Twenty administrators cut as Suffolk attempts to reorganize

Derek Anderson
Journal Staff

Suffolk cut 20 administrative staff members through the elimination of 35 positions in attempts to reorganize the University, on Friday.

“These are challenging times for our nation and American higher education,” wrote Acting President and Provost Barry Brown in a letter. “Many students are struggling to find the resources required to pursue their courses of study. As a university, we must think carefully about the way we operate so as to ease the financial burden on our students and their families, even as we fulfill and advance our core mission of excellence in education.”

“A total of 35 positions were eliminated in the reorganization,” said Suffolk University spokesman Greg Gatlin. “Of those, 15 people were reassigned and our workforce was reduced by 20 people.”

The total number of full-time equivalents was 1,140 before the cuts at the University, according to Gatlin. While an exact cost in savings from the cuts is not known, it could be at least seven figures, he said.

“Over the past year, the University has undertaken an extensive review of its administrative and organizational structure following more than a decade of tremendous growth,” Brown continued in his letter. “The purpose of this effort is to take a hard look at an institution that has expanded in extraordinary ways and at times in separate parts so that we might become more effective and modernize in areas consistent with our growth.”

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Allston takes the streets

Soleil Barros
Journal Staff

The 10 trips will take place the week of March 12, 2012. Locations include Texas, Mississippi, Virginia, Colorado, and Georgia. Groups of students visit these sites and work with local Habitat for Humanity chapters to help build houses.

Students will also have the option to go on an environmentally-focused trip, or a trip to Detroit to help out with LGBTQ issues.

All trip costs are $100, which includes airfare, transportation to and from the sites, all food, and lodging for the week. Applicants will sign up for an individual interview time upon returning applications, which are due to S.O.U.L.S. (Donahue second floor) next Wednesday.

Government classes participate in broadcast

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Journal Staff

Early Monday morning, Professor Brad Bannon’s Government 110 (Introduction to American Democracy) classes were provided the opportunity to attend and serve as an audience to a broadcasting of “The Jeff Santos Show” live from Suffolk University.

With the show normally broadcasting weekday mornings from 7 to 10 a.m., these students were allowed access to the legislature and share their own thoughts and opinions on the topics. After speaking with students following the broadcast, Bannon was pleased to learn that his students enjoyed spending the class period asking questions and seeing state legislators respond live to their questions.

“The students tend to see the state senators and political figures on a cloud some
POLICE BLOTTER

Wednesday, September 21
3:56 p.m.
10 West

Thursday, September 22
11:38 a.m.
150 Tremont

10:10 p.m.
150 Tremont

Friday September 23
1:55 p.m.
73 Tremont Street
Medical Assist at 73 Tremont. Report filed. Case closed.

Sunday September 25
7:29 p.m.
10 West
Smoke alarm at 10 West. Report filed.

3:28 a.m.
150 Tremont
Vandalism report at 150 Tremont. Report filed, case closed.

1:14 a.m.
10 West

Monday, September 26
8:03 a.m.
Sawyer Building

5:34 p.m.
10 West
Dispute over a cab fare. Report filed, Case closed.

Michelle Lim
Journal Contributor

Over a century ago, at the corner of Ashburton Place and Bowdoin Street, George Coleman had a vision to open lectures in Ford Hall to the public. The advent of the Internet and television was yet to be discovered and the only way the public would ingest information was by attending the lectures.

Although times have changed, Coleman’s legacy still stands today. 103 years later, the Ford Hall Forum runs as a non-profit organization that continues to host free public lectures. Since forming a partnership with Suffolk University, the Ford Hall Forum has returned fairly close to its original location.

Today, the process of having a Ford Hall Forum event begins with the board brainstorming and settling on topics and speakers. More than just lectures, the concept of Ford Hall is to provoke audience reaction and interaction through discussions. Indeed, half of the forum is dedicated to the audience ranging from topics like biology to sociology and even politics. There is plenty of room for debate.

Speakers come to the Forum by their own volition. Operating as a non-profit organization that does not pay its speakers, it has managed to garner an impressive track record of big names including Maya Angelou, former Rhode Island Mayor Buddy Cianci and actress Ashley Judd.

Discussing the issues of the day, the Ford Hall Forum has attracted a large crowd with venues fraught with anywhere from one to three hundred people a lecture—some of them being people from the Suffolk community.

Executive Director of Ford Hall Forum at Suffolk University, Jennifer Bonardi, recalls an instance when a delayed flight impeded a lecturer from presenting about fair trade resulting with Suffolk professor Dr. Tuerck, chair of the economics department, not only taking his place but also his 30 students to the forum.

The “energy and enthusiasm,” Bonardi mentioned of the students is exactly what Ford Hall Forum needs, whether registering in advance online or showing up spontaneously. Forums are usually held at the C. Walsh Theatre, Suffolk Law School, or the Modern Theatre on Thursday evenings.

There are two sessions—fall and spring—with six to seven lectures per semester. For more information, check fordhallforum.org for schedules and posts. Even voice your thoughts online in the comments section. Lecture forums are available for download on iTunes.

Thursday, Sept. 29
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
From the Government and Here to Help
Dr. Yaron Brook and Dr. David Callahan with Dominick Ianno

Thurs. Oct. 13
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
The New Boston Miracle
Carmen Ortiz, David M. Kennedy and Rev. Dr. Emmett Price with Donald Tye

Thurs. Oct. 27
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
The Life of a Leader
Gilad Sharon with Wendy Ballinger

Free lectures open to University and public
Academic scholar presents privacy in the digital age

Melissa Hanson
Journal Contributor

Last Wednesday evening in the C. Walsh Theatre, featured academic scholar and George Washington University law professor Jeffrey Rosen presented "Privacy in the Digital Age."

Greg Freed, chair of the Philosophy Department, introduced Rosen, informing an audience of students and faculty of his numerous accomplishments. Now an expert on constitutional law, Rosen has B.A. degrees from Harvard and Oxford, along with a law degree from Yale University. Alongside his educational achievements, Rosen has published four books and writes occasional columns for the New York Times, New York Republic, and the Washington Post.

"He writes in a lucid, compelling way," said Freed upon introducing Rosen.

Rosen spoke that way in his forty-five minute speech, never stopping to look at notes or take a break. He mainly touched on court cases involving privacy in today's era, or more so, the lack of it.

For a large segment of his lecture, Rosen discussed privacy in relation to the Internet. Facebook has had major updates in the past few months, including its new facial tagging. When a member uploads photos to an album, Facebook can tag the profiles of the user's friends through new facial recognition technology. Although this seems helpful to the tech savvy Facebook user, Rosen believes it will only cause harm to privacy in the future. Now Facebook only tags friends, but one day, according to Rosen, you will be able to upload any random picture to Google, and because of this technology, find the name and information of the people in the photo.

Facebook and Google are even recognized to violate our privacy with the use of live cameras. Rosen explained the websites plan to have cameras placed in spots including beaches of Mexico and streets of Europe to send a live feed to Facebook and Google that can be accessed by everyone. "It is the route of constitution evil," said Rosen.

He also touched on other cases of privacy violation, including a case to be held in November: United States vs. Jones. The police had an ongoing investigation concerning drug use with a suspect, and attached a GPS to the man's car. Although they were correct in the assumption of his drug use, they did not have a valid warrant to attach the GPS to the suspect's car, and because of privacy violation, the case was put to a halt.

"Predictions are dangerous in this business," said Rosen, explaining that the suspect could appeal the charges against him due to the Police's physical contact to his car without the proper warrant.

Another case Rosen referred to was that of Stacy Snider, who was fired from her teaching job because of a provocative photo on MySpace. Although her page was not connected to those of her students, Snider lost her job and was forced to change careers. Rosen questioned, whether or not that was a violation of woman's rights.

While discussing privacy in the above cases, Rosen also made a point to directly relate them to cases of the past like the Roe vs. Wade abortion trial and the Soviet Union's history with tapping phone lines.

"Does this violate our rights?" asked Rosen, then answering, "in Europe it would," as he began to explain possible solutions to protection of our privacy. In France the new international commission evaluates privacy in relation to the Internet, or more so, the lack of it.

Suffolk.

Collin Lezloff
Journal Contributor

This fall, various organizations across Suffolk University are joining together to bring students the Social Justice Series, a three-part event dedicated to educating today's youth on such matters of equity and education, and the surrounding issues.

Craig Cullinane, associate director of Diversity Services, explained his role to be a supplemental education experience.

"As Diversity Services is a pillar of Student Affairs, part of our duty is to focus on social justice and education," he said.

This is a timely topic that affects all students living in the United States, and the entire Suffolk community is encouraged to attend, as well as the general public outside of Suffolk, its quality and its accessibility. Factors such as race, social class, and nationality were all discussed in this context.

Students and faculty can still attend the next two parts of the series. The second event will be a showing of Waiting for Superman, a documentary by filmmaker Davis Guggenheim. The story of five American families and their struggles to enroll their children in preschool challenges America's declaration of "no child left behind," while calling for change within our education system. The showing will be on Thursday, October 20 at the Modern Theatre.

The third part to this Social Justice Series will be a special lecture conducted by Dr. Ronald Ferguson of Harvard University. Ferguson is a senior lecturer in education and public policy, and he will be discussing topics from his book, Toward Excellence with Equity: An Emerging Vision for Closing the Achievement Gap. Ferguson will be at Suffolk University on Wednesday, November 16th, at the C. Walsh Theater.

Student Affairs, the Center for Teaching Excellence, the Department of Residence Life and Housing, the Office of Academic Access and Opportunity, the Office of Student Affairs, S.O.U.L.S., the Office of CAS Dean Kenneth Greenberg, and the Office of Vice President of Academic Affairs Janice Griffith, this series of important events aims to include the entire university. For more information regarding any part of this series, contact Diversity Services.

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Government department co-sponsors conference
Day-long peace and justice event brings speakers and workshops to Suffolk

Angela Bray
Journal Staff

Along with United for Justice with Peace, Suffolk University's Government Department is co-sponsoring "Peace and Justice: Ending the Endless War and Occupations" this Saturday in the Donahue building. The day-long event on the peace movement is intended to reflect the past decade.

"[John Berg] and I have talked about a number of issues together and thought it would be a good idea to bring a conference to Suffolk for students and staff," said Cole Harrison, communication director of Massachusetts Peace Actions. "This is a good time to reflect the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and of our group, United for Justice with Peace. We've never really done a conference like this before, and people will be traveling in from all parts of New England."

"Students can dig a lot deeper into why we have these wars and what's going on in these countries." "This is a conference, not just a series of speakers," said John Berg, a Government Department professor. Berg said attendees will be broken up into seven workshops on different topics related to the speaker sessions. "They will be good [to expand on] international issues with different points of view."

Keynote speaker Noam Chomsky will cover 2011 from Egypt to Libya: "Triumph and Turmoil I the Arab World." Guest speakers include Kathy Kelly of Voices for Creative Nonviolence, former US Attorney Colonel Ann Wright, Will Hopkins of New Hampshire Peace Action, IVAW and VIP, and Michael McPhearson, national coordinator of United for Peace and Justice.

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These workshops will be take place in classrooms from 12 to 1 p.m., between the morning and afternoon portions of the conference. Eric Fields of Fund Our Communities/Cut Military Spending 25 percent campaign and Paul Shannon of the Majority Agenda Project and Fund Our Communities Not War will present "Bringing the Troops Home." Hopkins will discuss youth and the crisis, Max Elbaum of the War Times will conduct "The Long War: working for peace against an empire in decline." McPhearson and Enid Eckstein (1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East) take on building peace with labor and peace movement cooperation, and Guntram Mueller (Mass. Peace Action and UJP Nuclear Abolition Task Force) and Junko Kayashige (Hiroshima A-Bomb survivor and artist) will educate on the intertwined dangers of nuclear weapons and nuclear power.

"Students can dig a lot deeper into why we have these wars and what's going on in these countries," said Harrison. "Plus the political impacts on the U.S. and their consequences."

Harrison specifically believes Hopkins' discussion workshop on the crisis and youth today will be useful to students.

The event is free for Suffolk University students and staff with Suffolk ID, and is open to the public for $15.

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Students see politicians at work, first hand

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where. By giving them the opportunity to see politicians face to face, the students have the chance to see that they are just regular people representing them in legislature," said Bannon.

Bannon tries to find different ways to get involved students in the world of politics and enjoy engaging them in the class by discussing current events throughout the semester.

The students involved in the class also participate in a number of activities and volunteer work, which is a requirement for the course. The majority of the students enrolled in the Government 110 class volunteer their time and service to No One Leaves Home, a project developed by the S.O.U.L.S. office, which allows students to be involved with helping families keep their homes after being foreclosed by banks. Students are also involved in other volunteer work with the mayor of Everett and the Man-Mash School District. After the students complete their volunteer service requirement, they are expected to write a short paper detailing what was learned from their volunteer experience.

"The more opportunities the students have to get involved and engaged is a better learning experience than me standing around and lecturing all the time," said Bannon. "We have several communication majors in the class and they enjoyed being a part of the live radio broadcast. There really was something for everyone."

The special edition episode of "The Santos Show" was encouraged as an opportunity to involve Suffolk University after learning news of a college tour that the radio station was partaking in.

For example, once someone turns 65 and gets Medicare or Medicaid, they would no longer have need for their health savings account.

"One of the great problems with healthcare in this country—and ObamaCare worsens this—is the third party payer," he said. "Once you know you're insured, you have every incentive to overuse the system. Health savings accounts are much more like the insurance you get on your car than these plans like ObamaCare."

The Romney campaign refuted the report in a Boston Herald article, saying that in the ten years prior to the law premiums increased an average of 6.7 percent per year, as opposed to a 5.8 percent increase per year from 2006 to 2009.

Paul Bachman, Research Director at the Beacon Hill Institute, told the Herald that the Romney campaign used simple averages, while their report used complex trending calculations.

The Romney campaign could not be reached for this article.

Internet privacy awareness

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rope has laws that restrict taking pictures of random people, where in the United States, there is no law stopping such acts. Rosen compared the differences in privacy: "what used to be whispered in closets is now shouted from rooftops."

Other technological solutions he considered included an advanced technology entitled "tiger text," which allows a person to decide if this text should be allowed to live in cyber space for one day, one month, or forever. If such a program existed on the Internet, Rosen believes it would stop users from posting, "truthful, but embarrassing information."

Rosen's presented the information to make Internet users think. "At first when I saw the [Facebook] profile recognition, I thought, 'cool, it noticed my best friend,'" said freshman Rachel-Lyn Longo. "But now I'm scared. I would have never thought twice about it had [Rosen] not discussed it."
Iran hostages share experiences

Sarah Shroud, Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer claim to have been mistreated while held hostage by the Iranian government.

By: Sam Cheney
Journal Contributor

After 781 days in an Iranian prison on espionage charges, two U.S. hikers were released last Wednesday and are now on American soil, expressing the hardships they faced.

Shane Bauer and Joshua Fattal along with Sarah Shourd, who was released last September due to medical reasons, were hiking in the foothills between Iraq, Kurdistan and Iran in the summer of 2009. They were charged with espionage and illegal entry. They were sentenced to 8 years in prison.

They described themselves as "hostages" because of Iran's continuing struggle with the west. Bauer told the press, "Sarah, Josh and I have experienced a taste of the Iranian regime's brutality. We have been held in almost total isolation from the world and everything we love, stripped of our rights and freedom."

Both men had also received different forms of brutality while in prison and talked about how hard the guards were on other prisoners. "Many times - too many times - we heard the screams of other prisoners being beaten, and there was nothing we could do to help them."

Fattal doesn't forget to mention something about the Iranian authorities. "They do not deserve undue credit for ending what they had no right and no justification to start in the first place."

Bauer comments that whenever they would complain to their captors about their unjust treatment, they would mention the treatment of terrorists held in Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

"The comments made by the two are contrary to reality. We had foreseen them saying so, and regardless of when we released them they would have said such things against Iran."

"It was clear to us from the very beginning that we were hostages. This is the most accurate term because, despite certain knowledge of our innocence, the Iranian government has always tied our case to its political disputes with the U.S." said Bauer. "We do not believe that such human rights violations on the part of our government justify what has been done to us. Not for a moment. However, we do believe that these actions on the part of the U.S. provide an excuse for other governments, including the government of Iran, to act in kind."

The two free hikers were flown to Oman after the Omani government had posted their bail because they share diplomatic relations with both the U.S. and Iran. Fattal and Bauer told the Sultan Qaboos bin Said how thankful they were. Laura Fattal and Cindy Hicky, the two men's mothers, believe that the men were just being used as "political pawns" but are just happy with their sons being home, "We couldn't wait for them to get to us ... I couldn't have asked for anything better."

One way that they have experienced their freedoms since returning home, Shourd, Fattal and Bauer have gotten engaged. The date isn't set yet, but the couple couldn't be happier.
NTC moves closer to victory

By Michael Falzarano
Journal Contributor

The National Transitional Council's (NTC) spokesperson Ahmed Bani stated Monday that former dictator Gadhafi’s whereabouts are still unknown, he continues saying even though Gadhafi still has the ability to dispatch sharpshooters and long range missiles, he is now part of the past. NTC now holds the small sea port of Brega, and blue marker on the wall reads “Gadhafi is gone and the place has been checked.”

This sighted the end of the rebellion as oil production restarted nationwide. Libya has produced about 2% of global oil consumption, and it is prized for being the easiest oil to refine. The country as a whole began their first day taking in about $176 million for oil.

Gadhafi’s headquarters are deserted, and all of his depots are derelict. Remnants in the town of Bani Walid are completely surrounded and under siege. Remnants of the Gadhafi regime have said to be resorting to stealing and shooting. The NTC says it is surprised that Gadhafi did not have the oil wells burned during his escape, as was done by Iraq’s former dictator Saddam Hussein.

In Egypt, the technological revolution overthrew Hosni Mubarak peacefully, unfortunately there was much more bloodshed in Libya, as a corrupt tyrant tried desperately to remain in control of his country, as his grip tightened, more and more power slipped through his fingers. The Libyan rebellion is over, and control has returned to the people’s hands.
world BRIEFS

Europe

SERBIA/KOSOVO - Tensions erupted near the Serbia-Kosovo border yesterday as ethnic Serbs attacked Kosovo border patrols with pipe bombs. According to BBC World News four soldiers were hurt by the attack and troops replied with tear gas and rubber bullets, a NATO spokesman said. However, nearby hospitals who took in the Serbs announced that they had been shot with live ammunition. Feelings in the area have been tense over the past couple of weeks as Kosovo has been making moves to take control of its borders. Ethnic Serb members had guarded the post prior to the attacks yet the Kosovo government has chosen to replace them with Kosovan Serbs. The Serbian/Kosovo border has been a hotspot for debate for decades and the recent attacks don't fare well for the peace efforts.

Asia

Katmandu, NEPAL - A plane carrying 19 people crashed en route to Mt. Everest on Sunday. According to the Huffington Post all passengers were killed as the aircraft belonging to Buddha Air lost control and fell near the village of Bisanku-nayian. Among the victims were thirteen tourists, including a part of the Nepalese crew. Heavy fog was reported over the area, a likely cause for the crash. Eye witnesses claimed to see the plane fall from the sky and hit the roof of a house, causing it to fall apart. The Beechcraft 1900D aircraft was on a return flight from its usual hour long trip around the famed mountain. While the government issued an investigation, no foul play is suspected. The bodies were flown by Tribhuwan University Teaching Hospital. Flights to Mt. Everest are a very common tourist attraction for anyone visiting Nepal, yet crashes of this magnitude are rare.

South America

Jose De Freitas, BRAZIL - 100 beach goers were treated to a not so pleasant surprise last weekend as a swarm of piranhas invaded the local beach. According to Reuters the hospital in Jose De Freitas, a small town near Piaui's state capital of Teresina in Northeast Brazil admitted close to 100 victims to the piranha's painful bite. Injuries didn't extend past a couple of nibles in the toes and heels, yet Brazilian officials are worried that the spread of piranhas to public beaches could have negative effects. Piranhas have no natural predators, making their population growth a worry for nearby areas. While a small school of tilapias was released near the beach to quell the feisty predator's hunger, fears remain concerning the increasing number of attacks on humans.

Suffolk abroad:
Guten tag from Austria

Ryan C. Powell
Journal Contributor

However many people attempt telling you that study abroad programs are either daunting or not worth it, they have definitely conveyed the wrong message. Yes, over the past week I have ran into any number of issues and various culture shocks, but there is more than enough to make you never want to leave after little perseverance. Perhaps arriving at 12 a.m. on a Tuesday morning when it is 4 a.m. in the States without the previous night's sleep is a bit rough initially, but getting right into a day to day schedule is the easiest remedy to the notorious "jet-lag."

Upon arrival, my professor for the program felt it inappropriate to speak any English at all. This provided a mild disconnect after only a few semesters and naturally, a summer in Boston of no German speaking at all. Nonetheless, after a week of difficult acclimation, my German has improved exponentially and I would recommend nothing other than full immersion from the start.

On the second night out, a few unordinary events occurred that may pose interest for those of you interested in the political climate abroad. While conversing with my program mates around 11 p.m. we hear da bunch of people yelling a couple blocks up the street. Once we had cached our breath from running up so quickly, we are stunned at how real the situation is. The road was blocked off by a line of fire and a raid of Syrian protest enthusiasts were holding up flags in front of anxious cars for over twenty minutes. No longer than when the irritated 18 wheeler decided he had enough do they all ran off yelling to bring down Bashar al-Assad and his oppressive regime. The activists on this side of the Atlantic have some very adamant opinions on the matter and are making a statement throughout all of Vienna.

Other than the political climate, Vienna has provided some of the most interesting sites and extravagant monuments I have ever come across. Whether a hike to a vineyard in the hills overlooking the city or a Hapsburg palace with quaint stands in front serving local delicacies such as Wiener (Viennese) Schnitzel, they are all charming and tantalizing alike.

It is difficult to realize that it takes more than a few adjectives to convey the beauty of Vienna and especially the advantages to studying abroad. All I can do is recommend taking the semester out of your busy schedule to take a few classes and experience something which almost 98% of American college students avoid.

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Weekly Crossword

Across
1. "A Whole New World" theme
4. Country of Hellenikon International Airport
6. Air, Pro, for example
9. Revisited Highway 61 in 1960s album
10. Director of the CIA from 1976-1981
13. Tremont St. stage and studios
17. Pizza with garlic bread-like crust
18. #FF
21. Nearby luxury residency
24. Girl group with Florence Ballard
25. Target of 1944 failed "bombs plot"
26. ASF
29. Country where vehicles use the international registration letter C
30. DM
32. News network founded in 1980
33. Loadable card used on campus and in the area
34. Instant news
35. Monthly apartment payment
39. This week in Boston
40. Aka Truman Streitchus persons
42. Most likely false information
45. One city over
46. On air
48. Handy
49. "A View to Kill" theme song singer

Down
2. Touristy land/sea experience
3. "Stagecoach" director
5. Motivated
7. C in OPIC
8. This weekend's student attraction
12. June Sunday, Father's Day
13. Funny
14. Welsh singer invited to sing at White House on Millennium Eve
16. "The Street Where You Live" musical
17. "Witch City"
22. Country-wide
24. Autumn activity
25. Probably better than tricks
26. Our main public transit
27. Worldwide
28. Keeps dorm floor in line
31. Not mainstream
36. Chicken, not fried
37. Chinese year following year of sheep
38. Most likely
41. Rid of a class
43. Convenient noodles
44. Chick nail polish shade
47. Music and fashion
The Spirit of a Community

Cody F. Pepin
Journal Staff

A vast array of college students, families, musicians, and artists collided at the 5th annual Allston Village Street Fair on Sunday. Every year around this time, a section of Harvard Avenue is blocked off and about 100,000 neighbors converge for a day of free entertainment and services. People of all ages, cultures, and beliefs are encouraged to take part in the fair.

The festival boasted two stages for musical acts. Musical performances spanned many genres and acts. Musical performances included Planetkids, Build-a-Machine, and Wayside. Countless booths lined the street and displayed everything from handmade beaded jewelry and original t-shirts to information about the health benefits of owning household plants.

Many attendees chose to leave their personal mark on Harvard Ave. Each year, the Parents and Community Build Group hosts a program called “Chalk One Up with Sidewalk Sam.” Thousands of boxes were outlined with white chalk in a section of the street. Sidewalk Sam sat nearby in his wheelchair and provided everyone with the opportunity to decorate the empty boxes however they would like.

“This is such a display of community spirit,” he said. “I feel it is one of the most important festivals in the city.”

Sam thinks that everyone is an artist, dancer, poet, and musician. People just need the opportunity to bring out that part of themselves.

“Notice the feel of the festival,” he said, “open, inclusive — a real sense of beauty. Look around this time, it shows what’s in everyone’s soul. It’s so important to the community.”

The fair had diverse entertainment like a Spiderman moonwalk, a puppet show, and a performance in front of the Spanish Motion booth that attempted to teach young children the Spanish language through song and dance.

“Attendees at the fair also may have noticed a large pile of snow on one of the side streets just off Harvard Ave. The frozen pile stood in front of the Bean Snowboards booth, a Brighton based snowboarding company. It was Liveproud’s first appearance at the fair. The company makes shirts from materials collected at landfills across the country. Most of the materials for the Allston Village shirts came from a landfill in Maine.

“Things like this grow over the years. How large the festival has become over the years. Things like this grow with momentum — word of mouth,” he said.

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“Instead of running a storefront, I’m here for one day, and I get business from it all year long. Everything from rock bands to softball teams and everything in between,” Tree explained. “Kids need to see this. Adults need to see it too and interact with the youth.”

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Many attendees chose to leave their personal mark on Harvard Ave. Each year, the Parents and Community Build Group hosts a program called “Allston Village Street Fair.” They were made from 100% recycled materials. Tree has lived in Allston for two-and-a-half years, but this festival has become a regular part of his life.

“Every neighborhood should have something like this,” said Tree. “It really brings people together.”

Tree believes it is very important to have activists working for causes and displaying petitions, as well as musicians and artists all cooperating. “It’s good to have the community within the community emerging and coming together, the parts people don’t always get to see,” Tree explained. “Kids need to see this. Adults need to see it too and interact with the youth.”

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Sweetree Ink is located at 22 Rugg Road in Allston and also hosts an art gallery. The fair has been invaluable to Tree’s business. Fair-goers almost always return the following year, and most bring more people with them.

Instead of running a storefront, I’m here for one day, and I get business from it all year long. Everything from rock bands to softball teams and everything in between,” Tree said with a laugh.

The multicultural festival ran from 12 to 6 p.m. and was produced by the Parents and Community Build Group and the Ringer Park Partnership Group.
Get Cultured, Students

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Last Thursday, the Museum of Fine Arts held a free College Night for students. The event welcomed students from all the colleges in Boston to give them a preview of the cultural resources close at hand. While they were prompted to attend by the free food and music, many students were found in the halls, studying the art, some experiencing the museum for the first time.

Food was provided by Chipotle and music pumped through the usually silent halls. Employees of the museum handed out glow sticks at the front of the building while hula hooping took place inside the large hall.

Jacqueline Pauley, a freshman at Emerson College, believes access to the museum gives students a cultural perspective.

"It's an awesome opportunity if you're not from the city," said Pauley. "You get access to the arts." Pauley is from Philadelphia and enjoys visits to her own city's art museum.

"I'll probably come visit here again," she said. "Tonight has definitely sparked my interest to come back." Pauley commented on the good PR the museum was receiving from the event, saying that students would definitely spread the word about what the MFA has to offer.

Sarah Appleby, a sophomore from Emmanuel College, agrees.

"This is giving the museum great publicity," Appleby said. "Students will come back again." And as well they should. Chartered in 1870, the museum's collections boast over 450,000 objects from all over the world, covering many time periods. They've recently added an Art of the Americas wing, which brought their gallery area up to a staggering 221,267 square feet; the American wing alone holds 53 galleries.

Photo by Gianna Carchia

Jon Geller, a freshman at Emerson College, likened the MFA to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

"Coming here definitely makes me more appreciative of art," she said. However, it's not only the art that draws crowds. A freshman from Wellesley College, Hannah Lindsqast, massArt, sophomore Yesenia Martinez said she didn't like museums until she went to the MFA.

"I think it's a really great place to get inspired," she said. "I come here to draw." Martinez loves the huge paintings in the Art of the Americas wing of the museum, and she's attended many times with her classes and on her own. She thought College Night would make the MFA seem more fun for students.

"There's a natural human curiosity about a connection with the past," Martinez said. "This is where you can find it."

Whether you want to see colonial American paintings, sculptures from Ancient Egypt, or art from faraway Asian countries, the MFA has something for everyone. Once you've entered, it's hard to leave. The seemingly endless halls lead you around the world and back again, through different times and countless cultures. College students in Boston have a priceless resource at their fingertips, and everyone should make at least one trip down Huntington to the Museum of Fine Arts. But you may find that, like many others, once you've experienced the MFA, it's impossible not to go back.

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ARTS EDITOR

Well, there goes the preseason. God dammit, David Stern. Why are you running the NBA? Anyways, it should be no surprise to anyone that when an athlete becomes famous, they have a better chance at launching an artistic career. We've seen Ray Allen act in Spike Lee's 1998 film He Got Game, and Ron Artest shake his hips on Dancing With the Stars, although he was the first to be voted off. Music correlates with culture, and as far as I'm concerned, basketball is one of the best parts of our culture. The NBA also has a lot of ties with hip-hop, whether it be Jay-Z talking about his basketball shoes or Kanye talking about how he can make it, since Magic made it. Nevertheless, here are my top 3 Basketball/Music moments.

1. Shaq Diesel - And the best NBA-rap moment is Shaq. Shaq is the best NBA rapper. He's had tracks produced by the EZA, released a few solid albums, and he also had the best freestyle moment of all time. Shaq, while in a feud with Kobe, got on stage at a party and started to freestyle. He then started to repeat a question, asking Kobe how his "ass tasty." Signed. Sealed. Delivered.

2. Unknown Artists 'Boin'廷ding' - This early hip-hop video from sometime in the late 80s showcases two random rappers rapping about Manute Bol, the 7-foot 6-inch center. How would one even hear about this hilarious video? Well, my buddy found a VHS one day entitled 'Fantastic Basketball Bloopers' which was filled with grainy, 'fantastic' bloopers. The song is as cheesy as cheesy gets. The dance moves are out-of-control, in the lamest sense. This song is really lame, but Manute Bol was so badass that it really didn't matter.

3. Ron Artest's 'Go Loco' - Such a trashy video but it's hilarious due to the amount of people they seemed to have gotten to basically party around with Metta World Peace himself. I mean, I wouldn't pass up the chance either. I wonder how much money they paid B-Real to recite the words "Insane in the Membrane."
Chatting with Ed Helms of "The Office"

The wait is over and the burning question about Michael Scott's replacement was finally answered last Thursday— it's Andy!

Yes, Ed Helms of Hangover fame is taking the helm (pun intended) of Dunder Miflin's Scranton branch. We knew coming into the season that James Spader would somehow become the new CEO, and it wasn’t much of a surprise that Helms, whose fame has exploded recently, would become the new regional manager.

The season premier definitively showed promise for the Office's new era without Steve Carell. Spader's character, Robert California, is creepy and intense, commanding a fearful sort of awe from the members of The Office.

We also got the first taste of Andy-as-manager, and I can’t wait to see how this character develops in this new role. Andy, the worst salesman in the office, will have to overcome his insecurities and learn how to lead.

In a conference call which included the Journal, among other publications, Helms and Executive Producer Paul Lieberstein, who plays Toby, answered questions and gave some insight to the upcoming season.

As a fan of the show, I'm looking forward to finding out more about Robert California, who at this point is shrouded in mystery but “he’s not a one-note character by any standards,” said Helms.

Lieberstein added that Spader's character enjoys “watching people squirm, unlike Kathy Bates’ character, [former CEO Jo Bennett] who is just interested in results.”

“If someone starts off very enigmatic and hard to read, we want to hold onto that for awhile,” he continued.

The Office is currently shooting its ninth episode of the season and “we know Robert California pretty well by now,” said Helms.

But Andy is the one sitting in the manager's chair. Helms will have to define the character in this new context and separate him from the shadow of Michael Scott.

As Helms said, we have gotten to know Andy over the past five seasons. We know that he has anger management issues, which came to a head when he punched a hole in the wall. We also know that he’s well-meant, but extremely insecure and constantly looks for approval from his co-workers, not unlike Michael.

But where Michael was a great salesman with bad management skills—as Lieberstein pointed out—Andy is a terrible salesman but much more educated, with a degree from Cornell. Andy will hopefully prove to be stronger in management than in sales.

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[His] leadership is a bit of an open question. It was really fun in that opening episode to see a little bit of a backbone.”

In the season opener, Andy asked himself during a one-on-one moment or “confessional” with the camera, what Robert thinks of him. "Don’t know, super care," was his typical Andy response.

“It’s a very interesting dynamic when [Andy] has to deal with someone trying with him,” said Lieberstein, referring to Robert California. "One of the things we’re most delighted about is how Andy manages upwards—how scared and how courageous he is at the same time dealing with Robert California.”

Andy’s new promotion will also affect his interpersonal relationships with other people in the office, like Dwight, with whom he has a “checkered past” which “carries over to the checkered present,” said Helms.

His new position will add another layer to his and Erin’s already awkward, tension-filled relationship. "[Andy and Erin] are a pretty odd couple because they have very strong emotions and very poor people skills," said Helms.

"There’s always been something charming about them trying to connect and communicate," said Helms.

Lieberstein added that Groban’s character is "even more naïve and socially sweeter, if you can believe that. You learn a lot about Andy—not all good.”

They also talked about the biggest mysteries in The Office, like why the camera crew is actually there. "I’m not gonna tell you that because I think it’ll be a very fun reveal. It might not be what you think," said Lieberstein.

He also eluded to the Scranton Strangler, who has been referenced several times in the last few years. Last season, Toby, who was a juror on the trial, expressed concern that the wrong man may have just been put to death.

"There’s quite a bit of [strangler] lore that never made it out,” to the show, said Lieberstein, adding that a character might visit him in jail. "Maybe there’s another strangling,” he teased.

Lieberstein said some episodes will focus on Andy and Robert and some will focus on the ensemble cast that has made the show great for the past seven years.

Given the season premiere, it seems like this cast is more than capable of continuing The Office's tradition of hilariously awkward, yet heart-warming humor.
Modeling Industry: taking a turn for the better?

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The wave of new media has swept the world by storm as sites like Facebook and Twitter boast millions of users. Because of this aspect, so-called social media is starting to play a larger role in influencing everyday life, including the way we communicate with one another, network, market, and conduct business. Now it’s influencing the modeling industry.

In recent times, the term “model” has become associated with mental images of stick-thin females towering at a whopping 5’10” and up. Sure, to some extent that stereotype is still associated with modeling, but in recent years it seems that the modeling industry is taking on a new look. Now, through the digital medium, and its social networks like Facebook, different contests and campaigns target normal girls that don’t necessarily fit into the standard height and weight requirements for agency representation. Now, girls are given the chance to earn or win modeling opportunities based on the number of votes or “likes” on their photos.

For example, Maurices, a Midwestern clothing retailer, in New York City. Playboy is currently promoting a contest on Facebook called “Playboy’s Miss Social” in which women across the country have the opportunity to compete against others by getting the most votes on Facebook. This is their shot at being titled “Playboy’s Miss Social,” winning a trip to L.A. that includes a test photo shoot with Playboy photographers, the chance to be seen by Hugh Hefner, and potentially become a playmate.

Aspiring models use social media sites like Facebook or ModelMayhem.com as a way to build a portfolio and share images from their photo shoots. In a sense, models use Facebook as a form of personal branding by creating fan pages, establishing a fan base of followers, and sharing links to contests with their Facebook book friends as an effort to garner votes. Sites like ModelMayhem.com are a place for models, hair stylists, makeup artists, and photographers to collaborate, network, arrange photo shoot sessions, and in some cases, shoot TF (time for print) which is an exchange between the photographer and model, essentially cost the model nothing.

So nowadays, anyone can be a “model” because it’s not too difficult to schedule a photo shoot session with a photographer and get a portfolio started, which, in some cases, is a lot of work. This works in favor of anyone that has ever dreamed of modeling, but has never actually pursued it because of the preconceived height or weight requirements of modeling agencies. Through creating a Model Mayhem account and networking with different photographers, one can easily put together a portfolio with a variety of different shots, and may even land some freelance modeling gigs, too.

Additionally, campaign advertisements which feature models whose images become too re-touched are receiving criticism nationally as well as internationally. Some campaigns, like one for Dove that features normal-looking women in the nude to promote beauty in everyone, are receiving positive attention. Perhaps the influence of these types of campaigns are slowly pushing the modeling industry in a whole new direction: one less critical of strict requirements and demands on height and weight. The business is now more open to embracing women as they are naturally, and promoting healthy looking body types. Will it ever completely rid the agency standards requirement of a height of at least 5’7” and stick thin? Maybe it will, maybe it won’t, but one thing is certain – there is definitely a surge of change currently underway in the modeling world.

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Staff Editorial

Ok, so we've written about this before, but it's something that really bugs us. So once again, we're asking the SGA to please subscribe to the Boston Globe. For those of you who don't know what we're talking about, here's a quick recap. A couple of years ago, there was a lot of controversy and negative press about Suffolk's president, David Sargent. The Globe wrote a series of not-so-flattering articles about both Sargent and the school in general. Because of this, the SGA decided to cancel the school's subscription to The Globe, meaning students would no longer have access to Boston's paper of record. Back then, we argued that it was immature to cancel the subscription just because it painted Suffolk in a bad light. While some of the articles may have been a little harsh, they were accurate and fairly reported. The SGA's decision to cancel the subscription was a gross overreaction and an act of censorship. Astonishingly, only two SGA senators voted against the measure. If someone is in the SGA, it's safe to assume that they might be pursuing a career in politics. If you're going to make it in politics, you definitely need a stronger backbone, because you personally could be shed in a bad light someday and if you deal with it like you dealt with the Globe stories at Suffolk, you're in trouble. We asked the SGA back then to get our subscription back, but our request was ignored. In an attempt to replace the hole the Globe left, the SGA doubled the subscription to the New York Times. Guess what? The Globe is owned by the New York Times. Brilliant. Anyway, it's been years since this happened and we're asking again. Please get us our Globes back. We just want to be able to walk into Donahue and grab our hometown paper once again.

Google in danger of becoming monopoly

Shows need for new antitrust laws

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Earlier this year the Federal Trade Commission indicated that it was investigating Google for anti-trust law violations stemming from complaints by other search industry competitors. The complaint by the competitors was that Google is an online company and its products are not as tangible as a bar of soap or a television set. The concept of anti-trust goes to the heart of capitalist economics which calls for a competitive market or a market where one buyer or seller is not so dominant that it can influence prices.

The online search engine market is not like other markets like the television sales market or the retail market where you can gauge how dominant, productive or harmful a product can be to a consumer. Is finding an online store which happens to provide the cheapest goods and services harmful? Is finding a Google product before MapQuest or Togo? The online search engine market is not like other markets like the airline industry which happens to be a monopoly in the 21st century. There needs to be a revival of the Anti-Trust law and a new understanding of what it means to be a monopoly in an industry where customers don't search for long and may not have patience to go through all the results to find what they are looking for.

The answer will come when we can examine how these companies work and what it is that they do. A monopoly in the 21st century looks very different than those of the 20th. Google has cleverly avoided acquiring rivals like Yahoo and AOL, to be caught under the current rules, but its size and sheer weight already makes it look like the giant gorilla in the room.

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Wrongful execution proves serious flaws in capital punishment

By Ally Johnson
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In one of the most heavily publicized and controversial examples of capital punishment in recent memory, Troy Davis was executed via lethal injection last Wednesday night after waiting four hours on a Supreme Court decision. Davis was forty-two years old and had been convicted of murdering a police officer in 1989. He had been in prison for 22 years and had been through three execution stays before the date was finalized. Throughout all of this he maintained that he was an innocent man, while previous witnesses supporting his guilt began to come forward, stating that he may in fact have been innocent.

There had been an outpour of support for Davis around the world, with people speaking out against the enforcement of capital punishment on a man that may have been innocent all along. The general public, celebrities, and human rights activists were vocal about their disgust and protested against the impending death. This led to a four hour delay when the U.S. Supreme Court was required to look over the last minute appeal. Only four hours to decide upon a no against the appeal, and that Davis would receive the lethal injection as planned. Is it worth killing an innocent man in order to keep a process that allows the death of guilty men and women?

The issue that most defenders of Troy Davis seemed to have was not that they whole heartedly believed that he was indeed innocent, but that there was too much reasonable doubt to send him to his death. That there was a possibility that Georgia was killing a man who was in fact innocent and very few questions were being asked by the Supreme Court. If Davis’ death has done anything, it has brought the idea of Capital Punishment back into the limelight. People have to once again reevaluate their opinions about the matter. Is capital punishment humane? How many innocent men and women are being sent to their deaths? Maybe it is time to lay this whole thing to rest.

The U.S. and Asia lead in the amount of deaths due to the death penalty by 90 percent. Ninety countries have eliminated the use of capital punishment, while the U.S. still hangs on. The U.S. has continuously ranked as fourth in the world in the amount of executions each year. Societies are moving away from this particular form of punishment, opting for the less controversial act of lifetime imprisonment. The two problems that people typically have with capital punishment is that it costs too much to kill a singular person versus having to pay for them to live out the rest of their life in prison, and that it is too inhumane of a practice. In the age we are in we should be able to uphold a greater respect for the value of a human life. Who are we to condemn a person who has murdered by killing them in return? Hypocrisy seems to play a great deal in the practice.

What are the reasons that justify the taking of another life? To appease the family of the deceased? They may simply want revenge. To see the murderer of their loved one receive the same end. The mass public also believes that it costs less to execute rather than pay taxes for their stay in prison. However, it costs a significant amount more to kill just one human being and revenge should not play any part in capital punishment.

The concept of demanding death as a punishment and payment for a crime is outdated and barbaric. Who are we to make decisions on who gets to live and who gets to die, no matter what the crime is. Society enforcing a policy that is counteracting the action they’re punishing is pointless and is leading to more innocent lives being taken by the legal system. Troy Davis isn’t the first to be killed with doubt shadowing his case, and if we continue at this rate he very well might not be the last. Maybe it’s time to set aside the ancient practice and look forward to a more civilized form of punishment, where the sole purpose isn’t to strip yet another life away. A form that still values the idea of life no matter whose it is.

Troy Davis very well may have been guilty. The problem is that he may have been innocent too. However, now he is dead and we can do all we can is continue to question. Question the guilt of an individual more, question whether or not we should do as ninety other countries have done and abolish capital punishment for good. Or maybe, question just how wrong it is to send a man to death when there was still reasonable doubt involved with the case.

Perry vs. Bush: Clash of the Texans

Despite apparent similarities, the two Texas Governors dislike each other

By David A. Frederick
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When it comes to the candidates for this year’s presidential elections, we sure have some... interesting choices. One of them is Rick Perry, who has been governor of Texas since 2002 and is not without his own controversies. One of the stereotypes about Rick Perry is that he is exactly like his predecessor, former President George W. Bush. The men seem to be a chip of the same block, but Bush loyalists, he crossing the line by saying that it is.

I guess it’s fair to call this a slowly rising tension between the two. Last year, Bush and many of his close political allies decided to back Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison in her primary challenge against Perry. Even with the backing of the Bush legacy, Perry still won. Back in April, Perry ripped two of Bush’s big achievements in the Medicare drug benefit and No Child Left Behind. “It’s a cool name,” Perry responded. “But it’s a monstrous intrusion into our affairs.”

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Sarah Palin is horrible, we get it

New book makes outrageous claims about sex, lies, and stupidity of ex-governor

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The latest about Sarah Palin splashed across the headlines this week was Joe McGinniss' new book, The Rogue: Searching for the Real Sarah Palin. It's a book that I think is taking a great reporter's career to new and unexpected lows.

I know tons of people hate Sarah Palin these days, especially the liberal media, but I like her. I've always liked her. I do have to admit, since 2008, Palin has become a bit of a celebrity. I don't blame her completely, but there's no denying that once she signed on for the TV reality show, she had picked up the shovel and started digging.

My point is that when it comes down to it, no matter how much I like her, I no longer think she is fit to be in government. I know she's been touting with the idea of running in 2012, but I genuinely don't believe that's going to happen.

This leads to the uselessness of this book. Joe McGinniss is trying to exploit a woman who no longer needs to be exploited. Palin is falling into the background anyways, and if she isn't running for office, (which I highly doubt) I can't really say I care about whatever he found. Turns out, I'm not the only one.

McGinniss seems to go about writing this book as if he has forgotten how to behave as a respectable journalist. It's like he's so convinced that he'll find something so over-the-top shocking, that everyone will ignore how he got the info.

The guy moved in next door for crying out loud! A lot of people would like to argue that he was just so damn committed to getting the whole feel of the town, the people, and what it was really like on a day-to-day basis. The book just doesn't seem to support this theory, however.

McGinniss reportedly calls Palin a clown, a nitwit, a lap dancer. What I think happened here is that McGinniss wasn't finding the support for rumors that he needed, so he resorted to name-calling and filled his book with childish sounding details and accusations.

Even the New York Times reported a poor review on the book. The thing is, McGinniss should be a credible guy. He's got the experience of over 12 published books, and years of investigative reporting.

"Most of the stuff in there, why is it relevant, and what's the point, and how well-sourced is it really?" said Olbermann about the book, after quickly calling Palin an idiot in order to retain his Palin-hater dignity.

There are a lot of people, still, who say we should give this book a chance. They trust McGinniss' experience and what should be wisdom of age. Most of the people who have written about the validity of this book seem to hate Sarah Palin a lot, and they usually admit it. The bottom line, however, is that you can't even get the liberal media behind a Palin-bashing book these days, you have to screw up big time.

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The Rouge: Searching for the Real Sarah Palin, published books, and years of investigative reporting. Even still, he definitely isn't getting support from the right places.

Janet Maslin recently wrote for the New York Times on the book, saying that "Mr. McGinniss used his time in Alaska to chase caustic, unsubstantiated gossip about the Palins, often from unnamed sources like 'one resident' and 'a friend'."

Maslin goes on to cite several examples of contradictory accusations in the book, which genuinely ruins McGinniss' credibility. If you can't get the New York Times behind your book, you've got a rough road ahead.

Ok, so honestly, me and Keith Olbermann are not BFFs. In fact, I may have sold a few things behind his back once or twice. But what I love about him is this; when it's really wrong, he swallows his left-wing pride for a moment and admits it. In this book, at least, Olbermann defended Sarah Palin — something I never thought I'd say. Just over a week ago, on Real Time with Bill Maher, Olbermann admitted to being on Palin's side about the book.

Obama Administration questioned in new book

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A new and questionable book that was released on September 20 has been met with controversy and outrage in Washington D.C. Confidence in Men: Wall Street, Washington and the Education of a President, written by Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Ron Suskind covers President Obama's run in office through February of 2011 and offers an inside look at the White House, such as the killing of Bin Laden, as president. This is a touchy subject for most, and with recent events swirling around the White House, such as the killing of Osama Bin Laden, President Obama has encountered a rise in popularity. This book could be very damaging to his reputation; which is most likely why the Obama Administration has been scattering to deny the claims set forth by Suskind.

With the 2012 election drawing slowly plummeting from the rapidly changing opinions of the American people, and many are now looking to the 2012 election as a way of fixing what has been broken within the structure of the U.S. The question remains as to whether or not this book will indeed change voter's opinions of the President and the White House Administration. With even the author under fire for allegedly tampering with interviews and including falsified information, it is unclear as to how the outcome will be. With all of the problems going on with the economy right now, the approval rating of President Obama has slowly declined resulting in the lowest numbers to-date. The book sends unwanted flares in the direction of Washington and demands the reader, almost frantically, to make their decisions and judgments in time for the next Presidential Election in 2012.
Sports briefs

White Sox release Ozzie Guillen

Ozzie Guillen, the oft-outspoken and controversial manager of the Chicago White Sox has managed his last game as a member of the White Sox, after being released from his contract on Monday. Guillen, who went 678-617 in his eight seasons as the helm, including a World Series title in 2005, was seeking a contract extension with more money, meaning that White Sox General Manager Kenny Williams did not want to give him. Under Guillen, the team had five seasons in which they finished above .500, but they only managed to reach the postseason twice. The White Sox swept the Houston Astros in the 2005 World Series, winning their first title since 1917, and Guillen became the first Hispanic manager to win a World Series. Guillen is expected to become the next manager of the Florida Marlins, who will be opening up a new ballpark in Miami next season. Current Marlins manager Jack McKeon is retiring after this season, and sources say Guillen and the Marlins are currently finalizing a deal to bring him to Miami.

Winter Classic participants announced

The 2012 NHL Winter Classic participants were announced as the annual game will feature the New York Rangers taking on the Philadelphia Flyers at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. The Winter Classic has become an annual tradition for the NHL, and features two teams playing in an outdoor stadium just after the New Year. This game will take place January 2, 2012 in the 45,000 seat stadium, usually reserved for the Philadelphia Phillies. Last season, the Rangers were eliminated 4 games to 1 in the first round of the playoffs by the Capitals, while the Flyers were swept in the conference semi-finals by the eventual Stanley Cup champions, the Boston Bruins. Future venues for the Winter Classic have been discussed, and could include the University of Michigan stadium in Ann Arbor, and Cowboys stadium in Dallas Texas.

Orioles end Verlander’s winning streak

Justin Verlander, the ace pitcher for the Detroit Tigers, pitched seven innings and garnered a no-decision against the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday, ending his personal nine game win streak. Verlander finished the season with an amazing 24-5 record, while recording a 2.40 ERA and 250 strikeouts. Depending on Jared Weaver’s final start tonight, Verlander has an outside shot at winning the pitching Triple Crown, (first in the AL in wins, ERA and strikeouts) which would be the first in the AL since 2006, when Johan Santana achieved this feat. Even more amazingly, Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw has already clinched the National League Triple Crown, racking up a 2.28 ERA with 21 wins and 248 strikeouts. Going into the American League playoffs, Verlander may stand to get two starts in the first round, which means the Tigers will certainly be the favorite against whichever they play.

Aggies joins Southeastern Conference

The Texas A&M Aggies were officially welcomed into the Southeastern Conference, and will be playing in the league starting in the 2012-2013 season. The Aggies had previously been a part of the Big 12 Conference since the 1996 season, and with the jump to the SEC, becomes the 13th member of the conference. The SEC boasts the last five college football champions, with the most recent championship coming from the Auburn Tigers. Conference realignment has taken centerstage recently, as numerous teams are choosing to leave their conferences for others in favor of more money.

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Oct. 1 at Anna Maria, 2:30 p.m.

Women's soccer
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Oct. 1 vs. Pine Manor, 2:00 p.m.
**AL Wild Card: Red Sox, Rays tied going into final game**

Matthew Bacon  
**Journal Staff**

It’s no secret that Boston’s beloved Red Sox have put the entire city into panic mode. The month of September has destroyed the nine-game lead they once had in the wild card race, and now going into their last regular season game, they are tied with the Tampa Bay Rays for the top spot in the American League Wild Card.

The Red Sox are 6-19 this month and play their last game against the Baltimore Orioles tonight, with Jon Lester on the mound for the Sox and Alfred Simon pitching for the Orioles. The team has not won two consecutive games since sweeping a doubleheader from Oakland on August 27.

Here’s what it comes down to tonight: If the Red Sox win and the Rays lose then the Sox are in the playoffs. If the Rays win and the Red Sox lose then the Rays continue playing into October. If both teams win then there will be a one-game playoff this Thursday in Tampa Bay since they hold the better record against each other.

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“Everyone on the team supports each other, win or lose, said Copeland. She said that Coach Steve Counihan has helped her in every aspect of her tennis game.

When asked about what she could work on in her tennis game she responded, "Making more winners on her racket rather than making an opponent make a mistake."

Copeland started playing tennis when she was younger, but not competitively. She actually had her focus more on the swim team than the tennis team, but in college worked hard and now does her best for the tennis team.

"It’s about doing my best and my love for tennis," Copeland said.

Copeland is majoring in print journalism, but wants to write for magazines or speech campaigns. She works as a Trustee Ambassador at Suffolk in which she gives tours to prospective students.

"It’s challenging being an ambassador and an athlete trying to keep up with your social life, but it’s worth it," said Copeland.

She believes that the strongest part of her game is her consistency, but her weakest part is her aggression toward the ball when she tries to hit winners. Even as a senior, Copeland admitted that sometimes her nerves get the best of her. The team is making all preparations for this year, including one of their biggest rivals in past years, Simmons.

"The whole field has gotten stronger in the past year, and so have we," she said.

Suffolk University is 2-2 overall this season with a match this Thursday at Rhode Island College to try and get above .500. When asked about the expectations this year Rebecca responded, "No jinx’s, so I’ll say that we will have fun and we’ll play our best.”
Lady Rams struggling after solid start

Alex Hall
Journal Staff

The Suffolk University women's soccer team has had a tough losing streak since starting the Great Northeast Athletic Conference division play, losing five straight games after starting 2-0. The losing streak couldn't have come at a worse time for the Lady Rams, as four of their five losses have come since opening up conference play against their rivals. Suffolk now sits at second to last in the GNAC with no conference wins to their name despite scoring at least one goal in three of their four losses.

Despite the best efforts of Leslie Hayden, Taylor Miranda, Monica Wolf and company, Suffolk has been unable to continue their 2010 season success into the new year. Two of the four losses were due to lack of defensive play, with the club allowing a combined 10 goals against Lasell and St. Joseph's College of Maine. The other two losses have come in close encounters with Johnson and Wales University and Emmanuel College, both of which were road games. Suffolk has only been shut out on one occasion during this skid, leading one to believe the offense has at least been clicking to some degree, but it's obvious they can't afford to get into shootouts.

Perhaps the recent skid has come due to being away from home for so long, as three of the four losses have come while away from their home field. Regardless of the case, this team needs to turn things around sooner rather than later. The Lady Rams have an opportunity to stop the bleeding tonight on the road against St. Joseph College Connecticut. The Blue Jays finished third in the GNAC conference last season, so this will be no proverbial walk in the park for the visiting squad, but when you have an offense as explosive as theirs, there is reason to be optimistic.

St. Joseph currently sits in fourth place in the conference with a 6-2 record and on a three game winning streak. Suffolk's opponents tonight are trending in the exact opposite direction of themselves as of late, meaning it'd be an upset to see the Massachusetts based team walk out the victor in West Hartford, Conn. when all is done.

Along with this game against the Blue Jays, the Lady Rams will take on third ranked Albertus Magnus next week as well as two bouts against Mt. Ida and Pine Manor College. Suffolk will look to head into the Magnus game on a two game winning streak, but they'll have to go through St. Joseph's and Ida to do so.

Men's soccer team remains optimistic

Collin Lezell
Journal Staff

The Suffolk University's men's soccer team currently stands at third place in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference, holding a respectable record of 3-6. The Rams' season was off to a rough start with several tough losses two in overtime against Lesley and Salve Regina and one in double overtime against Regis, but the men have started to come together more as a team in recent games, both offensively and defensively.

They have won two of their last three games, with two of the three being on the road. September 17th saw an especially impressive win for the team, with a final score of 9-0 against Rivier, proving that the Suffolk offense most definitely has what it takes to score the goals needed to win. This year's team is a mix of new and returning student athletes, resulting in a unique blend of experience and youth for the Rams. As the season progresses, it appears that the men are getting more comfortable playing together as a team.

Head coach Andrius Zeikus said that the team has been "working hard to come together to be a more competitive, organized opponent against these other schools."

Zeikus also remains optimistic about his team's chances in their upcoming games. "If we go into a game mentally focused and ready to play, we can win any game this year," Zeikus said. "If not, then trouble starts, so to speak."

Hopefully the team will be able to avoid such 'trouble' for the rest of the season and finish on a positive note similar to that of last year, in which they qualified for the NCAA soccer tournament. Their next four games will be on the road, at Saint Joseph's on 9/28, at Anna Maria on 10/1, at Emmanuel on 10/6, and at Lasell on 10/8. And be sure to come cheer on the Rams at their next home game against Emerson on 10/10, and against Norwich on 10/15, Suffolk Spirit Night.
Alison Melillo
Journal Staff

As the start of the season is beginning, the men's and women's cross country teams have started their road to success. Karen McKetchen is returning in her second year as coach of the men's and women's cross country teams, and Brian Smith is in his first year as assistant coach. With the help of the two coaches, both the men and women on the teams are working hard to achieve their goals.

The women's cross country team started their season on September 9th at Mass-Maritime Academy. It was the team's first meet of the season, and they had a lot of success with seven members coming through the finish line. The team placed ninth at the Lt. Travis J. Fuller Invitational this past Saturday morning, and the members on the club finished with a total of 221 points, placing ninth in the competition.

A new star for the team is freshman runner Alexandra Petsuck. In a race consisting of 100 people, she finished in the top ten with a time of 19:57. Following shortly after was sophomore runner Bridget Evangelista, coming in 31st with a time of 21:44. The women's team consists of 11 female runners. There are three freshmen, including Taylor Casey, Catalina Rufin, and Petsuck. The sophomores on the squad are Rachel Allen, Peggy Chen, Cori Simmons, and Evangelista. The juniors are Flor Argaedas, Emily Farr, Jenisse Ruiz, and Christina Webster.

Sophomore Bridget Evangelista (above) finished the 5K women's race with a time of 21:44 at the Lt. Travis J. Fuller Invitational. Junior Matthew Bly (above) finished the 5-mile men's race with a time of 34:42 at the Daniel Webster Invitational.

On the men's side, seniors Justin Mark, completed Saturday's race with a time of 32:48 and Davidson McGuffie finished with a time of 40:32. The men's cross country team also participated in a meet at the Daniel Webster College Invitational on September 16th. The team came through extremely successful, finishing among the top 30 runners.

The five mile course was completed with fantastic results from the Suffolk team. Mark came in fourth, with a time of 31:37, right before sophomore Matthew Bly, who ran in with a time of 32:42.

Both the men's and women's teams will be running in New Hampshire again this Friday, this time at Rivier College for their invitational with hopes to continue on their solid streak for the season.

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Cross-Country teams finding success

Both teams looking for victories upcoming invitations

Young potential drives the men's golf team

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"We have some nice new additions to our roster this season," senior Pat Knowles said. "This year's team is hands down the most talented roster we have had during my time at Suffolk."

Knowles is one of three seniors on the team, and he will be counted on to post some low scores in the Rams' matches this season.

Fellow senior Alex Toma also expects the Rams to step up this season, in both individual scores and team scores.

"We have a great team this year with a lot of potential and we could put up low numbers at any given time," Toma said. "John Pettoruto and Nick Pratt are also veteran players who are very solid, and there are a handful of new players who are also great additions, including Quirch, Chris Taggart, and Fabio Montegrado."

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