

Salem Waters Show Calm Before Halloween Storm



Photo by Chris McConaghy

The city of Salem, including the harbor seen above, is quiet before the rush of tourists come by the busload into Salem on October 31 for Halloween celebrations.

Eliminating Income Tax Would Cut College Funding By More Than a Third

By James Gardner / Log Staff

Salem State would suffer severe budget cuts if Question 1--the ballot initiative to eliminate the state income tax over the next two years--passes November 4.

The college, which serves about 10,000 students, would lose almost all of the \$49 million it now gets in state funding, according to *Salem News* columnist Brian T. Watson. That's more than one-third of the school's \$120 million annual operating budget.

Salem State and other state colleges rely on state funding for about 35 percent of their budgets, according to www.insidehighered.com.

According to www.Boston.com, "The binding referendum, when fully phased in, would cut taxes by \$12.6 billion per year, which amounts to just under 40 percent of the state budget and nearly 60 percent of tax revenue (the budget is also funded by federal revenue and fees)."

Passage of Question 1 on the ballot would reduce the state's income tax rate from 5.3 percent to 2.65 percent for 2009, and would eliminate it altogether in 2010, according to www.insidehighered.com.

A Massachusetts Teachers As-

sociation brochure stated "Question 1 is a reckless proposal. If it passes, this binding law will take effect on January--and the impact will be felt right away."

College President Dr. Patricia Meserve sent out an e-mail to faculty regarding the income tax issue and other ballot initiatives that voters will have a say in on Election Day this Tuesday. "As President of a state institution, I'm not at liberty to state an opinion on this or any other ballot question," she wrote. "I do, however, urge our students to look at the three ballot questions and become informed on all sides of the issues before voting. Most importantly, be sure to vote on November 4th."

A newsletter released by the Massachusetts State College Association (MSCA) highlighted some of the effects that would result from the elimination of the state income tax. Those effects include increased class sizes and raised tuition fees.

MSCA Secretary Kevin Beckwith, economics professor at Salem State, said that nobody really knows for sure the direct effects on Salem State that the proposed income tax cuts could have. He added that in theory it could mean cutting the number of

classes and losing faculty jobs on campus.

Wilson wrote in *The Salem News* that huge cuts would also have to be made in local aid, health care, highway and public works, environmental and consumer protection, and parks and recreation. It would also lead to reductions in public safety by cutting jobs for firefighters and police officers, and would raise property taxes.

Members of the Board of Higher Education declined to comment on the story. Comments from a number of faculty members were not available due to increased time constraints during the student advising period.

Supporters of the income tax cut argue that it will save each taxpayer about \$3,700 annually, according to www.Boston.com. Supporters believe that the state government has been spending tax money carelessly and that eliminating the state income tax would send a message to politicians.

According to the website of the Committee for Small Government, which is backing Question 1, ending the state income tax will "force the state legislature to streamline and cut government waste."

O'Neill's and Other Local Bars Under Scrutiny by City Officials



Photo by April Holland

O'Neill's, located on Washington Street, is one of the bars the Salem Licensing Board is considering closing earlier in response to several recent police incidents.

By Matt Trapani / Log Staff

In the wake of several police incidents following Thursday night last calls at Washington Street bars, the Salem Licensing Board is banning entertainment at Fresh Taste of Asia after 10 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays for the rest of the year.

According to *The Salem News*, the board at its October 27 meeting also suspended the restaurant's operations for a day on October 30, the day before Halloween--a very busy business day.

Fresh Taste of Asia, an Asian restaurant, and O'Neill's, an Irish bar, are two popular bars frequented by students, and that are being particularly targeted by Licensing Board Chairman Dave Shea.

The police incidents came at the dawn of the Halloween week, which has historically been a violent and busy time for local police, and an especially drunk time for students and visitors.

"We think there are a couple of establishments that need to be looked at, and (Fresh Taste of Asia) is one of them and, frankly, O'Neill's is the other," said Shea in a *Salem News* article. "One of the things we're going to be looking at is rolling back the hours of these operations.... We've been warning them now for a couple of months."

While the board continues to gather information on this autumn's string of incidents, board members claim that they will make no decisions until all the bars in question are consulted, with other local bars possibly being affected as well.

An October 16 incident was particularly maligning for the Salem Police Department, when Patrolman Larry Puleo was videotaped using excessive force to subdue 21-year-old Swamp-

scott resident Travis Markarian.

Puleo was kicked and punched earlier that night in an unrelated arrest. Markarian was arrested and thrown to the ground by Puleo after he did not yield to a police order to disperse.

Since the video's posting on YouTube.com and widespread media coverage, Puleo has been being investigated by Internal Affairs, and has been assigned by Police Chief Robert St. Pierre to desk duty while the investigation is carried out.

At closing time, the bars on Washington Street, both popular watering holes for students of (and below) the drinking age, see large numbers of intoxicated youths fall into the gutter, often disturbing the peace in the process.

There are many bars in the area that stay open till 1 a.m., and five bars in the area have offered to pay to have extra officers on duty to keep the peace come last call.

In addition to the police, it seems that bar owners are also becoming fed up with the issue. Ron Brogan, owner of O'Neill's, said in *The Salem News*, "Obviously there are fights--it comes with the territory--but not to the extent it has been the last six to eight weeks. This fighting in the street has got out of control."

He blames other bars in the area for the violence, citing their penchant for over-serving patrons. Brogan has taken steps to curtail ruffians from frequenting his establishment, such as enforcing a dress code, refusing entry to anyone after 12:20 a.m., and limiting drinks come closing hours.

"Either they can't police themselves or won't police themselves, so we think additional measures have to be taken," said Shea.

News

Governor Patrick’s MSCA Proposal Disappoints Union Members

By Jonathan Lunde / News Editor

The Massachusetts State College Association (MSCA), along with teachers’ unions across the Commonwealth, is nearing its wits end as contract negotiations to increase below-average salaries offered to state teachers and professors has come to a veritable standstill.

The salary rate for professors working at state institutions within Massachusetts is far below par when compared to other state colleges nationwide, as shown by a Board of Higher Education study from two years ago. The study looked at similar institutions across the country at various ranks. At the rank of professor, the salary at a Massachusetts state college is 13 percent below that of other institutions across the country,

while the rankings overall placed state teachers at 11 percent below the national average. Although the study was done two years ago, the salary for teachers in the state has stayed the same, bumping the percentage up higher.

Although MSCA had hoped to reach a tentative agreement during the summer of 2008, it failed to make any headway.

Hoping to remedy the situation that state professors find themselves in, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick recently brought some new parameters to the negotiating table. Patrick proposed an incremental salary increase of 2.5 percent each year for the next 2.5 years, which would apply to all statewide unions, not just the MSCA and other higher education unions.

The problem with these new parameters is two-fold in the eyes of the MSCA and other teachers unions across the state.

First, the contract with the teachers unions ended on July 1, 2008, and the solution posed by Patrick would not start until January 1, 2009. This would cause state teachers to lose six months of probable increase; contracts are typically retroactive, yet this was not offered by the governor. Secondly, even with the 2.5 percent increase over the period of 2.5 years, state teachers would still find their salaries far below the national average.

Negotiations were held again earlier this month at the Board of Higher Education meeting, where members of the teachers union stressed their dissatisfaction with

the situation.

“We’re so behind our other peers,” said Amy Everitt, president of the MSCA Salem chapter and Associate Professor of Sport & Movement Science. “We understand the economic impact of the current situation within the country and we’re willing to be creative, but the 2.5 percent doesn’t even keep us up with the cost of living.”

The country’s recent \$700 billion economic bailout is not helping the position of the teachers’ unions within the Commonwealth. “It backs us into a corner, but we are behind.... we have to pay our bills,” said Everitt.

Following Patrick’s proposal of the incremental 2.5 percent

salary increase, he sent out a readiness report, where he acknowledged that there is a significant gap in the state college system.

The salary issue within Massachusetts has made it increasingly difficult for institutions to attract and retain tenure-track staff. There are more failed searches for new employees, and those teachers who find themselves currently working at a state school continue to leave due to the area’s high cost of living.

“For us to even keep pace with the rest of the country, we’d require a five percent increase at the very least,” said Everitt. “By not even hitting the 5 percent, we’re losing even more ground.”

Community Service Week Promotes Salem State’s Civic Engagement

By Nikki Dingle

“Give back to the Salem community, one that has given us so much.” This is the idea for the second Annual Community Service Week at Salem State, running from Monday, November 17, through Friday, November 21. The main goal for this week is to gather donations and funds to help the homeless and fight hunger in the Salem community.

The event is spearheaded once again by Christopher Corrente, SGA Vice President. Corrente created this initiative last November when he said he “felt there were not enough community service projects at Salem State College, and I felt the projects that did exist were on a smaller scale and not publicized to students.”

Corrente said he believes that community service is important to the well-being of Salem State, and that civic engagement reflects the character and attitude of students at the college.

Last year the community service week involved around 60 volunteers, and thousands of dollars worth of donations were sent to the Salem Mission and the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salem. This year Corrente aims for as many volunteers/participants to gather an even high number of donations, all of which will be donated to the Salem Mission.

The Salem Mission is located near downtown at 56 Margin Street and caters to the city and its surrounding communities. The Mission shelter offers 34 beds (52 in the winter) to individuals who

are in need of a clean, warm, safe place to sleep, and other daily support services. More than 300 meals are served daily (110,000 annually) to both shelter residents and anyone in the Salem area in need.

The overall goal for the upcoming community service week is “to bring groups and clubs together for one giant project that will benefit the Salem community in an area that needs support.”

Corrente hopes that this will also “build stronger relations with the Salem community on behalf of Salem State College” as a whole. The food and clothing drive will run the full week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with tables in the North Campus Lower Dining Commons, Central Café, and South Campus Harrington Building Lobby.

Additionally, there will be drop-off boxes placed in academic departments and all the residence halls on campus. Corrente is asking that students donate one or two items, equal to about \$3, of clothing, non-perishables, or toiletry items.

Monetary donations are not asked for, but will be accepted and used to purchase items that are in high demand for the Salem Mission.

In addition during the week, the Annual Hunger Awareness Banquet--an interactive hands-on event where guests take part in an open discussion about what it is like to live in various social classes and will be served a meal which relates to one of three

classes--will take place on Tuesday, November 18, at 7 p.m. in the Martin Luther King room, sponsored by the Women’s Center.

A documentary and benefit concert will also take place regarding The Invisible Children Project, a non-profit organization which raises awareness about children of Northern Uganda.

The documentary is one which has been shown to millions of people. It will be shown on Thursday, November 20, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The film will be preceded by a concert from 5 to 7 p.m. A \$2 donation is not required, but is being requested at the door. Those interested can learn more about the cause by joining the SSC Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=13120239490>.

The last event rounding out the week is the Community Service Week Ceremony held on Friday, November 20, at 5 p.m. in the Martin Luther King room. Here, all the donations collected from the week will be on display, and then will be presented to the Salem Mission.

Volunteers are still needed to staff the donation stations. Those interested can contact Corrente in the Ellison Campus Center Room 112, or by calling (978) 542-8019 or e-mailing Corrente at artist7187@aol.com.

To find out more about volunteering with the Mission or working in the food pantry, contact Mark Cote or Christine Cericola at (978) 744-0500.

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Speaker:
Jeffrey Jensen Arnett, Ph.D.
Professor of Psychology at Clark University

He is the author of numerous scholarly articles and books, including *Emerging Adulthood: The Winding Road from the Late Teens through the Twenties* (2004, Oxford University Press).

Topic: "Are You Grown Up Yet? The New Life Stage of Emerging Adulthood"

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

11:15 a.m. -- 12:15 p.m.

Veterans Hall, Ellison Campus Center
(North Campus)

News



New Parking Spots at Weir Site

By Amelia Omar / Log Staff

The Weir property at 265 Canal Street is currently being used to provide 58 parking spaces for students.

The parking spaces “replace student parking that was available around the perimeter of the Central Campus lot ... as well as adding new spaces for students,” according to the college website.

The property, which was previously owned by Weir Valves and Control, was purchased by Salem State alumnus Henry J. Bertolon for \$4.5 million in October 2007. The school leases the property from Bertolon’s company, North Shore Realty LLC.

In addition to the parking spots, the site also has a building that Salem State now uses for shipping and receiving. Karen Cady, Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications, said that “the property has been extremely useful after having to

relocate and reconfigure the library.” The interim library is now located in the former shipping and receiving building on Central Campus.

College officials are in the midst of working with an advisory committee and design firm to develop a future plan for the property.

Cady said that the “first main step is to have the Salem State Assistance Cooperation buy the property from Bertolon.” The college then hopes to use part of the space for a retail component in order to continue generating the \$64,000 in taxes to the city of Salem that the Weir Valves and Control Company had supplied.

The remaining part of the 3.5 acres will be used for Salem State office space. “This will free up space on the other campuses for classroom use, which is always a plus,” Cady said.

Questions Linger One Year After Salem Power Plant Explosion

By Caroline Schumacher / Log Staff

November 8 will mark the one-year anniversary of the death of three employees of the Dominion Salem Harbor Power Plant. The technicians were killed in a boiler explosion, which occurred due to machinery neglected by the plant, despite warnings by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Since the fatal accident, citizens have been organizing to get the plant shut down. Volunteers created www.Healthlink.org from the North Shore area to educate the public about health risks of living near the plant. www.Visionforsalem.org offers plans to replace the power plant’s space with anything from affordable housing to alternative energy power structures such as wind turbines.

According to www.Healthlink.org,

the reason that the power plant is such a health risk is because the plant is powered by coal, resulting in residue being launched out of its smokestacks. Many people who live near the plant find a thin layer of this coal dust on furniture, windows, and cars. The sticky nature of this dust has also results in elevated cancer and asthma rates in the Marblehead and Salem area. Carcinogenic poisons have been released into the air, soil, and groundwater. The power plant is the 4th-top- polluting plant in the state of Massachusetts.

Activists have been urging citizens to join the action against the power plant. A citizen’s hearing organized by Susan Livingston and www.Healthlink.org on October 22 at Marblehead High

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October is Breast Cancer Month

By Amelia Omar / Log Staff

October has officially been named National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, in hopes of further educating people around the country about the disease and to raise funds for breast cancer research.

Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in women. According to the grassroots network organization Susan G. Komen For the Cure, one woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes, while one woman dies of breast cancer every 13 minutes.

Massachusetts has been reaching out to raise public awareness, but what can the general public do to help? Many businesses and manufacturers are donating a percentage of their profits to breast cancer organizations such as the Friends of Mel Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

Interested citizens can go to Target stores and purchase a 40-millimeter Master Lock Pink Padlock from Master Lock for \$5.49, and help Master Lock do-

nate \$10.00 to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. They can buy a pink reusable shopping bag for one dollar at Shaw’s Supermarkets, and purchases will benefit the New England affiliates of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. They can also stop by Linens ‘N Things and pick up the HMDX Speaker On-The-Go for an iPod for \$9.99, which will support the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

This month, the Susan G. Komen For the Cure Massachusetts affiliate has started an online auction of items, ranging from sports tickets to dinner certificates.

The auction (www.cmarket.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?vhost=komenmass) started on October 1 and closed on October 31 at midnight. The affiliate has announced that the auction will help to “ensure 100% screening, 100% access to care--for everyone.”

What can women do to lower the risk of getting breast cancer?

Women ages 18 and older should do monthly self-breast examinations and be aware of any irregular changes.

According to www.Breastcancer.org, regular screening tests, such as annual mammograms and breast exams during annual checkups, can help to detect breast cancer early, when it is most treatable.

In October, Boston’s Museum of Science sponsored free lectures on the topic of “Breast Cancer: Biology and Technology” in the Gordon Current Science & Technology Center.

A number of the titles at the Museum of Science talks included “Breast Cancer-Initiating Cells in the Laboratory,” by Dr. Tan Ince of Brigham and Women’s Hospital; “Imaging of the Breast: Mammography, Ultrasound and Breast MRI” by Dr. Robyn Birdwell of Brigham and Women’s Hospital; and “Using the Genome to Understand Breast Cancer” by Dr. William Hahn of the Harvard Medical School.

Spring '09 Timeline to Meet with Your Academic Advisor

Senior Advising Days: October 20-21

Junior Advising Days: October 22-23

Sophomore Advising Days: October 24, 27-28

Freshman Advising Days: October 29-31

Spring '09 Day Registration Timeline

Senior Self-Service Registration begins November 5

Junior Self-Service Registration begins November 8

Sophomore Self-Service Registration begins November 11

Freshman Self-Service Registration begins November 14

Day Self-Service Registration ends on November 17 at midnight

Spring & Winter DGCE Registration Timeline

Priority DGCE Spring & Winter Self-Service Registration for Returning Degree

Students Only begins November 5 at Noon

Priority DGCE Spring & Winter Walk-in Registration for Financial Aid

Students Only begins November 5 at Noon

DGCE Spring & Winter Self-Service Registration begins November 12 at Noon

DGCE Spring & Winter Phone-In Registration begins December 2 at Noon

DGCE Spring & Winter Walk-In Registration begins December 2 at Noon

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA NAVIGATOR

Registration for the Spring 2009 semester begins November 5 at Noon. The online self-service registration system, Navigator, may be used for returning day-student registration into day courses.

To access the Navigator system and register, you will need your login ID, which is your seven (7)-digit student ID number, preceded by the capital letter “S,” your password, and your 5-digit Registration Access Code, which is printed on your registration form and given to you by your advisor.

Your account must be free of any fiscal or other “holds” to register via Navigator.

Navigator login screen as well as further information and instructions on how to use the system can be found online at <http://navigator.salemstate.edu>

Editorial

Whatever Happened to Dressing Up for Halloween?

Happy Halloween to all of the *Log*’s readers! I also wish the best of luck to all commuters who will travel home as tourists come to Witch City, also known as Salem, Mass. These out-of-towners swarm the streets of downtown Salem dressed as Batman, Michael Myers, Playboy bunnies, sexy schoolgirls, sexy police officers, and even sexy Abe Lincolns.

You may be reading this and thinking, who would do that? As Cady Heron, played by Lindsay Lohan, in *Mean Girls* says, “Halloween is the one night a year when girls can dress like a total slut and no other girls can say anything about it.” Well, as much as I hate that I just quoted that movie, it’s true.

But scantily-clad tricksters aside, what does dressing like this have to do with Halloween anyway? Halloween (also known as All Hallow’s Eve) originated in the 10th century as a festival to celebrate the end of the harvest season in Gaelic culture. The ancient Gaels believed that on October 31, the boundary between the alive and the deceased dissolved, and the dead became dangerous for the living by causing problems such as sickness or loss of crops.

These ancient festivals frequently involved bonfires, into which bones of slaughtered livestock were thrown. Celebrants wore costumes and masks at the festivals in an attempt to mimic the evil spirits. This way, the peasants would satisfy the spirit’s desire for mayhem. Unlike some of today’s “costumes,” I think celebrants back then wore more than just their underwear; otherwise, I don’t think the evil spirits would be scared away.

If only dressing up in scary costumes, or any costume for that matter, could scare away all of the tourists who have come to Salem to celebrate the holiday and join Salem State students who will be getting dressed up, or rather barely dressing at all, as they drunkenly stumble down to the center of “Witch City.”

This has become a modern-day nickname for Salem, but why? True, Salem was home to the hangings that followed witch trials in which a group of young girls, led by Abigail Williams, accused many in the town of witchcraft. The town became notorious due to these murders, which over the years have been wrongly justified by being called “trials.” Now, to honor those murders, the town of Salem features a statue of a witch. No, not anyone accused of witchcraft, but a more notable witch: Samantha Stevens, the main character on the classic ‘60s hit television show *Bewitched*.

Not only has Halloween lost its true meaning, but the city of Salem has lost its historic significance. I am not criticizing Salem at all; I enjoy being here. I just have to ask, why are people coming here? More often than not, they are coming to the Witch Museum and buying a “Witch City” T-shirt, but do they even notice there are boats in the harbor or that there is even a harbor?

Salem was founded 1626 by a group of fishermen from Cape Ann led by Roger Conant, and the town wasn’t named “Salem” until 1629. It wasn’t until 1692 that the Witch Trials began. The city was founded about 60 years before the trials began, and many people only know Salem as “The Witch City” and do not associate it with its maritime significance, which first brought the founders to the city.

Since freshman year at Salem State, I have heard and seen images depicting “Vikings” and “clipper ships.” I never really understood their meaning until I began taking classes for my original major of History and learned why it is that these symbols were so prevalent. For those of you who don’t know, Salem is home to a former major seaport and international trading center.

So why are many people forgetting the origins of Halloween and of the city that celebrates it? The answer is quite simple: money. Costume and party stores (of which Salem has many) earn so much money from people who feel the need to dress up in small amounts of clothing (ironic, I know) and strut around Salem with their only warmth coming from the alcohol they drink “pre-gaming” before the hike downtown.

Before you say, “Isn’t he being hypocritical?” I will admit a few things. Yes, I have spent my fair share of money on costumes or parts of my costume. Yes, my friends will accompany me as we join the drunken mess and chaos of downtown Salem. But the difference between myself and those others who will ponder where they left their cameras, phones, or even their dignity, is that I will be able to look out the window at the clipper ships in the harbor and know the history of Salem and the holiday that I so merrily celebrated the night before. Be safe this Halloween!

--Shawn Mille, Editor-in-Chief

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Opinion

Letters to the Editor:

Response to the October 10 Article on the Foreign Language Lab

I am writing in response to an article entitled “Budget Cuts Lead to Language Lab Crowding Hours Extended Later” written by Erin Joyce which appeared in the October 10th issue of *The Log*.

The Department of Foreign Languages deeply regrets the wait that some students experienced using the language lab during peak hours for a couple of days on the third week of classes this semester.

We would like to reiterate that before the end of September, when we spoke with the *Log* reporter, hours had already been extended until 5 p.m. three days a week and waiting was no longer a problem.

Language students are always encouraged to spread out their lab work (half an hour twice a week or one hour each week) to obtain maximum benefit from their lab activities and to avoid overcrowding in the lab during exam weeks.

We would also like to state that Continuing Education has always been extremely supportive of our programs and has always offered to fund additional hours for Continuing Education students when needed. The limited lab hours offered in the beginning of the semester had nothing to do with Continuing Education funding of the lab, but rather with the logistics of finding lab attendants to work during non-peak hours in the afternoon.

If students have any concerns about the language lab, I encourage them to talk to their instructors or to me. Our goal is to make their language learning experience as rich and positive as possible.

--By Dr. Jon Aske, Associate Professor, Department of Foreign Languages / Language Resource Center Supervisor

MASSPIRG and Student Government Urge You to Vote No on Question 1

MassPIRG recently circulated an email to its student members on campus, urging them to vote “No” on Question 1. If passed in November, Question 1 would eliminate the state income tax over two years. This cut would have devastating consequences on public higher education in Massachusetts, forcing massive budget cuts at the community colleges, state colleges, and throughout the U-Mass system.

The Massachusetts income tax generates \$12.7 billion and makes up approximately 40 percent of the state budget. If the income tax is eliminated, budgets for almost all state programs, including the state’s 15 community colleges, nine state colleges, and the five-college U-Mass system would have to be cut by more than 70 percent to adjust for the drop in revenue, according to a recent report by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation.

In today’s world, a college degree is practically a necessity. Not only do college graduates have more ability to secure a job in today’s shifting economy, but they are better citizens as a result of their education. College graduates vote, volunteer in their communities, and even give blood more often than those without a degree.

But as the state has under-funded public higher education, to the tune of \$400 million this past year, students and families are picking up a substantial part of the tab. Now we are relying on costly loans and work, in addition to school, to help pay the bills.

The Question 1 proposal, if passed, would make a bad situation worse. Question 1 would drive tuition and fees skyward. Eileen O’Connor, spokeswoman for the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, said that in the absence of income-tax-funded state appropriations, students would likely have to pay more in tuition and mandatory fees to make up for this lack. Robert Holub, the U-Mass Amherst chancellor, has estimated that tuition and fees at the state’s flagship university, currently pegged at \$10,234, would double!

In addition, the passage of Question 1 would jeopardize \$100 million in need-based aid that the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education distributes to colleges each year.

Perhaps most devastating of all, the passage of Question 1 will make the mission of the public colleges in the state practically impossible. Our 29 public colleges were created to provide a quality, affordable and accessible college degree to all residents. Without state support, a college degree will become out of reach for the very students whom the colleges were set up to serve.

Vote No on Question 1.

--By Eileen McGourney / MassPIRG Campus Coordinator

The Doctors are In!

Advice from the *Log*’s “Love Experts”

Dear Dr. Love,

I seem to be faced with a dilemma. I have developed a crush on a friend of mine. I am a gay male and so is he, but he won’t admit it. It’s obvious to anyone who knows him except for he, himself. I don’t want to make a move because I am afraid of making him uncomfortable. When I asked him if he thought he was gay, he said no. I know he is lying, because I have been his friend for a while and he doesn’t date girls, ever. He has had the opportunity to, but he won’t do it. He has no answer to why, other than “I don’t know.” What do I do? Just keep being his friend and wait? Should I make a move? Help!

-- Lost somewhere between friend and lover

Dear Lost,

Yes, you are faced with quite the dilemma. You raise an interesting point--he doesn’t know he’s gay. When it comes to sexual orientation, everyone deals with it in a different way, so don’t be upset that your friend is unsure of his feelings. Considering that you are his friend, you need to respect him and not push him in any direction until he is ready to do so. Otherwise, you’ll lose your friendship, along with any chance you could have had for a relationship. He may not have dated many, or any girls, but in his defense, from what we can tell, he hasn’t dated any guys either. Some people just don’t date, or he’s just not ready. All you really can do is tell him how you feel and *when* or *if* he’s ready to embrace his “sexuality,” he will let you know. Let him make the move. Overall, at this point you can’t be more than a friend. We hate to say this, but if you truly care for this guy, you will hold back until *he* is ready.

--The Doctors of Love

Editor’s note: Should you seek advice, you may either e-mail us at editor_ssclog@yahoo.com or drop off letters at the Log Office in the Campus Center, room 013 (in the basement). Anything sent via e-mail will remain confidential. Drs. of Love are not professional therapists, but is instead the alias of two of our staff members.

CORRECTIONS:

The October 10 issue erroneously stated that Ralph Nader is the Green Party Candidate for president. He is, in fact, an Independant candidate.

The issue also erroneously stated that the release date of Rachael Yamagata’s album *Elephants--Teeth Sinking Into Heart* was 2002, and that the record label was Atlantic. In fact, the release date was 2008, and the record label is Warner Bros.

News

Welch Scholarship Awarded to Students

By April Holland / Features Editor

Salem residents Courtney Boulay and William Childs have received the 2008 Jack Welch Scholarships.

The award covers tuition, fees, and room and board for two qualifying Salem residents to attend the Bertolon School of Business at Salem State.

Boulay, a transfer student from Marian Court College in Swampscott, said the award will open the door to her dream of owning her own salon business. The Linden Street resident, who works part-time at O'Neill's pub in Salem, said, "I took classes at Marion Court College in Swampscott but grew up down the street

from Salem State, dreaming about being on that campus with the yellow-brick buildings some day. I plan to open my own business when I graduate, and this [Jack Welch] scholarship will provide the opportunity to make that happen."

Childs, a 23-year-old father of two children, received an associate's degree from the New England Institute of Art in Brookline and is attending Salem State with aspirations of owning and operating his own music studio.

A former automobile salesman, Childs said, "I've worked in the real world and have developed a real appreciation for education. I plan to pursue an MBA after I earn my business degree."

The Jack Welch Scholarship program was initiated in February 2006 for students enrolled in the College's Bertolon School of Business who are either Salem High School graduates or residents of Salem.

Welch, the former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of General Electric, grew up in Salem, and has cited both his city roots and his own education in the Commonwealth's public higher education system as motivation for his gift.



"The Bertolon School of Business is incredibly honored that one of the true giants of American industry has given us a gift of this magnitude," said K. Brewer Doran, dean of the Bertolon School. "Mr. Welch's support highlights both the quality of our business programs as well as his belief in public higher education."

"These scholarships provide a full scholarship for up to eight students in business, providing each of them with the opportunity to excel in their studies and graduate without a burden of debt. We hope that 20 years from now, one of these students will be the next Jack Welch," Doran said.



Photo provided by Jim Gynn

Power Plant (Continued from page 3)

School encouraged the local audience to write or call the power plant about their health concerns caused by coal dust.

Www.Healthlink.org also urges readers to write to Gov. Deval Patrick and ask him to end coal-burning power plant use in the state. The site also has petitions to shut down the Salem Harbor Power Plant.

Salem State's MassPIRG has started working with the North

Shore community shut the doors of the plant for good. Caitlin Horgan, a MassPIRG member, said "Activism against the power plant has been on the rise this past year. I've been working with very passionate people who are regular citizens concerned about their health, and children's health. It should be a concern for Salem State students too. Many of them live near the plant. We're all affected by the pollution."

Health Services Catch You When You Fall

By Mike Frizzi / Log Staff

I'm 31 years old and I've had asthma for more than 20 years. It's mostly under control, but it does manage to catch me off-guard from time to time.

Take, for example, my recent trek to a fifth-floor biology class in Meier Hall. About halfway up the stairs, it happened: that frightening, constricted feeling in my chest, the frustrating inability to take a deep breath. Couple those feelings with the panic of realizing I forgot my inhaler at home and there you have it—an official asthma attack.

So, what to do in a situation like this? Being a commuter student, I had no chance of going home for my inhaler and making it back to campus in time for my class. Purely out of desperation, I decided to check by the Counseling & Health Services office to see if I could somehow get an inhaler from them. I had gone there in the past for my immunizations but, as a night student, my schedule typically conflicted with its operating hours. To my great pleasure and relief, they were not only open, but after a short ten-minute wait and a five-minute evaluation by one of the nurses, I was able to walk out with a fresh new inhaler in my hands—at no charge. I even made it to my class on time.

Besides providing inhalers to forgetful students who should know better, Health Services has you covered in many other ways. In fact, you should very much think of them as your on-campus doctors. Catch that nasty bug going around the dorms? They got the pill for what ails you. Sprain your ankle navigating around the library fences? They can take care of you. In addition, they give physicals on a walk-in basis and are holding a free flu shot clinic available to all students.

They can also help out with a variety of sex-related issues. The provide birth control—including emergency contraception—along with various types of STD testing. While most of these testing services do carry a charge, they are all less than what you would pay at your doctor and can be discreetly billed to your health insurance if you don't have the cash on hand.

While many campuses across the country do not offer such a broad range of services, Salem State students can thank a forward-thinking administration for making them available. "We are a very liberal college. We really want to keep our students safe," says Karen Hruska, coordinator of the Alcohol & Drug Education, Prevention & Training program at Salem State.

Perhaps the greatest service Health Services offers students is in the aid of their mental health. All matriculated students can avail themselves of free counseling on any issues they may be facing. From stress over your course load and troubles with relationships to depression, drug and alcohol problems or even more serious and personal issues, there is always someone there who is willing to help you deal with your situation. They will even prescribe medication for certain issues if they think it can help.

As the cold season approaches—as well as the slip and fall season—it makes sense to seek out and take advantage of Health Services. It can save you money, save you misery, and perhaps even save you from a serious illness—not to mention saving you from the occasional asthma attack.

Counseling and Health Services is located in Suite 107 of Ellison Campus Center, on North Campus.

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Salem State Police Log

October 9 - 16, 2008

Fire Alarm/Smoke Alarm, Oct. 09, 2008--Thursday at 12:17. Location: PEABODY HALL. Fire alarm activation in Room 406 caused by cooking.	was placed in protective custody. Missing Person, Oct. 10, 2008--Friday at 13:43. Location: CENTRAL CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALL. Officer to take a missing student report	Oct. 12, 2008--Sunday at 19:43. Location: LIBRARY PARKING LOT. All appears to be in order.	Police Alarm, Oct. 14, 2008--Tuesday at 16:35. Location: MEIER HALL. Officers dispatched to president's office on a panic alarm. Party under arrest for active warrant: Judith Chalvenuto, dob 12/3/52.	RESIDENCE HALL. Officer out to check on e-phone activation
Rape by Force, Oct. 09, 2008--Thursday at 16:30. Location: CAMPUS POLICE STATION. Officer reports that Mr. Luis Moreta, D.O.B 05/18/90, was placed under arrest for sexual assault.	Larceny From Building, Oct. 10, 2008--Friday at 14:18. Location: MEIER HALL. Officer to take report of stolen book.	Emergency Telephone Activation, Oct. 12, 2008--Sunday at 19:47. Location: CENTRAL CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALL. Elevators were checked; all appears to be in order.	Mutual Aid, Oct. 14, 2008--Tuesday at 23:43. Location: OFF CAMPUS. Officer report a m/v/a on Loring Ave next to Interval St. Officer reports a motorcyclist has been struck and has personal Injuries. SPD and NSA notified. Suspected vehicle was located.	Non-injury, Oct. 16, 2008--Thursday at 12:54. Location: HARRINGTON BUILDING LOT (FRONT). Officer to take a report of hit and run involving three vehicles.
Fire Alarm/Smoke Alarm, Oct. 09, 2008--Thursday at 20:42. Location: BOWDITCH HALL. RP reports that he investigated a smoke detector alarm activation. RP reports that the alarm was set off by chemical spray.	Suspicious Circumstances, Oct. 10, 2008--Friday at 15:14. Location: ELLISON CAMPUS CENTER. Officer reports Info Tech advised of a tip on a stolen laptop and it may be inside the Campus Center. Officer reports laptop was located with owner. Officer will contact Info Tech and advise them of his findings.	Fire Alarm/Smoke Alarm, Oct. 13, 2008--Monday at 00:29. Location: BATES COMPLEX. Rear door alarm. Officer reset the alarm.	Assault, Oct. 15, 2008--Wednesday at 00:31. Location: HARRINGTON BUILDING. LOT (FRONT.) Received phone call stating that a female was assaulted by an unknown male party in the south parking lot, Lot J). No medical attention was needed. RP and victim were instructed to come to the station to make a report. Officer to take a report.	Fire Alarm/Smoke Alarm, Oct. 16, 2008--Thursday at 12:58. Location: PEABODY HALL. Local smoke detector activation, set off by steam in laundry room.
Suspicious Circumstances, Oct. 09, 2008--Thursday at 22:16. Location: COMMONS CAFE. RP reports that someone attempted to kick in the doors to the area within the last 10 to 15 minutes. Officer reports that no damage was done to the door. Suspect was G.O.A.	Emergency Telephone Activation, Oct. 10, 2008--Friday at 16:12. Location: CENTRAL CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALL. A male party reports of an accidental activation. All appears to be in order.	Noise Complaint, Oct. 13, 2008--Monday at 01:14. Location: COLLEGE DRIVE. Rainbow Terrace resident called to complain of youth skateboarding and loud noise. Officer advised parties; parties went back to their dorms without further incident.	Assault, Oct. 15, 2008--Wednesday at 00:37. Location: CAMPUS POLICE STATION. Officer to take a report on a past assault. SPD notified with description of possible suspect.	Suspicious Circumstances, Oct. 16, 2008--Thursday at 20:16. Location: BOWDITCH HALL. Officer investigating an odor of class D reported by RP.
Fire Alarm/Smoke Alarm, Oct. 10, 2008--Friday at 00:12. Location: HARRINGTON BUILDING. Fire alarm activation. Fire department reports a malicious use of the CO2 fire extinguisher.	Medical Assist, Non-Alcohol Related, Oct. 10, 2008--Friday at 17:51. Location: CAMPUS POLICE STATION. A female party came to the station to report that her ring finger had swollen. Officer supplied the patient with an ice pack and she will seek further medical attention on her own.	Emergency Telephone Activation, Oct. 13, 2008--Monday at 18:03. Location: CENTRAL CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALL. Area was checked and all appears to be in order.	Larceny, Oct. 15, 2008--Wednesday at 14:18. Location: BOOKSTORE. Officer out to take a report, larceny by check.	Medical Assist, Non-Alcohol Related, Oct. 16, 2008--Thursday at 20:53. Location: PEABODY HALL. Report of a student with a bad ear-ache. Officer out to assist student. North Shore Ambulance notified and student en route.
Suspicious Person, Oct. 10, 2008--Location: OFF CAMPUS. Searching for party that could be involved with the fire alarm activation in the Harrington building. Alumni Hill was searched but no parties were found. Officers checked the Academic Building.	Suspicious Circumstances, Oct. 10, 2008--Friday at 19:12. Location: ADMINISTRATION PARKING LOT. Officer reports out with two parties that appear to be breaking into a m/v. Officer reports that the one of the parties was the owner of the m/v. All appears to be in order.	Outside fire reported, no alarm pulled, Oct. 13, 2008--Monday at 19:37. Location: CENTRAL CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALL. Officer reports smoke detector was set off by cooking.	Traffic accident, Oct. 15, 2008--Wednesday at 15:53. Location: PEABODY HALL LOT. Officer out at station to take report of an accident. Reporting party complained of pain in left arm. Party refused offer of an ambulance twice, stating she will go to the hospital herself.	Noise Complaint, Oct. 16, 2008--Thursday at 22:11. Location: BATES COMPLEX. RP reports a loud party at building 4. RP asking for assistance breaking up the party and reports an odor of Class D. Officer reports no loud noise coming from the apartment or any odor. RAs did take the names of two female occupants.
Suspicious Person, Oct. 10, 2008--Friday at 01:09. Location: CENTRAL CAMPUS. Front desk called to report that a party matching the description of the party who was possibly involved in the activation of the fire alarm in the Harrington building. The party was trying to sneak into the building and the front desk employees removed party.	Mutual Aid, Oct. 11, 2008--Saturday at 00:48. Location: OFF CAMPUS. Salem Police Department requests assistance, officer responds to Boston and Proctor Street to divert traffic due to a house fire.	Medical Assist., Non-Alcohol Related, Oct. 14, 2008--Tuesday at 01:26. Location: BOWDITCH HALL. RA reports of a resident having an allergic reaction. Dispatch notified N.S.A.	Suspicious Circumstances, Oct. 15, 2008--Wednesday at 16:24. Location: HARRINGTON BUILDING. Officer out to investigate harassment between employees of Chartwell's.	Medical Assist, Non-Alcohol Related, Oct. 16, 2008--Thursday at 23:28. Location: BOWDITCH HALL. Salem PD received a 911 call regarding a student having an allergic reaction. The student was transported to NSMC by NSA.
Larceny From Motor Vehicle, Oct. 10, 2008--Friday at 01:32. Location: HARRINGTON BUILDING LOT (FRONT). Female party reports that someone found hidden car key and stole her purse from her vehicle.	Medical Assist., Oct. 11, 2008--Saturday at 15:23. Location: O'KEEFE CENTER SPORTS COMPLEX. Athletic trainer reports of an injured soccer player with a dislocated shoulder. Athletic trainer contacted N.S.A.	Forcible Entry, Oct. 14, 2008--Tuesday at 06:26. Location: MEIER HALL. RP reports of a past burglary.	Statutory Rape, Oct. 15, 2008--Wednesday at 16:59. Location: CAMPUS POLICE STATION. Officer out to take report.	Noise Complaint, Oct. 17, 2008--Friday at 00:20. Location: BATES COMPLEX. Female party called to complain about a group of people screaming in the parking lot. Officer reports GOA.
Suspicious Person, Oct. 10, 2008--Friday at 02:15. Location: CENTRAL CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALL. RA called to report that an intoxicated party was in the lot about to drive away. Officer reports party	Suspicious Circumstances, Oct. 11, 2008--Saturday at 17:42. Location: INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. Officer reports of an open door. Door was secured. All appears to be in order.	Medical Assist., Non-Alcohol Related, Oct. 14, 2008--Tuesday at 15:10. Location: BOWDITCH HALL. NSA on scene, party having trouble breathing. Party transported to NSMC.	Mutual Aid, Oct. 15, 2008--Wednesday at 18:38. Location: OFF CAMPUS. Officer out with accident three vehicles involved no injuries, airbag deployed. Stand by until SPD arrives.	Noise Complaint, Oct 17, 2008--Friday at 00:29. Location: BOWDITCH HALL. Female party called about a large group very loud outside the building. Officer reports the group was advised to quiet down and the resident assistants are monitoring the area.
	Emergency Telephone Activation,	Fire Alarm/Smoke Alarm, Oct. 14, 2008--Tuesday at 15:34. Location: PEABODY HALL. Local smoke alarm room 708, caused by cooking.	Suspicious Circumstances, Oct 15, 2008--Wednesday at 22:45. Location: CENTRAL CAMPUS	

Features

Eastern Massachusetts: A Popular Mecca for Movie Producers

By James Gardner / Log Staff

With the local movie scene in the Boston area at its height, since last April I have helped to make movie magic as a special effects technician on the set of the romantic comedy *The Ghost of Girlfriends Past*, starring Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner and Michael Douglas.

Filming has taken me to multiple locations in Wellesley, Hingham and Boston. My job as a special effects technician has ranged from turning an on-set fireplace on and off to helping build a rig to be hung 80 feet in the air to make the effect of a rainstorm. The hours are long and can range from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or all-nighters, which include 5 p.m. starts to 7 a.m. the next morning.

Being up close and working alongside these major celebrities can sometimes be overwhelming from a fan standpoint, but I have had to keep my attitude at the business level since this is a job and not an autograph signing. One of the main rules is to not interact with the “talent” unless they interact with you. Although these rules aren’t written, they are understood by the crew.

Being on set, I’ve learned that almost everything in movies is fake. From weather elements such as rain (made from fire hoses attached to rain contraptions) to snow (usually a form of

ground-up paper or cotton blankets laid in the background to make the landscape look snow covered). You learn that inside, the lighting can be made to seem like it’s any time of day, from early morning to dusk.

The set is a tornado of people, all with different jobs, trying to help put a scene together. Everyone from directors and producers to set dressers, construction crew, actor stand-ins, lighting departments, camera people, and electricians to name a few, are among the hundreds of people hustling around before and after takes to try to keep filming at a steady pace. You never want to be part of the department that the directors and producers are waiting for in order to get rolling.

What I found most shocking was the repetition involved in shooting a scene. Movie-making sounds like an exciting job but can be filled with a lot of boredom. It may take 10 to 30 tries to get a shot right. Once that shot is captured, the camera angle is switched around, and the same shot is done another couple dozen times.

I had the chance to see the same shot enough times so that I knew the lines better than the actors did. “Cut! Reset! Rolling! Action! Cut! Reset! Rolling! Action!” I started to wonder what the star-struck crowd of pedestri-

ans gathered on the side of the street find so fascinating. Maybe it’s the dreamy sight of Matthew McConaughey or the guys drooling over Jennifer Garner and *Superbad* star Emma Stone. After a while, I get anxious and would like to move on with something different. But these die-hard fans of ogling spectators stand glued for hours at a time, sometimes never actually seeing a superstar, but they stay in ready anticipation.

When the effects department is not used in a shot being filmed, I have a lot of down time, which includes sitting around, getting snacks, or trying to take a short nap until producers say I am needed again on set. Once special effects department is needed, the pace is high-octane. I am moving fast, getting things set up such as fans for wind, or dressing set windows to look as if they had snow on the windowsills. Being a part of the shot being filmed means no bathroom breaks. I am stuck until they say those magical words “checking the gate,” which means we’re done with that scene and are moving on.

One of my most embarrassing moments on set so far was with a king-sized bed, which was rigged with a golf cart base and a motor and was to be driven manually to simulate the bed floating down the street in a dream state. When

a friend and I were told to bring the bed on set, we hustled over, excited like little kids to get an opportunity to drive this thing. Well, with the driving a little shaky because beds aren’t suppose to be driven, we took a sharp left turn going 10 mph into the side of a car parked along the street. I was thrown from the bed and it was lodged into the side of the car, right under the tail light. I shot to my feet after a barrel roll on the street only to see half the crew heading in our direction to make sure we were all right but also to make sure the car was all right along with the bed, which was needed in the next scene.

The good news is that I walked away with only some minor lower-back bruising, and the bed came away with so little damage that the on-set artist was able to touch it up with some paint and super glue. Unfortunately, the car did not fare as well. There was a football-sized dent which was four inches into the side of this small SUV. We prayed it was a movie car and not someone’s who lived in the area. Luckily, it was a rent-a-car which was driven by the director of photography, who found the incident to be a laugh-riot.

With no serious damage done and no delay in filming, we were off the hook, sort of. For the rest of the night we were the laughing

stock of most of the film crew, with everyone throwing jabs at us for our error. This was a better feeling than being given our pink slips and told not to come back. The joke continued whenever we were on set. If we weren’t so crunched to finish filming before the rain came that early morning, or the sun came up, we probably would’ve been a part of the out-takes at the end of the movie. I guess for us, it was better off that we weren’t. Since then, the bed has been equipped with a remote control, but has crashed a few more times, from what I have heard.

Being behind the scenes of how a movie is made has taken some of the fun out of watching movies, as I am now not just a movie fan, but a movie maker. I can now spot movie flaws. I know that when they are filming inside a studio apartment, they are really inside a shell of an apartment with no roof for lighting to shine in and dozens of people in the same room as the people who are in the scene.

Spending so much time of your day with the same people also helped me build some friendships and connections with Hollywood figures which should help in future endeavors, and also gave me the chance to be a part of something that will be around forever.

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Features



Photo by Amanda Read

Davis Gives So-So Performance

By Amanda Read / Log Staff

Comedian DeRay Davis visited campus and performed for a full house on October 3 at the O'Keefe Center. Davis provoked a few belly laughs, but his and his opening act's show centered only on a few trivial topics.

The opening act, TuRay, started on a serious note, and advocated that everyone exercise his or her right to vote, in light of the upcoming presidential election. "Why we gonna put the mummy in the office?" exclaimed TuRay, in opposition to having John McCain elected president in November. He went on to say that he'd vote for Barack Obama in order to have his wife Michelle as First Lady. Because the Obamas "fist-bumped" each other at the Democratic National Convention, that was reason enough for TuRay to give Obama his vote.

Throughout the show, everything, relevant or not, always related back to crack. "My mom was a crackhead," stated Davis multiple times. Though this was a funny comment at first, I surely

wouldn't think of exploiting my mom in a similar fashion. I guess acts at comedy shows should be taken with a grain of salt, but the idea that his mother may have been a "crackhead" isn't exactly something to chuckle at over and over.

Shortly after any deviation from the subject, crack was brought up repeatedly. Davis made fun of rising gas prices, campus rules, and popular rapper Lil Wayne, but too often blabbed about stereotypes and race.

For instance, Davis frequently invoked stereotypes of white female teenagers and Hispanics as well as blacks.

Well-known for his appearances in popular comedies such as *Semi Pro*, *License to Wed*, and *Scary Movie*, there is no argument as to whether or not Davis is a jester of sorts; he is definitely funny, as the crowd I'm sure would affirm. But his performance was slightly under-enthusiastic and the emphasis on crack should have been retired earlier in the show.

RDT Thrills Salem State

By Renatta Siewert / Log Staff

Costumes, parties, and dancing zombies: It's Halloween again, and Salem State is celebrating the 25th anniversary of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" music video.

Repertory Dance Theatre (RDT) hosted the event "Dancing Zombies" in the O'Keefe Center on Saturday, October, 25.

As many spectators looked on, participants learned the dance from Meaghan Quatieri, an officer of RDT. The event opened with the Multipurpose Gym set in darkness with the Halloween decorations, music, and RDT dance to "Thriller." Each member was decked out in zombie makeup and a Thriller the World T-shirt.

Salem residents took advantage of the opportunity to spend the weekend trying something

new; more Salem residents participated than did students. Approximately 120 people learned the dance over a two-hour workshop.

Rachelle Valaskgatkis, secretary of RDT, said, "It was hard because of so many different ages and skill levels, but they all learned really quickly and it's been really fun."

Many parents sat on the bleachers and watched as their children learned the classic dance.

Although Salem State did not help reach the world record of 197,000 people simultaneously dancing to "Thriller," the turnout was a success. It gave Michael Jackson's legendary song and video a proper 25th anniversary.

Trick, or Treat? There's Something Sour About Halloween Candy When It Comes to Teeth

By Jacqueline Kamel / Log Staff

As we all know, the most promising part of schooling in Salem particularly, aside from being close to the water, is the opportunity to be in the Halloween capital of the world without having to deal with terrible traffic, or finding a hotel at any point in October. While it's clear that Salem State students are looking forward to Halloween a little more this year, for those of us who are going Trick-or-Treating, or attempting to obtain some sort of candy as part of tradition, there may be something you need to watch out for.

Most obviously, one must watch what he or she consumes on Halloween because nobody really knows exactly where it came from, or if it's safe to eat. But aside from that, the candy we're sure is candy may not necessarily still be safe for us. Though it's safe to assume the meeting between sugar and tooth enamel is an eye rolling subject for anyone around twenty, new research has discovered a danger that we may not entirely be aware of.

The California Dental Hygienists' Association (CDHA) has been working hard for years to alert the mass public of the dangers of sour candy. Our favorite Sour Patch Kids, or multi-colored worms, may have more acid in them than a common battery.

Sour candies come in many varieties: hard candy, soft gummy candy, gels, liquids, powders, sprays, crystals, and chewing gum. Many enjoy consuming these candies as opposed to chocolate either due to taste, or the lessened sugar levels.

Unfortunately, what is not known is that the amount of acid in said candies can be extremely dangerous. Registered dental hygienists from the CDHA have been insisting that these candies are the very things that cause acid erosion, one of the leading factors in the loss of teeth.

Acid erosion is the damage that allows the enamel in teeth to weaken and dissolve. It's very common among those who have eating disorders. Upon the weakening of the teeth, they become

susceptible to cavities and will inevitably decay. Eventually, acid erosion will change the shape of the teeth, which will then change the natural bite of the person, which can lead to jaw problems and other dental issues.

Try drinking some soda, and then feeling your teeth. Does the enamel feel slightly rough? This is due to etched tooth enamel by phosphoric acid. Products high in acid such as Diet Coke, orange juice, or sour candies immediately start breaking down the tooth enamel once it is exposed to it. This is why, when drinking soda, it's best to swallow it as soon as it reaches the mouth.

Apart from the citric acid in sour candies, the sugar in all candy is the nutrients for bacteria that cause more acid. Once you chew on a caramel or sticky candy, the sugar that attaches itself to your teeth will linger there for up to 20 minutes after the candy has been swallowed. This gives enough time for the acid to form and further wear away the

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Katie Holmes on Broadway

By Justin Sacromone / Log Staff

What do Julia Roberts, Madonna, Denzel Washington, Daniel Radcliffe, and Alec Baldwin all have in common? Other than having a large success on the screen, all of these actors have also made an appearance on Broadway. The latest addition to the list of actors-turned Broadway star is the beautiful Katie Holmes.

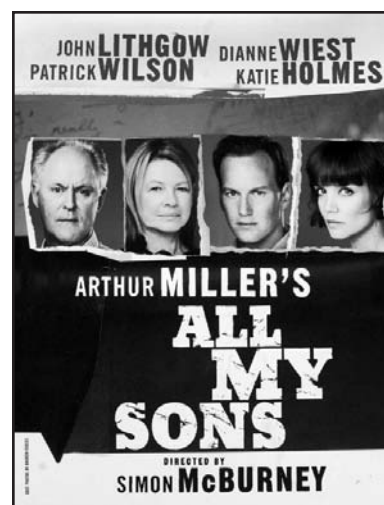
Holmes decided to take on the heavy role of Ann Dreever in Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*, directed by Simon McBurney. For those of you who have never heard of Arthur Miller, you might be familiar with his other work, *The Crucible*, from when you read it in high school.

I was lucky enough to catch Holmes on stage at the Schoenfeld Theatre in New York City in September. I did not choose to see the show because of her tabloid appearances with her Scientistologist/movie star husband, Tom Cruise. I couldn't care less about Scientology, and to be honest, I don't know much about it, and hadn't heard of it before Cruise mentioned it. Also, I have never seen *Dawson's Creek*, or any Katie Holmes movie, for that fact. I chose to see *All My Sons* mainly because it is an Arthur

Miller play.

Other notable cast members include the talented John Lithgow, the superb Dianne Wiest, and Patrick Wilson. Lithgow is most known for his role in *3rd Rock from the Sun*, and the voice of Lord Farquaad in the movie *Shrek*. Lithgow is a well-awarded actor receiving four Emmy awards, two Oscar nominations, a Golden Globe, and two Tony Awards. Next to Mr. Lithgow, we have the superb Dianne Wiest, who is another screen actress, appearing in films as *I Am Sam*, *The Birdcage*, and *Edward Scissorhands*. Wiest has also earned two Oscars, two Emmy awards, and by my judgment of her performance in *All My Sons*, she will hopefully win a Tony Award.

The plot centers on Joe Keller (Lithgow), a businessman whose factory was responsible for sending faulty airplane parts overseas, leading to the deaths of American servicemen during World War II. It was Joe's partner who went to prison for the crime, and now his daughter, Ann Deever (Holmes), has returned to visit the Keller's. In the first act, Holmes plays Ann with this giddy, schoolgirl charm, full of laughs and love. However, in the second and third act of the



play, Holmes tries to show off her serious acting skills to us, but usually comes only about 75 percent of the way to reaching this goal.

One thing to keep in mind is that acting for the stage and acting for the camera are two different mediums. I cannot speak from experience, as I have never acted for a camera. I cannot imagine the difficulty Holmes has experienced trying to throw away all her knowledge of acting and completely relearn a new way to act.

To sum up, Holmes was not terrible like all the "theatre queens" suspected. She was not fantastic either, but I hope she sticks around for a while. I think with more training she will become very good at acting on stage.

Features

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Artist: Sophie Lannon
Major: Art Education



Self-Portrait of the City

A Word from the Artist:

A “portrait” of the city as if she were human, but more importantly, a “self-portrait” as if she were me. As if she could feel all the things that I can when I stare out into her. A landscape can easily be displayed as in ruin, as if destroyed, but it invokes a much more power feeling if the subject of such abuse is something we can easily relate too. Human. The illness of the planet, the toxins of urban areas, polluted, poisoned, dismal, can be translated into diseases, the disfigurement of the world translated to the disfigurement of the human body. The disfigurement of those who still desire a natural world, the disfigurement of myself.

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Autumn beauty can be seen around the Salem State campus. Above is the sunset behind the Enterprise Center; below is a photograph of the leaves changing across the street from the Sullivan building.



SSC Theatre *Proofs* Itself

By Justin Sacramone / Log Staff

On October 16, the Salem State Theatre Department opened its first production of the season, David Auburn’s *Proof*. This four-character drama was entertaining and thought-provoking. Four senior theatre majors got the shot to play the parts that most young actors would kill to play.

Proof deals with an actual mathematical proof, which in the play is a metaphor for trust, family and friendship, all of which are universal themes. Even though we may not all be mathematical geniuses, we can all relate to family and the struggles each and every one of us bear


with them. Those who saw the final result witnessed something very special. A lot of time and commitment went into what the audience saw. During long rehearsals, actor Ryan Edlinger said, “a lot of Redbull” was what kept him going at times.

Kasey McNulty plays the central character, Catherine, who just lost her father. Catherine watched her father slowly slip into a state of mind where he was mentally unstable. Nursing him up to the day of his death, she became secluded from the outside world. Catherine begins to fear that what happened to her father,

Robert, will eventually happen to her.

Hal, played by Edlinger, is a former student of Robert’s coming to look through some of his professor’s old paperwork and notes. Kaitlin Eggers, who plays Clare, is the strongest in the cast, nailing her performance of the younger sister. Clare is a know-it-all concerned for her older sister’s mental capacity and treats her sister like a young child who is learning the basics of life for the first time. Claire and Catherine go at it, and when they do

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New Winfisky Exhibit Soars Like a ... Bird

By Amanda Read / Log Staff



Photos by Shawn Mills

The second and latest exhibit of the Winfisky gallery, running from October 7 to November 6, features photographer Gabrielle Keller.

From her Bird Series portfolio, photographs of birds' ways hang for Keller's exhibit, titled "Within Reach."

While the pictures display birds' "quick, jerky, and awkward" movements as described by the photographer herself, they also show obvious relationships and situations among the subjects that are very similar to those of humans.

"My goal with these images is not to portray the struggle, injury or inhumanity to birds, [but] rather to examine our coexistence with the birds and the environment around us," said Keller.

"In Boston Common Birds #34", there are two birds standing alone, in what initially looks like a lonely, back-alley scene. Since Keller's pictures require inspection and thought, it wasn't for a minute that #34 blared to me camaraderie between the two birds.

Though they look possibly lost and isolated, more obviously they looked bound together as a couple of companions, much like husband and wife.

"Bird Series #17" portrays another situation that can very closely be identified with another human socialization situation. Here, one bird stands still in the midst

of fury striking the surrounding birds. The halted bird, seemingly calm and unaffected by the sudden flapping of his peers, gives a gaze that shouts strength, but also fright, in this moment. Like one may succumb to shock at the sound of a gunshot in a crowded subway, the bird looks frozen and immobile, computing too late what is going on around him.

As I moved through the room to see a white bird photographed by himself hanging in Keller's exhibition, I still felt strongly that she was able to show that birds of different species can be very alike. As you may not see resemblances between a turkey and a parrot, something about the idea of survival of birds as an entire genus shined brightly as I stepped from Boston Common birds to the next frame, "Diving Gulls".

Faced down, eyes clenched the bird in "Diving Gulls" takes a familiar and repetitive dive into a dark corner at the bottom of the photo.

Maybe he plunges into the water for food or for safety, but the darkness that he's at the edge of doesn't help determine what he's getting into; maybe he's not even sure himself. Keller shows the vantage point of the life of a bird that suggests parallelism with the life of a human blindly diving face first into a dark unknown by force or by his or her own volition.

Women's Fashion

Lindsay Lohan, in *Mean Girls*: "In the regular world, Halloween is when children dress up in costumes and beg for candy. In girl world, Halloween is the one night a year when a girl can dress like a total slut and no other girls can say anything about it. The hardcore girls just wear lingerie and some form of animal print."

The Problem:

If you are one of the thousands of people who enjoy the swarming stroll around downtown Salem on Halloween, you need to consider the chill factor. The first piece of advice: if you are cold inside of your house, then you are definitely going to be cold outside.

The Remedy:

Try a costume that allows you to sport UGGS, yet still look sexy. You could try costumes such as sexy soldier, firefighter, construction worker, an Eskimo, or Pocahontas.

Another helpful item of clothing that most females now own are leggings. The fabulous '80s fad has returned, but in more modern colors, materials and prints. Get creative and layer them on to keep your stems warm. You could try costumes such as Madonna, Cyndi Lauper, a dancer or a gymnast.

If you decide to take the animal print route, the options are practically endless. Also, this gives you the chance to combine the two warm item ideas mentioned above. Wear a head-to-toe color scheme in any fur color and accessorize with headband ears. On extra chilly Halloween nights, mittens have been known to double as "paws!"

The Bottom Line:

Halloween is in October, not July. The average temperature is going to be 52 degrees Fahrenheit by sunset, and no costume will look good with an oversized North Face hoodie that you were forced to borrow from a friend.

--April Holland, Features Editor

Proof (Continued from page 10)

there is enough friction between the sisters to start a forest fire. McNulty's characterization of Catherine really becomes defined once we learn about what she has gone through during the past few years. Having to help her father and the sacrifices she made for him makes her really resent her sister, who just flew in that morning to try to resolve everything.

"This was my dream role," McNulty said. One can certainly tell the love she had for the role of Catherine. McNulty took this role and, after realizing Gwyneth Paltrow's movie version was of no help to her, created this complex woman who is unsure of a lot of things in her life, rather than a Catherine who whines and complains for the entire time. I witnessed this in a bad produc-

tion shown to me by the cast. Greg Davis plays Robert, who in the play is seen before his death, and comes to Catherine after he passes away. In the scenes before Robert has lost his mind, Davis really does an incredible job of throwing little hints in his performance that his character is just beginning to go off the deep end. Finally, there is Harold Dobbs, the lovable math nerd, played by Ryan Edlinger. Edlinger took Hal in a direction that would not be obvious. Imagining a young man whose largest love in life is math, one would expect Steve Urkel. However, Edlinger took him and really softened him into this 28-year-old who is just a nice all-American guy.

The actors cannot get all the credit. As much as they brought

new and exciting ways to present this play to us, director Thomas Luddy did just as much, if not more. When asked what the cast thought of its director, the actors pelted out words such as "genius," "brilliant," and "funny." Luddy's vision was clear in this production, which was less realistic than most other productions are.

All I can say is that the lucky ones were those who saw *Proof*. Don't forget, Salem State students, you get a free ticket to any department show as long as you show you Clipper Card. The next theatre production will be Shakespeare's *The Tempest* in November. Tickets will be \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students & seniors or free with a Salem State ID.

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Men's Fashion

The French, and myself, are fond of saying, "Il faut souffrir pour etre belle." Translates roughly to: "One must suffer to be beautiful." The trick is to not look as if you're pained when trying something new. Wearing something you'd normally consider weird? If you looked bothered by it, you'll ooze self-doubt. And we cool kids can smell self-doubt. It smells the same as baby vomit and three-day old Indian food. There's nothing more fun than getting dressed (except that), and likewise, there's nothing more painful than watching someone look as if they want to rip off their sweet clothes and retreat to sweat suits. Confidence, people! If you don't have it, drink more booze.

So what should you be going for this season? For the autumn (what a better word for fall), the look we're seeing on the runways and on the shelves is the return of the gentleman. Whenever you're leaving the dorm or apartment, think what casual dress meant in the '30s and '40s.

For instance, your grandfather didn't wake up and throw on a sweatshirt emblazoned with the words "A. Eagle" on it. If it was cold out, he put on a badass wool sweater. Sweaters, especially ones made of thick, tough fabric, are functional and totally in. Whether they be cardigans, shawl collar, v-neck, or zip-up, grab a sweater before a sweatshirt.

As it chills down, heat up your wardrobe with classic outerwear choices, especially those worn by veterans; peacoats, military jackets, and three-quarter-length trenchcoats all look good, and now are sold in slim-fitting cuts. Also, any of the above options in tweed are pretty killer.

Remember the Great Depression? Your grandparents do. It sucked, it's back, and it sucks still. But dress accordingly. Ever see how well-dressed those Okies looked? Here's a tip: Take your fashion tips from black-and-white photographs circa 1928, and simply smile more than those pictured. We're not all out of money quite yet.

A note on labels: If the shirt you're wearing has a label larger than your finger, congratulations--you're a corporate tool. You're literally feeding the zeitgeist that's forced the United States to adopt socialism. Throw them out. No one cares where you got your shirt, and neither should you. Good clothes, fashionable clothes, can be bought anywhere, for any price. There's not one particular store to start at. On second thought, there is. It's called the Salvation Army.

Next issue we'll talk pants. It's gunna be wicked awesome, dood.

--Matt Trapeni, Log Staff

What is your Halloween Costume this year?



Debora Oliveira
Psychology Major
Devil



Erin Hadley
History Major
Pirate



Gerald Tubbs
Criminal Justice Major
Egyptian Pharaoh



Nikki Dingle
Marketing Major
Ninja Turtle



Nikki Estey
Geology/History Major
Fairy

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Halloween Candy (Continued from page 9)

enamel on teeth.

Obviously, one holiday a year that allows us to stuff our faces with candy isn't going to void us of healthy teeth, but with the exposure to so many types of candy, and the social acceptance we feel for eating it at this time of year, it isn't hard to go overboard and turn it into a habit. In fact, seven out of ten students I have randomly surveyed say that they are addicted to sour candy, and eat it year round, habitually.

In order to treat your teeth well and still eat as much candy as you'd like, dentists recommend waiting at least 20 minutes after you eat candy to tend to your teeth because in that time, the acid is softening the tooth enamel.

Brushing and flossing may rid the tooth of that softened enamel. It's always good to wait twenty minutes before brushing, to give our natural saliva time to harden the enamel.

Also, think of the type of candy you're eating. The more sour it is, the more acidic it is. Watch the exposure time your teeth have with said candy. The worst kind of candy is the chewy, sticky morsels that get stuck in molars.

Dairy products such as cheese and milk are good to consume post-candy binge. Researchers say that the consumption of water, milk and a slice of cheese afterward will help neutralize the acids and prevent acid erosion.

Nobody likes a bad smile. So take care of your teeth and your general health this Halloween (and all year round) and try and cut back on the candy. Though it sounds ironic, your sweet tooth just might thank you.

Top 10 Tips for Halloween Safety:

- 1) Do **NOT** take candy from Strangers.
- 2) The sexy police officers may be, and often are, *actual* police officers.
- 3) No matter how cute the witch is, do not drink her "love potion."
- 4) The buddy system is not just for children; it also works for drunk college students.
- 5) The man dressed in red is *not* Santa ... or *is* he?
- 6) Bring your camera! Pictures will help you piece together the night.
- 7) Make sure you know first and last name of the Sexy Nurse or Hot Doctor you may go home with, in case of infection.
- 8) Make sure you see what's *under* the mask before kissing the individual.
- 9) **NEVER** close your eyes!
- 10) Pre-gaming should **NOT** be at the end of the night; pace yourself and be careful!

Going the Distance

By Timothy Page / Log Staff

Fifteen years ago, Daniel Williams was diagnosed with HIV. But if you saw him sitting down enjoying some of his favorite sweets in the cafeteria, you would never know that this kind, outgoing man was infected with one of the most virulent viruses known to the world.

That is because Williams has a mission, which he says is to publicize the fact that people with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) can nonetheless be fit and healthy. During the summer of 2006, he showed everyone that it is possible.

More than a year ago, Williams, an administrator in Salem State's Center for Academic Advising, appeared with 11 other people on the popular PBS show *NOVA* for a week-by-week onslaught of physical and psychological challenges designed to train them for the Boston Marathon.

"I've run on and off over the years," Williams said with a sly smirk, sitting confidently in his chair. "But I was always at the back of the pack. I never really considered myself a runner ... and this was way beyond the usual training, this was something different."

The show, *Marathon Challenge*, took viewers on a unique scientific adventure inside the human body, tracking the physiological changes exercise causes and showing the health benefits that occur from exercise and diet.

The filming spanned nine months, with a rigorous training schedule that had to be followed for success. The week-long

schedule involved running five days a week, with Sunday set aside for extra long training runs to build stamina for the 26.2-mile conquest.

The filming took place at Tufts University in Medford. Tufts President Lawrence Bacow had created a program called The President Marathon Challenge, which had become a low-key charity over the years raising money for Tufts' fitness and nutrition programs.

"I really felt like we got the most amazing training," Williams said. "I never felt like I doubted myself because I knew we were in good hands."

Among the trainers were Uta Pippig, a world-class marathon runner with three wins at the Boston Marathon in the early '90s and one at the Berlin Marathon, and Don Megerle, a renowned Tufts University trainer. "They were two of the best coaches we could've had," Williams said. "We never felt like they were pushing us beyond what we could do."

After nearly a year of strict running schedules, and countless muscle-singeing miles of pavement pounding, Williams had finally reached the culmination of his training: the 26.2-mile labyrinth run through the streets of Boston that many have tried to conquer.

"The starting line was incredible," Williams said, smiling. "When you're walking through the streets heading towards the starting line there's just this really long crowd that looks like it goes on forever. The energy is really

high, there's music blasting everywhere. It looked like people were going off to a dance, not like they were going to run a 26.2-mile race."

Four hours and 31 minutes later, a worn and tired Williams crossed the finish line, joining the ranks of those who can proudly exclaim they completed one of the hardest races in the world.

"I felt good," Williams said proudly. "I'm really looking forward to doing it again and going for under four hours."

Recently, he has started running again, following the old training schedule that he says forever changed his view towards running. He said, "I was never really into it, usually just did it to stay healthy, but this training program really got me to love it."

In times where excuses and schedules tend to lead our lives rather than the other way around, stories like Williams' are a reminder of the human spirit's drive to endure. No matter what the challenge, a little determination and discipline can change the way you look at life, and open up possibilities you may never see coming.

"The best piece of advice I can give to people when they ask how I did it," he said, "when you don't want to get out of bed on that cold, winter morning, just say to yourself, 'Be part of a team.' Because if you don't care about letting yourself down, letting the team down weighs more heavily on you. When that's sitting on your shoulders it pushes you to want to do it. The power of the team is very strong."

Political Panel is a Success

By Christopher Sicuranza / Log Staff

A panel discussion "Media, Democracy and Public Opinion: Election 2008," which discussed the role that media play in shaping public opinion during presidential elections, attracted more than a hundred people on Monday, October 6.

The event was hosted by the departments of Communications, History, Philosophy, and Political Science, and the Student Government Association.

Coordinated and moderated by Communications Professor Mark Zaitchik, the panel included *Boston Globe* editor David Dahl, state Rep. Lori Ehrlich (D-Eighth District), Nobel Prize winner Dudley Herschbach, Harvard University Professor Thomas Patterson, Wesleyan University Professor John Finn, and Director of Immigrant Programs at the Irish Immigration Center Alexandra Piñeros Shields, all of whom provided expert analysis in the intersecting arenas of politics, science and media.

The debate was framed early by Zaitchik to be less of a combative arena, and instead a free conversation that allowed each specialist to discuss a given topic freely. Topics ranged from voting systems used in the 1960s, to the power of the Internet and blogs, to the merits of having an informed voting base.

Salem State President Patricia Meserve prefaced the panel discussion by saying, "The conversations we are having today ... and the conversations we will continue to have are central to the ideal of democracy, and Salem State is proud to host this special event."

The two-hour discussion was followed by a brief question-and-answer period, many of which were directed towards Ehrlich and her political campaign. Ehrlich was asked to fill in for U.S. Rep. John Tierney, D-Mass., who was staying in Washington, D.C., to finalize the vote on the \$700 emergency bailout plan.

"I wanted to know why Tierney wasn't here to answer some serious questions," a guest who asked to remain anonymous said. "The first time? He votes 'no' on the (bailout package). The next time? He votes 'yes,' but only after we added another few hundred billion to the plan. What pork did Tierney work in for us in Massachusetts? What are we getting from all of this?"

In a reception held after the discussion, Ehrlich declared the evening a success, but admitted that she was glad she didn't have to answer the lingering questions surrounding the prescribed vote. "I'm glad I'm not in his shoes—it was a very tough decision.... I don't know yet what Massachusetts is gaining from this," Ehrlich said.

The Communications department, the History department, the Philosophy department, the Political Science department and Student Government Association and Salem State presented this event to showcase community involvement and understanding during this election race. Perhaps panelist Dahl said it best when he said, "We have a duty to vote, but we also have a duty to stay informed and in touch."

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Tegan Talks Politics

By Joshua Luke / Log Staff

I first became acquainted with Canadian twin sisters Tegan and Sara Quin back in October of 2004. They had just released their fourth album, *So Jealous*, and were opening for another artist in Northampton. I secured an interview with them several weeks before the show and strangely, I was asked to be there four hours before doors the night of. The drive took two hours and I sat for another 45 minutes watching the girls soundcheck, set up their merchandise, and discuss business with their management. I was then introduced to Tegan and we sat down and talked about everything from George Bush to heartbreak and what seemed like everything in between. When the other artists' soundcheck started, we moved to their dressing room and were joined by Sara and their band--and talked for four more hours.

The girls' popularity was notably smaller back then, but with some luck and the humility of a musician who has been remixed by the world-famous DJ Tiesto, who was on Conan O'Brien and has collaborated with best-selling author Augusten Burroughs, exactly four years later we are still

talking, and a lot has changed. 2007 and 2008 have been big years for Tegan and Sara. Their album *The Con* was received well by critics and fans, and each girl recorded solo material. Tegan performed without Sara three times and they were asked to participate in Cyndi Lauper's True Colors tour. At the time of our phone call, the girls were getting ready to embark on the last U.S. tour for this album.

On a phone call from her record label's office in Los Angeles, we talk about plans for a book/DVD combo chronicling their tour (online next year), how surreal it is to be in the music industry for 10 years ("It's like, 'Oh my God, wasn't I just 18 yesterday?'"") and how important this election is, too.

Just because Tegan is Canadian doesn't mean she doesn't follow our politics or feel the effects of them; in fact, it's quite the contrary. "We spend a lot of our time touring in America; I live part-time in the states. Between John McCain and Sarah Palin, the things they believe will be setting us back 50 years and I don't believe that's the way to go for America right now. As a

woman, fundamentally, I disagree with everything they believe in, and I believe you should give your vote to anyone but them."

And what if there was a McCain/Palin administration coming up? "If America really did go backward 50 years, not supporting gay marriage, equal rights for gay people, reversing Roe v. Wade, honestly, I would consider not even touring in America. I don't go to China, I don't go to countries [where] I don't believe in their human rights policies. If I don't feel like it's okay that I'm there and I'm gay and an outspoken feminist, it would definitely change the way I felt about the country. And if America changes the way it could change, I don't know how much time I'm going to want to spend there."

At their sold-out October 4 concert at the Palladium in Worcester, they played a selection of songs that ranged from ones they had never played live to fan favorites from years ago. In between, Tegan spent time making jokes about



Tegan Quin (2008)

seeing Russia from her house in Vancouver and being a maverick. Banter and humor has always been a key component of the Tegan and Sara shows for the last decade, but at the end of the night, on a more serious note, she told the crowd, "It's not about

who you vote for; it's that you get out and vote ... for Obama." Tegan and Sara's fifth record, *The Con*, is now available on Warner Bros. Records. From October 23 to November 21, columns written by the twins can be found on AOL Spinner.

Restaurant Review

By Nick Colon / Log Staff

(Key: 1 = Worst / 5 = Best)

Little River Inn

Cost:	5
Quality:	4
Portions:	3
Service:	5
Overall:	4

631 Boston St, Lynn, MA 01905

Little River Inn is a small but cozy breakfast/brunch boutique. The atmosphere is very relaxing, the service is very welcoming, and if you are looking for a place to eat early but not spend a whole lot of cash, then this is your place. From breakfast at the Inn to picking up orders, the food

is great. The portions are generous, and though problems may arise when customers pack the joint, nevertheless the experience is memorable. So take your time, and look through the simplistic, delicious menu with your family, friends, loved one, or anyone!

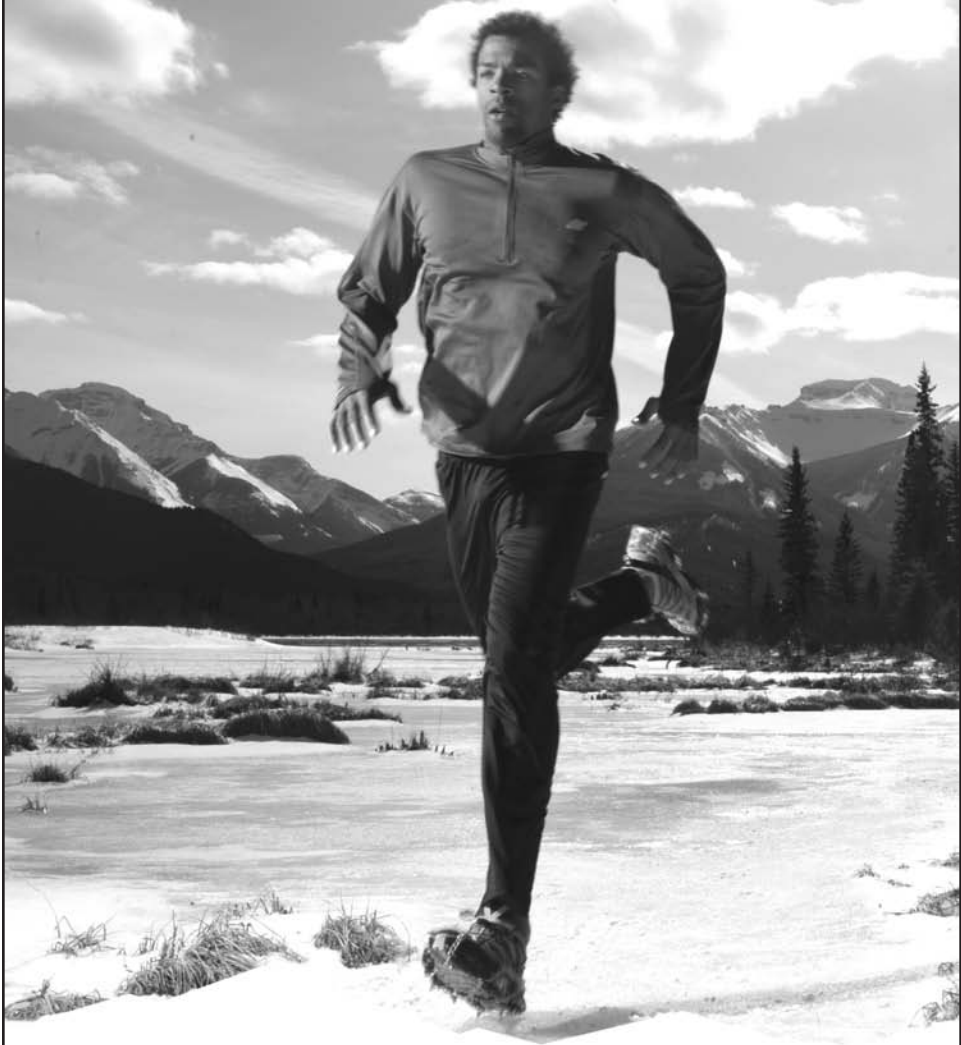
Midwest Grill

900 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906

Cost:	2
Quality:	3
Portions:	3
Service:	2
Overall:	2

Midwest Grill is a Brazilian Barbecue restaurant (good for lunch), where the food is of good quality but the atmosphere and service is anything but. If you are looking to try something different, such as we were, then be sure to bring lots of money with you, even for two. The menu consists of meat, meat, and more meat! The options on the menu are only of two choices: one selection of meat, or all selections of the meat. Unless you are craving one specific meat, you may want to go with the variety. While you wait, you may attend the luxurious buffet with choices of rice, beans, soups, salads and more, but don't get greedy, as the meat is on the way. The service was sub-par, as the waiter disappeared for long periods of time, and the dining area makes you feel as if you're trapped in a maze. It is recommended that you bring many friends or family members when you go, both for entertainment and payment. So, if you attend Midwest Grill, you may want to make sure it's payday before you attend this luncheon eatery.

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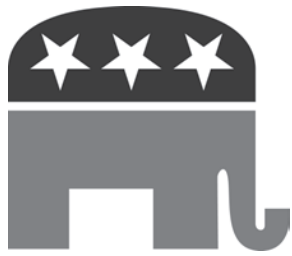
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Big Guns: The Final Pre-Election Point-Counterpoint

By Jonathan Lunde / News Editor

The cliché of taking off one's gloves during the course of a political campaign happens to be an idea that the American people have become increasingly used to, if not numb to. Whether it is our belligerent desire for blood, or simply another avenue by which we can keep our political minds occupied, the downward spiral of name-calling and accusation within governmental theatre has become a necessity in modern campaigning: a casualty of war. Talking heads and average citizens alike will pound home the need to focus on the issues, while the truth remains: Sometimes the biggest issues are those that hit below the belt.

With the presidential election now looming, republican nominee Sen. John McCain looks over the precipice of a possible defeat at the hands of Sen. Barack Obama. Until recently, McCain did in fact try to stay on point with some of the more classic issues pressing America; therein the problem lies. As national polls have moved past the margin of error, the political advertisements and ramblings from the stump have become increasingly hostile and partisan on both parties' ends. Those classic issues of economic stability and foreign policy will not win this election for either candidate, something that McCain is finally realizing.

Rather than playing nice, McCain should have been pressing Obama on his many faults since receiving the Republican nomination at the GOP convention. While McCain is widely known for reaching across party lines and playing the role of the maverick senator, it is ludicrous that he's continued to play nice for so long with the future of the country at risk. It doesn't matter whose feelings you hurt during crunch time. Obama has many glaring faults that have been brushed aside by McCain in order to keep the tone of his campaign civil. When it comes down to the wire, civility needs to be flushed down the toilet.

The fact remains, sometimes the lives of these candidates aren't so pretty when you look beneath the surface. It is the right of the public to know every detail of these men's lives, no matter how distasteful. These candidates are deemed an open book to the American public; thus no quarter should be unturned when delving into their pasts.

America needs to fully understand the implications of electing Obama as our next president. Unfortunately, McCain has failed to pound home this information to the public until very recently, when the point-of-no-return was looking him dead-on. The issues of Bill Ayers and Reverend Wright should have been played from McCain's lips whenever he had a chance. Even something as basic and poignant as Obama's stance on abortion has been blatantly overlooked by the McCain campaign. This is an issue that would have Americans flocking to the GOP's side if only the point was stressed by McCain. Obama voted in favor of letting any babies that survive the brutality of the abortion procedure die. That is to say, any child that miraculously survives that initial attack on his or her life will be left on the table to suffocate. That's right; Obama is all for leaving babies to die on the cold steel of the operating room table. Where is the political advertisement that outlines this vote? Where is the outrage? Even those that are of the pro-choice persuasion have to see how disgusting a practice this is.

While it is in America's best interest to delve beneath the surface of our presidential candidates, this is not to say that the lives of innocent citizens should in turn, be torn asunder in order for a candidate to shine their own image. Everybody's new best friend, Joe the Plumber, has had exactly that happen to him. Regardless of what his intentions were, this man asked a simple question to Obama. As a result of said question, his entire life has been set beneath the microscope of the Democratic Party and its buddies in the liberal media.

The man posed a simple question to Obama, for which he has been crucified.

McCain did right by Joe in standing by him and repeatedly thrashing Obama in relation to the question posed by the Ohio native.

The argument that Reverend Wright and Bill Ayers are also innocent citizens who should not have their lives set beneath a similar microscope is null and void. Ayers is an admitted terrorist who set out to purposely harm American citizens. Wright knowingly preaches his un-American poison to a large audience whenever he stands upon his pulpit. Furthermore, both of these traitors have personal relationships with Obama, which is more than could be said about Joe the plumber and McCain.

Issues of character are what the McCain camp should have been pressing since day one. Throwing Obama under the bus and allowing the public to see past the slick image and evangelical stump speech would have given the Arizona Senator a stronger leg to stand on. At this point any degrading of Obama's image by McCain will allow liberals to paint him as though he's a defeated man grasping at straws, knowing good and well that the only means of him winning the race is to lower himself to dirty politics.

John should have lowered himself a few months ago.

While the throwing of political body blows might appear horrible to some, these below-the-belt issues need to be pressed if McCain hopes to win this election. If McCain is to follow this route, although late in the game, he does have a chance of pulling out a victory. National polls have narrowed significantly during the course of the last week, shining a light of hope and also proof that taking off the gloves is working.

By Brett Nolan / Log Staff

With less than a week left in this strenuous and historical presidential campaign, we have truly got to see the candidates in a different light. For the last two weeks, the campaigns have both seemed to be acting on the offensive, taking their gloves off, and throwing any hard-hitting punch they could muster. You can put lipstick on a pig and it's still just a pig, and John McCain campaign's lead pig, Sarah Palin, seems to be throwing more mud around than anyone. During the debate, McCain certainly showed his agitation and never ceased his misinformed attacks against Sen. Barack Obama. It is understandable that the last few weeks of the campaign are stressful, and the desire to win is almost overbearing, but that's no excuse for distorting the truth or lying outright to the American people.

Palin never fails to say something completely outrageous that makes an entire room's jaw drop. There is a good chance the Guinness World Record of most jaws dropping at once has happened during her speeches or interviews. She may be making history by being the first female Republican Vice Presidential nominee, but she is also making history by being the most hypocritical. Palin was introduced to the American people as a woman who is all about her faith, family and reform. But the second someone questions her ability to govern or her job as a mother, they are given a giant scarlet "S" for being sexist. The McCain-Palin campaign is all too willing to tell you about Palin and her life but once you start questioning or investigating on your own you are sexist. Also, the irony that any of the Republicans care about being sexist is outstanding. When Hillary Clinton questioned her portrayal in the media or the line of questioning she received, I don't remember any Republicans, male or female, standing up for her.

Palin keeps mentioning in her speeches that Obama "pals around" with terrorists. Despite this being completely untrue, it shows just how desperate she and McCain are. She never mentions that William Ayers, the "terrorist" Obama "palled" around with, was causing harm 40 years ago when Obama was 8. Obama worked as the president of the board of directors for Chicago Annenberg Challenge, a nonprofit group that provides aid so people can receive an education. That group came into existence partly because of Ayers. Now, if working to give grants and scholarships to deserving students is considered a terrorist plot, the Republicans need to concede this race and see if their party should even have a future. Not to mention at several Palin speeches some right-winged, hillbilly extremists start shouting "Kill him!" and "Terrorist!" That shows it's gone too far. But Palin never missed a beat; when she was speaking, she kept on going almost as if her mouth was powered by those cries. She never once stopped to tell them to be quiet or leave. Now if people started shouting that about Palin at an Obama rally, they would be called sexist. And of course Obama would have the decency to ask them to leave.

During the last presidential debate, McCain couldn't even restrain himself. If you were lucky and watched a channel with a split screen you could see him rolling his eyes, sighing constantly, and shaking his head, his body just tensing up. He looked uncomfortable when Obama spoke or corrected him on a fact McCain just blurted out. Imagine what would happen if McCain had to sit next to Vladimir Putin or Kim Jong-Il. McCain kept up the negative attacks throughout the entire debate when he wasn't talking about Joe the Plumber, who by the way isn't a licensed plumber. He constantly misinterpreted Obama's health care plan and tax policy, much like he has done in almost all of his recent ads. Just for the record, Obama wants to give people without health care coverage and people who have health care and are happy with it can stay with their plan. McCain wants to tax health benefits. Also, Obama's tax policy would only increase taxes for people making \$250,000 a year. His plan would only tax about 5 percent of small businesses.

Ears will start bleeding if McCain utters the word "maverick" one more time. Doesn't anyone find it weird that the only way McCain has a chance at winning is by separating himself from his own party? Even choosing such a right-winged Christian conservative like Palin isn't exactly maverick-like. If McCain were selling a product he would be sued for false advertising, after all of this bull he has been stating in his commercials. McCain keeps mentioning how he has taken on both parties and has gone against his own so many times. Well exactly what times, McCain? And if so, since you seem to be in a constant state of aggression with the parties, what are you? A Republican or Democrat or Independent? That's right, you are a Republican because your general concepts and beliefs certainly find a home sweet home on the right side of the spectrum. It doesn't matter how much of a "maverick" you were in the Senate, but as the President you owe that position and campaign funds to your Republican base. It's curious to try and find things the McCain-Palin administration would reform. Palin wants a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage and to overturn Roe v. Wade. Is that the reform America needs right now? In this economic crisis and time of war, are a homosexual's marital affairs and women's personal choices really what we should be reforming?

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Political

Election Day Advice for Campus Voters, Especially Massachusetts Residents

By David Silverstein / Log Staff

November 4 is Election Day. Anyone hoping to vote should already be registered to vote, since the deadline to register was October 15.

Salem State, with the help of MassPIRG, provided resident and non-resident students the opportunity to register on campus.

Resident and non-resident students should not worry if they will not be in their hometown to vote on November 4. Voters who are registered to vote will be able to vote by casting an absentee ballot. The deadline to file an absentee ballot is November 3 at noon.

An absentee ballot application may be filed by mail, at the town clerk's office, or online. The application for an absentee ballot requires voters to designate which election they desire to cast as their votes. Voters have the choice to file for a single election or for all of the upcoming elections in the calendar year.

The online registration form can be found at www.govoteabsentee.org. This website caters to all states, not just Massachusetts. However, each state has different laws, which are apparent when entering the zip code by the given voter.

Registered Massachusetts voters must be aware of the location of where they will be voting on Election Day, should they decide not to cast an absentee ballot. To find out where you vote, go to

www.wheredoivotema.com.

College students should not worry if they are unable to get to the polls because of classes, work, a disability, or lack of a car. The absentee ballot gives people no excuse not to vote, and everyone who is registered should be voting on November 4.

State law requires polls to be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and if you are in line before 8:00 p.m., you will be able to vote past the deadline. Bring identification with you, even if you are told otherwise.

The 2008 election in Massachusetts will feature three questions directly affecting residents. For those voters who are registered as a resident of Massachusetts, they have the opportunity to be involved in specific issues surrounding their community.

The Massachusetts ballot will provide the opportunity to vote for the next president as well as on national and local issues.

The statewide ballot questions that you will be voting "Yes" or "No" on are:

1) Eliminate State Personal Income Tax. A "Yes vote" would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65 percent on January 1. It would eliminate the tax indefinitely beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

Reasons to vote "Yes" are: Tax payers would save money. It will take more than \$12 billion out of the Massachusetts government's

hands and let it stay in the people's hands. It will also force the legislature to streamline and eliminate flawed government programs.

A "No" vote would make no change in state income tax laws.

Reasons to vote "No" are: Eliminating income tax would remove more than a third of the state's \$27 billion budget reducing funding in road/highway construction, public safety, school budgets, and Medicaid. If Medicaid is cut at a state level, the federal funding will also be eliminated. Towns would have to raise property taxes to maintain local services.

2) Possession of Marijuana. A "Yes" vote would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

Reasons to vote "Yes" are: People in possession of one ounce or less would pay a fine of \$100 instead of going to jail, which would not jeopardize the person's job, housing or school loans.

It would reduce resources needed to arrest people on low-level possession and save Massachusetts approximately \$29.5 million per year.

A "No" vote would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

Reasons to vote "No" are:

Many major medical groups oppose the legalization of marijuana and question the safety of the substance.

Legalization could send mixed messages about the dangers of marijuana and could open the door for legalization of other substances that are now illegal. Marijuana may become more accessible, which could result in an increase of drug-related driving accidents and fatalities.

3) Dog Racing

A "Yes" vote would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010. Violating the law would result in a civil penalty of at least \$20,000.

Reasons to vote "Yes" are: Since 2002, there were 728 greyhound injuries reported in Massa-

chusetts. Dogs live in cages 20 hours per day with barely enough room to stand, and 5,000 dogs were put down nationally in 2003. Some reports have surfaced that dogs have tested positive for cocaine.

A "No" vote would make no change in the laws governing dog racing. Reasons to vote "No" are: The 700+ employees who work for Massachusetts dog racing and gambling facilities would lose their jobs. Dog-racing parks pay a significant amount of taxes to the state. Dog-racing tracks can be used as a stepping stone for the legalization of slot machines in Massachusetts.

The presidential election is a right all residents are entitled to, and this year is no different. Get out and vote this November!

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The College Vote: Perpetuating the Student Voice

By Quin Gonnell / SGA President

It is no surprise that students' interests are not at the top of politicians' to-do lists. Tuition and student fees continue to rise, student debt is at an all-time high, and textbooks remain ridiculously overpriced. To add on to that, many colleges and universities continue to suffer from outdated and deteriorating facilities. If the success of the American college student is so essential in guaranteeing a secure future for our nation, why is it that many of our needs remain greatly ignored by so many government officials? Quite simply, the answer is that not enough students vote.

The truth is that the number-one factor driving the actions of politicians is vote count during elections. This is because votes determine whether or not politicians get to keep their jobs. Politicians tend to listen and advocate more for those groups of people that vote more. For example, senior citizens are known to be a group that comes out strongly to the polls each time there is an election. With that said, it is no coincidence that politicians often talk about things like Medicare, Retirement, and Social Security.

If students can begin a trend of coming out to vote in greater numbers, politicians will be forced to further discuss and advocate on behalf of students' needs. It's simple democracy!

So far this semester, students groups such as Student Government Association and MassPIRG have been working aggressively to register and inform student voters. All of that work would be in vain if you students don't do your part on November 4 and vote. Let us make all of the work we have done worthwhile and do our best to perpetuate the student voice in order to improve higher education for those who will follow in our footsteps. On behalf of SGA, I would like to ask that you take part in this historic election, and don't forget to vote "no" on Question 1!

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for a more up-to-date scoreboard.*

Lady Vikings’ Playoff Hopes Still Alive

By Adam McQuarrie / Log Staff

The Lady Vikings lost a Little East Conference match against Keene State 1-0 on a dreary, Wednesday afternoon, but their playoff hopes are still alive, says senior and co-captain Kara Beauregard.

“We are still in sixth place and the top eight make it,” Beauregard said. “So if we win out we’ll make it in to the tournament. Other than that, the teams are pretty close, so it would take a mix of other teams losing for us to get in.”

There were two games remaining this season, one on October 25 against Western Connecticut State, and the other on November 1 against Framingham State. If the girls make it into the LEC Tournament, the first round will start on November 4.

The Lady Viking are now 7-7 overall and 4-4 in the LEC.

“We are a very young team with a lot of talent that just needs to adjust to each other on the field,” says Head Coach Jill McGinnity. “Two seniors, Julie

Brooks and Kara Beauregard, are the captains, as well as great leaders on the team. They have been the heart and soul of the team with consistent play and constant hustle.”

Behind the team’s playoff push are leading scorer sophomore midfielder Katie LaPrad and sophomore goalie Jess McKenna, who has played every minute of every game for the past two seasons. The Lady Vikings make their final push for the post-season over the next two weeks.

MMA: The Elite XC

By Nick Colon / Log Staff

This past month has been filled with ups and downs for the average MMA fan, and talent is now available to be put to good use.

It started with Kevin “Kimbo Slice” Ferguson’s defeat at the hand of former UFC fighter Seth Petruzelli. Then Petruzelli went on the radio two days later, stating that the promoters of Elite XC had bribed him to keep the fight standing.

“The promoters kinda hinted to me and they gave me the money to stand and throw with him,” Petruzzi said. “They didn’t want me to take him down. Let’s just put it that way. It was worth my while to try and stand up and punch him.”

Shortly after this, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation of Florida planned to conduct an investigation to determine whether there was any wrongdoing by ProElite management.

On a lighter note, the UFC then hosted a free display of exciting talent when they aired

UFC 89 on SpikeTV, free to all viewers around the world.

Now, according to fiveounce-sofpain.com, ProElite, the parent company of Elite XC, is ceasing its operations, and is expected to shortly submit bankruptcy paperwork by the end of the week.

What does this mean for fight fans?

Simply put, raw talent is now available. This means that organizations such as UFC, DREAM, Strikeforce, and many others now have an opportunity to pick up individuals who will only help their organization grow stronger.

Fighters such as Jake Shields,

Joey Villaseñor, and even a talent-filled women’s pool would be at some organization’s disposal.

But what is to become of Slice?

Don’t expect to see Kimbo signing with the UFC anytime soon, as he and Dana White have had many verbal altercations in recent months. Options for Kimbo include DREAM, Strikeforce, Affliction, and World Victory Road, to name a few.

Now, all that remains is MMA’s edition of the NFL, NBA, NHL, and MLB’s draft. With the first pick in the MMA draft....

Fantasy: Hard Times for the Quarterbacks

By Adam McQuarrie / Log Staff

Seriously, Kyle Orton has more touchdown passes than Peyton Manning. Ben Roethlisberger has almost half the amount of TDs he had at this point in the season last year, and yes he also has fewer TDs than Kyle Orton. Carson Palmer has fewer than 1,000 yards passing. Tom Brady is out for the season. Derek Anderson has as many interceptions as he does TDs. Marc Bulger’s fluke of a bad 2007 season wasn’t a fluke. Donovan McNabb has the same amount of passing yards and TDs as J.T. O’Sullivan. And of course, Matt Hasselbeck has a mind warping two, yes, two TDs on the season. Cats and dogs living together! Mass Hysteria!

So, of the top ten quarterbacks

as ranked in most fantasy guides, that leaves two that have done anything of substance: Drew Brees and Tony Romo. The rest of the studs this year are led by the likes of Jay Cutler, who is second behind Brees in passing yards, followed by Kurt Warner in third--yes, Kurt Warner.

So, What’s my point? is what you’re asking yourself right about now. My point is that the top ten in almost every position this year has been decimated, except of course the running backs. The running backs are a clear example of what happens when you don’t go with the popular trend of picking receivers early over an overwhelming sense that a certain quarterback is going to throw for

50+ TDs ever again.

Running backs are the ancient formula of the fantasy draft and the only constant that should never be avoided. “RB with your first, RB with your second, and then whatever your heart desires.” So let this year be a lesson to all of us that fell into the trap of basing our draft strategy on a year like 2007, and treating it as if it had any sort of relevance. Let this year be the year that makes us say, “No I will not take a QB when the selection comes to me in the first, second, third, or even fourth round. I will pick a QB when my RBs are stacked and I have at least one solid wide receiver, just like the old days!”

The City of Salem is looking for volunteers

**to assist voters in checking-in
to polling stations on Tuesday,
November 4th for Election Day.**

Volunteers are needed at peak times from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. and/or from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. To volunteer, please call (978) 542-6435 or email bruce.perry@salemstate.edu.

Volunteers must meet in the Campus Center Lobby 15 minutes before your shift begins. Transportation will be provided to work at one of the 14 polling stations in the city from the Campus Center lobby. Please indicate if you speak Spanish.

All volunteers must attend one of the following training sessions: Monday, November 3, at 11 a.m. or 4 p.m. or on Tuesday, November 4, at 3 p.m. in the Campus Center Commuter Lounge.

In 2004, Salem had an 88 percent voter turnout. Help make this year's turnout even higher!

Don't forget to vote!

Sports

Positive Outlook for the Bruins

By Nick Colon / Log Staff

So young into the season, many teams show a glimmering hope of greatness. The type of greatness that emits an aura of feistiness, grit, dedication and hunger. One such team is our very own Boston Bruins.

Only a short summer break has removed fans from last year’s typical ending to the Bruins season. In the meantime, changes have been made and our hope has been restored.

Additions of right wing Michael Ryder and left-shooting center Martin St. Pierre have not gone unnoticed, and with the maturation of the Bruins youth, the team looks to accomplish something they have not done since the 1998-1999 season: make it past the first round of the playoffs.

They’ve gotten some help already from returning center Patrice Bergeron, who missed 72 games last season with a devastating injury suffered at the hands of Philadelphia Flyers defenseman Randy Jones. Bergeron so far this season has notched six points in seven games, and has looked to be much more of a force than before his injury.

Without Bergeron, the Bs had

moments last season where they looked like the type of team that would be underestimated come playoff time, and prove worthy to lift the Stanley Cup. Those moments, however, were few and far between, and it showed as they exited in the first round after a grueling seven-game series with their rivals, the Montreal Canadiens. Yet if the Bruins could take anything away from the series, it would be the performance of their young stars.

Youngsters such as David Krejci, Milan Lucic, Dennis Wideman, and Phil Kessel proved useful down the stretch, coming up with key plays and goals at important times. So far this season, all three players have made an impact, whether it is was scoring, physicality or team spirit.

Add the consistent play-making of 28-year-old winger Ryder, the resurgence of Captain Bergeron, and two or three solid lines to go with a stout defensive core, and you have a team that may shock many NHL fans this upcoming year.

The motto of the Bruins this season is “We want it as bad as you.” Now it’s time for them to show it.

Men’s Undefeated Streak Ends in October

By Zac Champigny / Log Staff

The Salem State Men’s Soccer team suffered its first and second defeats in the past weeks, losing to both division rival Framingham State (11-2-1, MASCAC 4-0-1) and non-division Rhode Island College (8-4-3). All was not lost, however, as the Vikings defeated another division rival, Bridgewater State (9-3-2, MASCAC 3-1-1), to place second in the MASCAC.

Despite this bump in the road, with a 10-2-1 overall record and a 4-1 MASCAC record, it looks as if post-season play is imminent for the Vikings.

On Saturday, October 11, the Vikings hosted Framingham State in a game that stretched into double overtime. This was a game that decided the top spot in the MASCAC rankings, and the visitors stole the game away with a goal from Johnny Goncalves with less than two minutes left to play in the second overtime.

Salem goalie Pawel Brzykcy as well as the defense played brilliantly, but offensively the Vikings could not get the ball into the net. Brzykcy recorded four saves in the effort.

The Vikings lost again four days later in a trip to Rhode Island College. Rhode Island jumped on top early, with a two-goal lead. The score stayed 2-0 until the 35-minute mark when junior tri-captain Andrew Angus scored off an assist from senior forward Willer Nogueira.

This proved to be the only time Salem would find the back of the net in the contest, but not Rhode Island, which scored two more goals later in the second half. Brzykcy had five saves in the game.

When asked about the team’s recent losses, senior tri-captain Paddy Boscoe said that “sometimes a loss is a good thing, it shows that you’re not invincible.

We lost a tough, tough game to a good team and now we need to learn from it, gather ourselves and go back to work. As long as we make the tournament and give ourselves a chance to win I can see us going places.”

Salem did just that in its next game against Bridgewater State, another MASCAC rival. Combined with Brzykcy’s four-save shutout, Angus’ goal off a pass from freshman forward Matt Figueiredo were the keys to the Vikings success. This was a statement game for the team, bouncing back from a few tough losses and beating another great MASCAC team.

The Vikings have four more regular season games left and can improve its MASCAC record by beating both Westfield State (5-6-2, MASCAC 1-2-2) and Worcester State (5-8-2, MASCAC 2-3), both of which will be away games.

Lady Vikings Vie for Playoff Spot this Fall

By Dan Dourian / Associate Sports Editor

As the regular season comes to an end, the Salem State Women’s soccer team is fighting for a spot in the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference

(MASCAC) Tournament.

Last season, the Lady Vikings entered the tournament with a MASCAC record of 5-2-1, which was good enough for a second-seed placing. The girls would eventually finish second in the tournament with a 3-0 loss to the Worcester State Lancers in the championship game.

This year the Lady Vikings enter the final weekend of the regular season with a MASCAC record of 3-3, which puts the team in a tie with Fitchburg State College for the fourth and final tournament spot, according to www.mascac.com.

The Vikings will face off against Worcester State on November 1. With a win, they would still need Fitchburg State to lose its match against Framingham State due to the fact that they lost

to Fitchburg State 1-0 earlier this season.

If the Lady Vikings qualify for tournament play, the team will face either Westfield State or Bridgewater State depending on who finishes with the number-one seed. Salem State lost both of its regular season matches against Bridgewater State and Westfield State so either match-up will prove to be a tall task.

Whether the team makes the tournament or not, the 2008 season has been a huge success for the Lady Vikings who have a chance to finish with one of its best regular season records in recent history.

Both the offense and defense have performed exceptionally well all season long, which has translated into a spectacular season.

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