Warren denounces government profit on student loans

Senator Warren explains the economic impact of excessive student loans at Suffolk University Law School.

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In the list of heaviest burdens for college students and graduates, paying back student loans is at the top as young Americans leave higher education with a degree and tens of thousands of dollars in debt. In a multi-day conference at Suffolk University's Law School, Senator Elizabeth Warren discussed the factors that take part in the billions of dollars that student debt accounts for in the U.S. and proposed solutions to stop government profiting on these loans and protect borrowers from sinking under the burden alone.

"You could take down a list of protections available to mortgage borrowers," Warren said, "none of them are available for student loan borrowers. Congress has stripped away bankruptcy protection from both federal and private student loans. Borrowers cannot discharge debt unless under the most extreme of circumstances," Warren said.

For those struggling with student loan repayments, there are no options that will grant any form of "relief" from their debt, leaving them to face years of the federal government demanding unrealistic payments in their conditions.

"The outstanding student loan debt right now is $1.2 trillion," Warren said Friday. "The average debt for those who get a bachelor's degree is $29,000." Graduate school borrowers see even higher numbers.

"This is crushing our young people. More than a third of borrowers under the age of 30 have been delinquent for more than 90 days," the Senator said.

Warren explained that this has impacted our economy in that young Americans and recent college graduates are not buying homes or taking part in activities expected by the government to stimulate the economy.

"Tying students to a lifetime financial servitude as a condition of getting an education does not reflect our values," Warren said. "These students didn't go to the mall and make a bunch of charges on credit cards. They worked hard to earn skills that would benefit this country, to help build the capacity to accommodate the economy."

Same school, vastly different post grad lives

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As commencement looms gloriously on the horizon for many Suffolk students, so does the prospect of securing a job in their field and making their degree worthwhile. Several recent Suffolk graduates shared their trials and tribulations of post-college life with The Suffolk Journal. Despite graduating from the same university, the students had completely different experiences hunting for their dream jobs.

Jared Pelletier, a 2013 graduate, started his job hunt in early April last year, almost two months before commencement. As a broadcast journalism major, Pelletier knew the degree of competitiveness that he faced and was willing to look for a position outside of the immediate Boston area.

Within six weeks, Pelletier landed a job on the air for WQTV News in Bridgeport, West Virginia.

"Anyone serious can't be afraid to move," he said, "You need to realize to really make it, you need to be willing to go."

Recognizing that finding employment in your field after graduation can be a difficult task, Pelletier offered his best advice to the class of 2014, and said, "don't sit and wait for your opportunity, push out."
**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Sunday, April 13**
3:06 a.m.
Temple Street
Other agency assist - burglary. BPD assumed jurisdiction.

**Saturday, April 12**
3:04 p.m.
Off campus
Other agency assist - larceny. BPD assumed jurisdiction.

**Friday, April 11**
7:01 p.m.
ISOTremont
Liquor law violation - minor in possession of alcohol. Cleared by exception - no Suffolk affiliation.

**Friday, April 11**
12:16 a.m.
150 Tremont

**Thursday, April 10**
2:06 p.m.
Off campus
Other agency assist - robbery. BPD assumed jurisdiction.

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**NEWS BRIEF**

**Honors program holds food drive through April**

For the month of April, the College of Arts and Sciences honors program and alumni board are sponsoring a food drive for the Greater Boston Food Bank. Boxes are located around campus for students to donate non-perishable foods. Students will also be collecting food donations at the honors program research symposium on April 25.

"We encourage all students to support this community service initiative, which will bring food to disadvantaged individuals and families living in Boston and its surrounding communities," said Steven Church, administrator of the honors program. Anyone looking for more information can contact Church at schurch@suffolk.edu or Honors Council President Brendan Clifford at bjclifford@suffolk.edu

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**Enjoyable outings ahead for class of 2014**

"I really hope that seniors are happy and excited about the events, and I really hope that they have a great time."

- Ashlie Triolo-Dekkers, senior week committee chair

The class of 2014 will be taking a day trip to Newport, R.I. on May 7 for sightseeing and shopping. Afterwards, they will head over to the Atlantic Beach Side Restaurant for a beachside clambake.
Suffolk alumni share their post-graduation stories

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side of your comfort zone."

Despite the stressful nature of searching for a job and facing the fierce competition in the broadcast field, Pelletier said that his education at Suffolk helped give him an "edge" on the air. Although he was initially unaware of the heavy emphasis on multimedia that was present in his field, he said, "I didn't realize just how well my education had prepared me to step right into the professional world so fast and so furious."

Carmen Sofia Plazas, another graduate of the class of 2013, shared similar success to Pelletier in her initial job hunt. Plazas was a student from Maracay, Venezuela, and received a master's degree in arts in communications in December.

Plazas got a head start in applying to jobs in the U.S. nine months before graduation, meeting with advisors, talking to professors, and doing personal research and networking within her field.

"I like to think that I am an organized person," Plazas said. "In the fall of 2013, I officially started to apply for both internships and full-time jobs. In November, I had a few interviews and luckily one of them resulted in the offer of the positions that I currently have as a junior account coordinator at ARGUS Communications."

Plazas began working at ARGUS immediately after graduation, the ideal job she was hoping for. She wanted to work with the Hispanic market, and her current job has allowed her to do just that.

"Before graduation, I pictured myself doing in-house marketing for the Hispanic audience in the healthcare sector," she said, "such as working in the marketing department of a hospital or a bigger organization like Partners Healthcare. I wanted to use the fact that I'm bilingual and Hispanic as a skill. Yes, I was not able to find exactly what I wanted. However, now that I'm actually working, not dreaming about it but working with ARGUS, I like it but working with ARGUS, as the only plausible path to a successful life. She believes it is a choice that is not attractive or practical for all.

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Boston commemorates marathon anniversary

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Caring citizens wrote kind words in support of Boston Marathon victims and their families at Boston Public Library (left), and Suffolk University (right).

Photos by Sam Humphrey

"The opportunity for people to give blood on this anniversary is a healing moment and a way to give back," said Jecoliah Ellis, a spokesperson for the ARC. The ARC sent 600 blood products to Boston hospitals after the attacks, not including an additional 108 units collected at Suffolk’s drives, Ellis said.

So many people showed up to donate last year that the school held an additional drive Thursday for those who could not participate in Tuesday's drive, Albers said.

Donors could also leave a message of hope or encouragement on a Prayer Canvas for Boston at the blood drive, part of the American Prayer Canvas project.

"The ARC is participating in 'America 4 Boston's Prayer Canvas project.' We have 10 canvases from the project being signed by donors and volunteers at blood drives along the East Coast," Ellis said. Some of the canvases will be featured at Fenway Park this coming Sunday before being moved to a permanent installation.

"Suffolk's tributes to the marathon went beyond that, however. At her internship at Hill Holiday, senior advertising major Annie O'Donnell worked on the Many Stories memorial created by the company and the One Fund. The memorial is on display currently at the Boston Public Library."

"I opened and read probably thousands of letters over the course of [the first two weeks of February] from people who had Boston and the marathon in their hearts," O'Donnell said. Her team ultimately picked 200 letters for the memorial's storyboard, and then presented the storyboard to survivors of the attacks.

"Each survivor was finally able to read the messages that were meant for them from all over the world. It was truly beautiful," O'Donnell said. Letters came in from everyone, from Boston natives to kids sending in money from lemonade stands or tooth fairy visits to a Japanese girls' school that sent in 200 paper cranes.

"The experience made O'Donnell grateful for those who donated to the One Fund.

"Some of the letters even brought me to tears, it was so inspiring how something that happened to the city of Boston, a relatively small city, can bring the world together," O'Donnell said.

Senator Warren speaks out against student government loans

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from 2007 to 2012, the government will make at least $66 billion in profit. Warren said that a department of education official "confirmed that when the government generates profit from student loans, those profits don’t get funneled into other student aid."

Warren said that the most efficient way to reverse the damage of student debt is to lower the cost of education.

"To reverse the trend of student borrowing we need to lower the cost of college. That’s where it all starts. We should start by restoring the traditional role of public higher education as a high quality, affordable option for all families."

Warren has called for a complete stop to profiting from student loans. Along with that, she is pushing for "bankruptcy protection to be reinstated," and for a shared responsibility between the college and the student when struggling to pay back the loans.

"When students default, they feel the pain, and so do the taxpayers who may ultimately have to pick up the bill. Colleges should feel some of that pain, too, and it should affect the colleges who are taking on a lot of students who are not repaying their debts."

Warren’s final proposal was for the government to bring the funds back into the "pockets of the borrowers" and not for general government funding as it is currently.

"The idea that we would allow the federal student loan program to generate funds for the government is obscene. These students deserve our support. Not an extra tax when they’re trying to get an education."
Sex: a spiritual activity between lovers, a man’s obligation to his wife, or a simple act of pleasure? As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Suffolk’s Hillel and the interfaith center held Kosher Sex, a discussion that centered on what the Torah says about sex and love, as well as wisdom from ancient texts for a happy marriage.

While approaching intercourse from a Jewish perspective, the big question was, “What does the Torah say about sex?” From the beginning of the scripture, sex is implied between Adam and Eve, however the actual word is nowhere to be found. Instead, the scripture tells us that Adam “knew” his wife, originally written in Hebrew from a term that means one comes to know “something” rather than “someone.”

Additionally, the “I and Thou” thought of Jewish existential philosopher Martin Buber was discussed. Buber argued that, in sexual relationships, one can either form an “I-It” view where one views their partner as a physical being from which they receive pleasure from, or an “I-Thou,” where both parties see each other apart from material or physical characteristics and more as “a dot in the universal grid of time and space,” according to Sex in the Texts by Paul Michael Yedwab.

Parts of the Talmud that cover sex were also discussed, covering topics on a “man’s obligation to sexually please his wife” according to the religious text, as well as the fine line between that obligation and the wife’s willingness.

“A man is forbidden to compel his wife to have marital relations,” reads Talmud, Erubin 101b. Tying this to Sexual Assault Awareness Month, leaders of Hillel shared how this explicit demand for consent from the wife touches on the topic of forced sexual activity. Even though other parts of the Talmud descriptively list the husband’s “duty” or “visit” his wife enough to keep her sexually content, it also protects the wife’s reasons, “I-Thou” view where one views their partner as a physical being from which they receive pleasure from, or an “I-Thou,” where both parties see each other apart from material or physical characteristics and therefore not always consider, according to Heitler’s “Building an ever-secure,”

But sex can, and should, be a positive part of every marriage, and traditional Jewish texts enforce that idea as well as provide guidance for married couples to achieve this. From monogamy as the best option of all couples, to learning how to deal with your partners contrasting views and opinions, to accepting that strong marriages can overcome arguments, these ancient texts provided quite progressive ideas that are relevant and useful for present day romantic relationships.

“Sexual relations are considered highly important in a Jewish marriage,” a list of guidelines by Jewish psychologist Susan Heitler read. However, not only sex alone will produce a good relationship, so a “couple is encouraged to focus on enhancing their friendship,” a “vital ingredient to a full and healthy marriage relationship.”

“Jewish marriage aims for a full enjoyment of a partner, friendship,” a “vital ingredient to a full and healthy marriage relationship.”

Jewish philosopher Martin Buber

“I-Thou relationship: a moment of complete appreciation between two individuals.”

- 20th century philosopher, Buber.

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Armenian Student Association seeks to educate campus on history and culture

Matt Bacon
International Editor

Armenia is a small country that lays just above the northern fringes of the Middle East in the Caucasus Mountains. Its unique position in the corner of the world, with the exception of Iran, Turkey, the Arab world, and Russia, has resulted in a diverse and vibrant culture.

At Suffolk University, a newly revitalized Armenian Students Association (ASA), not to be confused with the African Student Association, aims to bring a piece of that culture to campus. "Our goal is to connect people with a connection or interest in Armenian culture in the Suffolk community," said sophomore and founding member of the club Lori Yogurtian.

In the past, Suffolk has had sizable Armenian student populations. They had often gathered in de facto groups, but by the time Yogurtian was a freshman the network had "fizzled out." Yogurtian and a friend, along with Suffolk photography professor Ken Martin decided to dedicate themselves to starting an official Armenian club to bring awareness of the culture to campus. "No one knows about Armenia is ... we just want to bring the Armenian culture to Suffolk," said Yogurtian, a double major in management and marketing.

Still in the process of getting off the ground, the ASA has not had any major events on campus. However, they have participated in events with other local ASA chapters at which Suffolk students are always well-represented. "we're going to have a lot more organization," Yogurtian said, elaborating that the group is planning for its Armenian culture night on campus next year.

So far, the highlight event for the club has been its year-end celebrations. "Every semester all of the [local branches] have an event as a restaurant ... it's like dinner, dancing and music. We turn the restaurant into a club ... we even got kicked out of one place," Yogurtian said.

All around, the ASA is "a very chill club ... it's a really great way to get involved without too much commitment ... a great way to network, meet new people, make connections and learn something about Armenian culture."

The ASA knows how to have fun, but it also takes seriously its status as representatives of the Armenian culture in America. Armenia has a long and complex history. With the exception of two years following WWI and the 23 years since the break-up of the Soviet Union, Armenia has spent its entire history since the 1230s under the influence of various foreign occupiers, who usually tended to enact oppressive policies toward Armenians. During WWI, the occupying Ottoman Turks carried out a genocide of the Armenian people, which some estimate killed over a million. This led to a diaspora of the Armenian people, many of whom are now scattered across the Middle East, Europe, and the rest of the world.

The ASA not only wishes to be active in spreading Armenian culture, but awareness of Armenia's long and oftentimes painful history. "There is an Armenian genocide memorial near the North End, so every year, starting last year, we do a candlelit vigil," Yogurtian said. "Every year for the Armenian genocide, there are a bunch of different things that people try to do to raise awareness. A lot of times, the events only attract Armenians. We want to reach out to non-Armenians, and people who don't know about it." The group is planning a bigger event for next year, which marks the 100th anniversary of the genocide.

A testament to how controversial the Armenian genocide is lies right here at Suffolk. One of this year's commencement speakers for the Suffolk University Law School is Soviet-born but naturalized American citizen Abraham Foxman. Foxman is a holocaust survivor and national director of the Anti-Defamation League, an international Jewish NGO, whose goal is to "fight anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, defend democratic ideals and protect civil rights for all."

In 2007, Foxman came under fire for comments he made regarding a resolution passed by U.S. Congress that recognized the Armenian genocide. "I don't think congressional action will help reconcile the issue. The resolution takes a position; it comes to a judgment," said Foxman in a statement issued to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Foxman met a firestorm of public opinion and was labeled a denier of the genocide.

Regardless, Foxman's inclusion in Suffolk Law's commencement ceremony has sparked controversy. "He has outspokenly opposed recognition of the genocide in the U.S. He's also opposing projects like the controversial Muslim community center near Ground Zero, and is for racial profiling of all Muslims and Muslim-Americans," Yogurtian said.

The ASA picked up on a Change.org petition addressed to President McCarthy, demanding Foxman's removal as commencement speaker and the abandonment of plans to award him an honorary Juris Doctorate. Yogurtian and the other ASA members signed and circulated the petition, helping it reach its goal of 500 signatures. As of Tuesday night, the petition had 118 signatures.

The ASA welcomes all students, Armenian or not, to join the club. Balancing fun with education, awareness, and activism about Armenia's unique culture and displaced people, the group is hoping to expand its presence on campus and is looking towards a bright future.
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International Editor

Over the last several days, the worsening crisis in Ukraine has escalated rapidly. Inspired by the events in Crimea, pro-Russian militias and activists have seized control of government buildings in several cities across eastern Ukraine.

Until Tuesday, the Ukrainian government seemed to be taking little action. It has been stuck between a rock and a hard place; the dissenters have shown no interest in dialogue, yet a forceful response could invite an attack from thousands of Russian soldiers now stationed on the Ukrainian border, as well as security concerns for the already fragile peace talks set to take place on Thursday between Russia, Ukraine, the U.S., and the EU.

That all changed on Tuesday, when, 24 hours after a deadline for armed protestors to lay down their arms and face prosecution, the Ukrainian military announced the commencement of an “anti-terror” operation to run the armed militias out of the country. The government’s strategy lies in its defined nature as an “anti-terror” operation. The terms “terrorism” and “terrorist” have adapted much looser meanings since the U.S. launched the War on Terror in 2001. Governments in Syria, Egypt, and other places around the world have labeled any and all forces in opposition to them terrorists in order to boost the legitimacy of their causes. There is no internationally agreed upon definition of the term “terrorism,” nor even from the UN. This has allowed state police regimes to label even the most peaceful of dissenters as terrorists.

So far, no reports have surfaced from eastern Ukraine of the pro-Russian forces abusing civilians in any way. No stories of murder, harassment, rape, or robbery have come out. In this light, the Ukrainian government is entirely unjust in labeling these forces as terrorists. Are they criminals? Yes. But the term “terrorist” should only be applied to those who participate in the lowest, most cowardly acts of war: the murder, rape, robbery, and/or general abuse of civilians.

What is most unfortunate about this specific instance is that the Ukrainian government does not even need to label the forces opposed to them as terrorists to legitimize their cause, yet for some reason they have chosen to do so anyways. Politicians, analysts, and commentators against the military operation may refer to the largest conflict taking place on Earth today: the Syrian civil war. The U.S. government, along with many citizens, are sympathetic to the rebel cause. If they took up arms to overthrow their oppressive government, why is the U.S. scoring those doing the same in Ukraine?

For the U.S. government, the majority of the reasons most likely lie in its complex geopolitical rivalry with Russia. These tensions aside, many differences underline the conflicts. In Ukraine, protestors turned to violence because they wanted to. And even after that, they had a full 24 hours to lay down their arms without facing any consequences. In Syria, hundreds of peaceful protestors were attacked and shot dead by the military supposed to be protecting them. It should also be noted that many of these protestors were not even asking for regime change. In fact, many were carrying pictures of President Bashar al-Assad, and were simply pleading for the liberal reform promised at the beginning of his reign, now over a decade ago.

Ukraine’s system of government, although not perfect, has been democratic since the fall of the Soviet Union. Syria has suffered for decades under the authoritarian rule of the same family. Since the late 1960s, the Assad regime has ruled over a police state responsible for brutal tactics of oppression, including widespread use of torture. The same regime is also an ardent supporter of the terrorist group Hezbollah, and has engaged in rampant economic corruption that made their pockets and those of their allies fatter, while the people of Syria slid deeper and deeper into poverty.

In short, the Ukrainian dissenters have jumped the gun and overplayed their hand. Their requests for greater autonomy may have been heeded had they extended along with it an open hand instead of the barrel of a rifle. Critics of the operation must learn the old adage, “you reap what you sow.” Now that the pro-Russian protestors have shown the seeds of conflict, the rest of the world can only sit by and hope that it does not blossom into a full-blown war.
VENTURE magazine launch features farewell reflections alongside future hopes

Above: Venture's 2014 editorial staff poses in front of artwork submissions at the magazine's launch party in the Donahue Cafe, April 10.

Below: This year's magazine lays on a confetti-covered table at the launch party. The cover features a postcard to reflect the theme of letters to your past and present selves.
Alumni Magazine highlights the potential of Suffolk's past

In a corner of the 11th floor of the Tremont building, one can see a couple of offices dedicated to a publication for Suffolk graduates and staff. After graduation, graduates should expect to receive copies of the Suffolk Alumni Magazine (SAM) in the months of June, October, and February. Every issue has four long feature articles with two of the features being about Suffolk alumni and the other two being about the university or any story involving the university. "Suffolk Alumni Magazine was developed in 2003 as a way to enhance alumni engagement—to get graduates engaged or reconnect with the University," said Andrew Levinsky, editor-in-chief of the magazine, in an e-mail. "The founding editor wanted to build the sense of community between the university's 62,000 graduates (now 70,000) and between graduates and Suffolk. The idea was to reflect the impressive way that graduates were applying their education, to highlight their success stories, and to get them to consider supporting their alma mater."

The magazine sends out blast e-mails to Suffolk alumni in hopes to find a former student who has performed exceptionally in their field. Sometimes, the magazine doesn't even need to look for stories as some alumni and/or their families actually reach out to SAM so their stories can be told.

The person who deserves the credit for most of the exceptional stories and research is Renée Graham, a former Boston Globe reporter and now SAM's senior writer. She constantly reaches out to alumni and also interviews them to get the best story possible. "There are always stories and it's easy to find the most compelling stories not just for the readers," said Graham. "In a city like Boston where alumni is centered, people pop up and there's a steady stream of interesting characters."

However, the magazine also hires the help of freelance writers especially when the stories are based in cities outside of Boston. When there is an alumnus/a in a different city, Levinsky, through his connections, finds a possible writer in that city to write a story on the former student. Currently, there are only two full-time members of the magazine, everyone else is a part-timer and it is currently looking for a new art director.

Q&A with Asher Roth on his latest project RetroHash

Suffolk Journal: What was your inspiration behind RetroHash? In comparison to some of your previous tunes it has a super fresh feel and seems to be spreading some massive positivity.

AR: Well, Los Angeles is my home. I mainly just wanted to start at home. Philadelphia is an important city to me. I believe in the city and feel that there's something special happening there. You already know New York is a must and I spent two years living in the LES so I have a lot of friends and family in the area. I currently pay rent in Los Angeles and California has always had a place in my heart. Call is absolutely responsible for the vibe of this new album and so we had no choice but to play the album release show there. Boston is responsible for my favorite show ever and is a very historical city. It was only appropriate for RetroHash to hit three major East Coast cities with so much historical context. I think you have to be inspired by something to put that much energy into a project. As I grow, my music will grow. It's inevitable. I never want to be creating the same thing over and over again. I never want the music-making process to feel mechanical.

Suffolk Journal: Songs like 'Fast Life' & 'Tangerine Girl' gave us a preview of the raw sound that may be carried on your upcoming album, do you think your sound has renewed since releases like The Greenhouse Effect and Asleep in the Bread Aisle?

AR: It's always going to progress. As I grow, my music will grow. It's inevitable. I never want to be creating the same thing over and over again. I never want the music-making process to feel mechanical.

Suffolk Journal: In 2012 Wrestling is Jake was released and a live session was conducted with Planet Rocker and was shot in a colorful scheme and in Turpin the Berry you sported a big black cowboy hat – both components seemed close to the RetroHash album cover. Do you think along with your music that your style and expressions have matured over the years?

AR: I'll never stop growing. My expressions and tastes will change throughout the years and that's all part of growing up. It's funny you bring up those references because I guess there were hints of what was to come before it manifested itself. However, neither of those were conscious efforts. Have you had any memorable shows or experiences on prior tours/performances in Boston?

AR: My most memorable show ever was the first Great Hangover show at the House of Blues Boston. I'll never forget riding out on that power wheel aka Blunt Cruiser and performing “Lick” on my Go Kart. Looking around and seeing every hand in the air. That was one of those "whoa" moments. Highs like that are why people get addicted to drugs. That moment is why I'm addicted to performing.
Suffolk alumna Britney Baldi hits small time success

**Marla Baluch**

**Journal Staff**

Brittany Baldi, or more commonly known as Britney Baldi, didn’t necessarily see herself working in the entertainment industry. Majoring in sociology with a minor in psychology, Baldi received her B.A. from Suffolk in 2011.

“I wanted to be a forensic psychologist and I was so interested in actually helping people, but I just have a natural talent for being on camera,” said Baldi.

So how exactly does a college student go from a focus in criminology to being a cast member on a MTV reality show? Baldi described it as purely fate. A photo shoot is what she said started it all.

While in her junior year at Suffolk, a friend asked her to do a photo shoot and after posting the pictures on Facebook, she was contacted for modeling and promotion shoots. Soon after, she landed her first role in the summer of her junior year on a Showtime reality show called “Is She Really Going Out With Him?” when she was 21.

“I started pretty late, I wish I could go back in time and start earlier but I guess no one knows what they want to be when they grow up and probably wouldn’t have gone to college,” said Baldi.

Her role on the MTV show was skin deep, but she began to get involved with local artists Prospect Mills and Louie Bello and wasn’t long before she was doing photos for “Come Alive” and “Rich Man.” Aside from “Is She Really Going Out With Him?”, Baldi also stars in VH1’s upcoming show “The Choice” and “Are You The One?”, a reality show about a dating experiment in which Baldi, along with 19 other strangers, competed in a series of challenges while living together in a mansion.

Although she didn’t find a partner, the show has made a perfectly fine story as it’s single at the moment and focusing on her career. At the moment, Baldi is a host on a New England Sports Network show called “Wicked Bites” about local food and athletics and describes it as a “dream job” that she would love to do full time.

“I want to do a little bit of everything but involve TV and hosting. I should have gotten a degree in broadcast journalism,” joked Baldi.

She’s thankful however for the Space, since she’s been able to do so much in such little time. She never quite imagined she would be on this path, it’s something that just happened.

“When I was in college, my dad would say to me ‘Boy Britt focus on your degree one in a million make it big’ but I’m doing it now, ‘no dad let me chase my dreams’ and so did,” said Baldi.

**Ally Johnson**

**Opinion Editor**

Set in a romanticized Detroit and a secluded Tangier, this idiosyncratic romp allows us to peek inside the lives of two young artists. Older, wiser and enigmatic, Eve travels to Detroit to be with her younger, sullen and disaffected with the human race husband, Adam, after learning he’s on a downward spiral.

As the old adage goes, an impulsive sister the fragility of their routine is shaken, causing the two to ponder if they’ll always be outsiders. That is Only Lovers Left Alive when tied up neatly in a bow.

Keener’s work has been different, altering my expectations. I most likely would have enjoyed her story more.

The first short story in her collection is pretty captivating, but a few pages in it is clear that the young woman Keener describes is not getting into bed with anyone else. I flipped through pages of the small work enjoying the dictum Keener chose and remaking a new genre - a vampire film, it’s a film about the two of them, juxtaposed by their overtly cultured personas.

It’s romantic despite the fact that Adam and Eve never engage in purely carnal acts. They could have, allowing moments of quiet introspection for characters that are so often in storytelling fashion, larger than life. Rather than seeing like monsters, predators or sparkling beautiful people, Adam and Eve are simply earth bound mammals that were given stricter instructions on how to go about their day to day life.

There isn’t an easy way to recommend this film to a causal film goer. It’s a mood and emotionally, but could be for you. But work spherographically or even as a host and possibly be the next Maria Menounos.

When she met Baldwin, she just launched her website brittanybaldi.com and is starting her own swimwear line called Brit Smow, which will be out in July of this year.
I want to write or think about bombings last year. I don't want to write or think about the destruction that two people brought to the city I call home. One year later, it is still hard to think about friends and fellow Journal editors who were near the finish line on Boylston Street that day and what could have happened to them.

Though thinking of the events that took place this time last year is not easy for many Bostonians, it's important to remember how a city so often characterized as cold and detached rushed to help those injured and did its best to lock the area down. I witnessed Globe reporters run through the newspaper's newsroom to the closest car to get to the scene and inform the city. Let's take the next several days to reflect on the unity that Boston, New England and the nation showed this time last year, not discuss Rolli­ng Stone covers or New York Post fiddles. Instead, just those who deserve thanking — be loved ones and enjoy one of the world's most distin­guished races.

I have been actively trying to fight, educate and speak out about sexual assault for a while now. It is a difficult subject to read about, listen to or talk about, but it is a prevalent one. It is a cause that needs as many people and outlets will need to do much — I retweet articles on Facebook that I think are important, I paint my lips red, I post thoughts and ideas, I post sexual violence awareness Month (or SAAM) takes place in April and has a few, straight to the point agendas. The organization behind it wants to raise awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual assault. The hope is that people and outlets will communicate and combine their collective resources during the month and with that intake of knowledge can highlight sexual violence as a major public health, human rights and social justice issue and reinforce the need for enlightenment.

This is a topic that should always be spoken about — one month will not be sufficient. It should be given a persistent voice until there is nothing left to be said. April is giving us a collective unit change is always possible and this is a cause that needs as many people to join as possible. I do not do much — I retweet articles on Twitter that share my thoughts and ideals, I post articles on Facebook that I think are important, I paint red on my lips and I do not hold back and I do not forgive those who assume the worst of victims. It does not take much to lend a hand, a voice or a support system — you just have to do it.
Emily Yoffe gets it wrong on casual friendships

DEAR PRUDENCE

I have an issue with Slate.com (not the first time) and this time it is with the Dear Prudence column. The column is like any other advice section, sanctimonious and insincere. This week there was one in particular though that caught my attention and had me nearly rolling my eyes into the back of my head.

What was the question asked? A wife was worried about her husband's close friendship with his female friend and wanted to know if she should trust him or was smart to put her foot down.

What was the author's genius response?

"I guess someone has to trust your husband, because I sure don't. I'm all for mixed-gender friendships, but prior to the possibility of this road trip, your husband was too involved in the life of his erstwhile paramour. Now he's making you feel like a jailer because you object to his going on a cross-country journey with a single woman who sounds to me like she doesn't plan on being single for long."

The author in question is a woman named Emily Yoffe, a writer who has previously caused my blood to boil after she wrote an article saying that girls should stop drinking so much if they do not want to be raped. Could you really expect anything less than idiocy from such a "journalist?"

There are a number of things that irritate me about this blurb of intellect, and not just the author who bothers me on principal alone. One, it perpetuates the notion that women and men have difficulty being friends with each other without any type of sexual friction or jealousy.

That notion is absurd, is not true and the sooner we all get over that the sooner we will evolve as a human race. Females, males - gender is not a means of dictating friendship, it is society that has constructed that idea and as a culture, people have formed to it.

The second thing that grates is that it puts the women, the one who is the friend of the husband, into the scheming hussy role. There is no doubt cast towards the male in this scenario - no, it is all entirely directed at the faceless woman who due to her feminine, dastardly aura, is instantaneously voted to be untrustworthy.

It is not a big, change your life type of issue - but it is one that we see pop up quite a lot in our culture whether it be in passing conversation or mass media. We are taught through movies that any man who wants to befriend a woman, obviously just wants to be with her. Male and female friendship is rarely seen onscreen where it does not turn into a relationship by the end, or females are always put into the conniving position. It is tired, it is lazy and it is ridiculous.

I am sure this is not the last time Yoffe will write something entirely asinine, and I plan to be at the ready, pen (okay, laptop) in hand to blast her for it. However, this one is simply irksome because of how unnecessary it is.

The Dear Prudence column is written by Slate's Emily Yoffe.
Focus on selfies unfair judgements of today's youth

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It seems that today's society will go out of its way to try and condemn the current generation. People either think we are lazy, that we are technologically obsessed or that we are wasting our youth. It is, of course, easier to call to fault the individuals who are living in that generation rather than those who left it a mess to deal with in the first place. Yet, it is not often brought into the spotlight just how progressive our society is, how open-minded and compassionate, how we are processing information at a rapid fire pace due to new technology.

A recent and disheartening example came after the violence in Murrysville, Penn. at Franklin Regional High School. Amidst a stabbing rampage, sophomore Nate Scimio was having a moment of heroics. According to what a fellow sophomore told USA Today, Scimio protected her and another friend as the attacker ran throughout the school stabbing its inhabitants. By the time the event had been contained, 20 people had been sent to two nearby hospitals, including Scimio who was stabbed in the arm following his quick thinking. He was also reported as having pulled the fire alarm, alerting all students to the danger.

Twenty were injured - 19 students and a security guard - and at least 12 were hospitalized with serious injuries. Despite this, what lit people up the most was the selfie that Scimio later took of himself while in the hospital, fresh gauze on his arm. Immediately people were pointing fingers and sticking their noses in the air. How ridiculous of this teenager to take a picture of himself while in the hospital? How could he perform such a trivial act after such a violent one took place? This kid is obviously the downfall of our society.

Take note, for those who have not already seen the picture, that Scimio did not tag it, did not reference what had just happened, simply stood in front of the mirror and snapped a shot. Despite this, people were immediately prepared to demonize the action. He had just potentially saved lives, had just possessed quick thinking that many of us would not be able to click into in similar chaos and all he did was take a picture.

Scimio was a hero yet people are blasting him for being immature. Society is so ready and willing to speak poorly of younger generations that people often exaggerate the bad and ignore the good. Or, they look at the most inconsequential moments rather than addressing the real, threatening issues. So Scimio is the poor representation of today's culture, not the teen that ran through the hallway of the school stabbing at kids? We can attack a selfie before we take a hard look at violence? Shootings, stabbings; people are falling victim to a society that has allowed violence to persevere for much too long and the youngest generation is the greatest casualty in the mess.

So yes, let us call out the laziness, the obsessive need to always be attached to our phones, the way in which we are always thinking about our next step, but let us not forget who made us, what is driving us, and what we were left to deal with from older generations. We did not start the mess, we are just trying to cope with it.
NBA Playoffs set, Grizzlies last in

All the National Basketball Association playoff spots have officially been clinched, although teams can still move up and down along the seeding. The elimination game between the Memphis Grizzlies and the Phoenix Suns was a close one, but it was the Grizzlies who earned the final spot in the Western Conference playoffs. The Suns have fought all season to try and make it back into the playoffs for the first time since the sign-and-trade of star Steve Nash. The Grizzlies won 97-91, but only started to pull away in the closing minute of the game. The Suns were within one point before the one-minute mark, but with a Zach Randolph two-pointer, the Grizzlies' defense held them. The Suns are eliminated with a 47-34 record, whereas the Atlanta Hawks are under .500 in the East and in the playoffs.

Chris Johnson to visit Jets

The New York Jets have been out of playoff contention for the past two seasons due to a lack of the defense and running game that coach Rex Ryan plays. Ryan may try to pull off a big move for his offense by signing former Tennessee Titans running back Chris Johnson. Johnson reportedly will visit the Jets at some point this week, according to team sources. The Jets had Chris Ivory run the ball well last season, but he had a lack of help in the backfield, which hurt the offense and made running the ball more predictable. Johnson is a flashy running back that can break long runs and have game changing carries, so combining him with Ivory could lead to even better rushing production and even open up the passing game for Geno Smith or Michael Vick.

Bruins prepare for Red Wings

The Boston Bruins have the best record in the NHL, but that all means nothing in the playoffs. They have the difficult task to face a fast and young Detroit Red Wings team, who have had the Bruins number all season long. The Red Wings are 5-1 against the Bruins this year, and even at the No. 8 seed they are looking to pull of the biggest upset in the Eastern Conference, with forwards like Pavel Datsyuk, Daniel Alfredsson, and after game two, a potentially healthy Henrik Zetterberg. This is the Red Wings 23rd straight playoff appearance, which only helps their case for being the "hockeytown." The Bruins have been close to unstoppable so far this season, so whether or not the Red Wings can handle them in a full series will be the big question starting Thursday when they play Game 1.

Success continues for Suffolk Baseball against Johnson & Wales

The last time we took a look at the men's baseball team was in the midst of an impressive 10-game winning streak and held the top spot in the GNAC Conference. Since then, not much has changed as the Rams have continued to impress on the diamond. This past week the Rams went 3-2, ending that winning streak at 10. They suffered a loss to Endicott College but looked to pick things back up in a double-header against Norwich.

The Rams would split the two games with the Cadets as Suffolk took game one by a score of 12-4, and dropped game two 5-3. In game one, the Rams scored five times in the third and six times in the sixth en route to a eight-run victory. JC Collette and Luke Ronchi provided the power, each hitting long balls for the Rams. Steve Chamberlain improved to 3-1 with six solid innings surrendering three runs.

In game two, Norwich jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first two innings on the Rams' starter Dan Shields. In the fifth the Rams tried to push back scoring two runs cutting the deficit to two, but the Cadets held on for the win in the end 5-3.

The following day saw another double-header, this time with the talented Johnson & Wales squad. The Wildcats proved no match for the Rams as they swept in the the two games, outscoring their opponent 14-4.

The first game was a pitchers duel between Suffolk’s Jonathan Richard and the Wildcat's Jake Marchesseault. Richard would prove to be the superior pitcher as he went the distance over seven innings, allowing two earned runs and striking out five.

The win improves the Rams to 16-9-1, and 11-1 in the conference. Coach McConnell's squad looks poised to make a deep postseason run as the playoffs approach with only 10 games remaining on the schedule.
Coach Jaclyn Davis looking to change softball culture

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Jaclyn Davis is less than two years into her time as Suffolk University softball coach but she has already noticed a change in the program. While the Lady Rams are currently fighting to improve upon their 4-10 conference record, they are also working hard on team building.

“I think [this season] has been successful in a lot of ways that you can’t understand by reading a score,” Davis said. “The culture here has changed in a much more positive way. We’re building a team that has quickly become a family.”

In Davis’ first year as head coach, the Lady Rams made their first appearance in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) championship game since 2006. Before taking over the reins last season, she was an assistant coach with the Lady Rams during the 2008 and 2009 seasons.

With six freshmen suiting up this season, seniors and team captains Nikki Cignarella and Erin McAndrews have played big roles in bringing the team together. “Erin is a great leader on the field and off the field. If I could have Erin for my entire career I wouldn’t be mad about it,” Davis said with a laugh.

McAndrews and Cignarella are among the team’s top three hitters, with averages of .495 and .289 respectively. McAndrews currently leads the team in hits, doubles, home runs and RBIs.

The first three matches of the season were won for the Rams with a controlled match that had his opponents on edge the entire match. “I feel very happy,” said Le, from Wilmington, Mass. “Being mostly a doubles player, the win in singles gave me a great confidence boost for all of us.”

Despite the efforts of some of the team’s leaders and newcomers, the Lady Rams find themselves with a tall order to make this year’s GNAC playoffs. The team currently sits at No. 10 in the conference.

Regardless of how this year turns our though, coach Davis said that she will be proud of her team. “This season, I want success for them so much. It doesn’t have anything to do with me and everything to do with them. I’m so proud of all the work they’ve put in and ready for it all to click and break open. I think they can play with and against any team in our conference,” Davis stated.

The head coach is looking forward to recruiting more young talent and bringing in more players to the program. I am aware the softball roster has been pretty limited [in years past]. We’re not very big right now but we are absolutely bigger. I think that we’ll continue to grow,” said Davis.

The unfortunate part is that at some point they all have to graduate,” Davis said. “We do have a pretty good class coming in as soon. As this season wraps up, we’ll just start moving forward into the next one.”

The Lady Rams have just six games left this season, all of which are doubleheaders against conference rivals Anna Maria, Emmanuel and Albertus Magnus.

Men’s Tennis dominates Emerson College

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They came. They saw. They conquered.

The Suffolk University tennis team took no prisoners against Emerson College, and they took the day with a 5-1 victory.

The first three matches of the contest were forfeits by the Lions due to their lack of players. The Lions only brought four players to the match.

The Rams (6-2) no longer have to worry about the Lions being a conference game, but the reality is still there with the two neighboring schools.

The day was highlighted by No. 1 singles player Calzeto Romero winning his eighth singles match of the season. He is now undefeated at 6-0 heading into the final two games of the season before the playoffs.

Romero has had a few close calls this season, but overall he has dominated his opponents and has only lost two doubles matches all season.

One player who played exceptionally well was Vinny Lee, who pulled out his first singles win in his collegiate career. “I feel very happy,” said Le, from Wilmington, Mass. “Being mostly a doubles player, the win in singles gave me a great satisfaction and I’m proud of myself.”

Le was not the only one who managed to win his match. Vasild Stroganov of Hershok, Denmark also won his singles match as well. This was a big win, and a dominant one, against a rival that has given the Rams a tough time over the past few years.

Stroganov won his singles match 6-2, 6-1. It was a controlled match that had his opponent on edge the entire match.

“The atmosphere was very good since many of us won our match,” said Le. “Also, they were the same team that gave us a 0-9 loss and a 5-3 win last year so this win was a good confidence boost for all of us.”

Two of the doubles matches were won for the Rams with these pairings team captain Drew Reilly and Aaron Lau, and Thay Thao and Francesco Sala.

The Rams had plenty of pressure on them after losing to conference leader Johnson & Wales Saturday with a 6-3 loss, it handed the Rams a very unwanted conference loss with only two conference games left.

Both Norwich and Anna Maria, the Rams final games, are not to be taken lightly since the Rams are currently in fourth place in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC).

The Rams will face Norwich for their second to last conference game of the season. The Rams are 1-1 this season in GNAC games.

They will also have a make-up game with Anna Maria that was supposed to be April 6 before their four-game road trip. The game will be on April 18, at 1 p.m., which means they will have four days to rest and savor the game they just conquered.
Boston Marathon: The Historic Run

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"The early morning trains to Ashland carried hundreds of spectators who wished to see the start of the great race," said Jeff Stone, the Suffolk Athletic Trainer of Fame, "and an American born in the city in 1897. Over a century later, this description still stands for spectators and runners from all over the world that come to celebrate the historical event.

With the Boston Harbor under high risk of being attacked by Germany during World War I, all sporting events in the area were suddenly subject to cancellation, the marathon being one of them, according to The Globe. However, citizens spoke up and said that to host the marathon, even with the risk, was to make a statement with Greek military history marathons have of victory. The marathon was held, and an American won the race that year.

The same happened during World War II and the Vietnam War as runners and visitors filled the Boston streets to witness the grand race. In 1942, an American named Joe Smith was the winner of the marathon. Smith enlisted in the military less than 24 hours after he crossed the finish line.

The race has evolved since then, its finish line being changed more than once and distance increase by about one mile. No longer do less than 50 men run in thin, dirt tracks, but now hundreds gather in carefully arranged and scheduled areas to be transported to the start line, and runners even have an app where they can "meet" other participants in the race.

Needless to say, last year's race forced the city to make changes, but for the first time the risk that they fear is domestic, rather than an attack from Germany as in earlier times. For this year's marathon, strict security measures have been put into place, restricting the size of bags and items that are allowed in the areas that has been specially marked off for the race. Not surprisingly, the number of people that tried to register to the event was at a record high, as BAA.org reported. Additionally, online campaigns and famous photographers have shared powerful images of people in the race, a special organization by former Mayor Thomas Menino and Governor Deval Patrick called "One Fund" was founded just days after last year's marathon. All proceeds, which were over $90 million in the first 75 days according to the official One Fund website, were used to help citizens who were affected.

Over one hundred races have passed, and thousands of runners representing the world have ran the streets of Boston since this race has been held. Different years bring different worries, different obstacles, and different runners. Only one year has passed since the marathon was attacked, but over a century has passed that the fans and athletes of the race have pushed through hardship, attended despite possible risks, and participated to keep the traditional event going.

There will be more than one winner this year: the brave returning runners, the person who finishes the race first, those who were affected and their relatives, and the city of Boston.

One man, 13 teams, 24 honors

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Having one man taking care of 13 teams is an overwhelming and very demanding task that Stone has completed in a very professional way.

In his time at Suffolk, Stone who is known around campus as Stony, has earned many major honors, including being inducted in the National Athletic Trainer Association Hall of Fame which he describes as "a really humbling honor." Only 27 people from New England have been honored with this selection in the 50-year history of the National Hall of Fame.

This year Stone celebrates his 10 successful years that all started when his longtime friend Jim Nelson hired Stony. "I knew him when he was coaching baseball for Suffolk and I was working at Framingham State back in the 70s," said Stone. "So we go back a long way and when the job opened 10 years ago, he asked me if I was interested and then he asked, the better it sounded. That is pretty much how it happened." Nelson helped Stone through some tough times during his Suffolk career. Being the incredible and sincere human being that Nelson is, he reached out to Stony and was there for him all the way through the darkness.

"I was tried to be supportive," said Stone who says he has learned a lot about humanity from Nelson. "When I first got here my mom wasn't well and he knew that. He gave me a lot of flexibility in time to spend with her. And when my mom was real sick a couple of years ago, I was gone for about four weeks. Just before Thanksgiving 2012 - he let me do whatever I needed to do, do not count on people would do that.

On Nelson, Stone said he is the old man on the mountain. "He has been here for three generations: the athletes, the sons of the athletes and he is still here, but I miss the daily contact with him."

There are a lot of challenges to Stony's job where he has to make sure that the athletes are all fit to play and not in the danger zone of the health spectrum.

"The hardest part of the job is the paperwork. You got to get all teams ready on a certain day, get rosters from coaches, coordinating the first day when everybody is coming in, recruiters paperwork, new people coming in. They have to have a physical, a sickle cell test, the impact concussion test, the EKG test. If the players don't have that done, they can't play. There is a lot to do to make sure we have all the information about the athletes if something does happen. In essence I'm a surrogate parent for every student athlete. Coordinating all that is tough."

Stone, who has been the right hand of Jim Nelson and currently of Carrity McConnell is exited for the future of the Suffolk Athletics: "Since last spring there has been a committee evaluating the entire athletics program. I think we are at the crossroad. We've got a good foundation. I think we are at a point where we don't have it all. We have nowhere to go but up. I think the administration and the Board of Trustees is aware of where we are, we have been there, and how we can make ourselves better. We are waiting for that report to come out. Let's see what the school wants to support and what we as staff can do better and the university can do better for us. The question of more personnel, the ongoing question of facility that can a corporate all teams.

A humble, talented and diligent human being - Jeff Stone has impacted the athletic department in a positive way for the last 10 years and will continue to do so for the coming years.