Shake-ups at Suffolk continue

New trustees and promotions follow recent layoffs

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With continued changes at Suffolk, including yesterday's appointment of 12 new members to the Board of Trustees and new promotions within the university, staff and faculty members still expressed deep concern at the 20 recent layoffs and the manner in which they were handled.

Acting President and Provost Barry Brown sent out an email to faculty and staff members announcing a "restructuring" of the staff on September 23. "The restructuring will result in a small reduction in the size of our administrative work force," he said in the email, which was sent on the day the layoffs occurred.

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Occupy Boston protests spread through city

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Despite attracting minimal media attention, the Occupy Wall Street protest is growing around the country in cities like Los Angeles, Chicago and Boston. The protests are also spreading to Washington, San Francisco, Tampa, Seattle, and Portland.

On September 27, Boston's First General Assembly convened around the gazebo in the Boston Common to begin planning an "Occupy Boston" event.

The assembly began with speeches from anyone wishing to have their voice heard. Many of these people were of low income, out of work,
POLICE BLOTTER

Wednesday, September 28

12:53 a.m.
Miller Hall

2:34 p.m.
Fenton Building
Report of a female refusing to show her Suffolk ID card at Fenton computer lab. Report filed.

11:19 p.m.
10 West
Resident Assistant got assaulted at 10 West. Units 35 and 41 investigate. Report filed.

Thursday, September 29

01:22 a.m.
Miller Hall
Student receiving harassing phone calls. Report filed. Case under investigation.

3:54 p.m.
NESAD
Received a report of trespassing at 75 Arlington St. Report filed. Case closed.

Friday September 30

5:55 a.m.
Miller Hall
Alcohol confiscation at 10 Somerset Street. Report filed.

Saturday October 1

02:48 a.m.
10 West
Alcohol violation at 10 West. Report filed.

Monday, October 3

3:56 p.m.
Miller Hall

9:47 a.m.
150 Tremont

Go pink for breast cancer awareness

Suffolk celebrates a decade of Go Pink!

October 13: Safe Cosmetics & Products
(Donahue 403, 5 to 6 p.m.)
Learn about toxins in cosmetics, including those linked to breast cancer. Attendees will also be making their own cosmetics.

October 20: Decade of Pink Party
(Ridgeway gym, 1 to 2 p.m.)
Breast cancer supporters, survivors, family, and friends are invited too be a part of Suffolk’s pink ribbon photo and receive T-shirts and sweets.

October 25: Think Pink; Eat Green
(73 tremont St. Amenities Room, Noon to 1:30 p.m.)
Nutritionist Kristen hatch will help attendees make their own salads along with a discussion on healthy, cancer-preventing eating habits.

Occupy Wall Street moves Boston

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or homeless. Personal gain, however, was not in the interest of these people. "This is a fight for the soul of our nation," said one woman, "It's more than money."

Following the speeches, the protestors-to-be split up into "sub-committees" to organize the event. These committees covered things like choosing a date and location, supplying food to the protestors, spreading the word of the protests, and providing medical attention for the protestors. "I lost my job, and then because of that, my home too," said one man. "This is all I have left, and not only can I speak out against the system that put me in this place, but the people here support me more than the government does."

The actual protests began on Friday at Dewey Square, across from Boston's Federal Reserve Bank. Starting with about 400 participants, the numbers swelled to over 1,000 in about an hour. Due to inclement weather, the number of protestors camping overnight decreased to about 60. Protests continued as planned on Saturday, however, and lasted through the weekend. If Occupy Boston reaches its goal, a huge crowd of protestors will camp out in Dewey Square for as long as it takes for their demands (which have not yet been cemented) are met.

Photo by Caitlin Lezell

September 29 protests in Boston Common.
Meet two new SGA senators

Angela Roy
Journal Staff

Ryan Pantaleo, an accounting major, fell in love with Suffolk after touring and meeting some faculty. He's now one of the 2015 SGA senators, class treasurer, a student ambassador, and in the honors program. Originally from North Reading, he served on student council at his high school, St. John's Prep.

"I really got to see the impact I had on a campus. It was part of my responsibility to make a change on campus, and from there I knew that's what I wanted to do at Suffolk."

Some things he would like to help change include food variety in dorm dining halls, smoking outside of buildings, a crosswalk at the Somerset/Beacon Street intersection, and additional activities hours. "I would love to implement another block of time two days per week so that more students can be involved with more clubs," he said. "I'd love to come up with a plan and work with someone on that."

In his future at Suffolk, Pantaleo wishes to apply to be a Sawyer Business School (SBS) ambassador. "SBS has the potential to keep improving its reputation because of the success its students have had. I'm hoping to make a difference by being able to talk to prospective students about strong programs."

Riley Sweeney came to Suffolk from Falmouth to study radiation biology because she knew she wanted to be in the city and the school was an ideal fit.

Sweeney found out about the SGA senator elections through a friend and decided she wanted to help out on campus. She actually entered the running as a writing candidate, meaning self-promoting.

New senators by class:

2013
Ulrich Dosou
Nwalozie Joshua

2014
Billy Cerullo
Jonathan Huang
Anamaria Tracanna

2015
Brent Battows
Ryan Pantaleo
Jake Pitzchelli
Riley Sweeney
Nicholas Teske

New trustees and central administration selected

Suffolk school has accumulated $360 million in debt over time with its expansion throughout downtown Boston. In the spring, Suffolk hired the Pappas Consulting Group, a firm specializing in higher education and non-profits.

"There's no question that [the administration] destroyed the sense of community of caring and shared values that motivated people to work at Suffolk—people who probably could have made more money somewhere else," he continued.

Gatlin said the way the layoffs were handled were "consistent with many other universities that have had similar restructuring."

"I would handle it differently. With the layoff, you want to show a budget deficit by the end of the current fiscal year, which is partly attributable to cost savings associated with the current reorganization. We are hoping to show a surplus."

Berg acknowledged that the university was in financial trouble, but said the problems could be handled differently. "Obviously getting rid of people is the easiest way out. They could sell a building, but they don't want to do that," he said in a phone interview.

Yesterday's article in the Globe highlighted some goals for the university from Meyer and some of the new trustees. New board member Roger Berkowitz, president and chief executive of Legal Sea Foods, expressed a desire to change the curriculum and have a debate about including more online courses. "I saw Suffolk as having the potential of Northeastern University—a place that was in the shadows for a long time and then had a renaissance," he told Globe.

New trustees:
- Roger Berkowitz - president and CEO, Legal Sea Foods
- John L. Brooks, III, president and CEO, Joslin Diabetes Center
- Jeanette C. Clough, president and CEO, Mount Auburn Hospital and a Sawyer Business School alumnus
- Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley, a Law School alumnus
- John Fernandez, president and CEO, Massachusetts Eye and Ear
- David Hoberman, Hollywood producer and founder of Mandeville Films
- Julie Kahn, vice president and general manager, Entercom New England
- E. Macey Russell, Esquire, partner at Choate Hall & Stewart and a Law School alumnus
- Robert K. Sheridan, president, Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts and a Law School alumnus
- Marshall M. Sharse, chairman and CEO, Century Bank
- Mark Sullivan, Esquire, general counsel, Bose Corp.
- Marian W. Wilmot, Esquire, partner at Goodwin Proctor and a Law School alumnus

Newest senior members of the central administration:
- Walter Caffey, interim VP of Enrollment, Planning and Management
- Madelyne Cuddick, interim Associate VP and will assume leadership of the Advancement Office
- Greg Gatlin, interim VP of Marketing and Communications
- Irene Good, chief information officer and retains position as Assistant Provost Relations
- John Nucci, interim VP of Government and Community Relations
Romney has 41 percent of voters and likely voters in New Hampshire, the site of the nation's first primary. He is 27 points ahead of his closest rival, Texas Representative Ron Paul. Former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman, who was the U.S. Ambassador to China until April, has 10 percent, and Perry has eight percent.

Paleologos acknowledged that it will be difficult for Romney to maintain such a large lead, because polls tend to tighten closer to the race and more of the scrutiny will be on him.

He attributed Perry's poor performance in the state to the fact that he hasn't spent much time there and because "New Hampshire Republicans are markedly different than Republicans nationally, especially the south."

Paul, Romney's runner-up, has been consistently competitive in the Suffolk Polls, continually coming in at second or third, but has received little media attention.

"I don't think the media narrative has been fair," said Paleologos, explaining that the pundits "may view Ron Paul as a perennial candidate who has run before and that can't grow, but he's growing."

For Paul to be successful in the state, he needs to "show above 20 percent. If he goes to the low teens or nine or 10 percent, then he's in trouble, but he's got some momentum right now."

Besides Romney's success in New Hampshire, a lot of the media exposure has gone to Huntsman, who is moving his campaign headquarters up to New Hampshire, a lot of pressure on himself and Romney, Paleologos said the numbers are going to go up, "if you look at who voters chose as their second choice, Romney look really strong," he said.

43 percent of Paul supporters and 53 percent of Huntsman voters would pick Romney as their second choice, meaning that if either of those candidates dropped in the polls it would be favorable to Romney. He also got 48 percent of voters who identified themselves as conservative.

"Even if the pool of voters gets more conservative in New Hampshire, [Romney's] numbers are going to go up," said Paleologos.

He said more polls will probably be released in November and December, and then daily tracking polls will be conducted the week leading up to primary.

Rosenberg Institute, a source for Asian culture

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Donald Suleski, director of the Institute, said the purpose is to increase student interest in Asia.

"There's so much happening in Asia economically and culturally," he said. "A good education should include an education on Asia, or at least a large Asian component."

Suleski pointed out how many Asian countries are quickly rising to become fellow world powers next to the US, so this is something college students should pay attention to.

In the past, scholars have travelled from all around Asia, including countries like Korea, India, Tibet, Japan, and China, giving a variety of presentations on certain programs and issues impacting East Asia. Last year, Suffolk welcomed Professor Paul Ropp of Clark University to talk about his newly published book, China in World History. Another speaker was Lobsang Sangay, who discussed Tibet's ongoing problems with China (he later went on to be the Prime Minister of the Tibetan government in exile).

Last week, the Institute hosted two speakers from China and Japan.

On September 27, Jeffrey Williams discussed his rise as an American in the Chinese business world and offered advice to those looking to take the same path.

Following on Thursday, Goto Shie gave a presentation on the earthquake of Fukushima and its tragic aftermath. She also spoke about the Japanese volunteer group United Planet, which is a recovery project that helps raise money to take care of victims that were impacted by the earthquake.

Suleski is not only the director of the Institute, but also director of Suffolk's Asian Studies department. As head, Suleski decides on programs and issues that are taken on excursions to other towns and cities, one being Suzhou.

"Suffolk has good spirit and attitude so I'm very happy with the move," he said.

As far as events, Suleski mentioned this coming Thursday, when Dr. Wing-Kai To will come to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Revolution in which China overthrew the Qing Dynasty.

In November, there will be a China Town Hall meeting, at which there will be a live video feed to Washington D.C. with Zbigniew Brzezinski (President Obama's Chief Foreign Policy Advisor).

Suffolk's Asian Studies program sends students to Shanghai, China for two weeks of an intensive language and culture program, immersing students into the Chinese lifestyle. In addition to language courses, students are taken on excursions to other towns and cities, one being Suzhou.

Photo by Alexa Barrios
OCHO provides activities, services to off-campus community

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The Off-Campus Housing Office (OCHO) is a resource that assists Suffolk students with their off-campus living search and experience. OCHO is available to help the student community with all aspects of off-campus living including getting involved with campus life, finding roommates, signing a lease and generally understanding what having your own apartment entails.

The office also provides student commuter programs and services that are designed to help students regardless of where they are located in the city. OCHO can discuss anything from roommate issues, to general lease questions, to what you can expect to pay, along with any other questions students and parents may have about their housing situations. With its year-round open door policy, Suffolk students, along with their parents or roommates, are invited into the office with any questions that they may have.

OCHO has generated an updated website (offcampushousing.suffolk.edu) that allows students to find potential roommates, apartments, sublets, and even furniture within the Suffolk community through message boards. Aside from these message boards, students can be linked to trusted realtors.

"This year, the city of Boston and Mayor Menino have been cracking down on landlords that are taking advantage of students and their naive knowledge of what they should expect from housing in the city of Boston," said OCHO Coordinator, Jeffery S. Morris. "A lot of students think that because Boston is a historical city, that a hole-in-the-wall apartment at a high cost is acceptable."

Students are beginning to discover neighborhoods like East Boston and Cambridge, which are currently up and coming popular hubs for student living due to their affordability.

"The experience of living off campus provides you with a bunch of new responsibilities, and is an advantage to students. They are making their way into adulthood sooner rather than later," said Morris.

OCHO's Student Ambassadors, four individuals serving the off-campus student community, have been noted to be the off-campus residential assistants. They represent a student voice for the OCHO office," said Morris.

OCHO strives to assist students living off campus feel involved in the campus and community activities. "Students typically like to feel involved in the campus," Secretary of the Commuter Student Association (CSA), sophomore Grace Agosto and other members aim to connect commuter students by providing them with events and socials with hopes that students will get to know one another. The Commuter Student Association meets twice a month; the next meeting being held Tuesday October 13th in Donahue 637, welcoming all students to join.

"Try your best to get involved in at least one school program around campus."

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Even with homework and other things you have to think about, it's hard to get involved. You can't think of commuting as a bad thing. Most times I don't feel like I commute because I am involved in so many different things around campus," said Agosto. "The bus can be entertaining at times, and it is also a lot less expensive."

Every month, OCHO hosts free cooking classes for students where they can learn how to make ethnic home cooked meals. The most recent Cooking 101 event celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with close to 60 students in attendance. Thursday, October 6, OCHO will host the second annual Campus Crawl for students, which will teach students about good neighbor policies and provide a few pointers on how to have fun without using alcohol.

"OCHO is also preparing for students currently studying abroad and will return in Boston in the spring seeking housing.

CollegeFest: where students get entertainment, free swag

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Last Saturday and Sunday at the Hynes Convention Center, CollegeFest 2011 provided non-stop, day-long entertainment for college students from the area.

As lines of students flooded the convention center's lobby, staff were everywhere helping with direction. Jake Boynton, who was on duty for the day, waited the expected 10,000 attendees while leading swag bag sign-ups.

"The free stuff was definitely worth it," said Nicole Smith, a freshman from Curry College. Live entertainment was the other main of the two-day event. Over 40 performances were made between the BlackBerry and Google stages. In addition to fashion shows, dance crews and a pizza eating contest, headlining musical acts included We The Kings, The Dear's List, Chris Webbe, and Hoodie Allen.

"The free stuff was definitely worth it, but I'm here to see Dean's List," said Michael Thompson from UMass Dartmouth, who attended as a result of flyers posted all over his college campus.
Suspected mass grave in Libya

Roughly 1,300 bodies were found in a mass grave near a prison in Tripoli. Authorities are still unsure about the origins of the remains.

By Doe Seborokhita

According to a report from the Associated Press, on September 25, 2011 the National Transitional Council (the NTC, Libyan officials) announced the findings of a suspected mass grave. The NTC officials believe that the grave in question may hold remains of 1,270 inmates that were allegedly killed by Gadafi's regime in a 1996 prison massacre. The site of the massacre is in a field in the desert outside the walls of Tripoli's Abu Salim prison where the victims were killed on June 26, 1996, after protesting conditions at the facility.

The report above also adds further to the news of the mass grave by conveying that a Tripoli military spokesman, Khalid al-Sharif, supported the NTC regarding the discovery of the burial site and that information came from "witnesses and former security guards who had been captured after the capital fell." It was said by the same paper that the Libyan officials were to ask for international help in the excavation efforts as well as in identifying the remains because of the lack of sufficient expertise and equipment to test the DNA.

The site was found to have scattered bone fragments, which some media sources such as News24.com have cast doubt on the legitimacy of the claim. Reports have since emerged questioning the veracity of the claim and noting that some of the remains appeared to be from animals. According to News24.com, Salim al-Serjani, the deputy head of the NTC’s committee for missing persons, says he “cannot guarantee 100 percent that there is a mass grave there... But we have found human remains, I have no doubt, I have found them myself.” Serjani also pointed out that it is too early to ascertain the contents of the alleged site of the burial and that the site "needs much more investigation; more time needs to be spent to determine if it is a mass grave."

A demonstration by women demanding justice for the victims of that prison massacre was one of the reasons that led to the uprising against Gadafi in February in Benghazi. The New York Times reported on the origins of the Libyan conflict which per was a result of the insistence that families of the deceased prisoners are provided with answers, according to the report. As the report states, "the chaos had started with the detention of Mr. Terbil, a lawyer who represents families of those killed in a massacre of more than 1,000 inmates in Abu Slim prison in Tripoli in 1996." Additionally, "the families planned to be part of a protest on Feb. 17, and Mr. Terbil said that the authorities detained him on Feb. 15, hoping to head off the demonstrations." Also, the report further points out that "during an interview in a second-floor office in the court building on Thursday, Mr. Terbil said his interrogation stretched out over two days, as his supporters protested outside the security building, where he was detained. Using carrots and sticks, the authorities told him to find a way to end the demonstrations."

Unfortunately, the demonstrations were not handled with civility, and with rebels taking up arms, this has led to the conflict escalating to where we truly are today, which is the brink of civil war.

UBS president resigns after scandal

By Benjamin T. Brink

Oswald Gruebel was once known in Switzerland as "Saint Ossie," the celebrated CEO of Credit Suisse who saved the Swiss bank from economic collapse and miraculously brought it back to glory. In 2009, "Saint Gruebel" was hired out of retirement to do the same thing with NSO, which had just received a government bailout to help stay afloat after a devastating loss of $38 Billion in the housing market crash a year before. Gruebel’s mission: to restore the world’s largest privately owned bank to greatness by regulating risky business practices and reducing the bank’s dependence on illiquid assets.

Two weeks ago, Gruebel abruptly resigned from his position as the CEO of UBS following the arrest of Kwok M. Adoboli, a midlevel UBS trader who has been charged with fraud, false accounting, falsifying records, and abuse of position after losing an estimated $2 billion in UBS money through "rogue unAuthorized trading. UBS’s reputation is at an all time low, but this isn’t the first scandal to hit UBS in the past two years. Gruebel’s term has been stopped in scandal since the very beginning.

In his first month as the Chief Executive, Gruebel openly admitted that UBS had knowingly conspired to defraud the United States Internal Revenue Service by providing wealthy Americans with “black accounts”—secret offshore bank accounts that are untraceable to the IRS. According to an anonymous ex-UBS employee turned informant, UBS bankers had routinely crashed events attended by the upper echelon of American millionaries (polo tournaments, tennis matches, sweater-vest conventions, to name a few) in search of new clients greedy enough to evade their taxes through UBS black accounts.

This anonymous informant was later sent to prison for a number of criminal offenses, including smuggling diamonds in a tube of toothpaste for a client. That month, UBS paid $780 million in fines to avoid prosecution and agreed to fully cooperate with the IRS’ investigation under the condition that it not be forced to disclose the names of its wealthy American clientele. This wish was not granted. A year later, in another attempt to avoid prosecution, UBS agreed to release the names of an estimated 4,500 Americans suspected of tax evasion, prompting some 30,000 Americans to come clean to the IRS.

"I did not take the step of resigning lightly," said Gruebel in an interview at his home, "but I am convinced that it is in the best interests of UBS to approach the future with a new leader.” Gruebel will be replaced...
Saudi women gain right to vote

By Ashley McCormack
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Saudi Arabian King Abdullah announced earlier last week that starting in 2015, women will be able to vote and run for municipal office, and will also be allowed appointment and voting power in the Shura Council, an advisory board with the ability to propose and construct laws to present to the King for approval.

This proclamation marks a giant step forward for the country into the modern world, but some women are dissatisfied. Many Saudi women are aggravated because the change is not being implemented in the upcoming elections at the end of September, and they will need the permission of a male family member to vote.

The kingdom of Saudi Arabia operates under extremely conservative Islamic values, keeping women subservient to men. Despite this giant leap toward equality, Saudi women are still banned from driving and cannot travel without the consent of their father or husband. Saudi women are hoping the abolishment of patriarchal statutes such as these are the King's next move. However, there are still many prominent religious figures in the kingdom who strongly oppose changes in women's rights, the most controversial of which is the right to drive.

At the beginning of the summer, five Saudi Arabian women were arrested for breaking the driving ban. To be released from prison, the women (and their male chaperones) had to sign an agreement vowing that they would never drive again. One of the female drivers was sentenced to "10 Lashes." However, the King overturned the sentence after his announcement granting women the right to vote. Saudi female activists have been working for years to overturn driving restrictions to gain more freedom and independence from their male guardians. If women no longer had to depend of their father or husband for a ride, they could become more self-sufficient and involved in the community.

When women in the US gained the right to vote with the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, various states tried to stall its implementation by subjecting women to residency statutes which prevented many from casting a ballot in the 1920 election. Similarly, Saudi women are already nervous instances like this will happen to their newly proclaimed rights. King Abdullah has promised various changes in the past only to stall or prevent their implementation. A lot can change in four years, but Saudi female activists will continue to fight. They have started to use social media to gain support internationally and have already had great success in mobilization. Although it certainly will not happen overnight, it seems the fight is becoming stronger and with additional media coverage, equality for the women of Saudi Arabia could be much closer.
Palestine bids U.N. for statehood

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After Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas formally asked the United Nations for statehood, the world looked toward the vote, questioning what decision would be made as the U.N. Security Council began closed-door negotiations regarding the bid.

While the vote and verdict could take weeks or months, U.S. officials have already vowed to block and veto the motion, according to an article on Al Jazeera. President Barack Obama has said “He supports Palestinian statehood, but has remained steadfast already vowed to block Obama has said “He supported the United Nations’ decision that Israel must be part of the discussions,” reported CNN. Palestine would need nine out of 15 votes and no veto from any of the five countries that hold permanent memberships on the council in order to acquire statehood.

Al Jazeera also reported that the final deal should be in by the end of 2012. “The process will likely move slowly, but for now, intense diplomacy continues behind the scenes here,” said Al jazeera reporter Kristen Sutherland who is reporting from the U.N.

President Obama has said that the U.N. bid is an unrealistic shortcut that will not produce real, sustaining peace between the two sides, reported Al Jazeera. With Palestine’s bid, Al Jazeera popularity has sky-rocketed making history for the Palestinian people. Al Jazeera reported him as a “conquering hero when he returned to his West Bank headquarters in Ramallah on Sunday.”

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said, “Palestinians should first make peace with Israel and then get their state,” according to CNN. He also added that “peace must arrive through a two-state solution that recognizes Israel as a Jewish state.”

The Middle East envoy, and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair said the precise timings would “give everybody a chance to test the sincerity of the parties,” according to Al Jazeera.

But how does the U.S. feel about the situation?

Reuters reported that “economic and humanitarian projects deemed vital for peace in the Middle East are threatened by a freeze on $200 million in aid by U.S. Congress members opposed to a Palestinian bid.”

The Palestinian authority cabinet responded with a statement Tuesday, saying that they “expressed hope that the U.S. Congress would reconsider the freezing of aid allocated to the Palestinian National Authority.”

The world can only wait and see what the next move is as the council reviews the application.

The bid continues to cause major tensions in the West Bank.

“If you want to get to peace,” said Netanyahu, “put all your preconditions to the side.”

“We went to the United Nations carrying your hopes, your dreams, your ambitions, your suffering, your vision and your need for an independent Palestinian state,” said Abbas.

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International Opinion

A struggling Japan still needs help

By Caetlin Lzzell
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In today’s fast-paced world, our society has grown far too tolerant of the short attention span of mainstream media. We have gotten used to caring about a story for a day or maybe a week at most, and then we just move on to the next one. But what we seem to forget is that, long after a story has stopped making headlines, those that are most closely affected by the event (be it a heinous crime, a natural disaster, a political injustice, or something else entirely), continue to feel the pain that it caused.

Such is the case, for the citizens of Fukushima, Japan, where it has been nearly eight months since the 9.0 magnitude earthquake and massive tsunami destroyed the northeastern region of Japan, nearly triggered a nuclear disaster, killed over 15,000 people (with over 4,000 people still missing), and displaced thousands of families. And here in the United States, it seemed that just as soon as the story broke, it was over. Aside from the occasional story regarding a development with the nuclear power plant in Fukushima, hardly any attention at all has been given to this country.

But these eight months have indeed passed, and life in Japan has not returned to anywhere near close to normal. In many ways, conditions have worsened. Some buildings have been rebuilt, and most of the debris has been cleared, but suicide rates have increased. Direct government aid has stopped. The unemployment rate is expected to dramatically increase over the next few years. Many Japanese children have been left traumatized by this experience, now fearing the ocean and even swimming pools.

Suffolk University was reminded of these tragic truths on Thursday in the Poetry Center, with a special presentation by Chie Goto of United Planet, a non-profit organization based in Boston. Together with the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and Suffolk’s own Barbara and Richard M. Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies, Goto gave this lecture entitled, “Fukushima! Life in Japan After the Earthquake,” to the Suffolk community as a part of a special trip to the United States. Also in attendance was David Santulli, Founder and Executive Director of United Planet. Both he and Goto were extremely informative as to the current state of Japan, as they have both been there over the past eight months, directly helping the Japanese people.

Goto told the stories of various Japanese families that she has been working with. These families, along with many others, lost their relatives, their houses, their businesses, their jobs. One father was hospitalized for a week after suffering a heart attack; the stress has just proved to be too much for him. One family finally continued paying off their mortgage after fifteen years, just to have that house destroyed in the earthquake. The temporary housing units that these families are now living in are stark and have no sense of privacy, no such thing as “alone time.”

Goto explained how the suicide rate in Japan has dramatically increased since the earthquake and tsunami hit the island, and how the number is expected to continue to rise as the economic hardships worsen in the coming years. She told two particularly moving stories, one involving a man over 100-years-old who survived the disaster and then decided to end his own life, and another of a woman who was 93-years-old who committed suicide after tragically writing in her will to her family that she did not want to be a burden to them, and that she did not want to be relocated from shelter to shelter, just “relocated to [her] grave.”

This increased suicide rate helps to illustrate what the people of Japan most desperately need: compassionate ears to listen, and shoulders to lean on to get them through these unimaginable times. Professor Ronald Suleika, Director of the Barbara and Richard M. Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies, said it best. “We can’t just build houses. We can’t just give money away.” We can’t offer these tangible donations and then just turn our backs. The Japanese people need to know that the rest of the world cares about them, that we haven’t just forgotten them. Goto, Santulli, and Suleika repeatedly stressed the importance of “emotional care” to these victims, “emotional care” that they are so desperately lacking as of now.

We here at Suffolk University can help. Be it through creating care packages of toys and clothes, painting pictures, writing letters, or directly traveling to Japan to volunteer alongside these victims with United Planet, we have the ability to dramatically improve the lives of these families, in so many ways.

The people of Japan need to know that they have friends half a world away that have not forgotten about them. For more information on how to directly get involved in this cause, contact United Planet at unitedplanet.org, or visit their office at 11 Arlington Street, right near Suffolk’s NESAD campus. Visit Goto’s blog at www.gotochie.word.com, for more information on the current state of Japan.
Shakespeare Immortalized
Brustein's latest performed at Modern

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Suffolk University's beautifully decorated, majestic, Modern Theater hosted Robert Brustein's comedy, Mortal Terror during the month of September, ending on Oct. 2. Located on Washington St. in the Boston's Theater District, the Modern Theater is a great addition to Suffolk University's Performing Arts program. Also, Robert Brustein is currently a "Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence" at Suffolk, known for starting the Yale and American Repertory Theaters. He has won several awards in the performing arts field like the Gann Academy Award for Excellence in 2005 and the National Medal of the Arts in 2010.

The play is set in the Elizabethan era of English history, during the reign of King James I of Scotland. The story of the play is centralized around King James, played by Michael Hammond, who commissioned William Shakespeare, played by Stafford Clark-Price, to write a play that proved the legitimacy of King James' ascension to the crown. This play would eventually be the tragedy Macbeth. King James insisted specific elements in the play, such as witches who controlled the plot of the story. As this was a popular window style of the time for William Shakespeare's room and had abundant candle props throughout his room. The only real it seemed, were missed on the primary characters.

The musical director, David Remedios, did a good job choosing the music for the play, Music, in my mind, is the second most important in a play. It sets the mood of the play, the time frame, and adds emphasis to the climax. The director's arrangement of the music was somber when the play called for somber music and in times of complete humor, the music was upbeat and happy.

The introduction of the comic relief characters early on was the time I thought it took to switch sets around. The audience was taken to the Shakespeare room and had abundant candle props throughout the room. The only real problem I had was the time I had to switch sets around. I thought it took a little too long. It interrupted the play as the momentum came to a screeching halt during these changes. Set changes clocked in around four minutes.

The costume designer was fair. Even though the costumes did in fact portray the attire of the time period in mind. For instance, the director lamented, could not stop laughing. At the end of play, it left no one in the audience with a dry eye from laughing. The funniest part happened when Guy Fawkes, played by John Kuntz, and Robert Catesby were talking about the plot to assassinate the king. Brustein cleverly included cliché elements of secret meetings like changing names and incriminating words. I am not really a fan of clichés in plays, but Brustein used it effectively gave it a fresh spin. For example, Guy Fawkes and Robert Catesby were talking about the assassination plot and Guy insisted on Robert calling him "Guido" and instead of black powder, Guy wanted it called "black residue."

I found the political satire to be quite enjoyable. This occurred when King James was interrogating Guy Fawkes about specific torture techniques that resembled the modern techniques used to force information from political prisoners at Guantanamo.

Overall, all the key parts of the play were great: the plot, acting, and humor had me applauding at the end. Mortal Terror is one of the best comedies.
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Weekly Crossword

Across
1 Jodie Foster film
6 320m tall in Champ de Mars
12 Triangle-shaped candy
13 Location of 1932, 1964 Olympic Games
14 Boy's name with 6 dashes in Morse Code
19 Gandhi wrote to for diet advice
21 D in CAD
22 Subject of 1988 biography Always on Sunday
23 *Castles in the
24 Synonym for crazy (in a good way)
27 Switzerland's largest city
28 F is for (SpongeBob song)
29 Number of milliliters in 1 cubic centimeter
30 Native country of Agatha Christie's detective
31 State with Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
32 Will break down naturally
33 State with Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
39 Italian city, Leonardo's Last Supper
40 To travel to and from
45 Vinyl
46 Camera invented by Edwin Land
48 Largest fruit crop on earth
49 "Over the river and through the __"
50 Shiny Christmas decor

Down
2 Number of tusks a wart hog has
3 EDC (festival)
4 Beach alternative
5 Musical set in gangland New York
7 James Galway instrument
8 Second most common gas in the atmosphere
9 World's smallest continent
10 Location-based app
11 "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" writer
15 Won his second Oscar from Raymond role in Rain
17 Italian company founded by 6 brothers
18 South Africa's currency
20 Won Super Bowl III
21 AKA Donna Gaines
26 iPod, for one
31 Mr. Magoo's first name
32 European country, restored monarchy in 1975
34 Smallest dog breed
35 America's first flasher icon
37 Right away
38 West Indian dance with a pole
41 Country with Tangier and Casablanca
42 Fish to eat
43 Truman Capote's last name before adoption
44 Not exciting
47 Scientific scale for measuring rock hardness
Your Week: Club Nights

Angelo Bray
Journal Staff

Zeds Dead is back to fill the Middle East Downstairs with hard EDM sounds tonight. After a killer show last time, whether catching it or not, it's one that can't be missed, except it's already sold out. However, it's totally worth trying to find tickets for, especially with Terravita, Tjani and IMMVC in the lineup. (18+)

Right next door, at Phoenix Landing, notable resident DJ Patrick Barry will be opening for Re-See guest, Till Von Sein. Hitting this night, you'll find a mix of locals and electronic music lovers on the dance floor for house, deep house and techno. (19+)

If rap makes it right, the Red Bull "EmSee" battle series will be stepping downtown at Royale to find top-notch freestyle rappers. Emcees will be showcasing their technique and creativity through verse spits over beats. (18+)

Tomorrow, RISE launches Play, a new 18+ college party. Similar to last year's Campus Party Phaze, it is a prime place to meet kids from other schools while getting down to top 40, hip-hop and party jams with DJ Frank White. Launch party perk: the club will be giving away one Third House Membership, which entails free admission to every party at RISE for a year! (18+)

At the same time, Sphere Boston presents Unlimited House Sessions at On in Harvard Square. The new, exclusive house music night features chill out, ambient and deep house infused with techno from guest DJs. Opening night boasts a lineup with DJ Deepstate, Dark & Stormy and Daniel Merlino. (21+)

For more urban tastes, Brookline will hold down the upstairs at Good Life with hip-hop, reggae and party jams. At the same time, Dopejams will bring house music downstairs. (21+)

The next night, same place, DJ Dupont will take on hip-hop, reggae and party jams upstairs while BASSIC, Boston's longest-running dubstep party, does dirty drops downstairs. (18+)

Party with a purpose at Church on Saturday for their 2nd Skool 4 Cool Benefit Concert. With a goal to raise $10,000 toward school supplies for over 600 local families, the show will feature Boston talent: Jam'n 94.5% Maverick, Pat G, Prince Taj, Rasheeda Brown, Ryderz, Kitarah, and Young Jay. (18+)

Columbus Day weekend means no school or work Monday... aka excuse to go out Sunday night. True Productions' bass weekly, The Drop at Phoenix Landing, delivers boat-driven, rhythmic styles of electronic music. B.Rich and Alex Russo will take care of the sounds. (21+)

This show is hilarious. The premise is pretty simple—it's a COPS-like show except the officers are based around major college campuses across the United States. They get a call and show up to the scene. You know how that goes. The episodes feature drunken college students making really dumb legal mistakes. Within two episodes, a couple of kids at parties tried to "school" officers—telling them that there are much worse crimes going on right down the road. Listen kids, the cops know that there are worse people out there, but that doesn't excuse you from disturbing the peace. That's still a civil crime that needs to be dealt with in order to keep the peace within neighborhoods. Your 100-plus person kegger is spilling out into the streets and you have the idea to try to defend it? Usually, the students end up getting arrested because of the way they handle police presence. Seriously, the lines "please talk to my lawyer" and "I'm not resisting" are your best friends, not "I don't understand why I'm being singled out" or "I'm not drunk!"

Living in a neighborhood full of parties at all hours, I see dumb kids do dumb things all the time and Campus PD is helping preserve the sanity of college students today. When higher education has come to mean "30-racks of Natty Ice and blunts" without enough productivity, we have a problem. BE PROACTIVE, KIDS.

Seriously, stop messing around if you're going to take tuition money for granted. You live in a great time for productivity, but no one's doing anything.
Purchase new Anthrax!

Anthrax has had tumultuous times in the past. Different lineups like having John Bush on Vocals, and having Dan Spitz and Paul Crook on lead guitar prevented them from fulfilling their full potential. Now, the current “semi-classic” lineup with Scott Ian on rhythm guitar, Rob Caggiano on lead guitar, the return of Joey Belladona on lead vocals, Charlie Benante on drums and Frankie Bello on bass is certainly a “blast from the past.” While watching The Big 4 documentary from last year, I can certainly see cohesiveness among the group as a whole on stage.

With that being said, this album is Anthrax's rebirth from the depths of the abyss. It has been exactly twenty years since their last full length album with Joey Belladona, and 6 years since their last release with John Bush. With Worship Music, it seems Joey and the rest of the band picked up their instruments, dusted them off, and went right back into their regular routine. I am a huge fan of the Belladona-Anthrax years. Classics like “Caught in a Mosh” and “A.E.R.” show that Anthrax and the fans of Anthrax needed Belladonna back. The way that Joey's voice has aged and has turned raspy has added a new flavor to this work of music. The songs on the album are so true to the classic feel like the album Among the Living or even Spreading the Disease. While listening to the album, I heard similarities to that of the heavy metal band Lamb of God like the song “The Giant.” The heaviest song on the album is by far “Earth on Hell” because of the way Charlie Benante plays the opening drum line.

The general music production was good. In some songs the lead guitar was a little too low in the mix, but overall, good. Anything is better than Metallic's Death Magnetic production. The tone of the guitars was awesome. Everything was articulate and Scott Ian certainly turned it up to 11 on this one! He hit his sweet spot for the best rhythm sound ever with Worship Music. The use of effective “stop time” techniques was good. The songs “Judas Priest” and “The Devil you Know” are great examples of stop time on this album. Anthrax is really trying to compete with Metallica, Megadeth and Slayer for the most trash metal album release from the last 2 years because of their 8 year hiatus. Anthrax's guitar and bass lines are way beyond the material of Metallica. They actually have songs you can groove to on Worship Music.

I enjoyed the iTunes version of this album because they have an interview about recording the album – the things they went through and the obstacles that they had to deal with. Also, it showed how cohesive the band is and how great they work together.

On the album, Anthrax wrote at least two new power anthems with the songs like “I'm Alive” and “The Devil 1 Know.” These two songs could be great while performed live with Joey fronting. They did a good job performing the songs and the lyrics keep the religion motif throughout the album. Lyric content and their message are not a real important element to me. It's all about the vocals, guitar melodies, harmonies and the band's “tightness.” I think overall the album is rhythmically powerful. It uses different music elements such as stop time and the use of a cello in one of the intros before the song. Anthrax is certainly coming out and discovering new ways to write metal music.

New fashion shown off

Boston Fashion week, although events were held the week before, like Boston Globe Style Magazine's 25 Most Stylish Bostonians' bash, which jump-started the fashion week. In previous years, different fashion shows were held at different hotels and other venues throughout the city, but this year marked the first time ever that Boston Fashion week was held in a tent, similar to that of New York City's Fashion week.

The 3,000 square-foot tent, costing an estimated whopping sum of $65,000, was set up between the Mandarin Oriental Hotel and the Prudential Center. The new tent venture was made possible by the Mandarin, Boston Properties, Boston Magazine, Party by Design, as well as sponsors like Land Rover, Stella Artois, and Vitamin Water.

Designers showing their lines in the tent also spent quite a pretty penny – corporate designers paid $3,500 and local established designers paid $2,000. New designers got to show their designs, too, without any fee at the beginning of the fashion shows each night. According to Jay Caldeiro, the founder of Boston Fashion Week, during years past designers were used as an easier way of organizing their shows— ones that allowed for more flexibility, while shows displayed in the tent are on a stricter, more organized schedule in order to fit multiple shows into one evening. The tent also made it easier for viewers to attend more than one show.

Rather than shows being scattered at different hotels and clubs throughout Boston, they are all held in one venue. Some of the tent requirements expected of designers included a seating chart as well as a minimum of 12 looks on the runway.

Whether you're a fashionista at heart or you're just looking for something to do in town, Boston Fashion Week is always worth checking out, including all of the cool after-parties that are being held at different bars and other fun venues. If you want to learn more about Boston Fashion Week, check out http://bostonfashionweek.com.
Scenes from the occupation

Occupy Boston grows in Dewey Square

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Staff Editorial

We at the Journal feel that the recent layoffs represent a turn in the wrong direction for the university. It stands for a shift in terms of education that is sweeping the nation, and not in a good way. When the board of trustees is being quoted in the Globe that Suffolk is a business, there is something very wrong. Education should be their primary focus. Yet, it is still not addressed as much as it should be.

College should not be part of big business. We owe it to ourselves and to future generations to fix this now. Higher education is an investment in itself that many are asking the worth of. Our generation has had to deal with skyrocketing tuitions in an economy that is not breeding job opportunities. At this point, none of us want to hear about business models or deficit reduction.

It is time that we as students realize the consequences of corporate colleges. As America continually fails at improving the educational system, a decent education is becoming harder to come by. If we continue on a path where schools are run more like big businesses and less like beacons of higher thinking, then money will have corrupted the strongest and most vital part of our society.

The layoffs display the uncertainty that exists in these hard economic times, and this uncertainty has certainly concerned us. We understand that cuts are necessary, but the layoffs were handled poorly. It feels as though corporate America has already invaded the hierarchy of the university. And if you haven’t noticed, our generation is not too fond of corporate America. Just take a trip down to Dewey Square if you are skeptical about that.

We have already seen the corruption of big business and how far reaching the consequences of that corruption can be. All we ask is that we be afforded the opportunity to receive an education without having to worry about possible unsteadiness due to corporate America.

MBTA ferries will provide struggling area with much-needed boost

A.P. Blake
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Although not quite the Blue Line extension Lynn has been promised since the 1950’s, the blue and white ferries of the MBTA may soon be pulling into a port in the down-on-its-luck city. Once a robust community, Lynn is now a mere shell of itself following a collapse in manufacturing and numerous downtown cullaginations. Lynn has sought for decades to turn itself around using its proximity and economic ties to Boston. A proposed ferry route is an excellent solution which promises to spur growth and redevelopment in the city.

The proposed ferry would operate directly between Long Wharf in Boston and 100 acres of undeveloped waterfront in Lynn, a brief walk from Lynn’s downtown Central Square. $2 million has already been secured for preliminary work, including improvements to the sea wall on the undeveloped waterfront. Another $2.5 million is necessary for dredging within Lynn Harbor, after which the ferries can begin service. The ferry is expected to ignite development planned in conjunction with the ferry would produce the critical mass necessary for a sweeping revival of the rundown city.

Rich Davey — former MBTA GM, now MassDOT chief — expressed his support for such a great project among a literal boatload of local and state politicians and Lynn business owners earlier this month. The crowd was confident the state would follow through with the final installment of preliminary funding, especially with Governor Deval Patrick’s support of alternative transportation and getting people out of their cars. The Lynn ferry is sure to be a success.
Bullying rules need a serious kick in the ass
Severe punishment needs to be put into effect

Ally Johnson
Journal Staff

To some, bullying is nothing but a rite of passage. Experiences inflicted upon every kid and teenager is just part of growing up. They say kids should just endure because it builds character; it toughens them up and thickens their skin. Jamey Rodemeyer was 14-years-old and he was bullied every day for being gay. Mitchel Wilson was only eleven. After years of being verbally and physically attacked because of his muscular dystrophy, something that made walking a struggle for him. He also killed himself.

In May, Jamey posted an It Gets Better video. In it he said, "I promise you it does get better." Five months later he killed himself because of bullying. He got torn down so badly that he felt it was his only option. How on earth does it get to this point? To be taunted for being yourself is without a doubt wrong. This isn't toughening kids up, it's putting them on the defensive. It's teaching them to be wary. Why do we keep going on, and why is it allowed? It may be frowned upon and felt so secure. I promise you it gets better.

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Bullying rules need a serious kick in the ass. With all of the suicides last year and the ones we've heard of so far this year why hasn't more than a message been put into place? Why isn't bullying labeled as hate crime? It is one, so why no emphasis on it? Bullying is being cruel to a person about something that makes them who they are, with no motivation behind the hate other than the fact that they can because there is nothing stopping them. There should be, and if we can get anything positive out of this it is that maybe this time a loss of a life will prompt an even more serious discussion on the safety of kids and teens in schools.

Shutdown of marijuana dispensaries leads to increased crime. Go figure

Petty worries should not be a factor

Ally Johnson
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All over the country, the debate about legalizing marijuana continues to cause controversy and differing opinions. With medical marijuana entering the limelight, people are questioning whether or not we are at the point where legalizing the drug for good seems like a smart idea. Individuals again the drug believe that crime could be vastly reduced if management was shut down. The removal of crime was the main cause of the shutting down process. However, due to a recent study in Los Angeles, people are rethinking that accusation.

Last year, hundreds of medical marijuana dispensaries were forced to shut down, carrying the belief that the crime would come to a halt as well. However, ever since the shut down there has been a significant increase in crime rate in the surrounding neighborhoods. After a closer look into the case they found that there was a 9% increase in crime within three-tenths of a mile of the closed marijuana dispensaries and a 24% increase within six-tenths of a mile.

Taking a second to consider the choice of removal, the individuals living in the area might reconsider the action. Their initial reasoning for wanting the dispensary removed was for simpler reasons rather than just wanting them gone due to a hatred of drugs. They were opposed to the loitering, double parking, and noise that these dispensaries caused. If the crime in the neighborhoods is increasing, and their reasons for the removal are trivial and based off of common annoyances, maybe they should reconsider.

While there were no concrete findings in the research done to figure out why the crime rate had raised, the researchers simply posted an idea stating that dispensaries may have actually created better security in the neighborhood with their use of cameras and guards. They also helped increase late night foot traffic, got rid of illegal street sales, and caused regular police patrols. Complaints caused these clinics and dispensaries to close down. Yet crime (what the law was working against) is what may bring the public to reconsider the action.

Legally the city is still arguing about whether or not the shutting down of these clinics was constitutional or not, since state law allows medical marijuana. Banks are more likely to be skeptical than dispensaries are due to a shut down. Do people have the right to take away what was already given? The need for crime to be erased should be held at a greater importance than that of some people's frustrations and petty worries. These clinics and dispensaries created a way for patients to obtain their medical marijuana safely, with a higher set of security. The state should consider the patients, and the help that these clinics provided them with.
Obama overreaches on essential education overhaul

Nicole Espinoso
Journal Staff

Obama is taking presidential power to new levels with his latest in education reform. Did you know that when you’re his latest in education reform. Did you know that when you’re...
Kobe Bryant getting closer to Italy Deal

Kobe Bryant is apparently very close to signing a deal with the Italian club Virtus Bologna, which would pay him $3 million for a 10-game contract. The deal hinges on other clubs changing their schedules to give Bologna five home games during Bryant’s 10-game contract. Bologna also wants its opening five away games played in Italy’s biggest arenas to give more exposure to Bryant. Some clubs were hesitant in rearranging their schedules, but Virtus officials are confident that those links will be worked out. Bryant, who lived in Italy from ages 6 to 13 while his father played professionally there and who still speaks fluent Italian, said it would be a “dream” for him to play there during the NBA lockout. If Bryant were to sign a contract, he would not only be the biggest star to play overseas during the lockout, but he could potentially create a domino effect of the leagues’ biggest stars going elsewhere to play, and could influence players like Dwight Howard and Kevin Durant to sign contracts in other countries.

Rangers eliminate Rays, win ALDS

The Texas Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 on Tuesday, advancing to their second straight ALCS. Ironically, the Rangers beat the Rays in the 2010 ALDS in five games. Adrian Beltre became the seventh player in MLB history to hit three home runs in a playoff game, joining players like Reggie Jackson and Babe Ruth, who did it twice. Neftali Feliz picked up his third save of the series to help propel the defending American League Champions back to the ALCS. The Rays made a remarkable run to capture the American League Wild Card in the last month of the season after the collapse of the Boston Red Sox, but after winning game one in a decisive 9-4 fashion, the Rays lost the next three games by four runs total. The Rangers will look to make their second consecutive trip to the World Series, where they lost last year to the San Francisco Giants four games to one. They will play the winner of the Tigers/Yankees series.

Lions stun Cowboys with rally

After leading 20-3 at halftime, it looked like the Dallas Cowboys were going to extend their record of besting the Detroit Lions five of their past six meetings. Tony Romo then started the third quarter by throwing back to back interceptions for touchdowns on two consecutive drives, starting Detroit’s rally to defeat Dallas 34-30. The Cowboys made history on Sunday for all the wrong reasons, becoming the first team in franchise history to lose a game after leading by as many as 24 points at one time. America’s team will head into their week five bye with a 2-2 record before heading to Foxboro on October 16th to take on the New England Patriots.

Start of NBA season in jeopardy

The NBA has already canceled the preseason and will cancel the first two weeks of the regular season if there is no deal by Monday, according to league reports. Commissioner David Stern made the announcement after players and coaches met for about four hours Tuesday but could not come closer to reaching a deal. The owners and players have been locked out since July 1, and have not made much progress in having an upcoming season. Stern said that the league is about to take a $200 million hit from missing the preseason. It’s only a wonder how much they’ll lose if an NBA season does not happen.

Team standings

**Men’s soccer (GNAC)**
1. Albertus Magnus 8-2
2. Emerson 5-5
3. Lasell 6-2-2
4. St. Joseph’s (Me.) 6-4
5. Suffolk 4-7
6. Norwich 5-7
7. Emmanuel 6-3-4
8. Mount Ida 3-6
9. Johnson & Wales 3-7-1
10. Anna Maria 2-10-1
11. Rivier 0-7

**Women’s soccer (GNAC)**
1. Lasell 8-2
2. Johnson & Wales 6-3-1
3. Norwich 7-1-1
4. Albertus Magnus 7-3
5. St. Joseph (Conn.) 7-3
6. St. Joseph’s (Me.) 5-3-2
7. Emmanuel 8-3-1
8. Emerson 4-5-1
9. Simmons 3-7
10. Rivier 3-6-1
11. Pine Manor 1-6-1
12. Mount Ida 2-8
13. Suffolk 2-6
14. Anna Maria 0-12

**Women’s volleyball (GNAC)**
1. Simmons 14-4
2. Emerson 12-4
3. Emmanuel 10-11
4. Saint Joseph’s (Me.) 11-4
5. Rivier 6-12
6. Mount Ida 9-7
7. Norwich 9-7
8. Pine Manor 9-2
9. Johnson & Wales 3-17
10. Lasell 7-10
11. St. Joseph 5-11
12. Albertus Magnus 1-11
13. Suffolk 6-11
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Historic collapse ends Red Sox season and era

Mike McMahon
Journal Staff

There is no way to sugarcoat it; no positives to take out of it, not even a general sense of “We’ll get em’ next year” October could not come fast enough for the Boston Red Sox and for all the wrong reasons. The worst part of it all is even after the games have ended, the losing has continued off the field and it does not look like there is an end in sight. Red Sox Nation is in recession and left wondering what else can possibly go wrong?

Today’s Red Sox fan is a little different than the typical Red Sox fan of 20 years ago. The new age of Sox fans have more of this immortal coat it, no positives to take out of it, not even a general sense of what else can possibly go wrong?

As September dragged on, there was still a some­what optimistic expectation. It was not until the last week of the season that Sox fans really grasped that not making the playoffs was a more than plausible outcome for the dwindling Red Sox.

Then the Red Sox did what they have been so good at doing the past 80 or so years, making it hurt, a lot. In a must win game in the nightcap of a doubleheader at Yankee Stadium, the Sox held tough for 14 innings. Jacoby Ellsbury bunted one over the short porch in right field and postponed my impending heart attack. At that moment, as I was just naive enough to believe in this Sox team again. But my second mistake came after the Sox lost to the Orioles in the opener of a three game series and I began to realize that the Sox might not be able to get into the playoffs by themselves.

It was at this time I committed the ultimate crime and it will be something I will never forgive myself for as I started to root for the Yankees. I knew if the Yankees could just beat the Rays it wouldn’t matter if the Sox won or not. How pathetic is that? Sox fans rooting for a hated foe just so we could limp into October and inevitably get embarrassed, So moments after the Rays scored the game winning hit under the glove of Carl Crawford and Pedroia, Youkilis, and Varitek, there was a glimmer of light. Any Sox team of the past 10 years would thrive over a win like that in the coliseum of baseball with such dire consequences looming. This game would propel them back into a World Series chase, right? That was my first mistake.

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Ever since 2004, the Red Sox as an organization began to change slowly. They began to leave behind their image of the team everyone feels sorry for because nothing ever goes right to a team that gave people a lot of reasons to hate them. The development of “Red Sox Nation” brought upon half­hearted fans that would be with the team as long as they were winning.

Another championship came in 2007 and the expectations would now consistently be World Series or failure. That’s when the front office for the Red Sox took a turn. They became the evil empire that we all used to hate.

In essence, the Red Sox were becoming the New York Yankees. Yeah, I said it. As expectations grew, so did the Red Sox payroll. Theo Epstein started paying free agents more than what his core play­ers were making, something that the Sox always used to be against. This hit its peak the last two off­seasons with John Lackey, Carl Crawford, and the contract extension of Adrian Gonzalez. The Red Sox aren’t supposed to sign these big names the Yankees are supposed to get these names while us Sox fans sit there and complain about the Evil Empire.

So maybe we got ahead of ourselves. Sox fans forgot why winning in 2004 and 2007 was so great. It was because the Sox did it with a group of guys that meshed really well and had character. They had lots of solid ball players with a couple studs that all played incredibly motivated baseball. It never seemed like the chemistry was quite this year for the Sox. Excluding guys like Pedroia, Youkilis, and Varitek, there was a lot of individualism on this Sox team.

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So now it’s time to take a step back, lower the expectations slightly, hope they make the right personnel moves, and go back to the days where the Sox weren’t a team you expected to win, but a team that you prayed would win.

Suffolk volleyball looking to improve record

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The women’s volleyball team (6-11 overall) went 2-2 against Newbury College, before losing matches against Rivier and Babson College. Against Lesley last Tuesday, senior Melissa Griffin led the way with a team high 13 kills, and freshman Glamarys Sierra added 30 assists and 6 digs.

The Rams are on the road for the next three games, beginning with a game tonight at Framingham State. The team then plays at Gordon on Thursday, and then they have a tri­match against St. Joseph (Conn.) and Emerson.

The tri­match also begins a span of conference play for the Rams, as eight of their final 10 games are against GNAC foes. Emerson is currently 6-0 in the GNAC conference, and will prove to be a formidable challenge for the Rams.

Left fielder Carl Crawford (left) and pitcher John Lackey (right) each had disappointing seasons in Red Sox uniforms. Crawford finished the season with 11 HRs and 55 RBIs. Lackey finished the season with a 12-12 record and a 6.41 ERA.

Robert Andino, deemed “The Great Andino” by Sox haters everywhere, dropped the game winning hit under the glove of Carl Crawford and then Evan Longoria lined one over the left field wall to end the Sox season it all dawned on me.

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Will BCS chaos lead to change?

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The last twelve months have shown us an unprecedented amount of activity in schools changing their conference alliances. It all started when Colorado and Nebraska decided to leave the Big 12. Colorado headed to the Pacific-10, now the Pac-12, with Utah from the Mountain West Conference. Nebraska would head to the Big-10.

Both of these moves gave the Big-10 and Pac -12 the ability to have a conference championship game to decide their Bowl Championship Series bid. This started a sequence of events that consisted of schools constantly jumping ship from their respective conferences.

Most recently, Texas A&M announced that it is leaving the Big-12 to become the 13th member of the Southeastern Conference. Having 13 teams, the SEC now has unbalanced divisions in the conference for football. This leads to the question: will they look to add a 14th school?

Oklahoma has also expressed interest in leaving the conference having a hard time keeping its schools together. The Big East also erupted with at least two of its schools officially leaving for the Atlantic Coast Conference. Syracuse and Pittsburgh both announced they are leaving the Big East. While this move was mostly determined because of the basketball programs it might end up effecting Big East football more than anything. With Pitt and Syracuse leaving, the conference will mostly be down to seven Football Bowl Subdivision football programs, because of the addition of TCU for the 2012 season.

To be eligible as a BCS conference, at least eight programs are required. So, in order to stay eligible, the Big East has to add at least one more team. However, this might not be the end of teams jumping off the Big East bandwagon. UCONN has expressed interest in heading to the ACC in which there would also be incentive to add Rutgers to even out the divisions, giving the ACC 16 teams. There have been rumors that other conferences have reached out to West Virginia and Louisville.

So could this be the end of Big East football? They could pick up Villanova’s FCS football program and maybe bring Temple back but without another power name to the resume, the Big East doesn’t have much football appeal. So this leads to another big question. What is going to happen to the BCS? The Big East Champion has always gotten an automatic bid to a BCS bowl game. Naturally, if there isn’t a Big East football conference, there is no one to take the automatic bid. Even if the Big East does make it to survive, will the BCS really be interested in giving the conference an automatic bid over another ACC or SEC school that almost doubles the Big East in teams?

The SEC, ACC, Big-10, and Pac-12 will most likely have at least two teams that could be BCS eligible. Maybe this will be incentive to leave the BCS computer system and move onto a playoff system. It’s something that college football fans have been raving about for years now.

It’s hard to find people that are really in favor of the BCS anymore. So maybe all of this chaos will end up not just being about money. All of these realignments might end up being the straw that breaks the back of the BCS. So to all you college sports fans panicking about the conference changes, realize that maybe it is worth it at the reward of finally getting a college football playoff.

Pats draft big board: college players to watch

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The NFL Draft might not be until April, but all the teams in the league are keeping their eyes on the top college players in America. The New England Patriots are a force every year in the draft and they have two first round picks again this year.

Questions will come up all season about the missing pieces on the Patriots, but hopefully they finally find the answer in the 2012 draft.

Jared Crick is a defensive tackle from Nebraska and is a huge defensive impact standing in at around 6-4 and 285 lbs. He has averaged about nine sacks as a starter at Nebraska. This guy has "Patriot" written all over him, and he could play defensive end in the 3-4 or tackle in the 4-3.

He is a big threat who also could be compared to JJ Watt of the Houston Texans. Personally I have said for the past two years that Belichick wants this type of player on his team, and I think that we will make a strong push for him.

Michael Floyd is a wide receiver from Notre Dame that the Pats need to keep an eye on. There have been two Julio Jones and Floyd. Floyd is Notre Dame’s all-time leader in receptions, touchdowns, and yards but that title doesn’t even begin to describe his talents. At 6-3, I have never seen a wide receiver be able to get open like he can, and he is a well-rounded player. The question is will he fall to us in the draft and can he learn the "Patriot way"?

If the New England Patriots needed help somewhere, no one would argue that our secondary is being abused and that we need more depth after cutting Brandon Meriweather, Ray-Ray Armstrong is a tall 6-4, safety, and although he does not have flashy statistics at Miami, he is a solid football player.

With all the problems in Miami, people might stay away from players like Armstrong, but I think the Pats would want a man like him to work out and become a better all around defensive back.

Do not panic about Dan Koppen, drafting a center does not mean that we will get rid of our great veteran, but he is not getting any younger. The best center in the draft is Michael Brewster, 6-4, 318 pounds, and he is a realistic second-round pick for New England.

He is a leader on the Buckeyes, and when he plays well, his team plays well. He is everything a lineman should be- tough, physical, smart, and an All-American football player.

This may be a bit of a reach, but Luke Kuechly is one of the best players in the draft. Now that New England used their 1st round pick on a 6-2, 237 pounds perfect to play both inside and outside linebacker.

Belichick would use Kuechly like he uses Dane Fletcher, move him around the field and let him make plays. If he falls in the first round for us to grab, don’t be surprised if we draft a local.
Soccer player finding success on and off the field

Senior puts current and future career in perspective

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While the Rams' 4-7 record thus far this season may not look the greatest on paper, forward Michael Missouri has still managed to have himself quite an impressive string of games. With five goals and two assists currently under his belt, and with two of those goals scored in one game against Mount Ida on September 21st, he is definitely holding his own in this year's lineup.

The story of how Missouri came to be a Ram in the first place is an interesting one.

Missouri, 23, is a senior at Suffolk and has been playing soccer for about 17 years. There was no real question as to whether or not he would play the game in college.

"I didn't really choose Suffolk so much as Suffolk chose me," Missouri said.

It just took him a few years to end up here. He first completed his freshman year of college in Norway, after living there for six years.

He then came back to the United States to complete the rest of his undergraduate education, first going to Connecticut State University where he played on their Division 1 team. But despite the athletic opportunities that he was enjoying in Connecticut, Missouri knew that he would be happier in a city like Boston, at a university such as Suffolk. And so he transferred here the following year.

Missouri has enjoyed playing for the men's soccer team this year.

"My teammates are a great bunch of guys," Missouri said.

Missouri most certainly brings new meaning to the title "student athlete." As they say, the student part is supposed to come first, and Missouri's work here at Suffolk certainly reflects this.

Missouri is an economics major and is graduating in the spring. Next year, he will attend Harvard University for two years to earn his Masters in Public Policy, and then he plans to go to law school. He is currently taking twenty credits this semester, working for the economics department, and conducting research at the Beacon Hill Institute so he has quite a busy schedule.

But when asked what his greatest accomplishment has been thus far, he humbly replied, "I haven't actually accomplished anything yet that I want to accomplish." Missouri has been playing with numerous injuries this entire season, making his statistics all the more impressive. Aside from still recovering from a hip muscle injury which kept him out of the game for all of last season, he is also struggling with a torn ligament in his right ankle and a stress fracture in his right foot, among other injuries.

Whether or not he will be able to continue to play this season is currently still up in the air. But if his days as a Suffolk Ram were to soon end, Missouri can leave Suffolk at the end of this year knowing that he had a great run, and there is no question as to the fact that he has an incredible future waiting for him at Harvard, law school, and beyond.

Men's soccer looking to salvage season

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From 2010 into the middle of this year's season for the Suffolk men's soccer team, not much has changed. Last year, the Rams posted a 5-3 record against other Great Northeast Athletic Conference teams and this year they find themselves 3-2 heading into the last month of the season.

As respectable as their in-conference record may be, their overall record is not, as they currently stand at 4-7 overall this year. That being said, while the out of conference troubles may not be good for team morale, at the end of the season what matters the most is the GNAC standings and who is crowned the conference tournament champion.

Suffolk finished 2010 fourth in the overall standings, but rallied through the conference tournament, taking down the likes of Emerson, top ranked Lasell and Albertus Magnus to win the conference title. While the Rams were impressive running the table when it most mattered, every team is hoping to find themselves with the highest finish possible to ensure an easier route to the championship, and this team is no different.

After making the last year's all GNAC tournament team, senior Danny Lloyd has posted another stellar season with nine goals scored on the year. Scoring certainly isn't on Suffolk's list of improvements to make, with an average of nearly three scored per game.

Lloyd leads the team in goals scored, with six goals in the past five contests. The Honduras native will need to continue to find the back of the net during his last month donning the blue and gold if Suffolk wants to find themselves in prime position come tournament time.

October will certainly be a "make or break" situation for this team full of veterans, with five of their seven remaining games being against GNAC opponents. The late season rally will have to begin tonight on the road against Emmanuel in a battle for the fifth place spot in the conference standings.

The Saints are just below Suffolk in the standings, and the Rams will look to keep them there tonight in an early must-win game if they wish to make any noise this month. After Wednesday's game against Emmanuel, the Rams will face second place Lasell, Emerson, Norwich (on Suffolk Spirit Night) and Johnson and Wales University to finish their GNAC schedule. They will also take on Endicott and Tufts in two out of conference bouts.

Freshman goalkeeper James Potter (above) has two shutouts in ten games started for the Rams this season.

The men's team, currently 4-7 overall, have seven games left in the regular season.