President, SGA confer about plans for year

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The Student Government Association met for the first time last week along with members of Suffolk University's administration to deliver plans for the year.

First on the agenda for SGA was to take the oaths of the newly elected senators, followed by the introduction of President Norman Smith.

"I haven't even been here a month, and it just occurred to me that I haven't even taken an oath yet, so I may not be president," he said, bringing laughter to everyone in the room.

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"It's full of challenges. But not challenges that colleges and universities throughout the country are not facing," Smith said. "One of the biggest ones that has to be overcome, and I think it can in time, is the problem of enrollment revenue-dependency."

Smith explained there are a total of about 2,200 private independent colleges in America.

"Students want to go to school where the action is," referring to the urban location of Boston colleges, and specifically Suffolk.

"The problem is a lot of what Suffolk is doing is based off tuition dollars."

Smith began to address his upcoming initiatives for Suffolk University.

"I want this place to become rich and famous. I want diplomas to be extremely valuable, and become less enrollment revenue-dependent."

"We are 97 percent enrollment revenue-dependent," the president said to the lecture room filled with dozens of students.

In order to bring this number down, Smith plans to find larger donors to invest in Suffolk.

"We've got alumni who have substantial wealth that could come invest in this place, and make tuition less difficult for everyone," Smith said.

While alumni are sought for donations, Smith has another plan for them.

"Instead of focusing on being annual-giving donors, focus on, for lack of a better way to put it, giving annual-giving donors."

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Paleologos discusses governor's race, research institute

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SUPD works on app in hopes of increasing safety

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The Suffolk University Police Department published its annual security and fire safety report last week, revealing statistics on campus crime and data on how the university deals with incidences like sexual assault.

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Police Blotter

Monday, October 6
8:25 p.m.
Sawyer Building
Larceny.

Saturday, October 4
1:44 a.m.
Non-reportable location
Other agency assist, robbery.
BPD assumed jurisdiction.

Saturday, October 4
12:54 p.m.
10 West
Robbery. BPD assumed jurisdiction.

Saturday, October 4
3:21 p.m.
Temple Street
Other agency assist/trespassing.
BPD assumed jurisdiction.

Saturday, October 4
10:12 p.m.
150 Tremont
Minor in possession of alcohol/false ID.
Judicial Internal.

Correction

Due to a reporting error, Cameron Viola was wrongly referred to in an article on SGA elections and initiatives. The Journal apologizes for this error.

Bloggers exchange ideas on internet, racism and activism

Sam Humphrey
Opinion Editor

To kick off its fall 2014 season, Ford Hall Forum brought three anti-racism bloggers together to discuss the Civil Rights Act and how attitudes have changed — or remained — in the American mindset since 1964.

The audience packed the historic African Meeting House, just a few blocks from Suffolk's Archer building, as the bloggers listed the complications about how discussions of race, and activism, have moved more and more online.

Despite their shared focus on anti-racism, bloggers Jay Smooth, of The 111 Doctrine, Spectra Speaks, of her eponymous blog, and Andrew Ti, of Yo, Is This Racist?, take different approaches to addressing racism and social justice, and to reaching their followers online.

Smooth reaches his audience through a blog (video blog), and often incorporates hip-hop into his political vlog posts. His latest vlog is "Stray Thoughts on Hip-Hop and Ferguson," referencing the murder of 18-year-old Mike Brown in Ferguson, Mo., in early August.

Smooth was "humbled by the history of the Civil Rights Act." He used the complicated history the U.S. has had since its signing, and cited a study by MTV which showed that young people believed in egalitarianism, but not so many believe that race was an issue.

He called the findings some of the "long-term effects of color blindness." Age, and how younger and older people talk ed about race, were featured prominently throughout the night's discussion.

Speaks said young people are talking about race in different ways than older people.

"History can weigh on you like an anchor," she said. The younger generation talks about race online "because it gives us more autonomy ... away from the elders." She said that elders like to remind young people of their age when they talk about race, which isn't always helpful to young people.

Andrew Ti, who was not present but participated via phone, is known for being very direct with people who write in to his blog, Yo, Is This Racist?

"If you're anonymously asking a stranger on the internet, then it's probably racist," Ti said of people who question questions.

The Internet inherently attracts closed-minded people, one audience member said, asking the panel, "How do you deal with trolls?" A troll is Internet slang for a person who starts arguments or introduces off-topic or provocative subjects for the purpose of upsetting, disrupting, or silencing others.

Some of them "are just people who cannot be reached," said Smooth. "They're on the wrong side of history," and the Internet can make it easy for them to use such crude and hurtful language.

Bluntly, Ti said "it is incredibly satisfying to meet trolls with proficiency," though each blogger also said they have to choose their battles in fighting trolls, and that most of the offensive responses they get are worth not responding to.

When asked if the recent protests in Ferguson, Mo., were just a moment and the beginning of a movement, Speaks said she thought they were "moments, but movements start with a series of moments." It seems the same can be said of the Internet, which is a collection of new activists' voices on race in a movement to continue the discussion.

Dave Paleologos talks Suffolk polling and future of SUPRC

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company, Gannett Company, Inc.

Paleologos is excited for the opportunities that students have because of his efforts with political polling.

"It's great for me personally, great for Suffolk University, but it's great for students too. I want to give the students some ink, give them the credit. Students are empowered. This is about using what I have to help students," he said.

It all comes down to the research center's bellwether model, authored by Paleologos and designed to predict outcomes of elections, which it does at an accuracy rate of 85 percent. Prior to the 2012 elections, while using this method, Paleologos and his team set out to gather data on a topic that does not garner much attention around election time yet remains an unseen factor: how many Americans don't vote.

"We screen out unlikely voters because they are not going to vote. Then I look at the statistics. There are millions of Americans who are not voting. So I said, let's do a survey about the mass of people who don't vote," he said.

Paleologos went to USA Today in August 2012 with this potential poll, and they were interested in what he might find. He said his findings were astonishing, with numbers upwards of 90 million USA Today published an article showcasing Paleologos' findings on the front page.

"When I saw the placement of this article, I said to myself, 'I could see Suffolk University partnering with USA Today. They gave us front page coverage,'" Paleologos said.

The New York Times and Wall Street Journal, two publications that Paleologos said never share polls with USA Today, also found the research center's numbers interesting.

"They both did pieces on our poll which is unheard of. They don't do that," he said.

"I was blown away when I saw that, and I said to myself, 'this is pretty cool.'"

After the articles were published, Paleologos went to Susan Page, the Washington Bureau Chief for USA Today, in pursuit of ongoing polling partnership.

What is next for Suffolk's poll? Paleologos says that his true passion lies in international polling. Prior to the partnership with USA Today, Paleologos set his sights on international opportunities with potential partnerships with Scotland and London as well as the Republic of Georgia.

These opportunities have been forced to lay dormant due to the USA Today partnership, awaiting perhaps the next phase of Paleologos' journey in political polling.

"After the election, I don't know what. I have to figure out what the next step is. I want to do international polls," he said.

POLITICAL RESEARCH CENTER

Sam Humphrey/Opinion Editor
Javier Pagan, one of the first Boston Police officers to assist at the Boston Marathon bombings, an LGBTQ liaison for the Boston Police Department, and alumnus of Suffolk University came to campus to speak about his career, his identity, and how both influence each other.

Pagan, who is the youngest of five, was born in Puerto Rico and then moved to the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston after the bombing crisis had occurred. During this time, Boston had ordered students to be bused around to different schools in order to desegregate them.

“It was becoming diversified but it wasn’t as diversified as we would’ve hoped,” Pagan recalled. “Certain things would happen, like my mom would tell me that the people and people would throw beer bottles at us, call us the N-word.” Being from Puerto Rico, he said he and his siblings didn’t know what the word meant.

He credits his mother with giving him a positive outlook on life. “She would say, ‘there’s always bad people in the world, but there are more good people’ ... I could’ve taken that negativity and made it into a negative, or turned it into a positive.”

The easygoing, well-dressed and well-spoken Pagan described how he dealt with negativity surrounding his cultural and sexual identity at Suffolk University Law School last week.

“I took the path of dealing with such negativity growing up and seeing the disparity and the way people are treated when they are different ... Most GLBT, we’re come a long way with gay marriage and Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell but there are those that are still mistreated.”

Being Latino and gay aren’t the only components of his identity. Pagan was also raised in a Catholic home, and being gay wasn’t really accepted.

“In Kindergarten, we used to have to hold hands when we went walking from classroom to classroom, but whenever I touched a girl’s hand my hand felt clammy.” When he touched a red-haired boy named Russell’s hands, he felt a shock, he said.

“I didn’t know what gay was and icons were on TV at the time, it was nothing sexual. I was just different.”

At 26 years old, Pagan came out to his family and friends, and, to his surprise, they already knew. He said that they had been waiting for him to come out for some time, or just didn’t care that he was gay.

After graduating from Suffolk in 1993 with a degree in sociology, Pagan took a job in the private sector for a tele-marketing company called SalesLink. Two years later, he took the civil service exam. While at Suffolk, Pagan was chair of Program Council and a member of the Suffolk University Hispanic Association.

After he went through the police academy, he was assigned to District Four, where he saw the South End. “It was the gay mecca of the city at the time. I wasn’t out in the academy yet, but I think it was my awakening moment, seeing people walking around holding hands.”

Pagan went on to become a GLBT liaison for the Boston Police Department, and has been since 2002. His philosophy as a police officer is “if you treat people with respect, you avoid half the stuff you deal with.” He tries to make inroads in communities of color, and all communities that don’t trust cops. “We try to embrace and try to let people know that they can feel free to come to the police.”

For any Suffolk student hoping to become a police officer, he offered advice. “If you’re taking this job and you can’t deal with being called a name, then don’t take this job.”

Pagan went on to describe his experience at the finish line when the first bomb exploded at the 2013 Boston Marathon. “Right where the first explosion happened, that was my assignment.” Pagan said he was supposed to face the crowd and make sure there were no radicals. He moved to step out of the way so that he wouldn’t land in people’s pictures. “All of a sudden we hear ‘boom.’ Pagan said he thought it was a manhole explosion or a generator.

“We started running to the first explosion and then the second one happened,” he said. Referring to the Sports Illustrated cover he was featured on, he said, “They’re in different positions in the poster, to they’re in Charlie’s Angels pose because all of the officers were running in different directions. They didn’t know where the explosion was coming from.”

Pagan says he was fortunate to be able to go home to his husband, a New York Police Department officer who served at Ground Zero on Sept. 11, 2001.

He was assigned to work the Boston Marathon this year. “Even though it was a terrible year, you could see that people were healed,” he said.

This event, held on Oct. 1, was part of LGBTQ History and National Hispanic (American) Heritage month, and was a collaboration between Diversity Services, Suffolk’s Alumni Association, Rainbow Alliance, and Suffolk University Hispanic Association.

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News Editor

Pagan talks of intersections of identity and career

SGA and President Smith unite for first meeting after election

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word, "adopt-a-student," Smith said.

Alumni would take students under their wing, get them into the workplace, and help them get discovered. The president wanted to remind students to make those contacts and connections now.

"The most important thing students can do while they’re at college today is get discovered," Smith said to the crowd. "There’s a world out there that wants to discover you, that wants to find you."

Another challenge Smith wants to overcome is attracting students to Suffolk.

"We have to get this place on the radar screen," he said. "Outside of Boston, Suffolk does not have the visibility, the reputation, and the stature it deserves.

When students want to take their diplomas down to the mid-Atlantic area of the United States, Smith wants to make sure a degree from Suffolk is recognized for what it should be. "When you say ‘Boston colleges,’ people say, ‘Oh, Harvard, MIT, BU, BG, Northeastern, Babson, Tufts,’ that’s where it stops."

Smith described the old marketing campaign by his fourth day as president, and is now in the midst of creating a campaign that will turn Suffolk into the "university non-book store," and using the Cambridge Street location as a textbook store.

To sum up his objectives, Smith said, "I want this place to become rich and famous. I want diplomas to be extremely valuable, and become less enrollment revenue-dependent."
Rainbow sprinkles for Rainbow Alliance

Gina DeMatteo
Journal Contributor

Around 100 students, both members and non-members of the Rainbow Alliance, came to celebrate and chat together in honor of the start of LGBTQ history month. Surrounded by ice cream, the Rainbow Alliance club gathered in Donahue last Thursday to celebrate.

The theme for the month is arts, community, and healing. Whether the conversation was about the club or student's lives, everyone seemed to have a wonderful time in the event's welcoming and comfortable environment.

"I think it's the perfect way to relax after having a stressful day of school, as well as a fun way to get students involved with the club," said Ian Mace, a sophomore.

"Most cultural groups will do heritage food at the start of their history month, so in honor of LGBTQ, we wanted to celebrate with ice cream and rainbow sprinkles to show our pride. What better way to have community, than around food?" asked Amy Kerr, the president of Rainbow Alliance. The event included vanilla ice cream and an assortment of toppings.

Ben Shopper, sophomore at Suffolk and vice president of Rainbow Alliance said, "It's important to celebrate our heritage, so that we can share the history with everyone, whether they be a part of the club, or not. We just want to inform everyone about who we are and what our club is, all while doing it in a fun and memorable way. Who is going to hear about free ice cream and not come, you know?"

Meeting every Thursday during activities period in room 108 of Sawyer, Rainbow Alliance members often talk about current events that are happening in the LGBTQ world.

"We meet because we like to have a sense of community, and a sense of support. It's comforting to know that there are others around to talk to, and that your voice will never go unheard," said Kerr. Since October is history month, instead of talking about current events, members are hosting and attending all sorts of functions that show off their pride, including "Safe Zone 1," which focuses on educating participants on issues that impact the LGBTQ community, Coming Out Discussion and Support Group, National Coming Out Day, Spirit Day, and coming in at the number one most popular event, the Annual Drag Show. The Drag Show is the second longest performing arts tradition on campus, so students, and even teachers want to report them, it's that the law specifically says 'you are required to be reported under the Jeanne Glery Act.'"

"When asked if SUPD would ever use student informants, Goletta gave a stern 'no.'" said Kerr. "We don't have an confidential police informant. The confidential police informant. The student informant later died of a heroin overdose, according to the article."

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SUPD releases annual safety report

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receiving more attention than in years past from colleges and from the U.S. government.

The last time a sexual assault was reported on campus and recorded in accordance with the Clery Act was in 2010; there were two in that year, according to Goletta. "It's not whether we want to or don't want to report them. It's that the law specifically says you report this and you don't report this."

College and university police departments are required to release a report including crime and fire statistics by Oct. 1 each year in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Act.

For the first time, the report included incidences of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and updated information on sexual assault, according to Coletta.

In 2013, there were two incidences of domestic violence and one instance of dating violence on campus. There were no recorded incidents of stalking.

There were two arrests on campus in 2013, both for drug law violations, according to the report.

Goletta said the university typically has a low number of arrests on campus, and most incidents are referred to student discipline for action. In 2013 there was one referral for possession of an illegal weapon, 36 for drug law violations, and 263 referrals for liquor law violations.

The total number of referrals in 2013 was lower than the totals in 2012 and 2011. The last time there was a fire on campus reported in the security and fire safety report was in 2011, recorded in the act as arson to papers on a bulletin board in 150 Tremont.

There was a fire on campus in 2014, Coletta said, which will appear in next year's report.

The report was emailed to every Suffolk student on Sept. 30 via email.

"This is something we talked about during freshman year at orientation that I think everyone should read," said Justin Brochu, a sophomore, of the report.

SUPD is comprised of 33 sworn police officers, who carry a Baton and pepper spray, 33 security officers, who do not carry a Baton or pepper spray, five dispatchers, three civilian employees, and 15 student security officers, according to the report.

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"We don't have an informant program, nor would I ever anticipate having one, he said."

Now that the report is out, SUPD is focusing on the app and other safety and training programs on campus, Coletta said.

Sophomore Emily Dyer said the app sounds like something she would download. "It should be relatively easy to use. Sometimes you don't know you're in a dangerous situation until you're in it, so you shouldn't be struggling," Dyer said. "I think it's a really good idea for people who not only live off-campus, but for everyone across the city spectrum."

For the remainder of the year, SUPD will be reviewing its policies and procedures and working on more training for handling reports of sexual assault at the university, Coletta said.

"We're looking at training for the whole university," he said. "We're keeping pretty busy."
Forty-three students have gone missing in Mexico since Sept. 27, last seen being shoved into police vans.

Now, on the outskirts of the town of Iguala, a mass grave has been found, whether or not the bodies are those of the missing students remains unknown. The bodies were covered in petrol and burned before they were buried, according to The Guardian.

The group was heading to Guerrero to protest for teachers' rights when police opened fire on some of their buses, killing six people.

Gang members have said local police handed the students over to them to be killed, according to The Guardian. The students allegedly were members of the gang.

At least 15 of the bodies are awaiting identification after being pulled out of the ditch. Blanco refused to say how many bodies were actually in the ditch according to The New Zealand Herald as the site is currently being blocked off by troops and police officers.

"We still can't talk about an exact number of bodies. We are still working at the site," according to The Guardian. The site is currently being blocked off by troops and police officers.

The mayor of Iguala, Jose Luis Alvarca, and his security chief, are both now considered fugitives after fleeing the criminal organization, the Guerreros Unidos, is linked to this crime and some local police officers belong to the gang.

The Comission of Human Rights of the State of Guerrero released a flyer (right) with photos of the 43 missing students after they went missing during a protest.

The grave was found when 30 suspects spoke about the case and stated its location. Out of the suspects, 22 are police officers and the remaining eight were gang members according to CNN.

If the bodies are confirmed to be those of the students, this would be one of the worst slayings that Mexico has seen since the drug war intensified in 2006. This event will add a stain on President Enrique Pena Nieto's vow to fight against the violence that has plagued the country.

About 100,000 citizens have been killed due to gang related violence since 2007, according to The Guardian.

During the protests, a survivor told reporters that officers had taken 30 to 40 students and stuffed them in patrol cars.

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The Guardian.
Opinion: Searching for humanity in immigration crisis

Daniella Marrero
Int'l News Editor

The first item I saw on the immigration crisis was a photo on social media of the door of Sacred Heart Church in McAllen, Texas, with a sign that asked for volunteers. It had transformed an area of their facilities into a station for immigrants who had just left the detention center and would soon board a bus to reunite with their family members in the United States.

In the next weeks, the media flooded with headlines on immigration, unaccompanied minors, detention centers, and Central America. Daily, the church was busy with volunteers and media from around the world, and buses full of migrants eager to receive a change of clothes, a shower, and a full meal. Most of them were women with small children.

They had been caught by the border patrol as they crossed the Rio Grande, the last international border on their journey north. They had traveled across Mexico, and those from El Salvador and Honduras, across Guatemala.

"We spent seven days in the detention center," a woman said to me at the church in Texas. We were sitting at a table near the kitchen with her 6-year-old son waiting for soup to be served. They had traveled from El Salvador and were making their way to Houston, where her older son was waiting for them. He had crossed the border weeks back unseen by a border patrol agent.

"I sent him over because they told me they would kill him if he did not join a gang," she continued. There was a deep worry in her stare as she told me this and glanced over at her younger son. Her stay in this country was uncertain. The lives of her children were uncertain.

The first government action we saw in the Mexican-American border along Texas came from Governor Rick Perry. He sent the National Guard to "protect" the border. Soon, we were driving alongside big, tan trucks on the highway with men dressed in military uniforms. The same questions ran across the mind of everyone I knew: Is there something that we should fear right now? We realized there wasn't. The Guard was just misplaced.

Through the course of the summer, multiple organizations organized rallies, protests, and vigils that made their mark nationwide to stand in support of protecting those who crossed our border fleeing violence from their home countries. We stood outside of detention centers, outside of local officials' offices. There was only one counter protest one sunny day, and four members of the community showed up to stand against the "illegal invasion." During one of the most successful rallies, 500 people from across Texas participated.

Texas is not alone. There have been marches and demonstrations across the country to stand in support of an immigration reform and to offer protection to those who are leaving their home countries due to violence.

But what have we seen from our federal government? Nothing besides the endless disagreements, politics, and passivity. We have seen flawed media representation and have seen this issue fall out of the media's attention span. People are still making their journey north, people are still being held at detention centers, and people are risking their lives to make the perilous journey northward to enter the U.S.

Do not let the shortage of articles on this crisis fool you to believe this has ended. As the months pass, as the country "cools down" on this topic, the chances that our government will take a stance to correct and amend the policies and roles that it has played to create this crisis are getting slimmer. Broken promises, and politics. Is this how our country responds to humanity?

WORLD BRIEFS

Syria | Attacks

In Syria, the U.S.-coordinated coalition carried out an airstrike Monday and Tuesday on the members of the Islamic State fighters on the Turkey-Syria border town of Kobane. The Syrian Kurdish fighters said the bombings were very effective, but would have been better if they came sooner. Turkey's President had warned the town they were "about to fall," and faced widening protests over his refusal to bring in military support, according to Reuters and other news outlets. Three demonstrators have been killed during the protests, but 400 died in three weeks of fighting for Kobane while some have fled to Turkey.

Spain | Ebola

Investigations have begun in a Madrid hospital where a nurse was the first European to be diagnosed with Ebola. The European Commission has asked Spain how the nurse was infected with the virus, according to BBC News and other outlets. The 40-year-old nurse has yet to be named, but is one of the 30 staff members at Carlos III Hospital who have been treating priests Manuel Garcia Viejo and Miguel Pajares. Garcia Viejo, 69, died two weeks ago after being diagnosed with the virus in Sierra Leone, BBC said. Pajares died in August after contracting the virus in Liberia.

China | Protest

Just yards away from where pro-democracy protesters have occupied Hong Kong stands the People's Liberation Army, China's armed forces. Six-hundred of the heavily armed soldiers occupy outside their headquarters seven days a week, 24 hours a day. For some of the protestors, the harsh memories of brutality on some of the student protests in 1989 is still fresh. As it enters the first full week of the protests, they wonder if there will be an involvement from the PLA to put a halt to the demonstrators. Their responsibility remains as protecting the "sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity of the State and security of Hong Kong," according to CNN.
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Lydia Martin, a fine arts professor at the New England School of Art and Design at Suffolk University, is trailblazing through the art world. Recently spotlighted by the Art Career Project as one of Boston's top 15 art professors, Martin, who grew up in in South Virginia, will work alongside her all-time favorite artist in Norway and is to be the star of a solo show in Lowell next summer.

NESAD is certainly lucky to have Martin. Though she knew she enjoyed teaching from an early age, she explained that teaching art at an institution had never crossed her mind before moving to Boston from Pennsylvania. “I became a teacher in a chaotic, crazy way,” she said. She described how her husband, an English professor, had received tenure at Boston University, and, at the recommendation of a friend who had attended NESAD, she spontaneously applied to art schools around the city.

“I wasn’t planned, and now I absolutely love it,” she said. Martin has been teaching at NESAD for 25 years, primarily foundation drawing and printmaking courses.

“I teach my students pretty much the whole gamut of techniques in drawing, painting and perspective,” Martin said. They continue to evolve the genre with diverse, liberating topics from the performing arts such as homophobia, drugs, sex, and other contemporary issues.

Wednesday’s featured poet was Sean Patrick Mulroy, a poet who grew up in Southern Virginia. He moved to the Boston area to work on several different projects including music, art, and poetry. One of Mulroy’s latest works called, “The Pornography Diaries,” explores love and sex through media studies and film. He has performed in art galleries, concerts, festivals, and universities in 10 different countries on three different continents. He has participated in 16 national competitions and is the 2014 Individual World Poetry Slam representative for the Boston Poetry Team, and the 2013 Lizard Poetry Slam champion. He has written and recorded four albums of music and has sold over a thousand copies of his poetry. He has also been featured in a long list of publications including, “Best Indie Literature of New England,” “Flicker and Spark: Contemporary Queer Anthology,” “Network Awesome,” and “The Good Men Project.”

Mulroy is a regular co-host at the Cantab Lounge on Wednesdays and co-creates the "Loteria" reading series, called "Loteria: New Paintings by Lydia Martin". He has performed in art galleries, concerts, festivals, and universities in 10 different countries.

"I'm teaching and they finally see it," she said, meaning they see what they can accomplish with art. “It's such a wonderful high I get as their teacher.”

Martin enjoys focusing on the contemporary realism realm of art and that her biggest influence is her favorite painter, Odd Nerdrum, who she will be spending time working with in Norway next year. She described her excitement after receiving the invitation. “I was jumping up and down in my studio, happy as a little girl. He’s my hero,” she said.

Overall, Martin is a proud teacher and loves teaching, and she thanked students for helping her to become who she is today. “I actually thank my students, thank them for taking my classes,” she said. “If it wasn’t for you I would not be here.

The Cantab Lounge draws diverse poets and audiences

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Asst. International Editor

In the basement of what looks like a quiet bar that only attracts some action on Friday and Saturday nights, Canyon Lounge in Cambridge hosts the Boston Slam Poetry Readings every Wednesday night. With a small bar in the back of the basement and a stage in the front with simple lighting, it doesn’t look like much. But the crowd, including some of the regulars who read on the open mic every night, make it worth the bowing and tight space.

With only a $3 entry fee, this 18 and older hideaway is perfect for those who write or enjoy the rhythm of abstract and contemporary poetry. Their mission is to open themselves to a diverse audience and to nurture a positive environment for new and experienced performers. They are a feature poet. They continue to evolve the genre with diverse, liberating topics from the performing arts such as homosexuality, drugs, sex, and issues of racial inequality, homophobia, and love. She truly believes that “language is power” and encourages everyone to use it to speak out with their own voices. She was ranked fifth at the “Women of the World” Poetry Slam this year, and was the 2014 Slam Champion of the Boston Slam Poetry Team, and the 2013 Lizard Lounge Poetry Slam Champion.

Moonlighting, an open-mic and reading series dedicated to the queer poetry community, held once a month at Fazenda Coffee Roasters in Jamaica Plain. Fellow co-host Simone Beaubien, who has operated the LGBTQ reading series, "Loteria" for the past 10 years at the Cantab describes Mulroy as a "loyal but difficult friend nonetheless, he knows how to play with language like no other." On Thursday the "Moonlighting" event for the month of October was held, where Mulroy and Emily Carroll are co-hosts with help from Michael Monroe. Carroll, a performer and bartender at the Cantab on Wednesday nights, and Monroe, who, like Mulroy, has been a national finalist in Slam Poetry, is the teaching co-host of the open-mic readings to any poet with a diverse and wide-range of styles and topics. To finish off the night, poet Jane Johnson, who would describe herself as, "a Stevie Wonder-loving, Jamaica Juice-sipping, slam poet, educator, and activist in the Boston area," performed.

Johnson is well-known for being the founder, advisor, and coach for the Simmons College poetry slam team. Her poetry is inspired by uncomfortable situations, shedding light on issues of racial inequality, homophobia, and love. She truly believes that "language is power" and encourages everyone to use it to speak out with their own voices. She was ranked fifth at the “Women of the World” Poetry Slam this year, and was the 2014 Slam Champion of the Boston Slam Poetry Team, and the 2013 Lizard Lounge Poetry Slam Champion.
PAO plans 40th Fall Fest celebration

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Suffolk’s Performing Arts Office is busily preparing its 40th annual Fall Fest. Initially called Spring Fest, it was started 40 years ago by a sociology professor who was looking for a way to build a sense of community and bring everyone together using the arts. Through the years, it has been produced and directed by different departments in the university and was brought to the Performing Arts Office by Chris DeStefano when PAO first began.

This year, the show’s theme is “Celebrating 40 Years in Entertainment.” It is being directed by a Fall Fest alumnus, April Duquette, and comprises a combination of independent acts of any student or group of students who want to showcase their talents. In the past, students have performed a wide variety of acts such as poetry, monologues, comics, playing and even magic tricks.

The other half of the show will feature a variety of musical numbers performed by Suffolk’s Dance Company. Auditions were held in the beginning of the fall semester and 15 students-11 freshmen, two sophomores and two juniors—were selected to work together with a professional choreographer and music director.

The six numbers we chose to highlight for the year cover style of dances we have done over the previous years,” says Kathy Maloney, Associate Director of the Performing Arts Office.

As for the independent acts, auditions will be held Thursday, Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. in Donahue 403. If selected, students will rehearse on their own and join the rest of the cast for tech and final rehearsals so, “what you see from them is their own artistic creativity,” said Maloney.

In addition to Maloney, Kristen Baker, director of the performing arts office and Vicki Karns, communication and journalism professor, who was a page director and alumnus of Fall Fest, also selects the final acts. Maloney says they give students the opportunity to try new things and also look for a variety of acts among the auditions to make sure the same thing isn’t being performed continuously.

“A lot of the selection has to do with the diversity and how the act fits along with the numbers of the Company and the show itself,” said Maloney. Because it’s the 40 year anniversary, the PAO has reached out to many alumni, like professor Karns, who acted in previous years to be a part of the show. One of the numbers in the show will comprise of alumni singing on stage and joining the current cast. Freshman Nikki Harper and senior Erica LeBlanc, as well as Student Government Association President Tyler LeBlanc will be hosting the show this year.

“It’s a great celebration of the arts on campus and a great opportunity to see and hear what your fellow students can do because you may not realize that the kid who lives down the hall from you can do four backflips in a row or that there’s a student who can play an ancient Chinese instrument,” said Maloney.

The first Fall Fest performance will be held on Friday, Oct. 24, at the C. Walsh Theatre at 8 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 25, the PAO will have a brunch for family and friends of the current and past Fall Fest performers at 11:30 a.m. in the Donahue lounge to celebrate 40 years of the performance. Tickets are free for the entire event and available at the HUB and at the door.

Photojournalist Ken Martin shares experiences in Japan

Heather Rutherford
Asst. News Editor

The lights dim in the Sawyer Library’s Poetry Center, the shades are drawn, and a serene photo of a Japanese bride is illuminated onto the projection screen.

Photojournalist and professor at Suffolk University, Ken Martin, traveled to Japan this summer to attend the wedding of his former students, Yukihiro Toya and his wife, Kariyumi Suzuki. The wedding was in Chiba City, Chiba Prefecture, Japan.

Martin was able to strategically capture the sequence of events of a traditional Japanese wedding and learn from a photographer’s perspective.

“I used a telephoto lens for some of this which helps to lock the background out,” Martin said during his presentation last Thursday, explaining his method of taking the bride’s portrait. Martin uses a Nikon D800 camera with 36.6 mega-pixels, often with a 200 mm, 2.8 telephoto lens.

“Shooting with a Nikon makes things easy for me, and as cameras change every two weeks, I still know how to use the basic functions,” Martin said with a laugh. “I’m always searching for the truth behind appearances with my photography,” Martin said on his own enlightenment and personal discipline.

While traveling throughout Japan, this is something he always strives for.

To avoid looking like a tourist, Martin would begin by always asking permission before taking a photo, he said. In places like Senegal, however, where Martin has done a lot of photography, it’s very difficult. As a photojournalist, one must understand the method of going from highly developed countries, to ones that are third world, according to Martin.

“The attitude is, ‘they’ve got all this expensive equipment, they’re taking my picture, they’re going to make money with it.’ It is crucial as a photographer to make a human contact first, then point and shoot. If you walked into a room full of people, you

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STAFF SOUNDS

The Wonder Years
“The Upsides”
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-Abby W.

Jason Aldean
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A great summer song!
-Sam H.

The Cool Brothers
“The Comeback”
Is this real life?
-Jeremy H.

Fleetwood Mac
“Rumors”
I wanna be with you everywhere.
-Melissa H.

Led Zeppelin
“Black Dog”
-Thalia Y.
Kill the Messenger: A fitting ode to a brave journalist

Sam Humphrey
Opinion Editor

Nearly a decade after his suicide, the story of investigative journalist Gary Webb’s life and the release of his most important work, The Dark Alliance series, has been brought to the big screen in a masterful, yet careful, depiction by director Michael Cuesta. The film convincingly shows an ugly side of journalism, one where a reporter releases a shocking, but true, story that powerful interests did not want to be heard. And when those powerful interests distort his work and label him a liar, none of his sources, his editors, or those who know that his story is true step forward to back him up. When he most needs help, he is failed.

In 1996, Webb wrote an expansive, three-part story for The San Jose Mercury News documenting that profits from crack cocaine sales in Los Angeles had funded the Contras, a U.S.-backed rebel group fighting the leftist government in Nicaragua. While the CIA never claimed that the CIA directly supported the drug dealers, he documented that the agency was aware of the scheme, using many reliable sources. The U.S. government and major newspapers immediately criticized his research, discrediting it as at best unreliable and at worst fabricated. The movie covers his research into the case, the release of his series, and the backlash that ensued. Jeremy Renner, as Webb, brings the man to life, giving a very realistic portrayal of him through his euphoric pride in his work to his despair when he realizes almost everyone in the government, and his cherished news industry, has turned on him. The story starts with Webb’s quiet life and stable job and follows him to the ghettos of South Central Los Angeles, Nicaragua, and Washington D.C. in his attempt to dig deeper into the complex mystery. The film relies on the actors’ ability to tell the story, and aside from some creative camera angles, uses almost no special effects, giving it a very humane feel and making the audience empathize greatly with Webb.

Renner’s performance is as stellar as his role in “The Hurt Locker” (2008) where he played a U.S. Army bomb disposal technician in Iraq. Interestingly, both roles are men who are addicted to their job. In “The Hurt Locker,” Renner’s character returns to the battlefield because it is where he feels most at home. In “Kill the Messenger,” he is a journalist whose commitment to the story turns into an obsession, and later, an oppression, as others misconstrue his work and tarnish his name, discrediting him as a journalist. He finds himself an outcast from the community he has held so dearly his whole life: journalists and newspaper men. Other smaller, but notable, performances include Michael Sheen, who plays a D.C. insider who tries to warn Webb of the massive trap he is walking into if he releases the story. Ray Liotta, as a former special operator, has a brief, but intense, scene with Webb as he explains his work for the CIA and details about the agency’s influence abroad. Lucas Hedges plays Webb’s 16-year-old son, Ian, who is close with his father and admires his work.

Most importantly, “Kill the Messenger” does a good job of examining his life. As Cuesta said, in a question and answer following the screening, he could only cover so much of Webb’s vastly complicated story and the aftermath of The Dark Alliance series. Even today, Gary Webb goes unappreciated by so many who are unfamiliar with The Dark Alliance and the horrifying story of his work. Everyone should see this film, not only because it is an extremely well-done, but more importantly, to honor Webb and the sacrifice he made to inform the public.

It is especially essential for aspiring reporters and investigative journalists, who cannot possibly comprehend the potential dangers of their profession without understanding Webb and his powerful commitment to his duty: to shine a light on the facts and inform the public.

Photos of Japan chronicle journey of Suffolk Professor

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wouldn’t just get started,” he said. “You’d walk in, shake hands with everyone in that room, and look them in the eye to acknowledge their existence. If you met one person, you’ve lost a friend.”

Martin made his way to Tokyo during his time in Japan. “We didn’t see a lot of the great kind of greyish in the big scenes of Tokyo,” he recalled. “Color took place when you get close and find the small neighborhoods.”

Experimenting with taking panoramic photos is one of Martin’s fascinating talents. Martin explains his process, “By making four or five different photographs, mostly vertical, starting from left to right. I overlap them by 20 to 30 percent, and merge them within Adobe Photoshop. When completed, a panoramic image might be roughly five feet long. It’s a way of creating a wide-eyed angle that you might not get otherwise.”

Traveling through Hakone, Martin had always wanted to see a tea house and ceremony. They are usually off the beaten path through dark forests, Martin said. “The light is wonderful, and of course I always ask permission before photographing.”

Martin also traveled to Mount Fuji, hoping to capture something special. “It was all in a haze, and we were told that we were not going to see the mountain,” he said. But as luck would have it, “As soon as we got out of the car, the clouds parted, and we got a view, then the clouds closed again.”

Martin was also able to visit the most famous building in Japan, the Golden Pavilion in Kyoto. He explained Japanese garden design, and how, “Fitting architecture into nature was what it was all about, and that’s why we’re always attracted to these kinds of things.” The appearance behind things are more than what they seem, Martin explained. “This beautiful serene scene was overwhelmed with tourists from all over the world. Of course, everyone wants to get in just the right spot to get the typical photo.”

Martin refers to one of his greatest inspirations, that photography is made by a decisive moment. “Each and every photographic situation has a decisive moment where there is peak energy for the best shot. In that shot, all your life experiences come to you in that fraction of a second, and everything you learned comes to you then,” he said. Whether it’s about photography, life, history, or people, that moment is what Martin lives for.

Martin’s work can be viewed on his website at zenfolio.com/kennethmartinphotography.
Time to crack down on sexual assault

Madeline Scovotti
Journal Contributor

"In summary, there needs to be consent at every step of the way by both partners. Silence does not mean yes ... An assumed yes from the other's body language does not mean yes ... Only yes means yes."

Over the last two weeks, cases of sexual assault have occurred at five colleges across Massachusetts. As a female student who unintentionally, but frequently, walks the streets of Boston alone, it’s unnerving to read what can happen on the smallest and most private campuses.

At Framingham State University, four students were suspended in connection with two alleged sexual assaults on one female student in both an off-campus residence and an on-campus residence. FSU spokesman Daniel Maguza told The Boston Globe that he did not recall an instance at the university where so many students were accused in a sexual assault. The assaults took place late Saturday, Sept. 27 and early Sunday, Sept. 28, the Globe reported.

At Stonehill College, a victim told campus police that she was assaulted on a campus pathway as she was walking at 3 am on Sept. 28. She wasn’t walking down a dark alleyway when she was assaulted, she was attacked in a public place that she frequently passes through. Sexual assault can happen anywhere and at anytime, no matter how comfortable the victims may be with the area.

But cases such as these go far beyond our local community, and colleges across the country are facing increased pressure to crack down on sexual assaults on college campuses. Only last week did President Barack Obama launch the "It's On Us" campaign to not only prevent sexual assault but also commit to taking steps to ensure all students can take to ensure all parties are engaging in consensual sexual contact.

There needs to be clear consent every step of the way by both partners. Silence does not mean yes. An unclear answer does not mean yes. An assumed yes from the other's body language does not mean yes. A drunken slur does not mean yes. Only yes means yes. A partner has every right to revoke consent after initially giving it. Being intoxicated is not an excuse for sexual assault.

Considering the recent cases across Massachusetts, it might be time for the state to adopt a bill like California’s. Clear consent is important because it ensures that all parties involved are in agreement at every step of the sexual encounter. No matter how awkward it may seem to keep asking if what’s happening is okay, it will ensure neither party feels uncomfortable which will lead to a better sexual experience overall. It will also ensure that things don’t get out of hand and that assault, in any form, does not occur.

In all of the recent sexual assault cases across Massachusetts, the victim was alone when she was attacked. Maybe one of these assaults could have been prevented by using the buddy system. There are steps we can take to prevent sexual assault on our campus, we just need to be more aware of them.

So in light of the recent incidents at college campuses in our state community, let’s all make an effort to prevent sexual assault right here in our Suffolk community. Don’t be afraid to speak up if you feel or see that something is wrong. Travel with a buddy especially at night.

Never go out without a plan as to how you are going to be able to safely get home. Be a good partner and respect the wishes of the person other involved. Finally, be a good friend and support the victims of sexual assault. If we all do our part, we can put an end to sexual assault and make our college community a safe place for every student.

In our opinion section, one of our staff members discusses the frequency of sexual assaults at area colleges and the need for people to understand that only "yes" means yes.

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It is estimated that one in five women experience sexual assault during their time in college. Of those assaults, less than half will report their assaults, and even then only a fraction of the offenders are punished, according to the "It's On Us" Campaign website.

Sexual assault can no longer be something that we sweep under the rug or talk about only behind closed doors. Sexual assaults happen on campus almost every day and it is crucial that we not only support the victims but also commit to taking steps to prevent it in the future.

This past week, California Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill requiring all colleges that receive state money for student financial aid to enforce a standard for "affirmative consent," or "yes means yes." The bill essentially lays out an updated sexual conduct handbook, which outlines steps students can take to ensure all parties are engaging in consensual sexual contact.

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On Eric Holder's leave and complicated legacy

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After six years as Attorney General of the United States, Eric Holder has called it quits, and will leave office once a successor is chosen, according to CNN. His legacy will be marked as an activist, a progressive chief, and is considered a progressive champion on many issues while disregarding others, such as the fourth amendment protection.

He leaves behind one of the most progressive LGBTQ rights reforms by any Attorney General to date. His actions led to the June 2013 Supreme Court ruling that struck down parts of the Defense of Marriage Act, requiring the federal government to deny recognition of legal same-sex marriages. His actions off the ruling against DOMA have led to a state-by-state campaign of same-sex marriage bans being lifted.

His main reasoning against DOMA is the equal protection clause, found in the 14th amendment to the constitution according to CBS News. It protects everyone with equal rights and protection under the law regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation. His accomplishments on the federal level have also led to organizations such as the Freedom to Marry, Campaign challenging marriage rulings in states that ban same-sex marriage. In Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin the courts have ruled in favor of Freedom to Marry, according to CNN.

Holder has also been on the forefront in the fight against restrictive state voting laws in states such as Texas and North Carolina, where more identification is required to vote, and have earlier and shorter voter registration timelines which discourage citizens, especially minorities, from voting. The Justice Department under Holder used Texas over its new voter ID laws and had involved in a federal hearing against North Carolina's restrictive voter registration timeline, according to CNN. This proves that the government will protect minorities, which is the principal of our constitution.

With harder drugs hitting the streets in America, Holder also acknowledged that marijuana is the least of the drug war. But the truth is that most people wouldn't be so upset about the marijuana if we didn't have to deal with as many inmates in an already crowded prison system. Although not as progressive as Washington and Colorado, Holder set a precedent when he called for less harsh sentences for marijuana and non-violent related offenses. This led to more states considering the possibility of legalizing or decriminalization of marijuana. Holder's marijuana stance will stand as the first domino in the decline of the war on weed.

Although Holder has done a lot to improve our legal system in the civil rights and social justice area's he still leaves behind a cloud of mist. Holder was unsuccessful to bring down the controversial DOMA Bay prison, which has had many violations of human rights. He has also been inconsistent with his handling of the case of the man who was found in prison with alcohol, while being involved in the fight against the survivors. Being told that you asked for it, that process because you're being charged victims who were in these tests and medicines, it is unacceptable. The tricky wordplay in the next measure, however, seems to be the most dangerous. "A victim's injury is not the only thing that contributed to the crime (in those cases, benefits may be for a victimless crime would also be denied reimbursement for their medical costs, according to time.com)."

Regardless of the financial status, victims should not have to pay for the procedures to prevent pregnancy, HIV, or STDs. As the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board noted on its website, the board can refund the victims. However, there are certain conditions that restrict it, like requiring victims to file charges or declaring victims who were involved in illegal activity at the time of the crime, which could be used against underprivileged victims who were drinking.

Other measures employed by the board include requiring a clean record for the past five years of a victim's shoulder. VAWA has to evolve and catch a new era of victims. "A victim's injury is not the only thing that contributed to the crime (in those cases, benefits may be reduced or denied)." This measure is very dangerous because it is clearly a victim-blaming stance, one that can be used against the survivors. Being told by the board that you are not eligible to receive compensation for your medical costs because you contributed to the crime can be very dangerous because it could disrupt the emotional process because you're being told that you asked for it, without the sympathy deserved. According to The Times-Picayune, many victims are simply denied their applications. One claim that this process meets once a month so that the process can become very tedious and long. The process computed by the board probably affect the decision that different victims make to not report such a traumatic experience, but the bigger problem is that it could lead to victims' deciding to not seek the important medical attention that they need.

Though it is clear that the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board needs to review their requirements to be eligible for reimbursement for these tests and medicines, it is even clearer that VAWA needs some changes. Maybe the language that was employed in the act mistakenly leaves a loophole in its midst, but a clearer stance is necessary to legally remove all costs for a victim.

Rape victims need tests and medicines to prevent pregnancy, HIV, and other STDs. It has been granted to victims by law were basic SANE exams or rape kits. Because technology and medicine are continually advancing, there is currently a huge gap in the act that leaves the door open for victims to be billed for basic tests, like pregnancy or HIV tests, and medications to prevent pregnancy and various STDs, amongst other things. Regardless of their financial status, victims should not have to pay for the procedures to prevent pregnancy, HIV, or STDs. In the midst of a serious event such as rape, the economical burden definitely shouldn't be placed on the victim's shoulders.

According to time.com, Louisiana isn't alone: most states don't pay for these types of tests or medications. Merely 10 states cover the costs of being admitted into the emergency room and only five cover the treatment of all the victims' injuries.

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Child stars cannot be to blame for meltdowns

Former child star Amanda Bynes, 28, was arrested last Saturday, Sept. 28th, for driving under the influence. Fox News reported. This is the star's second DUI arrest, but I don't believe she is all to blame for her recent behavior, and that many members of the public also realize that most child stars go through a meltdown at least once during their adulthood.

Last week we watched the starlet, known for her roles in The Amanda Show, Hairspay, She's the Man, and Easy A completely descend into madness. Once a bright young actress, she now reportedly talks to herself and hallucinates, misuses drugs and alcohol, and has had several run-ins with the law, as chronicled in The Observer. But, like most people know, this isn't the only domestic violence issues in the last month, the last thing the NFL needs is another Blichmann on its record. Instead of doing the professional thing and making a public statement describing what happened during the play, and why it was actually the right call, the NFL has quickly put itself in a hole that is going to need drastic changes in order to get out of.

Since the Ray Rice debacle, I have been critical of the league's decision making. Husain Abdullah's incident could have been prevented. The same clarification that would have avoided any criticism. A public statement as straightforward as, "The penalty given to Husain Abdullah was given for his slide in the endzone, not for praying." would have been suitable and would have made the NFL seem precise and effective in their decision making. Today there are conversations of religious discrimination on behalf of the NFL, as well as other criticism towards the league for a situation that could have been prevented.

Regarding touchdown celebrations in general, the NFL has gotten stricter and more rule-heavy than need be. The reason fans watch NFL games on television is to be entertained. With this being said, what is the problem with a slide into the endzone? I think the inconsistency with recent issues in the NFL has put a lot of pressure on authority figures, including commissioner Roger Goodell. Time and time again, Goodell has proven that he cannot manage the NFL effectively or ethically. There has been a general consensus among the fans of the NFL to fire Goodell, and bring in a more effective and decisive commissioner of the league. As ESPN analyst Adam Scheffer noted, the only thing preventing Goodell from being fired is the support of the team owners, whom the majority agree that Goodell is a good businessman for the league. As a business major, I clearly understand why having a business-attitude in Goodell's position would help promote and expand the league. However, when unethical decisions are made and heavy criticism is raised about the operations of the NFL, that is where I draw the line. The NFL needs a better balance of businessman and ethical promoter in the commissioner spot, which we will not see as long as Goodell is in charge.

The Amanda Show, Hairspray, Judy Garland, Judy Garland (The Wizard of Oz), or America's darling, Lindsay Lohan (need I say more)? Each of these former child stars and countless others have had run-ins with the law, substance abuse problems, or a very public meltdown. The question is — what makes it so hard for child stars to adjust smoothly to adulthood? Clearly, this isn't the case for all former child stars. Natalie Portman began modeling at age 10 and made her feature-film debut at 12 in The Professional. She went on to star in huge movies like Thor and The Black Swan. Shirley Temple, arguably one of the most famous child stars to ever come out of Hollywood, went on to lead a basically average adult life, and Neil Patrick Harris is a well-known and highly successful actor and comedian in his adult career.

There must be factors contributing to this trend in the child's home life or even professionally that lead some down a more difficult path. Stress is an obvious reason for mental degradation, and most child stars also sacrifice their childhood for their careers. Many also publicly blame their parents for their undoing, such as Lohan and late musician Michael Jackson.

We, as members of the public, will never know what really went on in the households of these doomed stars, and there are two sides to every story. But if it's safe to say the entertainment industry takes its toll on child stars, and it is wrong to place blame and judge them harshly when and if they do have a mental breakdown.

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The NFL first claimed that the call was correct, that the penalty was enforced because of the slide, not because of the prayer. The controversy was sparked when Abdullah was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct following his endzone celebration. This controversial call was worsened by the NFL when they released two conflicting statements about the clarification of the official call on the field.

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Florida quarterback accused of sexual assault

The University of Florida campus said that a sexual assault investigation is underway of freshman quarterback Treon Harris. He was suspended immediately when the investigation was announced after initial accusations. Few details have been released about the accusations, but the breaking news obviously made major headlines because of last year's incident with Heisman winner Jameis Winston from Florida State. The FSU quarterback was under investigation for rape allegations, which were then dropped. The freshmen that the Gators had high hopes for under investigation for rape allegations, which were then dropped. The freshmen that the Gators had high hopes for under investigation for rape allegations, which were then dropped. The freshmen that the Gators had high hopes for under investigation for rape allegations, which were then dropped. The freshmen that the Gators had high hopes for under investigation for rape allegations, which were then dropped. The freshmen that the Gators had high hopes for under investigation for rape allegations, which were then dropped. The freshmen that the Gators had high hopes for under investigation for rape allegations, which were then dropped.

Women's tennis looking more comfortable

The Suffolk University women's tennis team is looking to avenge their recent loss against Springfield last Thursday with their upcoming games this week, Mount Ida and Anna Maria, on Wednesday and Saturday, respectively. The loss broke a four-game win streak and came after having played three matches in a row.

"We were aware it was going to be a tough match but we were pretty pumped because we were on a four match winning streak," said Rebecca Eshoo, a junior broadcast journalism major. "For doubles it's kind of hard to switch up the teams just because it's hard for people to play with other people that they've never played with before," said Eshoo. "We typically keep the doubles teams the same just because it's hard to come up with different doubles pairings in a short amount of time."

Eshoo is confident that her team can win the games against Mount Ida and Anna Maria as they have beaten them before. She thinks that some of the players who normally don't get to play will receive the opportunity to do so in these games. "There's people on our team that don't typically play singles and so we usually try to give people a chance to play when we know that we're playing an opponent that isn't typically better than us," said Eshoo. The team will also be playing Johnson & Wales, which Eshoo considers as their biggest rival, on Monday.

"We don't really have a lot of downtime between matches so we just try to put in our best people in the lineup so that we can get a lot of practice in their matches for our upcoming matches that are tough," said Eshoo. "I think this year we have an advantage of playing them later rather than earlier in the season because we've already have experience with tough matches that we ended up winning so I think that we know how to pull out a win against tough people."
Beyond the doubts, this 2014-15 Boston Bruins squad is potentially a top five team in the NHL and arguably one of the best teams in the Eastern Conference as well. Even with the loss on Saturday to the Red Wings in a disappointing shootout, the Bruins have learned a lot from this last game and fans should be excited for the future of the team. Patrice Bergeron will be a colossal goal-scoring asset. With three goals on Saturday night, fans should be hopeful that he will at least light the lamp 25 times and hopefully even match his last season total of 30 goals. Bergeron, with a solid set of line mates by his side this season, will be able to generate enough offense for the entire first line with his number of assists and playmaking ability.

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The Bruins remain tight on a budget with a small cap space. According to CapGeek.com, the Bruins have $332,524 in salary space, which puts them in the seventh tightest cap space out of thirty teams. Conversely, Calgary has the most cap space in the NHL at $15,063,333. With a tighter cap space, more critical decisions may have to be made for a team adjusting to evolving opponent schemes. Personnel did not resign veteran Jarome Iginla after a 30 goal, 31 assist season last year and wound up instead signing with the Avalanche in Colorado. As far as the defensive end of the ice, Matt Bartkowski, Kevan Miller, Dougie Hamilton, and Torey Krug are all young, dynamic defensemen who can grow and learn to fill the void that Johnny Boychuk left behind. All these players possess the physical mentality the team needs and will be able to generate enough points to help give the Bruins an advantage over their opponents. With a total of 89 points between those four young guns, and a little more offensive power, the Bruins can find the empty space left by veteran Boychuk.

Two seasons in the books of the “Rask Era”

2012-13 season

28-14 regular season record

Lost in Stanley Cup Finals

2013-14 season

58-19 regular season record

Lost in conference semi-finals

“2012-13: NHL lockout season

2013-14: lost conference semi-finals

Rask (top left) had large shoes to fill after Tim Thomas helped the Bruins win a Stanley Cup, but followed up by winning the Vezina Trophy.

Chara (bottom left), 37, has a younger supporting cast on defense, putting extra weight on his 6-foot-9 shoulders.

Beantown hope by advancing to another Stanley Cup opportunity come spring. 
Ben Daniels helping men's soccer run toward the GNAC playoffs

Sammy Hurwitz
Journal Contributor

He's not Manchester City's Vincent Kompany. He's not Chelsea's John Terry. He's Suffolk University's Ben Daniels, and he's helping pace the 2014 Men's soccer team's defense.

After dropping their first four games, the Rams have bounced back in a big way, winning four of their last five contests. Daniels, a sophomore defenseman from Nantucket, Mass., has played a significant role in the team's apparent turnaround.

In their fifth game — this time against Regis College — the second-year student athlete put the Rams on top 1-0 at the three minute mark in the first half. Daniels and company proceeded to hold the opposition to one goal, as the Rams won in overtime thanks to an Alberto Bittan goal.

"We changed up our formation, and our style of play. We're more direct to an Alberto Bittan goal. Rams won in overtime thanks to an Alberto Bittan goal. Wasser and Stephany's claims seem more than warranted.

Daniels's defense has allowed only five goals in their last five games, the team has outscored their opponents 13 to 5 in that span. The Rams have also risen up to fourth place in the GNAC conference, which has been quite competitive over the years. "I think coming off our win on [last] Saturday — and today (Saturday) — we have a really good chance of winning the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. We took down the defending champs, Johnson & Wales, and Alberto [Bittan] has really found his stride up top."

Next week, the Rams will take on the Emerson Lions, and subsequently face a five game streak of conference play against Mount Ida, Anna Maria, Emmanuel, Lasell and Albertus Magnus. The streak of upcoming games may very well decide where the Rams stand come playoff time.

When asked how important the upcoming conference games were to the surging team, Daniels was quick to respond. "They're really important, it will determine our seed in the playoffs, and we really want to get home field advantage," he said. "We are very used to our home field, we practice on it everyday and we feel like our best soccer is played in front of our fans."

The Rams will play their next game Wednesday on the road to face GNAC rival Emerson College, with a chance to even their record at 5-5. That, of course, comes before the grueling five-game inter-conference streak. You can expect to see Ben Daniels starting on the pitch — for the tenth consecutive match — as the defenders are playing his best soccer to date.

Daniels currently has two goals and an assist on the year, along with a .182 shot percentage, and a .455 shot on goal percentage. Daniels and the rest of his defensive brigade have really stepped up their play.

The young defender will be looking to continue his hot streak, and ultimately help to lead his Rams squad to the top of the GNAC conference.

Women's soccer not backing down to anyone

Madeline Scovotti
Journal Contributor

After matches filled with miserable weather and double overtime games, the women's soccer team ended their week with their third consecutive tie.

Last Wednesday, the team played Saint Joseph's College of Maine and tied 2-2 with all four goals scored in the second half. The Lady Rams were initially up 2-0 after freshman forward Jessica Harmon scored two unassisted goals, one off of a corner kick and the other off of a breakaway. But, with less than eight minutes left in the game, the Monks managed to come back and score the two goals that would leave the game in a tie even after an additional 20 minutes of overtime.

When the Lady Rams came out to play in the rain again Saturday afternoon, they started out slower than in previous games. The first half was dominated by Mount Ida who led 2-0 over the Rams. It wasn't until Hannah McNulty scored off of a penalty kick with less than five minutes remaining in the half that we saw that spark and drive to win return to the home team.

As the Lady Rams came out for the second half, it felt like a completely different team had entered the field. Within the first 15 minutes of the half, the Lady Rams fought their way back and were able to score two goals, both of which scored by Harmon. They held off Mount Ida for the majority of the remainder of the half, but with less than 10 minutes left in the game Mount Ida was able to score to tie it.

Even without the win, one of the top scorers for the team, Harmon, believes that this game was in no way a loss. "She attributes the game turnaround to the team's ability to refocus and come back strong. "I think that when we came out at the beginning, we weren't as pumped up as we usually were. After we scored off of that penalty kick, as a team we came together and got the job done."

When it comes to setting goals for their upcoming game against Johnson & Wales, Harmon believes the team needs to stay strong for all 90 minutes so that we can win the games instead of tying, we need the wins to make the GNAC tournament. "Every time we make it to the finals we play them and we aren't successful."

Harmon's chief goal, however, is to win their upcoming game against Lasell, the team's main rival. "Whatever the outcome may be, we have proven they will fight for the win through anything."

"We owe it to the seniors to beat this team that we've always wanted to," she said. Whatever the outcome may be, the team wants to get back to their winning ways.