Suffolk students respond to Occupy Boston

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Suffolk students seemed generally supportive of the Occupy Boston movement, even as the group met opposition from the Boston Police for the first time early Tuesday morning.

Attempts to expand Occupy Boston's tent city to the Rose Kennedy Greenway were dashed Monday night after the Boston Police arrested 129 protestors.

Police began to gather around the Greenway at about 12:30 a.m., telling protestors they had to disperse within five minutes or face arrest.

When the protestors did not react, police drove down Atlantic Ave. and did not adopt a non-violent approach toward the demonstrators, police converged on the Greenway to use the space.

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Education provided by forum grant

and graduate students agreed to “do something.” Students explained their plans to become more involved on a questionnaire given at the end of the forum, which will serve as research and will be reported to congress.

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ISOM chair wins research award

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Donald's, you just need to pay for a handout and saying, he said. "It clearly says on Wall Street that the government has taken the policies the government has enacted so far haven't worked. We need to investigate the alternatives available to us.

The SGA has not taken an official stand on Occupy Boston, said President Megan Caron. "For us to take an official stance would be unfair and not [necessary]ly represent the students."

Caron heard that some professors are encouraging students to observe the protest as a social movement regardless of their opinion on it. SuffolkGOP was unavailable for comment.

Sophomore Patrick Munnely got involved with an organization called US Uncut two years ago. "It's an organization responsible for exposing corporations who don't pay taxes. The main organization we've focused on and protested is Bank of America," he said.

In March, there was a protest at bank of America in Kenmore Square. In April, US Uncut got involved with Occupy Wall Street by helping to promote it. Munnely recalls seeing videos of protesters on Wall Street being attacked and sprayed with pepper spray.

He attended the meeting two weeks ago at the Boston Common. "We had the meeting about goals and where to occupy," he said. "Dewey Square is a really central location outside of South Station, heavily trafficked and by the financial district."

"The original list of demands was to make everyone pay their taxes and help out the poor... the top one percent of the population is the population that's not struggling and paying their taxes," he continued.

He said he heard the list of demands may be shifting directions, but remains for the original cause about everyone paying their taxes.

"It's a different feeling when everyone's gathered for the same cause. Everyone's there for different reasons, but that they're all there making a very powerful."
The Amanda Knox case detailed

By Ashley McCormack
Journal Contributor

After being in Italian prison for four years, Amanda Knox has been acquitted from her sentence on Oct. 3 and is back in her Seattle, Wash., home with her family. Knox was arrested in late 2007 for the alleged murder of her British roommate, Meredith Kercher. The DNA evidence on the murder weapon used to convict her was proved unreliable during her appeal trial. Knox was able to evade her 26 year conviction based on this new discovery.

The original trial shocked the world back in 2007. Knox, a University of Seattle Student, rented an apartment in Perguia, Italy with three other girls for a semester abroad. Kercher was one of Knox’s roommates and the two were good friends, according to Knox’s mother. But Kercher was found dead in Nov. 2007 behind a locked door in their apartment. Her throat had been slashed and there was evidence of a sexual assault. Police immediately took Knox in for questioning.

Knox went from a potential witness to a suspect rather quickly. It is estimated that she was interrogated for a total of 50 hours over a four-day period. Knox established that her Italian boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito, and her boss and local bar owner, Patrick Lumumba were all in the apartment with Kercher the night of her murder. All three were subsequently arrested.

Knox was quick to place the blame on Lumumba yet after questioning Lumumba was able to provide police with a strong alibi. During the time of Lumumba’s false accusation, provocative pictures of Knox and her boyfriend went viral on the Internet. The media discovered Knox’s MySpace and began referring to her as her user-name, “Foxy Knox.” Knox and her boyfriend were then determined to be the leading suspects of Kercher’s murder.

The Italian prosecutors hypothesized that Kercher had been killed in a sadistic rough sex game gone wrong. As the story started to unravel, a new player was introduced; Rudy Guede, a local who was determined to be in the apartment the night of the murder. Guede was immediately arrested. There was DNA evidence establishing he had sex with Kercher the night of her murder. He also left a bloody finger-print in her room. However, he insisted that another, unidentified man had murdered her. Guede was tried separately and convicted in 2009.

Knox’s original trial began in Jan. 2009. Knox and Sollecito’s DNA and finger-prints were found on a kitchen knife determined to be the murder weapon. Witnesses were called by the prosecution providing a mountain of circumstantial evidence. The Italian juries were not sequestered (as the US does with major trials) so they were bombarded with information from news media-daily.

The recent appeal trial determined this to be a reason behind the guilty verdict. DNA collected and tested also was found to be inaccurate.

Knox’s attorney was able to discredit the testimony of many of prosecution’s witnesses, one of them being a homeless drug addict. The case rested on the DNA evidence found, and it is assumed that Guede acted alone in the murder and sexual assault of Kercher, yet he has not made this confession.

Both Knox and Sollecito were acquitted of the murder and subsequently released last week.

Knox’s parents, now divorced, estimate they have spent a total of $1 million on their daughter’s legal fees. They have remortgaged their homes and racked up a considerable amount of credit card debt.

Knox is now being sued for $8-12 million by Kercher’s family. The family wants justice for Kercher and so far no one has officially admitted to committing the crime.

The family does not want her to profit in any way from the death of their daughter. Knox could be making a considerable amount of money in the near future with interviews and a possible book. Knox may be pursuing a lawsuit of her own against the Italian prison where she was held. She alleges that she was sexually harassed by male officials.

International media has played a large role in this case. Tabloids and newspapers were quick to label Knox as a crazed sexual deviant. Several books have been written detailing the case, as well as a Lifetime movie starring Hayden Panettiere as Knox. The US public has been following the case for some time now and there is still doubt as to whether or not she is actually innocent.

The Amanda Knox case detailed

Familly contemplates lawsuit, claims of harrasment in Italian prison

Meredith Kercher was allegedly murdered by Amanda Knox, Rudy Guede and Raffaele Sollecito.

Amanda Knox faced a 26 year sentence before being acquitted due to insufficient evidence. She spent 4 years in an Italian prison.
Europe

Kiev, UKRAINE – Former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko was jailed on Oct. 11 for signing a gas deal with Russia without the approval of Ukrainian parliament. The deal, which caused the Ukrainian economy to plummet, has brought the much beloved prime minister to the Ukrainian national court. The trial has been condemned by western and Russian governments as “anti-Russian” according to BBC World News. Many are claiming that the trial and jailing was a way for current Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych to prevent her from re-election. Enraged Ukranian citizens are clashing with police after news of the jailing broke. Both the US and Russian governments expressed concern over how the trial was handled by the Ukranian government.

Asia

Tashtagol, RUSSIA – Crypto-zoologists may have something to cheer about soon. The Guardian reports that a group of scientists are “95 percent certain” that a “snow man” creature is living in the frozen tundra of Northern Siberia. After a two day expedition, an international group of scientists has declared that there is a high probability of a yeti-like species living in the vast Siberian wilderness. The expedition uncovered several hairs, footprints and what they believe to be a used nest. The existence of such an animal has been disputed by the scientific community for decades, yet this “irrefutable evidence” might shed some light on the mystery and allow for further exploration of the area.

South America

Brasilia, BRAZIL – Former Brazilian soccer striker, Romario, who now holds a seat in the Brazilian congress, has spoken out about FIFA’s intervention with Brazilian law. Brazil is in mid preparations to host the 2014 FIFA World Cup, with construction of stadiums and remodeling of the country’s transportation system in full force. However, as Romario has pointed out, FIFA has “overstepped their bounds” in controlling Brazilian law. According to BBC World News a new law proposed by Brazil to give students and senior citizens half price tickets has been shut down by FIFA. Romario claims that their losses would be in the 100 million range. “They could earn a little less so that Brazilians can take part,” he told reporters. FIFA states that the money earned during the tournament goes back into the betterment of the sport, therefore benefiting the world and not just one country. The 2014 FIFA World Cup has been faced with major setbacks ever since Brazil won the bid; with strikes, concerns over scheduling and Brazil’s ability in managing a tournament of this size.
This is what democracy looks like.

Protesters take to the streets in solidarity of the Occupy Movement.
You may notice that we don’t have our regular Arts section this week. We wanted to share some images from the protests.

Democracy looks like

Occupy Boston Movement: Boston Police arrest 129

Photos by Joshua Lovejoy
Occupy Boston has grown in numbers and support since it started up on September 27, but unfortunately with that came the arrest of 129 people. Not all of us at The Journal were there to witness the protests and its expansion to the Rose Kennedy Greenway, but what we’ve heard is disturbing—the arrests themselves and reports of police brutality, particularly on a 74-year-old Vietnam veteran. There’s a lot of here say back and forth, so it’s not entirely clear how things escalated, but we’ve been bothered by the presence of anarchists in the movement, which is why it got out of hand. This is simply not true. We know several people involved in the movement and they are not anarchists. They are mostly hard-working students and 20-somethings who feel strongly that the government has not adequately handled the economy and sat by while large corporations continue to prosper while so many of us struggle to get an education or pay rent. They are not jobless, hippie, bums as so many are quick to point out. Many of them have jobs (though likely not the job they desire) and protest when they can. Those who don’t have jobs have probably been searching with dismal results that reflect the state of our economy. But we do have one piece of advice for the occupiers—send us a clear message. We get why you’re doing what you’re doing, but we can’t succinctly put it into words. How long are you planning on staying there and what is the ultimate goal? What would you consider a victory? Without these answers, it’s easy for nay-sayers to dismiss the movement as a bunch of hippie rabblerousers. But we know you are so much more than that. Your message resonates with everyone American who has worried about how they’re going to pay their bills, or how they’re going to make it in the real world after graduation. This is an abnormal job market. Stay strong and peaceful. Send a clear message to Wall Street, the City of Boston, Congress, The White House, and most importantly—the American people.

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**Don't believe the hype, Warren has no new solutions**

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In 2010, Scott Brown shocked the state of Massachusetts by gaining Ted Kennedy's Senate seat. This year, however, he’s facing a difficult re-election, and running against him is the ever-popular Elizabeth Warren.

Recently, a video featuring Warren went viral. You've probably seen it; she talks about how “there is nobody in this country who got rich on his own.” She’s reaching the hearts of millions by making all the little so called “tax loopholes” that the rich take according to liberals.

I genuinely wish that I could believe that most people see through Warren’s argument. Her point here is that raising taxes on the rich will not create class warfare, which many are predicting. The thing is, her argument doesn’t defend any notion that raising taxes won’t actually create class warfare just that she thinks raising taxes on the rich makes sense.

Really, it sounds like she just lumps the possibility of class warfare into an argument where it doesn’t fit. She’s doing this to fool voters into thinking that class warfare is an impossibility. Or maybe she just thinks it’s the same thing. Yes, class warfare, as it is in the current debate entails a problem with taxes. But it’s about what could happen if taxes are yet again raised on the wealthy in this country, not whether they should pay more or not, because they already pay more taxes.

The biggest problem with this, her most famous argument, is that the rich already pay more in taxes than the middle class. In fact, the richest 1 percent of Americans pay more than a quarter of all federal taxes. That’s including all the little so called “tax loopholes” that the rich take.

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**The world loses enigmatic genius in Steve Jobs**

Mike Christina  
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There are many views of who Steve Jobs really was. There is, however, one fact about him that cannot be denied. The man truly changed the world. This statement has been thrown around in countless descriptions of numerous public figures throughout history, and often it cannot be fully justified. With Steve Jobs, there is no question of whether that statement is too broad or vastly overblown. His influence and vision traveled across global parameters and his company was able to literally reach every corner of the world.

Steve was born in San Francisco in 1955 to Joanne Schieble, an American speech therapist, and Abdulfattah Jandali, a Syrian born political science professor. He was given the name Steve after his parents being young and unmarried, and was eventually taken in by Paul and Clara Jobs. He attended Reed College, a progressive liberal arts college in Portland, Ore., where he dropped out after one term. Jobs’ quest and ultimate triumph was bringing to life technology products with plenty of content that are simple for everyone to operate. “It’s technology, married with liberal arts, married with humanities, that yield the results that make our hearts sing,” he once said. His vision was clear from the start in terms of what he wanted. Early in the existence of Apple, the company revolutionized personal computers with the Macintosh. The Macintosh provided users with simple operations and tools, including drop-down windows, menus, and a mouse. This “make it easy” philosophy has carried on throughout the years with popular products such as the iPod and the iPad, and has even been称赞 stone of the company. Even the stores took on the motto, providing customers with an easy and laid back shopping experience.

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Steve’s parents being young and unmarried, and was eventually taken in by Paul and Clara Jobs. He attended Reed College, a progressive liberal arts college in Portland, Ore., where he dropped out after one term. Jobs’ quest and ultimate triumph was bringing to life technology products with plenty of content that are simple for everyone to operate. “It’s technology, married with liberal arts, married with humanities, that yield the results that make our hearts sing,” he once said. His vision was clear from the start in terms of what he wanted. Early in the existence of Apple, the company revolutionized personal computers with the Macintosh. The Macintosh provided users with simple operations and tools, including drop-down windows, menus, and a mouse. This “make it easy” philosophy has carried on throughout the years with popular products such as the iPod and the iPad, and has even been称赞 stone of the company. Even the stores took on the motto, providing customers with an easy and laid back shopping experience.

His business formula was based on simplicity, but he himself was a complicated character. Often described as a tyrant, Apple insiders describe dealing with Jobs as “good Steve, bad Steve.” He gave a peek into his personality when he famously addressed the iPhone 4’s aerial problems simply by saying “don’t hold it that way.” Notoriously thin-skinned, he often threatened to walk out if there was even one slight mention of something off the topic of the approved subject matter. Workers often felt he was over secretive, with camera-monitoring, employees’ movement at Apple headquarters, and false information being spread even to employees. Despite his unconventional and often times over the top personality, Jobs’ success as the leader of Apple cannot be denied. The company has become one of the most valuable in the world, and their market stock is expected to be the most valuable by 2012. Without his obsessive attention to detail, this most likely would have never happened.

As with many ultra successful billionaires, Jobs had his share of character deficiencies. It can be said, though, that this side of his personality is what often drove Apple to have the focused determination of providing customers with innovative products that connected people in ways never seen before. In his view, the customer was not always right. His vision is what really mattered. In a sense, who can deny that? Sometimes certain people just know what is right, and this past decade Steve Jobs was one of those people. His influence on not only a generation, but an entire future, is something that is rarely seen. The hope for Apple, now, is that the future can be successful without him.

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Bruins ready to shine in spotlight

Mike McMahon
Journal Staff

For the city of Boston, October 6 was a night that was much needed for the morale of its sports fans. The Bruins had their home opener and raised the majestic Stanley Cup banner from last season. Even though the game resulted in a 2-1 loss for the black and gold, there was a magical feeling as you watched the Bruins take the ice.

The raising of the banner brought us all back to where we were on that glorious night when the Bruins reigned supreme in the world of hockey for the first time in 39 years, but the drought is not the only reason this night was so pivotal for those that call themselves loyal to Boston sports.

The best thing that happened to Boston sports in September was probably Tom Brady finally deciding to get a haircut. The last month and a half has been rough for local sports supporters.

The NBA lockout is lingering and the start of the season is looking doubtful, and I won’t mention the Red Sox because we all know that story. Even though the Patriots are beginning to hit stride, they lost to the Bills.

September was not a good month to a sports fan in Beantown, but now it’s the middle of October and that means one thing- no, not baseball-it’s hockey season.

This is by far the most hype a Bruins team has ever had entering a season in over a decade. Usually the beginning of the season takes a backseat to the MLB playoffs, the beginning of the Celtics season, or the Pats mid season dominance.

This year has been total contrast as the Bruins have become the supreme team in Boston again. It will be interesting to see how the Bruins react to being the most beloved team in Boston, a place they haven’t been in a very, very long time. Being the beloved team in a city that has seen several championships in the last decade is something that will not be easy.

The Bruins have always been a team that did not win because they were the most talented team. They won because they outfought everyone they faced on the ice and thrived on the fact they were an underdog.

No one is going to over look the defending Stanley Cup champs, and now all the eyes of Boston are on them as well. The Bruins need to be able to play at 100 percent game in game out. Due to their youth, I think they are more than capable of playing a full season of hard fought games, but there are certainly some questions.

Tyler Seguin is expected to come in and score twenty plus goals and he hasn’t even played close to a full season. Also, can it be expected that Brad Marchand plays 80 plus games with the same intensity he played with through the playoffs? Being a smaller player, it might be a challenge for Marchand to stay healthy. Also, Mark Recchi is gone, as well as Marc Savard. That was a lot of experience and offensive creativity to lose. To overcome all of this, the depth of the Bruins roster will have to play with the same tenacity and attitude they had in the playoffs.

While the Bruins are more than capable of making the pieces all fall in place again this year, we need to realize exactly what happened last year, as the pieces fell in place. Tim Thomas was historic, and that doesn’t really even do it justice.

The guys that weren’t supposed to be stand out players were stand out players. Can it happen again? Absolutely, but that doesn’t mean this season is a total loss if they don’t bring another cup to Boston.

This team is already forever in the hearts of the Boston faithful, and they don’t need to make another run to keep it that way. Seeing the streets bleed black and gold is something that is new to a lot of people but it is something that I can get very used to.

The games were broadcasted on the NBC Sports affiliate, Versus, and was viewed by hundreds of thousands nation wide. The event was intended to be a PR stunt for the NHL, and to show the unity between North American and European hockey. It also gave European fans a chance to see some of their hometown heroes in action for the first time in years.

The weekend was a home opening for the first time in years. The Ducks, Kings, Islanders, and LA Kings played games in Helsinki, Stockholm, and Berlin. The weekend was a home coming event for European born players like New York’s Henrik Lundqvist, Anaheim’s Teemu Selanne, and Buffalo’s Jochen Hecht.

Bruins react to European games

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This past weekend kicked off the beginning of the 2011-2012 regular season for the National Hockey League. For the fourth consecutive year, four NHL teams played their first two games overseas.

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It’s true the Pats have one of the worst defenses in the NFL through five weeks of play, but oddly they boast the fourth most interceptions in 2011, a stat that would come to haunt the ’boys’ quarterback come Sunday.

If not for two second halves full of Tony Romo miscues in both of Dallas’ losses this season, the Cowboys would have been sitting a cool 4-0 and first in their division heading into their first showdown against New England in four seasons.

If the Cowboys are to put an end to the current 19 game home winning streak of New England, then they’ll need to do it by establishing their running game with Felix Jones and getting the ball into the hands of Miles Austin and young Dez Bryant through the air. If these two weapons are able to exploit the Pats defense, Sunday could mark the team’s second loss of the season.

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Assistant XC coach helping team make strides

Alison Mellillo
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With new assistant coach Brian Smith, the men’s and women’s cross country teams have had a successful start to the season. The runners have done well at the meets, and Smith has taken his previous experience in running and has put it toward the team.

Ever since growing up in Hampton, VA, Smith has always loved running. Starting his career in at Hampton Christian High School, and continuing at Christopher Newport University and Asbury College, running has always been a big part of his life. He trained hard and even qualified for the school’s record in the 5K that is still held in his name today. Continuing his success throughout college, he received another award for second team all-conference.

Smith, who resides in Medford, came to Suffolk in 2009 when he enrolled in the Ethics and Public Policy master’s program. After defending his thesis, he finished off his schooling and graduated last spring. He then joined the writing center in the Sawyer Library last September, and his involvement with the school continued.

Smith usually ran with the Somerville Road Runners, but after many of his running partners became injured, he was left with nobody to run with. Knowing that Suffolk had a boys cross country team, he asked Head Coach Karen McKetchnie if he could run with them before this season started. To his pleasant surprise, he found out that the girls’ team needed an assistant coach, and he jumped right into the position.

With the lack of runners on the men’s team this year, Smith focuses mainly on the girls now.

“The men’s cross country team is in a period of rebuilding right now,” Smith said.

In order to have a team, you need a minimum of five runners and they only have three runners right now. Smith’s main goal for the men’s team this year is to help with the girls, but he also has a steady training schedule of five to ten marathons a year, and he has almost accomplished this by already finishing six this year.

Although being a coach does take up a lot of his time, it is more of a win-win situation. “I have really been tough workouts with them,” said Smith.

“Tough workouts with them,” he has ever placed in a marathon. Smith’s goal is to run a marathon and snow-shoe marathon, and just recently finished a marathon in Harpers Ferry, WV. Finishing third was extremely impressive and was the first time he has ever placed in a marathon. Smith’s goal is to run about five to ten marathons a year, and he has almost accomplished this by already finishing six this year.

Senior Kelly Conrad (above) and the Lady Rams are hoping to win their last three matches of the season.

Lady Rams hope to finish season strong

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An up and down year for the Suffolk women’s tennis team comes down to the last week of matches. The Lady Rams are 3-6 overall and are ranked sixth in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

Coming down to the last week, you can expect teams in the middle of the GNAC field to try to make one last push this week to get in better position for the postseason. If you had to define the Lady Rams this year, the word would be “seesaw.”

The women have had many inconsistent matches, due to such different opponents that they have played. After winning two in a row run with. Attending weekend meets, he has the opportunity to see new places all over Massachusetts and to also meet other runners.

With some of the season still ahead of him, he has high hopes for what the team can bring.

“"If we can stay healthy, I think these women will surprise themselves as to what they can accomplish,” he said.

Both the men’s and women’s teams will perform at the Emmanuel College Invitational this Friday.

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