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Suffolk supports Haiti

Students come together to celebrate Haitian culture and raise money

Angela Bray
Journal Staff

The Suffolk community came together last Thursday in support of the people of Haiti, which suffered a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake last month. The event, A Taste of Haiti, was co-sponsored by the Black Student Union, College Democrats, Mock Trial Team, Student Political Science Association, Mirembe on My Mind, Caribbean Student Network, and the Suffolk University Hispanic Association.

Students, faculty, and staff gathered on the fourth floor of Donahue and paid two dollars a plate to eat Haitian food, and listen to traditional Haitian music. The event was promoted through e-mail, flyers, the Suffolk University website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Several students who stood in line had never experienced



Photo by Angela Bray

Haitian food before. "I love trying new foods," said Sophomore Kaela Gallo. "I think this is great, it's a good way to raise money and get people together to talk about what hap-

pened." Those who were unfamiliar with the details of the tragedy in Haiti were informed about it by speakers and their peers. "I think it is very helpful for anyone who came,"

said Emily Simnam, a junior. "Plus, students love food!"

"It's good for Suffolk students to experience [other] cultures like this. I'm glad it's getting a lot of attention, and

there are a lot of students here," said Jocelyn Ferraro, 2012.

"The idea originated from the College Democrats, who then proposed the idea to the Black Student Union and many other groups," said Jessica Ross, President of the Black Student Union. "Each group sent a student representative to each planning meeting and each group's Executive Board members volunteered the day of the event."

Tabitha Cherilus, Vice President of the Black Student Union, was one of the first to speak to the room. Cherilus is Haitian, and mentioned her family's suffering. "On behalf of all clubs, I'd like to thank you all for coming and for your support."

Several Haitian students attended the event and shared their stories of the earthquake. "My family is in Port-au-Prince; their houses were affected, but

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Republican candidate pitches bid for Governor

Jeff Fish
Journal Staff

Republican Gubernatorial candidate Charlie Baker came to Suffolk last Thursday to speak about his bid for the Governor's office in an event hosted by Suffolk Law's Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service. The event was the first in the 2010 Gubernatorial Speaker Series.

After being introduced, Baker, who was raised in Needham Mass., spoke for roughly half an hour about his background, his reasons for running, and what he would do if elected.

"I'm the product of a mixed marriage. My mom's a Democrat and my dad's a Republican and I grew up listen-

ing to the two of them battle it out at the kitchen table," said Baker, stressing the importance of a balanced government. "I learned at a very early age that checks and balances are a good thing. Both sides make the other smarter if they have to work a little harder."

Baker served as Secretary of Health and Human Services in the early 1990s under Republican Gov. Bill Weld and used this as an example of how he has had to work with Democrats to get things accomplished.

After serving as Health Secretary, Baker became the CEO of Harvard Pilgrim just after it was placed into receivership.

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news BRIEFS

POLICE BLOTTER

Thursday February 4

10:12 p.m.

Hyatt

Report of harassment on the eighth floor. Report filed.

Saturday, February 6

12:05 a.m.

Public

Report of an assault and battery on the corner of Boylston and Tremont Streets. Report filed.

Sunday, February 7

4:20 p.m.

Hyatt

Received report of possible drug violation on the eighth floor. Report filed.

Monday, February 8

8:37 a.m.

150 Tremont St.

Vandalism on the sixth floor. Report filed.

9:38 p.m.

10 Somerset St.

Smell of marijuana. Report filed.

A Taste of Haiti raises money for earthquake- devastated nation

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they're okay now. My uncle's wife was pregnant and had a C-section; it's the worst time to have a baby," said freshman Tanya Jules. Juliette Laguerre, also a freshman, has family in Port-au-Prince as well. "One of my cousins was trapped for two hours, but he and my family are okay now," she said. "I am so happy [A Taste of Haiti] is going on."

For a donation of two dollars, attendees could fill their plates with a variety of Haitian food catered from Sunrise Caribbean Cuisine (Somerville, Mass), a Haitian-American family-owned restaurant. Dishes included steamed vegetables, plantains, baked macaroni and cheese, green peas, rice, curried chicken, conch with pickled sauce, fried pork, chicken, red beans, and chicken and beef patties. The baked macaroni and cheese, chicken patties, and rice with peas were among the favorite selections of students.

"We wanted to make a difference, and this is definitely working," said Kris Callahan, Vice President of the Suffolk Democrats. "It looks like people are donating more than just two dollars for a plate."

"It's also that organizations can be donated to through the computers that are set up," said sophomore Daniel Mann, Treasurer of the Suffolk Democrats. All the proceeds were equally divided between five organizations that were all active in Haiti before the earthquake: Food for the Poor/Hope for Haiti, JANBE: Bridges to Haiti, Partners in Health, St. Boniface Haiti Foundation, and



Photo by Angela Bray

the Haitian Soccer Federation. Chris Saunders, a Suffolk graduate student, heard about the event by word-of-mouth and e-mails. "This is a great thing Suffolk University is doing to spread awareness about Haiti," he said. "I am very proud Suffolk felt they had an obligation to answer the call to do something about it."

The room buzzed with the upbeat music and positive energy. Attendees were enjoying the event as they spoke with friends and members of the sponsoring groups. Francia Cordia, a graduate student in Suffolk's Government Department, was staying in Haiti at her father's house in Delmas during the earthquake. "It's an experience I would not want anyone to have," she said. "I was stuck, I couldn't move. Seeing people dying around me, I didn't know what to do. The next day when I was about to get my sister with her kids, there were dead people on the streets everywhere."

Cordia spoke about the children in Haiti, and won-

dered how the country will cope with all of them. She mentioned a mother who lost six of her seven children. "As a Haitian person, I'm not happy with the way things are. We don't know what can happen." Cordia did not want to leave her father, and she changed her flight back to the U.S. a number of times. "Seeing the state the country is in, I don't want to sit here in America and not be with the people back home." She stressed that she refuses to remain silent about it.

Both cash and online donations were accepted. Ribbons and raffle tickets were also sold. A grand total of \$668 was raised in cash, exceeding the original \$500 goal.

"I am very proud of the co-sponsoring organizations for coming together and creating such a successful event," said Ross. "I am also thankful and pleased with the amount of students, faculty, and staff who attended the event and donated to Haiti."

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Suffolk strikes a deal with MGH

UMASS Law given the go-ahead

Students get additional access to health care

The following letter was sent out to all students in a campus-wide email:

We are pleased to announce that the University has entered into an important agreement with Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), which benefits all of our students and will provide additional access to care for students when the University's Health & Wellness Services Office is closed during weekday evenings and on weekends. In addition, our students will benefit from on-site access to an MGH physician at designated times during the normal operating hours of the University Health & Wellness Services.

MGH is recognized as one of the foremost medical institutions in the world and ranks among top hospitals for its high standard of patient care. The program with MGH adds MGH physicians to the University's Health & Wellness Services Office and integrates the hospital's network of advanced health care to the services presently offered by our excellent Health & Wellness Program.

Beginning this week, Suffolk students will have access to the MGH Medical Walk-In

Unit from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekday evenings and from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends for urgent care when University Health & Wellness Services is closed. The Walk-In Unit is conveniently located on the MGH Main Campus, which is just off of Cambridge Street near the Suffolk University campus. In addition, an MGH physician will be available on campus during designated weekday hours to assist the University's Health & Wellness Services Office with patient care.

We will be providing you with detailed information about the program with MGH in the near future on the Health & Wellness Services Web site.

Achieving our agreement with MGH to provide for expanded medical services to our student community is a further indication of the dramatic growth of the University. We are pleased to be undertaking this association with MGH and look forward to a long and constructive partnership for the benefit of all students in the University.

David J. Sargent,
President

Barry Brown,
Provost

Ethan Long
Journal Staff

Plans to create the first public law school in Mass. are underway, to the chagrin of many private law schools that fought against its formation.

According to the new plan, approved by the Mass. Board of Higher Education last Tuesday, Feb. 2, the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth will acquire the Southern New England School of Law, currently a private institution, and form it into the state's first public law school.

In 2004, Suffolk Law was joined by the New England School of Law and Western New England College of Law to fight the initial proposal. The three private law schools succeeded in halting UMASS' plans in 2005, but last year a revised plan sprouted up, which restarted the process.

It will aim to make legal education, which usually comes at a hefty price, cheaper. In-state students will be able to pay reduced prices, while out of state students will still be able to pay prices significantly lower than other institutions, including Suffolk. However, the private schools have continued to bash the program, stating that the school will cost taxpayers millions of dollars, especially since the school hopes to increase its student body by over a hundred percent by 2017.

"At some point you're going to see [taxpayers] say okay that's enough," said

Tristan Colangelo, a second year student at Suffolk Law.

Another point brought up is that the school may produce more lawyers than needed, and that the job market might suffer.

"There was initial concern that it was going to take away a lot of potential jobs in the future, obviously because that many more people will be going into the field in the area," said Sam Ratner, a Suffolk Law student. The job market for any profession has seen some tough days in recent years, but the amount of people aspiring to be in the legal field exceeds the amount of needed jobs.

"You're talking about a state right now that's so saturated with lawyers that there are not enough jobs out there for the kids graduated," said Colangelo.

"Right now we're worried anyways, regardless of how many people," said Cristina Galica, another law student.

The school still needs to be accredited by the American Bar Association, something which the Southern New England School of Law failed to do twice.

"I think the education that you get at the Suffolk University Law School is going to be better than what you would get at UMass Dartmouth," said Colangelo.

If, and when, the public law school becomes accredited, Suffolk Law may be greatly affected.

"It's obviously going to take a lot of student interest from Suffolk," said Galica

Not only would Suffolk

have another competitor in the region, but the school would be a much, much, cheaper choice, which in this economy is a crucial point of interest when choosing a school to attend.

"Our acceptance rate is pretty low. We're still turning people away. I think it's really going to come down to what the direction the school wants to take, I mean the school might turn around and say 'All right you know what, to make ourselves better in the national rank, we stop accepting as many.'," said Colangelo.

"It's not initial concern, but maybe ten years down the line or so," said Ratner.

With the reality setting in that a public Law School is no longer a plan, but a future, Suffolk continues to warn that this may be a bad idea.

"By all accounts, the state is in the midst of a budget crisis. If this public law school will truly not cost the Commonwealth any of its scarce taxpayer dollars, then it could be a good idea. If it costs taxpayers the tens of millions of dollars that experts suggest, it is simply the wrong time," said university spokesman Greg Gatlin.

When the school opens, Massachusetts will become the 45th state with a public law school. Delaware, Vermont, Alaska, and Rhode Island are now the only states without a public law school, with New Hampshire in the midst of planning for its first.

On Campus - F.I.R.E. hosts Jason Weissman

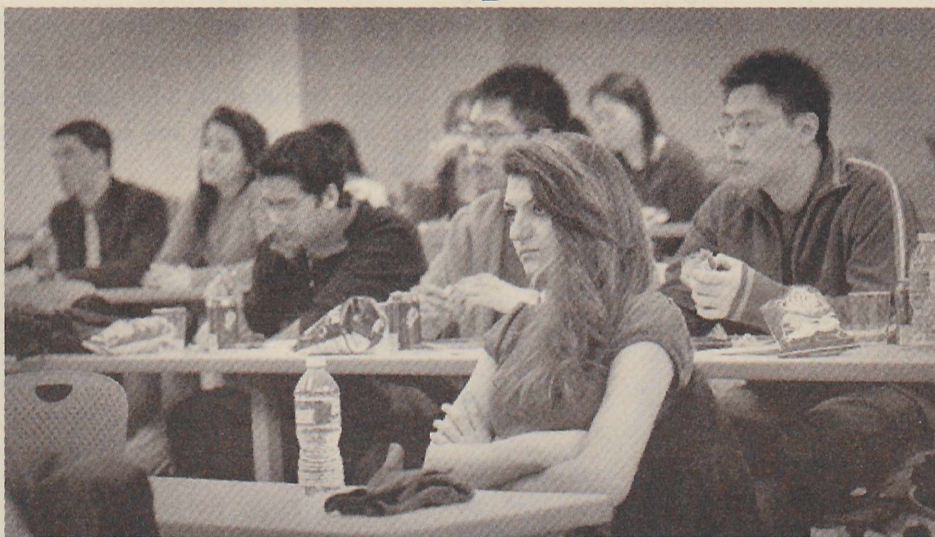


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Photo courtesy of F.I.R.E.

F.I.R.E.'s event last week brought Jason Weissman, Founder and Principal of Boston Realty Advisors (BRA), to a talk in the Sawyer building. Left: Simona Dimitrova, one of the club's event planners, listens intently. Right: (L-R) Odie Fakhouri, F.I.R.E. President, Liz Sower of BRA Leasing, Edora Wong, F.I.R.E. Vice President, Jason Weissman, Founder & Principal of BRA, Jillian MacLean, F.I.R.E. Treasurer and David Lank of BRA.

Suffolk Law School opens new clinic

Students to provide counsel for wronged small investors

Derek Anderson
Journal Staff

A new law clinic, the Investor Advocacy Clinic, has opened at Suffolk Law School for small investors who feel they have been wronged illegally by investment advisors. The clinic was funded by a \$250,000 grant from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation with the purpose of providing for investors who do not have the financial resources to hire a lawyer.

"People are pretty excited about clinics in general," said second year law student Tristan Colangelo. "It's a pretty big aspect of things and a lot of them fill up quickly."

Clinics give law students a chance at practicing law for class credit. It allows students to take on client responsibilities,

have their own clients, or represent clients in court.

"You're able to be part of the clinic, which means you have the duties of an actual lawyer and you work under someone who has passed the Bar," said Colangelo. "It's your selling point. From the second you step in, you have to make your resume better. It helps a lot."

With the clinic's opening, students seem to be getting excited for new opportunities to act as attorneys for real clients.

"I'm graduating in a semester," said law student Jay Wadman, "but I'm glad to hear that there's a new clinic."

"I cannot wait. I'm very excited!" said second year

law student Kristi Kerwin.

"A lot of people want to take part in clinics," said Alice Hogue, a second year law student. "It's always good to have a new one."

Even though the clinic

Suffolk Law decided to hire David Gibbs, an experienced Boston litigator, as practitioner-in-residence and co-director.

"Our goal is to give ordinary investors crucial assistance in vindicating their rights and at the same time teach students how to provide first-class representation to clients," said Gibbs.

Suffolk Law

Suffolk Law School was one out of four schools given a \$250,000 grant from FINRA. Florida International University College of Law, Miami; Howard University School of Law, Washington D.C.; and Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, Calif. were also chosen to ex-

pand their clinical programs.

"This is a school that values the practice of law," said Jeff Pokorak, director of Clinical Programs. "The new Investor Advocacy Clinic, together with our other clinics and internships, allows Suffolk to graduate more students who are practice-ready and prepared for the immediate challenges of the legal marketplace."

With new opportunities on the horizon, law students get ready for a new clinic, opening new options to their futures.

"These grants will significantly expand the geographic reach of securities advocacy clinics available to investors," said FINRA Foundation President John Gannon. "All four law schools will use these start-up grants to create dynamic clinics that provide a real service to investors in their communities."

"Our goal is to give ordinary investors crucial assistance in vindicating their rights..."

GOP candidate speaks at Suffolk Law

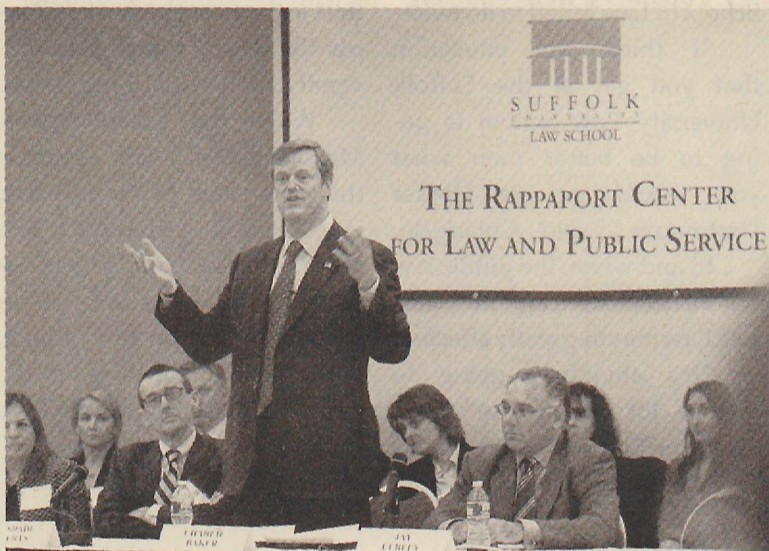


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"We put together a really good team and had a good plan and we dug our way out of it."

Baker said he is uniquely suited to be Governor not only for his experience in both state government and the private sector, but also his time in local government. "I spent three years in local government as a member of my board of selectmen and I learned a lot about what state government looks like through the other end of the telescope when I did that."

Baker decided to run even after he was told it would be crazy to do so in such difficult times. "This was a race I couldn't avoid and a race I wanted to be in because I do

think I know what state government looks like when it's working and when it's not. Yes we have a fiscal crisis. Yes, we have economic challenges. There's no question about that."

Baker put much of the blame of the current financial crisis in Mass. on the current administration, saying that "some was stuff that could've been avoided." Under the Patrick administration, the state went from having \$4.7 billion to \$2.3 billion, and spent \$700 million from the its rainy day fund before the economic collapse in the fall of 2008, according to Baker, who said that the state continued to exacerbate the problems during the crisis. "So when we got into trouble did we reform state government?

Did we shrink state government? Did we restructure the operating level? No. What we did was we raised taxes and that is exactly what we continue to do as we go forward."

To shrink the state government and help it to run more smoothly, Baker said if elected he will consolidate the 120 state agencies into fewer agencies that are more streamlined and efficient.

Regulations on businesses are also a problem, according to Baker. "If you talk to any small businesses in Massachusetts and I've talked to many of them, they'll tell you the regulatory policy is like a head and a body with no neck. The head sort of says all the right things," while the body is dysfunctional.

Baker said that there are examples where following one regulation would put people out of compliance with another regulation, and that constant rule changes make it difficult for businesses to function in Mass. "How are you supposed to think about investing in the future if you literally don't know what the rules are going to be from year to year to year?"

Confusing rules and regulations coupled with high taxes have caused both businesses and citizens to leave the state

according to Baker. "I have three kids. They're 19, 16, and 12 and I worry about where they're going to decide to plant their flag when they grow up and decide where to live."

Baker said that the way the Mass. government operates sends a message that there are "two sets of rules out there. There's one set of rules for cities and towns; tighten your belt, figure it out. There's one set of rules for families; tighten your belt, figure it out. There's one set of rules for businesses; tighten your belt, figure it out. And there's another set of rules for state government. The message that sends to Joe Q citizen and Jane Q citizen is that we don't really think we work for you. We think we know best

and we don't have to play by the same rules that all the rest of you who are living with that new normal have to live with."

As governor, Baker said that he's "going to signal that [the state] is serious about living with the same belt-tightening rules that everybody else has to live with."

After Baker finished speaking, he opened himself to questions from the audience before wrapping up the discussion.

"He concentrated on the most important issue—the economy," said Eva Ovalle, a first-year student at Suffolk Law. "He speaks to a younger generation of fiscal conservatives" that are now emerging.



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Fmr. Gubernatorial candidate, Scott Harshbarger (D) asks Baker a question.

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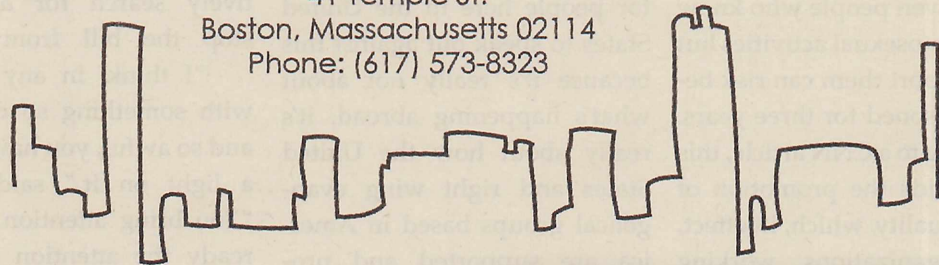
Staff Editorial

This space is intentionally left blank to protest the Supreme Court's blatant disregard for the ideals this country *was* based on. You screwed us, Chief Justice Roberts. Shame, shame, shame. One day, when Bank of America has a majority, filibuster-proof stronghold on the Senate, you'll be sorry.

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Pro-Life is not Anti-Choice

Nicole Espinosa
Journal Staff

Super Bowl Sunday had a new controversy surrounding it this year when CBS chose to air a pro-life commercial. The feminists of our country immediately assumed their regular positions whining, how anyone dare take their rights for free speech up to the level of disagreeing with abortion?

Tim Tebow, a quarter back for the Florida Gators, and his mother joined together with the conservative, Christian organization Focus on the Family to create a positive ad depicting the benefits his mother experienced by choosing life. She was advised by doctors to abort her child because of pregnancy complications, and decided against it, thus Tim Tebow was born.

Last week on CBS's Evening News, Katie Couric hinted that Focus on the Family shouldn't be spending money on ads, claiming that they recently laid off hundreds of people and then spent millions on this advertisement. The money for the ad, however, came almost completely from donations.

The ad itself is very short, and includes Tebow's mother shortly discussing her choice for life, and the importance of family. Compared to some ads, websites, and even fliers posted by many pro-life organizations, which can include grotesque images of un-

born children, fetuses that have been aborted, and that blatantly condemn abortion, this ad has taken a more positive stance.

CBS has previously not accepted advertisements that contain political opinions, or controversial issues, but claims to have changed its mind, which is certainly the right of any network. Perhaps this will spark

years to come of less laughs from Super Bowl commercials, and more serious issue discussions. If CBS wants to revoke its earlier ban of these ads, it has to start somewhere.

Unfortunately for the network, feminists around the country thoroughly campaigned to keep this ad from running. The Women's Media Center's (WMC) website was nearly bursting with hatred for this commercial, which began before they even saw it, and they called all women in the U.S. to unite, as if being a woman immediately means you hate pro-lifers.

The WMC posted a list of the "Top 10 Reasons the NFL should tell CBS to Scrap the Ad." On this list are reasons such as, "Abortion's a serious issue. I'd like to be sober when discussing." All I have to say to that is maybe you shouldn't be getting wasted by default during a football game because it's obviously "the thing to do." Am I supposed to feel sorry that this ad interfered with someone's irresponsibility?

Number one on this list is "Religious confessionals should be reserved for Sunday morn-

"Compared to some ads, which can include grotesque images of unborn children, fetuses that have been aborted, and that blatantly condemn abortion, this ad has taken a more positive stance."

ing. Game time is 6:30 p.m." Hmm. So you can tell people when it is appropriate to be religious, tell people that sharing their choice of life is stifling you, but you can still call yourselves "pro-choice?" A name change might be in order; pro-abortion perhaps? Since their

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world BRIEFS Ugandan anti-gay bill fuels protest

Derek Anderson
Journal Staff

Africa

ABUJA, Nigeria—Ailing Nigerian President Umaru Yar'Adua was forced by the National Assembly to cede his power to Vice President Goodluck Jonathan until he is fit to assume office again. Yar'Adua, 59, was hospitalized in Saudi Arabia with a serious heart condition on Nov. 23, according to AFP. The move made by the Nigerian government has caused political tension with opposition parties. "What has happened today has taken Nigeria closer to the abyss, instead of bringing it back from the brink. All hell has broken loose," said Action Congress, the main opposition party, in a statement. Bayo Okunade, a University of Ibadan political scientist told the AFP that "[The General Assembly's] decision is a pre-emptive action to prevent a military takeover."

Asia

MARJAH, Afghanistan – U.S. forces plan to attack the last Taliban stronghold in Marjah and have announced it to the entire world. It is expected to be NATO's biggest operation since the War on Terror started in 2001. "I think there's a certain strength in the Pashtunwali culture just from laying it out there in saying, 'Hey, we are coming. Deal with it,'" said Brigadier General Larry Nicholson. The city of Marjah is said to have about 100,000 people living in the area, as well as the richest farmlands in all of Afghanistan. These farmlands have been known for the large amount of poppy fields, keeping the drug trade large and prominent. The fight for Marjah is not going to be an easy one and the Taliban is expected to have booby trapped the area with multiple improvised explosive devices.

Central America

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica – The country's first female president, Laura Chinchilla, was elected Sunday, making history for Costa Rica. "I want to thank the pioneering women who years ago opened the doors of politics in Costa Rica," said Chinchilla in San Jose. Chinchilla lead the polls with 46.8 percent. The election day was festive and children were allowed to take part in the celebrations by voting in a mock presidential election. "My government will be open to all Costa Ricans of good faith," said Chinchilla.

A proposed anti-homosexual bill in Uganda stirred up LGBT activists in Boston enough to take action in a protest last Thursday night in front of the John F. Kennedy Federal Building. The rally, organized by Anti-Violence Project of Massachusetts and Join the Impact MA, protested an American fundamentalist's homophobic teachings in Africa. A right-wing group called "The Family" was accused by the protestors to be linked to the draft of the anti-gay bill in Uganda.

The bill in Uganda threatens gays by convicting them for a minimum of a life sentence in prison. People who engage in homosexual acts more than once, have sex with a minor, or test positive for HIV may be executed. Even people who know about homosexual activities but do not report them can risk being imprisoned for three years. According to a CNN article, this "bill forbids the promotion of homosexuality, which, in effect, bans organizations working in HIV and AIDS prevention."

"I think it's awful and I think it's an outpouring of frustration on fundamentalism as part of the US that they're starting to feed into other countries," said Matthew Dimick, a graduate student at Boston University. "I think it's a misappropriation of Christianity. It's a misappropriation of the mission effort in Africa and

turning it into something that's terrible and evil. Its genocide."

Dimick, along with other protestors, gathered to hear speakers from different organizations speak out about the anti-homosexual bill in Uganda. Rev. Dr. Kapyra Kaoma, who is also a Project Director at Political Research Associates, and an Anglican priest from Zambia, spoke to the crowd about the American groups that are aiding the bill in Uganda and asked people to stand up to injustice.

"We are here drinking coffee and having breakfast when our brothers and sisters are faced with death," said Kaoma. "Friends, the time has come to stand up."

Other speakers took their places speaking to the protestors including Kate Leslie, Co-Chair of Join the Impact MA.

"I think it's really critical for people here in the United States to speak out against this because it's really not about what's happening abroad, it's really about how the United States and right wing evangelical groups based in America are supported and promoting hate abroad," said Leslie. "Therefore, I think it's absolutely critical that we don't stay silent. Just because it's not happening in our own backyard does not mean we should not get involved."

Even students from Brookline High School came to show their support, bringing signs and cheering for speeches.

"Our school is doing

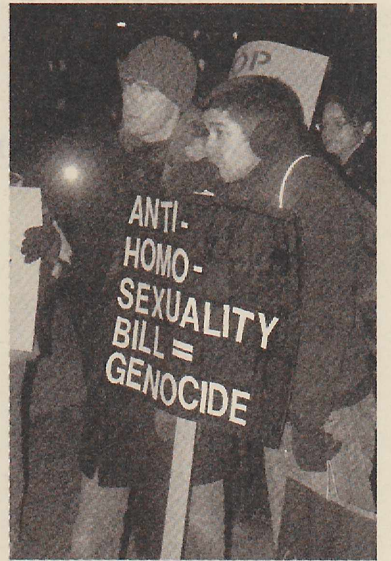


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a writing campaign where we are writing letters to the UN to put pressure on them to fix this," said sophomore Christopher Jansky.

The anti-homosexual draft bill in Uganda is in the committee stage with Ugandan Parliament as many actively search for a way to stop the bill from passing.

"I think, in any situation with something so despicable and so awful, you have to shine a light on it," said Dimick. "You bring attention to it. Already the attention drawn to it is creating change and creating awareness. [We need to be] giving people that information and giving people the knowledge of what's happening and making people aware in our country that this isn't acceptable. [We need to] hold the UN accountable for what they're supposed to be standing for."

The Human Rights Watch has been watching this bill since it was drafted in early October, 2009. With the draft bill still standing, protestors, activists and organizations continue to fight its discrimination and violation of human rights.

"This draft bill is clearly an attempt to divide and weaken civil society by striking at one of its most marginalized groups," said Scott Long, director of the LGBT Rights Program at Human Rights Watch. "The government may be starting here, but who will be next?"



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Theater Department presents Spring Showcase Students present plays about life, death, and rebirth

Thomas Logan
Journal Staff

This week, from Feb. 11 to Feb. 14, the Suffolk Theater Department is running its annual Spring Showcase, a chance for theater students to realize their own creative visions brought to life on stage. All of the plays are student-directed and they all share the themes of life, death, and rebirth.

Reverse Transcription by Tony Kushner, an award winning playwright known best for *Angels in America*, is being directed by Bryan Daley. It's an ensemble piece about six playwrights burying a good friend (also a playwright) who are forced to come to terms with their own mortality, as well as their own obscurity. The play focuses heavily on loss and oblivion and how they affect the way we think and value our own lives.

"The cast rehearsed only for three to four weeks but they were able to get a good understanding of the play," said Daley, and he couldn't be more right. The play features Ryan

Baker, Joe Gianoni, Alex Lawless, Nicole Lee, Deirdre McAllister, Jess Miller and Joe Talluto.

The Pronoun I, by Tennessee Williams, is a lost play that was considered to be experimental in its time. *The Pronoun I* is the story of a Queen ruling over a decaying kingdom with her lover, all while a revolution pounds at her door. The play seems to be a metaphor for the cycle of life and reincarnation, as well as the conflict between youth and vitality as

well as sterility and obligation. Things grow old, die, and are born again. *The Pronoun I* did have a bit of cast troubles when one of the actors had his appendix removed. Even though the cast had to work around it, they were still able

to pull off a terrific performance. The *Pronoun I* is being directed by Linsey Eagle and features Sal Forte, Bethany Ko-

ting and features puppets. It differs from the themes of the fairy tale's origin. In the original, Hansel and Gretel's father

origins," said one of the directors, Brittney Daley. The departure from the original play works brilliantly, so even

though the play isn't as recognizable as the original Hansel and Gretel, it's able to stand on its own. The play also features Arisara Chouchaisit, Andrew Fairley, Ryan Gonor, Kevin Hadfield, Maite Paillet, Sara Pardo, Meghan Pelletier and Adam Santaniello.

Spring Showcase will an interesting experience that runs this Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m.



Photo by Thomas Logan

Actors huddle around a sheet during 'Reverse Transcription' directed by Bryan Daley

lenda and Isaiah Rotondi-Gray.

Finally, the Spring Showcase is presenting a special adaptation of the classic German fairy tale from the Brothers Grimm, *Hansel & Gretel*. The story has been adapted to fit a more contemporary set-

leads the children into the forest, where he intends to leave them to die because he cannot feed them. This version is more modern and focuses more on how technology affects our life.

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and Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Studio Theatre, located on the fourth floor of the Archer Building. Admission is free and open to the public.

Grammys go goo-goo for GaGa

Beyoncé does Alanis, GaGa and Elton do a duet, and Michael Jackson gets another tribute

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Records shattered and performances rocked the Staples Center in Los Angeles as the 52nd annual Grammy Awards took place on Sunday, Jan. 31, with 25.8 million viewers watching from home.

Beyoncé Knowles broke the record of most Grammy's won in one night by a female artist, with a total of six. She took home Grammy's for Song of the Year (Single Ladies), Best Female Pop Vocal Performance (Halo), Best Female R&B Vocal Performance (Single Ladies), Best Traditional R&B Vocal Performance (At Last), Best R&B Song (Single Ladies) and Best Contemporary R&B Album (I Am...Sasha Fierce).

Taylor Swift, 20, also broke

the record of youngest person to ever win a Grammy for Album of the Year for her sophomore album *Fearless*. She also took home three other Grammy's for Best Female Country Vocal Performance (White Horse), Best Country Song (White

Horse), and Best Country Album (*Fearless*).

Many artists performed at this year's Grammy's, but only a couple captivated all viewers. Beyoncé, of course, shook the Staples Center, singing her hit "If I Were a Boy" and then suddenly bursting out a cover of Alanis Morissette's "You Oughta Know."

You oughta know that Beyoncé gave the song a revved-up beat and sang it so well that Morissette really was given a

run for her Canadian money.

Another interesting performance was Lady Gaga, but when isn't Lady Gaga interesting? Her collaboration with Elton John started with Gaga coming out on stage singing her dance hit "Poker Face" and then being thrown into a fire pit by one of her dancers. She then came out from under the fire pit on a double piano with Elton John, and the two sang and switched between Gaga's "Speechless" and Elton's "Your Song." Both of their faces were covered in black, chalky smears and they were wearing intense eye makeup, but their voices flowed really well together as the audience went wild. Lady Gaga took home two Grammy's at the end of the night: one for Best Dance Recording (Poker Face), and one for Best Electron-

ic/Dance Album (The Fame)

Of course, this year's Grammy's had to include a tribute to the late Michael Jackson, in honor of how he influenced the music industry and inspired most of the artists in the business today. Celine Dion, Jennifer Hudson, Smokey Robinson, Carrie Underwood and Usher all put their souls into singing Jackson's "Earth Song" while a 3-D video played on the screens on stage with clips of rain forests and little children running through them. It truly moved all the artists in the crowd and all of the viewers watching from home, and made for yet another successful Grammy Awards.



The Man Column: V-Day

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Valentine's Day is coming up, and everybody who knows me knows that I'm always the one to give great relationship advice. Ever since I can remember, love has been my main drive in life. Whenever a friend comes to me with a problem, I always have some solid advice that can help them tell their girl just how much they mean to them. If you really want to show the girl of your dreams the best Valentine's Day weekend, continue reading.

First off, you should know that Valentine's Day is always marked with Hallmark cards and candies. If you really want to show her that you care, you don't give her a card the morning of. This just shows that you don't care, and that the entire gift was an afterthought. If you want to impress her, put a

little effort into making reservations somewhere you know she likes, or even get her a gift that means something. Girls might love candy and flowers, but if you get the generic gift, what does that say about you? Maybe you want them to think you're a generic, predictable guy.

Making gifts comes from the heart, or so I've been told. Your gift doesn't have to even be Valentine's themed. Your girl likes the Red Sox? Maybe a Green Monster plush from the Yawkey Way Store instead of the generic pink bear with the heart on it. What if she's into movies or television? You don't get a girl who has interests a card and flowers. Really tell her that you know her by doing a little research and figuring out what would make her smile, because that's what counts. No quantity of flowers or chocolates matches the feel-

ing of making her truly smile.

Okay, here's a scenario. You call up your girl and tell her to come over at 6:30. She shows up and you're watching Sportscenter with a bag of potato chips open. You tell her to come sit down, and once she's on the couch, you tell her to close her eyes.

When she opens them, there's a card and a box of chocolates. She takes them, and tells you thanks, but she doesn't really mean it. Come on dude, with movies like 10 Things I Hate About You and The Notebook, girls are starting to expect a little more out of you. A box of chocolates and flowers that you picked up half an

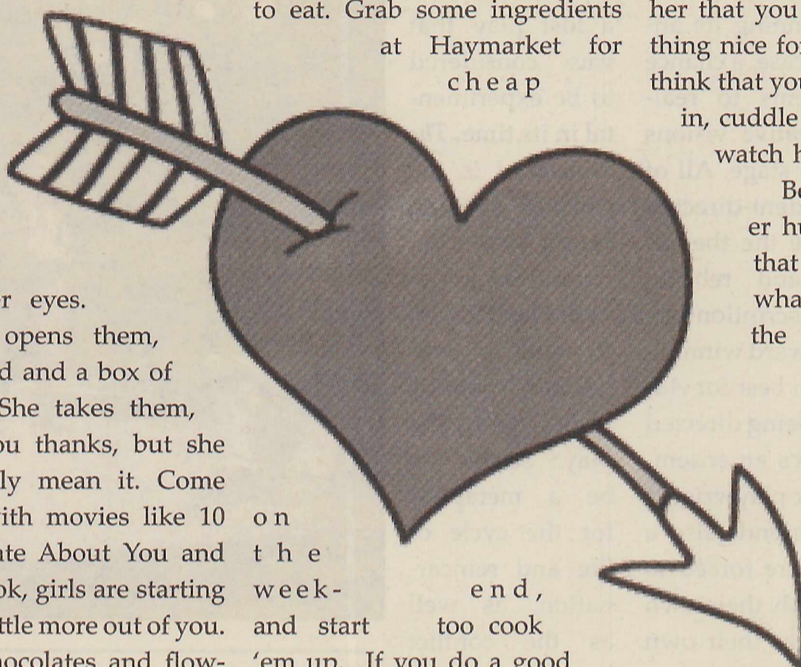
hour beforehand doesn't match the time and effort the leading men in those movies put into their charming romances.

Now, what you can do is look up a recipe online for something that you think she'll like to eat. Grab some ingredients at Haymarket for cheap

a nice dinner you've provided. Then, you can compliment the meal with some chocolates. If you're not that good of a cook, it's okay. Simply ruin the meal on purpose, and when she walks in, look all depressed and sad. Tell her that you tried to do something nice for her and that you think that you should just order in, cuddle on the couch, and watch her favorite movie.

Being original never hurts, and it shows that there's more to what you want from the relationship.

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Spitting in someone's face is the most disrespectful thing you can do. John Edwards, two-time presidential candidate, deserves buckets of spit to be thrown at his face.

First, Edwards cheated on his wife of 32 years. Elizabeth Edwards is the mother of four of his children, and a breast cancer survivor. Unfortunately, the cancer returned in March 2007, and this time, it doesn't look like Elizabeth will be as successful. She was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer, and it has now spread to her bones and her lungs. She will die of cancer between now and the next few years. How could you cheat on your wife of 32 years while she's dying of cancer? How could someone do that? Well, John Edwards clearly didn't think that was enough.

Edwards lied to his wife about the cheating, claiming that he "had a one night stand" and that was the end of it, when in reality, he was having an affair with Rielle Hunter, a woman that was hired to take campaign videos of him. The affair with Hunter began in

February 2006. When Elizabeth found out about the affair, she begged him to end it and he convinced her that he did. However, he would use Andrew Young's phone to call Rielle and take back ending the affair. (Young was Edward's right-hand-man for nearly 10 years.)

Finally, on August 8, 2008, as Edwards was trying to campaign for President, he publicly admitted to the affair with Hunter, but denied being her daughter's father. Hunter's daughter, Frances Quinn, was born on February 27, 2008, with no father listed on the birth certificate.

Okay John Edwards, so not only did you lie to your family and to your whole country, but now you're going to try to deny this child, when clearly, this is your baby. The bucket of spit continues to be filled.

Almost a year and a half went by when Edwards made a startling announcement. On Jan. 21, he admitted, "I am Quinn's father. I will do everything in my power to provide her with the love and support she deserves. It was wrong for me ever to deny she was my daughter and hopefully one day, when she understands, she will forgive me."

How can this man

be any more disgusting?

On top of everything else, Young recently told the world that a sex tape of Edwards and Hunter does exist, and is currently in his possession. Young claims he and his wife "were offered millions for that stupid tape." Hunter is currently taking Young and his wife, Cheri, to court in North Carolina in order to retrieve the tape.

It doesn't matter if Elizabeth Edwards is a monster, or a controller, or any of the other things Young reports she is in his book. John Edwards should not have been the horrible man he showed the country he really is. First, he lies to his family. Then, he cheats on his dying wife. Next, he denies his love child, and then later tries to apologize and admit to fathering this poor girl who will one day realize that she has a disgusting father. And to top it all off, he has a sex tape with his mistress. This man appeared to be a great American hero, but he finally has taken off the mask and revealed himself to the whole country.

Well, way to go John Edwards, your bucket of spit is full and ready to be thrown in your face.

Silly feminists against Tebow

Super Bowl ad has pro-choice groups up in arms

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failed attempts at stopping CBS from airing the commercial, the WMC's website seems to be void of any reaction to the ad, maybe because they made a gigantic fuss over nothing?

While the liberal notion is to be open-minded and to not discriminate against anyone, any viewpoint, any gender or race and so on, the feminists, who undoubtedly consider themselves to be liberal-leaning, seem to only agree until it's something that offends them personally. How a story of a mother's struggle to bear a child could be offensive, though, I still don't understand.

The ad was not even explicit about her choice, it simply said, "He almost didn't make it into this world." I can't even fathom the thought process of someone finding this offensive. This sends a positive message that is not in

any way condemning abortion, it merely hints at her choice of life. We've all witnessed what positive campaigns can accomplish with the recently election of Senator Scott Brown. And yet, feminists around the country are thinking of new, negative meanings for the acronym "CBS."

Still, however, the whining pro-abortionists of our country continue to insist that the ad was not pro-life so much as "anti-choice," which is what many are calling the ad. The supposed-to-be-open-mindedness of the feminists across our country is being disproved once again. They're pro-choice, but there's only one choice and you had better not disagree with it.

Props to CBS for sticking to it, because if they had caved and not run the ad, the spoiled brats we call feminists would be one step closer to taking over the right our fathers gave us: free speech.

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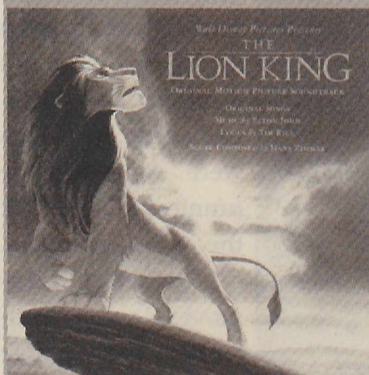
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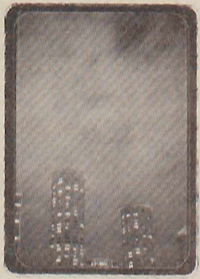
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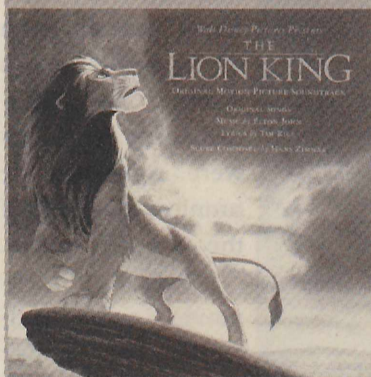
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Feb. 13

- 6:00 p.m. Best Buddies' J'adore (Donahue Cafe)

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Where will the final season take them?

Clay Adamczyk
Matt Altieri
Journal Staff

For five seasons, *Lost* has been has an epic mind-trip of smoke-monsters, space-time continuums, and secret societies. For those who haven't gone down the rabbit hole, *Lost* is about the survivors of a plane crash who end up on a mysterious island. At this point of the series, several characters, known as the "Oceanic Six," have returned to the island to save those they left behind. However, in typical *Lost* fashion, season six (the final season), shows us that saving everyone is going to be pretty damn difficult.

The final season presents

the island. Jacob was killed by his nemesis via Ben in the finale of season five, which shocks those of the temple. This nemesis, like Jacob, appear to have different special abilities, due the island. Both have been on the island for multiple centuries, but while Jacob remains in human form and doesn't age, his nemesis is only seen in the form of the deceased on the island, or a pillar of black smoke.

New faces arise in the cast, such as the mysterious temple-dwelling alchemist, Dogen, and his John Lennon-doppelgänger-translator. Familiar faces like Jack Shepard and Hugo Reyes grace the television, but we part with characters like

Juliet Burke and we find out that John Locke is finally dead (for real.) As Frank Lapidus and Sun-Hwa Kwon sit dumb-founded beneath the shadow of the statue, James "Sawyer" Ford ventures off alone only to be followed by Kate Austin. Jin-Soo Kwon stumbles across Claire Littleton, welding a rifle

"a struggle between good and evil, faith and science, and the progress of humanity."

a greater problem than just leaving the island. It becomes a struggle between good and evil, faith and science, and the progress of humanity. With every question answered, a whole slue of new questions arise, and with every minor resolution to a plot, a new twist is presented. The premier of season six is just as perplexing. With 18 produced hours finished and the episode count still unresolved, the show is leaving everyone as lost as ever.

The season begins in an unlikely place: the cabin of Oceanic flight 815 to LAX. This time, however, the plane lands safely, and the viewer quickly realizes this is not flash back. *Lost* presents an alternate reality. Alongside this plot line, we have the same 815 survivors taking refuge in a mysterious temple. Not much is know about the temple's dwellers other than they have ties to Jacob, the leader of

and looking disheveled, very different from when we last saw her in season four. Needless to say, the plot thickens.

Lost has been an excellent show, using flashbacks and flashfowards to enlighten us on plot and character developments, but this "alternate reality" of the flight 815 that lands safely in LAX running alongside the action on the island leaves many viewers guessing. One would assume that the two plot-lines will intersect, but it will take true intellect to pull this one all together.

Beginning to tie up all the loose ends, viewers that have been waiting five and a half years are finding out all the answers to the questions they've had. Somehow after every turn, there is at least a glimmer of resolution. Hopefully before the series finale ends, this whole thing will finally make sense. Or it won't. L O S T.

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Ultimately, Saints win it as a team

Fourth quarter interception leads some to question Manning's legacy

Christian Petruzzi
Journal Staff

After 42 years of ineptitude, the New Orleans Saints are finally Super Bowl Champions. The city of New Orleans is now the center of the football world.

In a game that was closer than the final score indicated, the Saints defeated Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17. Trailing by ten points at the end of the first quarter, things looked bleak for the "Who Dat" faithful. However by halftime the Saints had cut the Colt lead to 10-6, after one of two game changing decisions by head coach Sean Payton.

Trailing 10-3, and facing a fourth and goal from the one-yard line, Payton decided against a chip-shot field goal and instead sent out his offense. The Colt defense rose to the occasion and stuffed running back Pierre Thomas at the 2. This would prove to be crucial. Had the Saints kicked the field goal, the Colts would

have gone into their two-minute offense and Manning would have been throwing the ball all over the field, a situation that normally leads to six points.

Instead, the Colts were forced to play it safe and run the ball, leaving under a minute to play and great field position for the Saints following the resulting punt. The Saints took advantage of the opportunity, got into field goal range and kicker Garrett Hartley did the rest.

After a weak halftime show by "The Who," Payton did something that shocked most viewers and completely threw the Colts out of sync. Instead of kicking off to Manning and the Colt offense,

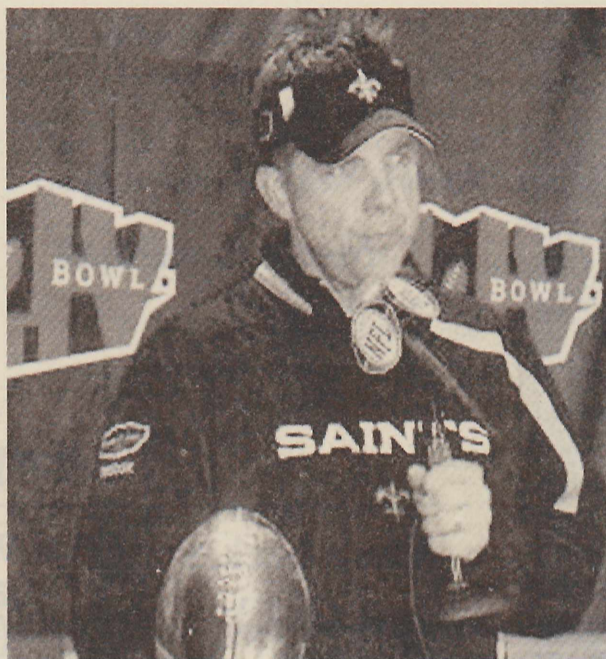


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Saints' head coach Sean Payton made two bold decisions that led to his organization's first-ever Super Bowl title.

he went for an onside kick. New Orleans recovered and soon after took a 13-10 lead. This was a move that not only changed the game, but made Payton look like a genius. Had the Colts re-

covered and gone on to win the game, Payton would have shouldered most of the blame.

The move must have frustrated Manning, a player used to structure, who at times seems more like a robot on the field than a human. But in typical fashion, Manning drove the colts down into Saints' territory and took back the lead, 17-13, on running back Joseph Addai's four-yard run. Following a New Orleans field goal, the score going into the final quarter was 17-16 in favor of the Colts. In what had been an otherwise error-free game to that point, Colt kicker Matt Stover

missed a 48-yard field goal and on the very next drive, the Saints took the lead for good.

Brees hit tight end Jeremy Shockey for a two yard touchdown pass. The Saints, looking for a seven-point lead, went for two and the pass to Lance Moore was ruled incomplete. Following New Orleans' challenge, the official review ruled that Moore had in fact completed the catch and the two points were good, making the score 24-17 in favor of the Saints.

With his team trailing late in the game, Manning, faced with a moment that could have cemented his legacy as one of the greatest quarterbacks ever, threw a lazy pass towards wide receiver Reggie Wayne that was intercepted by Tracy Porter who returned

it for a touchdown. Check mate, match point, game over.

On a drive that could have tied the game and sent the game into overtime, Manning made what may be the biggest football mistake of his life. It was a Brett Favre-esque pass in the most critical of situations. Down 14 points after the interception, Manning once again drove the Colts down into Saints territory, but his fourth down pass fell incomplete, and the Saints were champions.

On Super Sunday, the best team usually wins, not the best player. The Saints proved what many had thought throughout the regular season: They were the best team in football in 2009. The questions about Peyton Manning's legacy will linger throughout the entire off-season. Manning, considered by some to be the greatest player of his generation and possibly the best quarterback in NFL history, still only has one Super Bowl ring.

Although not quite the Dan Marino of his time (after all, Marino never won a ring), Manning is being compared to a variety of other great players who were all-world, but couldn't close the deal. When Saints' owner Tom Benson lifted the Lombardi Trophy, the hands of every citizen of New Orleans were lifting it right along with him. The triumph was a well-deserved championship for the Saints organization, and for a city and state that have been through so much turmoil and are finally champions.

The Offices of the President and Student Affairs invite you to

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Date: Thursday, February 18, 2010

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President David Sargent invites you to meet with him to ask questions, express concerns, suggest ideas, and tell him how you feel about Suffolk.

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Suffolk Spirit Night: Set for Thursday

Calling all Suffolk superfans: A variety of on-campus organizations will hold a Spirit Night this Thursday as the Lady Rams of the Suffolk women's basketball team take on UMass Boston at 7 p.m. in the Ridgeway Gym. The game is the Lady Rams' third-last home game of the 2009-2010 season.

The event is sponsored by

the Office of Retention Services, the Off-Campus Housing Office, the Office of Residence Life and Summer Programs and the Athletics Department.

The event will feature free pizza and soda, various giveaways and an appearance by Rammy, everyone's favorite mascot.

Sports briefs

Football is America's favorite sport again

Baseball may be the national pastime, but for the 26th consecutive year, Americans have voted football their favorite sport. The annual survey, conducted by Harris Poll, saw 35 percent of respondents call professional football their favorite sport. In second place was baseball (16 percent), followed by college football (12 percent). Next up were auto racing (nine percent), men's professional basketball (five percent), professional hockey and men's golf (tied at four percent) and men's college basketball (three percent). Other responses (two percent or less) included soccer, boxing, horse racing, swimming, bowling track and field and tennis. According to Netscape, auto racing is most popular with both older people (aged 50-64) and those with a high-school education or less, and college football is most popular with recent college graduates.

Gainey steps down

The run is over for a former Montreal Canadiens' legend. General manager Bob Gainey stepped down earlier this week after serving as the Habs' GM since 2003. According to TSN, the Canadiens had a record of 241-176-46-7 during Gainey's tenure in the front office. Gainey cited his unwillingness to commit to four or five more years on the job as one of the reasons for his departure. He will stay on in an advisor's role for the time being. Pierre Gauthier will be Gainey's replacement, and will take the job, effective immediately. Gainey spent his entire 16-year NHL career with the Canadiens, serving as captain for eight years and winning five Stanley Cups.

Celebrities to carry torch in Vancouver

With the 2010 Winter Olympics just a couple of weeks away, the Vancouver Olympic Committee is rolling out the big guns to carry the Olympic torch down the home stretch. According to CTV, the torch has gone on a more-than 45,000 kilometer journey across the country, reportedly the longest torch relay in Olympic history, and now just has a few days left. Celebrities expected to have a part in the torch relay in the coming days include California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, NBA star Steve Nash, singer Michael Buble and Walter Gretzky (father of Wayne).

Patrick to race at Daytona

Having already turned the IndyCar series on its head, Danica Patrick will take her sizable media following and her driving skills to NASCAR on Saturday when she races in the Daytona 500. According to ESPN.com, Patrick's decision is being supported by some and questioned by others. Some in the industry are saying that Daytona isn't the best track for an inexperienced driver to race on, adding that Patrick isn't used to the restrictor plate racing necessary for success at Daytona. Patrick herself was encouraged by her stock car racing debut on Saturday, when she finished sixth in an ARCA race. Patrick, who has become as well-known for her looks as for her driving, will be racing a car sponsored by GoDaddy.com, the same company she often represents in television commercials.

Dominican Republic wins Caribbean title

The Dominican Republic has been sending talented players to Major League Baseball for decades, but now the island nation has a title to call their own after winning the Leones del Escogido, a Dominican Winter League team, won the Caribbean Series with a 7-4 triumph over Venezuela's Leones del Caracas this past weekend. The Dominican Republic finished the tournament with a record of 5-1, just ahead of Mayaguez, a Puerto Rican team that finished 4-2. The Dominican team featured a plethora of current and former MLB players, including manager Felipe Alou, general manager Moises Alou, current Cincinnati Red Juan Francisco and current New York Met Fernando Martinez, among others. The tournament has been held nearly every year since 1949.

THE RAM REPORT



Men's hockey

Feb. 11 vs. Wentworth, 7 p.m.
Feb. 13 @ Nichols, 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 17 @ Becker, 8 p.m.
Feb. 20 vs. West. New England, 7 p.m.

Men's basketball

Feb. 13 vs. Mt. Ida, 2 p.m.
Feb. 16 @ Emerson, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 20 vs. Albertus Magnus, 3 p.m.

Women's basketball

Feb. 11 vs. UMass Boston, 7 p.m.
Feb. 13 @ Emerson, noon
Feb. 16 vs. Norwich, 7 p.m.
Feb. 20 vs. Albertus Magnus, 1 p.m.

Team standings

Men's hockey (ECAC)

1. Wentworth 9-1-0
2. Curry 7-1-1
3. Nichols 6-4-0
4. Becker 5-5-0
5. Suffolk 4-4-2
6. Johnson & Wales 5-5-0
7. West. New England 1-8-0
8. Salve Regina 0-9-1

Women's basketball (GNAC)

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

Men's Basketball (GNAC)

1. Albertus Magnus 13-1
2. St. Joseph's (Maine) 11-3
3. Emerson 11-3
4. Mt. Ida 8-6
5. Johnson & Wales 7-7
6. Norwich 6-8
7. Lasell 6-8
8. Rivier 3-11
9. Emmanuel 3-11
10. Suffolk 2-12

**All standings are current as of Feb. 9.*

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No move at all is the best move for struggling Bruins

Bruins' GM must resist urge to attempt a quick fix and stick with his plan

Dan Ryan
Journal Staff

Going into the 2009-2010 season, the only question Boston Bruins fans expected to be facing in February was, "just how big is the B's lead in the Northeast Division?" Expectations were high, a Stanley Cup seemed well within reach and nearly every single major player from last year's edition was returning. The last thing Bruins fans thought they'd be worrying about come the Olympic break was fighting for a playoff spot.

But as the calendar ticks towards Feb. 14, the official start of the Olympic break, that's exactly what the Bruins are doing. In fact, if the season ended today, the B's would be on the outside looking in, as they currently sit in the ninth spot in the Eastern Conference, one place out of playoff position.

What has caused this dramatic fall from grace? A convergence of factors, the main ones being a lot of injuries and a lot of players who aren't matching their point totals from last year.

Patrice Bergeron, Marc Savard, Milan Lucic and Andrew Ference have all missed significant time, with their injuries at times overlapping. In fact, at one point earlier this season the B's were without each of their top-three centers (Bergeron, Savard and David Krejci) all at the same time.

Add in down seasons from players like Tim Thomas, who has yet to regain his Vezina Trophy-winning form of last season, Zdeno Chara, who has been decent but hampered by a finger injury all year, Dennis Wideman, who at times seems to have completely lost his confidence, and Michael Ryder, who hasn't been holding up his end of the goal-scoring bargain.

In fact, pretty much every player, with the exception of Bergeron and Daniel Paille, has been drastically underperforming, creating a perfect storm that led to the B's dropping ten straight games at one point over the past month. Before the Bruins beat Montreal this past Sunday, they had only won two games in 2010: the Winter Classic on Jan. 1 and a shootout win over San Jose on Jan. 14.

This disappointing stretch has led to some serious un-

rest among Bruins fans. Some are calling on GM Peter Chiarelli to do one or more of the following: fire Claude Julien, trade Michael Ryder, trade for Keith Tkachuk, or just trade everyone and start over.

As tough as this stretch has been to watch, at this point Chiarelli's best move is no move at all.

Let's not sugar-coat things: the Bruins have been putrid at times this season, lacking effort, losing nearly every puck battle and occasionally looking disinterested in the game.

However, one can't ignore the mountain of injuries this team has had to climb just to get to this point. Other teams have suffered through more injuries (the Detroit Red Wings come to mind), but the B's lost key players for long stretches at key points of the season, and have suffered the consequences.

The team has just started playing with a full roster again in the past couple of weeks, and the results are starting to show. Going into last night's game against the Northeast Division-leading Buffalo Sabres, the Bruins were an unsatisfactory 1-2-3 in the past six games, but had outplayed the opposing team in all but one of those six games.

The team has been peppering opposing goalies with shots, but the bounces haven't been there. They've had some bounces go against them, and when a team is mired in a losing skid the likes of the one the Bruins were experiencing, even the smallest bit of bad luck has a way of snowballing out of control.

At this point, it's extremely unlikely that Chiarelli will make a move before the Olympic break. Truth be told, it'd be best for the team to not make any moves at all, and to either live or die with the current roster. This team as currently assembled is much better than they've been playing, and has yet to reach its full potential.

One thing the Bruins do need is a scorer. However, come Deadline Day, veteran scorers are always few and far between, and usually come with a high price tag. Plenty of names have been bandied about, like Tkachuk, Teemu Selanne and Paul Kariya, but each would likely cost the Bru-

ins at least a high-end prospect and a second-round draft pick, a price Chiarelli may be (and should be) unwilling to pay.

Tim Thomas' name has also circulated in trade rumors, as the emergence of Tukka Rask has led some to declare Thomas expendable. The Olympian-to-be hasn't been at the top of his game this year, but the team around him hasn't exactly been lights out either. Trading Thomas to a team desperate for goaltending at the deadline may bring the team a nice return, but if the NHL playoffs have proved anything over the last few years it's this: two strong goalies are always better than one.

If the Bruins keep playing like they have been, they are unlikely to even challenge for a playoff spot, let alone seriously challenge for the Stanley Cup, and may find themselves in the unenviable position of just barely sneaking into the playoffs, only to be bounced in the first round. In any other year, this would be a disappointing result, as the team wouldn't be close to winning the Cup and wouldn't get the benefit of a high draft choice.

But this year is different. Due to this past summer's trade of Phil Kessel to the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Bruins own Toronto's first round pick in this summer's draft. The Leafs have been toiling in the league basement since the beginning of the season (they're currently the third-worst team in the NHL), and there is a great chance that the Bruins will be picking in the top-three, at worst in the top-five.

With the Leafs "tanking" for them, the B's have no reason to not stick with the plan and try to make a little noise in the playoffs. And here, the word "plan" isn't being used by accident. For the first time in seemingly decades, the Bruins, as an organization, have a plan. Chiarelli is developing his young talent and working with his coach and scouts to find players best suited to play in Claude Julien's defense-first system.

The knee-jerk reaction here would be to start unloading players, or to make a big splash to try and right the ship. Before he was traded to the New Jersey Devils, the Bruins were ru-

mored to be a possible landing spot for Ilya Kovalchuk. However, reports suggested that the Bruins would have had to part with Blake Wheeler, David Krejci, a high-end prospect and Toronto's first-round pick to bring the Russian sniper to the Hub.

Chiarelli resisted the urge to make such a huge deal, and in doing so, made the right decision. As the Bruins have learned first-hand this year, no season ever goes perfectly according to plan.

But if Chiarelli and the Bruins stick to his plan for this organization, this team

will be stocked with veteran leadership and a wealth of young talent for years to come.

Is this season a lost cause? No, not at all. In fact, it is the opinion in this space that the Bruins will still get into the playoffs and make some serious noise. But if that doesn't happen, and this season ends early for the Bruins, Chiarelli will be able to take solace in the fact that he didn't blow up his plan for an attempt at a quick fix, and that his team will have plenty of high-end talent and a ton of good young prospects for years to come.

Brendan Burke dies at 21 Son of USA hockey General Manager killed in car accident

Matt McQuaid
Journal Staff

Brendan Burke, youngest son of Toronto Maple Leafs' and USA men's Olympic Hockey Team general manager Brian Burke, was killed in a weather-related car accident this past Friday in Indiana. He was 21 years old.

Burke was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, and moved to the Boston area in 1997. He attended Xavierian Brothers High School in Westwood, Mass. After high school, Burke attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where he was involved with the school's hockey team as student manager.

Burke came out as a gay man to his father in 2007, the same year Brian Burke won the Stanley Cup with the Anaheim Ducks. Brian Burke was notably accepting and supportive of his son's sexual orientation, attending the Toronto Pride Parade with Brendan in 2009.

"I had a million good reasons to love and admire Brendan," Brian Burke told ESPN in an article late last year. "This news didn't alter any of them . . . But this takes guts, and I admire Brendan greatly and happily march arm-in-arm with him on this. There are gay men in professional hock-

ey. We would be fools to think otherwise. And it's sad they feel the need to conceal this."

Prior to his death, Burke was well known for speaking out regarding gay people in the realm of professional sports, and revisited his alma mater, Xavierian, on a few occasions to speak to students.

"Imagine if I was in the opposite situation, with a family that wouldn't accept me, working for a sports team where I knew I couldn't come out because I'd be fired or ostracized," Brendan Burke told ESPN. "People in that situation deserve to know that they can feel safe, that sports isn't all homophobic and that there are plenty of people in sports who accept people for who they are."

Burke was also considering a career in politics, and interned for Congressman William D. Delahunt last summer.

"Brendan was an incredibly talented and gifted person who was smart beyond his years," said Mark Forest, a spokesman for Delahunt, in an article on Boston.com. "Congressman Delahunt once said Brendan possessed a very special gift and deep compassion for others that would make him an outstanding public servant."

A Funeral Mass was held for Brendan on Feb. 9 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Canton.

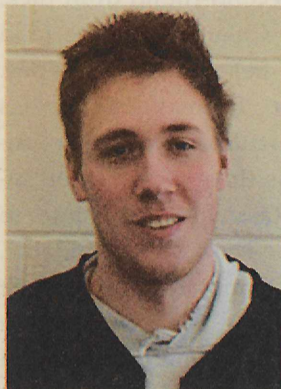
Rose, Welch net GNAC honors

Dan Ryan
Journal Staff

Two members of Suffolk's hockey team were honored by the Eastern College Athletic Conference's Northeast division for their performances in the past week. Goalie Jeff Rose, who has had a stellar season thus far, was named the ECAC Northeast's Goalie of the Week for the second time this year, and senior forward Pat Welch, a Dorchester native, was named to the Weekly Honor Roll.

The Rams went 1-0-1 in the past week, tying Salve Regina, 4-4, before upsetting Curry College in overtime by a score of 3-2. Coming into the game, Curry was ranked 17th in the nation in Division III and hadn't lost in ECAC play on the season.

However, Rose came up big, stopping 40 Colonel shots, and Welch potted two goals, in-



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Rose (left) was named the ECAC Northeast's Goalie of the Week, while Welch (right) was named to the Weekly Honor Roll.

cluding the game-winner with just under a minute gone by in overtime. According to the Suffolk Athletics Department, it was Welch's first game-winning goal of the season. Welch also scored the first goal of the game late in the first period.

Suffolk's big win knocked Curry out of the top 25 entirely, dropping the Colonels down to the 27th spot and knocking them down to sec-

ond place in the ECAC Northeast (for the record, Suffolk is ranked 58th in Division III).

On the season, Rose is now 7-7-3 with a sterling .915 save percentage. His goals-against-average is 2.88. Welch's two goals brought his season total to eight. He also has nine assists, good for a total of 17 points, second on the team to Niles Moore's 20.

Former coach loses battle with cancer

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Bob Norton, interim head softball coach at Suffolk University in the Spring of 2000, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 4 after a long battle with cancer. Coach Norton accepted the one year interim appointment with great enthusiasm as it allowed him to coach his daughter, Kate, in what was to be an All-Star season for her.

Kate led the nation in NCAA Division-III batting that spring with a .606 average. Norton also coached his daughter in high school at Fontbonne Academy, where she was a *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald* All-Scholastic selection.

Norton was well-known and respected throughout the Massachusetts athletic community. He also coached youth and high school programs

in baseball and volleyball. Athletic Director Jim Nelson said of Coach Norton, "Bob Norton, in addition to providing a successful and memorable softball season for all of his players at Suffolk University in the Spring of 2000, also became a good friend and inspirational person in my life, and that of others, as he defied his physician's diagnosis. This spirit gave us all an additional ten years to enjoy his humor, advice and friendship, so readily symbolized at the end of his conversations, as he would say, 'don't be afraid to be good.'" Advice worth emulating.

Norton's daughter Kate was inducted into the Suffolk University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

Inside: Full Super Bowl recap and reaction to the Saints' first championship

Lady Rams in midst of five-game winning streak

6-2 record in GNAC games puts team in third place in the conference

Matt West
Journal Staff

The Suffolk University women's basketball team is in the midst of a pretty impressive stretch, as they've won their last five games and eight of their last ten. After a couple early season losses at the Emerson College Tip-Off Tournament in late November, the Lady Rams have found their stride. 12-8 overall, they are 6-2 in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

In their Jan. 28 matchup against conference opponent Mount Ida, the win that started the current streak, two of their youngest players led the charge. Freshman guard Jacqueline Vienneau had an impressive 19 points on 5-for-9 shooting, while freshman guard Lindsey Rogers put up an impressive ten point, eleven rebound performance.

Two days later against another conference opponent in Rivier, the Rams battled hard for a close 58-56 victory. Sopho-

more Meghan Black played well, scoring 19 points, while hitting the game winner with just over a minute to go in regulation.

Their third win came against Newbury College, during which senior forward Laura Thompson had an impressive 16 point, ten rebound game that was abetted by a solid all-around team effort. Black again scored in double digits by netting 14 points, while sophomore guard Mary Garon grabbed ten boards and five points.

Their last two wins came against conference opponents Johnson & Whales and Lasell. Vienneau and Thompson dominated against Johnson & Wales, with the former scoring 20 points, 12 of which came from three-point land. Thompson had another monster game on the boards, recording her fourth double-double of the year with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Against Lasell, Black added another impressive performance with help from freshman forward Kristina

Inside the Lady Rams' recent run of success

- Four of five games were against GNAC opponents.

-The Lady Rams' average margin of victory during the winning streak is 11.8 points.

-The combined record of the Lady Rams' five opponents is 43-54.

-Going back to Jan. 12, the Lady Rams have won eight out of the last ten games.

Notable performances

-Jan. 28 vs. Mount Ida: Jacqueline Vienneau, 19 points, six assists

-Jan. 30 vs. Rivier: Laura Thompson, nine points, 14 rebounds

-Feb. 1 vs. Newbury: Kristina Hayner, 17 points, five steals

-Feb. 4 vs. Johnson & Wales: Lindsey Rogers, 11 points, five assists, five rebounds

-Feb. 6 vs. Lasell: Meghan Black, 16 points, ten rebounds

Hayner, who had 14 points.

With four games remaining in the regular season and a firm grasp on third place in the GNAC, the Rams hope to pad their current winning streak and battle for supremacy in a tough conference. With all underclassmen, except senior Thompson, one would expect some intermittent struggles from a team learning how to play not only as a group, but in a competitive college confer-

ence. The leap from high school to college ball, no matter the division, can be challenging.

Excluding one or two tough losses, the women have played every game extremely tough. It is scary to think how gelled and cohesive they will be in the coming years, but for now they are proving that a predominantly young group can be competitive.

Head coach Ed Leyden has been the lead man of the wom-

en's program since 1994. Since his first season, they have won an average of 18 games per year. His teams have constantly been models of hard work and consistency. This year's squad is young and athletic, and stands as good a chance as any to finish the season strong and capture a GNAC title.

The Lady Rams played a game last night against St. Joseph's (Maine) that ended too late for this edition.