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"The rate is higher than last year's increase, when former president James McCarthy announced a 2.97 percent tuition rise. This was the smallest percentage increase in 39 years, according to an email McCarthy sent to students last February.

"This rate reflects our concern for and appreciation of the challenging economic times being faced by today's university students," Smith said in an email, "and our continuing commitment to do everything possible to minimize costs while maintaining standards."

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Suffolk offers special rate for commuter housing

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Suffolk University, in an push to accommodate commuter students whose schedules have been disrupted by periods of harsh winter weather and delayed public transportation, has started an initiative to allow off-campus students the opportunity to live in the dorms for two different five-night periods at a cost $250 each.

Some students have said they are appreciative of the program, since it allows them the option to live on campus and see what the dorms have to offer.

"I think it's nice. It gives us an opportunity to live on campus," said Natalia Morgan, a freshman psychology major.

"But I think it's ridiculous to pay $250 for five nights," said Blevins.

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Counseling, Health, Wellness, SUPERs host events for Eating Disorder Awareness Week

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Counseling, Health, and Wellness took charge of their "Love Your Body" campaign this week in recognition of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Teresa Blevins, a psychologist in Counseling, Health, and Wellness, said the office was thrilled to be able to host events with the help of their Suffolk University Peer-Health Educators in acknowledgement of this week.

"This is the first time we've done something for Eating Disorder Awareness Week that I know of, so we're excited to have the SUPERs to partner with and to get being some awareness out there," said Blevins.

Blevins said the objective of this week is for the center to highlight the importance of knowing what real health is, to be able to see signs of an unhealthy lifestyle, and to be able to reach out and help others.

On Monday, the center set up a table in 73 Tremont where students could write positive body image messages on cutouts. They also were given handouts on nutrition and statistics of eating disorders. The center then hosted a screening on Tuesday of "America the Beautiful: The Thin Commandments" in the Donahue Cafe, which ended with a talk with the SUPERs about appreciating health.

Blevins, who has worked as a college counselor for five years, spoke to the Journal about eating disorders, as well as what Suffolk is doing as a whole to raise awareness. According to Blevins, though the general view of eating disorders consists of being extremely skinny to the point of emaciation, disordered eating can manifest in different ways.

"Eating disorders in general can come in many different shapes and can include a couple of different behaviors," said Blevins. "Someone might have eating disordered behavior, but not qualify for an eating disorder."

Blevins explained two of the ways that eating disorders can take shape are by binge eating, when one indulges in too much food to an unhealthy extent, and restrictive eating, when someone either eats much less than they should to maintain a healthy body or does not eat anything at all. David Ho, a SUPER working with the center to raise awareness and organize this week's activities, said that students need a safe place to discuss any issues they may have.

"Eating disorders can be caused by many factors, so it's important for students to feel safe on campus and comfortable enough to talk to someone about it," said Ho. He also said that Suffolk is trying to create that sort of environment and inform students about the importance of it with the Uniry Week Initiative.

"We've dedicated a whole week to raising awareness for it and making sure those who need help know that there are professionally-trained staff on campus ready at any time to help," said Ho.

The SUPERs and the center are using their resources to raise awareness about the dangers of eating disorders and are trying to create a safe environment for all who may be suffering.

When asked if eating disorders have risen during her time as a psychologist,

Blevins said that there has been a general spike in mental illness on college campuses, mostly because of rising anxiety levels.

"If I was in charge of the world I'd probably put eating disorders in the anxiety category... if you think about it, we all do something to cope when we get stressed or when we feel anxious about something or upset about something," she said.

Blevins said that past experiences or family situations where body image was an issue, and society may contribute to the reasons a person can develop an eating disorder.

According to the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, 95 percent of those who have eating disorders are between the ages of 12 and about 25.

"We live in a culture where we see images of needing to look super unattainable, a commodity," said Stoll. "We needed [the days] to be a certain number of days to be efficient and effective to do it and that also made sense for the students."

Another option for students is a discounted price for rooms in the Omni Parker House Hotel, according to the email. The hotel offers students the chance to reserve a traditional hotel room with a full-size bed and other amenities, with Internet access. Reservations for the hotel rooms are available on Sunday through Thursday, and will be based on the availability of the rooms. The discounted rate will be provided until March 27, excluding March 5, 15, and 16, the email said.

As for Sodexo employees who are housed locally during bad weather conditions, accommodations are organized by Sodexo, rather than the university, according to Stoll.
Multicultural summit pushes students to organize and participate for change

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Millenials have been praised for their willingness to engage in social issues that matter to them. At Suffolk, the Office of Diversity Services recognizes the impact of students to create change, and this year marked the eighth Annual Multicultural Summit, an event that draws students interested in social justice and organizing to create change.

This year's speaker, PaKou Her, an anti-racism and social justice organizer, guided a full audience in the Donahue Cafe on Saturday to explore their own Identities and strategies to create waves on campus.

"What is happening today," Her said, "is so you all can ask yourselves, 'What can we do?'" Her is the campaign director at 18 Million and Rising, an organization that advocates for the underrepresented Asian and Pacific Islanders population in the U.S. She is also part of Tseng Development Group, a firm that provides consulting, training, and coaching on anti-racist/anti-oppressive leadership development, organizational growth, and systems change, as described on the 18MR website.

The audience, a mix of students, diversity peer educators and a few faculty members, was divided into smaller groups as part of the interactive portion of the event.

One workshop outlined the power of oppression, where Her used an analogy of a moving walkway, such as those found in airports, to describe how society impacts everyone.

Describing the moving walkway as the world we live in, Her explained that we will continue to move throughout society even if we do not actively participate in it, as it will continue moving without our input. The walkway can represent moving through oppression caused by sexism, racism, or other topics where social inequality is found.

In the afternoon session, each group was assigned to create a skit on an issue they found on campus that students would like to address. Among the ideas presented were increasing the number of gender neutral bathrooms, Suffolk's accommodations for students with disabilities, and the high cost of tuition.

President Norman Smith announced on Thursday that tuition for the next school year will be $33,800, a $1,270 increase from the current cost of tuition. The students' skit demonstrated that tuition, on top of books, transportation, and food, was high on their list of concerns.

One solution the group proposed to alleviate the increasing costs at Suffolk was the online delivery of the required textbooks at the library so that students may use those rather than buying them online or at the bookstore. Currently, the Sawyer Library offers textbooks needed for classes, but one or two copies per course.

Commuter students addressed the issue of how some professors have not been understanding when students walk in late to class because of the recent problems caused by the MPTA after Boston experienced record-setting snow.

While students who live on campus benefit from being able to walk to class, the students who made the skit on commuting explained that living on campus is not accessible to everyone because of the cost of living in the residence halls.

"As students," Her said after listening to the grievances expressed through the skits, "you need to realize the power you have to create change."

Insect seen in Miller cafe, students respond

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Multiple students told a Suffolk Journal reporter they have seen bugs in the Miller Hall cafe before. Sophomore Cecilia Osimanti said she has seen bugs in the dining hall and other parts of the school. "I have seen the bugs before, but they’re all over the city. I’m not going to give a bias Sodexo is gross even if it is a health concern," Osimanti said. "On the day that they had the Thanksgiving dinner in the fall, I saw a bug on the counter and I told the manager. He took care of it, but you can’t solve the problem by just killing one."

Greg Gatlin, a university spokesman, said Sodexo and Suffolk's facilities department collaborate in order to maintain the cleanliness of dining facilities, and that all Sodexo managers are certified by Sodexo, a food and beverage safety training and certificate program administered by the National Restaurant Association. The training includes protocols for pest control, he said.

"Sodexo works closely with Suffolk’s facilities department with respect to pest control, inspections, and preventive maintenance," said Gatlin. "The university’s facilities department has a frequent and strong pest control program. Facilities contracts with a pest control firm, Alamo Pest Control. Alamo inspects for pests in dining areas once a week. Immediate service is performed when a pest sighting is reported."

Some of the students living in Miller are finding alternatives to the food that’s prepared in their residence hall. Freshman Sara Maloney said she refuses to eat the food Sodexo provides. She said she was appalled to hear that Smith was told to take the picture down.

"I think it is completely inappropriate—why would they want her to take it down in order to avoid resident upset, but what is the point in that besides to cover themselves up," said Maloney. "If there is a problem, the more people that know the better, because numbers is what makes change not showing things under the rug."

Maloney said she thought the residence hall could have informed students about the incident in an appropriate manner, the hall did via email in November when the dorm’s hot water turned off.

"In November when the hot water was supposed to be working they sent out an email, kept us updated, and solved the problem," Maloney said. "My question is why can you thoroughly inform residents about minor issues and not major ones like health violations? I pay far too much money, and care far too much about my well-being to be deceived about health violations in my very own cafeteria."

Gatlin said Sodexo managers will continue to report pest sightings after they happen.

"Dining Services team members will perform heightened maintenance with a focus on pest prevention," said Gatlin. "A food inspector will continue to report any pest sighting immediately, and Sodexo will follow up with Suffolk facilities and Alamo Pest Control."
Boston Bingo to support local business in game for locals, visitors

The Mayor's Office of Economic Development has created a bingo game that Boston residents and tourists can participate in. Paper cards are now available in local businesses in the Main Street districts. These game cards look like traditional bingo cards but instead of letters and numbers, the cards contain products from different businesses. Players are encouraged to take photos and upload them on social media with the hashtag #BostonBINGO and should consider tagging local establishments they've visited. Players can enter photo submissions electronically or manually by delivering them to the Office of Economic Development at City Hall. Players can win Bruins tickets, a Hubway membership, and coffee with the mayor.

The contest will run until March 15. Boston Bingo was created to support local businesses after the historic amount of snowfall that Boston has received during the last 30 days. The game can be downloaded and full rules can be found on this website: http://www.boston.gov/bingo.

Alumna and participant in Fulbright program teaching in Germany

Suffolk alumna Alethea Stoltzfus, who has a passion for teaching and traveling, applied for the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program after graduating in 2014, according to Suffolk.edu. The program led her to move to Hamburg, Germany. Without any knowledge of the local language, she was not only tasked with becoming an English teacher but also a U.S. cultural ambassador.

During her time abroad, she wrote a blog titled "My Life as a Hamburger," a play on her new city's name. She chronicles her journey and writing about the people she has met. She also documents how she has a duty to be accepting of German culture while simultaneously sharing American culture with the people she encounters.

According to Suffolk.edu, Stoltzfus is teaching English at Handelschule Berliner Tor school where her students' ages range is from 16 to 25. They often ask her questions about her American culture, such as how many Hollywood stars she has met and Los Angeles. She gives credit to professors Leslie Eckel and Bryan Trabold for helping her write her application to the program, and will be returning to the U.S. in June.

Tuition rises, yet Suffolk's remains comparatively low

When Suffolk's rates for next year are compared to current rates of other private colleges in the Boston area, tuition remains comparatively low, according to Suffolk.edu.

For 2014-15, tuition at nearby Emerson College was $35,592, a price $3,550 higher than Suffolk's rate for the upcoming year, according to data from Greg Gatlin, a university spokesman.

“One of our core values is that we are providing the best possible education at the lowest price possible," Gatlin said.

"We recognize tuition costs present a challenge to many of our students and their families, so we are committed to doing everything we can to control those costs," he added.

"One effort to help control costs may be through opportunities to name the new 20 Somerset building. The building, which is set to open in the fall, could be named by potential donors, according to a previous interview with McCarthy. It is not clear if there are any potential donors at this time.

"Facilities costs, personnel costs, heating, and energy costs affect the budget," Gatlin said.

"Providing the best possible facilities that we can, the cost of faculty and administration, health care ... There's a wide range of factors that impact the budget."

Suffolk has canceled classes five times this semester. The new building on 20 Somerset St. will help reduce the maintenance costs older buildings require, such as Donahue and Archer, Gatlin explained.

The Donahue and Archer buildings were placed on the market several weeks ago for $16,068,980 and $29,081,956, respectively. Last summer, Suffolk sold the Fenton building, which was located on Derne Street.

"Some of the offices and classes currently located in Donahue and Archer are planned to be moved to 20 Somerset. The building does not directly impact the increase of tuition, according to McCarthy in a previous interview with the Journal."

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Chiang Yee: The Silent Traveller from the East comes to Adams Gallery

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Walking into the Adams Gallery, images of tourist attractions around Boston with a Chinese-cultural fair decorate the walls of the first floor of the law school. The gallery is currently presenting an exhibit from the 20th century Chinese artist and author, Chiang Yee, in the self-titled exhibit, "Chiang Yee: The Silent Traveller from the East." The artist, called himself as a "silent traveller," had moved from China to the U.S. as a poet, author, painter, and calligrapher. He was originally born in Fujian, China, in May 1903.

In 1924, he married Tseng Yun, and the couple had four children. He graduated from Nanjing University in 1929, and then started a variety of jobs, including teaching chemistry in middle schools, lecturing at universities throughout China, and then working as an assistant editor of the Hangzhou newspaper. At the time, he was disgusted by China and the government and shipped himself off, according Johns Hopkins University.

He was 30 when he left his family behind in China and moved to England, only knowing a handful of words in English, in order to study at the London School of Economics in 1933.

He began to teach in England when he started his "The Silent Traveller" series, which continued throughout his life. The books varied in locations throughout the United Kingdom, Japan, and major cities in the U.S. including Boston.

Commentaries suggest the books pictured images of a "sideways look" in a peaceful way to places that may seem strange to a Chinese national. He depicted images he might have been unfamiliar with, such as beards and large outdoor concerts in Boston.

The exhibit was brought to campus by English Professor and Director of the Asian Studies Program Da Zheng published a cultural biography with the same title of "The Silent Traveller." The two have similar backgrounds, as the author-artist and Zheng both traveled around the world through his writings.

I happened to see a copy of The Silent Traveller in Boston at an American friend's home after I came to Boston. The book had a beautiful painting of Park Street Church on its cover," he said. "It is a very beautiful painting and it is in Chinese manner, that is, painted with Chinese brush, with Chinese style, on Chinese rice paper. In fact, the book itself is a Chinese American's observation of Boston, and it offers many refreshing comments and comparisons between China and the U.S. So I became very interested in this writer at once." Zheng has always focused his research on Chinese literature, and recently began to also research Yee, who had worked on art, travel, children's stories, and memoir.

"He is the one who translated Coca Cola into Chinese: Ke-Tou-kie-Je, meaning "Pleasant to the mouth, pleasing to the heart," which is considered a classic translation in China," Zheng said. "He is the man who painted pandas in the world. Since the 1930s, he painted over 1,000 panda paintings, and he was called Mr. Panda." Zheng's book is about a cultural study of a man who had studied and travelled around the world and then returned to China from a point of view of an outsider looking in.

"He aimed to promote mutual understanding and appreciation among peoples all over the world through his writings," Zheng said. "He underlined commonalities between the East and West, hoping to bridge the gap and bring about peace."

Since its publication in 2010, the book has been printed in English, and later in Chinese.

"My biography, I hope, is a way for me to pay tribute to this wonderful writer and artist, and to bring about a great appreciation of his literary and cultural accomplishments," said Zheng.

Because Yee was a close friend of Boston Athenaeum, the museum allowed Gallery Director Nancy Kelleher to reproduce the paintings and display them here at Suffolk.

Ukrainians remain under attack by rebels despite cease-fire agreement

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A cease-fire agreement and withdrawal from Eastern Ukraine was reached on Feb. 15 by the Trilateral Contact Group, which is composed of representatives from Russia, Ukraine, Germany, and France to find a diplomatic solution to the Ukrainian crisis, according to a statement by the U.S. Department of State.

Fighting in Ukraine was heightened in the weeks prior to the cease-fire, adding to the thousands of fatalities the conflict has left behind. The Russians invaded last February.

Cease-fire violations were cited within just 24 hours of the agreement, according to The New York Times. However, Leon Rozmarin, a Suffolk senior government lecturer said that Debaltseve, a city that remains invaded by Russia, was never included in the Minsk-II agreement, meaning there have been no violations.

"Cease-fire is strong, so to speak," Rozmarin said, and has not been violated even though intense fighting has taken place after the Minsk-II agreement around the Debaltseve pocket protection. Debaltseve has been used by rebel forces to bomb other urban cities, he explained. At the time the agreement was made, Kiev claimed to have control over this area of Ukraine, leaving it out of the cease-fire boundaries.

Ukrainian rebels have taken over this area since the cease-fire due to large quantities of Kiev troops retreating. Debaltseve has been under heavy fire for the last few months because of its geographical advantages, according to Rozmarin.

The recent increase of fighting may be attributed to the cease-fire in 2014 known as Minsk-I, according to Rozmarin.

"Each side expected trickery," he said, and "used the relative lull in the fall of 2014, the cease-fire, to train for and to plan further actions."

Rozmarin added that Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko is in the middle of a hard domestic dispute. Poroshenko has people working for him who are in favor of continued fighting despite the cease-fire. These figures are swaying the public into believing that Poroshenko's inaction means he is not willing to fight for the freedom of Ukraine.

Ukraine continues to be vulnerable to invasion from the Russians, as Rozmarin explains that the economy has been in a rapid decline since before the first invasion in 2014. Ukraine is struggling in terms of funding in a way like this.

Recently a Ukrainian paper reported that while Kiev received $9 billion from the West in 2014, it had to pay back $11 billion" said Rozmarin. Funding a defence against Russia will tie Ukraine into large debts with other countries and continue to make this a worldwide dispute.

U.S. Secretary of State, John Kerry, released a statement voicing the U.S.'s backing of Ukraine. Kerry explained what he experienced in his trips to the area, and said that the citizens are looking for more democratic and European future, in the face of adversity and Russian aggression. Ukraine is being supported by major powers from all over the world for its freedom, and continues to protest against Putin's army.
Turkish troops protecting 13th century tomb in Syria

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Entering war-torn Syria, armored vehicles holding hundreds of Turkish forces moved in to evacuate troops who were protecting the historic tomb of Suleyman Shah and take them to another location, according to BBC.

Suleyman Shah was a tribal fighter and leader and the grandfather of Osman I, founder of the Ottoman Empire. Shah died in the 13th century and according to a phrase on his mausoleum, he "drowned in the Euphrates along with two of his men, in search for a home for himself and his people," according to BBC.

Robert E. Hannigan, a scholar in residence in the history department, believes Turkey had the right to go into Syria to protect the ancient history and remains.

"I think this was done principally so that they could maintain control over its policy toward events unfolding in Syria," Hannigan said. "Violence in the area of the site in Syria, but belong to the Turks. The troops took the remains of the tomb closer to the border, which is now under control of the Turkish government. The exact location is a hill north of the village of Eme, according to Al Jazeera.

One of the reasons for the move was because the terrorist group known as the Islamic State, also called ISIS, threatened to attack the historic land, according to reports by BBC.

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, who has lost control over most of northern Syria during the continuous civil war, had said the incursion was "flagrant aggression," according to BBC.

The military told the Syrian government of their planned actions, but did not wait for agreement or approval of the Syrian president, said Al Jazeera.

"Turkey goes beyond supporting ISIS and Jabhat al-Nusra terrorist gangs to launch a blatant aggression on Syrian territory," Sana News said.

Hannigan believes the control by Turkey has something to do with the interest the Turkish government had in the ancient empire, and that the historic background was worth the risk in the eyes of the Turkish president.

"It is simultaneously of interest because Turkey’s current president has shown great interest in reviving the country's Ottoman legacy," Hannigan said. "It had been eclipsed in the aftermath of World War I and the founding of the republic under Ataturk".

The Turkish government explained to Al Jazeera reporters there were no clashes during the removal, but Al Jazeera reported that one soldier was killed in an accident.

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu told BBC that he hoped the remains would be able to go back to the old location eventually.

"These relics will temporarily be preserved in Turkey for the next couple of days and God willing, will be sent to Eme, the area of the new tomb secured by our soldiers, as is our right by international law," the prime minister said to Al Jazeera.

The Turkish government said last year to Al Jazeera that ISIS had been advancing onto the mausoleum, even though it has been guarded by dozens of Turkish soldiers.

The operation began late Sunday night and ended the following morning, with 572 Turkish soldiers, 190 military vehicles and 39 tanks, according to Al Jazeera.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Greece | Debt Reforms

As Greece’s debt stands at more than €320 billion and their current bailout of €340 ends Saturday, Eurozone finance ministers have approved a reform proposal submitted by the government of Greece as a condition of extending their bailout, according to BBC. The Eurogroup said to BBC reporters they have agreed to begin the procedure, which consists of a parliamentary vote in several states in order to give the deal of final approval. The main stock market of Athens also went up by 10 percent, hiring a three-month high. The Eurogroup said to BBC, "We call on the Greek authorities to further develop and broaden the list of reform measures, based on the current arrangement, in close coordination with the institutions."

Syria | Joining ISIS

Three missing school girls from London were spotted being smuggled into Syria in thought of joining the group known as the Islamic State. The group of girls have a history of being sympathetic to the group on social media, and a list of their friends from the same school have also joined recently, according to BBC. Although, the teachers from their school and their families all say they were unaware of any of this happening. The girls had told their families they were going out for the day and the 15, 16, and 17-year-olds went to Istanbul and flew from Gatwick to Turkey. BBC reported that the families have made a number of emotional pleas for them to return home.

Gaza Strip | Flooding

Hundreds of Palestinians have been forced to flee their homes due to flooding in the Gaza Valley when water levels were raised more than two meters high in some areas, according to France24. The Palestinian authority had blamed the Israelis for the flooding, believing they had opened the levees of the dams near the border without warning. The chief of Gaza’s civil defense agency told France24 that more than 40 homes were flooded as a result. Israeli authorities have all denied any such reports and denounced the claims as nothing but rumors. Gaza told France24 that the flooding was due to poor infrastructure and the lack of fuel has resulted in the inability to pump out the water.
Parents of missing students planning US awareness tour

Amid frustration because of the lack of response from the Mexican government, parents of the missing 43 students from the state of Guerrero are organizing a U.S. tour to raise awareness of the violence happening in their country.

A series of protests have sparked across Mexico since the disappearance. In the government's search for the students, mass graves were found across the state containing incinerated bodies, but not belonging to the missing students, as reported by BBC.

The tour, known as "Caravan 43," is planned to begin in March and visit at least 21 states, as explained by Julio Guerrero, the national organizer of the caravan.

"These students are the faces of the thousands who have been killed in Mexico," Guerrero, of San Antonio, Texas, said during a telephone interview. "The whole world has been moved by this case. Many of us feel this will be the one that will stop disappearances and killings in Mexico."

At least 15 people from Iguala have confirmed they will participate in the tour, according to Guerrero. The 15 includes parents of the missing students, and a student and professor from Ayotzinapa.

"The parents are not politically inclined," Guerrero said. "They have become politicized because of the tragedy. They were just common workers."

Of the challenges that have arisen while organizing this tour, the rural setting the parents live in has proved to be the most difficult. Minimal Internet access and bad cell phone coverage has impeded communication.

"I talked to them on Saturday, Jan. 17 just to see how things were going because people in the U.S. are anxiously waiting for them," Guerrero said. "I called and had trouble getting through. Once I got a hold of them, they told me they were on the sierra with other citizens looking for the bodies of the kids. That's why they had bad signal."

Another obstacle that could put the tour at risk is the parents' applications for visas to enter the U.S. The online applications, piled on top of the high costs, have slowed progress.

"Many of them don't even have Mexican papers like a birth certificate or the documents many of us have because they have never needed them before," Guerrero explained.

The group traveling from Mexico will be divided into three smaller groups to be sent off to cover the west coast, the central region, and the east coast of the U.S. They will reunite in New York and travel together to Washington D.C. They will also make a stop in Boston, but it is not yet clear how soon.

D.C. organizer Arturo Viscarra hopes to meet with members of Congress on this issue.

These cases are specific to these parents," Viscarra said by telephone, "but all Mexicans have been affected by this violence."

Paredes, the Suffolk student, is critical of the way the disappearance has been handled by the Mexican government.

"This has disappointed me of how much the country has to go regarding being able to speak up and trying to change the country for the better," she said.
The Department of Communication and Journalism has announced that the 2015 Rammy Awards, set to take place in April, will be canceled. Due to a shortened timeline and lack of submissions, the department, which decided to cancel the event last week, felt it would be best to take a year off.

"Not a lot of material has been generated, primarily due to the weather. Rather than put on a show that was not up to our standards, we decided to take a one year hiatus," said De. Bob Rosenthal, chair of the CJN department.

Despite this hiatus, the department has full intentions of bringing the show back to campus in spring 2016.

"We will grandfather in senior submissions," said Rosenthal, regarding any graduating students who may wish to submit work to the contest. Although their submissions will not be judged this year, they will be held for the 2016 award ceremony.

"The show, which would have run for its seventh consecutive year this spring, features multi-media submissions from students across all departments in several different categories such as hard news, in-depth reporting/documentary, short fiction narrative, and photography.

Despite the department's plan to grandfather work into the 2016 show, many students in the department have expressed their disappointment upon hearing the news of the cancellation.

Amy McAleer, a senior, praised Rammy Awards of the past and said she was saddened to hear about the cancellation of this year's show.

"The news of the Rammy Awards cancellation is disappointing. I've submitted before two years ago and did not get recognized. I thought with time my photography would improve and this year I could actually win an award," said McAleer.

"The Rammys also are not about winning awards, but it's a place to show your work and passion. Also, to celebrate and share it with people who also have the same creativity," she continued.

Even students who had yet to participate in the Rammy Awards expressed frustration. Matt Kramer, a film studies major and senior, echoed McAleer's discontent on the news of the cancellation.

"As a senior who transferred here I haven't experienced the show yet, but all I've heard are positive things and I believe it's a great night to celebrate lots of communication students hard work over the past year," said Kramer.

Not only are the Rammy's a university tradition, but they also present a way for young professionals to gain recognition in the field many will likely pursue after graduation.

"I think either way the show should have happened whether or not much was put into it or not. Just to give students recognition for their hard work and creative work, plus if you are able to win an award it's great to put that in a resume," said Kramer. Although no Rammys will be presented this year, there are already plans in the works to improve the ceremony in the future.

There is a strong push to increase alumni involvement in the Rammy's, according to Rosenthal. Although alumni typically participate by presenting awards or participate as judges, a category specifically for alumni is a possibility for future award shows.

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Everyone from teachers and students, to parents and random passersby appreciated the new decor.

"We thought we'd begin here but we're going to do the whole building and wait until you see what's coming. Because we are going to reunite the front of this building with Boylston Street in a way that it's been separated for far too long," he continued.

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"We feel it's like starting from the beginning helping out our youngest children going into school age to teens or tweens," she continued.

As for the renovations, the president said that it was a process of coming together and working with each individual, from librarians to readers, "to know what changes would be deemed positive. With the city's backing, they were able to seamlessly go through the entire process.

"We really had the support of first. Mayor Menino, and then Mayor Walsh. It took all of us coming together as a team and also talking to our users like the people who actually use the library," said Ryan.
"Spring Awakening," a rock musical adaptation written by German dramatist, Frank Wedekind, literally roused the audience at the C. Walsh Theatre during the weekend. While the musical has been banned on some stages and censored on others, the Performing Arts Office and its members vividly dramatized sensitive issues of puberty, sexuality, rape, child abuse, masturbation, homosexuality, suicide and abortion with charm and grace.

The two-act play is skillfully exhilarating. Set to melancholy music written by singer-songwriter Duncan Sheik, the tormenting hormonal teens who make up the cast of wannabe rock 'n' roll stars explore both body and mind while living in a German province in 1891. In an adult-dominated world where discipline, constraint, branding and reinforcement of idealist morality is the foundation of life, the transformative cast fumbles into one another's arms connecting over similar internal struggles and self-judgment.

While the play faced the external hardships of a compromised rehearsal schedule due to severe weather, Theatre major, Bobby Zupkofska, a senior, who played Ernst, a teen who is immersed in his discovery and deliberation of homosexuality, commented on the ups and downs that occurred before the curtain even rose on opening night.

Crediting both director, Dawn M. Simmons, and his cast he said, "Although Dawn was wonderful in every sense of the word, it ultimately fell on us to put on a great show, which since the cast was incredibly talented and determined was easy to do and made this show an experience like none other I ever had as a performer at Suffolk.

"My experience of the show completely exceeded anything I could've imagined. The role of Martha, and the show in general, is so heavy that at times I didn't know if I could finish it," she said. "I'm so glad that all of us became close and comfortable with each other that we can pull off those scenes and create a masterpiece in so little time. I fell in love with a play I knew nothing about and a cast that will forever be my friends." Written around 1890 and first performed in 1906, the musical adaptation written by German dramatist, Frank Wedekind, literally roused the audience at the C. Walsh Theatre during the weekend.
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LETTER OF APOLOGY

To our readers, the Suffolk community, and to James Helen斯基-

In a front page article for our series on seniors in last week's paper, we inappropriately used the wrong gender pronoun when quoting a student. We sincerely apologize for that mistake.

While editing, we tried to be extremely careful in ensuring that the students quoted were properly identified as to name and gender identification. In the process of late-night editing, we missed one incorrect reference. We understand the pain this kind of error causes.

In future articles, the Journal will work to appropriately use the terms "he" and "him" for male students and faculty, and "she" and "her" for female students and faculty, as well as identifying the correct gender pronouns and covering issues important to all members of campus is of the utmost importance to us, and any suggestions from students and faculty are always welcome.

STAFF EDITORIAL

This week, our lead story focuses on a student who posted a photo of a bug on Facebook, and was subsequently asked by the university to remove it. The photo displayed a bug in the Miller Residence Hall's dining area.

Posting a photo to Facebook falls under a citizen's first amendment rights. The country's founding fathers worked hard to ensure Americans would forever be able to express themselves freely and independently.

While the university does not want photos of a bug near food surfaces on the web, trying to hide the situation by asking a student to remove the photo is wrong. A more appropriate response would have been to release a comment on the website. Some of the residence hall occupants, and maybe to the entire university. When our reporter asked a university spokesman to comment on the issue, he explained that the university checks dining halls each week for pests, and that all Sodexo managers are certified in keeping food-serving areas clean and maintained.

Supplying students with that information would have been beneficial. Instead, a student's rights were compromised.

Addressing the issue would have provided students more trust in the university. By asking the student to remove the photo, the only Suffolk has ensured is that they will not address issues at the university in an upfront and public manner, and that they do not value the first amendment rights of students.

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Black History Month overshadowed by other festivities and snow days

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Black History Month represented enough in 2015? This February has been filled with celebratory events like the parade for the New England Patriots, the Grammy Awards, the NBA All-Star Weekend, New Year's Week, Valentine's Day, and the Academy Awards. And then, a horde of other concerts and storms forced Suffolk to hold make-up classes on President's Day.

With all of that in mind, the annual celebration for people of the African Diaspora became a last thought. Even Suffolk University's Office of Diversity Services and Black Student Union brought forth a series of events in the honor of Black History Month. The mission is to include the entire community and to help raise more about the many innovators and leaders in the past, present, and future, but also to raise awareness of issues regarding incarceration, police brutality, racial and political dilemmas, and the importance of safe sex.

Some of the engaging events were held on-schedule, like the BSU's Black and White Affair. Another movie event of "Higher Learning," on Feb. 12, and Booty Calls and Hook Ups, hosted by Suffolk University Peer Health Educators, the Rainbow Alliance, and BSU on Feb. 4.

However, due to snow conditions, the Patriots parade, others were cancelled and some rescheduled to a later date, and the Office of Diversity Services' Facebook page. These included the Black History Month opening ceremony featuring President and CEO of Inspiration Zone LLC, Juliette Mayers, a discussion on police brutality, the Social Justice Series book club, and the Prison Industrial Complex Training.

The event I felt was most important was the discussion of police brutality, particularly regarding black men. Last year was marked by multiple instances of police brutality, capturing the attention of the nation and sparking movements in major cities, later leaving people to grieve. Many of the officers in those cases did not receive justice for their actions. Although this issue should definitely be addressed consistently, Black History Month is the best time to remember and honor the many black men who did not deserve to lose their lives.

I wish Suffolk had done more to embrace the month, and collaborated with BSU and Diversity Services, who have done a great job every year in facilitating these events. Some events weren't advertised enough, especially for people who may not follow their Facebook pages or receive emails.

In addition, it's completely unforgivable that many awards shows and holidays all fell into one month and became complete distractions.

Small things that Suffolk can do to acknowledge Black History Month more can start with stating simple facts about black history in Suffolk on their social media sites, by emails, or posting them across campus. For example, not many people know that Lois Mailou Jones, a Boston native and painter during the Harlem Renaissance era, received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Suffolk in 1981, and was the first African-American to have a solo show at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts in 1973...

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The problem with Fifty Shades of Grey

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By now, I’m sure you’ve all heard of a little film known as “Fifty Shades of Grey,” based on an erotic romance novel by British author, E.L. James. The first book of the “Fifty Shades” trilogy, released in 2011, explores the ongoing relationship between a college student, Anastasia Steele, and Christian Grey, a highly successful businessman. The plot of the storyline surrounding a BDSM – bondage/discipline, dominance/submission, and sadism/masochism – relationship between Christian and Anastasia. Everyone who sees this movie or reads the book needs to know exactly what they’re watching or reading. I was genuinely curious to see how the movie was done and bought a ticket for its opening weekend. This is the conclusion I came to after seeing it: you are seeing an abusive relationship unfolded in front of you.

Several critics and scientists have expressed concern that the nature of Ana and Christian’s relationship is not the BDSM, but characteristic of an abusive relationship. Using the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s standards for emotional abuse and sexual violence, a 2013 study by social scientists Amy E. Bonomi found that nearly every interaction between Ana and Christian – including stalking, threats to the person, and isolation – was abusive in nature, according to the Huffington Post. Bonomi also concluded that Ana showed all the signs of an abused woman: constantly feeling threatened or endangered, constantly stressed out, and using an altered identity.

So there you have it. An entire storyline that shows that Ana and Christian’s relationship is not romantic. It’s abusive. When we first meet Ana, she has little to no personality, no sexual experience, and very low self-esteem. Christian walking into her life was probably the most destructive thing that ever happened to a woman like her. She has no control over anything in her life after meeting Christian.

He expects her to basically sign her body away to him – yuck – in a lengthy, detailed contract. The contract, amongst other demands, requires her to take birth control so that Christian doesn’t have to wear a condom, to work out four days a week, and to only eat foods from a list approved by him. Ana’s life is suddenly consumed by pleasing him. There’s never any talk of how she feels about something, or what she wants.

I would like to believe that when presented with such a contract, most women would walk away. But I believe that film plot point speaks volumes about women today in unhealthy relationships. If you could read or see “Fifty Shades of Grey,” and think, “I would never do that, I would never sign any contract that makes me dance.” As Ana finds out more about Christian, she learns that he was abused as a child. She takes the responsi-

bility on herself to understand him. She wants to understand why he is the way he is.

I can’t tell you how many young women I know who date the “lost cause” type. The kind of guy who has a lot of problems at home, or maybe doesn’t do well in school, or doesn’t seem to care about anything. At all. And what do we do, as women, when we date these men? We want to fix them. We think we are the only ones left in the world that can help them. Let me tell you something ladies, that is not our job. We need to stop doing that.

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crat or Republican, facts don’t lie. As long as there are parents or caretakers in the U.S. refusing to vaccinate their children against these highly contagious diseases, an outbreak is still likely to occur. By vaccinating children and adults often over the age of 18, we could route vaccine out from clusters of unvaccinated children. According to the CDC, 90 percent of the U.S. population is vaccinated against measles, mumps, and rubella, which means that most Americans are protected from diseases that are highly contagious. Diseases that are highly contagious, an outbreak is still likely to occur.

By Flickr user Dan Correia

The signs of an abused woman: constantly feeling threatened or endangered, constantly stressed out, and using an altered identity.

The South American undocumented immigrants, providing proof that outbreaks stemming from the Disneyland amusement park in Southern California. As of Feb. 13, 125 people from seven states had contracted measles and are considered to be part of a large, ongoing outbreak, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. In response to this outbreak, and others that have occurred since, mandatory vaccination has become a topic of debate in the upcoming presidential campaign.

The conservative radio host of celebrity status recently aired his opinion on the outbreak, blaming the re-introduction of the virus to the U.S. entirely on undocumented South American undocumented immigrants. Limbaugh mentioned immigrants. Limbaugh said, “the kids that Obama has let flood the country via the borders who are allowed to remain unvaccinated due to personal beliefs, including parents’ personal beliefs. Limbaugh’s conservative rant illogically connects two issues in the desperate hope to criticize our Democratic leader, President Barack Obama. Whether you are a Demo-

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Next president should be less white, male, and status quo for the sake of students

Suffolk University is in a transitional period. When former President James McCarthy left in August, Interim President Norman Smith was brought in to use his expertise gained at Wagner College in New York to oversee Suffolk. Now, the search is on for who will replace him, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Andrew Meyer is calling for the community to be engaged in the selection.

I would like to propose for diversity to be considered when choosing our next university president, one who I hope will more accurately reflect our diverse student body.

Since its first president in 1937, Suffolk's highest office has only been filled with white males, beginning with founder Gleason Archer, as listed on Suffolk's website. With a quick Google search, one can learn that these males have all been mostly from, born and raised in New England.

It is not surprising that only men served as presidents during the founding years of the university, considering the law school was originally all-male students and Suffolk was founded a mere 56 years after the first female college president, Frances Willard, was selected in Illinois in 1871. However, today, this pattern is outdated and remains unchanged despite grand movements that have advocated for gender and race quality in the U.S. through the decades Suffolk has endured.

I am a queer Mexican immigrant who was raised along the Texas-Mexico border. I come from a family that was once poor but eventually became middle class. Coming to Boston, I was warned that people from "this part" of the country would act differently than me, would call me out on my accent, and might not like what I have to say with my "Mexican" ways. While all this was an overstatement of what I have actually faced, the notion that I would feel like an outsider remained true. Living in Boston, an area thousands of miles away from "mi tierra," I have had to come to terms with classism and race like never before. Surely, the 11 men who have led our university thus far have been qualified to hold the position (and very well paid), but a president cannot merely reflect a beautifully crafted résumé.

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Texas fight shows conservatives need new message

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The past week has been a rough one for both immigration activists and conservative politicians. A judge in Texas blocked President Obama's executive action that would spare millions of undocumented immigrants from deportation. Judge Andrew Hanen reasoned that a lawsuit brought by 26 states against Obama's action could cause the states "irreparable harm," according to The Boston Globe.

At first blush, this seems like a win for conservatives, most of whom ardently support stricter immigration laws and oppose paths to citizenship for those who are in the country illegally. But the lawsuit, and the attention it is receiving, points to a conservative base in America that still cannot "see the light" on this issue.

Interest groups supporting the lawsuit sang praise for the judge's ruling, and used the attention to rattle off talking points on how immigration threatens the U.S.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Red Sox sign Moncada

The Red Sox announced Tuesday that they had agreed in principle to sign Cuban prospect Yoan Moncada. The signing bonus for the 19-year-old is $31.5 million dollars, and the Red Sox will be charged an additional 100 percent overage tax as a result of exceeding their allotment of international bonus money, according to ESPN Boston's Gordon Edes. In total, the deal will cost the Red Sox around $63 million.

Moncada has wowed scouts, being described as a five-tool player, and one who can play multiple positions well. He projects to be an infielder, with the ability to play both middle infield positions and third base, but scouts say his speed could translate well to the outfield. Moncada is expected to be announced as a member of the team on Friday, his representative told Edes.

K-State apologizes for storming court

After defeating the eighth-ranked Kansas University Jayhawks, Kansas State students bolted from the stands and stormed the court in celebration. Kansas State athletic director John Currie apologized Tuesday for the unfortunate situation in which they were placed last night at the conclusion of our basketball game," according to ESPN. Kansas State is taking strides to clean up the situation, with one particular target in their sights.

Mayweather-Pacquiao finally official

After years of rumors surrounding what would be the most memorable fight in recent memory, Floyd Mayweather vs. Manny Pacquiao is now official. The fight will take place May 2 in Las Vegas, with the prize money for the fight hovering in the area of $200 million. The fighters will be split the purse, according to CNN.com. Pacquiao will receive 40 percent of the money, which will equate to around $80 million, while Mayweather will take home 60 percent, which comes out to around $120 million. To watch the fight on pay-per-view, the price will be more than $90 per purchase, which is an increase from the more common $75 cost. CNN estimates that if the fight reaches 3.25 million homes, the profit will exceed $300 million. The fight is projected to be the most watched since Mayweather vs. Oscar De La Hoya in 2007.

Red Sox sign Moncada by Lauren McCart

Season ends for men's basketball

The Rams season came to an abrupt halt Tuesday with the team falling to Albertus Magnus by a final score of 108-82. The Rams end the season with an 8-18 record, after suffering through a sickness and injury-ridden February, in which the team lost eight of their nine games.

Junior forward-guard hybrid Adam Chick led the Rams in scoring in their playoff defeat with 24 points. He also collected three assists and was 90 percent from the free throw line.

Freshman Quinn McCartney had a game to forget on the bench, reeling in two offensive rebounds, three defensive rebounds, a steal and nine points.

Ultimately, it was turnovers, inaccurate shooting and inability to defend Albertus Magnus' forwards that doomed the Rams. This, in addition to Albertus Magnus' extremely accurate shooting, because the Rams shot at diminutive 38.2 percent, while their opponents were scorching hot with a 56.9 percent. The team committed 18 turnovers to Albertus Magnus' 11. The Rams were also bullied in the paint, giving up 48 points in that area of the court, something they will look to improve next season.

For the 25-1 Albertus Magnus squad, Victor Ujialdjuraj and Tavon Sledge scored 18 points each, while Elan Davis dished out 13 assists. Four of the team's five starters scored double-digit points.

The Rams will be losing seniors Tom Gardner and Sam Nwadike next season. However, next year's team will have a top-heavy senior class, with nine juniors currently on the roster.

In addition, the Ram's starting five from tonight's playoff game are all expected to return.

Luke joins the Rams

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"It's good for Luke but I know it's been really good for our guys. We lost a game at the buzzer here [on Feb. 14] and our guys were so down but they get in the locker room and Luke's giving us Valentines and they just finally get it. Myself included, I was completely down after that game but I went back up to my office, I opened his Valentine, he had cookies in there, I ate the cookies, put my feet up and I felt better about it. It kind of puts things into perspective."

"I think makes you appreciate anyone who's fortunate enough to have a body physically able to compete in intercollegiate athletics. I think it's great to appreciate that there are people who don't have that." A second roaring wave of celebratory cheers came after the signing, when the Suffolk players put their new teammate's skills to the test.

Luke Sutton a basket from steps inside the foul line, and the Rams went wild.

"To see these 20-something-year-old guys putting themselves out there, being involved in a really positive way, being really positive role models to a younger kid, that's what it's all about," Sherry Giuffrida said. "I'm really glad that Team IMPACT could provide this."
Quadri sisters both play major role for women's basketball

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You may know who Cal and Billy Ripken are: the brother tandem who played together for the Baltimore Orioles. How about the Stall brothers, Eric, Jordan and Jared, of the Carolina Hurricanes?

But have you heard of Suffolk University's Uliana and Alex Quadri? The Lady Rams have their own sibling power-duo. The Quadri sisters have helped the women's basketball team amass an impressive 8-3 record in conference play heading into the GNAC playoffs. And in their final year on the court together, the girls have been playing exceptionally well.

The elder Quadri, Uliana, a senior, finished the regular season as the team leader in points-per-game with 12.7, assists per game with 2.2, and minutes per game with 33.2.

The younger of the duo, Alex — in her junior campaign — has posted similar numbers. As is the case with any tandem, there's an abundance of chemistry. And in the Quadri sisters' case, there's an abundance of it. Uliana lauded the harmony between the two, deeming it a large factor to the success of the tandem.

"We always know what the other is thinking, and just read each other," she said. Which is something essential, especially for a floor general like Uliana, who often has the ball in her hands.

In Uliana's opinion, the longevity of the pairing is what she appreciates most. "We've been playing together since we both started playing," said Alex. "It's not everyday you have the opportunity to play with your sister in general, but from middle school, to high school and now college. I just wouldn't want it any other way."

As the year progresses, it has become apparent that Alex — despite being the younger of the two — has already been inserted into a leadership role, all while sitting toward the top of the roster statistically.

"Alex has become one of the best players on the team," Uliana said. "When I'm on the court, I always look to her to get it done."

But there's more to Alex's value to the Lady Rams. As Uliana's time with the team winds down, Alex will be looked to by the team, and by her older sister, to step in next season as even more of a leader. Luckily, she's well on her way, and is already considered one of the team's most outstanding pacemakers.

"She has really stepped up and is probably the best leader on our team, and always bring the energy," said Uliana.

From where does Alex get those traits? Well, if you ask her, it's pretty clear. "Uliana has taught me a lot, both on and off the court," said Alex. "One quality I admire most about my sister is her strength. She never lets up and she's never scared."

It's hard to disagree with Alex, considering her critically acclaimed sister's bevvy of team leading statistics.

The Lady Rams defeated Rivier in the GNAC quarterfinals this past Tuesday. Fortunately for the Lady Rams, the Quadri sisters will be suiting up again, ready for the run that may be the duo's swan song.

"She is my best friend," said Uliana, "there's no one I would rather play with than her."

Alex Quadri (right) had not started in a single game heading into the 2014-15 season. She has started in 19 games this year, and has gone from averaging two points per game from last season to 10 points.

Iliana Quadri (above) has started 108 games for the Lady Rams in the 111 games she has been active for.

PRO SPORTS COLUMN: Isaiah Thomas trade proves Celtics' future looks bright

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The Celtics traded bench player Marcus Thornton and a first-round pick they acquired from the Cleveland Cavaliers to the Phoenix Suns to get Thomas.

With three years left on his contract, it appears Thomas, 26, is now part of the plan for building this team. He is averaging 18.5 points per game and 3.6 assists this season with the Suns. He is one of two centers, DeMarcus Cousins or Omer Asik in this summer's free agency who the Celtics might try to get one of two centers, DeMarcus Cousins or Omer Asik in this summer's free agency.

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Brillaud, Lady Rams win quarterfinals against Rivier

The women's basketball team got their revenge against the Rivier Raiders in the GNAC quarterfinals.

The Lady Rams lost to the Raiders last Thursday, 72-55. Coach Ed Leyden appeared more than content with the Lady Rams' performance defeating the Raiders, 60-45.

"They're a high-scoring team. Last week they just had their way with us," said Leyden.

An unlikely hero, Tori Brillaud, who is known for rebounding more than anything else, won the game for the Lady Rams. She led the team in scoring with 18, and had 13 rebounds.

"I'm happy for her," said Leyden. "She does all our dirty work, she rebounds, she fights, and she motivates. I've been a big Tori fan for four years ... I was glad she got a day in the sunshine."

Brillaud has been one of the most physical players on the Lady Rams, always fighting for rebounds, and diving for loose balls.

The senior from North Andover did not record double-digits in scoring this season. The most points she had scored in a game this year were nine against Regis College.

Her play in the closing minutes was physical, which sent her to the line for a game total of 11 free throws. She scored on eight of them.

"She's worked on her foul shot and today it won the game," said Leyden.

The biggest play of the game consisted of Brillaud drawing the hard foul and making a tough basket for a three-point play. The Lady Rams controlled the game from there.

Leyden always talks proudly about his team post-game, but Tuesday night was more special. Making the conference semi-finals was not just another win for the Lady Rams.

Everyone in the gym could hear the women in the locker room cheering with excitement after their big win. Leyden stressed the team unity and the fight the girls play with.

"We really stress defense, rebounding," said Leyden. "This is a really together team. The team is very, very close. We thought those were our only weapons against a team that can score a lot of points. The kids defended constantly the whole game. We did not give them one easy basket."

Tuesday was the only night to celebrate. Wednesday, the Lady Rams will have to prepare, because No. 1 seed Emmanuel is waiting for them Thursday night.

Jan. 29, the Lady Rams lost by 20 points to Emmanuel. Leyden does not appear shaken by the challenge, but aware of how talented Emmanuel is.

"Sooner or later you have to go through the Fenway," said Leyden. "We do the same thing: we have to play team basketball, defend and fight. We're going to play to win and that's that. We're going to do everything we possibly can to win."

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Tori Brillaud shoots a free throw after being fouled in the final minutes of the quarterfinals.

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