaged a total of 10.1

points per game, which was third best on the team behind Ruys and Vienneau.

"I've been working on my shot over the summer, and I have high expectations for myself for this season in general, if that includes having the best three-point percentage again, then so be it," said Quadri, a junior from Sudbury, Mass.

This is a team that will

missed games with a hand injury, but the team was still able to produce win with it's incredible depth.

That same depth is returning, and has a chance to be lethal in the long run.

"These past two years have been great and I've learned a lot and think I'm ready to step up," said Quadri. "I think our team is going to be good this year, and everyone is going to

expects a lot from everyone and helps us to be the best we can be everyday.

The hard-working mentality is set for every player on the team, and their hard work without a doubt showed up on the court last season. They will be at full strength and very intimidating to their conference opponents, who they do not start playing until January, which leaves the Lady Rams plenty of time to prepare for their first GNAC match-up.

"After losing Jackie and Lindsey, there is some ground to make up for on offense but I have full confidence that my teammates will step up and contribute this year," said Ruys. "It is an opportunity to get more people involved, making us difficult to guard. We have a very talented team who works hard and strives to be the best we can be."



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have a hard time topping last season, but the impressive thing is that it is still a great team even after losing two starters. Rogers last season

have to step up to fill roles but i think were all ready. Coach just goes into every practice the same, expecting us to all be focused and work hard. He

Men's hockey get great start to season with win over Assumption college

CJ Haddad
Journal Staff

The Suffolk University men's hockey team opened up its 2013-2014 season this past Sunday against Assumption College.

Last season ended on a dissapointing note for Suffolk by just missing the playoffs with a 6-13-6 record, going only 3-7-4 in the ECAC conference.

This year head coach Chris Glionna has a team that was once a younger group, but now has ice time together over the past couple of years. This time together should translate into wins for this club who has been an average team with above average talent.

When the puck dropped this past Sunday in Salem, N.H. the Rams were ready to go.

Assumption took three penalties in the first period, and Suffolk was able to capitalize. ECAC Northeast honorable mention Tim Sprage picked up right where he left

off. Sprague netted Suffolk's first goal of the year 13:38 into the contest, his goal being assisted by two Suffolk vets in Charlie McGinnis and defenseman Jon Stauffer.

In the second, it was Suffolk that felt the pressure on the penalty kill. On the second power play of the period for Assumption, they snuck one past Suffolk goaltender Brandon Smolarek to tie the game at 1-1.

After being assesed another penalty, Suffolk was able to skate into the locker room after the second period still tied at one apiece.

The game would be decided in the third period with a virtual tie after 40 minutes. Just 3:34 into that decisive third period, Suffolk regained the lead. Right winger Mike Cherpark was able to beat the

Assumption goaltender while being assisted by Dan Mazzei and Simon Leahy.

After Cherpark's goal,



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seven penalties were called in the period; four against Assumption and three against Suffolk. Each team was able to kill those penalties showing strong defensive hockey.

second of the game and of the young season at 16:53 into the third leaving little wind in the sails of Assumption. Jon Stauffer again assisted Sprague along with Carmen

Mastrangelo to put Suffolk ahead by two goals.

The final horn came about three minutes later with the scoreboard still reading 3-1 Suffolk.

It's always important to start the season off on the right foot and build momentum as this hockey team has.

The Rams' next game is on Nov. 9. in a nECAC matchup at Salve Regina. This will start a five-game stretch against ECAC opponets for Suffolk who is sharing home rinks this year between the Charlestown DCR rink, and the usual Steriti Rink in the North End.

Red Sox win 3rd World Series in 10 years

CJ Haddad
Journal Staff

For the third time in less than 10 years, the Boston Red Sox have ended their season with champagne, tears, a trophy, and of course, duck boats. Going from the circus act that was Bobby V and fried chicken, to a group of gritty guys who play until the very last out, this championship team is something to be proud of.

Ben Cherington came in to replace the coveted Theo Epstein and once given full control, showed that he was the rightful man for the job. Brilliant offseason acquisitions of Mike Napoli, Johnny Gomes, Shane Victorino, and countless others brought a sense of comradery to the team.

No signing could have been as big as the one that brought manager John Farrell back to the home dugout at Fenway Park. Farrell set the tone early in spring training and put this team on the track to succeed.

Right from the get go you could feel this group of guys gel perfectly. There was a good mix of veterans, youngsters, and key role players who all seemed to work as magically as the seems of a baseball do.

As the season progressed, so did the strength of this team, along with its facial hair. Each month passed and every time you looked towards the top of the standings in the AL East, the Sox were there.

At the All-Star break, Boston was a comfortable four games up on the Tampa Bay Rays for tops in the East, while the struggling New York Yankees were a dismal fourth.

As a Sox fan, you would know that Boston does usually have a strong first half of the season, but seem do decline as baseball goes deeper and deeper into the summer. No need to reference the embarrassing collapse of the beer drinking m u l t i - millionaires from last seasons club.

This year was a much different story. Jon Lester turned into the ace we all knew he could be, while John Lackey, Felix Dubront, and newly acquired vet Jake Peavy all turned in respectable outings time after time. Lester and Lackey put

the pitching rotation on their backs while a 9-0 Clay Buchholz was on the DL for an extended amount of time.

Unfortunately for the other team, once you got through the starters, the bullpen was no piece of cake either. Composed of closer and ALCS MVP Koji Uehara, set-up men Junichi Tazawa, and Craig Breslow, made for a strong 7-8-9 combo.

While the pitchers were dominating on the mound, all the Red Sox offense was doing was scoring the most runs in all of the Major Leagues. The exact number of runs they scored throughout the

season was 853; 57 more runs then the second place Detroit Tigers. They were second in baseball in total hits, No.1 in doubles, No. 6 in home runs, No. 1 in RBI, and No. 2 in average. Oh, and they also led all of the Majors in slugging

Boston Marathon rocked this city, the Sox became instant inspiration and a symbol of hope. Beginning the infamous "Boston Strong" slogan, this team was putting the city in their dugout whether at home or on the road. The Red Sox

to play on its home grass as much as possible by capturing home field advantage.

Each playoff series was a dog fight that this team was built to win. A group of guys who loved nothing more than coming to the ballpark every day looking forward to seeing eachother and to play the game that they and all of us fell in love with at a young age.

When the World Series came to Boston, electricity filled the air and the city was ready for another title. This six game series was filled with unimaginable endings including an obstruction call along with a first time pick-off to end the game.

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and on base percentage.

David Ortiz continued to be the greatest designated hitter who has ever played this game by leading the team in average (.309), home runs (30), RBI (103), and OBP (.395). Other contributors include Jacoby Ellsbury who swiped an impressive 52 bases and hit .298, Dustin Pedroia led the team in hits with 193 while he hit .301 with 84 RBI. Daniel Nava hit over .300, and Mike Napoli belted 23 moon shots that I'm not quite sure have even landed yet. This team was so well rounded top to bottom in the batting order.

Once the tragedies of the

owned Boston, as David Ortiz put so elegantly.

With 617 hanging from every dugout the Red Sox stepped foot in from then on out, they had an inspiration that doesn't come along every season, and them embraced it. The product they put out on the field was a never say die style that was clearly a staple of their game from walkoff home runs multiple times a week to late inning grand slams and solo home runs that could only make you feel that we were destined to win.

When the playoffs were underway, this team made sure that it would be able

After all was said and done, the Red Sox celebrated on the Fenway grounds for the first time since 1918. A party of unimaginable proportions ensued while beards were being put on ducks.

David Ortiz solidified his rightful spot in history with his incredible postseason performance, especially in the World Series in which he recieved MVP honors.

A new dystanty has been born in Boston and its an uplifting feeling that we are never going to forget.

Kanu reveals: signed off 3 million pounds to Portsmouth after retirement

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The Nigerian soccer legend Nwankwo Kanu recently revealed that he agreed to give up £3 million to Portsmouth Football club. The financially bankrupt. English soccer team did not pay Kanu's salary for a long period of time and that added up to the £3 million. The man who played for Arsenal and had a magnificent career proved once again to be generous and unselfish when he chose to not sue the club for his unpaid salary. He simply let the whole thing go in order to help the club get back on its feet. To understand Kanu's generous nature and

heart you have to know his back story.

The year was 1999 and his career was at its peak. Everything was going great. Kanu had just signed a million dollar three year contract with Arsenal Football club from London. He was only 20 years old when the terrible news came in. He was diagnosed with a dangerous

heart disease that threatened his whole future. The doctors told him that he would never

be able to play soccer again doctors and could continue



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after he had his surgery. Kanu only survived the operation with the help of magnificent

his career. This is the reason he started a heart foundation to help African kids with this serious condition. This is where a great deal of Kanu's generous character comes from. T o

everybody's huge surprise, Kanu made a terrific comeback to the world of soccer and

became better than ever. A miracle has happened and Kanu was now able to play soccer again. During his career he has won the Champions league, English Premier League, the FA Cup, the Dutch League and the Olympics with Nigeria. The biggest success Kanu has achieved was with Arsenal between the years 1999 and 2004. Who can forget his incredible three goals in only 15 minutes against Chelsea? The Blues were leading 2-0 and then Kanu entered the pitch and saved Arsenal with his three goals.