Still waiting on 20 Somerset

Derek Anderson
Journal Staff

With rumors reported in the Boston Herald about the 20 Somerset project being shutdown at Suffolk, there has been talk of the university re-sketching the idea of the Beacon Hill addition. The project, an alleged $86 million New England School of Art and Design building, has had talk surrounding it's potential halt. Chairman of the Board of Trustees Andrew Meyer cleared the air with his statement that "there is nothing being specifically reviewed for the building," and "no action of any significance regarding [20 Somerset] has been made." Meyer also stated there has been no official hold on the project. He released a comment to the Herald stating, "The Board of Trustees is undertaking a thorough review of its real estate development program with an eye toward best meeting the future needs of the institution and its students. Included in that evaluation of real estate needs is an examination of the University's 20 Somerset Street project, as it pertains to the building's planned programming and development schedule. The board intends to conduct its review over the next six months." The Journal followed up to find that, according to Meyer, "(the Herald) was operating on misinformation" regarding the project's halt. "We are constantly reviewing and evaluating all real estate opportunities and opportunities that present themselves to the university," continued Meyer, "with the needs of students foremost in our minds."

Since the Board of Trustees most recent meeting, it doesn't seem that any moves have paused the project altogether. The Herald did point out that "While the school was scheduled to open this year, little work has been done and the existing building has yet to be demolished." With progress of the project unclear and under review, it is difficult to find where the Board will step next.

Suffolk ranked in top 376 colleges

Angelo Christoforos
Journal Staff

Suffolk University has been officially ranked one of the top universities in the country for the eighth time in the Princeton Review's 2012 edition of "The Best 376 Colleges," a book that only includes about 15 percent of the 2,500 four-year colleges across the country. "We are delighted that the Princeton Review has again recognized what Suffolk University students know well—that we are one of the best schools in the country," said Margarette Dennis, Suffolk University's vice president for enrollment and international programs. "Suffolk's inclusion in the Princeton Review's "Best 376 Colleges" for the eighth time is an indication of the high quality of instruction and personal attention that Suffolk students receive from faculty, staff and administrators."

In the book, Suffolk is noted for its "wide selection of interesting majors," "small class sizes," and its study abroad program. The university is also recognized for its urban campus and diverse student body with international students from all over the world. Additionally, the Sawyer Business School was ranked by the Princeton Review as one of the best 330 business schools in the country as well as having one of the top 25 undergraduate entrepreneurship programs across the country. "We commend Suffolk University for its outstanding academics, which is the primary criteria for our choice of schools for the book," said Robert Franek, the Princeton Review's vice president of publishing. Included in the "Best 376 Colleges" profiling of Suffolk University are quotes from students commenting on the friendliness of the professors.

Jeff Fish
ODIE Staff

Odie Fakhouri may be graduating next month, but he has no intention of leaving the Suffolk community. "I don't think I'm done serving Suffolk. [Coming to Suffolk] is the best thing that's ever happened to me," Fakhouri, 26, came to Suffolk in the Fall 2007.
**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Wednesday, April 13**

5:00 p.m.
Fenton Building

12:43 p.m.
Sawyer Building

**Thursday, April 14**

1:59 a.m.
150 Tremont

**Friday, April 15**

10:54 p.m.
10 Somerset
Alcohol Confiscation, Report filed. Case closed.

2:43 p.m.
73 Tremont
A staff at 73 Tremont Street reports a harassing telephone call. Report filed/investigation.

**Monday, April 18**

8:56 p.m.
150 Tremont

10:10 a.m.
10 West
Larceny report at 10 West Street. Report filed. Case investigation.

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**Suffolk within top 15 percent**

from RANK page 1

in hand with the city life

preparation among students:
"Many students work during the school year in paid intern-
ships, co-op jobs or work-
study positions. Suffolk Uni-
versity has an excellent job
enrollment in graduate school
at the time of graduation."

He's all over the hub scene

Bianca Saunders
**Journal Staff**

"I'll admit it. I'm from New York," said Adam Gaffin, founder of Universal Hub.

Universal Hub is an online Boston community news and information site that posts daily news and gives locals a chance to dis-
cuss and write about current events. The site combines reports from local bloggers,
photos from TwitPic and Flickr, and Twitter updates.

The site was created in 2005 after Gaffin had been laid off from a job. One day,
he was putting together list-
ings for another site he had,
which was, according to
Gaffin, like a white pages
for Boston, and he came up
with the idea for a, site that
would talk about local blogs.
The site covers events and top-
ics that the Globe or the Her-
ald would not care about,
but that locals would.

"I tend to like to write about the quirky stuff and things that only people from Boston would
understand."

Gaffin is very dedi-
cated to writing and updat-
ing his site, and has spent
the majority of his adult
life as a reporter and editor.

"I bring my laptop on va-
cations so I never miss any-
thing," Gaffin said cheerfully.

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Gianna Corchia  
Journal Staff

"This is the first time that Fenway Park has opened its doors to college students like this," said Even Becker, director of marketing for this afternoon's College Day at Fenway. The Facebook event page has over 7,000 attending RSVPs, but there are more expected, and where between 5,000 to 15,000 students to attend the event.

"I've never actually been to Fenway, so it will be a fun way to get in for free," said freshman Zoe Hartman. "I had lots of fun at CollegeFest, so it looks like this will be fun too."

Starting at noon and lasting until 6 p.m., College Day will feature a lot of activities for college students to take part in. Like CollegeFest, it is tailored completely to students with a variety of vendors on hand offering freebies. Chief Marketing Executive Paul Tedeschi also worked on CollegeFest, and is bringing the same kind of experience to the first ever College Day. There will be prizes, games, obstacle courses, and ice cream.

"We're very happy to be putting on the event," says Becker. "We're hoping it's going to be a real success, and we're hoping to do more in the future. Some of the prizes will include discounted Red Sox tickets up to 25 percent off, discounted tours of Fenway Park and students entry to win a free car.

"It's going to be a great day for students to connect with brands that want to be more college focused," Becker said.

"I don't think I'm done serving the Suffolk community."

From JESS page 1

Outstanding Sophomore of the Year, and receiving an award at the University of California Berkley. Ross has also been involved with organizations such as Phi Sigma Alpha, a national honor society program, and S.O.U.L.S. Connections to College.

Her political Suffolk Free Radio Show, Suffolk Back to Back with Apelles and Jessica, accepted political commentary from callers, all while playing music hits during breaks.

Ross has been an active Residence Assistant for three years of her duration at the university, along with the Suffolk Voice, Ralph Bunche summer institute, at Duke University, and the Alumni Annual fund, a program that contacts Suffolk alumni to donate money to the university.

Ross has not only been an active member in the school community but has worked a few restaurant and retail jobs to add to her list of activities.

"I've always had job throughout school, I worked retail and restaurants. I worked at Juicy Couture my freshman year," she said.

Ross has also interned with city council Ayanna Pressley, Mass Democrat Party Diversity Internship Program that lead to her internship at MassDNC.

She is currently preparing to graduate and attend graduate school in Texas. "I'm ready to graduate soon, woohoo!"

Ross will be attending Texas A&M University for her PhD in political science, majoring in public policy and public administration with a concentration in education policy along with a minor in racial & ethnic politics.

"It's exciting but overwhelming because I know I'm going to miss Suffolk and I'm committing the next five years to a new university."

Ross has also been one of ten students chosen for American Political Science Association, which awards ten minority students from across the country with an educational scholarship while working towards their PhD.

Career plans after graduation include becoming a professor, teaching and conducting research at a research university or university. Allowing her former professors to inspire her and showing research interests in achievement gaps along with racial and ethnic politics, Ross looks forward to sharing her research with others.

"The people that got me where I am are my profs," she said.

"Make Suffolk work for you," she advises students. "I got involved because I wanted to explore. While getting involved I learned skills on dealing with people and social skills that you can carry out into life later on."

Ross enjoys spending time with friends and family whenever school lets out for break. She also enjoys long walks, cooking vegan recipes, traveling, and reading. "Do I have time for fun?"

"We've been involved with the implementation of a mentoring program and giving students entry to the different clubs to discuss ideas and collaborate on certain events. For example, if Franka Trump came to Suffolk, it could be co-sponsored by Women in Business (WIB) and FIRE because it would involve real estate.

He said Suffolk has led him to numerous other opportunities like going to Israel and interning at the British House of Commons. He has also done charity work, like the St. Francis House Winter Clothes Drive and Socks for Vets, a charity to give home less veterans in Boston started in an entrepreneurial class.

This Fall, Fakhouri tackled an entrepreneurship major onto his already rigorous schedule. "It was a lot of work," he said. "Last semester and this semester have been very fun. As an entrepreneur major you're constantly thinking about initiatives and projects."

When he graduates, Fakhouri plans to take the GMAT and get applications ready for business school. Also wants to start a new business initiative. "I've developed a love of social entrepreneurship. No business I ever develop will not have a social objective."

He wants to run service projects and cater to what he called the "base of the pyramid," which is comprised of the lowest earning workers who hold up everyone else on the "pyramid." 

"Suffolk helped me keep my promise to my grandfather," he said. "I got to meet lifelong friends here—both business connections and personal friends."
Meet @BostonTweet

Lesli Galloway
Journal Staff

How awesome would it be to have a job working with Twitter, dining out, and getting to experience all the local spots in Boston? Well meet Tom O'Keefe, the man behind BostonTweet, which all about life in Boston, things to do in the city, food and drink deals, and news media.

O'Keefe, who said he's not even sure exactly what his job title is, posts on Twitter about everything of interest for twenty-something's on the red and green lines of the T. From restaurant specials and Groupon deals to news media and lifestyle events, BostonTweet is dedicated to a Twitter-feed pertaining to one of the city's major demographics.

"I have a very untypical day, there is no set structure, no 9 to 5 schedule," O'Keefe joked. "I get up everyday, ventured to Boston for school where he attended Boston College and majored in politics and economics. Like many college graduates though, finding a job straight out of school is not always easy. "After the job market froze, start-ups were failing and nobody was hiring, I realized why am I sitting here watching Oprah? I wanted to get people to start focusing on everything local and talking about everything that's happening around here" he said, although admits he had to give Twitter a shot after discontinuing his use once before. Now, however, he credits his Twitter lists and ability to update the Twitter feed anywhere from his iPhone. "I never expected anything like this to happen, it really started out by luck and chance." Although BostonT-
Eco-Reps, dorms, cafes

Although the year is coming to a close, the Suffolk Sustainability team has not slowed down its efforts in promoting a more green campus.

Suffolk Sustainability has worked hard this year to inform and educate the Suffolk Community on how to live more environmentally (eco)-friendly, co-hosting, running, and participating in a variety of events, programs, and much more during the school year.

This past fall, for example, the team participated in the Campus Conservation Nationals in an effort to increase awareness of energy and water consumption on campus. They have also hosted events on having a more eco-friendly dorm room and embracing conservation while traveling.

More recently, in late March, the team hosted a party in the dark for Earth Hour, a world-wide event in which people in homes around the world turn off their lights for one-hour to promote awareness of energy consumption.

“We are focused on exploring opportunities to connect with students and employees to foster sustainable choices for daily life,” said Erica Mattison, the special projects coordinator for Campus Sustainability. Suffolk Sustainability has even more lined up for the last few weeks of the semester. The team will be co-hosting two events tomorrow.

The Suffolk Sustainability Eco-Reps will also be co-hosting the “Green Your Spring Cleaning” Event with the SUPERS that evening in Donahue 403 from 6 to 7 p.m. where students will be provided information on using healthier, non-toxic and non-chemical products for spring cleaning. Students will also be able to make their own take-home cleaning products there.

Suffolk’s fifth Annual Dump and Run in the residence halls will be run by the team as well later this month, where students can donate unwanted items from their dorms such as books, clothing, school supplies, and unopened food.

Currently, the team is recruiting volunteers to participate in Suffolk’s clean-up team for Boston Shines, the city’s annual clean-up day, which will take place on April 25. Those interested may email recycle@suffolk.edu by April 24 with providing a full name and cellular phone number.

Trending improvements

**ON CAMPUS**

The Bursar’s Office to go paperless with bills
Free, filtered water bottle filling stations on the way
Travel mugs
Recycle paper, plastic coffee cups

**OFF CAMPUS**

Possibility of bike lanes on mass Ave
Samsung Replenish for Sprint, solar battery charging
iRecycle app for Android, iPhone, iPad
Simplehuman fingerprint-proof recycling bins
Paper log maker transforms mail, mags and newspapers
Jenn Orr
Journal Staff

On April 11, France implemented a ban on the burqa, the Islamic face-covering veil sometimes worn by women that covers them from head to toe—a measure that has garnered a great deal of controversy among the Muslim community and non-Muslims alike. The law prohibits Muslim women in France from wearing burqas in public, and those who do not oblige can face a fine of up to 150 Euros ($215) or be forced to take classes on French citizenship. The ban applies to both the burqa—which has a mesh screen over the eyes—and the niqab—which has just a slit for the eyes. It will affect an estimated 2,000 Muslim women in France as well as visitors who wear burqas or niqabs.

France’s government justifies this law under the conviction that banning the headwear promotes sexual equality. Moreover, many have met the ruling with opposition.

French President Nicholas Sarkozy has insisted that the law is not meant to be racist in any way. It is his belief that the burqa imposes women and contradicts the secular nation’s standards of equality. Others disagree. Many argue that the ban impinges not only on religious freedom and freedom of expression in a democracy, but also defies a woman’s right to choose what she wants to wear—however much or little clothing that may be. Others claim that the law promotes Islamophobia, and that women who wear the garb do so of their own accord, as burqas have no religious foundation in the Quran.

“The reaction amongst Muslim women varies, but I think a common sentiment is that this law denies women in France the right to choose what to wear,” said Muslim Student Union at UC Irvine Vice President Hadeer Soliman in an interview with the Tehran Times. “The new law will not create a ‘moderate’ Islam, as some French officials claim it will; rather, it alienates and infringes on the rights of a significant portion of the French population.”

The day the ban went into effect, a protest was held in front of the Notre Dame Cathedral that consisted of roughly a dozen people—three of whom were women wearing burqas. Paris police detained two of the veiled women, although it is unknown whether or not they were fined. The Paris police administration said the women were detained for participating in an unauthorized protest.

The law is carefully worded—not even using the words “veil,” “Muslim,” or “women.” It modestly states that it is illegal to hide the face in public. And although Italy has a law against covering the face, it is for security reasons. President Sarkozy first proposed the ban two years ago and targeted veiled wearers, saying that veils are not welcome in France.

Police say the law will be difficult to enforce and rarely applied. Several veil-wearing women made it clear that they would not obey the ban. Public opinion in Paris regarding the morality of the ban on burqas and niqabs is mixed, but leading parties on both the left and the right strongly support the law.

Answers found in Minsk bombing

Ryan Powell
Journal Staff

Former Soviet colony Belarus was disturbed this past week with an alleged terrorist attack. A homemade bomb was placed in a bag underneath a bench in a Minsk subway station, in the Belarusian capital. The fatal incident caused the death of 12 people and hospitalized around 150.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko has taken measures to strengthen the defense of the city, such as increased security in all public transportation facilities. Also, through interrogation and various means of persuasion, the two culprits who confessed to carrying out the bombing have relayed names of those who were also tied to the attack. Moreover, they admitted to having a helping hand in two previous bombings, one in 2005 and one in 2008. With this ground-breaking investigation, immense progress is being made in finding out who exactly is behind this terrorist organization, and whether or not they have any more terrorist attacks planned.

The motives behind the attacks have yet to be determined. Speculation has run rampant regarding whether or not the bombing was a response to the regime of Lukashenko, who has been accused of an authoritarian ruling style with violent reactions to protests and opposition forces. In 2010, questionably voting tactics were used by Lukashenko, who claimed 80 percent of the population vote and 90 percent of the electoral vote. Two opposing presidential candidates were beaten by police on Election Day while taking part in a rally against Lukashenko. Each of his elections since 1994 have been questioned by many sources to be “flawed” and incompetent.

Though his oppressive authority seems to be an issue with elections, scenes of violence and protest are few and far between. Therefore, his means to presidency are not questioned abroad, but with a number of confessions, the entirety of the opposition unit should soon be dismantled. Especially with foreign aid going towards the investigation, this incident will not go without a full review. With the specific motivation for the attack yet to be determined, an unsettled atmosphere resides over those in support of Lukashenko. This could prove to be a testament to the growing opposition of his authoritarian rule, or it could also be painted over by the brush of censorship and intimidation.

Lukashenko, speaking to the press in December
Nigerian elections breed chaos

Ryan Powell
Journal Staff

Amidst a push for liberalizing Africa, democracy has found itself at the forefront of agendas abroad. In Nigeria, an example of democratic integration has proven inefficient and the People’s Democratic Party (PDP) has won without contest since the military ruled Nigeria in 1999. The PDP incumbent, Goodluck Jonathan, has led the Nigerian people since the previous president, Umaru Yar-Adua, died in 2010. Past inept elections have promoted the distrust nature of this week’s Nigerian elections.

Being the first supposed election with competition, the ex-PDP member, Muhammadu Bahri, has led a somewhat promising opposition. However, reliable polls have been shown that Bahri is far behind Jonathan’s promising outlook. This immediately sparked unrest with the presumption that elections are being rigged. In recent elections, obvious election mishaps occurred. Polls had shown 50,000 votes for the PDP while only 4,000 voters represented the village. Furthermore, names such as Bob Marley and Nelson Mandela repeatedly found themselves on the ballots in a push for PDP superiority.

Now that the elections have been fully determined, Jonathan is said to have won 22.5 million votes to Bahri’s 12.2 million. This does not show drastic differences that would have been the result of a major election fraud. With only 27 percent of the vote, it can officially be said that under Jonathan and the PDP, Nigeria has the most reasonable chance of moving forward. This would be a fair result, but as soon as any hint of election results were produced, immediate riots began in northern Nigeria. Posters with Jonathan’s picture and any form of pro-PDP literature have been destroyed and burned on the grounds that the elections were unfair and rigged. Both Bahri and Jonathan proclaim these accusations are false and more than minimal efforts were carried out to produce the fairest of elections. In 2010, Jonathan hired Attahiru Jega, a respected

Iceland sued by United Kingdom

Derek Anderson
Journal Staff

After the collapse of Iceland’s Kaupthing Bank back in 2008, the UK has officially reported that they are suing Iceland for the billions of dollars lost in the crisis according to statements made last Monday.

The dispute between countries, which has steadily become bitter, has lead to the situation being handled by the courts. Danny Alexander, chief secretary of the Treasury, stated that the British government has “an obligation to get that money back, and we will continue to pursue that until we do.”

Iceland recently held a vote to repeal a law that was set to solve the money issues between the two countries. According to a CNN article, “Six out of 10 voters in the referendum on Saturday opposed the law, the government said in a statement Sunday, saying turnout was high.” To that, Alexander responded to the Icelandic vote saying it was “disappointing” and that “we have a very difficult financial position as a country... This money could help.”

This whole fiasco dates back to 2008, when the Kaupthing Bank collapsed. The bank had about $56.7 billion in assets. The bank fell along with the country’s two other largest banks. According to an article in the Wall Street Journal, “Combined, the three financial institutions accounted for around three-quarters of Iceland’s stock-market value. Their loans and other assets totaled about 10 times the country’s gross domestic product.”

The article went on to say that “Kaupthing was subsequently split into a ‘bad’ bank, holding sour investments, and a healthy institution named Arion Bank.” Of the three banks that collapsed, Kaupthing had the largest operation in the UK.

When the collapse of Kaupthing occurred, Britain and the Netherlands bailed out savers in their own countries with more than $5 billion dollars. It has been a struggle since to reclaim the money from Iceland.

According to the same CNN article, under a European Union directive, Iceland is required to pay back the bailout money to both Britain and the Netherlands. Iceland has also been reported to say it would “honor its international obligations.”

Netherlands Finance Minister Jan Kees de Jager said he was “very disappointed about the decision of the Icelandic electorate not to agree with the agreement reached between Iceland, the UK and the Netherlands,” and that the “time for negotiations was over. Iceland remains obliged to repay. The issue is now for the courts to decide.”

Iceland continues to attempt to find ways to fix their economy by receiving loans from the International Monetary Fund. They loaned the country $2.1 billion in November 2009, and said that repaying Britain and the Netherlands. Iceland also has attempted to apply for European Union membership, but both the Netherlands and Britain could block this motion.

As of now, no court date has been set to settle the matter.
Africa

CAIRO, Egypt - At least 846 people died in the nearly three-week-long uprising to topple long-serving President Hosni Mubarak, according to a report released by Amnesty International. Earlier, official estimates put out by an associate of Mubarak had put the toll of deaths from the days of demonstration and battle of armed legions of riot police at 365. Local groups, however, had put the figure much higher. Amnesty International said in a report Wednesday that Egypt must immediately investigate human rights abuses blamed on State Security during Mubarak's rule. Thousands of protesters stormed State Security offices in Egypt in March following reports that its officers were destroying incriminating documents that could convict them if they were ever tried on charges of human rights abuses.

Europe

LONDON, England - Celtic Football Club manager Neil Lennon, along with two fans, have been targeted by "viable" parcel bombs designed to kill or maim", Scottish police said Tuesday. The package, thought to be a hoax when found at the Royal Mail sorting office in Kirkintilloch, East Dumbartonshire on March 26, was addressed to Lennon. An investigation was launched after the package was found to be designed to cause harm. Police have assured residents of the area that the bombs were not believed to be linked to terrorist organizations. "We are treating the matter very seriously," said a police spokesman. Lennon has been on the receiving end of threats all throughout his managerial and playing career. Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond said, "Let us be quite clear - there is a major police investigation under way to ensure that the individual or individuals concerned are identified and apprehended, and then brought to book with the full force of the law."

Middle East

KABUL, Afghanistan - Hundreds of Afghan soldiers are training in counterintelligence to stop Afghan and coalition forces from being attacked by rogue policemen, soldiers, or militant imposters. Expected to double by the end of the year, the program is much-needed. Nearly daily attacks since Friday have killed five NATO troops, nine members of the Afghan security forces and an interpreter. Militants are hoping to undermine the trust between coalition and Afghan forces, who have become increasingly close allies as the Afghans prepare to take the lead in securing the nation by the end of 2014. Last year, the number of partnered operations was 10,400, up from 530 in 2009, said the coalition. Convinced that insurgents were ramping up reconnaissance on security force movements, Afghan defense officials approached the U.S.-led coalition late last year and requested counterintelligence instruction for some of their top soldiers.
The Weekly Video!

Check out the Sergio Flores, Saxophone Legend, play in public spaces! Scan this QR code with your smart phone or search "Saxophone Superstar Sergio Flores" on YouTube.

The Journal Takes On Issues...

- Rain
  Minus 334 points
- Boston come "Together" again
  Plus 450 points
- Only one week of classes left!
  Plus 900 points
- 30 Rock's 100th episode this week
  Plus 3000 points
- Two episodes left for Steve Carell
  Minus 3001 points
- Still waiting on 20 Somerset
  Minus 20 points
- Beatles music at Recognition Day
  Plus 1970 points
- Happy 420!
  Plus 420 points
- Ryan Boyle (still) loves Creed
  Minus ...8 points
- Jenn and Matt are graduating
  Minus 2011 points
- Derek Anderson is Globe bound!
  Plus 2011 points

Total points this week = 3425

"Mirembe on my Mind"

Suffolk's "Mirembe on my Mind" club will be hosting a screening of the award-winning documentary "Flow" by Irena Salina. This investigation into what experts label the most important political and environmental issue of the 21st century - The World Water Crisis - will be followed by a discussion of an expert panel, including representatives from Clean Water Action and Senator Jamie Eldridge. Learn about water privatization and meet some of Boston's driving environmental and political activists!

April 28th, 7:30pm in the Sawyer Business School Lounge. A raffle will be held and refreshment served. Come join us!

Weekly Sudoku

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"A Suffolk Tradition"

The Fourth Annual Rammy Awards takes it to the next level, sacrificing nothing.

Jennifer Orr
Journal Staff

Suffolk students and faculty sat side by side in a packed Modern Theatre and enjoyed a night of visual arts at the Rammy Awards, which took place April 14. In its fourth year, the Rammy Awards were created to recognize and celebrate Communication and Journalism Department students who have excelled in visual media, establishing a Suffolk tradition that will hopefully motivate students to further share their work and pursue their goals in film and photography.

The awards began with a hilarious number that featured Rammy Sr. showing the new Rammy mascot the ropes, both decked out in ninja attire and training to the song “Moment of Truth.” Rammy Sr’s coaching of Rammy Jr. ended with the latter successfully kicking a bull mascot’s butt.

After the bull took a beating, all mascots took off their masks to reveal CJN students and professors as well as Rammy Committee member Jason Carter, who proudly sported the old Rammy costume.

Following Rammy’s training bit was a performance by the Suffolk University Dance Company. Wearing glittery black dresses, the ever-sassy dance team jazzed it up to the song “Hey Big Spender,” before the introduction of master of ceremonies. Out walked Dr. Dana Rosengard wearing a tuxedo, complete with a sequined blue vest (it was beautiful), to start the awards—after cracking a few jokes, of course. Nearly 200 students submitted entries across 11 categories this year, all of which were judged by visual media experts throughout the U.S. Student work was sent to judges with high professional standards thanks to the help of the 2011 Rammy Awards Committee: Jason Carter, Nina Hantmann, Sasha Lekic, Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber, Monika Raesch, and Dana Rosengard.

Dr. Susan Alessandri presented the award for strategic communication to Melissa Johnson and Julie Pike for their marketing project, “Marigons.” Next were the photography awards, presented by Prof. Bruce Butterfield, which were awarded to Monica Anc for “Heavy Catch” (black and white) and Ashley O’Donnell for “Canyon Sunset” (color category). After the presentation of the first three awards, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kenneth Greenberg spoke to attendees about how far along the Rammy Awards have come in the past four years. He thanked Dr. Dana Rosengard, CJN faculty, and CJN students for their dedication before Prof. Ken Martin presented to Robert Nordberg for “Favorite Girl.”

Dr. Dana Rosengard next awarded Ashley O’Donnell and Katie Sampson for “MBTA Updates” in the hard news reporting category. A belly dancing performance submitted for this year’s Rammys. Dr. Monika Raesch then took the stage to present the award for fiction short to Paul Davis Lyons for String Theory, another film favorite that generated a lot of buzz that night.

The Suffolk University Dance Company once again took the stage, performing to the song “Vogue” by Madonna. Next, Prof. Frank Brizzee handed out the award for commercial/PSA, which was presented to Mason Marino, Justin Callahan, and Michael Diaz for Take the Stairs—a hilarious public service announcement about all of the potential horrors that come with riding one of Suffolk’s elevators.

The feature news reporting award, presented by Dr. Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber, was given to Ashley O’Donnell and Eric Hurt for Drag Performance 101. O’Donnell, another two-time winner this year, is undeniably a front runner in the broadcast journalism program with her professional approach to reporting news around Suffolk.

The 2011 Rammy Awards ended with a last word from Dana Rosengard, who thanked all students, faculty, judges, and theatre staff for their participation in the night’s ceremonies. Special thanks went out to Jerry Glendyne, Keith Erickson, Diane Raymond, Mike DiLoreto, Jillian Murphy, and Bruce Winkelgren for their active roles in the CJN department. Words of optimism and encouragement about next year’s Rammy Awards concluded the night. Dr. Dana Greenberg summed it up best: “I want to call this what it really is—a tradition. A Suffolk tradition.”
Together celebrates Music 1 Art 1 Technology

Angela Bray
Journal Staff

With flyers, event pages and download cards everywhere, the Together Festival has now kicked in and blown minds after day one. It was no joke when Mayor Thomas M. Menino proclaimed Sunday, April 17, to be Together Boston Day in the city of Boston during the VIP event at the Foundation Room.

Just as it's hyped, Together is compilation of events in the Greater Boston area plugging electronic music, art and technology in the same pool.

"We're about to embark on an incredible journey," said David Day, co-founder and creative director, as well as the editor-in-chief of DigBoston.

Uniting the scene for at least a week, "it's kind of overwhelming to see the community get together as it has," he said. "[We're able to] meet each other face to face with the knowledge that we're all doing something extraordinary."

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Smith returns to roots with Red State

Kevin Smith's latest feature, Red State (Smocast Pictures, 2011) has been in the works for several years now, originally announced by Smith in 2006. The film stars Melissa Leo, John Goodman, and Michael Parks, who deliver an especially legendary performance. I won't give too much away about the plot, but it begins with three friends who go on a trip to find sex but end up crossing paths with the film's villains, the clergy of the Five Points Church and their sadistic pastor Abin Cooper (Michael Parks). Smith's inspiration for the film seems to draw mostly from the fundamentalist actions of the very real Westboro Baptist Church. The film has lots of great dialogue, a staple in most of Smith's films, but what sets this film from others is the intensely haunting atmosphere. Smith has stated numerous times that while there are so many different types of films that he would like to make, realistically thinking he would not be able to make them all. With Red State, Smith combined three films ideas into one crazy epic. In my opinion, he succeeded. With the inclusion of many experimental elements in the film, many average moviegoers may not enjoy the experience that is Red State, but the film wasn't made for them. Smith has announced that he is self-distributing the film, which is a very brave and bold move. Knowing how much he would actually have to pay for advertising to audiences that would not even sneeze into the film, Smith has decided to tour the film in different cities to raise money to help pay for costs. Smith wanted to reach out to an audience that he already knew would enjoy his film. The film surpassed all of my expectations and I can say that it is one of the best films that I have seen in years. Smith is someone who always makes his work personal, and it can hit close to home for those who keep on coming back. It is very hard to me to express my fondness for View Askew and Red State, but I can say that Smith made such an amazing piece of work that I felt moved after viewing it. While the history and controversy surrounding Red State are interesting, it would take me a very long time to explain most of it and I highly suggest that you go to Smith's podcasting website, smocast.com to hear the whole story.

Come 'Together' right now

From TOGETHER page 11 so needed, like, wow, how come no one thought of this before? The unity is really key. [In the future], I'm excited to see it get bigger.
Self-help from a Bostonian

Angela Christoforos
Journal Staff

She's an entertainment journalist, TV host, actress, philanthropist, has appeared in Pantene Pro-v commercials, and now she's even added author under her belt. Boston's own Maria Menounos has come back to visit her roots to promote her new book to fellow Bostonians.

Maria's book signings took place on Friday, April 15 at 5:00 p.m. inside the Emerson Barnes & Noble, and on Saturday, April 16 she made stops at the Brookline Booksmith and the Cambridge Side Galleria at 6:00.

Maria's Every Girl's Guide to Life is an A-Z guide of all her tips and tricks she's learned from top of the line Hollywood experts throughout her years working in the TV industry to live an overall better life. From organization skills to eating healthy, to romance and looking your best, Maria's book covers essentially all facets of a girl's life. She shares various personal experiences, photographs, and her own favorite quotes and life mottos. The cover of the book features Maria in a red evening gown standing next to signs made out of a picket fence that reads phrases such as, "workout, host Today Show, get red carpet ready, cook dinner, and save money."

The way the book cover was created is unique and notable, "The cover of my book may be the very first thing that truly encapsulates the spirit and essence of the text within it," said Menounos. "I don't simply mean the photo and design, though I think they do serve to impact, I mean the story behind its creation. The actions involved in creating the cover are perhaps louder than the words within it. Normally, to design and shoot a book cover of this ilk, one would have to enlist the services of an art director, production designer, set decorator, prop builder, stylist, hairdresser, makeup artist, photographer, caterer, lighting person, graphic artist and God knows how many assistants."

The Every Girl's Guide to Life was received praise from many fellow celebrities such as Kim Kardashian, "One show stopping! Maria shows us girls how to successfully juggle it all while looking fabulous. I love her lady woman workout and yummy recipes!"

"Maria is a beautiful, hard working lady who has a will and a way to make things work for herself! She has some great tips that are easy to apply and help make your life better," said Heidi Klum.

"But what makes Maria admirable is that she is walking proof of the American dream, coming from nothing and working her way up the ladder to success. Maria is originally from Medford, MA and born to Greek immigrant parents. In her early years, she worked alongside her parents cleaning nightclubs, and worked other jobs such as being an employee of Dunkin Donuts and selling sausages from stands in the streets of Boston. Maria attended Boston's Emerson College where she studied Broadcast Journalism and participated in Emerson Independent Video. She then went on to become a correspondent at Channel One News until she eventually landed her big break with a hosting gig on E! News. She was the youngest reporter to ever host E! News at the age of 22. Nearly 10 years later, Maria has appeared in several films as an actress and she's worked on TV outlets like the Today Show, Access Hollywood, and has even hosted a Eurovision TV song contest in Greece. Now she is the author of The Everygirl's Guide to Life."

While at her book signing on Boylston street, I heard Maria exclain to family members, "My publisher called me with the best news today, the book is currently in it's fourth printing and copies are flying off the shelves!" This indicator makes it clear that Maria has expanded her success to a new medium, from a TV personality starlet to author of a successful book.
Staff Editorial

The spring semester is coming to an end, and here at The Journal, we’re feeling bitter-sweet. Don’t get us wrong, we’re extremely excited that the school year is almost over and new things are yet to come, but we’re also a bit saddened by the changes the end of a school year brings.

I’ve served as opinion editor for the past year, and I can honestly say that joining The Suffolk Journal staff has been one of the best things I’ve ever decided to do. I started contributing to The Journal last year, my junior year, and looking back, I know that I missed out. I’m a journalism major for God’s sake! What was I doing my freshman and sophomore year when I wasn’t writing for The Journal? I can’t dwell on my regrets over not joining the staff sooner, but I can do something to ensure that my fellow writers and editors have a fantastic year at The Journal next year. I can try to convince you, dear reader, to take a chance and contribute to the newspaper.

This year, our editorial staff and writers have been great, every Tuesday production night has been filled with great conversation and lots of laughter, and The Journal won an award at the Associated Collegiate Press Conference in L.A. We’ve had our bad moments and we stress out sometimes, but we’re taking nothing but good things from this past year—at least I am. I encourage you to be a part of The Suffolk Journal—journalism student or not. Do it for your own selfish reasons, if you don’t want to write for the purpose of informing the Suffolk community. Do it because it’s fun and you’re doing something meaningful. Do it because you want people to know your name. Do it for all the wrong reasons if you want, but at least give it a try. It took me long enough to try, and now it’s over. But every Tuesday has been my favorite day of the week for the past year. So thank you editors, thank you writers, and thank you Bruce for getting me to try. If I can dig it, you can too!

Government Center to close for three years

August Blake
Journal Staff

A few days ago it was announced that the MBTA may shut down the Government Center Station for three years, from 2012 to 2015, in order to remodel the station and add elevators. Due to requirements by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, a subsequent lawsuit against the MBTA, and a settlement in 2006, the MBTA is required to have handicapped access at all stations.

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Although the station could have elevators installed with relative ease, it was decided that the project would be bundled together in a massive overhaul of the critical transfer point. And although elevators may be of importance, the complete redesign and renovation appear to be completely for aesthetic reasons.

Considering that it was determined that a shutdown would save a mere one year in construction time, perhaps some negative effects should be weighed. If you read my op-ed article on the Red-Blue Connector a few weeks ago, you would see that the system desperately needs a connection between the Red and Blue Lines. Presently, the primary connection is the Green Line from Government Center to Park Street. To suggest combining all of that ridership with the already packed Orange Line between State Street and Downtown Crossing is insane and presses a great deal of pressure on Downtown Crossing and the Red Line as well. The primary cause of the shutdown is a redesign of station layout—which works just fine as it is—and a new, expensive head house (a subway entrance). It is likely that the station inside will have some walls taken out and the tracks potentially realigned. Although I see the station's function suitable as is, the state, the new head house will come at a bloated cost which is not clear yet, and could likely be built much more simply.

And if you thought they should make another entrance at another part of the station, you're on the right track, as at one time the MBTA announced they would open up an abandoned provision for a second head house to Government Center. This provision can be seen at the Bowdoin end of the Blue Line platform, where some caged off stairs lead up to a dark room. This could easily be opened up as a Blue Line egress before closure of the present entrance forces the station to close and would even allow the possibility to access the Green Line. However, this does not appear to be includable in the project, nor would it be completed beforehand.

This entire project is beyond all reason and should be reevaluated before any shutdown occurs. It is clear that elevators are necessary, and the MBTA is legally committed to adding them. The time and money for the project is coming from the complete redesign of a station which is functioning just fine as it is. If the MBTA is worried about aesthetics, it needs to scrub the tile walls, take care of the leaks, use some paint, and improve the lighting. There is no need for a lengthy shutdown.
Goodbye college, hello reality

Jason Kenosky
Journal Staff

For some Suffolk students, their four years of college are quickly coming to an end. Most of the graduating class is elated, happy to not only be done with college, but to finally be done with school in general. For the rest, and even for those in good spirits, this moment is also a bit of a downer.

Those on campus who know me know that I am not exactly a Spring chicken. I went through college back in the 90s and spent a considerable amount of time in the "real world." I am well-versed in the anticipation that graduating from college can bring—and the total let down, and joy, of life after college.

When I left college the first time, it was a sad moment. I wanted to be done with it, more than anything. And was ready to move on. But it was hard. Most of my college friends are now dispersed around the country. Some went back home. And some went on to graduate school. I also felt a bit institutionalized. It was sad to be leaving a place that took up so much of my time, and sanity.

Looking back on that moment now, it was more of a closing than a beginning, as I didn't attend college straight out of high school. That came a few years later, so I was already familiar with the trials and tribulations of making my own ends meet. I was prepared to re-enter that world. Seeing what the majority of my friends went through and talking to a few Suffolk students who are about to dive head-first into that world, it is evident that most college students simply are not prepared for what will happen next. The first year after college is a doozy for most. And no one tells you that; they can't. It is something that is impossible to fully grasp until you've experienced it too.

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Of course, I am speaking in generalities here. College really held that level of nostalgia for me, and after my first year out, it was something already forgotten. That is just me, though. College, past or present, was never the "best time of my life." I don't tell you that you won't get a month off for Christmas, either.

The good news is you will not be staying up half the night doing homework. Work tends to stay at work, so you will find that your free time is there, as you please, and, incidentally, you have more of it. You will also be making money, and finding new ways to spend it—such as in paying those bills that are due month after month, for the rest of your life.

Then January hits and instead of taking on a new course load, you will continue to do the same job. And see the same faces. Sure, you can drop a job or withdraw from a career, but unlike college, life continues on in the real world.

Another big stab is that you will begin to miss the social atmosphere of college. College is generally a self-contained environment that is full of people your age, who share similar interests. Your circle of friends will shrink, but the quality of friendships will grow.

The real world might seem foreign to you right now, but once you get used to it—and you will—you will find it more rewarding than these last four years.

Mayor Menino appoints new director of BRA: his friend

August Blake
Journal Staff

John Palmieri will step down as director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) this May, and Mayor Menino was quick to appoint a new man for the job—perhaps too quick. The new face of the BRA will be Peter Meade: former executive at Blue Cross Blue Shield, head of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, and most importantly, a close friend to many local politicians and officials.

At a time where local development has stalled—and is at an almost complete standstill—I say now is the time for someone full of energy and ideas to step up and ensure that Boston comes out of the global recession stronger than ever. We need someone who can fill in the hole of the former Fene's building and develop the South Boston Seaport. But that's not what's on Mayor Menino's mind.

Peter Meade has little real estate experience, something current director Palmieri had 24 years of. These years included 18 years restoring downtown Providence, RI and four years helping Hartford, CT recover from dire straits. So why was Meade picked for the job? Perhaps the mayor put it best when Meade was asked why he was taking the offer and the mayor chimed in, "Me." Meade quickly added, "He's right, the mayor and I talk about this city a lot." Mayor Menino is looking for his sycophant, not a professional planner who can improve the city. Peter Meade will essentially be making $164,640 a year to say yes to anything the mayor says.

If the RFK Greenway is any sign of what's to come, we're looking at the decline of Boston. The Greenway has yet to attract significant sustained activity despite swallowing tremendous amounts of public funding, including millions of tax payer money each year. If Meade can't draw out the crowds to the Greenway, how is he to improve our street life and urbanity? I don't believe he can, but I certainly hope I'm wrong.
Gasoline and fossil fuels: What are our alternatives

David Frederick
Journal Staff

Now I will not sugar coat anything in this article. Gasoline and other fossil fuels are useful, but in the long run cause a rather enormous amount of damage. Reading this, you might be thinking, “Well this is old and boring news,” and that is unfortunate. It’s sad that the general public can be desensitized to this information. Not only is gasoline horrible for the environment, but the price of it keeps on soaring up (for NO good reason whatsoever).

If you ask your parents about how much gas was when they were your age, you would be shocked at the prices. I asked my own mother how much gas it was somewhere around one dollar—and that was still considered expensive. Something that you could do to help our environment is to switch out of your gas-consuming monster into something a bit safer like a hybrid car (a Toyota Prius, for example) or one of the newer "smart cars." These safer options use less gasoline and can also be powered by electricity. No one can deny that we haven’t heard this before, and I believe that a majority of people in the U.S. would like to help fix the world and become eco-responsible (minus big business and parts of the government). I just don’t understand why we haven’t accessed our natural resources when they are ripe for the picking. We can use the sun and the wind and even our water to help power and shape our society into something better. Many people argue over the actual possibility of global warming, but instead of arguing about its existence, why not take preventative measures so that arguments can’t even be made? I know that if you can’t make money off of it, then the powers that be would turn a deaf ear to it. It’s the reason why fossil fuels are still in mass consumption is because of the articulate greed that encompasses the mind of big business.
Odom wins Sixth Man of Year award

According the ESPN, Lakers forward Lamar Odom was named Sixth Man of the Year on Tuesday. The award is always an interesting one to follow, as top reserves are a necessity for any team with championship aspirations. This year, the candidates were an interesting group. The Celtics' Glen Davis was a popular choice most of the season. Davis averaged 11.7 points and 5.4 rebounds for Boston as their Sixth Man of the Year on Tuesday. The award is always an interesting one to follow, as top reserves are a necessity for any team with championship aspirations. This year, the candidates were an interesting group. The Celtics' Glen Davis was a popular choice most of the season. Davis averaged 11.7 points and 5.4 rebounds for Boston.

NHL signs new TV contract

Hockey fans will be able to still watch games on NBC and Versus, at least for another 10 years, according to the NHL. The NHL and NBC Sports Group said the new deal, reportedly worth $2 billion, will run through the 2020-21 season. This should come as good news for hockey fans, as NBC and Versus have been broadcasting games for the past six years. Starting next year, all NHL playoff games will air on one of NBC Sports Group's channels. NBC will also show up to five games of the Stanley Cup finals, with Versus airing Games 3 and 4. Versus will show more regular season games throughout the year as part of the deal, including the All-Star game and the outdoor games played in Canada. Overall, Versus will increase its number of regular season telecasts from 50 to 90. The NBC Sports Group will televise 101 regular-season games per season starting next year.

Geoffrey Mutai's record won't count

Geoffrey Mutai ran the fastest Boston Marathon ever on Monday, finishing the 26.2 mile road race in an unbelievable 2:03:02. However, Mutai's unbelievable time will not be counted as a world record. This is because the Boston Marathon is run downhill, unfortunately making it ineligible for world records. The USA Track and Field only allows courses that meet their criteria about elevation changes as record-eligible. This criteria states that the courses must drop less than one meter per kilometer to fit their standard. Although Mutai still will hold the course record, the world record for a 26.2 mile race will still belong to Haile Gebrselassie, who ran a time of 2:03:59 in Berlin in 2008.

Men's baseball

Men's baseball
April 20 vs. Lasell (double), 3-30, 6 p.m.
April 21 vs. Endicott, 6 p.m.
April 23 vs. Albertus Magnus (double), 12, 3 p.m.
April 25 vs. Brandeis, 3-30 p.m.

Men's tennis

Men's tennis
April 21 at Babson, 3-30 p.m.
April 18 vs. Johnson & Wales (RI), 1 p.m.

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Women's softball

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Company provides unique athletic wear

Alex Hall
Journal Staff

Let's be honest: Being environmentally friendly isn't a common trend in the clothing industry today. Manufacturers are really out to make as much money as possible. With that said, a relatively new company called GoodGear has not only gone out of their way to be green, but they actually provide a line of athletic wear that feels the same or better than the most popular synthetic material.

Saying the environment and the clothing industry might not go hand in hand, but GoodGear is breaking away from the norm of their industry. This Massachusetts-based company has developed a way in which to use bamboo to create their line of athletic wear, contributing to the betterment of the environment.

After working with many Fortune 500 companies over her career in public relations, new GoodGear owner Torin Lee says the company appealed to her for obvious reasons.

"There is no need [to put a] spin on our products and their purpose, the features are beneficial to the consumer and the natural part of the fiber and how it's produced is beneficial for the planet," she explained. "Just like making a sausage, you don't want to know how synthetics are made, which is far away from being eco-friendly."

The entrepreneur emphasized the fact that, despite her company providing an organic product to consumers, GoodGear is striving to keep prices at the same level as their less environmentally conscious competitors. Part of the reason for this could be due to the relative ease of obtaining the bamboo to create the clothing, as bamboo is a highly sustainable resource.

Lee believes that what separates her bamboo-based product from the competition is the clothing itself, but their goal is much more important than simply making something different than the competition.

"The fiber's texture is similar to silk and most synthetics and being a natural fiber, it's hypo-allergenic," she said. "The environmental benefits of bamboo are just as important as the style and comfort."

Lee also emphasized the fact that GoodGear clothing does not retain odors whatsoever due to its anti-microbial capability.

The rising question many would presumably ask regarding the benefits of bamboo-based apparel is simple: Why isn't everyone using bamboo if it provides the same comfort and helps the environment? "The world is filled with those who follow the premise of, 'If it [isn't] broke, don't fix it,'" she explained. "Large apparel companies move like, forgive the expression, an oil tanker filled to the brim; it takes miles and miles [to change] course."

With her company's unique line of athletic wear, GoodGear has been recognized by green organizations such as 1% For the Planet while also taking part in the Green Festival in San Francisco just a few weeks ago. They will also be participating in the Timlin Race in Hopkinton, MA, coming up in June. GoodGear is not going to stand pat with their current line of clothing. According to Lee, in the upcoming months the company will be expanding their apparel line beyond just tanks, shorts and tops by adding hooded sweatshirts, pants, long sleeve shirts, yoga and dance wear to their line of bamboo-based products.

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Tennis team continues impressive season

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Are any teams going to defeat the unbeatable Suffolk University men’s tennis team? As of right now, it sure doesn’t seem like anyone stands a chance.

The Rams have rolled by clubs this season, as they are currently 9-0 and stand comfortably at the top of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. Norwich has the second-best record in the GNAC, and they are only 4-4.

Suffolk has been crushing all squads they have played this season, but it’s nothing new. Last year, they finished with a perfect 11-0 record and won their second consecutive GNAC championship. It is obvious that the Rams are trying to prove they can create a dynasty.

Suffolk has received contributions this season from every player on the team. The team is an incredible 39-3 overall in singles play this year, and an equally amazing 20-1 overall in doubles.

Six players on the club are undefeated in singles play this year, starting with senior Justin Ayoub, who is 7-0. Hubert Cromback, John Samander, and Harlan Strader are all 6-0, while Chris Staley is 5-0.

Freshman Albert Buruga is 2-0, with Vassili Strovanov is 1-8. Dachuan Zhu and Sean Cullen have both been impressive this year too, as Zhu is 3-1 and Cullen is 3-2 in singles play this year.

The doubles play has also been outstanding for the Rams this season. Cromback and Samander are a perfect 6-0, while Cullen and Staley, as well as Buruga and Strader, are 5-0.

The team of Daniel Kelly and Thay Thao are 2-0 this season, and Kelly is also 1-0 when teamed with Strovanov. Ayoub and Zhu are 1-1 as a pair this season.

In recent matches, Suffolk defeated Curry, 7-2, this past Monday, and all the players contributed in the victory. The Rams opened the match with a sweep in the doubles play, as Samander and Staley won their match, 8-2, at the No. 1 spot. Buruga and Zhu won their match 9-8 (8-6) at the No. 2 spot and Ayoub and Strovanov got a victory in their match 8-2 at the No. 3 spot.

Softball team struggles during tough stretch

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The Suffolk University women’s softball team had a rough week, losing doubleheaders to Emerson and St. Joseph’s (Me.). The team is currently in the middle of a 10-game losing streak, and sits in the second to last spot in the GNAC conference.

In the doubleheader against first place Emerson on Friday, the Rams managed just five combined hits in both games while being outscored, 20-0. The next day, the team managed to plate some runs in their games against St. Joseph’s (Me.), but still both contests, 9-1 and 7-4.

The Rams offense has been virtually nonexistent during their 10-game skid, as they have been outscored during the streak, 76-18. During the streak, the Rams have played eight games against GNAC opponents, and they have seen their conference record go from 1-3 to 1-11.

The team actually managed to win their first GNAC game of the year back on March 26 against Lasell, but it has all been downhill since then. In 12 GNAC games, the team has been outscored by 59 runs, which is second worst in the conference behind 0-16 Albertus Magnus (who have been outscored by 299 runs).

The team has seen key contributions from several players. Sophomore Lindsay Rogers, who is in her first season playing softball, has started every game this season and leads the team with a .436 batting average. She also leads the team in hits with 34, and total bases with 51.

Juniors Cali Loura and Karina Bolster have also been bright spots for the Lady Rams this season. The two are second and third, respectively, on the team in batting average. Loura also has been stealing bases for the Rams, and leads the team with 13 steals in 14 attempts.

Freshman Samantha McGilvray leads the pitching staff in strikeouts, and has a 3.78 earned run average as well. McGilvray will be the ace of the staff for the next couple of seasons and will be counted on to get wins for the Rams.

Senior infielder Monica Crofts and outfielder Clara Conklin are the only two graduating seniors. That means a large portion of the team’s core will be back next year.

If players like Rogers, Bolster and Loura continue their contributions at plate, the team should continue to see improvement and eventually be in contention for a GNAC title.
The baseball season is in full swing, and the Suffolk men’s team is heading into the most important stretch of the season, one in which every game is vital to whether or not a post-season berth is in the cards.

For senior Andrew Babb, getting to the postseason is a necessity. The Ashland, MA, native is taking every game seriously and is looking to lead his team into a post-season run that could have people talking about Suffolk University baseball. Boasting a 15-13 overall record (7-3 in conference play), the Rams have only 10 games left before the end of the season. In the next 10 games they play, seven of them are against conference opponents, making this the most important stretch of the year.

Babb has taken his job seriously since he first stepped foot on a baseball diamond at Suffolk.

“I think my role this year is to be an everyday player. Whether it be in the outfield or on the mound, but also to compete for every pitch and battle for every out,” said Babb.

Babb knows that when it's time for the next few seasons, there is no reason to think they will not be successful. "Expectations this year are just the same as every year, to make it to the post season," said Babb. "Expectations are still in play because we know we have the talent and depth to make it there but we have to play our best baseball down the stretch here.”

Babb wholeheartedly believes in what it takes to be a team and the work involved to create chemistry that reflects on and off the field. Setting goals is a big part of any sport and Babb says bringing that fire to his team is one of the variables needed for a deep postseason run.

"Baseball is such a team sport, and to be honest, I can't remember being [on] a team as close as we are this year," he said. "My goal for the season would be to help the other seniors and captains get to the regional’s and make a run at winning that, giving our seniors something great to go out on and also letting the younger guys know how great it is to be there and to keep working hard, because there is no feeling like being of the last teams playing."

Getting to regional’s isn’t an easy task, but Babb believes that Head Coach Cary McConnell and the rest of his coaching staff has done an excellent job in preparing these young men for what a grueling season is like. "You know the coaching staff does a great job with us in the office," said Babb.

"We have a great fall ball schedule and lifting program. They give us the opportunity to grow as players and get bigger, faster, and stronger. A lot of the work is done when they aren’t looking, but at the same time is shows they have the confidence in us that we will get the work done to be successful.”

Babb believes in his team and that they can make a run in the postseason, but for now, it’s time to dig in the bat’s box down the stretch for gain entry into the playoffs.

With every inning, he plays, with every pitch he throws, and every hack he takes at the plate, Andrew Babb knows that when it’s all said and done, he worked hard and gave it all not for himself, but for his team.

Babb serves mentor role for talented Rams

Senior having impressive season for baseball team

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While the Suffolk University women's volleyball team is preparing for their season this upcoming fall, they will now be under the direction of a new head coach. The Suffolk Athletics Department announced last week that Noel Moran will be the new head volleyball coach for the 2011 campaign.

Moran will step in for Heather Cox, who served as both an assistant and head coach since 2007 and will now pursue her law degree at Suffolk University.

Moran has plenty of experience and qualifications for the head coaching position. She has spent the past two seasons as an assistant coach and helped the team improve in wins each season with the team.

Moran graduated from Suffolk in 2008 with a Bachelor’s of Science in Communications/Public Relations. She had a very successful collegiate career at Suffolk, during which she was a four-year starter as an outside hitter. During her senior year, she was the team captain and was named to the Great Northeast Athletic All-Conference All-Star team.

Before attending Suffolk, Moran was an outstanding player at New Bedford High School. She received an All-Scholastic High School Career Honors award, and was also a participant on two gold medal-winning teams (2002, 2003) in the Bay State Games as well as a Silver Medal winning team in 2001.

Moran's impressive resume also consists of her holding the New Bedford school record for most digs. She also competed in the Junior Olympics for eight years and travelled overseas to play in New Zealand and Australia in 2002.

The Suffolk women's volleyball squad finished with a 13-19 overall record in 2010. Hopefully, with the help of Moran, the volleyball team will be able to improve upon this record and turn the program around. Looking at her track record, and what she has at her disposal for the next few seasons, there is no reason to think she isn't capable of the task.