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Paleologos talks next week's election



By John Gillooly

Vice President of Government Relations and Community Affairs John Nucci, Board Member John McDonnell, and SUPRC's Dave Paleologos pictured above.

Sam Humphrey Opinion Editor

Alumni, students, and faculty streamed into the Suffolk Law School function room early Friday morning for the Joe Moakley Forum, part of Suffolk's Homecoming activities.

The crowd grabbed break-

fast and much-needed coffee and mingled as they waited. At one table, an undergrad chatted with a law school alum.

Each had come to Suffolk, they discovered, because it was a cheaper option, close to home. Like the student she

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Panelists, audience members, place their bets

Thalia Yunen News Editor

Massachusetts legislators signed a law in 2011 permitting three new casinos and a slots parlor to be built across three different regions in the state.

On Nov. 4, residents of Massachusetts will have a chance to either overturn this law or vote for it to come into effect. Because of the way the question is posed on the ballot, voting "yes" will mean voting against casinos and the slots parlor, and voting "no" will mean voting for it.

The most recent installation of Ford Hall Forum took place Thursday at Suffolk Law School, and was focused on the subject of casinos in the state.

The event was held in partnership with Suffolk Alumni Association during Homecoming Weekend, and was a gathering to discuss both sides of the casino debate. The debate presented different sides of

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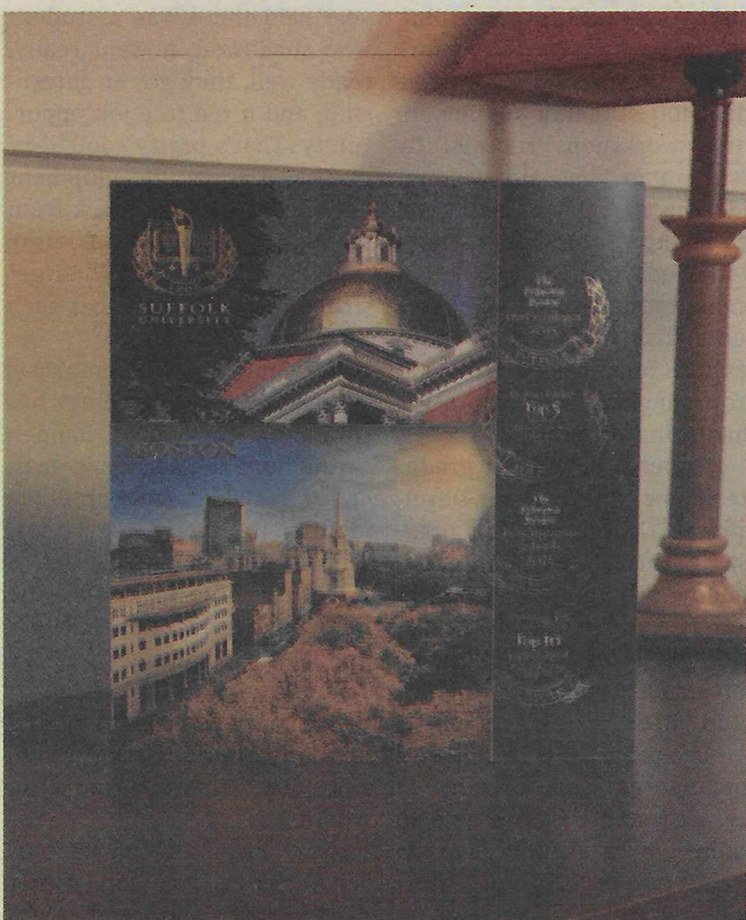


Panelists and demonstrators argued both sides of the casino debate at the Ford Hall Forum.



Sam Humphrey/Opinion Editor

Two months in, Smith working to get Suffolk on the map



Sam Humphrey/Opinion Editor

"I've been out introducing myself to as many of our alumni who are successful and in the position to maybe give down the road, and that has taken quite a bit of my time."

-- President Norman Smith

Melissa Hanson Editor-in-Chief

President Norman Smith entered 73 Tremont with the goal of getting Suffolk on the radar and in higher rankings.

After two months in office, it is clear that is his main focus. His office on the top floor of the 73 building is cluttered with marketing materials for colleges that rank higher than Suffolk does among the comprehensive universities of the North.

"I don't think Suffolk has really put its best foot forward in telling everybody the things that it has already achieved," Smith said, boasting about the success of the Sawyer Business School, Suffolk's global footprint, and the universities top 10 ranking among design schools.

Rankings among the comprehensive universities of the North are calculated by the school's themselves, Smith said. The school's administrators rank other schools in the area, giving a list of the top universities. Suffolk ranks 60 on the list.

This is what Smith is working to change.

Programs with low enrollment are being looked at critically, and more programs will be cut from the university, said Smith.

In a conversation with The Suffolk Journal, Smith proudly displayed a pamphlet promoting the university. Glorious images of the university and the Massachusetts State House are brazen on the front; blue and gold print decorate the thick paper, displaying Suffolk's accomplishments and it's home in the heart of the city.

This is one of the fruits of Smith's labor. With a personalized note from Smith, the pamphlet, designed by Stamats, was sent to all the colleges who vote for the comprehensive universities of the North. Smith's plan to get the university recognized, officially in motion.

"That is what I've been putting a lot of effort in," the president said. Stamats is a company widely used by institutions of higher

education for self-promotion, according to Smith, who said he considers them one of the best.

Smith has also been meeting with alumni in an attempt to garner more donations to the university.

"I've been out introducing myself to as many of our alumni who are successful and in the position to maybe give down the road, and that has taken quite a bit of my time," he said.

However, between designing the pamphlet, meeting with alumni, and working with members of the university to decide how to keep improving Suffolk, a few things have not been discussed regarding the university, according to Smith.

The future of the Ridgeway building is something Smith said "hasn't come up in conversation."

In 2012, former president James McCarthy told the Journal the university was considering selling the Ridgeway building. Over the summer, the Regan Gymnasium located in the bottom of Ridgeway was renovated, receiving new paint

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POLICE BLOTTER

Monday, October 27

10:14 p.m.

150 Tremont

Disorderly conduct, minor in possession of alcohol. Judicial internal.

Sunday, October 26

1:00 p.m.

150 Tremont

Larceny from building. Case Closed.

NEWS BRIEFS

Princeton Review names Sawyer Business School one of best for 2015

According to the Princeton Review, Suffolk University will be listed as one of the Best 296 Business Schools in 2015.

In an article on Suffolk's website, President Smith said, "Everyone at Suffolk is delighted to be recognized as offering one of the best business degrees in America. I'm proud to applaud the achievements of our talented and dedicated faculty who have earned this distinction."

According to the site, the ranking takes into account criteria like "Best Classroom Experience," and "Toughest to Get Into," and "Best Career Prospects."

Smith has said before that one of his goals is to have Suffolk University rank higher nationally.

Psychology department studying how nightmares affect daily life

According to an article on Suffolk's website, psychology Professor at Suffolk Gary Fireman is searching for the reasons behind sleep and dreaming, and how important dreams are to our sleep cycle.

Fireman, with a team of graduate and undergraduate students, is studying "the relationship between emotion-particularly anger/hostility-and sleep quality," according to the site.

As chair of the psychology department, Fireman finds evidence that dreams serve a greater purpose rather than being merely a result of brain processes during REM sleep.

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Students, alumni, faculty engage in Career Fest 2014



Craig Martin/Journal Staff

Suffolk students attended the Senior Seminar as part of Career Fest 2014.

Heather Rutherford
Asst. News Editor

Suffolk's annual Career Fest brought crowds of students, faculty, alumni, and professionals to the campus for five days out of the week. The fest brought 15 events, some attracting hundreds of students, ranging from alumni's perspectives on international career opportunities to a LinkedIn photoshoot.

"It's a week that we hope puts the spotlight on careers, that it provides multiple opportunities for students to interact and network with professionals as well as alumni and faculty, encourage students to begin to reflect on their career goals and aspirations," Paul Tanklefsky, the director of the Career Development Center, said in an interview.

Tanklefsky enthusiastically described this year's fest as more than a success.

"We had over 800 students participate, every event had a good showing," he said, with "great conversation and dialogue with faculty representing every department."

This year, Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education tried something new with their events. Every day had a dedicated theme, hosting events that peaked student interest.

One theme was "Going Global," and presented a program called Alumni Perspective on International Career Opportunities. Guest speakers representing government, international development, global business, and international education spoke, according to the Career Development Center's Career Fest flier.

Other guest speakers who attended events and talked

"We like to think of ourselves as a one-stop career center."

-Tanklefsky

with students were from big time companies like WGBH, NESN, and Mullen Advertising. Other themes during the week included "Landing and Leveraging an Internship," "Choosing and Using Your Major," and "Using Social Media."

One event that is continuously successful, according to Tanklefsky, was the majors and minors expo. With more than 400 students signing in, three workshops successfully also ran in time slots alongside the expo, "and got good attendance," he said. These workshops hosted a panel of undergraduates helping students "fish for a major," with sessions for career testing, and promoting the sophomore job shadowing program.

Kimberly Murray, a graduate fellow in the Career Development Center, will be organizing this year's sophomore shadow program. The application is due on November 21, and the shadows take place between February 16 to April 17 in 2015.

"The program is set up with sophomores and alumni in the area, and they are able to connect by a shadow, and do a half day or full day," Murray said in an interview. "It will really allow sophomores to see the day-to-day function of their career interest. I'll be recruiting alumni, I'm hoping that they will participate whether they've done it before or they want to get involved this year."

Career fields in which students explore alongside alum-

ni can range from government to public relations.

"It is extremely beneficial for students; they're going to figure out if the career tied to their major is interesting to them," Murray said. Not only will students see the daily operations of the job, they'll be able to "picture themselves in that type of career."

This program has seen exceptional outcomes for students. Murray said, "This is my first year running it so I haven't seen it firsthand, however the person who ran it last year said there was a student who shadowed, it went really, really well, they got an internship, and it led to a job opportunity. That's pretty cool."

The Career Development Center received feedback from students, which, Tanklefsky said, is intended to target where they are and what they might do in the future.

He put a large emphasis on the fact that the center has similar events that happen throughout the academic year, and a goal is to help students identify the increasing importance of internships.

"We have to make sure the number of students participating in internships grows," he said. "We know the value of high quality experience gives a network, a professional readiness that you can't find elsewhere."

"We like to think of ourselves as a one-stop career center," he said, and mentioned that the office is a place for any student to turn to. Open office hours are Monday through Friday between 1 and 2 p.m. In terms of helping students with direction, he said, "We help identify strategies and provide resources, identifying where they want to go with their careers."

HOMECOMING 2014

Campus Crawl, movie night, and more during Homecoming Weekend

Connie Lai
Journal Contributor

Suffolk's Second-Annual Homecoming took place last week, and introduced a plethora of events to students.

Campus crawl, full of free food, prizes and giveaways, was just one of many exciting events that took place during the weekend.

The adventure began at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21 in Miller Hall, where Jeremy Shepard, a Suffolk alumnus, and host of the 6B Lounge in Boston, stumped many students with random trivia questions. The trivia game took place in the café, where students were able to enjoy hot dogs, pretzels, and non-alcoholic beverages from the "mocktail" bar, while testing their knowledge to win prizes including Red Sox tickets, movie tickets, and money added to a student's Ram Card account.

The crawl continued over to 73 Tremont, where students were tested with more trivia. Some of the questions included were identifying movie characters that were made into Legos, naming actors voiced in animated films, and identifying birthplaces of presidents.

Everyone who attended also received a free T-shirt promoting National Alcohol Awareness Week.

"It's nice that we have this alternative open to us," said

freshman Josh Lee. "It also gives students a chance to see what else goes on at Suffolk."

The final event of the night ended with a performance by Seriously Bent and The Suffolk Ramifications in the basement of 150 Tremont. The two groups teamed up for an unforgettable A cappella improv comedy show.

The event lasted from 10 to 11 p.m., and students who participated in the crawl were given the opportunity to meet other fellow Suffolk peers and have fun, while staying safe, one of the themes of the event.

Student Health and Wellness Services Director Liz Drexler-Hines and Assistant Resident Director of 10 West Lisa Shell first started campus crawl in 2010 to promote alcohol safety education. They purposely designed the program to fall on a Thursday to replace the "thirsty Thursday" mentality. Since then, the event has continued to grow into a success, with both on- and off-campus students attending, they said.

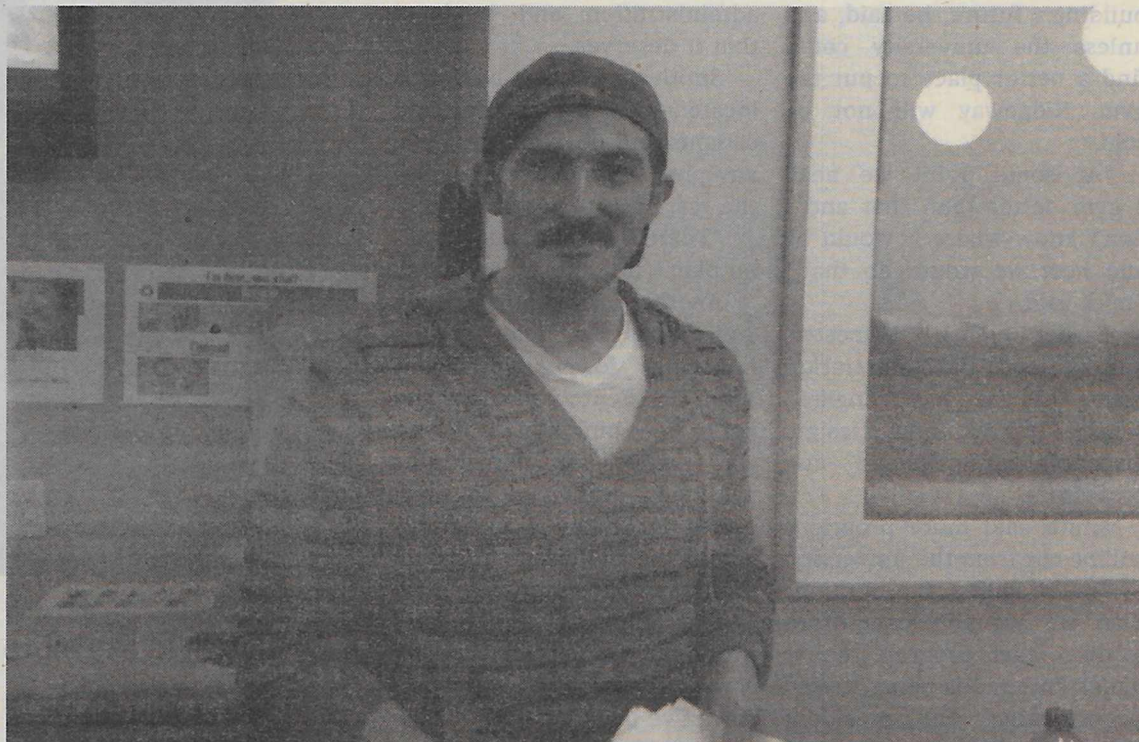
Another big draw for Homecoming Weekend was Fall Fest. The variety show celebrated its 40th anniversary, showcased various independent student acts, as well as performances by the company and alumni.

"Fall Fest was the first event I attended this week and I loved it. I loved that it was funny, but also emotional at the same time," said junior Nicole Sklarzik.

On Saturday night, Home-

"Fall Fest was the first event I attended this week and I loved it."

-Nicole Sklarzik



Connie Lai/Journal Contributor

Suffolk alumnus Jeremy Shepard asked students trivia questions during Campus Crawl.

coming Weekend took to the Boston Children's Museum for a night of fun, but also, to award distinguished alumni. Boston Police Commissioner William Evans was among 10 other alumni recognized by the university, according to a statement.

Throughout Homecoming, students, families, and alumni took to Twitter with #Suffolk-Weekend.

Sunday finally wrapped up Homecoming Weekend with three different events,

including a Farewell Brunch with President Norman Smith and Rammy, where they said "goodbye" to Homecoming, and two admission open houses for new students to tour Suffolk.

When asked about the buzz of Homecoming Weekend, several students weighed in on how they felt about the second annual event.

"I went on the Duck Tour as well and that was great because I learned a lot about Boston," Sklarzik said. "Over-

all, I think homecoming is a great opportunity for students to know Suffolk better."

Sophomore Megan Duchesne shared her thoughts, too.

"The only event I attended was the movie showing of *Gone Girl* Wednesday night, and I thought it was cool how they had a movie theater for only Suffolk students."

If you missed homecoming, you can check it out in 2015 for its third annual weekend. It's only about 365 days until this eventful weekend returns.

Paleologos highlights important races at Moakley Center breakfast

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had just met, the alumna had taken mostly night classes and worked her way through college.

After waiting for stragglers, who event organizers said may have been ensnared due to slow traffic or a hiccup in the Red Line's service that morning, David Paleologos took the stand to discuss local races ahead of the upcoming elections.

Paleologos, who heads Suffolk's Political Research Center, began by explaining the center to alumni and students.

"We're the new kid on the block," he said of SUPRC. It is one of the newer centers at Suffolk, despite being around since 2002, and is currently USA TODAY's polling partner for elections nationwide.

That's impressive, he said, because the newspaper's previous partners included polling heavyweights Gallup and the Pew Research Center. Given the center's success and Suffolk's high international stu-

Massachusetts' growing number of Independents will play a big role in the election.

dent population, Paleologos hopes to start polling in other countries, he said.

But his audience had come primarily to learn what recent polls indicate for statewide races and ballot questions. Paleologos focused Massachusetts' gubernatorial and New Hampshire's senate races.

Fittingly, that morning's Boston Globe reported that Republican Gubernatorial candidate Charlie Baker had gained a nine-point lead on his Democratic opponent Martha Coakley, as Paleologos informed them.

Suffolk's latest Massachusetts election poll put Coakley

only one point ahead of Baker, at 44 percent. Paleologos said the same poll found Coakley leading Baker by only one point in favorability ratings too, at 46 percent.

The bigger gap is in their unfavorable ratings, he said. While 42 percent of respondents were generally unfavorable of Coakley, only 27 percent felt the same way about Baker. Four attorneys generals who ran for governor in Massachusetts in recent elections were all defeated, the pollster noted.

Massachusetts' growing number of Independents will play a big role in the elec-

tion, Paleologos said. In 1990, registered Independent and Democrats were almost even at 44 percent and 43 percent. In 2014, however, Independents make up 54 percent of voters in the Bay State, while Democrats have shrunk to 35 percent.

Thus, Baker will have to woo more than 17 percent of Democrats, Paleologos said, and Coakley has to beat him on Independents by no less than 22 points.

Independents carried Republican Scott Brown to the Senate in 2010, after beating Coakley in a race many assumed she would sail through.

Brown is currently fighting an uphill battle in New Hampshire for incumbent Democrat Jeanne Shaheen's Senate seat. Shaheen still leads Brown in favorability, but like Coakley's rating, hers is starting to slide. At 49 percent, she is only 10 points ahead of Brown, whose favorability in the state has been rising, Paleologos said.

In New Hampshire, incumbent Gov. Maggie Hassan still leads her Republican opponent Walt Havenstein in the gubernatorial race.

"Havenstein is riding an anti-Democrat, anti-D.C. wave," Paleologos said. "I think it's Hassan's race ... but she now only has a 10 percent lead," down from the big lead she had held for most of the race.

Back in Massachusetts, the poll found a majority of Massachusetts voters were inclined to vote against the first three questions on the ballot, but would vote for the fourth. In the attorney general race, Democrat Maura Healey was far ahead of Republican challenger John Miller.

"I could see a 'Governor Maura Healey' someday," he said, commenting on her popularity.

After discussing facts and figures, Paleologos closed by talking about SUPRC's "incredible rollercoaster ride" at Suffolk.

Smith makes progress, still no answers on Ridgeway or NESAD

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and improved floors.

Smith has not made any plans considering the building's future, he said, and unless the university could find a better place to put the gym, Ridgeway will not be sold.

"At some point we need a gym better than that and I don't know where it would be and how we would do that," Smith said.

Earlier this semester, Suffolk cut the illustration major at the New England School of Art and Design, disappointing students and professors.

Smith said more programs will be cut from the university.

"We're doing more things than we arguably can afford to do ... each program that is under enrolled is being looked at critically," the president said.

NESAD is one of the university's assets, however,

it is segregated from campus, and many say it does not receive the attention from administration and students that it deserves.

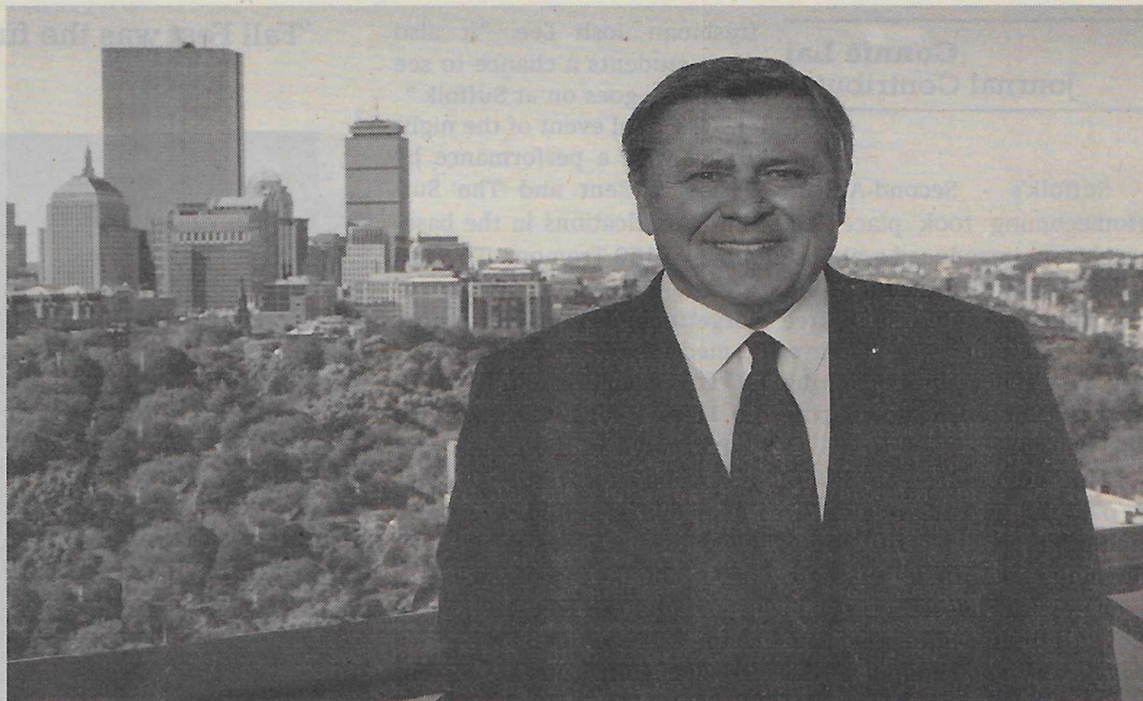
Smith agreed that NESAD is located too far from the main campus, but does not yet have any plans to move it closer to the rest of Suffolk's buildings.

"There's a desire, but there's no plan," he said.

Another outstanding issue Smith has no plan for is honoring former president John E. Fenton. When the Fenton building, which was named for the former president, was sold in July, James McCarthy said Fenton would be honored in some other way on campus.

On honoring the former president, Smith said, it "hasn't come up in a conversation since I've been here."

One of the next topics on Smith's docket is to get the university's three separate



Courtesy of Suffolk University

Smith would like more graduate students to use the law school's library.

schools to become more of the graduate students to use the 73 library, it's absolutely one united university. An the law school's library, Smith full," he said. "Every time I immediate plan in order to said. walk through the law library, do just that is to get more of "Every time I walk through there's plenty of places to sit."

Casino debate gets heated at Ford Hall Forum

Nov. 4 election to determine whether casinos come to Massachusetts

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economic and social impacts of casinos in Massachusetts.

President and COO of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Springfield Michael Mathis, Founder and former CEO of Codman Square Health Center Bill Walczak, President of Mass Building Trades Council Frank Callahan, and Former Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, were on the panel moderated by Father Richard McGowan, economics professor at Boston College.

Harshbarger and Walczak are against casinos in Massachusetts, Mathis and Callahan are for them.

Harshbarger started the conversation, making a case against bringing casinos to the state, saying that as attorney general in the 1990s his primary responsibility was "to make sure that all industries played on a level playing field and did not achieve their objective by ... unfair practices."

Harshbarger said the possible consequences will include the saturation of the northeast and economic bankruptcy, cannibalization of the Massachusetts lottery and local businesses, addiction in communities.

"In my view, this is like Lay's potato chips. You can't have just one. And we are not going to have just one ... We will have at least three," Harshbarger said.

He referred to the fight for and against gambling as "David versus Goliath," and said,



Sam Humphrey/Opinion Editor

"The issue of expanded gambling is never triggered by a grassroots movement to let people take your money."

Most spoke up in protest of Scott Harshbarger's words. Before the event, there were demonstrators outside of Suffolk Law School holding up "vote no on 3" signs.

Callahan said, "There is more than just money in this race, I represent skilled craftsmen and women." He disagreed with Harshbarger's grassroots comment, and said that this movement was generated by the grassroots.

Those are not temporary

jobs, those are good jobs where people pay their bills, support their families, and they need those," said Callahan.

Later in the conversation, Walczak read out loud the mean wage statistics for the most common job working in a casino: a gaming dealer. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the figure is \$20,890.

Callahan said Boston is not trying to be like Atlantic City, and put all of its eggs in one basket. It will still be a market for industries like academia, innovation and technology, and casinos would be just an-

other industry, he said.

"This is the only initiative that addresses the 62 percent of Massachusetts residents who don't have a college degree ... They deserve to have jobs at good wages, with good training ... with good benefits, with health insurance, with dignity, a retirement where you can retire with good pension," said Callahan, "It's working for everyone, not simply those with lab coats and Ph.D.s."

Walczak said he has been working all of his life helping people with limited means achieve their success. He said, "There is a great draw in low-

income communities towards gambling."

He spoke about the predatory nature of casinos, and how they purport an image of glamour, when the reality is most games are rigged to steal from citizens.

"The public health world teaches one thing, which is try to prevent harm from coming in," he said. "We need to make sure we are not providing an opportunity for people to come in here, create casinos, and take away the money that's currently being used."

He referred to it as a "phony economic strategy," and urged Massachusetts voters to "think about whether we really want to bring in the kind of corruption that we already know ... every week there's a new indictment."

Mathis said, "We don't believe it's David versus Goliath, we believe it's people with jobs versus people without jobs," and gave an anecdote of how MGM came to Springfield. He said it was still unclear to him why they weren't building at that very moment.

A number of Everett and Somerville citizens asked what bringing a casino into their community would do to for them. Mathis and Callahan maintained that local communities would be fine.

A quick scan of the crowd showed many wearing "vote no" and "Protect Mass. Jobs" buttons.

Challenging global militarism: Activist Medea Benjamin comes to Suffolk

Alexa Gagosz
Acting Int'l Editor

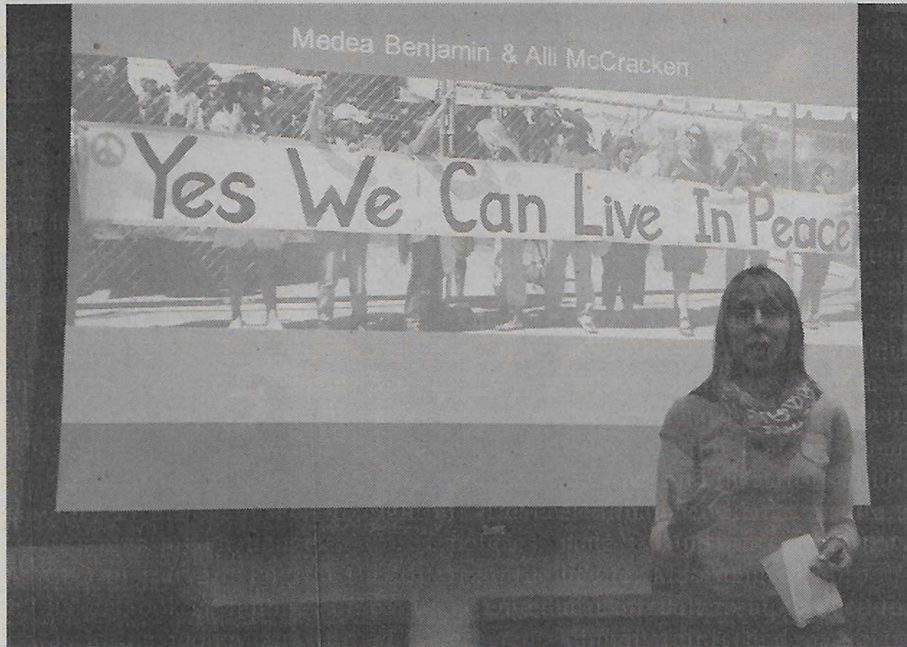
"Yes we can live in peace," is the promise the organization "CODEPINK" lives by as they urge women across the country to rise up and oppose global militarism.

Originally, the organization emerged out of the deep desire from a group of American women with a sentiment to stop the US from invading Iraq. Now known nationwide, Medea Benjamin, the cofounder of both CODEPINK and the international human rights organization Global Exchange, travels across the country to speak to universities. Last Wednesday, she came to Suffolk with Alli McCracken, her associate, following a trip to Iran.

She is an activist and an author of eight published books. In addition, she is currently working on her campaign to stop the use of killer drones.

In the forum, Benjamin spoke about her direct questioning of President Barack Obama in the 2013 foreign policy address, as well as her recent trips to Pakistan and Yemen, which helped her inform others about the innocent people being killed by U.S. drone strikes.

"As President Obama was speaking about a year and a half ago when he was giving



Alexa Gagosz/Acting International Editor

his foreign policy talk, I don't tell anyone how I did it, but I managed to get inside of there when we were working on drones. The US was lying to the people, first saying that we weren't using them, and secondly, they were saying that they weren't killing civilians," Benjamin said at the forum. "Now Alli and I have been to Pakistan and Yemen and met with families whose loved ones were killed. We knew our government was lying."

Benjamin then talked of the prisoners still being held by the CIA in Guantanamo Bay detention camp, the U.S. military prison located in Cuba, for the past 12 years now after

they were cleared for release already.

Benjamin claimed that organizations including the CIA, FBI, and NSA have said the prisoners are not guilty, but have yet to be released.

"So here I was, and the president was speaking. Now we heard because of the media buzz that he was going to announce some major policy changes. The entire speech he didn't say anything about any changes so when he said, 'now the last thing I want to talk about,' I knew that he wasn't going to talk about Guantanamo. So I stood up and I said, 'you are the commander-in-chief, you could release all the

cleared prisoners from Guantanamo immediately,'" Benjamin said, describing her presence at the foreign policy address.

She said that at first, Obama attempted to ignore her as there were "badges being flown around me everywhere ready to kick me out."

But, after a while, she said that he started to engage with her.

Obama said to the audience that her points were clear and true, that they should listen to her; yet even with the president's support, she was thrown out of the address for questioning the President's authority.

Benjamin spoke about her

Benjamin has been an advocate for social justice for more than 30 years. The New York Newsday described her as, "one of America's most committed and most effective fighters for human rights" and "one of the high profile leaders of the peace movement."

personal history in protesting and challenging the government's decisions. She said she found it sad that young people nowadays live in fear instead of acting out or questioning authority like her generation did in the 1960s.

"In this country, people are always saying that there are such awful things going on," Benjamin said. "And yes, it's terrible that the NSA are spying on people, that the police are killing people who are unarmed, but we also have to remember that in this country we have a lot of liberties. And we should use them. Or else they get taken away more and more."

Dilma Rousseff re-elected as Brazilian President

Sylvain Gaulier
Journal Staff

Incumbent president Dilma Rousseff won runoff against Aécio Neves with 51 percent of the votes. This very close election enables Rousseff's political family, Workers Party, to continue to achieve its goal of reducing social inequality. Liberation News reports: among 143 million of voters, three million of votes have decided on the election outcome.

According to Liberation News, Rousseff immediately thought of the future challenges ahead of her presidency in her victory speech. She addressed to her supporters: "Instead of increasing differences and creating gaps, I strongly hope that we create the conditions to unite. I want to be a much better president than I have been until now" as reported by The Guardian.

In order to clinch this crucial victory, Rousseff was backed by the poor northeast



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region amounting to 26 percent of the electorate. According to The Guardian, almost a quarter of the people living in these areas are beneficiaries of "Bolsa Família," a poverty relief program. However, she lost many votes in wealthiest regions of São Paulo, Rio, and Minas Gerais, which were stricken by debilitating public services and corruption scandals.

Neves' liberal political ideas did not achieve to rally a majority of Brazilians. He promised not to tweak the existing

social programs while trusting the market to revitalize the Brazilian economy. According to L'Opinion, he skillfully "capitalized on the population's dissatisfaction." Most of the Brazilian business owners supported Neves to reject Rousseff policies.

Three days before the election, thousands of pro-business protesters flocked to the streets to support Neves' candidacy. This protest dubbed as "a cashmere revolution" reinforced the gaps between the electors. The Economist re-

ports that Neves said "most of Brazilian GDP is here."

Rousseff's predecessor, Lula, jumped on the political opportunity to compare Neves to Hitler for his disdain for the less fortunate.

The political campaign of candidates Rousseff and Neves were mainly centered on accusations of the other's leader shortcomings. A comprehensive debate of ideas never took place giving a blow to the democratic process. The candidates' campaign left many Brazilians frustrated



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because of the lack of a clear vision for the future of their country.

Rousseff was attacked on many fronts for her ties with Petrobras' kickbacks scandal. She was blamed for being aware of these wrongdoings. On the other hand, The Guardian reports the pro-business candidate was put on the spot for his alleged corruption, nepotism, and sexism. These personal attacks baffled the undecided voters who were the real victims of the nasty campaign tricks.

The newly re-elected president is now committed to reduce the gap between the richest and poorest, which is one of the highest in the world, while improving the state of the Brazilian economy which recently entered in recession. She also has to deal with a fragmented parliament scrutinizing all her upcoming actions. This new mandate constitutes another big challenge for Rousseff who remains at the helm of a country destined to become one of the most influential nations in the future.

President of Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta, charged

Evette Thompson
Journal Staff

The president of Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta, has officially been charged by the International Circuit Court for allegedly inciting violence during the 2007 presidential elections which resulted in the death of 1,000 people and left 60,000 displaced during an ethnically motivated conflict, according to Al-Jazeera News.

Kenyatta, who is facing five counts of crime against humanity, made an appearance before the International Circuit Court, which is located in the Hague, Netherlands, on Oct. 7 after a request for a video hearing was denied by the court. According to Al-Jazeera News, Kenyatta refused to speak before the court during the hearing. His lawyer, Stephen Kay spoke on his behalf instead.

BBC News reports that upon Kenyatta's arrival in the Netherlands, dozens of supporters and other members of parliament welcomed him. Though he went to Netherlands as a private citizen, his arrival was anything but non-presidential.

Before Kenyatta traveled to the Netherlands for the hearing, he made a national address where he maintained



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During the Kenyan presidential election of 2007, Uhuru Kenyatta was responsible for the death of 1,000 people and left 60,000 displaced.

his innocence and temporarily handed over power to the vice president, William Ruto. The Guardian reports that he did so because he did not want to go on record as the first sitting president to appear before the ICC on charges of crime against humanity.

However, the case against

Kenyatta is weakening as time goes by because of the lack of evidence, according to reports from The Guardian. Seven witnesses have dropped out so far and it has been alleged that it was because of bribery and threats against witnesses by the Kenyan government, according to Al Jazeera News.

Al Jazeera News reported that the prosecution stated that it would be difficult to take the case to trial because the Kenyan government has refused to cooperate with them. According to the prosecutors, the Kenyan government is holding off documents like phone and bank records that

were requested by the court.

Kenyatta's lawyers on the other hand said that it refused the courts requests in certain instances, because the prosecution's request for those documents is nothing but a "fishing expedition designed to cover up the prosecution's lack of evidence."

Kenyatta is not the only person in his country facing charges of crime against humanity. Ruto, and a Kenyan radio presenter, are also facing the same charges because they allegedly contributed to the violence between ethnic groups during the 2007 elections, according to Al Jazeera News.

With the lack of evidence, the decision of sending the case to trial has sparked a lot of debate. The panel of judges, which is led by Kuniko Ozaki, is expected to deliver a decision on whether to drop the charges or take the case to trial in the weeks ahead, Al Jazeera News said.

In the wake of these events, the Kenyan parliament voted in September to withdraw from the ICC after requests to drop the charges against the president had failed. However, CNN reports that will take a while, as the UN has to be notified first. The ICC has said that the case will continue despite the Kenyan government's withdrawal efforts.

New Ebola vaccine to begin human trials in January

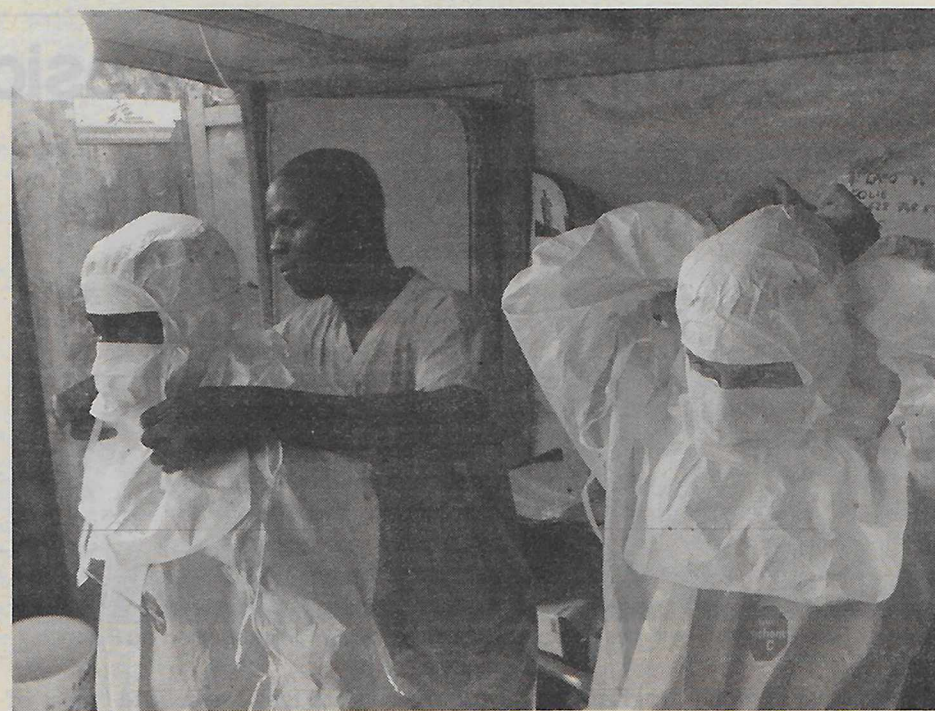
Victoria Greenleaf
Journal Staff

The Ebola virus continues to claim thousands of lives in Africa, but there is new hope arriving in the form of a new experimental vaccine made from the blood of former Ebola patients, according to BBC.

The World Health Organization announced the vaccine could begin testing on human subjects in West Africa by January, and a new blood serum could begin being used in Liberia in as little as two weeks, according to an article by The Guardian.

The final vaccine is being developed in a potential collaboration between Johnson & Johnson, a U.S. company, and GlaxoSmithKline, a U.K. company that has been working on a rivaling vaccine, according to an article published by Reuters.

Johnson & Johnson released a statement on Wednesday, Oct. 22, which outlined their hope to produce at least one million of their two-step vaccine plan by next year. Johnson & Johnson vaccine is to



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begin human trials in January, according to Reuters.

The WHO said it hoped to begin testing this vaccine, along with the other trial vaccines, on as many as 20,000 health workers and people in Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone, the hot-zone countries of West Africa according to The Guardian.

BBC explained that if a person has successfully fought off Ebola, their body has learned

how to combat the virus, and have developed certain antibodies that are immune. Scientists then use their blood and immune antibodies to craft the serum after removing the red blood cells, but keeping the antibodies intact.

According to the Center for Disease Control, the Ebola virus has claimed more than 4,500 lives, but experts have predicted more than 10,000 cases a week could spring up

in upcoming months if no new steps are taken to control the outbreak, according to BBC.

The CDC also explains that countries such as Spain and Senegal are at risk of travel-related infection. Both countries have already had one case each due to travel exposure, according to reports from BBC.

The U.S. has already had three infected persons, starting with Thomas Eric Duncan, a patient who had trav-

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eled from a hot-zone country to Dallas, Texas. Duncan died from the virus after apparently infecting two nurses caring for him, according to The Guardian.

In remarks reported to The Guardian, Dr. Marie Paule Kieny, assistant director general at WHO, said that there were many "ifs" remaining and that there is "still a possibility that it [a vaccine] will fail."

"There are partnerships which are starting to be put in place to have capacity in the three countries to safely extract plasma and make preparation that can be used for the treatment of infective patients," said Kieny.

"The partnership which is moving the quickest will be in Liberia where we hope that in the coming weeks there will be facilities set up to collect the blood, treat the blood and be able to process it for use," said Dr. Kieny to BBC.

According to Reuters, although the vaccines' safety is not proven, tests done on macaque monkeys infected with the Zaire, Ebola strain have proven to provide good protection, leading developers to believe that they will work as effectively on humans.

Catalonia seeking separation from Spain

Alexa Gagosz
Acting Int'l Editor

The Catalans protest against the nation that has basically owned them for years saying, "Catalonia is not Spain," as their argument.

Catalonia used to be an independent region, part of the Iberian peninsula, which is now modern day Spain and Portugal, since the ninth century. Before Spain took its people under its fist of power, the Catalan people had their own laws, language, and traditions. Under the reign of King Philip V, the War of the Spanish Succession ended with the Catalan defeat in 1714, according to the The Telegraph.

Kings following Philip V attempted to impose the Spanish language and laws, but the region resisted, and Spain gave up all attempts in 1931, when they moved to the Generalitat, which is the Catalanian governmental system, according to The Telegraph.

General Francisco Franco set out to destroy the Catalan separatism when he won the Battle of Ebro in 1938, killing more than 3,500 people and sending numerous more into exile. The region was given another chance and turned back over to democracy in 1977. From then until July 2010, calls have been made for independence, according to reports from The Telegraph.

When the Constitutional Court in Madrid overruled the 2006 autonomy, they said there was no legal basis for recognizing Catalonia as a nation within Spain. Due to reports from The Telegraph, the wealthy Barcelona region, which is part of Catalonia, has been aiding the poorer Spain economy for years, making the Spanish government refuse the calls for independence.

The Catalan region has always been the industrial heartland of Spain, first for its maritime power and trading goods, but now for hi-tech companies, services, and finance. According to reports from The Telegraph, secession would cost Spain 20 percent toward economic output and also make them figure out the sovereign's 836 billion euros of debt.

Unfortunately for Catalonia, according to calculations done by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, their contribu-

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tion to the Spanish economy is twice that of Scotland's contribution to the U.K.

On Nov. 9, Catalans are due to vote toward independence, although the vote was canceled by the Constitutional Court after Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's conservative government filed a challenge, according to France24.

Although, according to DW Akademie, the vote is unofficial and non-binding, yet Madrid still claims that the entire process is illegal. This resistance from Madrid has done nothing more than encourage Catalans to push toward independence.

Artur Mas, Catalan politician now running for Prime Minister, said there is little that he can do, but said to Der Spiegel, "I will 100 percent call the referendum." He plans to present a law in the Catalan parliament to provide the framework of holding the referendum in complete legality. According to Der Spiegel, Mas wants to hold the referendum on Nov. 9, even if Madrid completely opposes and prohibits the idea.

Joachim Coll, a resolute opponent of Catalan independence who lives on the edge of the Barcelona old town, believes that secession of his very homeland cannot be defended politically or morally. He states to Der Spiegel, "In a constitutional democracy, there is no right to self-rule or to secession from the state as a whole."

Coll believes that Catalonia, which is Spain's wealthiest region, is showing a lack of solidarity for the rest of the country and added to Der Spiegel, "You can't be both leftist and nationalist."

A fellow independence opponent Jacinto Solet Padró, a business lawyer, states to Der Spiegel, "We want to be Catalans, but we don't want to dispense with Spain."



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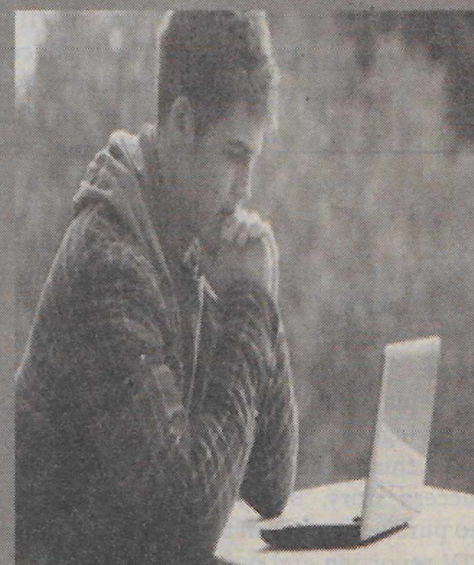
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HOMECOMING 2014

Fall Fest 40th anniversary unites Suffolk community

Haley Peabody
Arts Editor

Amongst the various Homecoming activities that dazzled students, family, and faculty across campus over the weekend, the Fall Fest performances stood out as those that encompassed the best of Suffolk's talent from both alumni and current students.

Fall Fest, which celebrated its 40th anniversary this year, provides a stage for the entire Suffolk community to come together and perform a variety of acts. From musical performances and dance numbers by independent acts, to choreographed performances by the Fall Fest Company, the show was able to capture the many talents that Suffolk students have to showcase.

This year was especially unique, as the Performing Arts Office invited former Fall Fest performers to rejoin the company for the 40th anniversary celebration. Amy Kerr, a junior and psychology major, has performed in the Fall Fest Company for the past three years and remarked that this year was particularly special.

"What was really amazing this year was seeing past Suffolk students come back and join us to celebrate 40 years of Fall Fest. It really showed how being a part of the PAO family doesn't end when you leave Suffolk. And we got



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- Amy Kerr

to see how Fall Fest was really important for creating that bond and that family."

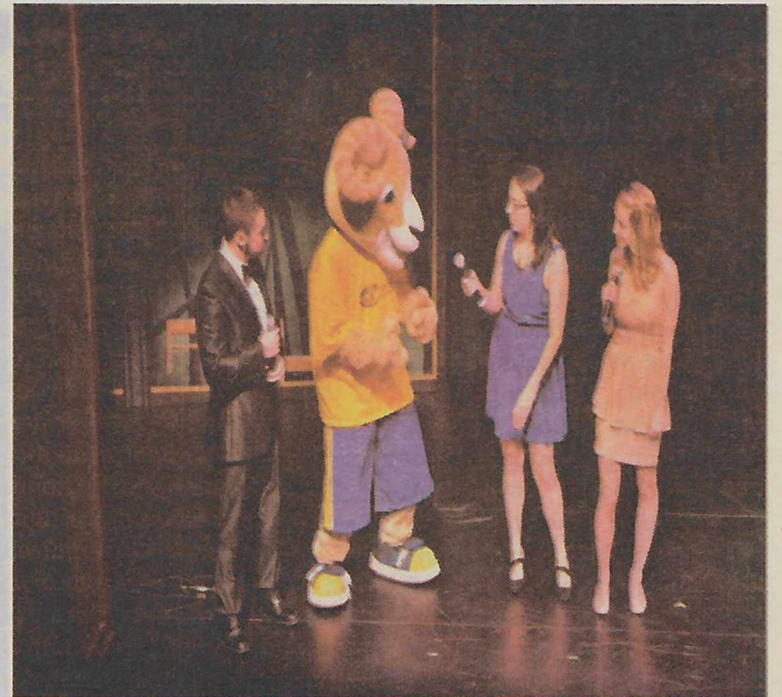
Kerr went on to add, "Every year I am more amazed with the talent here at Suffolk that's showcased in the company and in the independent acts. We had an amazing show with so much talent."

The idea that the PAO creates a family within Suffolk was reiterated by several other members of the Fall Fest cast.

Freshman Nikki Ellis, one

of three emcees for the production said, "Throughout this performance, I felt like our little cast became a community, a family. I didn't know a lot of the people in the cast and by the end of this, I felt like I could hang out with them and talk to them about whatever. We were able to encourage each other and bring out the best in each other."

Along with expressing the feeling of family that is built within the Fall Fest cast, as



Photos courtesy of PAO Facebook page

Emcees Tyler Leblanc, Erica LeBlanc, and Nikki Ellis interview Rammy on stage at Fall Fest.

well as the PAO, members of independent acts and the ensemble voiced their satisfaction with the performances, expressing that the five weeks of rehearsals paid off, and the dedication of the entire cast shown through during each of the two performances.

Emcee and senior Erica LeBlanc commented on the quality of the performances.

"The company and independent acts performed strongly and the audienc-

es were very responsive at both shows," She said.

"Personally, I love hosting events and shows. There's so much excitement in having prepared material, but even more in the uncertainty of a live show. There are just some things that you can't rehearse for like crowd reactions and one-on-one responses."

Fall Fest proved to be a successful part of Homecoming Weekend, uniting both students and alumni.

Nightcrawler proves to be less than thrilling

Sylvain Gaulier
Journal Staff

"This movie is about being bold," said actor Jake Gyllenhaal as he introduced his newest movie, *Nightcrawler*, in which he plays Lou Bloom, a loner craving for money and power. In this modern American success story, Bloom decides to pursue a career in freelance TV reporting and quickly brushes aside his remaining morale to pile up money.

Nightcrawler, directed by Dan Gilroy, opens with Bloom stumbling across news crew capturing footage and reporting on a car crash. He then trades his stolen bike for cash, a police scanner, and a video camera, beginning a new career in crime journalism starts.

Bloom soon meets the news producer of a struggling Los Angeles TV channel who teaches him the tabloid press men-

talities of, "If it bleeds, it leads." The producer constantly pushes him to overcome his boundaries to find her the most gruesome content. The intricate dynamics of their relationship evolve throughout the film until Bloom understands he has far more power over her than she does over him.

Similarly to his previous roles in *Donnie Darko* and *Enemy*, Jake Gyllenhaal embodies a socially unstable character. Bloom's rise to stardom is quick due to his lack of morals. Making himself a name is his only focus. It is done at the expense of the people surrounding him, who he merely uses to advance his personal destiny. He represents the dark side of the American dream, a successful story that was made entirely on the backs of others. Bloom's character is unpleasant as he lacks any compassion for others and makes heavy use of empty business key words.

While it is clear that the movie is a crude satire of the moral indifference of tabloid journalism, I did not compre-



Courtesy of Nightcrawler Facebook page

Actor Jake Gyllenhaal surprised fans at a private screening of *Nightcrawler* at AMC Loews Boston Common 19

hend what the message of the movie was. Should we listen to Gyllenhaal's words before the screening when he said,

"it shows you can do anything if you want it?" The means to the end would no longer matter? I do not share this

pessimist vision on the moral stance one should adopt.

The script for *Nightcrawler* is over the top. I quickly lost focus in the movie. While he tried to play down the alarming character of the tabloid industry with offbeat dialogues, he failed to humor me because of its constant shift of tones between its entertaining, serious, and disturbing character. With the exception of Bloom, each character was quite stereotypical: the ruthless news editor, the young naïve news assistant, and so on. Gilroy could have added greater depth to the movie by adding more layers to the different characters.

Even though Gyllenhaal's performance must be praised for effectively portraying Bloom's outrageous personality, the movie failed to capture my whole interest. It remains awkwardly stuck between a comedy and a satire of the tabloid industry. *Nightcrawler* does not quite fit into any one genre and the plot fails to maintain the prolonged interest of the audience.

Rare works of Renaissance masters come to Boston

Haley Peabody
Arts Editor

Dim lighting and deep, burgundy colored walls warmly coax visitors in the Hostetter Gallery of the Elizabeth Stewart Gardner Museum. Gaudy, ornate frames dominate the walls of the gallery, yet their contents are seemingly less glamorous.

This is the museum's newest exhibit, "Donatello, Michelangelo, Cellini: Sculptors' Drawings from Renaissance Italy." The gallery, although modest in size, features five themed sections, showcasing incredibly rare drawings created by some of the most notable masters of the Italian Renaissance.

During this time, drawing was considered to be as essential to sculpting as natural talent or apprenticeship. Many artists believed drawing, although not necessarily a in high demand, was essential to being an artist. Even Pomponius Gauricus, a great Italian art theorist of the Renaissance, remarked on the emphasis placed on drawing, a quote proudly displayed on a wall of the gallery, saying, "Donatello judged drawing so

essential to sculpture, or so we have heard, that he used to tell his students that the entirety of art could be taught to them in a single word: draw."

Upon walking into the gallery, several examples of Michelangelo's work is displayed prominently, four black chalk drawings hanging elegantly on the wall, entitled, "Study." The drawings depict the initial designs for a statue of the goddess, Venus. Shown from several different perspectives, the immense detail in the drawings of Venus demonstrate Michelangelo's emphasis on the importance of using drawing to plan sculpture and the short strokes that make up the chalk figures have often been thought to mimic chisel marks Michelangelo would be making in order to create his masterpiece in stone.

As you move through the gallery, the next theme you encounter are architectural drawings. Although many different artists are featured, the most notable in the grouping is that of a drawing of, "David," attributed to the great Renaissance artist, Donatello. Created using pen and brown ink, the drawing features plans for Donatello's most famous sculpture, "David" and is thought to be the last surviving drawing by him.

What is presumed to be the last surviving drawing by Donatello, below, and a red chalk sketch of Hercules, right, by Bandinelli.



Courtesy of The Elizabeth Stewart Gardner Museum



Haley Peabody/Arts Editor

Next in the gallery is the theme of "Relief." These works are simply remarkable, capturing various themes and scenes in a very specific form of sculpture. Reliefs, which were in high demand during the time of the Renaissance, are traditionally known for capturing many different characters in a small space, making extensive planning and drawing essential to creating them.

There are several different reliefs on display, however the centerpiece of the section is, "Perseus and Andromeda," created by Benvenuto Cellini around 1552. The bronze sculpture, which is created in the highest relief, features a young Perseus swooping in to defend his beloved Andromeda from a dragon while her

family looks on in horror.

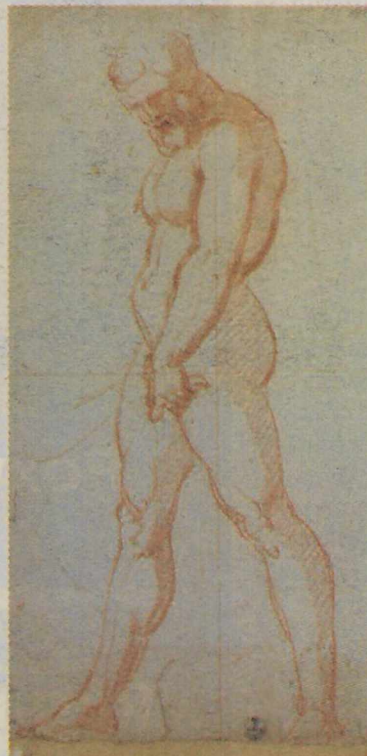
Cellini's skill is undoubtedly at its height in this piece, showcasing his eye for detail as well as a strong contrast in figures, with the more important figures in the highest relief, while others never quite leave the background, moving your eyes through the story and understanding the tension amongst characters.

Finally, on the far wall of the exhibit, comes the main attraction: the drawings of Baccio Bandinelli. Often regarded as the most famous sculptor of his time, the nature and attention he put into his drawings often set him apart from other artists.

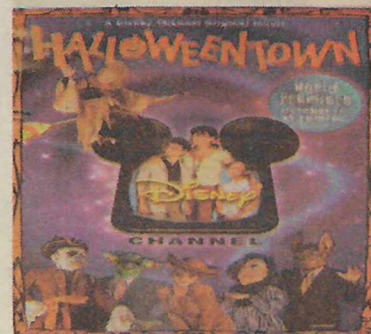
The most notable piece in the collection of Bandinelli's drawings is "Hercules and Cacus," a pen and brown ink drawing that depicts the two figures in different stances, allowing Bandinelli to assess how the two figures would work together in the same space from different angles.

Unfortunately, the drawing will only be on display in the exhibit for five weeks. "The ink back then was very acidic and therefore incredibly sensitive to light," said Renee Fox, a volunteer who works at the museum. For conservation purposes, the drawing will be transported back to Florence where it will remain in storage for the next five years.

Although this one drawing will be leaving the exhibit shortly, the remainder of the pieces will be on display at the museum through Jan. 19, 2015.



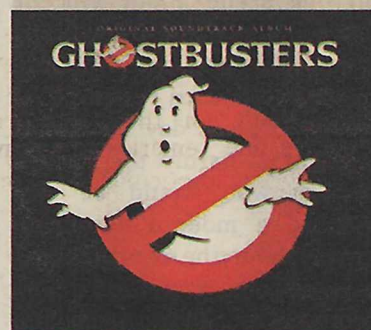
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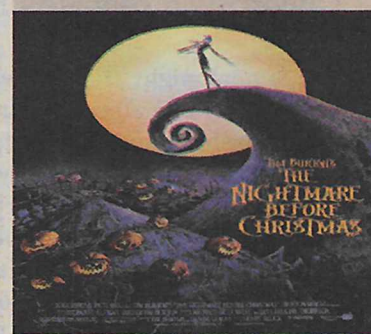
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Bill Murray brings charm to *St. Vincent*

Haley Peabody
Arts Editor

Amongst the slew of action packed thrillers that have characterized the recent releases of movies this fall, there is one film that breaks away from the rest, offering a light-hearted comedy paired with a talented cast.

St. Vincent, starring Bill Murray and Jaeden Lieberher, tells the story of a young boy, Oliver, who forms an unlikely relationship with his elderly neighbor, Vincent.

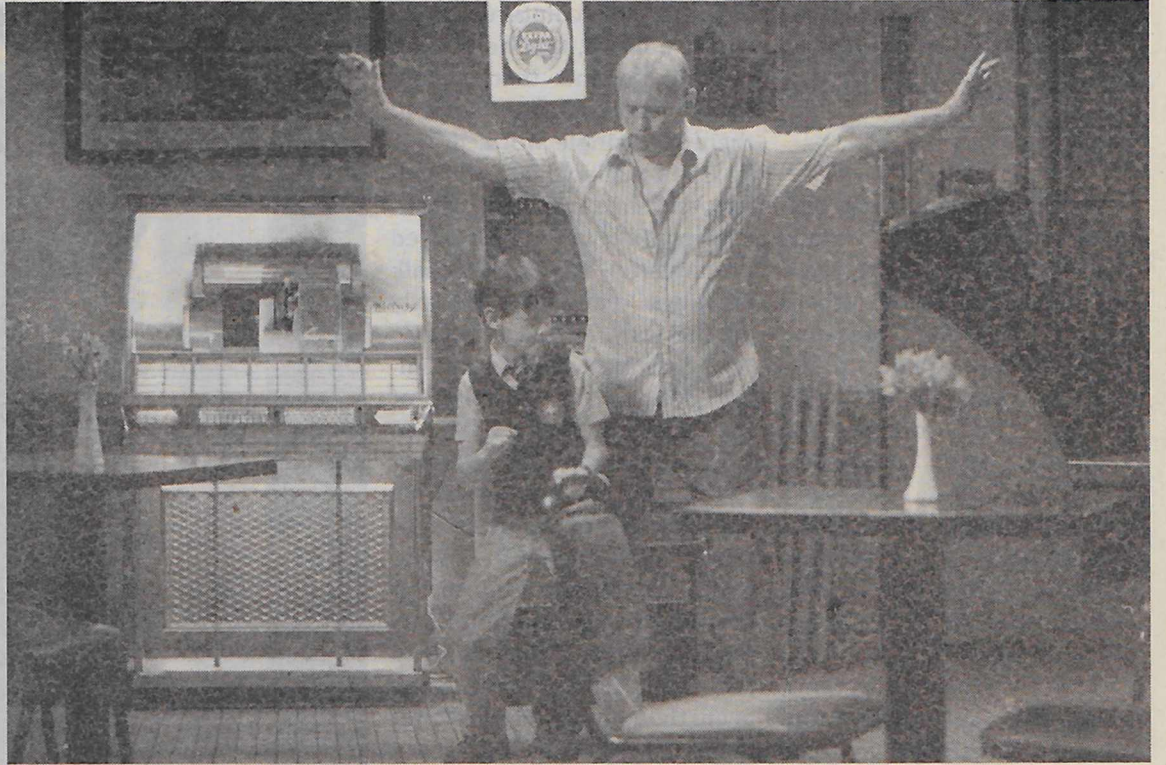
Vincent, played by Murray, is the epitome of a stereotypical and grouchy old neighbor. With a cigarette constantly hanging from his lips and a bottle of bourbon never far behind him, he is hardly the type of man who would be likely to befriend a child. "He doesn't like people, and people don't really like him," says Oliver in one scene about Vincent.

The film, set in Brooklyn, New York, explores the idea of what it means to be a saint in the present day. Ironically, Vincent is hardly the type of person who would be considered a modern day saint. Throughout the course of the film, he is seen committing

various crimes. From stealing and gambling to selling drugs, Vincent would rather spend the majority of his time at the local bar and strip club rather than in a church. His bitter, sardonic, comments ward off anyone who attempts to instigate a conversation, with the exception of Oliver.

Although he treats him no differently than the rest of the world, Oliver remains unaffected by Vincent's gruff nature. Despite his flagrant flaws, Oliver sees goodness in Vincent that he keeps buried within himself. Slowly but surely, a gentler side of Vincent is revealed to the audience, so that despite his offensive, sarcastic comments and bad habits, it is almost impossible not to like him.

The film, although incredibly heartwarming, proved to be relatively predictable and cliché. Although many members of the audience had tears in their eyes during several scenes, the plot-line was neither unique nor compelling. Murray's portrayal of Vincent drives the film, leaving the audience wondering what he will say or do next. Without him as the leading player, the film would have fallen flat, echoing over-used stereotypes of adjusting to a new place and finding the good in people who on the surface may seem



Courtesy of *St. Vincent* Facebook page

Bill Murray and Jaeden Lieberher co-star in a heart-warming story about an unlikely friendship between a young boy and his elderly neighbor.

bitter and unapproachable. However, despite these stereotypes, the film's writing has its own unique sense of humor that gives it unique charm.

Lieberher, who stars as Oliver, also plays a major role in driving the plot and maintain-

ing the audience's interest in the events unfolding on the screen. In his debut film, Lieberher is able to capture the essence of Oliver and how it feels to be a kid, looking up to the adults around you, even if they do not always

prove to be ideal examples.

Overall, *St. Vincent's* subtle comedic charm and talented cast made the film a light-hearted and enjoyable, but may leave audiences longing for a more compelling and unique story.

ARTS BRIEFS

Taylor Swift releases 5th studio album, *1989*

Late Sunday night, Taylor Swift released her fifth studio album entitled, *1989*. The album features 13 original songs as well as six bonus tracks mastered exclusively for the deluxe edition sold by Target. This is Swift's first album in two years and dramatically sways from her traditional lovestruck country material to songs that lean strongly towards an electronic pop sound. Swift also collaborated closely with several other musicians while writing the songs for the album including Jack Antoff, a musician known for his role as the lead guitarist in the popular indie-rock band Fun as well as singer-songwriter Imogen Heap.

J.K. Rowling to release new story on Halloween

This Friday, Oct. 31, J. K. Rowling, author of the famous Harry Potter series, will be releasing a short story on her website, Pottermore, regarding one of the infamous characters from the series, Professor Dolores Umbridge. Professor Umbridge, who notably terrorized Harry Potter and his friends during *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, will return on Halloween to terrorize fans of the series once again. Rowling, who has been actively tweeting clues regarding the release of the new story, said the story will provide background material on the cold-hearted character as well as some of Rowling's own reflections on Umbridge's role in the story. This is the third story that Rowling has released this year visiting her beloved world of Harry Potter.

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Sex ed program gets results in Boston middle schools

Madeline Scovotti
Journal Staff

"The talk" - that infamously uncomfortable conversation few teenagers willingly initiate with their parents, and that many parents put off as long as possible.

It can be hard for both ends to muster up the courage to start this conversation, but recent findings in Boston's own public middle schools highlight the importance of talking about sex.

When it comes to middle school, the majority of us will reminisce back to a time when relationships were measured in weeks, puberty made everything feel awkward, and we all suffered the more than occasional zit. My personal experience led me to conclude that middle school is a pretty confusing, awkward, and overwhelming time in a young person's life.

Whether it was trying to conceal a cracking voice or figuring out how the heck a tampon worked, it was clear that the simplicity of childhood was coming to a rapid close. There was a lot to figure out about our bodies, our peers, and ourselves. For some, they had help

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along the way. For many others, however, they faced the threshold of adulthood completely on their own.

At the beginning of puberty, kids start to ask questions about relationships and sex. It's a conversation that parents know they should have with their child, but one that can be difficult to have. From television shows and horror stories from peers, most teenagers probably know they should be having this conversation, too, but it's way too embarrassing to bring up on their own. When both parties are too uncomfortable to start "the talk," the only other outlets to get information about sex and relationships are pop culture, peers, and health classes that tend to start in high school.

Boston public middle schools have decided to take the job upon themselves by implementing a new sex education program that might make having that conversation

a little bit easier. "Get Real: Sex Education that Works," has been incorporated into the curriculum of Boston area middle schools over the past three years, according to Boston.com.

Through activities and workshops in the classroom, and take-home material for the students to complete with their parents, the program provides information on topics such as sex, STIs, relationships, and consent. Since its implementation three years ago, the schools have seen a 16 percent decrease in sexually active boys and a 15 percent decrease in sexually active girls, according to Boston.com.

This decrease in sexual activity can be attested to the key points of the "Get Real" curriculum. These points include providing medically accurate and age-appropriate information, promoting delaying the initiation of sexual intercourse for as long as possible, and en-

couraging correct and consistent use of protection methods when students do become sexually active, according to the program's website.

Sexual health is one of the most important discussions to have, especially earlier on. According to the Family Foundation, nearly nine out of 10 parents of 13 to 17-year-olds report that sexual health is more of a concern than alcohol or drug use, violence, depression, or discrimination. "Get Real" provides the means for students to discuss and learn more about their sexual health in the classroom, while also allowing parents to maintain their role of primary educators at home.

This decrease in sexual activity at a young age could have positive effects on the students as they grow. For one thing, it decreases their chance of getting a sexually transmitted infection, or facing unplanned teen pregnancy.

Having sex isn't a bad thing. Everyone has the right to their body, and to make their own decisions on their level of sexual activity. When a person is 12 or 13 years old, however, they might need a little more guidance with making those decisions, because of their lack of experience and information. That's why it's so important for schools to have good sex education programs that really prepare them for future sexual encounters.

Let's face it, teenagers have sex, and telling them not to isn't going to stop them. But, maybe putting them in a setting early on where they can freely discuss and learn about sex, safety, consent, and relationships will make them aware of what they're doing and the reality of unhealthy relationships, STIs, and teen pregnancy.

As of today, "Get Real" is taught at 150 schools nationwide, according to their website. "Get Real" and programs like it should be taught in every public school across the nation, because everyone has the right to have access to sexual health information. Having reliable information on sex education available to them at a young age might help students make better choices when it comes to sex and relationships in the future.

Convicted killer gets mercy

Oscar Pistorius sentenced to five years in prison

Colleen Day
Journal Staff

When sprint runner Oscar Pistorius emerged in the public arena during the 2012 Summer Olympics, he ran in and stole the hearts of millions.

Having overcome a double amputation of his legs at 11 months old, the South African "blade runner" represented hope, perseverance, strength and tenacity. As his racing times began to match those of his able-bodied competitors, many clung to him as their hero of inspiration. Because Pistorius overcame multiple obstacles he made anything seem possible. But nobody thought he was also capable of being a killer.

Pistorius' career as a track and field athlete, specializing in the 400-meter race, began at 16. Through overcoming legal litigations around the fairness of his participation

in international competition, his handicap hardly slowed his progression to stardom. His early success, coupled with his booming public image and ability to face-off against able-bodied competitors, set him apart from the pack and carried him to the 2012 Summer Olympics. Pistorius was in his prime - he was running well, highly motivated, deeply admired by his fan base, and supported by all of those who were rooting for the underdog.

So, in the wake of killing his 29-year-old girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, in his apartment in South Africa, everyone wondered, "why?"

CNN reported the "blade runner" was officially found guilty on Oct. 21 for slaying his then girlfriend. After months of trial and questioning on whether this was an act of cold blooded murder, or an event that stemmed from deep emotional issues and paranoia



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on Pistorius' behalf, the court gave him a five year prison sentence.

But a five year sentence is hardly enough given the years he stole from Steenkamp. Pistorius was convicted of culpable homicide, and Pistorius' defense team actually attested that he will likely only serve 10 months behind bars and under house arrest, according

to CNN.

Pistorius was in no immediate danger, and the premise of his case was that he thought Steenkamp was an intruder, said prosecutor, Gerrie Nel, according to CNN.

When it comes to ending another person's life, the court should look at Steenkamp's death in black and white terms.

One has to wonder if Pisto-

rius' public image and previous standing with the world as a hero may have misguided and influenced the decision process for the jury. While a jury is chosen randomly and the defense and prosecution have the right to expel any member that seems biased to a particular outcome, how could they put together a completely neutral jury around a case and a figure loved by so many?

Pistorius' confession of killing Steenkamp should have closed the case right then. Public image, former success and adoration of the defendant should never be at odds with the facts. Steenkamp's death ought to be treated by the court as any other murder trial and the judge should have sentenced Pistorius to life behind bars. I believe Pistorius should receive no mercy, because he did not show any to Steenkamp when he took her life.

Coakley will keep state in top rankings

Ian Kea
Journal Staff

Massachusetts needs a governor who will fight to preserve the middle class, stand up against big banks, close the wealth gap, enforce an increased minimum wage, preserve equal opportunity and keep Massachusetts as the forefront on education, healthcare, the environment, and business standards. The governor we need is Martha Coakley.

Under the Patrick administration, Massachusetts became the 13th best state for business and first in quality of life, according to Forbes, and first in environmental protection, sustainability, and efficiency, according to Bloomberg. The Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center ranked the Commonwealth first in healthcare, and Education Week, an education and news publication, ranked it first in education.

These rankings were built with a new administration under Patrick after former Gov. Mitt Romney's term ended in 2006. Coakley has introduced plans to improve education, healthcare, environmental protection, efficiency and sustainability, business, civil rights, public safety and gun control, immigration, affordable housing, workers' rights, veterans' benefits and much more.

When Romney left office, Massachusetts ranked 47th of all 50 states in job creation, according to the U.S. State Department. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Commonwealth also experienced the second largest labor decline in the U.S. during Romney's term. He also left the largest per capita debt in the nation to Bay Staters, according to the Bureau of Economic Affairs.

Coakley is part of a highly effective Patrick administration that believes in giving everyone a fair shot in this economy. Coakley has been a champion for women's rights by being committed to preserving Massachusetts buffer zone which allows women to be able to get reproductive care without fear of harassment.

Holding companies accountable for their environmental impact under the Clean Air Act has also been a priority for Coakley. She successfully challenged the Defense of Marriage Act in 2009 and made sure Massachusetts' same sex couples were offered the same privileges of heterosexual couples by the federal government. When big banks were taking advantage of Massachusetts residents, Coakley won settlements of \$60 million from Goldman Sachs and \$10 million from Fremont Investment and Loan for the practice of subprime loans and lending, according to Boston.com.

While Coakley was fighting for middle class families, former Harvard Pilgrim CEO and current Republican Gubernatorial candidate Charlie Baker was raising his paycheck. During his decade at Harvard Pilgrim, Baker kept the company afloat but put himself ahead of others in the process. Baker raised premiums 150 percent while tripling his salary to \$1.7 million, putting



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a healthcare cost burden on thousands of residents in the Commonwealth.

Baker's platform of fiscal responsibility is not what it seems, as he left Massachusetts in a considerable amount of debt after his mishandling of the Big Dig, which led to tax increases. It also forced the Commonwealth to borrow money to cover costs for the large infrastructure project, according to The Boston Globe and the Executive Office of Administration and Finance Records.

Baker opposes Question 2, also known as the updated bottle bill. The bill would save over \$7 million in cleaning and litter costs for local towns in the Commonwealth according to the Massachusetts Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Baker has also been against workers as he opposes Question 4 which gives guaranteed paid sick days to employees. Coakley has been a staunch supporter of paid sick time, and an updated bottle bill, a fiscally responsible and long term ethical choice.

The real question for Massachusetts is this: do you want to capitalize on the progress that has been made?

With Coakley as governor, the middle class will have a voice, and a fiscally responsible governor who will keep Massachusetts leading the nation in nearly everything from business and education to environmental sustainability and healthcare.

If you want a governor who will put people first, vote Coakley.

Baker has experience, pragmatism the state needs

Sam Humphrey
Opinion Editor

Republican Charlie Baker finally surpassed Democrat Martha Coakley in the latest Boston Globe poll of the gubernatorial race, proving that Massachusetts voters want a no-nonsense leader with experience piloting complex organizations.

In a time of skyrocketing government spending and a plethora of issues facing the commonwealth, Baker has the experience of both a CEO and a secretary in Massachusetts to fight the state's pressing challenges.

As CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Baker took a failing company that was losing money and turned it around, without using any taxpayer dollars to bail it out. His opponents adore the talking point that he tripled his salary as CEO, but they overlook the massively complicated task he had.

Not only did Baker take Harvard Pilgrim from receivership to profitability, he put customers first. As the Boston Globe's Shirley Leung noted in her column last month, other insurers raised their rates at the same time Baker hiked them at Harvard Pilgrim. He made hard choices, but he also focused on improved the company's technology to boost customer satisfaction. Over his tenure, Harvard Pilgrim also saw membership climb by more than 250,000, Leung said.

"By the time he left, Harvard Pilgrim was rated the best health insurer in America in annual rankings conducted by a respectable nonprofit," Leung said in the column. "So give the



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Most importantly, of all the gubernatorial candidates I covered from roundtables at Suffolk's Rappaport Center last semester, Baker was the only candidate to earnestly talk about cutting the state budget.

guy credit where credit is due."

Along with being an extremely gifted manager, Baker has no shortage of ideas to improve the commonwealth. Unlike Coakley, his plans focus on more collaboration and better communication, two crucial aspects of running successful large organizations.

His keen understanding of the health care system shaped the common-sense policies he hopes to implement. He has emphasized the need for more transparency to compare differences in cost and outcomes between hospitals and insurance providers. Furious about Obamacare's expensive and disastrous rollout that canceled many residents' insurance policies, Baker would pursue a waiver from the law for Massachusetts.

On education, Baker emphasized that efficient administrators and passionate teachers should share their success with their counterparts in failing schools. When he came to Suffolk's gubernatorial roundtable series in February, he was the only candidate to propose fixing problems by improving the system, not throwing more money at it.

Baker supports allowing more charter schools in the state and reduce the red tape that limits how many students can attend them, according to his website.

Most importantly, of all the gubernatorial candidates I covered from roundtables at Suffolk's Rappaport Center last semester, Baker was the only candidate to earnestly talk about cutting the state budget. He decried Gov. Deval Patrick's financial gimmicks, like using money from the state's rainy day fund to top off the budget.

Baker also has a record of being moderate on social issues, as a pro-choice, pro-gay rights Republican. My only complaint is he opposes legalizing marijuana, which would take an arcane law off the books, and free police officers up to tackle more dangerous crime.

While Martha Coakley has enjoyed a successful career in state government, and rightly stood up for gay couples by fighting the Defense of Marriage Act, she brings little to the table as a gubernatorial candidate. While she has some bold policy ideas, they are typical progressive positions that would increase the size and cost of government, and may not be financially feasible.

As Journal Contributor Jaliyah Jones-Robinson said last week, Coakley's plan to implement a full-need financial aid program for Massachusetts college students would cost \$225 million, yet she does not have a concrete plan to fund it.

"One idea Coakley does not address is decreasing the cost of college tuition," Jones-Robinson wrote. Baker's career has focused on making tough financial choices with cost and benefit analysis an essential skill for a governor.

When he took over at Harvard Pilgrim, Baker looked past the company's many issues, found its potential, and collaborated with others to restore it to profitability without neglecting the stakeholders. Given that Massachusetts is in a much better position than Harvard Pilgrim, he is in a much better position to make some big changes.

Electing Charlie Baker will guarantee four years of smart, innovative, level-headed leadership. Massachusetts should do the commonwealth a favor and vote Baker on Nov. 4.

EDITORIAL SUBMISSION

A letter to students from Martha Coakley

Editor's note: This is an open letter to students written by Attorney General and gubernatorial candidate Martha Coakley. The Suffolk Journal does not endorse candidates, and this letter is not an endorsement. If any other candidates had submit a letter to the Journal, we would have published it as well. For more information on other candidates running for governor, check their election websites.

I am running for governor because I believe we have the opportunity right now to create a fair and prosperous future, and a strong economy that gives everyone a fair shot.

I've had the opportunity to meet so many amazing college students along the campaign trail. People come from near and far to attend our world-class colleges and universities.

But, we need to make sure jobs are available when students get out of school, so they stay here, start a family and contribute to our economy.

When I am governor, we will focus on real regional economic growth, and empower different regions to pursue effective development strategies. I will make \$500 million in funding available over 10 years to support regional development proposals focused on job growth, workforce development and business competitiveness.

I will ensure that we are providing access to early education for all of our children, connecting our businesses and community colleges so that we are training our young people for the jobs that are open, and continuing to fight for the rights of all workers, including women, by providing earned sick time and closing the gender wage gap.

Right now in Massachusetts, we have the opportunity to fully realize the potential of our new innovation economy. We must make sure that we continue to lead the world in emerging industries like big data, eHealth, digital marketing and robotics by supporting talent retention, workforce development, and investing in research and development.

For too many, a quality higher education remains out of reach. That's not fair, and I am committed to fixing that.

I will institute a full-need financial aid policy at Massachusetts community colleges, so no qualified student is turned away from a higher education because of their inability to cover the expense.

I will also double the number of paid internships in the life sciences, clean tech and technology sectors. Internships provide much-needed talent to local companies, offer meaningful work experiences for students, and help the Commonwealth retain its most valuable competitive advantage: our people.

I have devoted my career to protecting children, standing up for consumers and taxpayers, and fighting for equality. I am proud to have led the nation in taking on

the big banks on Wall Street for defrauding homeowners, and challenging the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

We know this race will be won at the grassroots. Every single vote will matter in this election.

But if all work together, we can win. I need you to talk to your friends, neighbors, colleagues, text them, and post it on Facebook. Talk even to those people you think might not agree with you. Tell them what's at stake in this election: Opportunity for our children, for our working families, for the next generation.

Martha Coakley is running for governor of Massachusetts on the Democratic ticket. To learn more about her campaign, or to volunteer, visit her website, www.marthacoakley.com.

Courtesy of the Martha Coakley campaign

STAFF EDITORIAL



Do everything in your power to vote on Tuesday, even if that means waking up an extra hour early to stand in line to cast your ballot.

Some people think not voting is like rebelling. Instead, you're just opening up the opportunity to be led by a party you don't agree with.

Not from Massachusetts? No worries. Living in the dorms or your apartment count as living in Boston and makes you eligible to vote in the state. Though the deadline has already passed for next week's election, you should register in order to vote in the future.

Live in the state but want to stay registered in your home town? Ask for an absentee ballot.

Be knowledgeable. Be opinionated. Take a stance. Make students everywhere proud and cast a ballot on Tuesday.

want to pay the extra cents for water bottles? The power is in your hands.

Stand up for what you believe in. But also, be open-minded. Listen to every candidate and hear what he or she stands for. Broaden your horizons.

Because you go to Suffolk, you have an extra leg up, too. Our university has one of the most popular polling centers of the moment. You have access to up-to-date polls all the time. Listen to what David Paleologos and the Political Research Center have to say.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Remembering Oscar

Tragedy struck St. Louis and the MLB after Cardinals' outfielder died in a car crash on Oct. 27, according to USA Today. Oscar Taveras, 22, was killed with his 18-year-old girl Edilia Arvelo. According to ESPN, funeral services for Taveras were held in the Dominican Republic, in his hometown of Puerto Plata. He played 80 games in his first and only season in the majors, recording 56 hits. Cardinals' manager Mike Matheny said in a statement, "First of all, it felt like a bad dream that could not be real, and when reality kicked in, my words didn't even seem to make sense. To say this is a horrible loss of a life ended too soon would be an understatement."

Patriots trade for Casillas

The New England Patriots blew out the Chicago Bears in Week 8, but decided they need more depth at linebacker. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers traded Jonathan Casillas and a 2015 sixth round draft selection to the Patriots for a fifth round draft pick, according to ESPN's Adam Schefter. Casillas, an undrafted player out of Wisconsin, is better known for playing as a reserve middle linebacker after the New Orleans Saints won the Super bowl in 2009. He recorded 62 tackles during his three seasons with the Saints, but managed little production with the Buccaneers. He is currently day-to-day with a hamstring injury and was inactive during the Buccaneers' Week 8 game against the Minnesota Vikings. The Patriots look to add depth to middle linebacker after Jerod Mayo's season-ending injury.



THE RAM REPORT

Team standings

Men's Soccer

1. Johnson & Wales 8-1
2. Norwich 5-2-2
3. Albertus Magnus 5-3-1
4. Lasell 5-3-1
5. Mount Ida 4-4-1
- (7) Suffolk 3-4-2

Volleyball

1. Rivier 8-1
2. Emmanuel 8-1
3. Simmons 9-2
4. St. Joseph (Conn.) 7-2
5. Johnson & Wales 6-3
- (11) Suffolk 2-7

Women's Tennis

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

Women's Soccer

1. Lasell 11-0
2. Emmanuel 8-3
3. Simmons 8-3
4. St. Joseph (Conn.) 7-3-1
5. Albertus Magnus 7-3-1
- (8) Suffolk 4-4-3

*Note that all standings are GNAC conference

Men's soccer GNAC quarterfinals

@ Norwich, Nov. 1

Women's soccer GNAC quarterfinals

@ Lasell, Nov. 2

Becca Eshoo, high hopes for women's tennis

Jeremy Hayes
Managing/Sports Editor

The women's tennis team is one of Suffolk University's most consistent squads, and Becca Eshoo is well aware of that.

Eshoo and the Lady Rams recorded another outstanding season finishing with a regular season conference record of 4-2.

The team lost in the semi-finals against Johnson & Wales 5-2, but with players like Eshoo, the future of women's tennis looks bright.

Eshoo credits a lot of her upbringing in tennis to her father.

"My dad played all his life, he is kind of the one who taught me how to play," said Eshoo. "He comes to all my college matches at home, he is very dedicated and supportive."

As a junior, Eshoo is going to be the highest seeded senior on the team. Her journey has yet to earn her a GNAC title, but she plans to stride for a shot at the championship in 2015.

Coming to Suffolk, she already had a solid background in tennis.

"At Farmington High School, junior and senior year, was when I was in the starting line-up, like, all the time," Eshoo said. "I was No. 4 singles



Courtesy of Suffolk Athletics

"My dad played all his life, he is kind of the one who taught me how to play."

my junior year in high school, No. 3 my senior year."

Her experience in high school as an upperclassman really helped her in transition to college athletics.

Suffolk was no guarantee for Eshoo, but she is more than happy that she applied.

"I didn't apply at first. It was a last minute decision. I applied in January, I think, and came here for the accepted student information. When I

came here and saw everything, I was like 'wow, this is where I want to be,' and obviously tennis was a big deal to me. I really wanted to go to Suffolk because it was in the city, and tennis was a plus."

One thing that is more important to Eshoo more than her personal tennis accomplishments are the relationships she has made with her teammates.

She had nothing but compliments for No. 1 singles Aidiana Sagyndykova, who won 13 singles matches this season.

"Aidiana is amazing. We found out that she was named MVP of the conference, which was amazing. She is just that good," said Eshoo. "She's very positive, and we're glad to have her on the team."

The Lady Rams will come back strong, but minus one graduating senior, Adrianna Garrett.

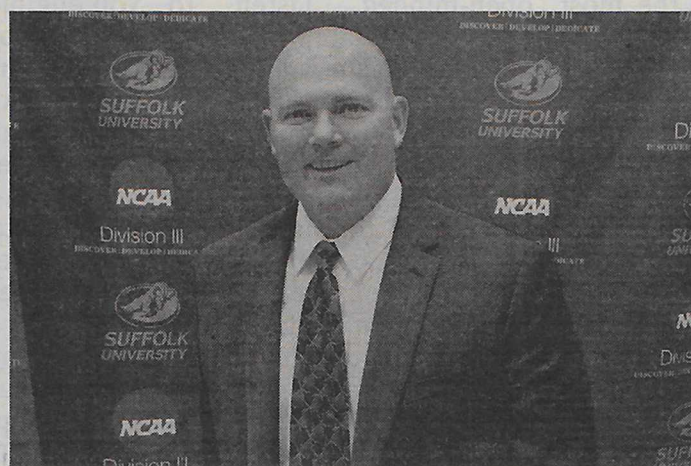
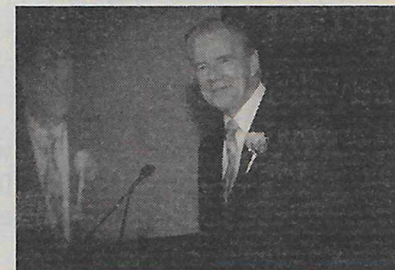
"Very bittersweet for me, well, more bitter than sweet," said Eshoo. "She's [Garrett] like my best friend, outside and on the team, when I came in my freshman year, she took me under her wing. We have been inseparable ever since. I'm going to miss her next year."

Knowing her friendship with Garrett will stay intact; she is expecting big things for next season.

"Hopefully next year for my senior year we can end up on top."

Suffolk names Cary McConnell Director of Athletics

McConnell (below) is just the third AD in Suffolk University history, following Charles Law (left) and Jim Nelson (right). McConell is the first basbeall coach to become AD. Law and Nelson were basketball coaches.



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Celtics preview: Surprises this season?

Sammy Hurwitz
Journal Staff

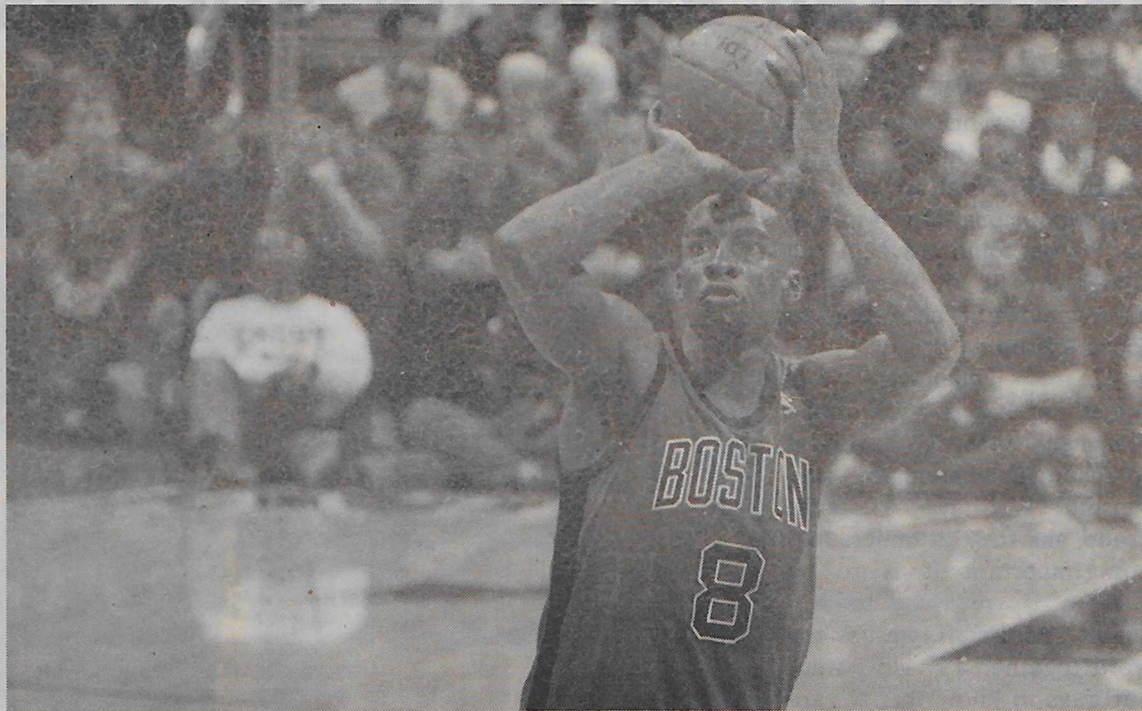
As the NBA tips off this week, the Boston Celtics' season is still up in the air.

Overall, the Celtics are still very young, and their contending status is very much in the air. It has become evident that this team goes as Rajon Rondo goes. Meaning that "no Rondo" will likely mean "no playoffs."

His health is vital. Even with the star point guard, the Celtics' chances of snagging a seven or eight seed aren't fantastic. However, it is definitely not out of the question, especially in the Eastern Conference.

The Cleveland Cavaliers have the new big three, but there's always the question of chemistry. With teams like Toronto, Chicago and Indiana (who will likely be without Paul George for the season) being last season's other big teams in the East, it is anyone's conference.

The Boston Celtics



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topped the Brooklyn Nets 100-86 last Tuesday, to close out the preseason. The big story (literally) has been forward Jared Sullinger. The big man shot a perfect 6-for-6 from inside the three-point line, and despite a 1-for-4 performance from beyond the arc, his cumulative preseason three-point shooting percentage stands at 50 percent.

"Sully" also added 17 rebounds, two of which were offensive, and two steals, to cap off his big performance. In his third NBA season, he will undoubtedly be handed his most significant role to date, but the added pressure won't be a factor according to the rising star.

Another interesting story to follow will be the rookie season of the Celtics' latest

high profile rookie, point guard Marcus Smart.

The sixth overall draft pick had an impressive preseason, as he averaged the third most steals per game in the NBA behind Gordon Hayward and Chris Paul.

In the preseason finale, Smart scored a notable 16 points, before sitting out the entire second half. The youngster has often been

criticized for his jump shot, or "lack-thereof." In college, Smart hit only around 26 percent of jump shots from inside the arc while playing for Oklahoma State, and 28 percent from beyond, according to shotanalytics.com. Despite this, Smart has shown signs of improvement, hitting five of his last 13 three-point attempts this preseason.

Still not stellar, but it's an improvement.

Where Smart really makes an impact is on defense. The 20-year-old shows that he can already have the ability to be one of the NBA's elite lockdown defenders, largely in part to his long wingspan, and quick feet.

Add him to an already formidable defense featuring the likes of Rondo, Avery Bradley, Gerald Wallace and Sullinger, and it seems like the Celtics have something good going on.

So, don't expect banner No. 18 from this year's young Celtics squad, but do expect an improvement from last year. The Celtics will open up regular season play at home against the Nets Oct. 29.

TV ratings for World Series tank

Jeremy Hayes
Managing/Sports Editor

Major League Baseball is no longer gracing the television screens across America like it used to.

Baseball is widely known and referred to as "America's pastime," but NBC's Sunday Night Football overshadowed Game 5 of the World Series according to overnight TV ratings. The football game featured the Green Bay Packers and New Orleans Saints, and baseball is the series between the American League champion Kansas City Royals against the National League San Francisco Giants.

The World Series is obviously the most crucial match-up in baseball since it is for the Commissioner's Trophy, however, Game 5 only attracted 8.4 million overnight viewers compared to Sunday Night Football's 11.4 million, tweeted NBC Sports PR department.

Austin Karp, editor for Sports Management Daily, said on his Twitter, it was a "season low for NBC's 'SNF' and also the lowest overnight rating on record for a World Series Game 5."



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This implies that football's ratings also struggled going up against Game 5. NBC still has the last laugh beating out baseball's biggest stage with a Week 8 NFL game.

In 1986, when Billy Buckner made the infamous blunder of letting the ball go between his legs, the television ratings for the Boston Red Sox versus the New York Mets averaged 28.6 million overnight viewers. Game 7 reached an all-time high of 38.9 million viewers according to records of television ratings. The average ratings so far in the 2014 World Series are only at 7.5 million viewers.

Does this mean the MLB

should remove the "M" from their name?

The popularity of baseball might be on a downward slide, yet according to therichest.com, MLB has the fifth highest attendance rating of any professional sport in the world with 30,504 people per game.

The success of baseball parks is prominent, yet, television ratings and the overall outcome of the season seems to be in the back of sports fans' minds.

Many things contribute to the struggle of the 2014 World Series popularity, one being the return of the NFL season in the fall along with its rising popularity this century, and

the other factor being the two teams featured in the MLB finale.

With baseball being one of the few leagues in America without salary cap restrictions, the popularity follows the teams that have the thicker wallet and purse. Some of the highest rated World Series broadcasts involved the Red Sox, New York Yankees, St. Louis Cardinals, and Los Angeles Dodgers, which shows that the big market teams are the ones that will attract the most viewers.

Last season's NFL Superbowl, 112.2 million people tuned in to watch the Seattle Seahawks blowout the

Denver Broncos according to hollywoodreporter.com. The Seahawks, who had never won a Superbowl or are considered one of America's more popular teams, owned the TV ratings that night.

Is the baseball season too long? Does having a series of games hurt television ratings?

The one hard but true fact is that MLB television ratings are decreasing every year, but that does not mean baseball fans are quitting on their sport.

It appears that if America's most popular teams are not playing, people have no desire watching a World Series with teams they do not care about.

Men's basketball aims for success

Ian Kea
Journal Staff

After an 8-point loss in the GNAC quarterfinals to Saint Joseph's College of Maine, the Suffolk Rams men's basketball squad has been eager this offseason to make a deeper run in a conference that holds nationally ranked teams.

According to sophomore transfer John Patch, the team tries for "consistency, chemistry and practice, every day and in every way. We have to, and will, get better." That is the key to success for the Ram's men's basketball squad this season.

Although the team knows what must be done, Patch believes the team needs something more to make their name known in the GNAC.

"We have the intangibles to be heavily competitive in the conference but we need to execute plays as well as have guys step up on the court," he said. "We need to just do it. We need an all-around skill player, we need that one guy we can always rely on."

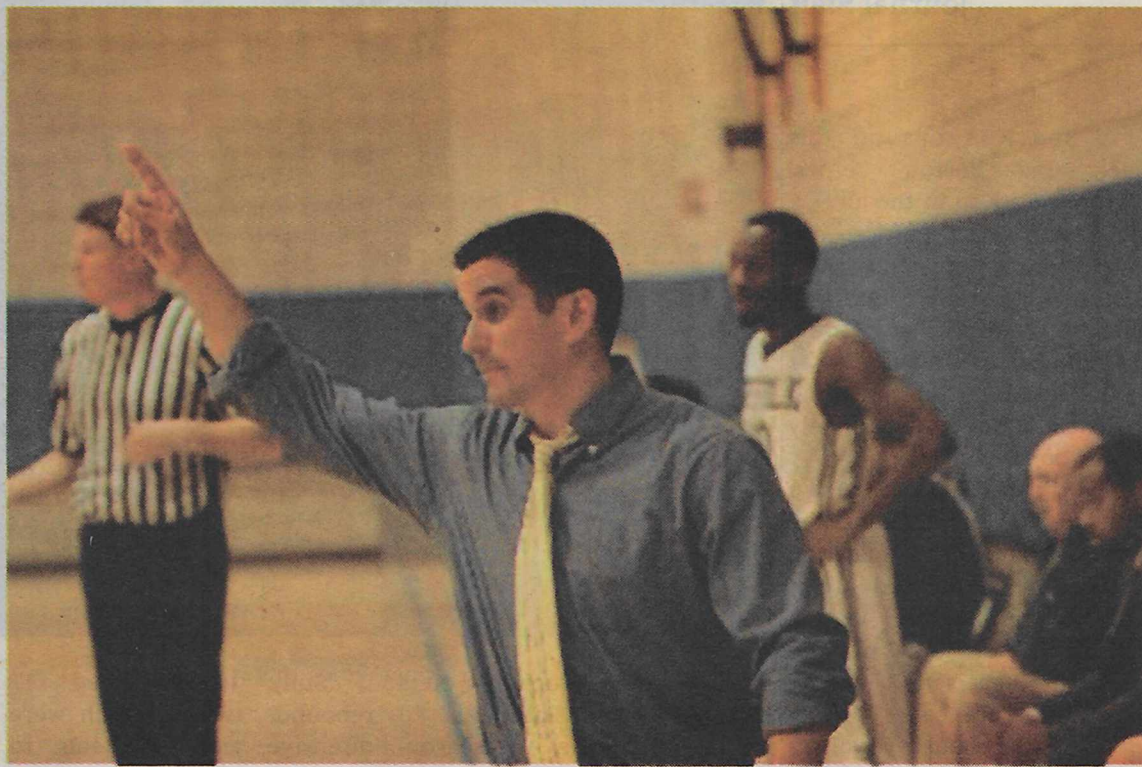
Entering his 10th year at the helm, Coach Adam Nelson believes his veteran-based team can make a name for itself in the GNAC. With

Houston native Sam Nwadike returning for his senior year, the Rams will have a top 10 conference scorer to keep an up-tempo, consistent offense. But to be competitive in the conference, it all starts with team chemistry according to coach Nelson.

"Team chemistry is something that we have preached since we returned to school in September," said Nelson. "We have a veteran group, and they all understand how important it is to be a team if we want to win games. As a staff, we use the word 'together' a lot ... we want our guys to know that we are all in this together, the closer we are as a team, and knowing that your teammate has your back will go a long way."

The Rams' chemistry, on and off the court, is a necessity to playing competitively against opponents such as last year's conference champions, Albertus Magnus, who ranked sixth nationally in Division-III basketball. With a conference of nationally ranked talent, the Rams have to be on high alert at all times according to Nelson.

"We play in one of the best basketball conferences in New England," said Nelson. "Albertus Magnus is ranked No. 6 in the country in the Sporting News preseason poll. They won our league last year



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and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16. We know that there are no easy games in our league – it is a battle day in and day out."

For such a competitive conference there is a need for a competitive strategy for Nelson and the Rams. By mixing up practice times and workouts Nelson keeps the Rams on their toes at all time.

"We have almost five full weeks of practice before we start playing games, it can be very monotonous. We have made a very concerted effort to keep our guys mentally fresh

and not having a consistent practice time. Last week was a great example. Monday we practiced at 4 p.m., Tuesday we went at 6 a.m., Wednesday we did partner workouts spread out during the day, Thursday we went from 8 to 10 p.m., Friday we practiced at 2 p.m., and Saturday we came in at 8 a.m. I think this helps keep us focused, we keep preaching 'no wasted days', and by having different practice times each day, we are able to get the most out of our guys during each practice session."

When it all boils down to

this fourth ranked GNAC offense from last season has to simply "keep grinding" according to Patch. In the simplest of terms, Nelson sees that this squad, as long as they play together, can win together.

"We need to compete every night, play with toughness, and play together," said Nelson. "We are a veteran team with a lot of very good pieces. If we can bring it every day, and continue to grow as the season goes on, we should be in a good position to make some noise in the GNAC."

HOMEcoming 2014

Suffolk flag football takes over the Common

A senior's first-hand account

Ryan Chevalier
Journal Contributor

Suffolk University held its first annual evens and odds flag football game in the Boston Common Saturday morning.

The event was part of the five day Suffolk University Homecoming extravaganza. Before the game, both teams got riled up for the big game in their own huddles. The teams were juniors and freshmen (gold team and evens) versus seniors and sophomores (blue team and odds). Playing as a senior, in my first homecoming football game, I witnessed the battle about to begin. In that huddle, seniors vowed not to let the freshmen and junior team win. Little did we know, we were in for a surprise.

The game started with both



Courtesy of Suffolk University's Facebook

Ryan Chevalier attempting to catch a pass late in the Homecoming flag football game.

offenses firing on all cylinders, and the blue team drove the

ball down the field on their first possession to take a 6-0

lead.

Minutes later, the gold team took the ball downfield and scored on a breakaway 20-yard run to tie the game. The game remained close and with time running down before halftime, the seniors and sophomores were threatening to score following an interception setting up good field position. This is when my moment came.

The blue team and I had set up a play that when we each tap our head before the snap, it meant, "go deep." On fourth down, the quarterback tapped his head at the line of scrimmage; I knew the ball was coming to me.

The ball snapped, I looked back to see his arm get hit by a blitzing player on the gold team as he released a quickly dying ball to the end zone. I raced to the ball, and made a leaping catch for the score.

I was beyond pumped as the crowd went wild. After the gold team failed to score, we went into halftime leading by

a touchdown.

The second half consisted of intense competition with a nail-biting ending. The junior and freshmen team, throughout the game, used a strategic hurry-up offense and dump-off passes on their attack.

The blue team compiled a number of long passes, and runs by freshman for scores.

In a wacky ending to the game, the gold team was up 36-28 and had the ball in their possession on their own one-yard line. The gold team quarterback was sacked for a safety making the score 36-30 with less than a minute left. The blue team had the whole field to go, with a chance to tie or win the game, but a 10-yard throw toward the sideline was picked off and brought home for a touchdown to wrap up the homecoming game.

The gold team was ecstatic to win the game 42-30, and granted bragging rights, at least until next year.