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Commencement 2010: Seniors say goodbye



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Three graduating students, Tanya Benjamin (left), Laurine Voltaire (middle), and Philvie Daniel (right), draped in Haitian flags, sing the U.S. National Anthem at Suffolk University's undergraduate commencement exercises.

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Over 1,900 students filed into the Bank of America Pavilion on May 23 for the 2010 Commencement to take their next step forward as they graduated from Suffolk University.

With live footage streaming online for those who could not make the ceremony, the graduates took their seats and waited for the commencement to start. Andrew Meyer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, spoke first at the ceremony, declaring it open, which was followed by cheers from graduates, parents and loved ones.

"This is a day of great joy and satisfaction," said President David Sargent in his opening remarks. "Particularly for those of you who are graduating, who have worked so hard to achieve this success and for your parents, your wives, husbands and partners and others who have helped in countless ways."

Once Sargent started the Commencement Exercises, Amy Fisher, the University Chaplain and Director of Interfaith Center at Suffolk, led the audience in prayer.

Tanya Benjamin, Philvie Daniel and Laurine Voltaire sang the National Anthem following Fisher's prayer. The trio sang the anthem with Haitian flags draped over their shoulders in honor of the Haiti disaster and to show not only the intertwined history of Haiti and the U.S., but support for Haiti in its time of need.

After the National Anthem was sung, applause sounded. Sargent then introduced the commencement speaker, Doctor Paul Farmer. "It is our great fortune to be addressed by one of the great physicians of our time. The phrase 'medical visionary' only begins the index of his achievements," said Sargent. "It has been said of him

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New 73 Tremont cafe underway for fall semester

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Students filled a classroom inside of Suffolk's Sawyer building on Thursday, April 29, for a meeting called to discuss the university's plans to build a new cafeteria inside of 73 Tremont St., which currently houses the Sawyer Library as well as offices throughout the building.

The new cafeteria, which, according to the presentation by architectural firm Tsoi/Kobus & Associates could be called the "Common Ground Café," hopes to become a social hub for students on campus. The architectural firm has

previously worked with the university on building projects such as the Law School located just down the street from the 73 Tremont building.

According a power point presentation displayed in the background, the university hopes that the cafeteria will be "a social destination with many short-term activities," as well as "a home base that is uniquely Suffolk." Members from the architectural team stood up in front of the crowd answering questions, as well as showing floor plans and other ideas for the space.

"We really want to create a place that's central to your

social life," said Chu Foxlin, adding, "we want to combine something that's new and that's old." The cafeteria, which will be located around historic spots of Boston, hopes to be a state of the art location, while remembering the identity of the area.

When construction goes ahead, the new space will be to the left of the back entrance of the building, where students now enter to get to the library. When a student walks in, they will see stairs to their left, which will lead down into the cafeteria. A social lounge will be at the top of the stairs. The space should be fully equipped with wi-fi as well as green-friendly.

Since Beacon Street is on a hill, the cafeteria will include windows that get higher and higher, giving the sense of going underground. Foxlin joked in front of the crowd saying "at one point, we thought of calling this café 'Six Feet Under'."

The last part of the presentation featured team member Jill Garzik asking students for their input on a few choices for furniture as well as giving students an idea of what type of chairs and tables could be in the space. Garzik mentioned to the crowd that the tables being used will have tabletops.

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that a day in his life would be a month in everybody else's. He has reset the bar of humanitarianism. [He] is not afraid to remind one and all that we are human beings first and last."

Farmer took the stage with a mixed tone, both serious and playful. After commenting on the National Anthem and the relationship between the United States and Haiti, he congratulated the singers in Haitian/Creole. "Now I am going to deliver my entire speech in Haitian/Creole and ask you to remain standing," joked Farmer. "It's an honor to be here with all of you and I want to start by thanking all the parents here present. Your parents and families have made sacrifices to see you through." The crowd cheered loudly in thanks after the remark.

Farmer, a physician and medical anthropologist, devoted his life to treating the impoverished in Haiti. He founded the Zanmi Lastane clinic in Haiti, which has grown into something much more since

its creation, providing primary school, a hospital and a medical training facility. His remarks reflected on the topic of greatness and how the new graduates were not to fear it. Farmer mentioned many great leaders in our past and present such as Abraham Lincoln, Nelson Mandela, Joan of Arc and Rosa Parks, saying "they were or are flawed. Their greatness was disputed during their times. They were calumniated and pilloried, and in many cases, murdered and martyred. Thus our heroes, the people we really admire, mortal, with feet of clay and hearts that betray at times their better natures."

Farmer then plunged into an experience of his own over in Haiti, dating back to 1985 where he experienced firsthand the reality of medical issues and poverty. He referenced the progress that's been made in Haiti and that everyone can work toward change and improvement. After his comments

on Haiti, Farmer returned back to addressing the graduates in front of him. "I have not focused today on the deeds of great women or men," said Farmer. "I seek instead to re-



Photo by John Gillooly

Commencement speaker Dr. Paul Farmer.

mind you that in times of doubt, when fear of failure creeps into your lives, we can and do encounter everyday heroes who rise to challenges unforeseen."

Farmer ended his speech and Sargent resumed the microphone for the conferring of honorary degrees. Recognized and awarded their honorary

degrees were Doctor Karen Bollinger-DeSalvo, Vice Dean of Community Affairs and Health Policy at Tulane University School of Medicine, Charles Burnet, a writer and director of independent film, Wycliffe "Wyc" Grousbeck, managing partner and CEO of the Boston Celtics, and Paul Farmer, founder of Partners In Health.

Student speaker Stephanie Zito took the stand next to address her fellow peers. She informed the graduates they should hold onto their memories and treasure them, but also move forward to experience the rest of their life. Zito made the comparison of a full water balloon to tenure at Suffolk. "We will always remember our first balloon acquired from Suffolk University," said Zito. "Perhaps, we will guard this one the most."

With the speakers finished, Vice President Nancy Stoll handed out the degrees to the graduates. Claps and cheers erupted as the students crossed the stage. Once stu-

dents received their degrees, Rev. Fisher closed the ceremony with prayer. Graduates soon after met with loved ones and celebrated.

"I feel fantastic. I am so proud of myself," said graduate Carly Chamberlain. "I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in French and Communication Studies. I'm actually moving to France; I got a job teaching English."

Another graduate, Steve Canty, already has a job and works in his field. "Well, right now I'm working with Red Bull and spokesperson for them. I go around and help them with sales, help out with the people, and be a part of their business, moving on and trying to get higher up and make as much money as possible," said Canty. When asked if he had anything to say to his graduated peers, Canty responded, "Congratulations. Good luck in the future; I hope everyone does well with what they are doing. Just keep working hard and we'll all make it somewhere in the world."

Suffolk earns praise for environmental initiatives

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Over the years, Suffolk has worked to reduce waste and energy consumption by modifying its buildings and educating the student body on maintaining a greener lifestyle. These feats have paid off financially, environmentally, and have earned the school recognition by the Princeton Review, by naming Suffolk as one of the 286 greenest schools in the country.

Other Boston area schools on the list include Harvard College, Boston College, Boston University, Simmons College, and Tufts University.

The report was based off of a survey sent out by the Princeton Review. "It was very exciting when we found out that our responses had placed us within the top 286 schools in the country for our environmental initiatives," said Campus Sustainability Coordinator Erica Mattison. "We work very hard to try to be innovative and to be continually improving our program and to find out that that earned us a spot in the Princeton Review Guide was great news."

According to the Princeton Review Guide, Suffolk re-

duced its energy consumption last year by nine percent from the previous year and water consumption by eight percent, "amounting to approximately 650,000 gallons of water."

Among measures Suffolk has taken to reduce energy and water consumption are the installation of low flow shower heads, toilets and faucets, as well as the conversion of the Sawyer Buildings boiler from electricity to natural gas. Suffolk has also installed dual flush toilets in some buildings with the option to flush up for liquid waste using only one third of the water.

The Princeton Review gave a nod to Suffolk's goal of achieving at least a silver LEED certification for all new building projects. The 10 West Residence Hall achieved a gold LEED certification. Mattison said she hopes to also achieve the gold for the new Modern Theatre project, which will have features like a body heat sensor connected to lights and heating, so that when a student leaves his or her dorm room less energy will be wasted.

It will also have low VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) products like paint, adhesive,

and carpeting. "[The paint] doesn't have that chemical smell," said Mattison. "And we buy our furniture and material regionally (mostly from Canada). Structural materials like steel are used from recycled content and earn points [for LEED certification.]"

A major component to Suffolk's sustainability plan was the installation of a tool in the Fenton building called an Energy Management System, which allows building managers to monitor how efficiently the equipment in a building is working.

"[The Energy Management System] is a kind of a major piece that you will see in most energy efficiency programs anywhere because otherwise things are very manual," said Mattison. "You don't necessarily know there's a problem with something. You don't necessarily know if something's running 24 hours a day that doesn't need to be, but with an Energy Management System, it enables you to do that. Basically it gives you remote control over certain building functions."

Mattison acknowledged that the Building Management System is "not cheap to do—it

costs a couple hundred thousand dollars—but if it enables you immediately to start reducing your energy consumption by 20 percent, that's a good thing, and it makes a lot of sense to begin testing in those types of technologies. It's already saving money." In Fenton alone electricity costs went down by \$25,000 from 2008 to 2009 and went down \$400,000 University wide. Mattison said she hopes to have more Energy Management Systems installed in the other buildings.

"Sometimes these choices that we make when we're trying to do a greener building cost more than something that's not as environmental, so it's really nice to see that if you do have an efficient building and you operate it efficiently that you can save money, and some of those choices that you made that did cost more money are basically offset by the fact that you're running a more efficient building," said Mattison. "Those decisions that you make up front are very important because that decides how the building is going to be operated for decades to come."

In addition to the equipment used to run the buildings

efficiently, Mattison said it is also important to educate students on how to live greener lives. Starting in the fall Suffolk will have Eco Ambassador Program where students educate their peers throughout the campus, in addition to the Eco Rep Program that was implemented last year in the dorms. Four students have already been hired for the Eco Ambassador positions, according to Mattison.

Suffolk has also received recognition from the Waste Wise Program in Massachusetts, established by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Suffolk was chosen as the program's 2009 partner of the year because of its "waste reduction and recycling initiatives and achievements," according to Mattison, making it the first higher education institution to receive the award that has gone to businesses, supermarkets, and hotels in the past.

"We continue to receive recognition for our work and we just had our best performance yet in the National Recycle Mania Competition," said Mattison.

New cafe meant to be 'social hub' for students

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featuring a number of different images, such as those of old buildings in the area or even art inspired by the street art movement in Boston like famed street artist Shepard Fairey.

Student Government Association (SGA) member and new Suffolk graduate, Jordan Nye, asked Garzik, "Is there any way we can use artwork from NESAD?" Garzik immediately replied with great enthusiasm, stating, "Being a former NESAD student, I'm sure that would be something NESAD students would love." However, the point was made that there might not be enough time to do

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this, since planned construction will happen over the summer, and the date to order the tables, June 1st, is fast approaching.

SGA Vice President-elect Nick DiZoglio, 2011, asked about entertainment purposes for the space, which will be kept open after cafeteria hours so that on-campus events could take place.

Senior Christina Panagiotakos stated, "Something that I think would go very well would be a projector that could come down for baseball games." Provost Barry Brown responded very positively to the idea. Suffolk does not have on-campus viewings of Red Sox games or any other sporting events.

Provost Barry Brown ended the meeting, saying that, "We're very excited about this, and I will spend my days there when it's done." Brown also said that the university hopes to develop more of these spaces in the next year or so, and that construction of this space should be completed by the time students return for the fall semester.

New SBS Student Executive Council discusses plans for the future

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The new Sawyer Business School Student Executive Council (SBSSEC) met on Thursday, April 29, in a meeting called to order by Odie Fakhouri, President of Future Investors in Real Estate. SBSSEC was inspired by this month's off site Leadership Education and Programming conference. The event focused on the Council with an overview of services available from the Undergraduate Programs Office, future plans of the SGA and Sawyer Ambassadors services available for SBS clubs and organizations. The majority of the agenda was dedicated to a discussion regarding Executive Council decisions.

The meeting began as a representative introduced each SBS organization with its mission description. The ten participating clubs included the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting, Collegiate Investors Association, Future Investors in Real Estate, Information Systems, National Association of Black Accountants, Professional Marketing Association, Women in Business, Beta Alpha Psi, Capital Asset Group, and the Economics Club.

Assistant Dean Laurie L. Levesque of SBS followed the introductions with a welcome.

"You let me know what you want done," said Jason Riccio, SBS undergraduate academic advisor, regarding club needs. "If we can't help, we'll lead you in the direction of someone who can help." He said that the Undergraduate Programs Office can provide SBS organizations with materials such as reusable logo-designed poster boards, SBSSEC calendar of events, posterboards, promotional items, and the distribution of mass emails. The Undergraduate Programs Office is also offering use of the 8th floor display case and general advice as requested.

"The number one thing is to get students involved," said Professor Whalen, impressed with the initiative for involvement. "[SBSSEC] will go a long, long way. Whatever I can do for you, please come see me."

SGA President Mitch Vieira next discussed the future plans



Photo courtesy of Odie Fakhouri

(l-r) Brendan Sweet, Michael Cohen, Pat Coelho, Catalina Lopez, Kendrick Perry, Konrad Jazownik.

of the SGA, beginning with the President's Alliance, which will join the presidents of each student organization (beginning in September). "It will be a place to network, a great place for us to get going. I can say that for helping in the future and to get events going," he said.

Courtney Porcella directed the meeting toward Sawyer Ambassadors services for SBS clubs. "If you see something in SBS, feel comfortable enough to approach us," she advised. "If you have input, contact Odie or myself."

Fakhouri took the lead to establish the mission of SBSSEC. "In part, our mission is to prepare Suffolk University students for what comes after a four year education," he said. "We can do this by collaborating qualitative speaker events with an emphasis on professional development."

The discussion continued regarding focus on the group members and targeting the students. A possible future event is an internship fair exclusively for the Sawyer Business School. Porcella pointed this out as a way to help improve career services.

"The most rewarding thing is getting a call or an email from a student saying they got a job or internship," said Fakhouri.

SBSSEC will work with career services for the direc-

tion members are seeking. The council will address the social responsibility aspect and help those who are less privileged.

"[SBSSEC] is to promote the collaboration of clubs and the events put on by this council," said Fakhouri. "It will prepare students for every aspect, such as being in front of an interviewer."

Betty Lo, President of the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting, presented a proposed timeline regarding Fall 2010-Spring 2011. Timeline elements began with freshmen and sophomore outreach, resume and cover letter buildup, networking, and professionalism. Junior and senior targeted events are scheduled during second semester, as well as an internship and co-op expo. "We need to plan around events such as midterms and finals, which are things that keep people from attending our events," said Lo.

"The timeline is one of the goals in mind for you," said Lo. She explained the priority to get undergrads more involved and polish up the resumes of upperclassmen. "We are providing professional development resources and will ultimately build up the university to recruit students," she said.

Fakhouri and Vieira contemplated the details of planning events, such as budget-

ing and timing. Vieira advised the best way to request funding is to present the need as an organization. One person is to present; also, 10 people are required to sign.

Additional suggestions for SBSSEC concluded the event. Round table discussions and clubs working together (rather than competing) were main points. It was agreed SBS groups should coordinate meetings and events to prevent overlaps so members may attend each others' events and meetings. Methods included bi-weekly meetings for individual clubs rather than weekly, and a monthly SBSSEC meeting followed by an SBSSEC-sponsored event. Another proposition was to combine two events for a more professional outcome and to possibly receive higher funding.

The final agreements were to prioritize monthly meetings (each chaired by a different organization, yet one consistent, yearly facilitator), submission and distribution of SBS club and organization mission statements, and completion of schedules using the calendar in the SLI office.

"This process is really good; the process matters," said Levesque. "It takes time to figure out how to get there. Trust the process and it will pay off after a couple of meetings."

Meet your orientation leaders

Kelsey Trenti, 2011



Photo courtesy of Kelsey Trenti

Orientation Leader Kelsi Trenti (right) and Vice President of Student Affairs Nancy Stoll.

Angela Bray
Journal Staff

"I wanted to be an orientation leader from the time I left my orientation because I loved the environment, staff, and Suffolk," said Kelsey Trenti, who is returning as an orientation leader for a third time this summer. "The staff and job itself is what keeps me going back each summer," she said. "Not to mention the leadership qualities you gain from the job; over the past few years, I have gained insight on my overall strengths and weaknesses that have allowed me to further develop and improve them."

Trenti, who is from the Rockport/Gloucester, MA area, chose Suffolk mainly because of its location and the Sawyer Business School.

As a member of the 2011 class, Trenti is an Orientation Scholar and has a double major studying Business Management and Marketing. In addition to being an orientation leader over the summer, Trenti stays involved during the academic year at Suffolk. She is Vice President of Program Council, Orienta-

tion and New Student Programs Manager, and Finance Committee Liaison.

"The connections you make and people you meet are great, and I can confidently say this is one of the best jobs I have had in terms of balancing fun and work."

When asked for memorable story of something occurring at an orientation session, Trenti said there are numerous, yet she drew a blank. "The only one I can think of was after the Pie in the Sky ended (during an early arrival session). I, for some reason, thought it would be a great idea to throw a pie in Karen Phillips' face," she said, referring to her boss and Director of Orientation and New Student Programs. "I had to, she dared me that I wouldn't do it with the exact quote, 'Do it, you won't.'" Trenti was put on 7a.m. duty for the following three orientation sessions. "Glad she doesn't hold grudges!" she added.

"Before that session, on my way there, I tripped and took down an old guy and his "junk" with me. That's a story for another time..."

Tomas Robaina, 2012



Photo courtesy of Kelsey Trenti

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As freshman orientation approaches, Tomas Robaina is enthusiastic about returning for his second year as an orientation leader. Prior to this summer's orientation sessions, Robaina worked as an Enumerator for the Census Bureau. "The best part about being an orientation leader is getting new students pumped for their life at Suffolk," he said.

Robaina is a member of the 2012 class as a Global Business and Marketing double major. He is also the President of the College Republicans and an SGA Senator for his class.

Robaina left Miami, FL for Suffolk because he wanted to attend school in Boston; he was attracted to the school's size and business program. He typically hangs out with his friends in the fourth floor lounge in Donahue.

"My inspiration to be an orientation leader came from attending my orientation and having so much fun,"

said Robaina. "Brian LeFort and Kristen Kelly were my orientation leaders, and they were the first people to show me that at Suffolk you aren't just your ID number, but a real person."

His most memorable moment as an orientation leader was from last year's retreat at Camp Becket in western Massachusetts where there was no electricity or lights. "At night we had a bonfire on the other side of the camp from our cabins" he said. "John Silveria, Karen Phillips, Karl Hoffman, and I were the last to leave the bonfire and were walking back to the cabins with just some small flashlights, freaking out the entire time that an ax murderer was going to jump out and kill us."

As both an orientation leader and a student, Robaina has valuable advice he can provide for incoming freshmen. "Get involved and stay involved," he said. "That is the best way to meet people, especially since Suffolk is a pretty small school and you can keep seeing the same people around."

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Middle East

JERUSALEM, Israel—An Israeli naval raid of an aid flotilla headed towards Gaza resulted in nine deaths, sparking international condemnation of Israel's actions, according to the New York Times. Many of those killed were from Turkey, Israel's most important ally in the Muslim world, causing the already tense relationship between the two countries to escalate. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu defended the actions, saying they were enforcing a legal blockade and that they were acting in self defense. Israel said the attack was instigated by pro-Palestinian activists who posed as humanitarians but were prepared to fight. Israel had vowed not to let the flotilla, which was carrying 10,000 pounds of aid, get to Gaza, which Hamas took over by force in 2007. The incident will likely intensify international pressure for Israel to abandon the blockade.

Asia

KABUL, Afghanistan – Two most senior Taliban leaders were killed by a U.S. precision air strike in the Kandahar province, as well as several other members reported the U.S. military on Monday. Taliban commander Haji Amir, along with multiple fighters had stopped at a hut in a small rural area on Sunday morning when the military ordered the air strike. Amir, who escaped from prison in June 2008, was said to have recently been in Pakistan planning Taliban attacks according to a military statement. According to cnn.com, "the U.S. military said [Amir] returned to Afghanistan in April to lead attacks against coalition and Afghan forces."

South America

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala – Agatha, the first named tropical storm of Pacific Hurricane season, hit Central America hard last weekend, leaving more than 100 dead. Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador have been reported as the countries hit the hardest by the tropical storm. Guatemalan President Alvaro Colom stated that approximately 112,000 people have been evacuated and displaced in his address to the nation late Sunday. Honduras, with 14 dead and 3,500 evacuated, has called a state of emergency. The situation in El Salvador has been clearing up since Monday, as water levels have diminished and the rain has stopped. But more rain is said to be coming and officials are monitoring the situation.

Europe

BERLIN, Germany – German President Horst Köhler, resigned Monday after massive criticism for his remarks during his recent visit to Afghanistan. Köhler was criticized for saying on a radio interview with Deutschland Radio that German soldiers serving in Afghanistan were only deployed to protect German economic interests. This sparked such an outrage that Köhler resigned, which is the first time in four decades that a German president has resigned the post. "I regret that my comments in an important and difficult question for our nation were able to lead to misunderstandings," said Köhler. "This criticism lacks any basis. It also is lacking in the necessary respect for the presidential office." According to The New York Times, Köhler's resignation will most likely lead to debate of German soldiers in Afghanistan.

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Staff Editorial

Dear Reader,

The Suffolk Journal wants to take the time to welcome the class of 2014 to Suffolk University and we hope that you all find your niche or organization that you feel you can make a difference in. With that said, it's time for some promotion of the writing organizations on campus. Scratch that, it's time to promote all organizations on campus.

Whether you are a freshman, a transfer, or even if you are a returning student looking to do something new, please join an organization. The *Journal* is a great organization on campus to get involved with, but it isn't the only one we're promoting. *The Suffolk Voice*, the University's online news publication, is also a great organization to join up with. *Venture* is another publication to check out. Any of these organizations, as well as any

other group on campus, will benefit from your involvement. Not to mention, you yourself will also move forward in life.

Many may ask what the point of this editorial is and why we aren't taking the space to pump up our own group. To that, we say we want involvement within the University as a whole. Yeah, we love the *Journal*. We wouldn't be doing all this work if we didn't. Plus, we can promote ourselves whenever we want. It is the entirety, however, we are more concerned with. This is a point in all of our lives to be doing something beyond the ordinary. Let's get our feet wet and our hands dirty. There's no time to check the temperature of the water, we all need to jump in.

To all those journalism and communication majors out there, it is only hindering your chances at a solid occupation to not get involved with one of the

news or writing publications. To the rest, join up with one of us anyway. New and different points of view will only expand what can be experienced by a group on campus. For instance, our last arts editor was a political science major and he was one of the best writers we've ever had.

Overall, get involved with something. Anything, really. Make your mark on Suffolk. We at the *Journal* don't care what it is that you join up with, we just sincerely hope that you do something throughout the years that you are here. There is so much at your fingertips. Grab hold and never let go. Welcome to Suffolk.

Best wishes,
The Suffolk Journal

Gang violence: It's up to the parents

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It's a sad world when a child must go to school unsure of a safe return, and, unfortunately, that is the reality many in Dorchester are living in. It seems as though every week brings a new story of a random act of gang-related violence in the neighborhood.

What is worse than the consistency of these violent crimes is the growing breed of assailants and victims: teenagers. The latest known casualty: Nicholas Fomby-Davis, who was shot while standing on Bowdoin Street in Dorchester.

He was 14 years old. And he was a really good kid; really smart too.

Fomby-Davis was killed after being pushed from his scooter, held by one

Some parents will continue to neglect the situation at hand, allowing their children to look for attention elsewhere.

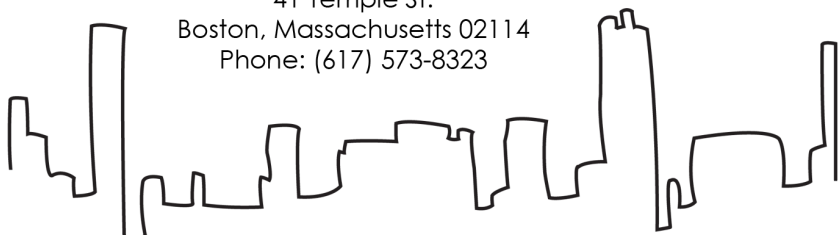
The people of Dorchester know that they are the only ones who can get anywhere close to ending gang violence in their neighborhood. They know that the solution to the problem is something more than arresting offenders after the fact. They know that prevention is the only option at this point, and they are working toward it by developing more and more programs to keep kids off the streets.

One fact still remains, however: it is the people of Dorchester solving the problems that parents should be solving, i.e. paying attention to your child, disciplining him if he runs with gang members even if it means locking him in the house

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"Why are 16-year-olds walking around with guns and knives? Do their parents not see this? Do they care?"

man, and shot by another. The boy who pulled the trigger was 16 years old.

I say "the boy" rather than "the young man" who pulled the trigger because in a lot of these cases, those involved have the mentalities of children. Desperately seeking acceptance easily influenced, extremely impulsive – these are qualities shared between young children and adolescent gang members.

But how can murderers be compared to innocent young children? The answer is simple: these reckless teenagers have never really grown up. They are children caught up in a world of violence that seeks out their very kind: young, alone, naïve, and impressionable.

Older gang members will continue to recruit these kids – because, let's face it, it has unfortunately proved too difficult a task to exterminate gangs from inner-city neighborhoods.

to keep him off the street, encouraging him that he can be an astronaut if he wanted to.

Why are 16-year-olds walking around with guns and knives? Do their parents not see this? Do they care? Gang violence doesn't only affect gang members, as proven in Fomby-Davis's death. The poor kid died because he borrowed his cousin's scooter. His older cousin is believed to have ties with a neighborhood gang.

It's a seemingly endless cycle that all leads to destruction, but the people of Dorchester still have hope. They once again are stepping up and assuming the duties that belong to others in an effort to save their neighborhood.

To the people of Dorchester: I salute you. To the parents who allow their children to advance the violence: pay attention and set an example.

The Man Column: Welcome to House!

Ethan Long
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Hey kids. Welcome to college. What can I say? It's great to be here. Here are a few observations I have that I just want to help you understand, since most of you will probably learn about these things within the first few weeks here. Some of them have to do with the University itself, while some go off-campus and into the actual city of Boston.

Some of you may have made your decision based on the location of the school. You may have been accepted into schools with higher name-recognition, but chose Suffolk due to the fact that it was in Boston, home to Daisuke Matsuzaka, Rajon Rondo, and Ben Affleck, all great athletes. This was a good idea on your part, because to tell you the truth, this city rocks. It's full of culture, knowledge, as well as the things we love most: social events. But yeah, this city is great, and I urge you guys to make it your own. Take control of the city; discover what it has to offer.

Now, the first thing I need

to tell you is, yes, that scruffy looking man is homeless and he is indeed asking in a graspy voice if you have any change.

Don't worry, other than the fact that he was arrested once, he's perfectly harmless and he even made

a couple appearances on Fox 25. His name is Spare Change Guy, AKA John Bubbier. From what I've collected from the

Internet, he's divorced, supported by his wife who lives off of the Red Line. Now, remember that this is the Internet, so there is a good chance none of that is correct, but then again why would you

cross the same thing that gave us videos of ninja bears?

Also, as you'll soon learn, the elevators in the dorms and

Hill or the North End. Oh yeah, that's another thing: don't mess around in those neighborhoods.

Our right to live there is just as equal as the non-students who live there as well. They complain about us being up at night, and I complain the construction they wake me up with in the morning.

Here are a few other things for you out-of-towners, which I once was. First off, you'll soon be enjoying hanging out on the roof overlooking historical locations such as the Old North Church, Paul Revere's House, and Jobi Liquors. Don't freak out.

Also, Sam Adams wasn't a good brewer. Apparently he sucked. However, the brewing company did name themselves after him, and he is actually buried steps from our campus. Also buried there is the big-



Photo taken by Ethan Long

Spare Change Guy AKA John Bubbier at a local rally

most other buildings are pretty hard to use, especially when there are a lot of people waiting for them. Take the stairs. Trust me, it's good practice for the stairs you'll have to walk up once you move to Beacon

gest phallic joke in American history, John Hancock's grave. Just go look at it and read the engraving, and you'll get it.

Other things that are located just steps away from the campus are tourist destinations like Faneuil Hall, Quincy Market, Newbury Street, and Chinatown. Even the North End becomes a tourist attraction during the warmer months. Don't kid yourself, you'll never learn to accept tourists. They're slow, they block the road, and they think Mike's Pastry is the best bakery in the North End because the travel websites say it is. Seriously, Modern Pastry is across the street and it doesn't even have a fraction of the line that Mike's usually has.

You guys should really look up student discounts as well. Some of those super-expensive Italian restaurants in the North End, which you only go to when your parents are in town, actually have some pretty sweet discounts for those carrying college I.D.s.

Catch me in the fall as I prove to America that Paul is dead.

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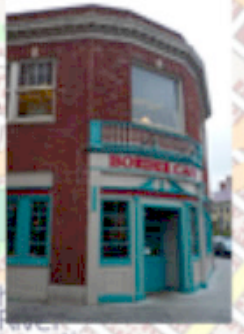


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in NYC and try to get them to
sign it. Yep, that's my plan.
-Ethan Long

Thank you for being a friend

Betty White hosts Saturday Night Live for the first time in her career

Jeff Fish

Journal Staff

After a career that has spanned over 60 years, bringing her from the age of radio stars to the Internet age, which is beginning to shape the very way television runs, Betty White finally hosted *Saturday Night Live* on May 8.

The 88-year-old actress has made appearances on countless television shows and movies, always stealing the scene with her sharp wit and acute comedic timing. Her most notable roles were Sue Ann Nivens on *the Mary Tyler Moore Show* and Rose Nyland on *Golden Girls*. Some of her most hilarious recurring roles were as Kitty Forman's back handed and often angry mother on *That 70s Show*, a crazy old lady who always gets herself into trouble on *Boston Legal*, and as herself on popular 1970s game shows like *The Match Game* and *Celebrity Pyramid*.

While White has always been well liked by audiences young and old, she has been rapidly gaining in popularity as she approaches her 90s. This sudden boom in White's career may be attributed to her recent role alongside Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds in *The Proposal* (Touchstone Pictures, 2009). For a woman of White's age to still be so active is truly inspiring. Not only can she still act, but she's remained relevant and is as hilarious as ever, which is why America has fallen in love with her all over again.

This swelling of the Betty White band wagon resulted in a Facebook group called "Betty White to host SNL (Please?!)" which pushed SNL to get White to host the show for the first time ever in her long career. It's baffling to think that she had never hosted before, but she finally got her chance.

White hosted the Mother's Day episode in which veteran

female cast members Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Ana Gasteyer, Molly Shannon, Maya Rudolph, and Rachel Dratch all returned. Who wouldn't jump at the chance to work with White, especially when the circumstances were so historic? This is the first time Facebook has made such an effort, which really speaks to the ever growing influence of social networks.

White didn't disappoint in her performance, which garnered the show's highest ratings since the 2008 presidential election, (when SNL is always at its best.) White walked out to huge applause and acknowledged that Facebook was what got her there, but added that, "it seems like a huge waste of time. At my age if I want to catch up with old friends I need an ouija board. In my day, looking at pictures of people's vacations was a punishment."

White's performances were shockingly, yet delightfully inappropriate at times. In her first skit after the monologue, White played a

baker named Florence Dusty, who was interviewed by NPR hosts (played by Gasteyer and Shannon) in an Alec Baldwin-"Schweddy-balls"-style-sketch about her "dusty muffins." White made cracks about most bakers of her generation having "yeasty" muffins, telling the hosts "my muffin hasn't had a cherry since 1939."

One of the funniest skits was one in which White and Keenan Thompson played a grandmother-grandson convict team, part of a scared straight program that made numerous references to being sodomized in prison, and ended with White shouting "WIZARD OF ASS!"

Another funny skit involved Tina Fey playing a census worker trying to get information from White, a crazy old lady, who claimed her name was "Blarfengar Blarfengar, spelled L-e-e-S-m-i-t-h." Her pronunciation of Blarfengar was reminiscent of her

Golden

Girls character Rose Nyland telling stories of her childhood in St. Olaf, Minnesota, in which she would often hilariously pronounced Norwegian words.

In the digital short, the SNL players sang the *Golden Girls* theme, "Thank You For Being A Friend," to White, who then did her own hardcore rendition which ended with her saying "Happy Mother's Day, mother****ers!"

Some skits, like the one in which Poehler played an early 1900s tomboy was only funny because of White's repeated use of the word "lesbian." There were several funnier skits that were only shown on the web, like a Debbie Downer skit that revealed the origins of Debbie's cynicism; her grandmother played by White. It would have made more sense to put that skit in the show rather than some of the other ones that fell flat.

One skit that didn't make it online because of licensing issues was one in which White played David Caruso's great aunt in "CSI: Sarasota." She wore a red wig and took her sunglasses off in dramatic manner that has made *CSI: Miami* a favorite show to mock.

Jay-Z was the musical guest and dedicated his performance of "Young Forever" to White. This sentiment was appropriate, considering how young at heart she is.

At the end of the show, White thanked the cast that was "so dear to a very scared but happy host." At White's age, hosting a 90 minute show at 11:30 p.m. could not have been easy, and they had her sitting in the majority of the skits. But White's comedic brilliance shined through in what was one of the best SNL episodes in years.



You've got a friend in Disney/Pixar

Jeff Fish

Journal Staff

It's been 11 years in the waiting, but *Toy Story 3* (2010, Disney), the third installment in the *Toy Story* series, is set to hit theaters on June 18, bringing all the charm and excitement of the original film.

A star studded cast featuring Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Don Rickles reprise their roles, continuing the adventures of the now over-the-hill group of toys, who are never played with anymore. The movie deals with a theme that started in *Toy Story 2* (1999, Disney), coming to terms with the fact that all children grow up and stop playing with their toys. They decide at the end of that movie that they will be there as long as Andy needs them.

The film was previewed at the AMC Loews Theater on April 28, free to anyone with a college I.D. A hilarious adventure, which opens the film, of course turns out to be a product of Andy's imagination that turns into a montage of Andy growing-up in front

of his mom's camcorder, with his room transforming over the years, immediately bringing a wave of nostalgia to those who remember seeing the first one in theaters.

Flash-forward to Andy, who is now 17-years-old and about to head to college, who is forced by his mother to decide which of his belongings are worth storing up in the attic and which are for throwing away. At this point, Andy's toy chest is reduced to the core group of central characters from the first two films, including Buzz, Woody, Rex, Hamm, Jesse, Mr. Potato Head, and his wife. He puts them in a bag meant for the attic, but decides to take Woody with him to college, much to the dismay of Buzz,

who replaced Woody as Andy's favorite toy for some time.



Image courtesy of Disney/Pixar

In a mix-up, the toys in the trash bag end up on the curb, causing the toys to think they are unwanted. The toys escape to the back of Andy's mom's car, where they find a box of toys headed to a day care center. Woody, who is trying to convince them

to stay, also ends up in the box, moving the storyline forward, and away from Andy.

Upon arriving, the toys meet Lot's-O-Huggin' Bear, a seemingly benevolent old teddy bear that runs toy operations at the day care. The toys soon find out that they've been transported to a hellish nightmare where they are battered and abused daily by a stampede of small children. More problems arise when Buzz is reset to his original factory settings and he once again thinks he is a real space ranger, a great throwback to the first movie.

This sets in motion the toy's laugh out loud attempt to escape the day care and return to Andy's house in the same fashion that made the first two *Toy Story* movies great.

This movie is not only great for kids, who will surely love the movie, but for those who have loved *Toy Story* and grown up with it for the past 15 years. This movie should definitely be the last because it makes the perfect ending to what is now the *Toy Story* trilogy.

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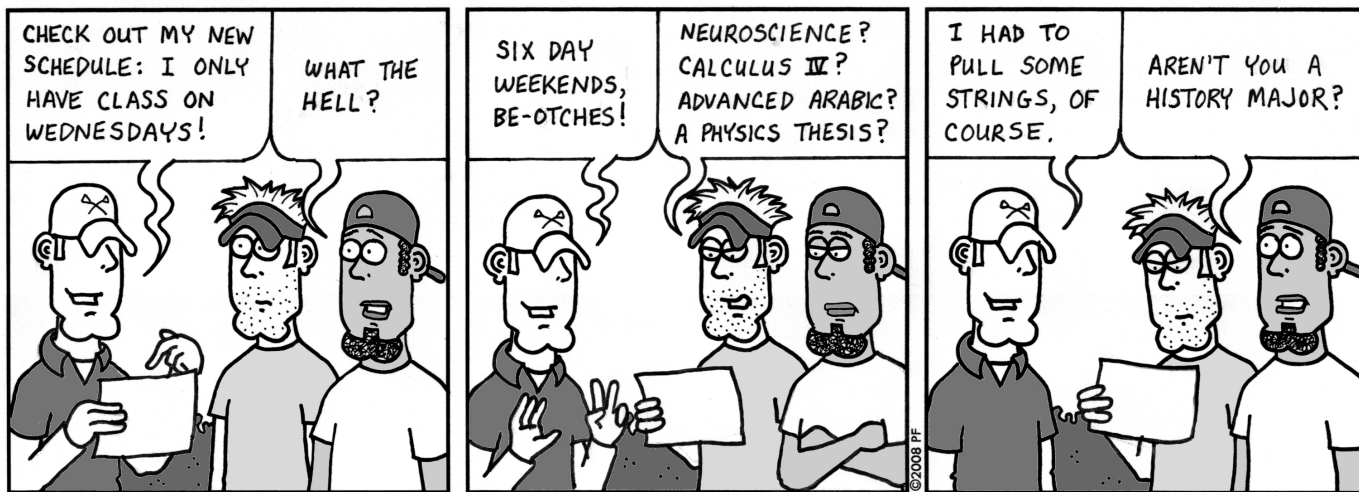
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Sports briefs

Stanley Cup finals begin with a bang

The Stanley Cup finals began this past week, and while Boston Bruins fans are still reeling from their team's crushing Game 7 loss to the Philadelphia Flyers, some pretty good hockey is being played between two unlikely teams. Although the Chicago Blackhawks finished second in the Western Conference with 112 points, the Flyers backed into the playoffs with a victory on the final day of the season. As the seventh seed in the Eastern Conference, the Flyers have defeated the New Jersey Devils, Bruins, and Montreal Canadiens, to advance to their first finals appearance since 1997. In Game 1 each team traded goals for the majority of the game, leading to a 5-5 score at the end of two periods. In the third, Blackhawks winger Tomas Kopecky scored the eventual game-winner at the 8:25 mark to seal the deal. Blackhawks goalie Antti Niemi stymied the Flyers in Game-2, 2-1, to take a 2-0 series lead.

Celtics-Lakers rivalry renewed

After the Celtics took care of things last Friday to advance to their second NBA Finals in three years with a dominating Game 6 victory over the Orlando Magic, the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the pesky Phoenix Suns the following night to give every basketball fan their dream matchup. Considered one of the best rivalries in all of professional sports, the two teams will once again face off for the coveted world championship. Starting Thursday June 3, the Celtics will travel to LA to kick off the series, which was considered a long-shot when the playoffs began in April. The Celtics, after all, stumbled into the playoffs after playing inconsistently all season. But things turned quickly as the Green found their rhythm defensively and beat Dwayne Wade, LeBron James, and Dwight Howard in consecutive rounds. Pierce and the Celtics will see if they can defeat Kobe and company for their 18th title in franchise history.

Perfection never looked so easy

Although it has only been achieved 20 times in the history of Major League Baseball, the perfect game is being made commonplace this season as two pitchers –Dallas Braden of the Oakland Athletics and Roy Halladay of the Philadelphia Phillies –have already made history for not allowing a base runner for an entire nine-inning game. As recently as Saturday, Halladay, the 33-year-old veteran of 12 seasons, dominated the Florida Marlins and reserved himself a place in history with the second perfect game of the season. Braden, the 26-year-old up-and-comer from Oakland, threw his on May 9 against the Tampa Bay Rays, and made this not-so-easy feat look like a regular occurrence. Considering something like this happens once every couple years, it is striking to see it happen twice within a two-month period.

World Cup ball controversy

With the FIFA World Cup beginning June 11 in Johannesburg, South Africa, a small controversy has been brewing regarding the soccer ball Adidas distributes for the games. Although it seems trivial, various players, including goalkeepers Iker Casillas of Spain and Julio Cesar of Brazil have voiced displeasure with the official game ball. Company spokesman Thomas van Schaik told the Associated Press that these complaints are new to him. "We started using it in December in a wide variety of leagues," he told the Press. "All the response we have had has been positive." Other players have claimed the ball is "weird," and have gone as far as to say it is "a disaster," according to ESPN.

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Spring sports final standings

Softball (GNAC)

1. Rivier 23-1
2. St. Joseph's (Me.) 21-3
3. Emerson 20-4
4. Simmons 16-8
5. Lasell 15-9
6. St. Joseph's (Conn.) 14-10
7. Mt. Ida 10-14
8. Norwich 9-15
9. Suffolk 7-17
10. Johnson & Wales 7-17
11. Pine Manor 6-16
12. Emmanuel 6-18
13. Albertus Magnus 0-22

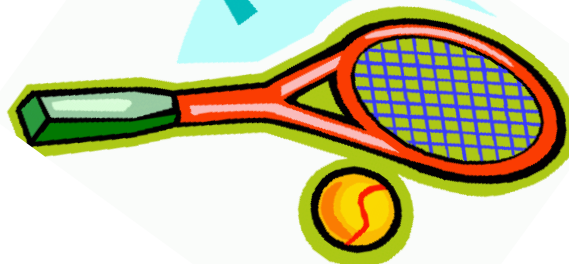
Men's tennis (GNAC)

1. Suffolk 4-0
2. Emerson 3-1
3. Johnson & Wales 2-2
4. Norwich 1-3
5. Albertus Magnus 0-4

**All standings are final records.*

Baseball (GNAC)

1. Suffolk 13-1
2. St. Joseph's (Maine) 11-3
3. Johnson & Wales 8-6
4. Emerson 7-7
5. Norwich 5-9
6. Lasell 5-9
7. Albertus Magnus 5-10
8. Rivier 3-11



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Athletic department holds annual Awards Night banquet

Students honored for work on and off the field

Matt West
Journal Staff

On April 28 the Suffolk University Athletic Department held its annual Awards Night banquet to honor the student-athletes and coaches for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Each of the 13 teams at Suffolk handed out awards to the players who earned honors such as team MVP, Rookie of the Year, and Most Improved Player. Special awards were given out as well, with graduating senior Bobby Barrett earning the Alumni Charles Law Student-Athlete Award, which is given out yearly to a student who excels in both athletics and academics. Barrett was a two-time captain of the baseball team, as well as a three-time first-team All-Conference selection by the GNAC.

Volleyball captain and graduating senior Kelsey Armstrong-Hahn received the Charles Melanson Unsung Heroine Award for her tireless work on and off the court: serving as an English teacher for Latino immigrants, volunteering with the Andean Bear Conservation Project in Ecuador, as well as being an election observer in

the Presidential elections in El Salvador in 2009. Kelsey was a four-year starter on the volleyball team, and was a captain for three of those years. Leading the team on offense and defense, she was named team MVP her junior year. Maintaining a 3.81 GPA, she earned the Dean's List High Honors as a major in International Affairs with a minor in Spanish.

Graduating senior Nick Celia of the men's soccer team was awarded the Student Government Association's Student

Athlete of the Year award.

Additionally, graduating senior Abdel Ouedraogou of Guinea Bissau was recognized with the prestigious Departmental Recognition Award, as he donated immeasurable amounts of time at home games, acting as the photographer for both the hockey and basketball teams. In all, 69 awards were handed out during the banquet for a very successful 2009-2010 season.



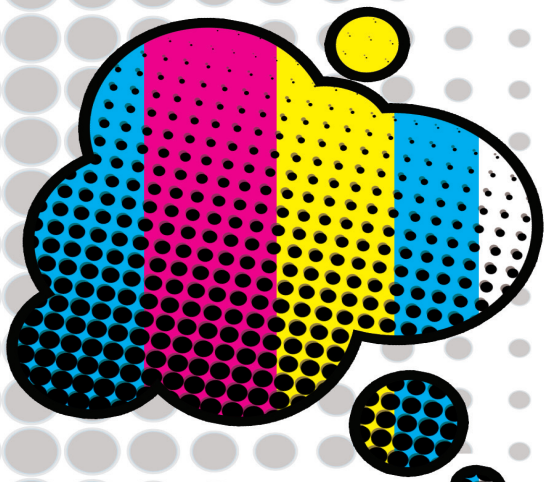
Men's Tennis MVP Diego Alvarado, who finished the season 7-4 overall, accepts his award from head coach Steve Counihan.



Baseball MVP and Charles Law Student Athlete Bobby Barrett accepts his award from head coach Cary McConnell.



Volleyball MVP and Charles Melanson Unsung Heroine Award recipient Kelsey Armstrong-Hahn accepts her award from AD Jim Nelson.



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Opinion: LeBron James sweepstakes all the rage

Where the biggest free agent might be headed, and why

Alex Mellion
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July 1st is right around the corner, and with that comes the beginning of the NBA free agency period, where all the players whose contracts ended are free to sign with a team of their choosing. At the top of this year's free-agent crop is LeBron James, aka "The King." James, the reigning back-to-back MVP of the league is quite possibly the best all-around player on the planet right now, and teams with a lot of salary cap room are salivating at the thought of adding him to their roster.

The LeBron James sweepstakes will come down to six teams, including the Cleveland Cavaliers, his current team. The other teams who figure to be in the mix to land James' services are the New Jersey Nets, New York Knicks, Chicago Bulls, Miami Heat and Los Angeles Clippers.

If he were to stay with the Cavaliers he would likely have a big say in who the team hires as their next head coach. If he decides to re-sign with the team, he would likely have a say in roster moves and other front office decisions as well.

Conversely, seven years without a championship has been far too long of a wait for Cavaliers fans, who expected James to bring the city a title within the first few years. If he re-signs with the team and still fails to bring a championship home, expect him to become Cleveland's biggest pariah relatively quickly.

Next is the Miami Heat. Dwayne Wade, who is likely to re-sign with the team, would complement James well, and give the Heat two franchise-caliber players. Heat fans would love to hear announcers scream, "James to Wade" and "Wade to James," for many years to come. Plus, I hear Miami is a really nice place to live.

With that said, there's only one basketball and James may not like the idea of having to share the spotlight with Wade. Also, there aren't many other building blocks other than Wade being on the team.

The Los Angeles Clippers have a lot of good, young talent on the team that could entice someone like LeBron James to come and play with. Shooting guard Eric Gordon, who averaged 17 points-per-game last season, and 7-footer Chris Kaman, who averaged 18 points and nine rebounds, are proven play-makers. In addition, Blake Griffin will be making his long-awaited debut after missing the past season with an injury.

But they are the Clippers, who are basketball's equivalent to the Chicago Cubs. The team has made a total of seven playoff appearances in their 40 years of existence, and has only advanced past the first

round once. The team's overall regular season record since New majority owner Mikhail Prokhorov promised the fan-



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Signing James (above) has turned into the biggest sports story on the planet. Where he goes will change the landscape of the NBA for years to come.

1971 is 155-2,032, which is good for 877 games below .500. I doubt James would want to go to this sorry excuse for a team.

The New Jersey Nets are also an interesting destination, because like the Clippers, they have a lot of young, raw talent who can help James finally get over the hump. The Nets have the number three pick in the draft which will help augment a good young nucleus.

base a championship within five years, and he may do everything he can to sign James to a huge contract. Part owner and Hip-Hop mogul Jay-Z, who is James's close friend, will probably do his best to get him to play for the Nets.

However, this is a team who started out the season 0-18, and through 50 games was 4-46. They barely avoided the all-time record for losses, and James may not have the patience to suffer through a couple losing seasons before the team can contend for a championship.

Next up is the New York Knicks, who are going into the off-season with the most cap room, and will be able to offer James a huge contract. If the team manages to sign James, expect one of the other marquee free agents (i.e. Chris Bosh, Joe Johnson, Amare Stoudemire) to follow suit and sign with the them as well.

Knicks fans have had July 1, 2010, the first day of free-agency, circled on their calendar for quite some time now. Is the allure of playing 41 games a year at Madison Square Garden too tempting for James to pass up?

The team hasn't won a championship since 1973, finished no better than third place in the division the last ten years, and hasn't made the playoffs since the 2003-2004

season. Would James be able to turn the team around by himself and propel them deep into the playoffs? He obviously would be able to improve their win total, but by how much?

Last up is the Chicago Bulls, where James would stand the best chance of competing for a championship right away. They have talent at all five positions, and having James play with Derrick Rose would immediately make them one of the best in the league. A starting five of James, Rose, Luol Deng, Joakim Noah and Kirk Hinrich would be music to Bulls fans' ears. Plus James would be able to have a say in who the team hires to fill the head coaching vacancy, which could go to a high-profile candidate such as Mike Krzyzewski, John Calipari or Phil Jackson.

A move like this would ensure endless comparisons to Michael Jordan, and James would be judged on how many titles he can bring to the championship-starved city of Chicago. The pressure would be on James to bring this elusive title to the team within the first year or two, otherwise he would be considered a failure. The stress of living up to Michael Jordan's legacy in Chicago may prove to be too much for James to handle if he decides to sign with the team.

And hey, if all else fails, maybe King James can come play for the Boston Celtics. I'm sure he'd love to play for a winner and help us raise multiple banners.

Boston Bruins collapse: Worst in sports history

Mike Giannattasio
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On May 5, the Boston Bruins had a 3-0 series lead against the Philadelphia Flyers. Almost every fan in New England thought the team would easily sweep the series and move onto the Eastern Conference Finals.

New Englanders envisioned Zdeno Chara and company capturing their first Stanley Cup Trophy since 1972; but things turned out quite differ-

ently. The Bruins lost Game-4 in overtime by the score of 5-4 and then lost the next three games to blow the series.

What is even worse is the fact that the Flyers trailed the Bruins in Game-7, 3-0 and rallied back to win the game and the series 4-3. It was without a doubt the biggest choke ever in professional sports.

When the Bruins led 3-0 in Game 7, everyone watching felt a sense of relief that they were not going to blow the series. The Bruins came out strong and even beloved ESPN NHL analyst Barry Melrose could never

have predicted this outcome. It was shocking and depressing to watch the Bruins choke and lose the contest. It was even more astounding



that they blew 3-0 leads twice. Teams rarely come back

from such deficits, especially in an away game, and especially in the deciding game of a playoff series; but the Flyers did.

Sure, the Bruins are not the only team to lose a series after being up 3-0. Bostonians all remember with great pleasure the New York Yankees blowing their 3-0 lead to the Red Sox in the 2004 American League Championship Series.

There were also three other NHL hockey teams prior to the Bruins who came back to win the series after being down 3-0, but none of them blew 3-0 leads in Game 7. NBA teams,

for example, are 94-0 all time when starting the series 3-0.

The Bruins have always seemed to let their fans down every postseason. Most Bruins fans will surely remember the heartbreaking Game 7 loss to the Carolina Hurricanes during the 2009 season as well as the 2004 season in which they lost in the first round after winning the conference.

The Bruins choked away the series twice this postseason which makes them the biggest sports choke of all time. It is going to be a long offseason for the Bruins, and it is

Men's tennis wins second GNAC title with perfect season

Mike Giannattasio
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In what turned out to be an incredible season for the Suffolk University men's tennis team, the squad finished the regular season with a perfect 11-0 record and captured their second consecutive Great Northeast Athletic Conference championship.

It was the first time the Rams finished their season undefeated in the program's impressive history; and they simply made it look too easy. The Rams won eight of their first nine matches by scores of 9-0, and 8-1, respectively.

Suffolk defeated Emerson College 5-4 on April 24 in the championship match. It took an unbelievable four and half hours to complete the contest, with the Rams getting contributions from every player on the club.

Senior Jared Orkin was named the Most Valuable Player as he won his tiebreaker singles set 7-6. Orkin came back after losing the first set, 6-4, before winning his second set, 6-2 to tie it. It was an extremely clutch performance for Orkin, who

finished his season an amazing 10-0 overall in singles play. Orkin also teamed up with

won both his singles and doubles matches. Samander got his tenth victory of the season in

in singles action, while Staley finished the season 6-4 overall. Senior Justin Ayoub con-

lost his first match of the season in singles play, as he was forced to retire in the second set of his singles match due to back stiffness. Strader was the GNAC Co-Rookie of the Year and finished his season 10-1 in singles play and 9-2 in doubles play.

Many other Rams players put up great overall stats all season long. Diego Alvarado (Boston, Ma) finished his season 7-4 in singles play and 9-2 overall in doubles play.

Ultimately, the Rams hope to get a healthy balance of contributions from next year's crop of players. Allan Wang (Taipei, Taiwan), Dachuan Zhu (Beijing, China), and Daniel Kelly (Nashua, NH), all had great freshmen seasons and will be expected to carry that over to next season.

More importantly, they will look to win their third consecutive championship next season. Steve Counihan and Isaac Stahl will both be returning to coach this talented squad, and will look to take the team one step further: the NCAA Division III tournament.



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From left to right: Jared Orkin, Assistant Coach Isaac Stahl, Head Coach Steve Counhan, Justin Ayoub, and Diego Alvarado accepting the 2010 Championship Plaque. Orkin was named Tournament MVP.

junior Nick Pratt for a big win in doubles play. Both Orkin and Pratt won the match 8-2 and finished the season 4-0 overall in their doubles matches.

Junior John Samander also earned two points for the Rams in their clinching match as he

singles matches for Suffolk as he won straight sets, 6-1 and 6-0.

Samander won the second doubles spot with sophomore Chris Staley. They won their match 8-6 and finished the season 11-0 overall. Samander also finished the season 10-1 overall

tributed for the Rams as well, getting an important point in the match as he was victorious in the sixth singles position; winning 6-2 in both sets. Ayoub is from Brooklyn, NY, and finished his season 9-2 overall.

Freshman Harlan Strader

Men's baseball pick up impressive 15 GNAC awards

Despite tournament loss, season full of bright moments

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The Suffolk University men's baseball team finished the regular season with an extremely impressive 13-1 Great Northeast Athletic Conference record (21-17 overall) and was honored with 15 GNAC awards for the 2010 season. Head Coach Cary McConnell garnered his fifth Coach of the Year Award in his 15th season with the team. Freshman Jhonneris Mendez was voted GNAC Rookie of the Year. Mendez, who took over the third base position during the season, hit a team-best four home runs, while appearing on the mound 11 times to finish the season with a 3-2 record. He also had four saves to go with that, proving his ability at the plate

and on the mound. Other notable awards handed out were given to graduating senior Bobby Barrett, who was a first-team selection, along with senior Marc Doyle, junior Andrew Babb, and senior Rory Gentile.

The team was selected to play in the Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament after their impressive season, but lost a tough 10-5 game on May 13 to Framingham State College. After scoring five runs the fifth inning, the Rams' bullpen could not hold on to the lead and allowed Framingham State to jump back into the game, scoring five runs of their own in the eighth inning. Even with the loss, the Rams can look forward to next year as they had 12 freshmen on the team this year, many of whom made significant contributions.



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Jhonneris Mendez (above) played well all year, earning Rookie of the Year honors.

Other notable awards:

- Sophomore Mark Addesa was a second-team selection at shortstop.
- Freshman Chris Stanley was a third-team selection as an infielder. He batted .345 with one home run and 28 RBI.
- Junior Nick Travelyn was a third-team selection as an outfielder. Travelyn hit .300 with 14 RBI.
- Junior Alex Torres was a third-team selection as a pitcher. Torres was 4-3 with a 5.06 ERA in 48 innings pitched.
- Freshman Matt Sliney was also named to the GNAC All-Tournament team.

Even with their tough losses in the ECAC Division III Quarterfinals and the GNAC championship game, the Rams were recognized for their tremendous season and have a lot to look forward to next year.