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Still waiting on 20 Somerset

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Journal Staff

With rumors reported in the *Boston Herald* about the 20 Somerset project being shutdown at Suffolk, there has been talk of the university re-sketching the idea of the Beacon Hill addition.

The project, an alleged \$68 million New England School of Art and Design building, has had talk surrounding its potential halt. Chairman of the Board of Trustees Andrew Meyer cleared the air with his statement that "there is nothing being specifically reviewed for the building," and "no action of any significance regarding [20 Somerset] has been made."

Meyer also stated there has been no official hold on the project.

He released a comment to the *Herald* stating, "The Board of Trustees is undertaking a thorough review of its real estate development program with an eye toward best meeting the future needs of the institution



Photo courtesy of the Boston Herald

and its students. Included in that evaluation of real estate needs is an examination of the University's 20 Somerset Street project, as it pertains to the building's planned programming and development schedule. The board intends to conduct its review over the next six months."

The *Journal* followed up to find that, according to Meyer, "[the *Herald*] was operating on mis-information" regarding the project's halt.

"We are constantly reviewing and evaluating all real estate opportunities and op-

tions that present themselves to the university," continued Meyer, "with the needs of students foremost in our minds."

Since the Board of Trustees most recent meeting, it doesn't seem that any moves have paused the project altogether.

The *Herald* did point out that "While the school was scheduled to open this year, little work has been done and the existing building has yet to be demolished." With progress of the project unclear and under review, it is difficult to find where the Board will step next.

Suffolk ranked in top 376 colleges

Angela Christoforos
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Suffolk University has been officially ranked one of the top universities in the country for the eighth time in the *Princeton Review's* 2012 edition of "The Best 376 Colleges," a book that only includes about 15 percent of the 2,500 four-year colleges across the country.

"We are delighted that the *Princeton Review* has again recognized what Suffolk University students know well—that we are one of the best schools in the country," said Marguerite Dennis, Suffolk University's vice president for enrollment and international programs. "Suffolk's inclusion in the *Princeton Review's* "Best 376 Colleges" for the eighth time is an indication of the high quality of instruction and personal attention that Suffolk students receive from faculty, staff and administrators."

In the book, Suffolk is not-

ed for its "wide selection of interesting majors," "small class sizes," and its study abroad program. The university is also recognized for its urban campus and diverse student body with international students from all over the world. Additionally, the Sawyer Business School was ranked by the *Princeton Review* as one of the best 300 business schools in the country as well as having one of the top 25 undergraduate entrepreneurship programs across the country.

"We commend Suffolk University for its outstanding academics, which is the primary criteria for our choice of schools for the book," said Robert Franek, the *Princeton Review's* vice president of publishing.

Included in the "Best 376 Colleges" profiling of Suffolk University are quotes from students commenting on the friendliness of the professors

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Odie Fakhouri

Jeff Fish
Journal Staff

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

Fakhouri, 26, came to Suffolk in the Fall

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Jessica Ross

Soleil Barros
Journal Staff

McNair Scholar Jessica Ross has dedicated the majority of her four years at Suffolk deeply involved in the university's community. Ross's involvement includes things from President of the Black Student Union to winning an array of awards such as Creating the Dream award,

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POLICE BLOTTER...

Suffolk within top 15 percent

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in hand with the city life

preparation among students:
"Many students work during
the school year in paid intern-placement record. More than
94 percent of recent gradu-
ates are either employed or

Wednesday, April 13

5:00 p.m.

Fenton Building

Harassment report 28 Derne Street. Report filed, Case closed.

12:43 p.m.

Sawyer Building

Medical Assist 8 Ashburton Place. Report filed. Case closed. .

Thursday, April 14

1:59 a.m.

150 Tremont

Report of a resident of 150 Tremont Street evading a taxi fare. Unit #31 responding. Report filed. Case closed.

Friday, April 15

10:54 p.m.

10 Somerset

Alcohol Confiscation, Report filed. Case closed.

2:43 p.m.

73 Tremont

A staff at 73 Tremont Street reports a harassing telephone call. Report filed/investigation.

Monday, April 18

8:56 p.m.

150 Tremont

Report of an odor of marijuana at 150 Tremont St. Report filed. Case closed.

10:10 a.m.

10 West

Larceny report at 10 West Street. Report filed. Case investigation.

"We commend Suffolk University for its outstanding academics, which is the primary criteria for our choice of schools for the book."

that encompasses the campus.

In the book, Suffolk is also commended for its career

ships, co-op jobs or work-study positions. Suffolk University has an excellent job

enrolled in graduate school at the time of graduation."

He's all over the hub scene

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

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

The site was created in 2005 after Gaffin had been laid off from a job. One day, he was putting together listings for another site he had, which was, according to Gaffin, like a white pages for Boston, and he came up with the idea for a site that would talk about local blogs.

The site features in-

formation and news about the things that make Boston so unique, including public transportation, local crime, "news by neighborhood," late-night food and entertainment spots, and the best and worst public restrooms around town.

According to Gaffin, the

lover who currently resides in Roslindale with his wife and daughter, loves Boston and all that it has to offer.

He enjoys taking his daughter into town. His favorite spot is the Boston Common because of its history, location, and crowds.

One of his favorite events

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

site covers events and topics that the *Globe* or the *Herald* would not care about, but that locals would.

Gaffin, an Oldies music-

to cover is the Fourth of July Chowderfest, an event at which citygoers gather to feast on chowder despite the hot summer weather, because of its bizarre nature.

"I tend to like to write about the quirky stuff and things that only people from Boston would understand," said Gaffin, "like Spare Change Guy!"

The site was initially a hobby for Gaffin, who majored in political science at Brandeis University, but it is now his full-time job. He also coordinates the Boston Blog Network, which is a promotional site for local bloggers.

Gaffin is very dedicated to writing and updating his site, and has spent the majority of his adult life as a reporter and editor.

"I bring my laptop on vacations so I never miss anything," Gaffin said cheerfully.

@universalhub
universalhub.com

Free day at Fenway for students

Gianna Carchia
Journal Staff

"This is the first time that Fenway Park has opened its doors to college students like this," said Even Becker, director of marketing for this after-

noon's College Day at Fenway. The Facebook event page has over 7,000 attending RSVPs, but they are expecting anywhere between 5,000 to 15,000 students to attend the event.

"I've never actually been to Fenway, so it will be a fun

way to get in for free," said freshman Zoe Hartman. "I had lots of fun at CollegeFest, so it looks like this will be fun too."

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

"We're very happy to be putting on the event," says Becker. "We're hoping it's going to be a success, and we're hoping to do more in the future."

Some of the prizes will include discounted Red Sox tickets up to 25 percent off, discounted tours of Fenway and students entry to win a free car. The vendors are listed to include The North Face, Karmaloop, Forever 21, and AT&T.

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

One of the games is called the "cash cube." The cube is a phone booth with money flying around inside; whoever grabs the most cash will receive free tickets and prizes.

"I think that it's a really good idea," said freshman Madeline Casey.



Photo courtesy of Wiki user Kafziel



Ross, of all things

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ross will be attending

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

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

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

Career plans after graduate school include becoming a professor, teaching and conducting research at a research institution or university. Allowing her former professors to inspire her and showing research interests in achievement gaps along with racial and ethnic politics, Ross looks forward to sharing her research with others. "The people that got me where I am are my professors," she said.

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

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

Fakhouri, FIRE founder, successful student

from ODIE page 1

2008 semester with a career in real estate already under his belt. After spending one year at a community college in Chicago and simultaneously earning his real estate license, he joined the real estate firm Bradford Allen.

He spent two successful years at the firm representing "buyers and sellers in the acquisition of commercial office buildings in downtown Chicago."

In 2008, he left the real

estate industry to return to school, fulfilling a promise he made to his ailing grandfather, who died shortly after.

Fakhouri decided to pursue his education in Boston. "It was an opportunity for me to live in a college town—somewhere that I was new to," he said.

Since arriving at Suffolk as a global business major, Fakhouri has made strides at the Sawyer Business School (SBS), first with the founding of Future Investors in Real Estate (FIRE).

"I was looking for a way to get involved and add value [to Suffolk]," said Fakhouri. "There was no real estate club. I thought it would

be fun and interesting to start my own club [while] also providing a service."

The founding of FIRE sparked an interest among students in real estate and led to the implementation of a new real estate minor this year. "Without FIRE, the real estate minor wouldn't have existed," said Fakhouri. "We've definitely come a long way from no presence in the real estate realm."

Fakhouri was also a Sawyer Ambassador for two years, which involved helping

also done charity work, like the St. Frances House Winter Clothes Drive and Socks for Vets, a charity to give to homeless veterans in Boston started in an entrepreneurship class.

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

When he graduates, Fak-

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

hour plans to take the GMAT and get applications ready for business school. He also wants to start a new business initiative. "I've developed a love of social entrepreneurship. No business I ever develop will not have a social objective."

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

"[Suffolk] helped me keep my promise to my grandfather," he said. "I got to meet lifelong friends here—both business connections and person friends."

Meet @BostonTweet

Lexis Galloway
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How awesome would it be to have a job working with Twitter, dining out, and getting to experience all the local spots in Boston? Well meet Tom O'Keefe, the man behind BostonTweet, which all about life in Boston, things

write things down that might be of interest going on, check the news, have meetings, go out to eat; it all depends," he explained, noting that some days are more busy than others depending on what's going on in the city and what's relevant for the demographic. O'Keefe, who is originally from upstate New York,

another shot after discontinuing his use once before. Now, however, he credits his Twitter lists and ability to update the Twitter feed anywhere from his iPhone.

"I never expected anything like this to happen, it really started out by luck and chance." Although BostonT-



Photo courtesy of BostonTweet

"I have a very untypical day, there is no set structure, no 9 to 5 schedule."

to do in the city, food and drink deals, and news media.

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

"I have a very untypical day, there is no set structure, no 9 to 5 schedule," O'Keefe joked. "I get up everyday,

ventured to Boston for school where he attended Boston College and majored in politics and economics. Like many college graduates though, finding a job straight out of school is not always easy.

"After the job market froze, start-ups were failing and nobody was hiring, I realized why am I sitting here watching Oprah? I wanted to get people to start focusing on everything local and talking about everything that's happening around here" he said, although admits he had to give Twitter

weet is his full time job, O'Keefe is also involved in technology development, start-up companies and even designed the Simmons College Twitter page.

Groupon supports him and is the biggest source of revenue for BostonTweet, but it has also opened him up to a lot of different opportunities, getting him in touch with business owners and creating new marketing relationships.

O'Keefe said his favorite part of running BostonTweet is meeting all

different types of people.

"I get to meet college students, the governor, the mayor, and it's actually made Boston seem a whole lot smaller," he said.

BostonTweet isn't going anywhere anytime soon. "I definitely plan on continuing with it. It has great potential for my focus, and is a good way to get my foot

in the door, make connections and still make money doing it," he explains.

Out of his numerous followers in the Twitter-verse, O'Keefe said he enjoys following all the local businesses and restaurants, specifically Joanne Chang, who owns Flour Bakery, and Universal Hub.

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Eco-Reps, dorms, cafes

Among the university's eco-friendly campus is the stress on sustainability in the residence halls and cafeterias. Freshman Emily Whitlow, a resident at the 150 Tremont dormitory, said there is now food composting stations in the building's cafeteria. The single-stream recycling system separates paper, bottles and trash. "I think the school does a lot to go green," she said. "I go with it!"

Whitlow also noted the bio-degradable utensils and recyclable soup containers in the Donahue café and the re-

cycling of Frito Lay chip bags.

Launched in the fall 2009 semester, Suffolk's Eco-Rep program aims to promote environmental outreach and education to students living on campus in the residence halls. The position, which requires time dedicated to tabling and enforcing an eco-friendly lifestyle, qualifies as work study eligibility.

"We are currently focusing all of our attention on the Dump and Run, an annual project we conduct to help provide resources to Suffolk residence hall stu-

dents to donate their used items that are in good condition instead of trashing them during move out week," said Eco-Rep Careese Peters.

"We will provide bins starting the end of this week [or] early next week that will collect items and donate them to several of the local non-profit organizations."

Student volunteers will be compensated for five-plus hours of work with a \$10 university bookstore gift card. Any students still interested may contact Peters (cepeters@suffolk.edu).

Suffolk Sustainability to end year on green note

Bianca Saunders
Journal Staff

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

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

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

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

"We are focused on exploring opportunities to connect with students and employees to foster sustainable choices for daily life," said Erica Mattison, the special projects coordinator for Campus Sustainability.

Suffolk Sustainability has even more lined up for the last few weeks of the semester. The team will be co-hosting two events tomorrow.

The first, which will take place on the first floor function room of the Suffolk Law School, is an event in honor of Earth Day. Co-sponsored by the Moakley Institute and S.O.U.L.S., "Working Towards Environmental Sustainability: The Impact of Consumers, Community, and Corporations" will be held from noon to 2 p.m., featuring a luncheon, a poster session showcasing the environmental work of Suffolk students and a speaking program.

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

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

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

Trending improvements

ON CAMPUS

The Bursar's Office to go paperless with bills

Free, filtered water bottle filling stations on the way

Travel mugs

Recycle paper, plastic coffee cups

OFF CAMPUS

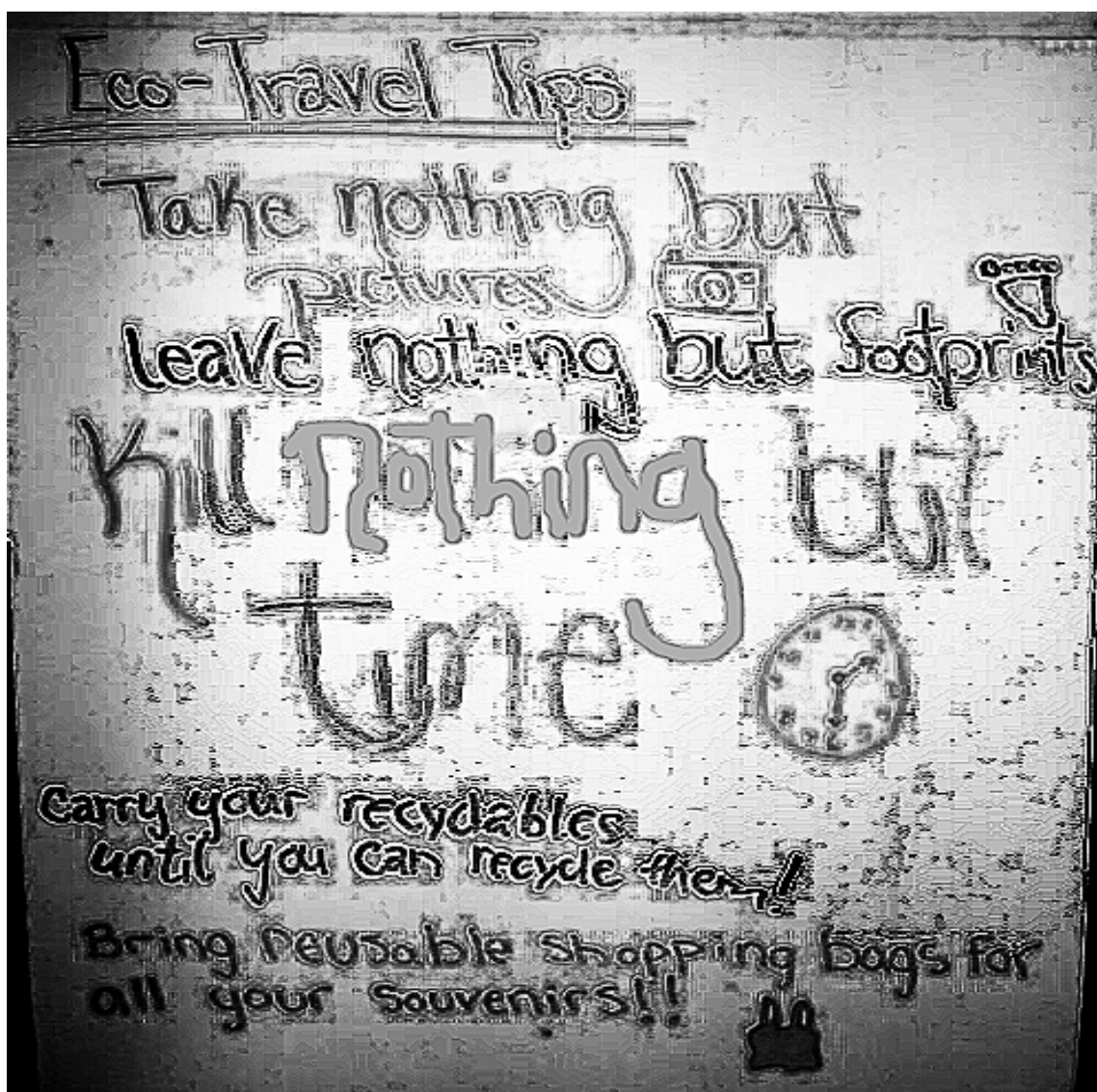
Possibility of bike lanes on mass Ave

Samsung Replenish for Sprint, solar battery charging

iRecycle app for Android, iPhone, iPad

Simplehuman fingerprint-proof recycling bins

Paper log maker transforms mail, mags and newspapers





Freedom veiled for the burqa

Jenn Orr
Journal Staff

On April 11, France implemented a ban on the burqa, the Islamic face-covering veils sometimes worn by women that covers them from head to toe – a measure that has gathered a great deal of controversy among the Muslim community and non-Muslims alike.

The law prohibits Muslim women in France from wearing burqas in public, and those who do not oblige can face a fine of up to 150 Euros (\$215) or be forced to take classes on French citizenship.

The ban applies to both the burqa – which has a mesh screen over the eyes, and the niqab – which has just a slit for the eyes. It will affect an estimated 2,000 Muslim women in France as well as visitors who wear burqas or niqabs.

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

French President Nicolas Sarkozy has insisted that the law is not meant to be racist in any way. It is his be-

wear – however much or little clothing that may be. Others claim that the law promotes Islamophobia, and that

Student Union at UC Irvine Vice President Hadeer Soliman in an interview with the Tehran Times. "The new law

a dozen people – three of whom were women wearing burqas. Paris police detained two of the veiled women, although it is unknown whether or not they were fined. The Paris police administration said the women were detained for participating in an unauthorized protest.

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

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



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lief that the burqa imprisons women and contradicts the secular nation's standards of equality. Others disagree.

Many argue that the ban impinges not only on religious freedom and freedom of expression in a democracy, but also defies a woman's right to choose what she wants to

women who wear the garb do so of their own accord, as burqas have no religious foundation in the Quran.

"The reaction amongst Muslim women varies, but I think a common sentiment is that this law denies women in France the right to choose what to wear," said Muslim

will not create a 'moderate' Islam, as some French officials claim it will; rather, it alienates and infringes on the rights of a significant portion of the French population."

The day the ban went into effect, a protest was held in front of the Notre Dame Cathedral that consisted of roughly

Answers found in Minsk bombing

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

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko has taken measures to strengthen the defense of the city, such as increased security in all public transportation facilities. Also, through interrogation and various means of persuasion, the two culprits who confessed to carrying out the bombing have relayed names of those who were also tied to the attack. Moreover,

they admitted to having a helping hand in two previous bombings, one in 2005 and one in 2008. With this ground-breaking interrogation, immense progression is expected in finding out who exactly is behind this terrorist organization, and whether or not they have any more terrorist attacks planned.

The motives behind the attacks have yet to be determined. Speculation has run rampant regarding whether or not the bombing was a response to the regime of Lukashenko, who has been accused of an authoritarian ruling style with violent reactions to protests and opposition forces. In 2010, questionable voting tactics were used by Lukashenko, who claimed 80 percent of the population vote and 90 percent of the electoral vote. Two opposing

presidential candidates were beaten by police on Election Day while taking part in a rally against Lukashenko. Each of his elections since 1994 have been said by many sources to be "flawed" and incompetent.

Though his oppressive authority seems to be an issue with elections, scenes of violence and protest are few and far between. Therefore, his means to presidency are not questioned abroad, but his various soviet-era policies are criticized by various western powers, the state-owned economy being one of them. This has not held back aid in the wake of the terrorist attacks. Russia has publicly announced their full cooperation with the situation and has subsequently sent investigation teams to assess the situation. Israel has also agreed to send help as soon as possible.

Minsk proved to be troubled for only a brief period of time before the fast-paced city life went on per usual. The perpetrators have been identified, and with a number of confessions, the entirety of the opposition unit should soon be dismantled. Especially with foreign aid going towards the investigation, this incident will not go

without a full review. With the specific motivation for the attack yet to be determined, an unsettled attitude presides over those in support of Lukashenko. This could prove to be a testament to the growing opposition of his authoritarian rule, or it could also be painted over by the brush of censorship and intimidation.



Photo courtesy of Pisqa.com

Lukashenko, speaking to the press in December

Nigerian elections breed chaos

Ryan Powell
Journal Staff

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

Being the first supposed election with competition, the ex-PDP member, Muhammadu Bahri, has led a somewhat promising opposition. However reliable polls have been, they have shown that Bahri is far behind Jonathan's promising outlook. This immediately sparked unrest with the presumption that elections are being rigged. In recent elections, obvious election mishaps occurred. Polls had shown 50,000 votes for the PDP while only 4,000 vot-

ers represented the village. Furthermore, names such as Bob Marley and Nelson

Nigeria has the most reasonable chance of moving forward. This would be a fair as-

produce the fairest of elections. In 2010, Jonathan hired Attahiru Jega, a respected

protest. With the burning of churches and random murder sprees, police barracks have become the only safe refuge. This simply cannot allow for a promising future under Jonathan if this much animosity is the product of reelection. The previous 24-hour curfew has been diminished from dusk to dawn to adhere to the citizens' will. Military intervention may be a necessary means to peace, while the protests in the north may increase in the wake of oppositional activities.

The outcome is unfavorable for the entire country of Nigeria, and such violence should not have been enticed with supposedly fair elections. The competitive nature of parties in Nigeria caused such rigging of elections, but even though favored towards the PDP, it is a universal tactic to electoral recognition. More international supervision of elections or more military interference could be the necessary means to the most representative and fair elections. Nigerians must have faith in their election process, but riots and violence are not going to solve the ever-increasing issue.



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The skyline of Nigeria's capital, Abaju, seen at night

Mandela repeatedly found themselves on the ballots in a push for PDP superiority.

Now that the elections have been fully determined, Jonathan is said to have won 22.5 million votes to Bahri's 12.2 million. This does not show drastic differences that would have been the result of a major election fraud. With only 57 percent of the vote, it can officially be said that under Jonathan and the PDP,

session, but as soon as any hint of election results were produced, immediate riots began in northern Nigeria.

Posters with Jonathan's picture and any form of pro-PDP literature have been destroyed and burned on the grounds that the elections were unfair and rigged. Both Bahri and Jonathan proclaim that these accusations are false and more than minimal efforts were carried out to

academic and Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, to lead the electoral commission and take drastic measures to provide fair elections. Even the printing of ballots abroad took place in order to avoid duplication. This obviously has not convinced the masses, and Nigeria has found itself, once again, in a state of chaos.

Citizens in regions such as Kano and Kaduna in the north hold the heaviest of

Iceland sued by United Kingdom

Derek Anderson
Journal Staff

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

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

Iceland recently held a vote to repeal a law that was set to solve the money issues between the two countries. According to a CNN article, "Six out of 10 voters in the

referendum on Saturday opposed the law, the government said in a statement Sunday, saying turnout was high." To that, Alexander responded to the Icelandic vote saying it was "disappointing" and that "we have a very difficult financial position as a country... This money could help."

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

sequently split into a 'bad' bank, holding soured investments, and a healthy institution named Arion Bank."

Of the three banks that collapsed, Kaupthing had the largest operation in the U.K.

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

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

Netherlands Finance Minister Jan Kees de Jager said he was "very disappointed about the decision of the Ice-

landic electorate not to agree with the agreement reached between Iceland, the UK and the Netherlands," and that the "time for negotiations was over. Iceland remains obliged to repay. The issue is now for the courts to decide."

Iceland continues to attempt to find ways to fix their economy by receiving loans from the International Mon-

etary Fund. They loaned the country \$2.1 billion in November 2009, and said that repaying Britain and the Netherlands. Iceland also has attempted to apply for European Union membership, but both the Netherlands and Britain could block this motion.

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



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world BRIEFS

Africa

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

Europe

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

Middle East

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



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Minus 20 points
- Beatles music at Recognition Day
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- Happy 420!
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- Ryan Boyle (still) loves Creed
Minus ...? points
- Jenn and Matt are graduating
Minus 2011 points
- Derek Anderson is Globe bound!
Plus 2011 points

Total points this week = 3425

"Mirembe on my Mind"

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

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

Weekly Sudoku

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"A Suffolk Tradition"

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

Jennifer Orr
Journal Staff

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

The awards began with a hilarious number that featured Rammy Sr. showing the new Rammy mascot the ropes, both decked out in ninja attire and training to the song "Moment of Truth." Rammy Sr.'s coaching of Rammy Jr. ended with the latter successfully kicking a bull mascot's butt. After the bull took a beating, all mascots took off their masks to reveal CJN students and professors as well as Rammy Committee member Jason Carter, who proudly sported the old Rammy costume.

Following Rammy's training bit was a performance by the Suffolk University Dance Company. Wearing glittery black dresses, the ever-sassy dance team jazzed it up to the song, "Hey Big Spender," before the introduction of master

of ceremonies.

Out walked Dr. Dana Rosengard wearing a tuxedo, complete with a sequined blue vest (it was beautiful), to start the awards – after cracking a few jokes, of course. Nearly 200 students submitted entries across 11 categories this

year, all of which were judged by visual media experts throughout the U.S. Student work was sent to judges with high professional standards thanks to the help of the 2011 Rammy Awards Committee: Jason Carter, Nina Hunt-emann, Sasha Lekic, Shosha-

of Arts and Sciences Dean Kenneth Greenberg spoke to attendees about how far along the Rammy Awards have come in the past four years. He thanked Dr. Dana Rosengard, CJN faculty, and CJN students for their dedication before Prof. Ken Martin

presented by Prof. David Reeder to **Robert Nordberg** for "Favorite Girl."

Dr. Dana Rosengard next awarded **Ashley O'Donnell** and **Katie Sampson** for "MBTA Updates" in the hard news reporting category. A belly dancing performance

submitted for this year's Rammys. Dr. Monika Raesch then took the stage to present the award for fiction short to **Paul Davis Lyons** for *String Theory*, another film favorite that generated a lot of buzz that night.

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

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

The 2011 Rammy Awards ended with a last word from

Dana Rosengard, who thanked all students, faculty, judges, and theatre staff for their participation in the night's ceremonies. Special thanks went

out to Jerry Glendye, Keith Erickson, Diane Raymond, Mike DiLoreto, Jillian Murphy, and Bruce Wickelgren for their active roles in the CJN department. Words of optimism and enthusiasm about next year's Rammy Awards concluded the night.

Dean Greenberg summed it up best: "I want to call this what it really is – a tradition. A Suffolk tradition."



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na Madmoni-Gerber, Monika Raesch, and Dana Rosengard.

Dr. Susan Alessandri presented the award for strategic communication to **Melissa Johnson** and **Julie Pike** for their marketing project, "Mariposa." Next were the photography awards, presented by Prof. Bruce Butterfield, which were awarded to **Monica Anc** for "Heavy Catch" (black and white

took the stage to present additional photography awards.

The photography award for spot news was awarded to **Eric Balcanoff** for "After the Storm," while **Monica Anc** received the photo essay award for "Boston Marathon: Triumph and Tragedy." After all four

photography awards were presented,

it was clear that Balcanoff and Anc have excelled in the area of

photography during their time at Suffolk.

Rampage, Suffolk's show choir, then took the stage for a couple of song and dance numbers. Following Rampage's performances was the award for music video,

– which admittedly was a bit random, but entertaining nonetheless – by

Sara



Photo by Ken Martin

Carlisle, Miss Boston 2011, followed.

Prof. Jason Carter then presented the award for in-depth reporting/documentary to **Nicole Lee** for *Strangers You've Never Met*, undoubtedly a film favorite that night. Lee graciously accepted the award via Skype message, as she was abroad.

CJN Department Chair Dr. Robert Rosenthal, better known as Dr. Bob to CJN students, said a few words following the documentary award presentation and congratulated all students who



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Eric Balcanoff for "Canyon Sunset" (color category).

After the presentation of the first three awards, College

'Together' celebrates Music | Art | Technology

Angela Bray
Journal Staff

With flyers, event pages and download cards everywhere, the Together Festival has now kicked in and blown minds after day one. It was no joke when Mayor Thomas M. Menino proclaimed Sunday, April 17, 2011 to be Together Boston Day in the city of Boston during the VIP event at the Foundation Room.

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

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

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

According to Managing Director Alex Maniatis, the impressive selection of artists and shows is a sole base of what everyone wants to see. "The list has gone from the biggest of the game to the smallest of the game," he said. "This festival is all about you, the community. It's your festival."

"It's just been an incredible

experience," said Koren Bernardi, director of production, at the press conference last Friday. And it's only day three of the festival's second year.

The "Get Together" planned for this Saturday won't deny when it comes to things to see, hear and

"We're looking to expand," he said; this year's panels include everybody from media to city counselors to professors.

Yesterday, day one of Together's discussions and technology demonstrations at Northeastern, began with a panel concerning the community, relationships and scene established by electronic music.

Dubbing this "an exciting and involved time for

all of us," Joe Grafton, director of operations, moderated the discussion tossing around ideas including people, places, technology, and innovation.

"Electronic music was so well-represented here," said Ben Garton (aka Schwilly B, Green), founder of the Circle party, reminiscing the scene 10 to 15 years ago. "I could not get enough of electronic

music. I came up with this idea of Circle because a circle is kind of equal. All people have a place, all people can participate. With Circle, a lot of our lifestyles

started to change. A lot of [our community] was growing and changing together."

Garton also said he feels those who like electronic music are open minded, and their involvement is driven by passion for the music. "I think the concept of Together is awesome," he said. "I think the Together festival is just see TOGETHER page 12



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up electronic music culture to other people," she said.

The festival's tag line has upgraded from "the New England electronic music festival" to "Music | Art | Technology." Maniatis said there will be all sorts of art installations at every venue, spreading over 80 events throughout the week. Who would have expected traveling photo booths?

arts BRIEFS

Earl finally tracked down

If last week's sales for Odd Future at the Paradise mean anything, it's that the rap collective from Compton are rap's next big thing. Within 10 minutes, all tickets had been sold out. But since the group first gained popularity, one of the most notorious members, Earl Sweatshirt, has been



missing in action. Rumors spread, concluding that 17-year-old Earl, whose real name is Thebe Kgositsile, was either serving jail time, or that his mother sent him to boarding school.

Last week, Complex Magazine managed to actually track down Kgositsile at the all-male Coral Reef Academy in Samoa.

The Academy is run by therapists and faculty who, according to their website, give their clients "sophisticated treatment approaches in a cultural-immersion milieu to help young men with emotional difficulties find their way to healing, maturity and independence." Photos prove that Kgositsile was, at one point, attending the academy. Hints dropped in Odd Future lyrics also refer to saving Earl "from the Samoans." Since the article was released, Odd Future leader Tyler, The Creator, spoke out calling the article false, yet all clues still point towards Complex's conclusion.

Locking up the Cage

An intense man was running around a New Orleans street yelling last week, as onlookers realized that Nicholas Cage doesn't act in movies, but plays himself. The actor, known for his over exaggerated emotional acting, was arrested after drunkenly over exaggerating his emotions in the middle of the night. Sources say that he was having a domestic dispute with his wife, Alice Kim, when he mistook a neighbor's house as his, and continued to rampage in front of it. As cops arrived, Cage opened the back-seat door to a cruiser and began to sit down, when the



cop got out of the car. Cage then booked it down the block towards a cab, which he successfully got in, but eventually was booked himself as the cops took him

downtown. And to top it off, no joke: Dog the Bounty Hunter provided the bail.

Tom Waits is going to be the voice of an animated character in an upcoming film. The film is called "The Bunny Who Only Ate Fiberglass."

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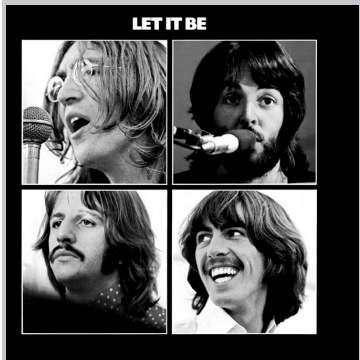
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staff SOUNDS



Blacroc
"Blakroc"

Best collaboration I've heard in a while. Blues/rock + hip-hop = Awesome.
-Derek Anderson

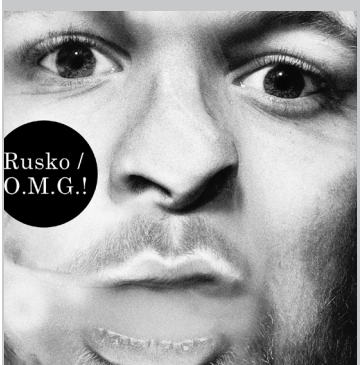


The Beatles
"Let It Be"

The Beatles playing in a church. Awesome.
-Jeffrey D. Fish



Hunnie Bunnies
"Yum"
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Barbra Streisand
"Duck Sauce"
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Barbra Streisand....
-Soleil Barros

Smith returns to roots with Red State

David Frederick
Journal Staff

Kevin Smith's latest feature, *Red State* (Smocast Pictures, 2011) has been in the works for several years now, originally announced by Smith in 2006. The film stars Melissa Leo, John Goodman, and Michael Parks, who delivers an especially legendary performance.

I won't give too much away about the plot, but it begins with three friends who go on a trip to find sex but end up crossing paths with the film's villains, the clergy of the Five Points Church and their sadistic pastor Abin Cooper (Michael Parks). Smith's inspiration for the film seems to draw

mostly from the fundamentalist actions of the very real Westboro Baptist Church. The film has lots of great dialogue, a staple in most of

Smith's films, but what sets this film from others is the intensely haunting atmosphere. Smith has stated numerous times that while there are so many different types

ideas into one crazy epic. In my opinion, he succeeded.

With the inclusion of many experimental elements in the film, many average moviegoers may not enjoy the

experience that is *Red State*, but the film wasn't made for them. Smith has also announced that he is self-distributing the film, which is a very brave and bold move. Knowing how much

he would actually have to pay for advertising to audiences that would not even sneak into the film, Smith has decided to tour the film in different cities to

raise money to help pay for costs. Smith wanted to reach out to an audience that he already knew would enjoy his film.

The film surpassed all of my expectations and I can say that it is one of the best films that I have seen in years. Smith is someone who always makes his work personal, and it can hit close to home for those who keep on coming back. It is very hard to me to express my fondness for *View Askew* and *Red State*, but I can say that Smith made such an amazing piece of work that I felt moved after viewing it. While the history and controversy surrounding *Red State* are interesting, it would take me a very long time to explain most of it and I highly suggest that you go to Smith's podcasting website, smocast.com to hear the whole story.

Next to *Clerks* and *Dogma*, this is one of Smith's most personal films, crafted by such a hauntingly beautiful narrative that deserves kudos. The villains of this film are so dark and cynical that once you are swept up in their world, there is no going back.

Red State is the first film I have seen to ever perfectly merge the elements of mainstream film and independent cinema in such a great way.

Red State is most certainly a game changer. I would highly recommend checking out the film during its next tour, or if you don't have the cash, wait until it is released in normal cinemas on October 19.



Courtesy of Smocast Pictures

Come 'Together' right now

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so needed, like, wow, how come no one thought of this before? The unity is really key. [In the future], I'm excited to see it get bigger."

"I do love the goals of this festival, bringing more genres together," said DJ Shivar, Ceremony Boston. Piggybacking off the integral art and fashion and dress, she continued on to the many fractures and genres of electronic music. "Boston is great with mixing the genres together, I'm all for it."

Bernardi, also on the panel, explained the way Together itself is a common ground, a reason and

place for people to meet. "Every time you meet someone, you'll have one person in com-

and so many different things. Even just in the past year, my perspective has been expand-

Considering the major local, national and international talent lined up for the

rest of the week, in addition to all of the daytime events, Bostonians not coming together (pun intended?) will be in denial after scrolling through phasing party photos and thorough blog posts. Those late on the low-down can scour the schedule on togetherboston.com.

"For those people don't know what x, y or z is, this is the week to find out," said Day. And with a combo of as many elements as possible, "at the end of the day, it's all music, art and technology."



Photo by Angela Bray

mon, then your circle grows bigger," she said. "I get influenced from so many people

ing. The more people you know, the more people will know you, or know of you."

Self-help from a Bostonian

Angela Christoforos
Journal Staff

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

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

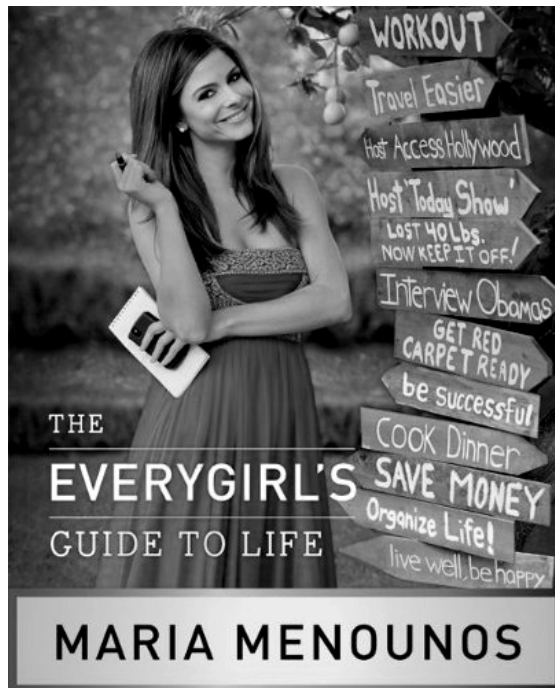
Maria's *Every Girl's Guide to Life* is an A-Z guide of all her tips and tricks she's learned from top of the line Hollywood experts throughout her years working in the TV industry to live an overall better life. From organization skills to eating healthy, to romance and looking your best, Maria's book covers essentially all facets of a girl's life. She shares various personal experiences, photographs, and her

own favorite quotes and life mottos. The cover of the book features Maria in a red evening gown standing next to signs made out of a picket fence that reads phrases such as, "workout, host *Today Show*, get red carpet ready, cook dinner, and save money."

The way the book cover was created is unique and notable, "The cover of my book may be the very thing that truly encapsulates the spirit and essence of the text within it," said Menounos. "I don't simply mean the photo and design, though I think they do serve

to impact. I mean the story behind its creation. The actions involved in creating the cover are perhaps louder than the words within it. Normally, to design and shoot a book cover of this ilk, one would have to enlist the services of an art director, production designer, set decorator, prop builder, stylist, hair dresser,

makeup artist, photographer, caterer, lighting person, graphic artist and God



Courtesy of It Books

knows how many assistants. The cost is in the tens of thousands of dollars. There was no budget for that and even if there was, spending it in any such a way would go against every principle in the book."

The Every Girl's Guide to Life has also received praise from many fellow celebrities such as Kim Kardashian,

"One show stopping! Maria shows us girls how to successfully juggle it all while looking fabulous. I love her lazy woman workout and yummy recipes!"

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

But what makes Maria admirable is that she is walking proof of the American dream, coming from nothing and working her way up the ladder to success. Maria is originally from Medford, MA and born to Greek immigrant parents. In her early years, she worked alongside her parents cleaning nightclubs, and worked other jobs such as being an employee of Dunkin Donuts and selling sausages from stands in the streets of Boston. Maria attended Boston's Emerson

College where she studied Broadcast Journalism and participated in Emerson Independent Video. She then went on to become a correspondent at Channel One News until she eventually landed her big break with a hosting gig on *E! News*. She was the youngest reporter to ever host *E! News* at the age of 22.

Nearly 10 years later, Maria has appeared in several films as an actress and she's worked on TV outlets like the *Today Show*, *Access Hollywood*, and has even hosted a Eurovision TV song contest in Greece. Now she is the author of *The Everygirl's Guide to Life*.

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



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Staff Editorial

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

I've served as opinion editor for the past year, and I can honestly say that joining *The Suffolk Journal* staff has been one of the best things I've ever decided to do. I started contributing to *The Journal* last year, my junior year, and looking back, I know that I missed out. I'm a journalism major for God's sakes! What was I doing my freshman and sophomore

year when I wasn't writing for *The Journal*? I can't dwell on my regrets over not joining the staff sooner, but I can do something to ensure that my fellow writers and editors have a fantastic year at *The Journal* next year: I can try to convince you, dear reader, to take a chance and contribute to the newspaper.

This year, our editorial staff and writers have been great, every Tuesday production night has been filled with great conversation and lots of laughter, and *The Journal* won an award at the Associated Collegiate Press Conference in L.A. We've had our bad moments and we stress out sometimes, but we're taking nothing but good things from

this past year—at least I am.

I encourage you to be a part of *The Suffolk Journal*—journalism student or not. Do it for your own selfish reasons if you don't want to write for the purpose of informing the Suffolk community. Do it because it's fun and you're doing something meaningful. Do it because you want people to know your name. Do it for all the wrong reasons if you want, but at least give it a try. It took me long enough to try, and now it's over. But every Tuesday has been my favorite day of the week for the past year. So thank you editors, thank you writers, and thank you Bruce for getting me to try. If I can dig it, you can too!

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Government Center to close for three years

August Blake
Journal Staff

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

MBTA believes it is worth shutting the Government Center down for three years and giving out large contracts.

Another portion of the project the MBTA has deemed worth the closure is a "modern" head house made primarily of glass, which in a matter of a couple years will be—as Porter Station shows—caked in pigeon feces and other grime, and in some places leaking or shattered. Although the head house could look and function much better than it does in its present

"This entire project is beyond all reason and should be reevaluated."

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

Considering that it was determined that a shutdown would save a mere one year in construction time, perhaps some negative effects should be weighed. If you read my op-ed article on the Red-Blue Connector a few weeks ago, you would see that the system desperately needs a connection between the Red and Blue Lines. Presently, the primary connection is the Green Line from Government Center to Park Street. To suggest combining all of that ridership with the already packed Orange Line between State Street and Downtown Crossing is insane and presses a great deal of pressure on Downtown Crossing and the Red Line as well.

The primary cause of the shutdown is a redesign of station layout—which works just fine as it is—and a new, expensive head house (a subway entrance). It is likely that the station inside will have some walls taken out and the tracks potentially realigned. Although I see the station's function suitable as is, the

state, the new head house will come at a bloated cost which is not clear yet, and could likely be built much more simply.

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

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

Goodbye college, hello reality

Jason Kenosky
Journal Staff

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

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

When I left college the first time, it was a sad moment. I wanted to be done with it, more than anything, and was ready to move on. But it was hard. Most of my

college friends are now dispersed around the country. Some went back home. And some went on to graduate school. I also felt a bit institutionalized. It was sad to be leaving a place that took up so much of my time, and sanity.

Looking back on that moment now, it was more of a closing than a beginning, as I didn't attend college straight out of high school. That came a few years later, so I was already familiar with the trials and tribulations of making my own ends meet. I was prepared to re-enter that world.

Seeing what the majority of my friends went through and talking to a few Suffolk students who are about to dive head-first into that world, it is evident that most college students simply are not prepared for what will happen next. The first year after college is a doozy for most. And no one tells you that; they can't. It is something that is impossible to fully grasp un-

til you've experienced it, too.

One major realization that life as you know it has changed is when the summer ends and you are not going back to school. You are getting up to go to work instead. And when you think to yourself, "Am I going to have to do this for the rest of my life?" just remember that you won't get a month off for Christmas, either.

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

Then January hits and instead of taking on a new course load, you will continue to do the same job. And see the same faces. Sure, you can

drop a job or withdraw from a career, but unlike college, life continues on in the real world.

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

Of course, I am speaking in generalities here. College never really held that level of nostalgia for me, and after my first year out, it was something already forgotten. That is just me, though. College, past or present, was never the "best time of my life" for me. In fact, it always seemed more like a chore. My best experiences in life thus far have had nothing to do with college.

I do know this is not going to be the case with many of you. This is the last time you can get away with partying at inappropriate times,

or wearing your pajamas out of the house. For the most part, these years will feel like the only time you got to do what you wanted to do. This is particularly true when your career begins to feel like work, and it will, and those bills won't stop coming in. It is easy to find life frustrating when such aspects make it feel like you are not in control anymore.

Ironically, even though the responsibilities of the real world seem burdensome, the fact remains that you actually have more time and freedom on your hands. Some of you will adjust quicker than others, but even if you are struggling to make sense of it all, keep in mind that you are not alone.

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

Mayor Menino appoints new director of BRA: his friend

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

At a time where local development has stalled—and is at an almost complete standstill—I say now is the time for someone full of energy and ideas to step up and ensure that Boston comes out of the global recession stronger than ever. We need someone who can fill in the hole of the former Filene's building and develop the South Boston

Seaport. But that's not what's on Mayor Menino's mind.

Peter Meade has little real estate experience, something current director Palmieri

had 24 years of. These years included 18 years restoring downtown Providence, RI and four years helping Hartford, CT recover from dire

straits. So why was Meade picked for the job? Perhaps the mayor put it best when Meade was asked why he was taking the offer and the may-

or chimed in, "Me." Meade quickly added, "He's right, [the mayor] and I talk about this city a lot." Mayor Menino is looking for his sycophant, not a professional planner who can improve the city. Peter Meade will essentially be making \$164,640 a year to say yes to anything the mayor says.

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



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The EPA, budget cuts, and what it means for the future of Mother Earth

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In the midst of all the talks about a government shutdown and the continuous failures for Congress to agree on a new budget, an issue that should be easily agreeable on, is once again, being fought by republicans. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which currently regulates greenhouse gases, is threatened to be stripped of its power and funding, an aspect that would have detrimental effects on the environment in the near future.

As of April 15, President Obama signed in a bill that cut 16 percent of the EPA's federal budget for the rest of the fiscal year. However, it is just the beginning for what's to come as the battles in Congress continue to rage over budgeting for the next fiscal year. The funding originally proposed for the EPA to continue its regulation and implement greenhouse gas rules has been cut, no longer allowing assis-

tance from the federal government to help fund programs at the state and local level.

In addition to cuts for the Federal EPA, and on the state and local level, many other climate-related programs will also face budget cuts, including investments to a national forest and ocean program as well as international climate efforts. The sad thing is, in a time where proposed funding for these programs should have received an increase in funding to help the environment nationally and internationally, these programs will lose some of the funding they currently have, putting a damaging effect on the climate all-around.

It is not only understandable, but needed, that the government make cuts in the budget for our economy to survive, but the issue with making cuts to environmental programs is that it has nothing to do with helping jobs or the economy. Shouldn't Congress be more focused in looking out for the future of Americans and im-

proving our environment than sticking to its intrinsic values?

The Clean Air Act is the law that defines the EPA's responsibility for protecting and improving the nation's air quality, and Republicans who have aligned themselves with the Tea Party have made repeated attempts to pass a bill prohibiting the EPA to regulate greenhouse gas emissions and make more severe cuts in the budget. Luckily, they continue to fail. This is one of the major reasons Congress has been unable to come to a new budget agreement for the upcoming year.

According to a recent Huffington Post article, "Of the 238 Republicans constituting a majority in the House of Representatives, 237 of them could not even bring themselves to vote for an amendment that would merely acknowledge that global warming was a reality, human activity had something to do with it, and there was a possible risk to public health." Excuse me? How could anyone not recognize that global warm-

ing exists? There is an overwhelming amount of physical evidence that supports it, not to mention, anyone who is even remotely paying attention to the outside world would notice!

Although the Obama Administration is proposing funds to make up for the current year's budget cuts, the likelihood of any bill getting passed through the House regarding the environment or climate is slim.

Results of these budget cuts could vary, but include issues for state regulators to give greenhouse gas pollution permits needed for industrial companies, the elimination of a plan for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and huge cuts for contributions in a forest investment program—and that's just nationally. International efforts to fight climate change will be hit, cutting more than \$100 million to help developing countries provide low-carbon energy and transportation services.

Almost all state environmental budgets have declined

since the recession, but environmental advocates are saying the cuts currently being proposed are more severe than ever, calling it the "most radical anti-environmental budget" in decades. Outcomes of the effects on the state and federal level are still somewhat unclear, and only the next few months will tell what could happen regarding the EPA and climate change efforts. Despite the fact that this year's budget is already settled, we can only hope that Democrats can reason with the Republicans to prevent further cuts on environmental regulations.

Since November, when Republicans re-gained control of the House, they have made it very clear that cutting spending for environmental regulations would be a top priority. However, the issue remains that if nothing is done to help further climate efforts, it will have devastating effects on future generations, not solely in America, but across the globe.

Gasoline and fossil fuels: What are our alternatives?

David Frederick
Journal Staff

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

If you ask your parents about how much gas was when they were your age, you would be shocked at the prices. I asked my own mother how much gas was when she was my age and it was somewhere around one dollar—and that was still considered expensive. Something that you could do to help the environment is to switch out of your gas-consuming monster into something a bit safer like a hybrid car (a Toyota Prius, for example) or one of the newer "smart cars." These safer op-



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tions use less gasoline and can also be powered by electricity. No one can deny that we haven't heard this before, and I believe that a majority of people in the U.S. would like to help fix the world and become eco-responsible (minus big business and parts of the government).

I just don't understand why

we haven't accessed our natural resources when they are ripe for the picking. We can use the sun and the wind and even our water to help power and shape our society into something better. Many people argue over the actual possibility of global warming, but instead of arguing about its existence, why not

take preventative measures so that arguments can't even be made? I know that if you can't make money off of it, then the powers that be would turn a deaf ear to it. It's the reason why fossil fuels are still in mass consumption is because of the articulate greed that encompasses the mind of big business.

I suggest that if you would like to learn more information about global warming, a good documentary to watch would be *An Inconvenient Truth*. It was created by former Vice President Al Gore and started out as a slide show that Gore gave as a presentation. And it impressed all the right people. The documentary ended up gaining Gore a lot of controversy, political debate, and ultimately the Nobel Peace Prize.

If we could just put all the aforementioned things aside and really take a good, hard look at the possibility of a green future, I think that everyone would agree that only good can come from it. So I hope that my article has had an effect to persuade you to at least think about other green and eco-friendly ideas to use instead of using fossil fuels. I encourage you to go on the Internet and search for more facts and more free thinkers. It's our future, so let's make it a nice one.

Sports briefs

NHL signs new TV contract

Hockey fans will be able to still watch games on NBC and Versus, at least for another 10 years, according to the NHL. In a joint announcement on Tuesday, the NHL and NBC Sports Group said the new deal, reportedly worth \$2 billion, will run through the 2020-21 season. This should come as good news for hockey fans, as NBC and Versus have been broadcasting games for the past six years. Starting next year, all NHL playoff games will air on one of NBC Sports Group's channels. NBC will also show up to five games of the Stanley Cup finals, with Versus airing Games 3 and 4. Versus will show more regular season games throughout the year as part of the deal, including the All-Star game and the outdoor games played in Canada. Overall, Versus will increase its number of regular season telecasts from 50 to 90. The NBC Sports Group will televise 100 regular-season games per season starting next year.

Geoffrey Mutai's record won't count

Geoffrey Mutai ran the fastest Boston Marathon ever on Monday, finishing the 26.2 mile road race in an unbelievable 2:03.02. However, Mutai's unbelievable time will not be counted as a world record. This is because the Boston Marathon is run downhill, unfortunately making it ineligible for world records. The USA Track and Field only allows courses that meet their criteria about elevation changes as record-eligible. This criteria states that the courses must drop less than one meter per kilometer to fit their standard. Although Mutai still will hold the course record, the world record for a 26.2 mile race will still belong to Haile Gebrselassie, who ran a time of 2:03:59 in Berlin in 2008.

Odom wins Sixth Man of Year award

According to the ESPN, Lakers forward Lamar Odom was named Sixth Man of the Year on Tuesday. The award is always an interesting one to follow, as top reserves are a necessity for any team with championship aspirations. This year, the candidates were an interesting group. The Celtics' Glen Davis was a popular choice most of the season. Davis averaged 11.7 points and 5.4 rebounds for Boston as their top reserve, and single-handedly kept them in many games. Other candidates included Mavericks guard Jason Terry, Thunder guard James Harden and 76ers forward Thaddeus Young. (To be considered for the award a player has to have been a reserve more games than he started.) This season Odom averaged 14.4 points, 8.7 rebounds and three assists per contest while shooting 53 percent from the field.

NFL still in full lockout mode

The annual NFL draft is slowly approaching, and the league is still enmeshed in negotiations to move past a likely lockout to start the 2011 season. According to Foxsports.com, the league and its players resumed "court-ordered mediation" on Tuesday. The talks are the final step in a long, arduous process between the Players' Union and the league's owners. The discussions are over a new collective bargaining agreement, and both sides seem serious about reaching an agreement. The likelihood of that outcome is anyone's guess. "What this mediation is about, what the dispute is about, is the structure of the game and the relationship between the rookies, the active players, the retirees, with each other and the league," Hausfeld said. "Those are fundamental," Michael Hausfeld, an attorney representing retired players, told the site. Any decision that is ultimately made will not be easy, and will be decided by a federal judge.

THE RAM REPORT



Men's baseball

April 20 vs. Lasell (double), 3:30, 6 p.m.

April 21 vs. Endicott, 6 p.m.

April 23 vs. Albertus Magnus (double), 12, 3 p.m.

April 25 vs. Brandeis, 3:30 p.m.

Men's tennis

April 21 at Babson, 3:30 p.m.

April 18 vs. Johnson & Wales(RI), 1 p.m.

Women's softball

April 20 vs. Mount Ida (double), 3, 5 p.m.

April 21 at Albertus Magnus (double), 4, 6 p.m.

April 22 at Rivier (double), 4, 5:30 p.m.

April 23 at St. Joseph (Conn.) (double), 12, 2 p.m.

April 25 vs. Johnson & Wales (RI) (double), 3, 5 p.m.

Team standings

Men's baseball (GNAC)

1. Johnson & Wales (RI) 9-1
2. St. Joseph's (Me.) 10-2
3. Suffolk 7-3
4. Lasell 6-4
5. Albertus Magnus 3-5
6. Rivier 2-8
7. Emerson 1-9
8. Norwich 0-6

Softball (GNAC)

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

Men's Tennis (GNAC)

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

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Company provides unique athletic wear

Alex Hall
Journal Staff

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

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

After working with many Fortune 500 companies over her career in public relations, new GoodGear

owner Torin Lee says the company appealed to her for obvious reasons.

"There is no need [to put a] spin on our products and their purpose, the features are beneficial to the consumer and the natural part of the fiber and how it's produced is beneficial for the planet," she explained.

"Just like making a sausage, you don't want to know how synthetics are made, which is far away from being eco-friendly."

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

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

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

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

The rising question many would presumably ask regarding the benefits

of bamboo-based apparel is simple: Why isn't everyone using bamboo if it provides the same comfort and helps the environment?

"The world is filled with those who follow the premise of, 'If it [isn't] broke, don't fix it,'" she explained. "Large apparel companies move like, forgive the expression, an oil tanker filled to the brim; it takes miles and miles [to change] course."

With her company's unique line of athletic wear, GoodGear has been recognized by green organizations such as 1% For the Planet while also taking part in the Green Festival in San Francisco just a few weeks ago. They will also be participating in the Timlin Race in Hopkinton, MA, coming up in June.

GoodGear is not going to stand pat with their current line of clothing. According to Lee, in the upcoming months the company will be expanding their apparel line beyond just tanks, shorts and tops by adding hooded sweatshirts, pants, long sleeve shirts, yoga and dance wear to their line of bamboo-based products.



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Tennis team continues impressive season

Mike Giannattasio
Journal Staff

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

The Rams have rolled by clubs this season, as they are currently 8-0 and stand comfortably at the top of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. Norwich has the second-best record in the GNAC, and they are only 4-4.

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

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

Six players on the club are undefeated in singles play this year, starting with senior Justin Ayoub, who is 7-0. Hu-

bert Cromback, John Samander, and Harlan Strader are all 6-0, while Chris Staley is 5-0.

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

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

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

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

Suffolk also won in the singles competition and

got wins from Samander, Staley, Stroganov and Thao.

Last Thursday, Suffolk edged out Bridgewater St., 7-2, and they again got victories from many players in the single matches. Cullen and Staley won their matches in straight sets, and they also continued their solid day by winning two out of three in doubles play.

On April 11, Suffolk over-

whelmed Salem St. as they won easily, 8-1. Ayoub, Cullen, Cromback, Staley and Strader recorded victories for Suffolk in their matches. Cullen and Staley also won their doubles match.

The Rams have two matches left this regular season, as they play at Babson on Thursday and at Johnson & Wales on Saturday. Then it's off to the GNAC tournament

for Suffolk, where they will try to add another championship.

Head Coach Steve Counihan and assistants Isaac Stahl as well as Eliot Jia will make sure to have their team prepared for the postseason.

As of right now, it doesn't look like any teams are going to stop the Rams, as they have proven for three consecutive years now that they are the best in the GNAC.



Photo courtesy of the Suffolk Athletics dept.

The men's tennis team is 9-0, and will look to finish another perfect season.

Softball team struggles during tough stretch

Alex Mellion
Journal Staff

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

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

The Rams offense has been virtually nonexistent during their 10-game skid, as they have been outscored during the streak, 76-18. During the streak, the Rams have played eight games against GNAC opponents, and they

have seen their conference record go from 1-3 to 1-11. The team actually managed to win their first GNAC game of the year back on March 26 against Lasell, but it has all been downhill since then. In 12 GNAC games, the team has been outscored by 59 runs, which is second worst in the conference behind 0-16 Albertus Magnus (who have been outscored by 259 runs).

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

Juniors Cali Loura and Karina Bolster have also been bright spots for the Lady Rams this season. The two are second and third, respectively, on the team in batting average. Loura also has



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been stealing bases for the Rams, and leads the team with 13 steals in 14 attempts.

Freshman Samantha McGilvray leads the pitching staff in strikeouts, and has a 3.78 earned run average as well. McGilvray will be the ace of

the staff for the next couple of seasons and will be counted on to get wins for the Rams.

Senior infielder Monica Cioffi and outfielder Clara Conklin are the only two graduating seniors. That means a large portion of the team's

core will be back next year.

If players like Rogers, Bolster and Loura continue their contributions at the plate, the team should continue to see improvements and eventually be in contention for a GNAC title.

Babb serves mentor role for talented Rams

Senior having impressive season for baseball team

CJ Haddad

Journal Staff

The baseball season is in full swing, and the Suffolk men's team is heading into the most important stretch of the season, one in which every game is vital to whether or not a postseason berth is in the cards.

For senior Andrew Babb, getting to the postseason is a necessity. The Ashland, MA, native is taking every game seriously and is looking to lead his team into a postseason run that could have people talking about Suffolk University baseball.

Boasting a 15-13 overall record (7-3 in conference play) the Rams have only 10 games left before the end of the season. In the next 10 games they play, seven of them are against conference opponents, making this the most important stretch of the year.

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

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

"We have a young team, I take pride in showing them what college baseball is about and all the hard work



Photo courtesy of the Suffolk Athletics dept.

you need to put in to be successful. It's a team sport."

To freshman outfielder Danny Gunn, Babb has all the right tools to be a great leader.

"He has led by example since fall ball [having been] one of the best hitters on the team," said Gunn. "He never gets down on anybody and always picks up his teammates."

Picking up his teammates is not all Babb does for this squad. On April 12, Suffolk matched up against Salem State, and ended up winning an impressive match, 3-1. Babb was the starting pitcher that game, going the distance for the first time this year and picking up his

second win of the season.

Babb had seven strikeouts and did not surrender a walk. He also got it done at the plate by going 2-4, stealing a base, and scoring a run.

In the most recent double header against Rivier College, the Rams stole the show in both contests, outscoring Rivier by a 21-7 margin. Babb was the winning pitcher in game two, and had a hit and RBI in each game.

"Expectations this year are just the same as every year, to make it to the post season," said Babb. "Expectations are still in play because we know we have the talent and depth to make it there but

we have to play our best baseball down the stretch here."

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

"Baseball is such a team sport, and to be honest, I can't remember being [on] a team as close as we are this year," he said. "My goal for the season would be to help the other seniors and captains get to the regional's and make a run at winning that, giving

our seniors something great to go out on and also letting the younger guys know how great it is to be there and to keep working hard, because there is no feeling like being of the last teams playing."

Getting to regional's isn't an easy task, but Babb believes that Head Coach Cary McConnell and the rest of his coaching staff has done an excellent job in preparing these young men for what a grueling season is like.

"You know the coaching staff does a great job with us in the offseason," said Babb. "We have a great fall ball schedule and lifting program.

They give us the opportunity to grow as players and get bigger, faster, and stronger. A lot of the work is done when they aren't looking, but at the same time is shows they have the confidence in us that we will get the work done to be successful."

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

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

Volleyball team adds new coach to mix



Photo courtesy of the Suffolk Athletics dept.

Mike Giannattasio
Journal Staff

While the Suffolk University women's volleyball

team is preparing for their season this upcoming fall, they will now be under the direction of a new head coach. The Suffolk Athletics



Department announced last week that Noel Moran will be the new head volleyball coach for the 2011 campaign.

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

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

Moran graduated from Suffolk in 2008 with a Bachelor's of Science in Commu-

nications/Public Relations. She had a very successful collegiate career at Suffolk, during which she was a four-year starter as an outside hitter. During her senior year, she was the team captain and was named to the Great Northeast Athletic All-Conference All-Star team.

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

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

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