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# Is this the future of Boston?

Suffolk University's Center for Real Estate breaks down possible threats to the city's infrastructure due to climate change in the near future.



By Twitter user SUBizSchool

Model of Boston's Harborwalk and waterfront with mock-up of computer-generated flooding due to climate change and its potential impact on the city.

## POTENTIAL FLOODING THREATENS CITY

By Kyle Crozier, Senior Staff Writer

Several of Boston's leading groups on sea level rise and harbor disaster relief have reached a very similar conclusion: due to climate change, the city faces a rise in sea level so great that within the next 100 years, 30 percent of the city could be underwater.

William Golden, the lead speaker, opened the discussion of this real disaster scenario at an event Wednesday, and said planning for the city's future has transformed from a purely preventative nature, to attempts to identify how Boston can best survive from the inevitable flooding.

He and other experts in real estate, city infrastructure and the stewardship organization, Boston Harbor Now, came together to each provide a unique and troubling insight on what the city

of Boston will need to prepare. The panel was presented by the Greater Boston Real Estate Board and Suffolk University's Center for Real Estate. Panelists discussed the projects that many of their groups are working toward, and what more is still to come.

Golden, who co-founded and directs the National Institute for Coastal and Harbor Infrastructure, offered a wide view of what he calls the "triple threat" posed to Massachusetts and the rest of the country.



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# Political Pulse: The National Debt Crisis

Future tax reform issues have potential to impact generations to come

By Twitter user Independent

**"I understand that the government can keep piling up debt, and there's nothing holding them accountable for slowing their spending."**

**-Suffolk University senior Gina DeMatteo**

**Maggie Randall**  
D.C. Correspondent

The national debt issue is closely intertwined with tax reform. Both have become a responsibility that largely falls on younger Americans, such as many Suffolk students, some experts say.

Suffolk University senior Gina DeMatteo is a politics, philosophy, and economics major who has worked at Grant Thornton, LLP as a public policy and government affairs intern where she has researched tax policy.

"Students are probably thinking about how they will have to pay off their loans after college, but not how it will effect the next generation of workers," she said. "You hear the media say the debt is high, but not a lot of visibility of how it effects you."

Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal

Budget (CRFB) explained at a "Fix the Debt Campaign" presentation on Monday in D.C. that the immediate impacts of not addressing the national debt will not be recognized. The long-term effects, however, hurt younger generations the most, according to MacGuineas, which may lead to an unhealthy economy and lower-paying jobs in the long run.

In April, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin explained that the Trump administration is committed to tax and regulatory reform that would spur economic growth. Mnuchin also expressed concern that if tax reform does not happen by the end of 2017, there will be immediate negative impacts on the economy.

"To the extent we get the tax deal done, the stock market will go up higher," said Mnuchin in a Politico podcast in mid-October. "But there's no question in my mind that

if we don't get it done, you're going to see a reversal of a significant amount of these gains."

MacGuineas projected in a TIME Magazine op-ed earlier this year that "the President's plan could add over \$5 trillion to the national debt over the next decade."

Similarly, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a non-partisan financial policy institute, estimated that tax cuts made during President George W. Bush's administration in 2001 and 2003 added \$1.4 trillion to the national debt.

U.S. Department of Commerce data from October has shown that the U.S. debt now exceeds gross domestic product (GDP). Pew Research Center pointed out that the nation's financial situation is most comparable now to how it was immediately following World War II.

"In the overall scheme of things, I understand that the government can

keep piling up debt, and there's nothing holding them accountable for slowing their spending," said DeMatteo.

A Suffolk University/ USA Today poll in March indicated that only 22 percent of voters believe, "policymakers should take steps to control the growing costs of Social Security and Medicare," programs that contribute to the deficit.

Data from Real Clear Politics right before the last midterm elections showed that 82 percent of voters think debt is an important issue when considering congressional candidates.

This dichotomy could reveal two distinct understandings. First, the national debt could influence voters in the 2018 elections, and second, that while voters seem to care about the national debt, they are not willing to forgo entitlement reform in order to address the debt.

CRFB data from October shows that in

fiscal year 2016, the federal government spent 24 percent of the budget on social security, a federal benefit system for retired and disabled workers. Another 26 percent of the budget was spent on Medicare and Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), a program that Congress failed to renew this year, and the Affordable Care Act.

As these costs have continued to rise, Congressional leaders on both sides of the aisles agree that entitlement reform is necessary as a means to combat the national debt.

Mick Mulvaney, Director of the Office of Budget and Management, described, in a mid-October interview, a conversation where Trump "promised people [he] wouldn't change Social Security."

Former Secretary of Labor and expert of income equality Robert Reich explained in a recent Huffington Post

editorial that entitlement reform has only temporary effects.

"Social Security won't contribute to future budget deficits. By law, it can only spend money from the Social Security trust fund," said Reich.

MacGuineas argued that the traditional structure, paired with an aging population, should be a concern for young people, and said that the national debt is a reflection of "how broken our government has become." MacGuineas also expressed that little will be resolved without bipartisan support; something Congress sees little of these days.

"Write to your representatives and your senators," said DeMatteo. "Be aware of what's coming up in Congress to remind them that they reflect their constituents' opinions, and college students count too."

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# Harvard professor emphasizes student impact on gerrymandering



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## Harvard Beneficial Professor of Law Charles Fried

### Andrés Rodríguez Journal Contributor

If there was a way for one political party in America to stay in power forever, the best method would be gerrymandering, according to Harvard Beneficial Professor of Law Charles Fried. Gerrymandering, according to Fried, is a way to manipulate our voting system and weaken the most prominent aspect of democratic governments. Fried spoke to the Suffolk University students on Wednesday to deliver the message of the consequences of gerrymandering and what students can do about it.

"I did not know of the prominence in current day society of gerrymandering and [Fried] gave good perspective on [what is] going on right now," said sophomore Micaela Clark in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "They're legislating this right now, that's crazy."

Elbridge Gerry, a politician for Massachusetts in 1744, manipulated the votes of his district in order to aid the re-election of his party, by creating new borders that mainly had his supporters. Since then, the practice of

**"They have data on every voter in the state, where that voter lives, how that voter has been registered over the years, and so on and so forth."**

-Charles Fried,

Harvard Beneficial Professor of Law

gerrymandering has only increased and spread worldwide, but as Fried shared, it has happened in America in every election cycle and is not exclusive to one party.

Gerrymandering did not go unrecognized, and after much pressure from the public, the Supreme Court established rules for how to draw borders in districts to have equal populations, having districts be compact in terms of size and to respect the county's political borders. Now with the use of digital mapping, a political party can bypass the set rules that the Supreme Court had in place to avoid

gerrymandering.

"They have data on every voter in the state, where that voter lives, how that voter has been registered over the years, and," said Fried. "It's very complex, but that's what computers are for. And what are their instructions? We can do this anyway you want."

Computers can create multiple maps that follow the rules but can still be biased toward one political party due to loopholes in the system.

In the era of President Donald Trump's administration where Republicans have won most seats in the House and Senate, there appears

to be possible damage that gerrymandering can do to the future of America's democracy, according to Fried. The Democrats for the past elections are guilty of doing the same gerrymandering that Republicans are currently doing, he said.

According to Fried, in 2012 the U.S. was 51.3 percent democratic, but only had 39.4 percent of seats in country, that has showed a clear imbalance in the value of the other 60.6 percent of Republican seats. In the following election year, the Republicans were able to fight back and gained 66 percent of the seats and shifted the country to 52 percent Republican.

"It will not be only a Republican issue, we're doing this for the republic," said Fried when telling his audience why gerrymandering should be eliminated.

In an interview with The Journal, professor Fried voiced advice to student bodies across the nation.

"Vote. Get involved in politics, that's what I want you to do," said Fried.

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## News Briefs

Former Suffolk commencement speaker to host CBS Evening News

Jeff Glor, who received an honorary journalism degree from Suffolk University and served as the College of Arts & Sciences' 2011 speaker, was recently named the new host for CBS Evening News. Formerly a position held by Scott Pelley, and most recently as Interim Anchor Anthony Mason, Glor will now step in as the full-time host. Glor, who used to be an anchor for WHDH Channel 7, received high praise from the CBS News President David Rhodes in a recent statement. "Jeff is a thoughtful, probing journalist with the versatility to anchor in any circumstance — from daily reporting to the most significant events of our time," said Rhodes. "In his more than 10 years at CBS News, Jeff has earned the trust of viewers and his colleagues. He represents the best journalistic values and traditions that will carry the 'Evening News' into a digital future."

Kelly talks student economic contribution with Jenny Johnson

In a recent interview in Studio 73, Comcast Newsmakers host Jenny Johnson sat down with Suffolk University's Acting President Marisa Kelly. The two discussed the school's recently announced partnership with international recruitment firm, INTO International, as well as the economic significance that international students have in the city of Boston. The school has ranked No. 7 by U.S. News and World Report in regards to the university's international student population; 103 countries represent the student body population. Kelly noted that collegiate institutions need to focus on building on the strengths that universities possess. Suffolk's international student population is one element that Kelly said is a critical part for all of Suffolk's students. Kelly highlighted that Suffolk students contribute approximately \$80 million to the regional economy, while also being employed in an estimated 1,100 jobs as well. Engagement with the city and access to internships prompts students to remain in the area after graduation, according to Kelly.

Trump releases JFK files

Last week, thousands of documents relating to the assassination of the thirty-fifth President of the United States, John F. Kennedy were published by the National Archives. President Donald Trump ordered for this release, which did not reveal all of the documents due to national security concerns, but did disclose some material. A series of Central Intelligence Agency meetings outlining a price to kill Cuban Dictator Fidel Castro and the search to locate a stripper who knew Lee Harvey Oswald's killer, Jack Ruby, were just some of the tidbits provided. With certain documents being held for months to come, Trump's order of information released to the public about Kennedy provides insight into the era. Other documents, such as internal bribes and the Federal Bureau of Investigation having tracked Oswald, provided insight into the past and answered certain questions, that some have wondered about after all of these years.

### Correction

Correction: Due to an error from sources, a previous version of the Oct. 11 article "Alum forced to postpone place for office" included a quote from Justin Murad that stated voters feared there would be repercussions from Tim McCarthy, the current City Councilor-at-Large for district five of Boston, for signing the petition to get his name on the ballot. This is incorrect, as it was not based on any factual circumstance. It was previously published that McCarthy held the position for 20 years. This is incorrect as he was elected in 2013.



# Climate change threatens Boston's coast

From CLIMATE -1

This combination of threats consists of rising sea levels, extreme storms and aging infrastructure. Golden continued that to resolve this danger, "We now have to change from responding and repairing, to planning and investing."

Four possible basic solutions were laid out by Golden in response to the rising sea level; to retreat, to buy time, to live with the water or to ignore the threat.

Highly conscious that none of these were ideal, Golden asserted that the reason some people do not admit to the existence of climate change is because they don't want to admit to what the solution will have to be. The solution will have to involve large amounts of funding and require intense planning efforts.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MassDOT) Assistant Secretary for Policy Coordination Kate Fichter spoke from the perspective of what the Boston area public transportation systems face in opposition to climate change and sea level rise.

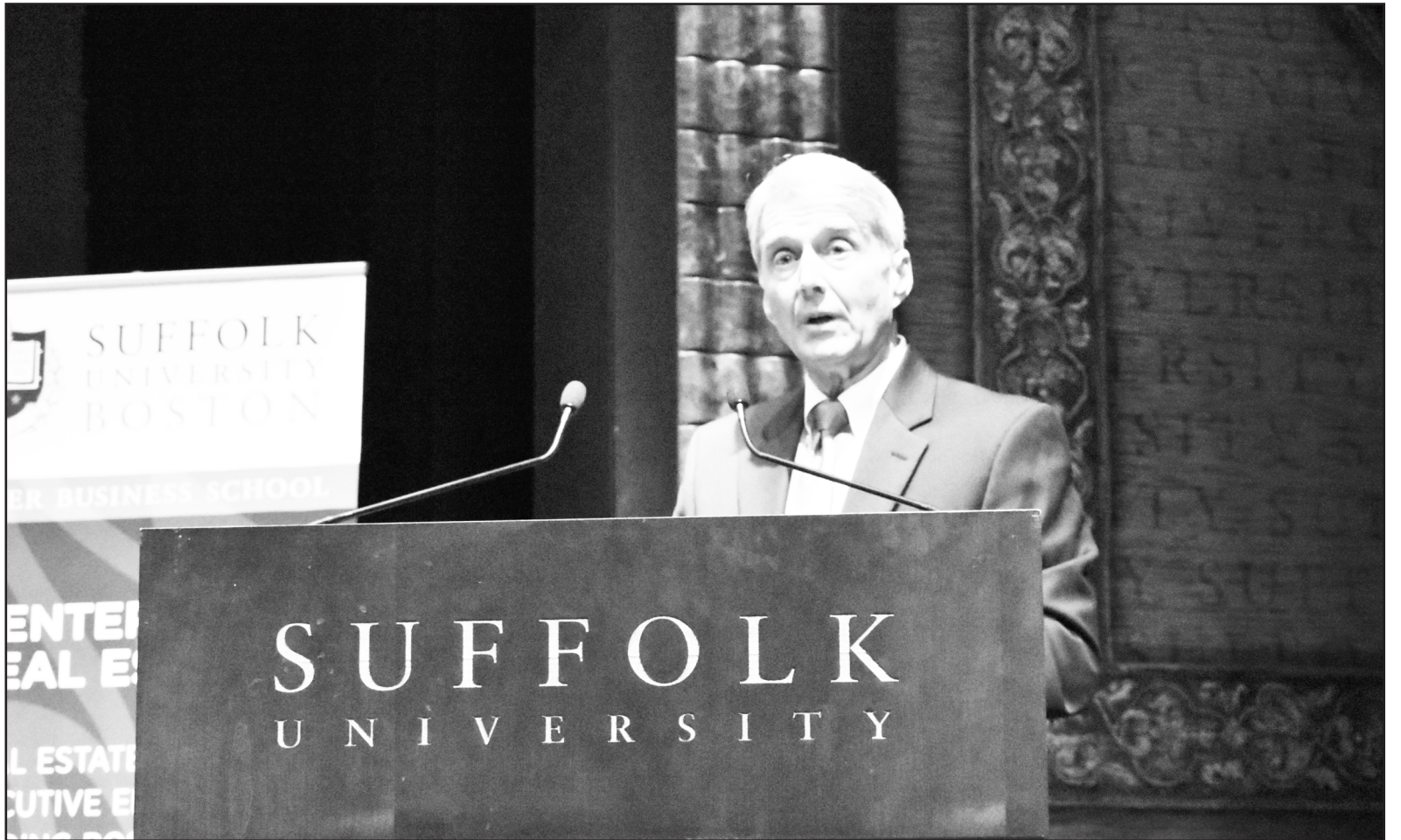
"If the [MBTA] Blue Line goes down, you essentially cut off East Boston from the mainland," said Fichter.

In discussing various proposals and projects that are being pushed forward within MassDOT, whether they are physical changes or changes in bureaucracy, Fichter demonstrated that due to the incoming threat of sea level rise, Boston's subways will need to be prepared.

One of the several physical solutions would be the building of storm doors that can close off the entries to subway tunnels in the case of flooding, minimizing damage to those systems.

Bureaucratic plans included multiple staffing additions to create more room for departments to work closer together and increase efficiency in confronting issues of climate change.

Working in a newly established position



Kyle Crozier/ Senior Staff Writer

## William Golden discusses the toll of climate change on Boston's harbor

by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Richard McGuinness explained what he has helped plan as Deputy Director of the Waterfront Planning & Development Agency.

McGuinness reflected on how the actions of the city were once highly

"Retrofitting wharf style buildings by eliminating the second floor and elevating the first floor is a good example of how you can protect those wharf style buildings which are part of Boston's fabric, it's history of architecture,"

neighborhoods from being destroyed in the floods to come.

On a more intimate level of dealing with the problem, WS Development Vice President for the Boston Seaport Yanni Tsipis spoke on how they take into account that

how he has to consider what will happen in the next half-century to affect his developments in regards to rising sea levels.

Some of the newly developed standards include putting very little of a building's priority

process of how the various Boston Harbor cleanup projects were developed and executed, Abbott insisted that the first major step to move forward in defense of sea rise will be to create new government systems to allocate funding for all of the needed developments. She continued, explaining that these developments will be numerous, as so much of the city will have to become involved in order to make a positive move to protect itself from the damage caused by climate change.

"Each time a report comes out we find out the sea is rising higher than we thought before," said Abbott.

Abbott named many of the wide-ranging discussions that are occurring in both the public and private sectors with optimism, claiming that, "We are doing better than many other cities in terms of the level of conversation we are having and the collaboration we are having and the steps we are beginning to take."

**"We now have to change from responding and repairing, to planning and investing."**

- William Golden, Co-founder and Executive Director of the National Institute for Coastal and Harbor Infrastructure

motivated by what the Federal Emergency Management Agency said any active risks were. This meant that the city would not be able to react to threats that had not been analyzed by the government agency and thus could not respond to the far future dangers of sea level rise to the Boston area.

Now, as the city and state has become much more aware of what risks are to be faced, a new and larger push to harden the city's infrastructure against flooding has begun.

said McGuinness.

McGuinness emphasized that many of Boston's future plans will focus less on reducing carbon emissions to stop climate change from happening, rather focusing on the city reducing carbon emissions so that when those negative effects do arrive, they will not become any worse than what is predicted.

The public and the private sector reflected in the talk how much time and money is being spent on developing methods to prepare all of the city's infrastructure and

these new guidelines and research plans when working on their new 23-acre project in Boston's seaport district.

Describing what the three developments are being built at the South Boston Waterfront Seaport are, Tsipis listed buildings, transportation infrastructure, and ten acres of public space.

Tsipis's experience has spanned more than \$2 billion of development projects in Boston, throughout many different areas of development. His discussion reflected on

maintenance equipment on the first few floors and keeping much of a new building's electrical and ventilation machinery on the roof.

"The science caught up with the concern really just in the last five years or so," said Tsipis.

President and CEO of Boston Harbor Now Kathy Abbott, was the last person to speak at the event and discussed much of her past experience with city-wide infrastructure changes similar to those other speakers presented.

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# Green Party activist condemns American military involvement in global conflicts



Jacob Geanous/ World News Editor

## Jacob Geanous World News Editor

The 2016 Vice-Presidential Green Party candidate Ajamu Baraka came to Suffolk University Monday to discuss his opinions on the longstanding Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

As Baraka spoke, multiple news sources confirmed that seven Palestinians were killed when Israeli forces detonated explosives in the Gaza Tunnel, just the latest lives claimed by a

conflict the United States has meddled in.

Baraka, a renowned grassroots organizer for more than 25 years, has been at the forefront of applying international human rights framework to social justice within the U.S. He is also the national organizer and spokesperson for the newly recreated Black Alliance for Peace.

During his presentation, he set his sights on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which has been one of the most precarious affairs that the U.S. has involved

itself with in the last half-decade. Israel has been one of the top recipients of U.S. aid since the end of World War II and has received more than \$124 billion since 1976. In a September press conference, U.S. President Donald Trump announced that the U.S. would open their first permanent military base in Israel.

According to Baraka, U.S. support from Israel stems from the shared idea of "western civilization" that both countries identify with - a notion that Baraka tied directly to Caucasians.

Baraka went through America's laundry list of violent foreign affairs and highlighted that many of the countries that have witnessed military action from the U.S. are primarily non-Caucasian. He said the fact that Israel has repeatedly identified as a "western nation" has helped garner popular civilian support for the arming and backing of the Israeli army by the U.S. as well.

"When we look at all these conflicts, since the end of the Second World War, what has been the primary characteristic

is the U.S., in conflict, waging war on, people of color," said Baraka. "Because of that we find that there continues to be popular support for these conflicts."

Baraka claimed that the contrasting ideals between the U.S. and Palestine have resulted in the marginalization of Palestinians on a global scale.

"When we talk about how we build a movement to support Palestine, you see what you are up against," said Baraka. "Basically the first thing we have to do is humanize the Palestinians, because they have been dehumanized."

Baraka challenged the idea of western civilization and branded it a false ideology fueled by white supremacy.

He also condemned the U.S. Military involvement around the world because he said it has been fueled by racially specific targeting and asserted that the U.S. military presence is due to foreign policy laced with hints of white superiority.

"We have to talk about notions of white supremacy and how it is manifested in policy," said Baraka. "It's a difficult conversation, but we have to take it on."

Baraka laid out the struggle in Palestine against a backdrop of America's recent military investigation around the world and insinuated that government officials have misled Americans.

"In the last 16 years we have had a war in Iraq and were told Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and therefore there was a justification for us to go into their country," said Baraka. "We had intervention in Syria, we have had the second longest war in U.S. history, in Afghanistan. We have the continuation of drone warfare where it is estimated that over 4,000 civilians have died in seven nations. We have a grotesque situation in Yemen that a lot of people don't know about."

Following Baraka's presentation, the floor was opened to audience members who asked questions ranging from global, national and local topics.

The night was organized and run by the Suffolk University Students for Justice for Palestine (SJP).

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## WORLD BRIEFS

### HOTEL ATTACK KILLS 23 IN SOMALIA

Just two weeks after a city bombing that left more than 350 dead in Mogadishu, five attackers from the Islamist al-Shabaab militant group stormed a hotel and killed 23 people and wounded more than 30 this past Saturday. The five gunmen, dressed in intelligence service uniforms, inconspicuously entered the hotel after a truck bomb decimated the front-entrance. The gunmen were able to hold off security forces for more than 12 hours while other gunmen went room to room shooting guests. The attackers obtained professional identification cards from the country's intelligence service in order to sneak past police officers. Nearly 55 minutes after the attack, al-Shabaab claimed responsibility for the hotel bombing on one of its websites. Seeing as this attack has occurred only two weeks after the massive bomb that killed 350 people, also blamed on al-Shabaab, many are questioning the Somali security establishment. Somalia's government fired two of the country's most senior security officials after the attack. The bombing two weeks ago was one of the single most lethal terrorist strikes in recent years. This move towards strengthening Somali government is aimed at restoring public confidence. Somali Special Forces managed to kill three of the gunmen and capture the other two, according to officials.

### CATALAN LEADER SUMMONED BY COURT

Former Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont has been summoned by Spain's high court, alongside 13 other members of his dismissed government. Puigdemont triggered the crisis in early October in Spain by initiating an independence referendum. Although Madrid seriously opposed the referendum and the Constitutional Court declared the vote illegal, he still continued with the referendum. Puigdemont fled to Belgium with other former ministers when Spanish Attorney General Jose Manuel Maza called for Catalan leaders to face charges of sedition, rebellion and misuse of public funds. He said he is not there to seek asylum, according to BBC. Spain's chief prosecutor said that he would press charges on Puigdemont this past Monday, according to BBC. Spain's central government has now taken direct control of Catalonia. These sacked Catalan officials have been summoned to appear in court on Thursday and Friday. If the officials do not appear, prosecutors could issue a warrant for their arrest. Several of Puigdemont's colleagues remain in Catalonia and may decide to appear in court, according to BBC. Puigdemont says he will appear in court if he is guaranteed a fair hearing. Judge Carmen Lamela said in a ruling that the prosecution's arguments against the group are rational, logical and serious. If charged with rebellion, Catalan government members may face a maximum 30-year sentence, according to BBC.

# ARTS & CULTURE

## 'Cirque of the Dead' delivers Halloween horror, stunts & erotica

By Shayla Manning  
Journal Contributor

Blood, sex, clowns and zombies took the stage as the Boston Circus Guild put on their annual performance of 'Cirque of the Dead' this past Saturday night.

The Halloween-themed event took place at the American Repertory Theater's Oberon club-style-atmosphere in Cambridge, where guests in costumes of all kinds packed into the sold-out show.

High-energy Boston based comic, Wes Hazard hosted the show, dressed in a flashy purple velvet suit. He wasn't just introducing the acts, he became the host of a very gory game that was going to take place. Contestants (members of Boston Circus Guild) took part in a Jumanji-style board game where they had to fight for their lives through tortuous acts that their dice roll decided

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Shayla Manning / Journal Contributor



## The Queens Return

By Juliana Tuozzola, Journal Staff



Extravagantly bedazzled outfits, spunky wigs and fun makeup are all major ingredients to a successful and captivating drag show. All of which were present last Wednesday at the Annual Drag Show hosted by the Queer Student Union and Performing Arts Office at Suffolk University in celebration of LGBTQ history month. The room was filled with vibrancy as the drag queens and king took the

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Lexie Piepmeier/ Journal Contributor

Queen Kamden T. Rage during a liveset at Suffolk University's annual drag show.

## Drag show returns in celebration of LGBTQ History Month

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stage to perform lip-synced versions of popular and upbeat songs. The show certainly honored the LGBTQ community's historical background and colorful spirit.

Drag Queen Kamden T. Rage made her big debut, performing "Highway to Hell," in an outfit that captured a total punk-rock essence. It was Rage's first time ever performing at Suffolk, and she left her mark on the audience.

"If I didn't have a voice I wouldn't have gotten into as much trouble as I've gotten into- which is fun. It's fun to be different and to be rebellious," said Rage to the audience.

Rage embodied both the spirit and appearance of a true rock star during her first set. This fierce queen snapped her fingers, shook her hips and freely moved with the beat as she introduced Drag King Tyler.

"Tyler holds the title of Mr. Boston Pride 2016 and is the first transgender male to win in that category," said Rage as she introduced him. Drag King Tyler then took to the stage next, performing a lip-sync cover of "Let me Love You" with a pink and blue glittered beard,

honoring the transgender flag, and fairy wings.

"The dancing diva" Miss Misery had the entire audience captivated the second she stepped onto the stage in her fabulous black heels. Misery brought the room to life by doing a split, which stunned the crowd.

"We like to have fun here, and I'm just thankful for you guys for being here and supporting us every single year," said Misery.

The audience was fully engaged throughout the show, many smiled, laughed and cheered on as the drag queens and king performed.

The show concluded with the Queen's performance of "Lady Marmalade." The Queen's outfits for this final set were nothing short of astonishing- between Misery's fabulous gold accessories and Krystal Crawford's purple feather boa, the stunning ladies exuded confidence almost too big for the tiny stage to contain.

"We enjoy what we do, we love what we do and we want to share it and make your lives just a little bit more happy," said Crawford.

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## Ramifications reverberate across Boston

By Ryan Arel, Journal Staff

The Ramifications, one of two a cappella groups at Suffolk University, perform further than the borders of campus. The group has performed at renowned venues around Boston, including TD Garden, where they sang the national anthem for the Boston Celtics, the Hatch Shell at the Esplanade, the Faneuil Hall Annual A Cappella Competition and on Valentine's Day on Fox 25 News, according to Suffolk's website.

Formed in the spring of 2001 as the first a cappella group on campus, the co-ed group has been known to sing across an array of genres, which has included "pop and rock to R&B and soul," according to Suffolk's website; all without instrumental assistance.

"It has been around for 10 [plus] years and bursted right into the a cappella scene as soon as it could," said junior theatre major and Ramifications President Kane Harper. "Several CD's were made, competitions won and [the group] rapidly became a proud Suffolk University name."

## Gore galore at Boston Circus Guild's annual event

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for them. The narrative followed the four contestants who were "picked at random" and followed their fight for survival.

Four contestants were given the titles of player "one" through "four," and endured physically demanding performances to complete the game, where the extraordinary circus acts such as aerial hoops and silks, burlesque and contact juggling were displayed. The audience stared in awe as the performers flew through the air above them, and enticed them with their skills.

Hazard would take occasional breaks from the game, in which the avant-garde jazz stylings of the Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band would send the audience into a full-on dance par-

The group is far from being without accolades; in February of 2011, the Ramifications placed No. 2 at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) and were awarded Best Choreography and Outstanding Vocal Percussion, according to the group's Facebook page. They went on to compete at the ICCA again in 2012 and 2013 at Berklee College of Music and MIT. Then placed fourth in 2017 at Berklee, according to Harper.

To become a part of the group, students must go through a rigorous process; first, students must sign up for a live audition. Newcomers must prepare a song of their choice for the first round and do a pitch match to determine if they can hit a certain vocal range, according to freshman Darby Sabin, who was accepted into the group this year.

"It's very nerve-wracking," said Sabin. "It's a very selective group."

Following the first round of auditions, callbacks are determined by all current members

of the group. Those invited back learn a song presented by the group, and the potential members rehearse a song with all members present to see how the new voice blends. Then, the final cuts are made.

"They all cheered and celebrated when they told me I got in," said Sabin. "It instantly felt like family."

For the semester, the group plans to hold performances on Dec. 2 for the Boston Winter A Cappella Festival, as well as the annual Performing Arts Office (PAO) Winter Showcase on Dec. 7, according to junior business major and Ramifications Business Manager Kristy Fitzpatrick.

The group is currently looking for a new public relations director and student musical director, following junior Jenna Locke's acceptance into the Disney College Program where she will be a character performer at Walt Disney World in Orlando come February.

Locke is not alone in the group of students who have had opportunities

by being a part of the Ramifications.

"Many of our group members and past group members have gotten fantastic opportunities with their involvement in the Rams," said Harper. "Some [of our alumni] have flown across the country to pursue major label industries."

Locke described this year to be a rebuilding year due to only a few returning members. The group has also sought outside help from PAO-hired Music Director, Anna Morsillo, according to Locke.

Though the group is full of new faces, they are confident they will measure up on stage.

For listeners who cannot make the group's upcoming shows, they can also be heard outside of their conventional live setting; they currently have two albums titled *Voices in the Attic (2007)* and *If Maniacs Riot (2010)*, which can be found at the Suffolk bookstore.

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ty. Along with the music, a montage of clips from iconic horror films played on a giant screen on stage.

Primarily featuring aerial acts, one performer danced through ropes while dressed as a clown, to "Sexy and I Know It," by the group LMFAO. Another performer, 'player one,' pulled a card for his round for the game and was "electrocuted" during his aerial hoop performance, twirling in the air, and revealed a striking glow-in-the-dark paint all over his body.

The show also featured a burlesque dancer that performed more of a torture than a tease, as she stripped and proceeded to stab 'player two' to death, as fake blood poured over her and the stage. 'Player two' later came back to perform as well, where he ripped off his clothes to reveal a flesh-eating infection on his skin, which

was covered in eyeballs. All of the sexiness, of course, included gore.

Throughout playing the game, Hazard often made jokes to the audience, repeatedly referencing the movie Jumanji as he discovered no one's lives were safe until the game was completed. His humor took away from the horror a bit, but also entertained.

Quite possibly the most eye-catching performance of them all included two aerial silk artists dancing above a satanic star and candles on the floor, as bone-chilling music played throughout the theater.

In one of the final rounds of the game, Hazard pulls a card that summons a performer dressed as the iconic vampire Nosferatu. Nosferatu enters to comedic music, then goes on to execute a mind-blowing performance where he juggles a

small crystal ball. Hazard revealed what Nosferatu possessed was the Moon, and he needed it to finish the game.

The show ended as the 'contestants' and other performers of the show ran on the stage and went into a full out dance, as the live band played upbeat music behind them, celebrating the end of the game.

While most of the performances were comic horror, some proved to be actually quite scary.

Cirque of the Dead puts on a wildly entertaining show, including all the guts, gore and sexiness people love to see around Halloween. The performers, as well as the workings of the lights, makeup and music, made for a spectacularly spooky

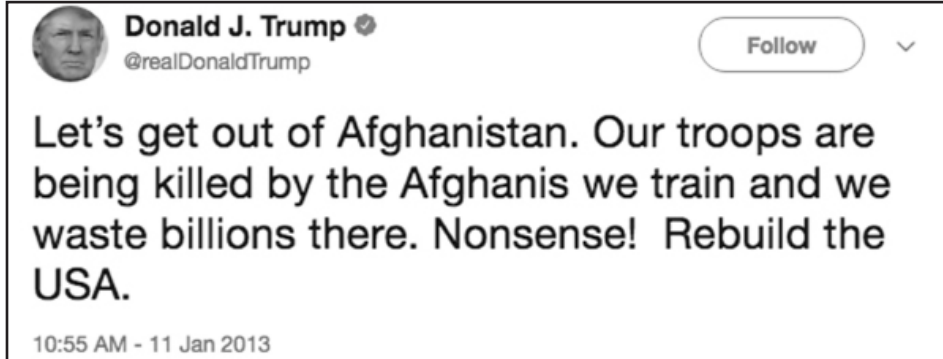
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# Negotiating with the Taliban is not an option

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While in a state of civil war, Afghanistan has the foundation of a democratic state. Recently, the United States Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said that the U.S. would be open to negotiating with "moderate" members of the Taliban. He also added that the U.S. could allow them to take part in Afghanistan's government, according to a report by The Washington Post. Not



By Twitter user @realDonaldTrump

only would this proposal to end the civil war not work, but also it would equal the concession of defeat for America. To believe that there are moderate elements within the Taliban is to ignore the organization's

history. The Taliban is a violent Sunni fundamentalist group that wants to reestablish control over Afghanistan and install Sharia law. The Taliban should not be able to negotiate for the democratic government

that is in place, especially since they should be considered a terrorist organization. Currently, no U.S. government entity classifies the Afghan Taliban as a terrorist group, according to

Trump has changed his rhetoric from 2013 and as president, he is going to send more troops into Afghanistan.

the State Department's of Foreign Terrorist Organizations. Classified as an armed insurgent group, the U.S. should rename the Afghan Taliban as a terrorist group. From persecuting the people of Afghanistan to bombing American troops, the legal definition of what is a terrorist group applies to the organization. The proper naming will send a message that the U.S. is not interested in negotiating with the Afghan Taliban. Likewise, it will show America's commitment to the long-term task of defeating them.

During President Barack Obama's administration, attempts taken to negotiate with moderate members of the Taliban failed. In 2015, the Taliban affirmed its alliance with Al-Qaeda and vowed to continue waging war against the U.S., according to The Brookings Institute. For an administration that is distancing itself from the policies and procedures of Obama's administration, to restart failed negotiations has no political value.

Instead of negotiating with the Taliban, members of President Donald Trump's administration should promote the plan already in place. In August, Trump announced his Afghanistan strategy. Troop levels were going to increase by an unspecified amount, continue training Afghan counterinsurgent forces and the U.S. would continue destroying existing terrorist sanctuaries within Afghanistan.

Allowing the Taliban to speak for the current government of Afghanistan would destabilize it. Inviting the same group that

bombed civilians who voted in the most recent presidential election for Afghanistan sends a disastrous message that the U.S. does not believe that the current democratic government of Afghanistan is stable in the long run. Given the support that the Afghanistan government receives from the U.S., this would delegitimize it within the eyes of its own populace.

While Americans are wary of nation building in Afghanistan, completing it the right way is a must, even if it takes countless years. The U.S. has wasted too much blood and resources to

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build a functioning state in Afghanistan. Taking the effortless way out of the conflict by reaching a deal with the Taliban will empower a radical group that could seize power once again in a vacuum. Afghanistan must not become a moral and geopolitical failure for the U.S.

## The Feminist letters:

*Feminism is not just for women.*

*Men should be proud to be fighters for equality.*



**Haley Clegg | Photo Editor**

Where along the line did feminism become synonymous with "hating men?"

Feminism isn't an attack on men, and it doesn't claim that men are inferior to women, yet many continue to view it as such. Feminism was created to make all genders have equal opportunity.

Over the past century, women have had some major successes in creating such an environment. The right to vote in 1920, the Equal Pay Act in 1963, and Roe v. Wade in 1973 all propelled women toward equal rights.

For many men, feminism is regarded as a personal attack. While the core of the feminist movement is based on the advocacy of women's rights on the equality of the sexes, admittedly there have been some extremists that have radicalized the movement. These individuals have been labeled 'feminazis' and have tainted the way the feminist movement is viewed as a whole. Moreover, these 'feminazis' have driven men away from the core values that the original feminist movement worked so hard to achieve.

Excluding men only perpetuates the negative connotation "feminism" has acquired, which only slows our progress. Men who feel threatened by feminism don't want to participate in the fight for it. Even some women stray away from labeling themselves as feminists because of how negative the term has become.

Whether we like to admit it or not, we need both men and women to be on board with feminism if we want to see it succeed. True equality can only be achieved if all genders work together to fight against stereotypes, misogyny and patriarchal views.

Overall, the most frustrating aspect of this

"man-hating stigma" is that there are actually so many reasons why men should want to be feminists. Women are not the only people benefiting from this movement; men do as well.

Feminists actively work to dismantle the idea that men have to be the sole providers for the family, and that it is shameful to be a stay-at-home father. Feminists want both boys and girls to know that it's okay to show emotion, that all genders can be successful, regardless of whether those careers are traditionally thought of as masculine or feminine. Boys should grow up feeling comfortable pursuing a job as a nurse or a teacher, while girls should feel confident being an engineer or a scientist.

While feminism focuses on equality, it also works to redefine the way society views masculinity, while breaking down gender stereotypes. This benefits everyone in society, by increasing diversity into different fields, while relieving individuals of these societal pressures.

Many men agree that men and women should be treated equally in all walks of life, yet many still admit that they are uncomfortable to label themselves as a feminist due to the man hating "feminists."

In order to get men involved in the feminist movement, we need to reclaim and redefine feminism. Its crucial that everyone understands that feminism is truly about treating women as equals in society.

It is crucial that both men and women realize this for what it is worth so that we can work toward a brighter future together, one that provides equal opportunities for everyone. No matter what gender, people should be able to successfully pursue their career path and aspirations.

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## EDITOR'S WORD

Everyday, cruelty and cynicism wreak havoc throughout the unfair world we live in. As poverty grows hastily in developing nations and terrorist attacks take the lives of millions, devoted journalists can be found eagerly scribbling down every last word of each disheartening incidence in order to make a living. As intrinsically dismal stories flood the news hour after hour, a vehement writer can be found cogitating in the shadow of those words. Reporting is essentially a direct way of writing the instructions, or perhaps the rules, for how global culture functions. Many admire the passion and dedication of journalists who report such depressing news every day without adopting a misanthropic persona. However, there is always a flipside to every coin. For every fervent reporter, there is always at least one menial, unaware journalism major lacking the direction required to make it in such an impassioned discipline.

For the journalism majors that sit in class day after day, uninvolved and underworked, the world will soon sort you out in a manner relative to your mediocrity. In order to be whole-heartedly successful, any field of study worth working in requires ambition and vigor. So many individuals do not show up to the world on a daily basis; they go through life without knowing what's going on right outside U.S. borders. Social media floods our so-called "news feed" with what is often deemed to be fake or irrelevant news. Studying news reporting requires remarkably more than just scrolling through Facebook and showing up to your visual aesthetics class. Ultimately, it requires the adoption of a redesigned lifestyle - a lifestyle that morphs one's mindset into a psyche that embraces all outlets of news. From *The Washington Post* to *The New York Times*, from NPR to BBC the information floating just within our reach is both innovative and absolutely endless. It is time for all journalism students to become fully immersed in global and political news. The future is in our hands - in order to be able to manage that future effectively, it is inherent to read the rules first.

# Regulations are meant to be improved, not erased

Trump's administration begins to scratch progress in reduced carbon emissions and rules involving unsafe chemicals

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was created with a simple and singular goal: to protect human health and the environment.

The EPA's reach extends to the public and private sector, as they are intended to remain unbiased in that pursuit of health. This pursuit has been poisoned by the inclusion of an open member of the chemical industry into a new position at the EPA, and humans' health will see a decline because of it.

Dr. Nancy Beck worked for five years as an executive at the American Chemistry Council, the primary trade institution for American chemical companies. Her position came to an end this year, after being appointed in May to one of the key regulatory positions of the EPA where the decision is made on which chemicals will be considered too risky for the public.

If this does not seem like a clear and almost blatant conflict of interest, it is hard to identify what the definition of conflict must be for President Donald Trump and his cabinet. The mission as set out by her new department is to, "protect you, your family and the environment from potential risks from pesticides and toxic chemicals."

In her time in the new position, Beck has already slashed more than a dozen regulations on various chemicals that had been previously deemed unsafe, making these chemicals much more difficult to regulate

**"In her time in the new position, Beck has already slashed more than a dozen regulations on various chemicals that had been previously deemed unsafe, making these chemicals much more difficult to regulate despite their proven negative effects."**

despite their proven negative effects.

Some of these chemicals include, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) that has been linked to birth defects, immune system disorders, kidney cancer, and was once used in non-stick pans, food packaging, stain-resistant carpeting and a number of industrial processes. These findings were the result of a large study completed more than two years ago of several peer-reviewed studies

concerning the chemical.

President Donald Trump's pick for Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt, has shown how reliant a government agency like the EPA is on having administrators who are working in tandem with the goal of the agency. Instead of continuing the long history of ensuring a betterment of the environment and human health, Pruitt has taken measures to retract steps forward in the battle to lessen the emissions of carbon.

With his withdrawal from the Clean Power Plan (CPP), Pruitt stated that he believed this plan was not meant to reduce carbon emissions, but rather it was a plan that the Obama administration was using, "to pick winners and losers and how we generate electricity in this country." Pruitt's opinion comes in spite of the EPA's estimation that the CPP could have prevented 2,700 to 6,600 premature deaths and 140,000 to 150,000 asthma attacks in children.

This new movement of rolling back safety measures put forward by a government agency created solely to ensure public health is so far removed from the best interest of American citizens that it is almost malicious.

The issue of an EPA that is acting against its own ideals creates a difficulty to imagine dichotomy. An agency that was endowed with legislative strength in order to defend the health of people and the environment is being used for third parties to profit at the expense of those citizens it was

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created to protect.

Government agencies cannot be allowed to turn their back on citizens just so that private companies can have more room for profit in the future.

The damage that this kind of administration could cause is catastrophic, as it takes much more time to put legislation in place than it does to tear it down.

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# Lady Rams make a racket

## Dunlap honored for season achievements

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In her first-ever season with the Suffolk University women's tennis team, junior Delaney Dunlap was able to capture the feat of being recognized as a member of the All-Great Northeast Atlantic Conference (GNAC) Singles First-Team.

Dunlap became the fifth consecutive player for Suffolk to receive this first-team selection. The honor is voted on by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and given out to some of the best players in the GNAC per Dunlap.

Ever since Suffolk joined the GNAC ranks in 2007, they have obtained 38 All-GNAC awards, eight being second-team doubles.

In her first season with the Lady Rams, Dunlap achieved a 9-6 singles record and a 7-4 doubles record with sophomore teammate Keely Hardy, making them best duo on the team.

As a whole, the Rams captured a 7-6 overall season record and were able to make it to the GNAC semifinals where the team lost to Johnson and Wales University 5-0.

"Getting the All-GNAC was cool. I didn't expect it at all," said Dunlap in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "It feels really good to come back and play well after having two years off in Madrid."

Dunlap explained that she admires tennis because of the strong team aspects it encompasses.

"I like [tennis] because it's an individual team sport and you're on your own, but still come

together," said Dunlap. "At the end of the day, you're winning or losing as a team."

Dunlap touched on the fact that it has also been rewarding to be able to help her team succeed after the loss of their top seniors from last season.

"[Dunlap] is such a hard worker. This being her first year on the team, she almost immediately took the ace spot, showing how hard she worked for it over the summer," said junior teammate Emily Bean in a recent interview with The Journal. "She is an all-around player, strong, positive and a great teammate."

Bean said that while Dunlap is an amazing athlete, she is also encouraging and has helped the team work on aspects such as their mental game.

Senior Jacquelyn



Courtesy of Dan McHugh

### Junior Delaney Dunlap gets spot on All-GNAC Singles First-Team.

Nakamura said that she enjoyed being on the same team as Dunlap because she is dedicated and supportive.

"She has done great and has won almost every game in our season," said Nakamura in a recent interview with The Journal. "She is a great asset to our team and

benefited us every game."

While the fall season may have come to an end, Dunlap has high hopes moving forward and said that head coach Matt Tiberii has added in a new game schedule for the spring semester. For the upcoming season, Dunlap was also chosen to be the captain of the team.

"I would like to work more in the offseason to try and get better so that I can get All-GNAC again and win a few of the matches that I didn't win this season," said Dunlap.

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# Martin kicks record

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Although senior Jennifer Martin showcased her scoring ability throughout her Suffolk University career, the key asset was her consistency. Martin set a women's soccer team record after starting in 69 games as a Ram. She found herself in the starting lineup in at least 15 games of every season during her career. Martin played a crucial role in the team's game plan.

In her final season as a Lady Ram, Martin started all 16 games, recording 12 goals and 29 points. Even with starting so many games, her production never faltered. In her four seasons, Martin played 71 out of 73 games for the Lady Rams. Even with the heavy schedule and playing time, Martin seemed anything but tired.

"I wish we had a game everyday, that would be ideal. I want to play 90 minutes of every game and never want to come off the field," said Martin in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal.

After three years

of being a solidified starter, Martin was named captain her senior season. Despite all of her success, Martin still had a goal in mind that she had not accomplished. The senior captain was focused on ending Lasell College's five-year undefeated streak in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC). On Sept. 27, Lasell traveled to East Boston Memorial field to play Martin and the Lady Rams. After 90 minutes, it was Suffolk who came out on top to beat Lasell 2-0.

"Beating Lasell was my biggest achievement at Suffolk. Our hard work ended up paying off," said forward Martin.

In starting 69 games, Martin broke the all time Suffolk women's soccer record of most games started, formerly held by Gabrielle Balestrier in 2013, who had started 65 games.

"I've put my heart and soul into the game and it's crazy after four years I broke the record," said Martin.

Martin was inserted into the starting lineup her freshman year, starting 15 of the team's 17 games. In those 15 games she was the

second leading scorer on the team, accounting for 11 points. Despite the team going 5-9-3 in her freshman season, Martin was a bright spot and had already proven to be a consistent piece.

"I always push myself to be the best soccer player I can be. I'm very hard on myself but I believe that has truly made me a better player," said Martin.

Martin's teammates also felt that her constant motivation made them better players.

"[Martin] motivates everyone each and everyday both on and off the field. She's a great teammate and friend who always works hard. We will definitely miss her next year," said junior teammate Melissa Adamo in a recent interview with The Journal.

In her sophomore season, Martin led the team with 19 points, playing in all 19 games. Starting in 18 of them, Martin's name became consistent in the Ram's starting line-up, and stayed that way throughout her career. Martin also fired 44 shots on goal throughout the season, almost doubling the second highest team



Courtesy of Suffolk Athletics

### Senior forward Jennifer Martin sets Lady Rams' record for appearing in the starting lineup 69 times.

total.

"Playing with [Martin] is fast-paced. When she's on her game there's no stopping her," said junior midfielder Veronica Bernardo in an interview with The Journal.

In Martin's junior year, after coming off a 4-15 season her sophomore year, the Lady Rams had their best season since Martin joined the

team. Suffolk went 11-10 and made it to the GNAC semifinals before losing 1-0 to Albertus Magnus College in double overtime. Martin tallied 16 goals and 34 points, while starting in 20 out of the 21 games played that season.

"My biggest learning experience has been learning it is okay to make mistakes. If you dwell on

your mistakes, you'll only end up playing worse. Mindset is everything," said Martin.

After four years playing in a Suffolk University uniform, Martin finished her career on Saturday, in a 3-1 loss against Lasell.

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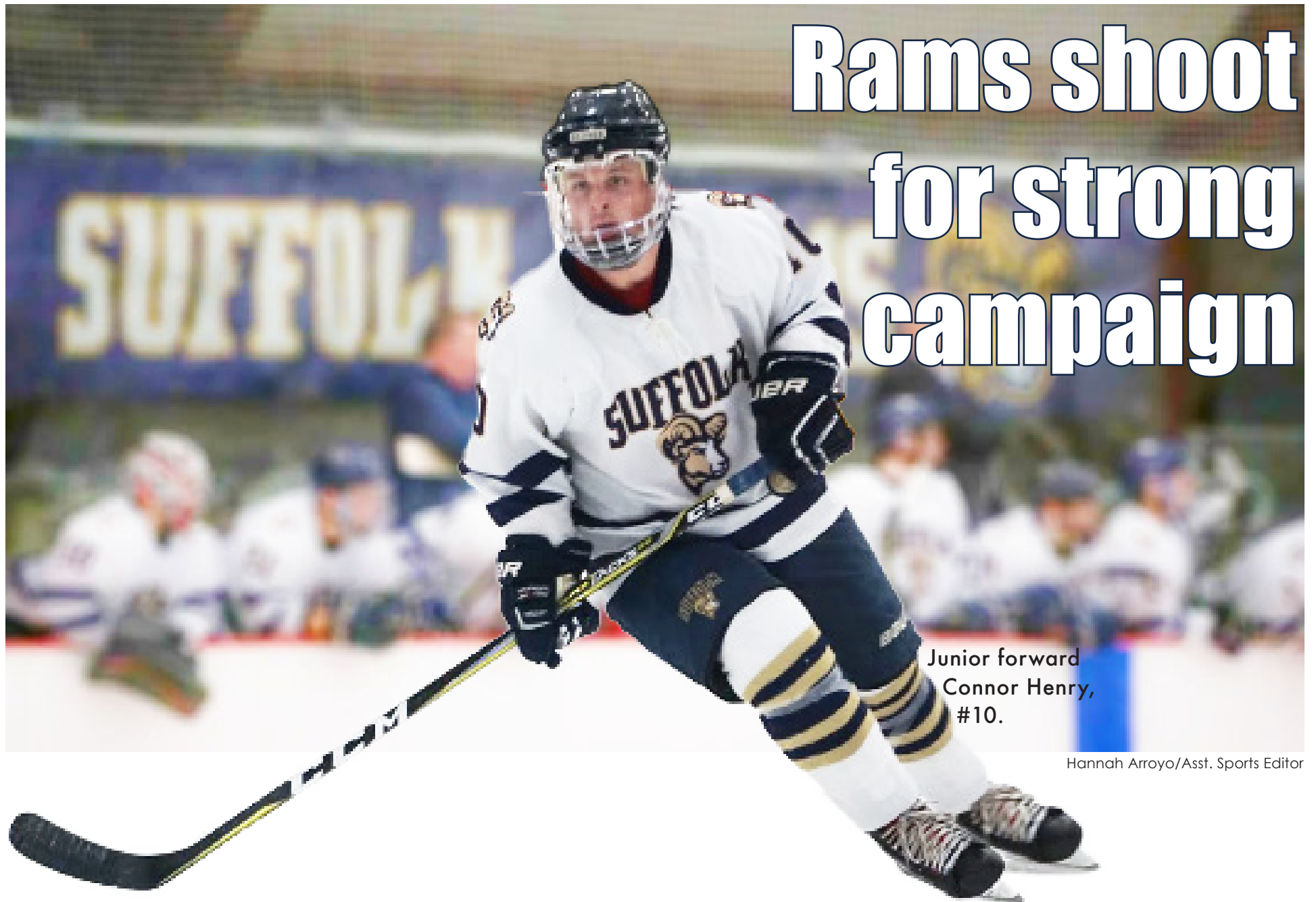
**STAY TUNED:**

Men's basketball is set for tip off on Nov. 15. This game will begin the Rams' 25-game season.



**STAY TUNED:**

Trinity College professor Drew Hyland talks about kneeling in sports and how it relates to athletics, race and America.



**Rams shoot  
for strong  
campaign**

Junior forward  
Connor Henry,  
#10.

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**Suffolk men's ice hockey team drops puck for season**

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This winter will mark the 14th season for head coach Chris Glionna, the winningest coach in the history of the Suffolk University men's ice hockey program, with 107 victories. In the Rams second season as members of the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC), Glionna told Journal reporters that he plans to add to this tally.

"Our goal is to return to being a home ice playoff team," said Glionna in a recent interview with The Journal. "I think early on in the season we are looking to make sure the team is progressing, we will put an emphasis on improving our scoring."

In winning the seventh straight home opener, the Rams' 38th season began on Saturday with a 5-2 victory over Assumption College at Emmons Horrigan O'Neal Rink. This marked Suffolk's first win of the season.

The Rams were led by an impressive two goal performance by freshman forward Matt Bucher in his Suffolk debut.

Bucher's early strike, 3:47 into the first period, got the Rams rolling. This led to four more Suffolk goals before the Greyhounds cracked the scoreboard late in the second period. Bucher was the only Ram to score multiple goals, while junior forwards Tyler Scarbo, Connor Henry and Brendan Heinze scored the other goals.

Going into the 2017 campaign, the Rams were ranked ninth out of 10 teams in the CCC in a coach's poll within the league. Coming off of what was a forgettable year, with a 7-13-5 record, the team will use last season as a form of motivation to move forward.

"We want to prove the whole league wrong and make a run at the playoffs," said senior forward J.B. Sweeney in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "We brought in a lot of

**"We want to prove the whole league wrong and make a run at the playoffs."**

- J.B. Sweeney, #3

talented freshmen, mix that in with the guys we have coming back and we should be able to make some noise in the conference."

Over the summer, Glionna made it a point to get his team into the best physical shape

possible. He discussed with The Journal how the team took advantage of the "new and improved" facilities that Suffolk has to offer.

"This offseason we worked very hard on getting stronger," said Glionna. "The Michael

and Larry Smith Fitness Center and the upgraded varsity weight room has been a tremendous addition."

Sweeney, a four-year forward, discussed how personal accolades are not important to him moving forward. The success of the team takes the driver's seat this year, as this will be his last go around as a Ram.

"I'm more concerned about the team as a whole than I am about any stats," said Sweeney. "We look to come together as a team more this year, we're going against a lot of competitive teams and we will need to be consistent all season."

The Rams will see movement this year against competitive intra-conference action. They will square off against foes such as Endicott College, who won 24 games last year, 14 of them coming in conference play. Other opponents for the Rams include Nichols College, The University of New England and Johnson and Wales University,

all coming off playoff appearances last season.

"We have a one-game at-a-time mentality and don't like to look too far ahead," said junior sports marketing major Brendan Heinze in a recent interview with The Journal. "We have to become more consistent for the full 60 minutes, we can't have five minute lapses, we have to stay sharp."

As this team looks to put it all together for the season ahead, they have been able to become a close team off the ice. Team chemistry will be an adhesive in linking the Rams to a successful season in 2017-18.

"The closer the guys are off the ice, the better chemistry we will have on the ice," said Heinze. "We have a good group of guys in our locker room that are all focused on what the team wants to achieve this year."

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