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Relief effort stands for Japan

Jenn Orr
Journal Staff

Suffolk students showed their support for Japan on April 5 in the opening ceremony for Stand for Japan, a four-week celebration of Asian culture and pride, and American Heritage Month, of Diversity Services. The kickoff was part of Asian Suffolk University relief effort presented by the Office of Diversity Services. The kickoff was part of Asian American Heritage Month, a four-week celebration of Asian culture and pride, and now because of the tragedy that struck Japan on March 11, April will be a month devoted to raising donations to aid the nation in need.

Three Suffolk students affected by the events in Japan spoke, including Ezra Polland, who was studying abroad and teaching English in central Tokyo when the earthquake struck. Although the tsunami did not hit central Tokyo, where he was living, the tremors from the earthquake were enough to cause panic and fear throughout the city. "It’s the sort of thing where you’re worried about yourself, but you’re more worried about people in worse peril," Polland told those in attendance.

Polland talked about how people began to run when buildings started swaying, including the one where he taught. He stayed — refusing to leave an 85-year-old woman who could not exit the building without assistance. Polland left Japan March 16, but his heart is still there, as he emphasized just how much the Japanese people need our support, stating that "any support we give is going to be fully utilized in an organized manner.

The ceremony began with an introduction by Craig Cullinane, associate director of Diversity Services. Next was a screening of an AP news broadcast presented by USA-Today.com that spoke of the severity of the situation in Japan. We all know about the earthquake and subsequent tsunami did not hit central Tokyo.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Wednesday, March 30**

11:03 p.m.  
10 Somerset  

**Thursday, March 31**

7:53 p.m.  
Public  
A suspicious electronic device located on a fire hydrant in the corner of Washington and West Street. Report filed. Case closed.

**Friday, April 1**

11:03 a.m.  
150 Tremont  
Suspicious person report at 150 Tremont Street. Report filed and case closed.

7:14 p.m.  
150 Tremont  
Alcohol confiscation at 150 Tremont St. Report filed. Judicial Internal.

**Saturday, April 2**

6:28 p.m.  
10 Somerset  

**Sunday, April 3**

1:23 p.m.  
Donahue  
Unwanted person in Donahue. Left without incident.

1:59 p.m.  
Donahue  
Annoyance complaint report from a Holiday Inn Resident. Report filed/open case.

**Monday, April 4**

10:52 a.m.  
Public  
Individual on Temple Street harassing students for money. Report filed/case closed.

**VENTURE showcases university-wide work**

Derek Anderson  
Journal Staff

Every year, Suffolk’s Venture Magazine is published to showcase the talented works of students, alumni and faculty, whether it is literature-based, photography, poetry or any other art-based creation.

“Venture really is a place where you can get your voice out and express yourself,” said Venture Editor in Chief Jillian Canavan.

With the collection of works and production taking all year long to produce the publication, a lot of work goes into Venture behind the scenes. Submissions usually are due by the third or fourth week of November, but this year, submissions were extended to the week before finals.

“Usually we get about a hundred literature submissions, maybe a hundred art submissions,” said Canavan. “This year was interesting because we had fewer submissions, so I had more room for artists. Last year we had two hundred-something art submissions and only had room for 25 of them. It was really hard. This year it was easier and so much better that there was room for these submissions. It was the same thing with the literature. I didn’t have to worry about cutting out long fiction pieces that would take up a lot of space.”

With the submissions comes the editing of hundreds of pieces, which Canavan said was the most challenging process of composing the magazine.

“The biggest challenge is making sure the integrity of the authors and artists is not sacrificed in compiling the book,” said Canavan. “I have an editing staff that select the pieces and then work with the authors, or the pieces themselves and indirectly with the authors, to go and grammatically edit them. Whether they are revised with my e-board or if it’s just simple punctuation, I have to make sure their piece matches the English language but it doesn’t lose the voice and feeling of the author. So that is the hardest part. Making sure I keep the author and keep the author in their piece, their photograph, their drawing [with or without changing their voice].”

Along with the editing of pieces, the book itself must be designed. Canavan and/or roots and then it moves into a tree that’s blooming and then it makes a pattern going back into the EKG line. It represents our natural rhythm of life.

The magazine will be released at Venture’s launch party on April 20, in the Donahue Cafe at 6 to 8:30 p.m. something Canavan and her E-Board have been working toward all year. Meagan Di, the Fiction/Non-Fiction Editor, Alex Ali, the Poetry Editor, Alex Wikoff, the Art Editor, make up Venture’s E-Board and ensure that the magazine published “I can’t wait to see these books printed,” said Canavan.

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“Venture Magazine online,” said Canavan. “I also would like to put Venture online. It’s a project that I was going to start this summer but never had time to. But since I’m graduating in next spring and will have a lesser class load in the spring. I’m hoping to put it together. Starting from 2006, I have all the books on file and I’m going to archive them and put them online.”

With the potential of Venture joining the digital world and their launch event on April 20, there’s a lot to look forward to for the magazine’s future.
Interfaith center unites Suffolk community

Angelo Broj
Journal Staff

Suffolk’s interfaith center, an office of the Division of Student Affairs, provides religious events and resources for all students, faculty and staff of all religions. An interfaith room and a meditation room unite University Chaplain Reverend Amy L. Fisher and the Suffolk community.

“I would like to say my vision of what it means to be a university chaplain is what facilitated the office as an interfaith center,” said Fisher, who has served as the university’s chaplain since the interfaith center came to Suffolk in 1999. “My vision was to create a center where all religions could communicate, not just one or two.”

She also works with her two interns, Mirea Pulitzer-Kennedy, a student at Harvard Divinity School, and Kathryn Henderson, a student at Andover Newton Theological School.

“We start new religious clubs as frequently as we are invited to create them,” said Fisher. “This is the interfaith center for the entire university—law school, arts and sciences, business school, grad and undergrad students.”

Existing groups, whether based through the Student Leadership & Involvement (SLI) office or the interfaith center, include Eastern Traditions and the Muslim, Roman Catholic and Jewish communities. The Jewish community is two-fold,” she explained. “One fold includes weekly events—Torah study, Christian Bible study, Breathe, and meditation. Breathe consists of spiritual readings for contemplation and meditations are done through spiritual readings as well as the more traditional Buddhist format led by an expert.

Overlapping the weekly events are interfaith panel discussions held on Tuesdays, which focus on religion and faith in addition to a weekly topic. Past topics have included LGBTQ, and environmental issues. Students, staff, faculty, and a variety of faiths are represented, according to Pulitzer-Kennedy.

Everything is totally inclusive.”

A remaining panel of the semester regards civility and the use of modern media. “The civility panel will be about how civility and use of modern media and social network sites brings people of different faiths together to build different boundaries and diversity,” said Pulitzer-Kennedy. “Civility is something you can talk about in the context of religious beliefs.”

Next Tuesday will host a pre-Passover chocolate seder, a model liturgy that has been created for universities. “It’s an educational tool to teach about the seder ritual in an informal context.”

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Ceremony speakers, broadcast elaborates on tragedy abroad

from JAPAN page 1

April 6, 2011

We also know about the worries and uncertainties tied to the Fukushima nuclear power plant situation. But what we don’t know are exact numbers of people affected or how long it will take to rebuild the most hazardous areas.

After the news broadcast, Mr. Hisashi Nakatomi spoke about exactly what happened the day the earthquake and tsunami struck. Working as Deputy Consul General - Japanese Consulate, Mr. Nakatomi has been educating others about the gravity of Japan’s situation and the importance of international aid. The Japanese Consulate in Boston provides cultural resources, visa information, events calendar, and business information, with a list of Japan specialists in New England.

With 134 countries taking part in relief efforts, Mr. Nakatomi noted both his gratitude and the gratitude of the Japanese people, saying, “We appreciate the huge help and support of the United States” before mentioning the life-long friendship between the U.S. and Japan.

Following Mr. Nakatomi’s speech were words from the three Suffolk students, one of whom was Takako Ohyama, a Suffolk senior from the north-east region of Japan. She said she received word of an earthquake from a friend late at night while studying here in Boston. She said she wasn’t really worried at first since earthquakes are common where she’s from, but the following day she saw the news on TV and was shocked. She could not reach her parents or friends for a while but was finally able to establish contact a week after the quake.

“People are suffering, people are dying, and I can’t believe what is happening in my city,” Ohyama said. She spoke about so many people not knowing where to go because so many families have been displaced. After three weeks of rescue efforts, 15,000 people have yet to be found. “It’s hopeless for people who are missing.”

A friend back home told Ohyama to tell others that things are getting better as Japan relief effort. Goshima noted how the quake was so vast that in Tokyo where her parents live, the piano in her house moved a significant distance. Trains were shut down, her friends had to walk eight miles to get home, but everyone was helping one another—opening their doors to strangers and giving free food to those traveling several miles by foot just to make it home.

“I just want to share stories of people helping each other,” Goshima concluded.

The ceremony ended with a video message from Tomi Honda, a Suffolk alum living in Japan and working for Fukushima Renaissance, an organization that is active in the Fukushima power plan disaster control. Honda too emphasized the importance and appreciation of donating.

“We are aware of, and we are grateful for all of the support from the international communities. Thank you Boston, and thank you Suffolk.”

The main event in the Suffolk relief efforts this month will be Stand for Japan, a fundraiser that will take place on the entire fourth floor of Donohue on April 14. All money for earthquake and tsunami relief will be sent to Japan through the Red Cross, Suffolk’s choice as the best organization to work with.

Although the opening ceremony for Stand for Japan occurred just yesterday, “Your kindness has already reached my heart,” Mr. Nakatomi said.
Dump and Run collects items, prevents waste

Michael Christine
Journal Staff

For the past four years Suffolk University has worked with an organization called “Dump and Run”. The relationship, started by Campus Sustainability Coordinator Erica Mattison, was intended to reduce waste at the university and provide students with an easy way to contribute items as they prepare to move out of the residence halls.

Dump and Run, an organization operating out of Brookfield, is committed to helping colleges and universities with waste prevention techniques. One way of achieving this goal is extending the usability of items students no longer need at the end of each school year. The organization also sets out to create revenue for any non-profit environmental and social groups that are willing to take part in the projects. Education concerning the issues of using natural resources and helping to conserve them is another priority of the program.

The plan has been a success overall in achieving its main goal. “Suffolk has been able to dramatically reduce its trash output, thanks in part to the initiative,” said Mattison.

The program has also been successful in helping with local charities, such as ABCD North End, which is part of Boston’s anti-poverty agency. According to Mattison, the university has contributed thousands of pounds to local charities. The accepted items include gently used clothing, shoes, books, kitchen and home goods, furniture, unused toiletries and cleaning supplies, unopened food, and gently used sheets and towels.

Students collect items in last year’s program at 150 Tremont

Students interested in marketing, research success

Soleil Barros
Journal Staff

Last Wednesday, Rick Ruffolo visited Suffolk University to present “Using Marketing Research to Create Winning Products and Brands” as part of Suffolk’s speaker series. Ruffolo is a seasoned executive with more than 20 years of experience working for Procter & Gamble, having been assigned the product Metamucil. Ruffolo has also worked with Crest toothpaste and Wonder Bread, along with senior brand director roles at SC Johnson Wax, Ralston Purina, Bath & Body Works, and most recently with Yankee Candle.

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Executive on marketing, research success

"... you always have a good opportunity to learn how to market."

Ruffolo opened his presentation mentioning how he was appreciative to have the opportunity to arrive early and visit the city. “It was nice to walk around and enjoy the city of Boston without my suitcase,” he joked. He also mentioned the excitement of having lunch and an ice cream sundae.

“Marketing is everywhere. You came to this speaker series, some how or another it was marketing that brought you here,” said Ruffolo.

Ruffolo continued his lecture with a slide show presentation bringing Suffolk students and staff along his journey through school and work experience. He being encouraged to join in as well. “We are trying to provide more guidance than ever to students who live off campus and are going to be moving,” said Erica. “There are many waste reduction opportunities in that regard and we are working with OCHO and others on providing information to off-campus students.”

Ruffolo also mentioned the project, Careese Peters, is planning for a hectic few weeks. “The project is going to pick up soon and currently we are looking for reliable volunteers who will be in or around Boston around exam week to help box up items and unload goods.”

Students interested in becoming involved will soon have their opportunity, as Suffolk is planning to have its largest Dump and Run event this month. Starting on April 20 and continuing all the way through the end of the moving process, students will be able to drop off items at designated locations throughout the university. Students who volunteer for five hours with the sorting and packing of items will receive a $10 gift card to the Suffolk Bookstore. To volunteer, students should email kmrooney2@yahoo.com by April 10.
Questioning the future of Libya

Ryan Powell
Journal Staff

Over the past few weeks, headlines have erupted with news on the Libyan conflict, exuding curiosity with constant research in order to achieve an up-to-date consensus. Civilian revolt in Africa seems to be a precedent unwelcomed from the rest of the world, but the times could not be more conducive to the atmosphere. Corruption fills these authoritarian regimes while the democratic states are unable to carry out free and representative elections. Such strife is present in countries such as the liberated Egypt, Tunisia, Syria, and Bahrain in the Middle East. Each example upholds similar roots but the overall claim to rebellion varies in oppression of their particular governing bodies.

Concerning Libya, the initial altercation was a product of Muammar Gadhafi’s strict control Libyan ideology. He forces upon all of society his point of view, and censors education facilities with other industries in order to dissuade rebellious movements. Furthermore, his practice of public executions of those opposing his regime do not allow for a stable and comforting environment. In mid-February of this year, protests began in Tobruk, Libya which is in the northeastern corner of the country.

Gradual expansion and acceptance of the idea developed a full-fledged opposition to Gadhafi. Of late, the rebels (opposition force) have been successfully taking over regions such as Benghazi, the second largest city after the capital, and surrounding military bases and airports. Although the rebels have exhibited continuity towards a common cause, the pre-Gadhafi forces have proven to overpower them with an overall larger military capability. Of late, the Western powers have debated a means of interaction, especially along the lines of a no-fly zone. The enforcement of this policy along with not allowing any flight throughout Libya, would give France, England, and any other proponents probable cause to “disarm” any opposition to the no-fly zone. The deterrence from imposing this initially came from China and Russia who both hold veto power amongst the United Nations Security Council. This body has been the driving force towards action in Libya, but without consent from either of them, a no-fly zone would create even more contention.

With the pro-Gadhafi forces gaining sufficient ground on rebel headquarters, the UN found dire need to act with civilian lives at risk. Gadhafi’s plan to attack over this past weekend compelled the UN Security Council to boast a no-fly zone with readily available attack forces on any of Gadhafi’s military. This was only possible because China and Russia decided to abstain, or refrain from voting. With this drastic move, Gadhafi was coerced into proclaiming a “cease-fire” to avoid intervention from outside forces. Only after a few days recognizing this, a coalition was formed, initially between Great Britain and France, but now involving the U.S. and any Arab allies they can conjure. The cooperation between the Arab world and the West seems to manifest the amicable relations between the two.

In most recent events, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has been gradually taking over the reins in Libya. This includes all military deployment and final decisions on actions taken by any outside force within. Be it humanitarian or military aid, the rebels need overwhelming help to dilute Gadhafi’s military power, and it will unquestionably take some time. On campus, debate on Libya and the potential outcomes have been prevalent especially in classes, but the facts and realities are hard to come by, especially without feeling the true demise one can only grasp in the midst of such disruption. Without formal leadership and inexperienced military presence the rebel forces, even with air support, have failed to diminish loyalist threat. Many questions on Libya’s future pose themselves in light of the recent NATO takeover, the final outcome must be determined by the rebels and their willingness to overcome Colonel Gadhafi’s presence.

Anti-government protestors (above) carry the coffin of a Libyan killed in heavy fighting.

Libyan rebel fighters (left) hold their old national flag as they walk at sunset.
Syria shows solidarity

Ryan Powell
Journal Staff

Located in the hub of the Middle East, Syria is subject to contrasting religious and ethnic ideologies proving to be the single most decisive means to controversy. Over the past few weeks, not only has strife between the Kurds and Arabs caused conflicting demonstration, but Syrians together are raising hostilities toward government practices. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and his government are being criticized for lack of reforms and overly austere censorship producing many unnecessary political prisoners.

The ubiquitous protests in Northern Africa and The Middle East have given even the most oppressed citizens the wherewithal to join in protest. Commencing in the southern city of Deraa, protests began in mid-March as a result of a build-up of hostilities toward governance and protestor killings. These videos portray the dismal realities that citizens in these oppressed countries have acted as president since 1971, the oppression does not go without blame. The Syrian government statistic that al-Assad achieved 97.29 percent of the vote when elected seems skeptical at best when questioning whether or not democratic elections were applicable. The atmosphere throughout the world is giving those who experience injustice hope that democracy will prevail. With enough reason to believe democracy is being avoided and severe authoritarianism in place instead, the United Nations and other world leaders are expected to intervene which occurred in Libya. Unfortunately, this will not necessarily be the case because of a lack of credible information and the question of whether or not Assad has directly ordered the armies intervention and protestor killings.

With social networking resources such as Facebook, the protests have gained support throughout the world. Sympathy is proclaimed through messages and posts on these websites updating the status in varying nations. Countries such as Norway, Germany, and Egypt have supported the protests through demonstrations in their capitals. Videos of protests in major cities of Syria, such as Deraa, and the capital Damascus, have been leaked onto the web. A BBC article linked to a video showing the shocking death of a simple protestor coming into the city for his cause. These videos portray the dismal realities that citizens in these oppressed countries face.

Headway in Japan

Sarina Trocy
Journal Staff

On Wednesday, the operators of Japan's crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex say they have stopped the leak of radiation-filled water into the ocean. The tsunami that caused the initial destruction, a by-product of the 9.0 magnitude Japanese earthquake on March 11, traveled south into the Pacific, causing these nuclear reactors to leak, and eventually explode.

Tokyo Electric Power engineers had been struggling for weeks to stop the leak, which consists of a large-back nuclear reactor as they battle the worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl. Onunday, the foreboding assessment of Japanese officials' top engineers indicated an estimate of "numerous months" before the crisis, as well as the leak, was under control.

It is unknown, as of Thursday night, what means were used to stop the leak, but recent reports of mixing sawdust and newspapers with polymers and cement have been reported. Although reports on Wednesday say the radioactive leak has been stopped, the government of the Ibaraki Prefecture banned the fishing of Sand lance, a small fish caught in waters off the coast of Ibaraki on Tuesday after they were found to contain radioactive contamination of cesium above the legal limit. The contamination was reportedly 526 becquerels per kilogram, compared with a health ministry standard of 500 becquerels. Makoto Onoda of the Ibaraki prefectural government said in the first time that higher-than-permitted levels of cesium have been found in fish. Officials are hoping that with this recent bit of good news, Japan will gradually regain control of their country, and recover from the chaos that has destroyed their country.

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**World Briefs**

**South America**

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador—On Tuesday, after a 2009 State Department cable was made public by WikiLeaks, the Ecuadorian government declared the U.S. ambassador in that country, Heather Hodges, persona non grata and asked her to leave as soon as possible. Ecuadorian Foreign Prime Minister Ricardo Patino, however, declined to call their declaration an expulsion, even though Hodges is unequivocally being kicked out of the country. The cable in question revealed that Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa was aware of corruption in the police high command, and when questioned, the ambassador did not have a satisfactory response. According to Patino, this act is "not against the government of the United States, but against a diplomat who made serious statements."

**North America**

CUIDAD-JUAREZ, Mexico—Cuidad-Juarez, the most dangerous city in Mexico, suffered one of its bloodiest stretches this year, finishing with 41 homicides in just a four-day period. Among the victims are children, including a ten-year-old boy, who was shot and killed by a bullet meant for his father. By the end of Sunday, April 3, there were 41 homicides in a 96-hour span, which amounts to approximately one person killed every 2.3 hours in Cuidad-Juarez. "The police have practically done nothing," said local criminologist and Juarez professor Oscar Maynez. "On certain occasions they have made some arrests, but what happens is that the police are patrolling, but there is no real strategy of the police to stop crime and violence."

**Africa**

KINSHASA, Democratic Republic of Congo—A U.N plane carrying 33 people crashed in the Congo on Monday while attempting to land at the Kinshasa airport during strong thunderstorms and winds of 23 mph. U.N. Peacekeeping Director Alain Le Roy said the aircraft missed the airstrip likely because of the wind, but he cautioned that the investigation was in its early stages. Most on board were U.N. personnel with five passengers working for other agencies. Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said America "stands ready to assist the U.N. in the aftermath of this terrible accident. As we know well, a stable and prosperous future for the DRC must begin with peace for its people, and U.N. personnel have worked courageously to strengthen the protection of the nation's women, men and children after years of strife," she said.
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Weekly Crossword

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2. To make cheerful
3. To assist
4. Eye part
5. USB
6. It is turned up or down a notch
7. Stressful week that ends the semester
8. The "and" outs
9. "In point of"
10. Tiny flash drive
11. Wood-Carving tool
12. Sibling's son
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14. "AMN" by...
15. To enter by force
16. Sibling's son
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18. To assist
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Feathers fly in Cambridge
2011 Boston Pillow Fight attracts thousands to Harvard Sq.

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Journal Staff

Fluffy pillows held in the hands of thousands descended upon Harvard Square last Saturday afternoon. As 2:55 p.m. rolled around, they had migrated to the Cambridge Commons, united for one cause: controlled chaos. Bewildered bystanders, however, had no idea the source of such commotion. At 3:00 p.m. exactly, they were let in on the secret. At the sound of a battle-cry by a man charging through the crowd with a crimson flag, pillows were uncovered from their hiding places, including the inside of sweaters, jackets, and large, nondescript plastic bags, and became fluffy weapons of mass excitement.

"Pillow Fight Day: Boston" was organized by a local, non-profit, secretive group named Banditos Misteriosos, whose aim is to get Bostonians "participating in ways just a little out of the ordinary," while utilizing the city's great open spaces. This has been their main goal since 2007. Pillow Fight Day accomplished this, and more, with dozens of other cities joining in, including Budapest, London, Paris and New York, among many others.

Word of the event originally spread like wildfire through Facebook earlier this year, with nearly 4,000 people vowing to attend, and even more telling their friends to join in. The venue, however, remained a mystery to all, until 11:59 p.m., on April 1, when Banditos Misteriosos announced the location on their website. All attendees were urged to "remain inconspicuous to the enough to be in their range.

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God should've sunk this ARK

Jenn Orr
Journal Staff

If you haven't been able to get the exasperatingly catchy song “Friday” by Rebecca Black out of your head, near you!

Unfortunately, Olympic medical computer as the ARK Music Factory plans to bring them all to an unfortunate computer near you!

Patrice Wilson, a former church singer/medical school student/Olympics track and field trainee, founded the ARK Music Factory in 2010. The name ARK was based on the idea of Noah's ark. Wilson told the L.A. Times, "In other words, a place to gather people together, where they could be safe.

After a slew of career prospects, Wilson chose music, and from there toured with Eastern European pop star Ibrahim Maiga as a back-up singer. He then studied the business side of music at Whitworth University in Spokane, WA before moving to Hollywood, because, "If you’re going to try to make a dream in music happen, Los Angeles is where you need to be." Wilson told the Times.

In a nutshell, this is how the ARK Music Factory works: starry-eyed superstar hopefuls audition for ARK, often with help from parents. For a fee of between $2,000 and $4,000, clients are given a song to record, promotion, a music video, a photo shoot, and even image consulting. Wilson works with producer-engineer Clarence Jay, who also serves as his business partner in ARK. Wilson writes songs for the tween celebrity hopefuls, so if there’s anyone to blame for “Friday” and its brain-sizzling sound, it’s him.

Wilson says that he writes age-appropriate lyrics for his clients, which is probably why they are so damn annoying to any listener who is not between ages seven and 16. But although Black's song “Friday” (which Wilson wrote and takes full responsibility for) has been ripped apart and mocked by many, it still managed to peak at No. 19 on the iTunes charts and has logged more than 64-million views on YouTube.

Pop song lyrics are meant to be catchy, simple, and sweet, according to Wilson, who works with clients and their parents on the perfect tune to suit their almost-always bubbly personalities. He defends himself against accusations of exploiting little rich girls for personal gain, saying that he’s not in this to make millions, but instead to give aspiring performers a chance to work in a studio and in front of a camera.

“I'm getting a lot of criticism saying I'm exploiting rich kids and their parents, but find me another company that would do all this at a cost this low,” Wilson told the Times. “I don't promise anyone fame. In fact, if someone approaches me with their only goal to 'get famous,' I tell them they're not in this for the right reasons.”

However, it may not seem that way when looking at Wilson's clientele. Very few little girls (as well as adults) delve into Hollywood with the intention of bettering themselves as artists. It's never make her unordinary. The video shows differently.

In CJ Fam's debut video, the tiny diva participates in photo shoots, tries on clothes and funky sunglasses, rides in limos, and walks out of buildings only to be cheered on by adoring fans (child actors). The best part of the video is seeing Patrice Wilson and Clarence Jay watching sassy little CJ on a monitor, happily nodding and seeming incredibly impressed, thinking, "Man, we've got ourselves the real deal on this one.”

It seems that only Patrice Wilson and Clarence Jay know the true motives of the ARK Music Factory label, which depicts itself as indie on its MySpace page, a description that doesn’t really seem to fit when considering the ultra-glam image it tries to convey to little girls. Time can only tell, but in the mean time, check out the ARK Music Factory's website for more information (and a good chuckle perhaps), as well as "Sergio Cili's White Hot Top 5: ARK Music Factory Artists," at current.com/shows/information (for a side-splitting fit of hysterical laughter)
Is This It?
The Strokes Re-instill Fans' Faith at Epic April Fool's Day Show

Julia Dawidowicz
Journal Staff

Ever since The Strokes redefined the meaning of indie rock with their explosive debut album Is This It back in 2001, I have had my heart set on being graced with their majestic presence at a live show. Many sleepless nights and Strokes-soundtracked bus rides were spent agonizing over the shows I somehow missed, and the idea that I may not ever get the opportunity to see them live before they broke up, a seemingly inevitable fate for a band of such epic magnitude. Fortunately, last Friday I was given what some might call a chance at redemption, when The Strokes, following the release of their fourth and (supposedly) final album Angst, returned to their roots to play NYC's Madison Square Garden.

While the sold out venue was infinitely larger than the original grungy bars in which they got their start as carelessly brilliant party boys, their wild energy and enthusiasm made it clear that, after a long hiatus, they were glad to be home. I was pleasantly surprised to find that in spite of the clean, overproduced sounds of their new album, and the new "mainstream," sober-and-settled-down image seen in their latest video for "Under Cover of Darkness," the group still knows how to put on a mind-blowingly raw and dirty show. Opening Act Devendra Banhart lulled the audience as the calm before the storm, followed by a special "April Fools" surprise appearance by the legendary Elvis Costello, the recording of their new album, echoed through the enormous crowd along with their dopamine-stimulating guitar riffs as the band pumped out new hits and old classics alike. By the time they had played finished playing "Reptilia," "Under Cover of Darkness," "Hard to Explain," "Low, Low," and "Take It or Leave It," their wild legacy (somehow the debauchery remained undisturbed during "New York City Cops," where Julian adds, "They ain't too smart!") The charismatic lead singer interspersed witty remarks between the songs, playfully mocking himself for botching the intro to "Last Nite," as well as the audience for their absurd enthusiasm. The cherry on the cake was when they played "Take Me Anything," "The Modern Age," "Gratification," "I Can't Win," and "Take It or Leave It." As elated audience members of all sorts streamed out of the gigantic arena, they smiled at each other knowingly, as if having just shared a religious experience. Leave it to The Strokes to create solidarity between teenage boppers, jazzy parents, and hipster music snobs. Personally, though I doubt anything can compare to the divinity of their first two albums, after seeing their show, I am more than willing to give "Angles" (which I must give props for its experimentation) another shot.
Boston gets all 'Together' now

Angela Bray
Journal Staff

Boston's Together festival is on its way back, aiming to blow over last year's. On its way to a full launch on Monday, April 18, the week-long series of events will be showcasing electronic music, art and technology through art installations, discussion panels, film screenings, technology demonstrations and evening shows of local, national and international musical talent.

Daily events are set around the greater Boston area at spots like Northeastern, Yes.Oui.Si, MassArt, Berklee, Atlantic Wharf, and the Goeth-Institute. Evening shows will be throwing down at everyone's favorite venues, including the Enormous Room, the Middle East, Phoenix Landing, Middlesex, and Royale. It doesn't stop there; even more of the best musicians, DJs, and producers are taking over Church, Zuzu, Wonderbar, Goodlife, and Savant Project. And of course, after-parties resume the gallivanting of Friday and Saturday nights at RISE, Boston's After-Hours. From 1 to 6 a.m., partygoers can, and will, drown in the sounds of SWITCH and Anton Pieete.

Panels are pitched to discuss the electronic music community, live electronic music, stereo sound, motion sensitive technologies, creative economy, dubstep, and production. Notable speakers worth checking out include Eric Marcelino (aka E-Marc), DigBoston editor David Day, and reps from Wobblesauce, Zone7 Productions, Fashion Week Boston, The DrumLab demos checks the mixing of live drums and custom software, while the New England Conservatory opens up its electronic production studios. There will be a demonstration on motion sensitive music technologies as well as a Chiptune demo and concert.

But we all know music is the central allure. Pantha Du Prince, Above & Beyond, Trentemoller, and Hot Pink Delorean are just a few of this year's impressive lineup.

The best part? The Together pass ($95) allows holders week-long complimentary access to any and every official festival event. That's right - inclusion to over 35 concerts and parties, all four days of discussion panels, demos, exhibits, seminars, and screenings. The Together Plus pass ($110) grants weekend access to RISE. Both also admit to the festival's VIP launch party.

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Hi-Lo memory vs. Whole Foods in JP

Jason Kenosky
Journal Staff

The recent closing of Hi-Lo Foods in Jamaica Plain sparked community sadness and a sense of loss. The store, which operated for 47 years at the same location, offered foods and household goods from various Latin America origins. Not only did Hi-Lo offer home comforts and foods to Jamaica Plain’s diverse and transplanted Latino community, it did so at an affordable price. With the ending of a community staple, local residents turned their heads to outraged. They have recently started to voice concerns over the proposed introduction of a new tenant to the former Hi-Lo site: Whole Foods Market.

Hi-Lo occupied an interesting location that has obvious appeal to a company that prides itself on attracting customers by offering diverse and fun food options. The former family-operated supermarket straddled the imaginary border between Jamaica Plain’s Caucasian and Hispanic neighborhoods. Moreover, where the two communities merged, a growing crowd of young and adventurous hipsters flocked to enjoy the affordability of Hi-Lo’s low cost produce and creature comforts. Unfortunately, Whole Foods opening in this mix of classes is viewed by many as the final push into the total gentrification of JP.

And you know what they say about gentrification: White people sure don’t mind it. Whole Foods operates each individual store in a manner that meets the needs of the local community. So, the JP Whole Foods will more than likely specialize in Latino food items. In addition to this, they also hire team members from the particularlocale in order to promote their image of being a member of the neighborhood. On the outside, it seems harmless enough. Seeing as how Whole Foods pays employees better than average, job creation and decent wages are good things. Add to that benefits and profit sharing for full-time employees on top of a 20 percent discount for all employees and it is easy to lose sight of concern.

Many of the residents, in particular recent immigrants, cannot afford to do much of their shopping at Whole Foods. Hi-Lo did not just offer the community what the community wanted in terms of produce, they also did so at a price that the community could afford. A shopper spending $100 at Hi-Lo could walk out with eight bags of groceries. At Whole Foods, that shopper might leave with three. So while those loyal to Hi-Lo may take their business elsewhere out of protest or economics, where does that leave Whole Foods? The answer is simple: Whole Foods is going to attract shoppers who are more comfortable with that style of shopping, yet, who would otherwise not venture into that particular area of Jamaica Plain. In essence, it will be a safe haven for “whitney.”

There are many Caucasian residents in JP, many of whom celebrate the diverse backgrounds of Jamaica Plain’s residents. They would not only go to a place like Hi-Lo, they would also patronize the many local independent shops dotting the vicinity. They help support community businesses.

The new location of Whole Foods will attract the type of shopper that will now feel comfortable entering Jamaica Plain to pick up “authentic” Latino fare while avoiding the real authentic boutiques and shops immediately surrounding the store. These shoppers will support Whole Foods and not the community. That is the concern.

The upscale, organic, grocer will definitely bring more traffic into JP, but what is the point when those shoppers are making one individual store their only destination? How does that build community? Only time will tell.
The cruelty toward one woman in Libya

Louis Galloway
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Last week it was reported that a woman in Libya was dragged away from a Tripoli hotel after trying to tell foreign reporters that 15 of Muammar Gadhafi's military men raped her. After undergoing 72 hours of brutal interrogations, she has only recently been released. And although reports as of Monday afternoon stated she had been freed, her family has no idea where she is and has not heard from her. How does something like this happen, and why is nobody doing anything?

Eman al-Obeidy, 29, told journalists she was detained in Tripoli by government troops who kept her up for two days, gang-raped her, peed on her and filmed her, all because she is from an area in east Libya known for strong anti-Gadhafi rebellion, a disturbing, but all-too-common reason for detention. Filmed by many who were present, al-Obeidy started a brawl, while journalists tried to help her by physically blocking many of the workers there who pulled knives on her, smashed reporters' cameras, and called her a traitor. Only after undergoing relentless interrogations was she supposedly released when a doctor verified that she was tortured and raped — an unimaginable, horrendous situation. It's been more than a week already and nobody seems to be helping this woman after she was reportedly captured by Gadhafi's forces to try and prevent her from taking her case to police. Officials say they're unsure of what to do with her because she's not charged with a crime, but why on earth should she be charged with anything? In such a hostile environment, I find it hard to believe that a woman would make such allegations and put herself in a room full of journalists to tell her story if it wasn't true. Although no news networks have been able to verify her story, visible injuries and recent telephone interviews with al-Obeidy support her claims. Journalists have often heard and even witnessed similar incidents of brutality in Libya since the uprising began several weeks ago, but because of strict controls over independent reporting, stories like these have been unable to be told — a sad reality in an era where the cruelly toward one woman in Libya

Cleaning the streets in the North End

Angela Christoforos
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To most, the months of March through December are enjoyable ones — after all, in that time span are the highly anticipated seasons of spring and summer. But for those drivers that frequent the North End and residents of the North End, these months mean aggravation every other Tuesday or Thursday — the infamous street cleaning days. The street cleaning program in the North End is run by the Public Works Department. Each street has different street cleaning dates; Hull Street is the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., while Prince Street is the first and third Tuesday of the month and starts earlier in the morning. According to City of Boston, the street cleaning program is executed because "it will provide cleaner streets in the neighborhood and a reduction in rodent food sources." Although the intentions of the street cleaning are good, if your car is on a North End street during its street cleaning hours, then the outcome is not so good for the owner of the vehicle. "I didn't even realize Tuesday was a street cleaning day on Hull Street. The words are printed really small on the signs so I didn't even think to read it," said North End resident Ryan Leonard. "And when I left for work in the morning at 10 a.m. my car was still there so I didn't even think twice about street cleaning."

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NCAA title game proves to be a dud

The 2011 NCAA men's national championship game came and went on Monday, leaving many fans bewildered and a bit underwhelmed. For one of the more exciting March Madness tournaments in recent memory, the title game almost made you want to close your eyes forget it ever happened. The University of Connecticut ultimately prevailed, 53-41, over the Butler Bulldogs, but not after one of the more ugly offensive displays in recent memory. For starters, the final score was the lowest point total in a title game since 1949. In addition, Butler converted only three two-point field goals all night, which is something that has never been done. The team also shot 18.8 percent from the floor, which was the lowest in title game history. A bright spot, however, is the fact that Connecticut Head Coach Jim Calhoun became the oldest coach to win a national championship, and now just one of five to have won three in his illustrious career.

Giants fan in critical condition

In a sign of things gone horribly wrong for the Los Angeles Dodgers, word is surfacing that the Giants fan, Bryan Stow, that was beaten at Dodger Stadium in last week's opening game is showing signs of brain damage and remains in critical condition. According to a report on ESPN.com, detectives are looking into Dodgers fans who reportedly had confronted other fans before settling on Stow. Stow is a 42-year-old paramedic and father of two from Santa Cruz, and suffered a severe skull fracture and bad bruising to his brain's frontal lobes. With efforts from the Dodgers, Giants and various other people, $100,000 is being posted as a reward for information on the assailants. "During the game, my wife received a text message from him ... He basically said he was scared inside the stadium," John Stow, his cousin, told ESPN. The hope is Stow can make a recovery and his attackers are found and prosecuted.

Rooney appeals two-game suspension

Wayne Rooney is once again making headlines, but this time for something he would probably like to take back. During Manchester United's victory over West Ham on Saturday, the 25-year-old forward (who currently has 10 goals and 11 assists in 22 premier league games) cursed into a nearby television camera after scoring his third goal. According to ESPN.com, detectives are looking into Dodgers fans who reportedly had confronted other fans before settling on Stow. Stow is a 42-year-old paramedic and father of two from Santa Cruz, and suffered a severe skull fracture and bad bruising to his brain's frontal lobes. With efforts from the Dodgers, Giants and various other people, $100,000 is being posted as a reward for information on the assailants. "During the game, my wife received a text message from him ... He basically said he was scared inside the stadium," John Stow, his cousin, told ESPN. The hope is Stow can make a recovery and his attackers are found and prosecuted.

NFL awards money to player charities

The NFL may be in the midst of ugly negotiations between the owners and players, but that doesn't mean it can't hand out some money for a good cause. According to ESPN, the league has awarded $1 million in grants to charities of nearly 90 current and former players. Star players Drew Brees, Peyton Manning, Ben Roethlisberger, and Phillip Rivers were among those receiving money for their charities. NFL charities have given more than $17 million to player foundations over two decades. Brees, for one, is getting $100,000 to build an athletic facility at a New Orleans high school destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.
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You can usually catch Christopher Cercone standing above the court or off to the side of the field, behind a camera, watching each Suffolk athletics game unfold. This 19-year-old freshman from Salem, Massachusetts, thoroughly enjoys taping game footage as part of a work-study program for the university. He works very hard to procure game footage for the coaches and players.

“I did a lot of videotaping of athletics in high school. It’s something I really like to do and I’m a media major,” says Cercone. “I’m also a sports fan so, the two things came together really well.” Cercone did not waste any time getting involved. He sent Athletic Director Jim Nelson a quick email this summer, before his first semester in college had even commenced, inquiring about possibly doing behind-the-scenes camera work for the department. When Nelson responded in the affirmative, this Salem-native jumped at the opportunity. So far, he has done work the fall, winter and spring sports teams. And while Nelson serves as a liaison-type between himself and the coaches, everyone knows who he is and what he is doing for them each game.

“It’s largely just me doing the videotaping. There are a couple other kids, but they’re just kind of like back-ups,” he explains. “It’s just kind of me being by myself and sometimes the workload is real heavy, and I’m doing a bunch of stuff.” “I mean it’s kind of like off and on. [And] because it’s largely just me, some of the things that the coaching staffs might want, they can’t necessarily get because I might be busy.” Being someone who enjoys media and communication studies, Suffolk has proven to be a good place for him to harvest his talents and aspirations. He spoke about location being a big reason for coming to the city to study. He then lauded the school’s environmental practices, which served as an important staple in his decision to come to Suffolk.

“I’m a very environmentally friendly person. So when I saw all the [recycling] stuff all over campus, and I knew the university was going green, that really appealed to me,” he explains. “That was a big reason why I chose to come here in the first place. It’s really kind of a big deal to me.”

Doing this work is also a great opportunity for him to figure out what he wants to do after school. While many students flinch at the idea of getting involved and doing school-related activities, Cercone is working hard to create connections.

“I kind of want to work in sports media, but [I don’t] know exactly what,” he says. “There’s always video stuff at colleges or what not. I think that would be something really cool to do. [I’d enjoy] working for a news network and their sports program, something like that.”

While gaining valuable experience and being an integral component to the athletics department is important, he is striving for something more. And, so far, he has found it in bunches.

“Even beyond the experience [are] the people I’ve gotten to know. Between the coaching staff and the student athletes, and other guys in the media department, I’ve gotten to know some really cool people,” he says appreciatively. “And I learned that working in something more important to me than experience. Just being able to build relationships with people through something I love doing [is important]." He may not be the most noticeable figure in the department, but he is an important piece to the puzzle, and he is just getting started.

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Adrian Gonzalez and posses a good, young rotation that could lead them into the playoffs yet again. (That ballpark is also a breeding ground for home runs.) If this was a three-game sweep at the hands of the Kansas City Royals, then I could understand a major uprising. But it is obviously way too early to even be questioning the makeup of this team. The 162-game marathon season is long and arduous, and won’t be decided in April. Starter John Lackey likely won’t give up 10 runs every outing for the rest of the season, and Crawford and the rest of the lineup will find themselves a groove at some point. Unless a serious a season-ending injuries suddenly ravages the integral components of this team, they will be fine.

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After an offseason in which they signed two of the biggest free agents in baseball, the Red Sox didn’t exactly jump out of the gate like many expected. Starting the season 0-3 is no reason to sound the alarms, but after getting walloped in Texas to start the 2011 campaign, fans of the team have reason to question how good this pitching staff can ultimately be. Red Sox pitchers surrendered 11 home runs in the three-game set against the Rangers, the most ever in a season-opening series for the team. The offense, meanwhile, was anything but fluid, with left fielder Carl Crawford struggling in the early going.

A glaring caveat to this tumbling start is the team's pitching. Crawford and the rest of the lineup will find themselves a groove at some point. Unless a serious a season-ending injuries suddenly ravages the integral components of this team, they will be fine.

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The Suffolk University baseball team may be just one game over .500, but they have had some pretty impressive contributions from their players so far this season. One of those players, Devan Jones, has been shouldering much of the team’s offensive load thus far, leading the Rams in numerous offensive categories. Jones, a transfer from the University of Maine, has been a bright spot offensively this season, and has already been named to the GNAC Weekly Honor Roll and he was also recognized as the GNAC Rookie of the Week.

"I think all the work I’ve put in off the field is starting to pay off," Jones said. Jones’s work has been evident in his production at the plate: on March 17, Jones blasted what would turn out to be the game-winning grand slam against Curry College at the RussMatt College Invitational in Winter Haven, Florida. He credits the time that he’s spent practicing indoors and hitting at the weight room to his on-the-field success.

When joining a team as a transfer student, it may be hard to figure out where you fit in and what your role with the team is going to be. Jones has not had that problem so far this year, and is consistently counted on by the rest of his teammates to be the big bat in the lineup. "I thought that I had a really good preseason," Jones said. "So by the time we took off for Florida I was pretty confident that I was going to produce." And produce is something he has most certainly done this season. Through 17 games this season, he is the team leader in batting average (.455), runs scored (22), hits (30), triples (3), runs batted in (17), and is tied for the team lead in home runs.
Tennis team picking up right where they left off

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After finishing last year with a perfect 11-0 record and capturing their second consecutive Great Northeast Athletic Conference championship, the Suffolk University men's tennis team has showed no signs of slowing down. The Rams have opened this season winners of their first three matches and are trying to prove again that they are the team to beat.

Suffolk crushed Norwich, 9-0, in their first match, and then went on to win 8-1 against both Wentworth and Emerson. The Rams were selected as the GNAC men's tennis preseason favorite in a vote conducted by GNAC coaches, and so far they are certainly living up to those expectations.

In Saturday's match against Emerson, junior Chris Staley won the second doubles position for the Rams in straight sets, 6-0. Staley also teamed up with junior Sean Cullen and the duo picked up their third victory in the top doubles match as they were 8-4 winners.

Cullen also won his singles match, 6-0, 6-2. Sophomore Harlan Strader was a multiple winner for the Rams, too, as he won his match in the third singles game in consecutive 6-0 sets. Stader then teamed with Albert Beruga for an 8-0 win.

In Suffolk's second win of the season, Senior Justin Ayoub along with Cullen, 8-3. Senior John Samander and Cromback won their second win of the season with an 8-4 victory.

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Baseball team fighting through tough stretch

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After starting the season 5-4, the Suffolk University baseball team now find themselves with a record of 9-8 after losing four of six games during a tough stretch last week.

The good news for Suffolk is that all of the last week's games were against non-conference opponents. Ultimately, the Rams' opponents proved to have too much offense for the blue and gold to overcome, as they lost handily to UMass Boston and E. Connecticut State early in the week, then finished with close losses to Brandies and Bridgewater State University before receiving a much needed two day rest.

The high-scoring theme of March continued for the Rams into the last week of play, with the four games played adding up to 38-25 combined score. The one game that may have skewed this stat a bit was the tilt

Freshman Jake Cintilo (above) is currently batting .450 with 14 RBI.

against Bridgewater State this past Thursday, where Suffolk lost, 12-11, while falling short of completing their ninth-inning rally on the road, where they scored five runs with just their last three outs of the game to spare.

The game proved to be an impressive showing for freshman Jake Cintilo, who went 5-for-5 at the plate with three runs batted in. The Bears committed six errors in the first three innings of play turned out to be too much for Suffolk to overcome.

The week ahead will provide a few more non-conference opponents for the Rams, who are desperately looking to show that last week was just a speed bump on their way to first place in the GNAC conference.

By far the most important games for Suffolk during this stretch will be played this coming weekend, when they take on conference rivals Johnson and Wales and Norwich University. Johnson and Wales currently hold the No. 1 ranking in the GNAC, with 11-9-1 record. Norwich is currently on the opposite end of the conference standings, with a 0-9 record on the season.

The Rams will hope that the stagnant start to the season for the Cadets will continue during their double-header at home against Norwich.