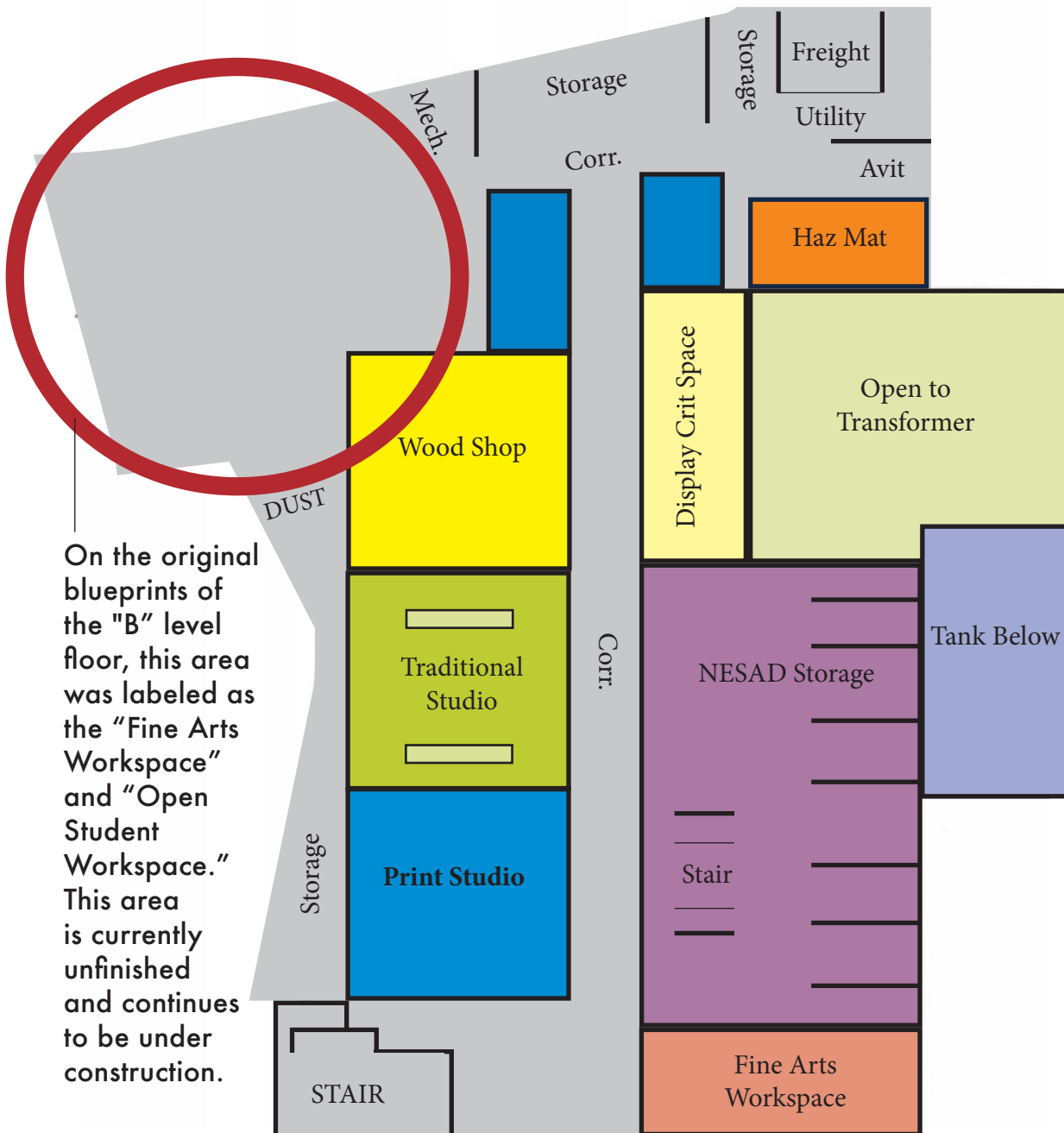


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Art & Design lose space, attempt to adjust



On the original blueprints of the "B" level floor, this area was labeled as the "Fine Arts Workspace" and "Open Student Workspace." This area is currently unfinished and continues to be under construction.

Suffolk's Art & Design department, formerly known as NESAD, has integrated onto the main campus but has lost nearly 10,000 square feet of space in the process while other issues arise.

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Arts & Culture Editor

As students re-matriculate throughout campus, Art and Design

students are still settling into their new home on the main Suffolk campus.

In part due to the termination of the building lease, the students were granted four floors within the Sawyer building. The Art and Design Department was originally destined for the 20 Somerset building, but former Suffolk President McCarthy broke the news in 2012 that the space would instead be used for academic classrooms.

With two floors in the basement dedicated to studio and workspaces and a miniature version of their original gallery at 75 Arlington Street, the

"It's been a challenge struggling for where do we go and how much space can we have."

- Junior Fine Arts major Julianna Fielding

department is wriggling into its newly compressed space and learning to cope with various limitations. According to students and faculty, one of the biggest challenges has been setting up the spaces to their fullest potentials and workability.

While the move was finalized shortly after the end of the spring semester, the basement floors A and B both have classrooms and workspaces that have yet to be completed by construction, and according to a source, will not be finished for another two months. This is because of alleged water damage that occurred in two rooms on the A and B floors of the building. Faculty and students have both reported that the respective work spaces for the multiple artistic focuses within the department are still being set up, even though Foundation Studies Program

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Scored unity, lost space

Suffolk University's Art & Design School, formerly known as NESAD, recently relocated from 75 Arlington Street to four floors in the Sawyer building. The move, which took place during the summer, has continued to give some members of the department issues in terms of space.

WHAT TO KNOW

For years, NESAD students had expressed a disconnect from the main campus as its building was across the Boston Common.

The move from Arlington Street to the Sawyer building has resulted in NESAD losing 10,000 square feet of space.

The setup and the reinstallation took a total of two months, according to a faculty member. Other members of the department told reporters that this process continues to take place.

The 20 Somerset building, which is primarily now known to be home to the science departments, Communication & Journalism department and Somerset Cafe through Sodexo dining services, was originally suppose to be home to NESAD, as announced in 2010.

The alleged water damage that has occurred on the A and B levels of the Sawyer building has now stalled the construction of these rooms further by nearly two months, according to a source close to the Art & Design department.

Suffolk's TRIO programs granted funds

Programs on third cycle of funding from DOE, will fund at Suffolk for next five years

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Last week, Suffolk University got news that they will receive federal funds to extend the university's TRIO Programs for the next five years.

Institutions of higher education and public and private organizations that serve disadvantaged youth may apply for grants through the Federal TRIO Programs (TRIO). Nationally, the TRIO program sponsors eight different services. Suffolk has utilized the federal grants to fund Upward Bound, Veterans Upward Bound and the McNair Scholars Program which services 26 students at the university.

"The TRIO programs are designed to provide support services to first generation college students, so we are grateful that we have been refunded," said Dr. Joyya Smith, the Director for the Center for Academic Access and Opportunity. "We are federally supported and just got the word that all three of our grants will continue for the next five years."

On Friday, the university hosted the 2017 McNair Undergraduate Research Symposium, and Thursday, the university had an open house to provide information on the TRIO program.

With topics that included the relationships between Colonialism and the Rwandan Genocide, medical

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'Religion in the news' conversation leads on biases, coverage

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News Editor

Reception of news media across the country and the world is diluted by the bias and personal beliefs of any audience. The multimedia companies themselves which present today's news are not always guiltless in their renditions either. Oftentimes certain themes or undertones of religion are embedded in today's newscasts and publishings, and can sway viewers, readers or listeners into connecting certain faiths to stories.

"Media has a different culture in every country," said Ambria Kocia during the inaugural weekly discussion entitled "Religion in the News" Monday in the Interfaith Center.

Members of the Suffolk community joined Harvard Divinity School's Assistant Chaplain Samantha Menapace, who hosted the first installment of this conversation surrounding the questions and concerns students have with today's portrayal of religion within the news.

Joined by Suffolk's university Chaplain Amy Fisher, students

discussed the problems they view in today's media, predominantly the effects religion can play. With a number of natural disasters having struck various parts of the world recently, Kocia said the news media has not provided an adequate amount of widespread coverage, and has focused on the idea of Christian-rooted places such as the United States instead of airing extensive coverage about areas such as Mexico.

"Writing and receiving the news is affected by our religious beliefs," said Menapace.

It was a challenge

to find stories of those civilians around the nation and the world who have volunteered their time, or even appeared in a heroic scenario to rescue and assist those stranded, Menapace said. She said most stories portrayed in the media she had come across have honed in on the tragedies, and the ones that did display certain acts of kindness often involved a group of able people meeting at a Christian church as a type of headquarters.

"A lot of times when you think about people doing good deeds it's often connected with Christianity," said

Menapace.

She said she believes it is important to take out biases and tendencies in the media that may direct or guide audiences toward associating a certain religious view if the facts do not allow it.

Menapace said while the United States proudly holds the freedom of speech and press on high, it is important to use this freedom wisely and accurately.

For this reason, Fisher said she has tried to diversify her personal viewing of the news by mixing up the outlets by which she receives her information. Different

broadcasts, social media platforms and newspapers, Fisher said, while each telling a story in their own fashion and language, compiled can create an accurate picture of the days events.

While religious tendencies in the news may never disappear completely, recognizing underlying motifs within the industry was a point this discussion was a prevalent point of conversation. "Religion in the News" will continue next week.

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McNair, Veterans, Upward Bound supported in funding

From *TRIO* page 1 stigma surrounding the diagnosis of Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID), connections between somatic mutation in aneurysm formation and the accuracy of modern heart rate monitoring technology, Suffolk University's McNair Scholars were given the opportunity to showcase their summer research projects.

"I know how important it is for students of color, first generation students, to get the support. They receive guidance around doing research and projects, and they are talented, they know they can do this. It will help them to go on to future graduate studies," said Dean of Students Ann Coyne about the McNair program.

After applying through the McNair program, these scholars had spent months gathering research on an issue that they found a passion for, and were provided resources that otherwise would have been inaccessible. Suffolk Junior and Government major, Darley Joselus, was able to spend two months at Ohio State University to complete her project.

Her focus was on identifying the intersections between race, poverty and justice in the public mind as it relates to the perceptions and explanations the public has for poverty and incarcerations in African American communities. Ohio State is a research

school, classifying it as one of the highest research activity schools in the country, which meant that Joselus had complete access to all of the tools she would need.

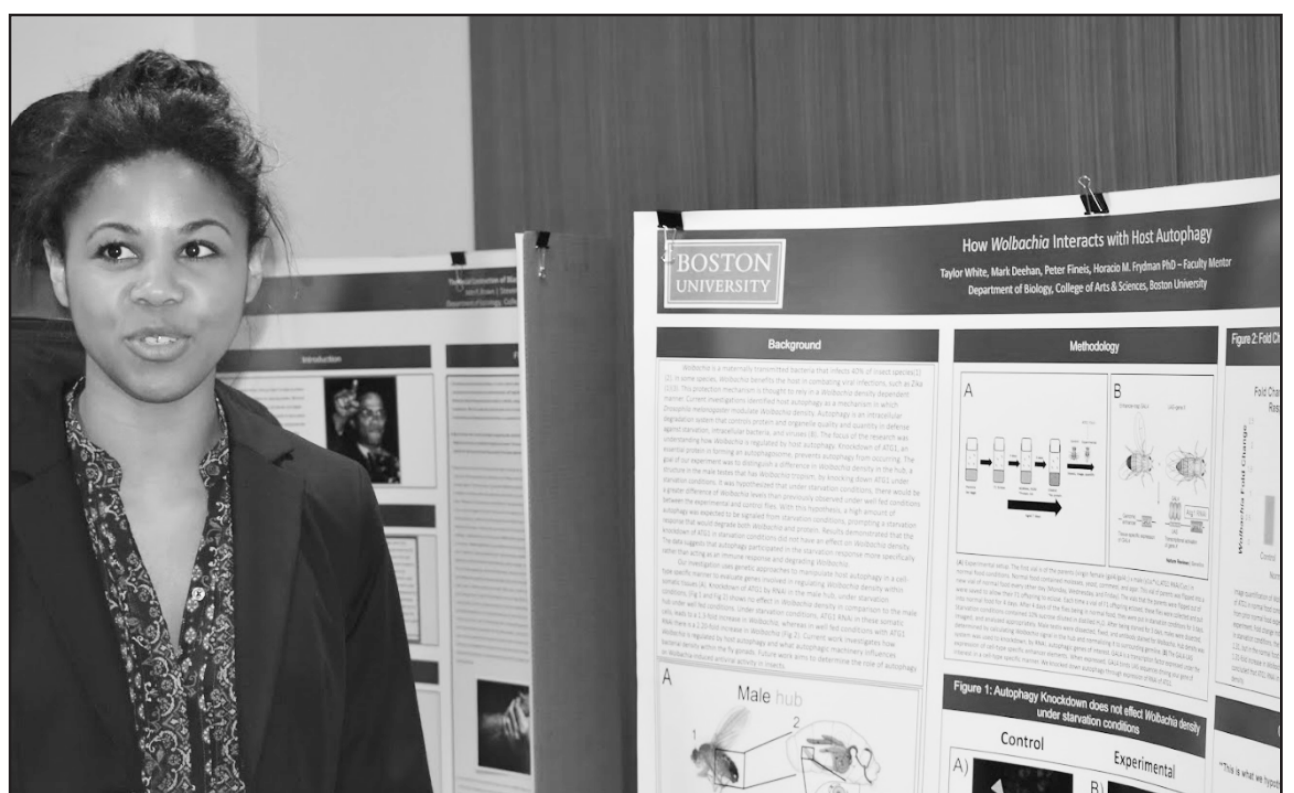
Joselus had been accepted into the McNair program just a couple of months after she applied, and rapidly began working toward establishing an out-of-state research opportunity.

"Ohio State really resonated with what I wanted to produce. Their political science department is the tenth best department in the United States," Joselus told the Suffolk Journal.

At the TRIO open house Thursday, representatives of all three of the universities federally funded programs gathered to give presentations on the Upward Bound, Veterans Upward Bound and McNair Scholars Program.

"We just wanted to share with people the services we provide," said Smith. "For example, for upward bound students our main goal is to prepare them for college and it isn't required for these students to come to Suffolk."

Smith explained that the Upward Bound program provides support for high school students that come from families in which neither parent has graduated from a four-year university. The program offers Academic, college and financial aid. It also provides SAT and ACT prep courses and takes students on college tours.



Alexa Gagosz/ Editor-in-Chief

McNair Scholar and Biology major Taylor White explained her research project that was conducted at Boston University's Biology department on how wolbachia interacts with host autophagy at the McNair Symposium on Friday.

The Veterans Upward Bound program offers similar academic and financial counselling to the Upward Bound program, but offers additional services tailored to the challenges that veterans face across the country.

Members of the Veterans Upward Bound program at Suffolk get access to G.I. bill benefits counseling, including the Post 9/11 G.I. bill.

"Our goal is just to make sure they are prepped and ready to enter the college of their choice," said Smith. "Whatever it is going to take for them to get the

help they need."

The Veterans Upward Bound program also offers virtual classes throughout the day to give participants a convenient way to reach their education goals because most are working adults as well as students.

Ellis Colleton, outreach specialist for the Veterans Upward Bound program, attended the open house and is a shining example of the benefits that the program brings.

Colleton served in the Navy for four years before using the program to assist him as he earned a Bachelor's degree in Sociology degree

from the University of Massachusetts.

"I was looking for a way to pay for college," Colleton said. "Transitioning back into having a stable place to live was one of the hardest parts [of returning]," Colleton said.

According to Colleton, the program offered stability upon returning to civilian life.

"I just tell my story and how the program helped me and I hope it helps somebody," he said.

Although the time leading up to the news that the university would receive the grants was stressful, Smith said

she believed that the university is in a good position to receive the funds for the next five year span.

"It's always a process that makes you a little uncomfortable because it's a national competition," she said. "However, we were very confident in the applications that we submitted and that we'll be able to continue the program."

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Suffolk backs Obama action while DeVos ponders rollback

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Just days after suggesting changes would be made to Title IX in a George Mason University speech, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos rescinded the "Dear Colleague" letter on Sept. 22, which has caused a reaction from college campuses across the nation, including Suffolk University.

"While we wait for the U.S. Department of Education's [DOE] process to be finalized, Suffolk will continue to foster a safe and inclusive campus community that is free of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual

violence and relationship violence, while continuing to provide a fair and equitable process for all, including resources and interim measures," said Suffolk's Title IX Director Sheila Calkins in a statement emailed to the university.

Calkins, in the statement, noted that Suffolk's policies are in line with state and federal laws and regulations.

The "Dear Colleague" letter, put in place in 2011, during former President Barack Obama's administration backed Title IX and affirmed the protections of students from all forms of sexual harassment. In place of the previous procedures under Title IX, the DOE issued interim Title IX

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-Suffolk's Title IX Director Sheila Calkins

guidance on Campus Sexual Misconduct, as well a new set of interim questions as the DOE repealed the "Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence" as well.

The guidelines recently set for universities and colleges to follow until procedural changes take place offer the ability for those educational

institutions to provide feedback to the process of adjusting campus sexual misconduct procedures.

"It seems the language [the DOE is] using now seems to be less procedurally focused and more focused on fundamental fairness for all," said Dean of Students Ann Coyne in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "That's

one of the things that we at Suffolk are interested in. We want to be fair to our students. We want to have policies and guidelines that are clear that tell students what behaviors are expected of them and what behaviors have no place in the University."

Coyne said Suffolk wants students to be informed, and that many

schools are now waiting until new resolutions are adopted. At Suffolk, Coyne said in order to comply with government standards, changes may have to be made, but is very comfortable with policy that is "fair and impartial and clear" to students.

"Our commitment is to be sure that we are supporting victims and treating all members of the community fairly. That is the underpinning of our approach and will continue to be," said Acting University President Marisa Kelly in a statement to The Journal on Tuesday.

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Political Commentary

The hectic healthcare debate that continues to take a halt

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The most recent attempt to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA), often referred to as ObamaCare, is the Graham-Cassidy Bill. The proposal from Senators Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) has used federal block grants to let states shape their own healthcare policies.

The Graham-Cassidy proposal was halted on Tuesday afternoon, after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced that there would not be a vote. This came shortly after several republican senators announced they would not vote in favor of the measure.

The Graham-Cassidy plan received criticism across the board, from late night talk show host Jimmy Kimmel to Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker. Kimmel used lengthy monologues on his show to point out the flaws of the policy, and even called out Senator Cassidy for "lying to [his] face."

In a Senate Hearing for the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, Senator Al Franken (D-MN) asked Gov. Baker if the Graham-Cassidy Bill is one that he would support for Massachusetts. Gov. Baker said no.

"The proposal would negatively affect the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and we could lose billions over the course of four or five

years," said Baker.

Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), who is a very vocal opponent of the ACA, announced he would vote no on the Graham-Cassidy Bill as he believes it does not do enough to repeal ObamaCare.

Senator John McCain (R-AZ) announced on Sept. 22 that he will vote against the Graham-Cassidy Bill. This came as a surprise to some given McCain's relationship with Graham, whom he has characterized as his "illegitimate son."

McCain asked that instead the Senate should spend their time working towards a bipartisan solution.

On Monday, Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) announced she would be voting against the proposal. In a statement,

the Senator said that "Maine still loses money under whichever version of Graham-Cassidy bill we consider."

These three republican "no" votes tipped the scale against the bill's passage.

The U.S. Senate is split 52-48 with a Republican majority, necessitating a few senators to vote against the republican caucus on certain measures. Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Collins voted several times with the democratic caucus when it comes to republican efforts to repeal and replace.

Senator McCain joined them in July with his historic thumbs-down "no" vote against the Healthcare Freedom Act, more commonly referred to as the Senate "Skinny"

Repeal bill.

Some Senate democrats have rallied behind an effort led by Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) to pass S.1804 Medicare for All Act; a single-payer healthcare bill. Sixteen Senate democrats have co-sponsored this piece of legislation, including Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).

National Public Radio had a detailed analysis explaining that the Medicare for All plan would make the federal government the "single payer" of healthcare for all American citizens. The bill eliminates cost-sharing such as copayments, besides the prescriptions of mostly generic drugs.

Representative John Conyers (D-MI) has been pushing for a similar type

of Medicare for All bill during every legislative session in the House of Representatives since 2003. Analysts question if there would be sufficient government funding to cover a Medicare for All bill, even with increased taxes.

The efforts towards repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act were a shared goal of republicans throughout the 2016 election, and resulted in legislative action in May. The House of Representatives passed the first attempt at repeal and replace with H.R.1628, the American Health Care Act (AHCA).

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Alum turns hardship into venture

The plan to unite small businesses with Suffolk opportunities

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After returning from a failed business venture, Emma Cabrera returned to Suffolk University to finish her degree, motivated to ensure that other small business owners can benefit from what she has learned. She plans to build a network that helps businesses prosper and for students to professionally succeed.

Cabrera began classes at Suffolk in 2003 but left to open her own retail store that proved to be successful until 2008 when the housing market crashed. The recession forced her to close doors and she returned to Suffolk to earn her degree in business administration. The fellowship project that Cabrera has worked on is to build a network of small business owners with the resources that Suffolk provides is being funded by the Center for

Innovative Collaboration and Leadership.

The inspiration for this enterprise stemmed from Cabrera's experience owning a business and being a student at Suffolk. When Cabrera owned her store she became an officer in the "Main Street Community" of Jamaica Plain, which is a neighborhood-based committee for small business owners to gather and discuss issues that were shared amongst the owners.

"There was a learning curve. There were things I did right and successful, and some things I didn't do right," said Cabrera in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "But that's one of those things of being a small business owner where you're wearing multiple hats. You don't have all these departments or subject matter experts telling you how to do things."

Having been in these various roles is what lead Cabrera to collaborate with Associate Professor Dominic Thomas and

Associate Professor Ilona Anderson, who have both been asked to fill advisory positions, and the Marketing and Communications Manager for Interise Craig Panzer. This interdisciplinary effort is developing a protocol for businesses coming to Suffolk with one issue by providing the owners not only a solution, but a plan that benefits the business in more ways than one.

"It's not just that these businesses need to hire people, that's easy. Students want jobs and we can do those introductions," said Thomas in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "They've got needs for project work, content being written, graphic design; all these test experiences where students and businesses can get to know each other."

Cabrera asked herself; as a business owner, how does one get the kind of information that allows a proprietor to utilize the resources that Suffolk has



Courtesy of Suffolk University

Emma Cabrera with Associate Professor Dominic Thomas

to offer?

"With this, we're trying to be full service. We created the plan for you and we can say to the client 'we have students that, if you want to implement this plan, we can team you up with' instead of just giving them a plan for one issue," said Cabrera. "It's about building and maintaining

relationships."

This sentiment is shared with Panzer, who, while working for Interise, helps small businesses of minority and low-income neighborhoods, prosper through "Streetwise MBAs."

"Rather than build a brand, we build a network that closes the gap. We're trying to build

equity for small business owners," said Panzer in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "[With Cabrera] we have a shared mission, which is to build inclusive and equitable business opportunities."

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NEWS BRIEFS

New law program enacted for undergrads

Suffolk University has a brand new law major for undergraduate students. The major, which is based in the College of Arts and Sciences will be taught in collaboration with the Suffolk Law School. The new major will take a new direction by incorporating different perspectives such as philosophy, sociology, government, and business. "Bringing together all three schools with an interdisciplinary approach to law will deepen students' understanding of how the law impacts all facets of life," said Professor and Chair of the Government Department Rachael Cobb. In the Boston area, Suffolk has the only four-year American Bar Association-approved undergraduate program. Professor Cobb believes that this new direction will "raise the profile" of the program.

Paleologos predicts polls with 95 percent level of confidence

Suffolk University Political Research Center (SUPRC) released a poll which places Democrat Phil Murphy ahead of Republican Kim Guadagno in the New Jersey race for governor. Out of all those who participated in the election, 44 percent of likely voters are leaning towards Murphy while 25 percent lean towards Guadagno. SUPRC has a high degree of accuracy in predicting outcomes with an 85 percent rating in predicting straight-up winners. David Paleologos directs the research done by SUPRC and has received both national and international attention. To determine the poll results for New Jersey's gubernatorial race, 500 likely New Jersey voters were polled. The margin of error is +/- 4.4 percent with a 95 percent level of confidence.

Marty Walsh and Tito Jackson to battle for Mayor's office

On Tuesday, voters advanced Mayor Marty Walsh and City Councilor Tito Jackson to a faceoff in the Nov. 7 final election. Retired police officer Robert Cappucci and health care worker Joseph Wiley were defeated by Walsh and Jackson in the preliminary election. Walsh is seeking a second four-year term. Voter turnout across the city was light. Walsh is a recovering alcoholic and actively supports addiction prevention and treatment programs. Walsh gained national attention in January when he promised to protect Boston's residents who were threatened by President Donald Trump's actions. Jackson served in the administration of former Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick. He advocates for criminal justice reform and body cameras on police officers. He would be Boston's first black

Armageddon in 140 characters or less

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President Donald Trump's recent verbal exchanges with North Korean Dictator Kim Jong Un have driven North Korea closer to initiating nuclear warfare against the United States and essentially starting what could soon become World War III. North Korea's rapidly expanding nuclear arsenal has evolved into an increasingly dangerous threat not only for the U.S., but also for its allies. Trump's antagonizing threats and Kim Jong Un's derogatory backlash have made things personal stimulating exponentially developing fear throughout the U.S.

"Trump should not make this personal," said International Relations Assistant Professor Weiqi Zhang. "When dealing with another international leader, it's never a good idea to make things personal; this shows that Trump is inexperienced."

During his first speech at the United Nations last Tuesday, Trump stated that the U.S. would "totally destroy" North Korea if they attempted to fire nuclear missiles at the U.S. or its allies, according to The Washington Post. In response, North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un called Trump a "frightened dog" and a "mentally deranged U.S. dotard."

The war of the words continued this past weekend when Trump tweeted about Kim Jong Un referring to him as a "madman" and a "Little Rocket Man." Additionally, Trump stated that if these nuclear threats and insults continue, "they won't be around much longer." North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho later stated Trump's threats are enough to constitute a declaration of war between the U.S. and North Korea, according to The Guardian.

"This declaring war story is not a new one," said Former ambassador



Jacob Geanous/ World News Editor

from Germany to North Korea and Suffolk University Visiting Professor Fredrich Lohr. North Korea has been known to make threats declaring war in the

conducting nuclear tests for almost a year now. The communist regime has been putting all of their spending toward building their arsenal, at the expense of the North

traveling roughly 2,300 miles into space during this past July. According to military experts, if the trajectories of these missiles are adjusted to a particular angle,

they are making these aggressive threats back and forth to each other in order to show off their power, without the intention of attacking one another.

"When dealing with another international leader it's never a good idea to make things personal."

- Assistant Professor of International Relations Weiqi Zhang

past without following through.

"There was a similar situation in 2013 when North Korea was making threats to declare war and conducting nuclear tests," said Lohr. However, this situation is different. "The North Korean's have a new missile that may be able to shoot U.S. airplanes down in international waters," Lohr said.

North Korea has been

Korean citizens. Starting in February, North Korea has conducted 14 ballistic missile tests, according to ABC News.

Their first successful missile launch traveled 310 miles and landed in the Sea of Japan. Since their first launch, North Korea has been pushing the envelope with their nuclear tests. They began launching intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs),

it is believed that they could potentially strike Washington, D.C. or New York, according to ABC News.

"The North Koreans follow a principle that is not unknown to the president," said Lohr. "If you give me the perception of attacking, then I'll hit back twice as hard." Lohr suggested that since both Trump and Kim Jong Un are inexperienced leaders,

The U.S. is still in the process of trying to articulate the legitimacy of these threats. According to White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the assumption that the U.S. is provoking war with North Korea is "absurd," according to The Guardian.

"Our goal is still the same," said Huckabee Sanders. "We continue to seek the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula."

While the goal of the U.S. may not be to engage in nuclear warfare with North Korea, it is important for Trump to gain awareness of the power behind the statements, even the tweets he makes as the U.S. president and particularly how a country as unstable as North Korea can interpret those statements.

"The world should forget about total denuclearization in North Korea because it's not going to happen," said Zhang. "Based on what happened to Saddam Hussein a few years ago, it's irrational for them to give up their nukes. We should accept that North Korea is a nuclear capable state and then work harder on how to deal with it."

"Kim Jong Un's response to Trump is unrealistic," said Zhang. "The escalation of these threats is mostly a negotiation tactic." Zhang explained that Trump and Kim Jong Un are engaging in "The Chicken Game."

"They are behaving in a crazy way because they are trying to force the other side to back off," said Zhang. "There isn't a realistic level of conflict here; no one wants another war." Ultimately, the idea of another war is unrealistic because North Korea will probably lose, according to Zhang.

"North Korea wants to have their regime recognized as legitimate," said Lohr. "The U.S. has difficulties recognizing their regime as legitimate." Since North Korea is still a communist regime, the U.S. feels that denuclearization of the nation is best way to prevent nuclear warfare. However, it is possible that throwing around war threats is Kim Jong Un's way of moving closer to negotiation with the U.S. in hopes of achieving his goal of getting North Korea recognized as a legitimate communist regime.

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London attacks force Suffolk students to recall time of terror



By Facebook user 4familmedia

Emergency services attend the scene outside Parsons Green station in west London after a terrorist attack in London

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The United Kingdom has been targeted by acts of terrorism five times this year, although London's Mayor Sadiq Khan told multiple news outlets that police has stopped seven additional attacks.

The most recent attack on London came on Sept. 15, when a bomb wrapped in a grocery bag placed in a bucket exploded in the subway system during the morning commute. No deaths were reported and 30 people were reportedly injured in the attack.

News of the devastating explosion, just the latest of the atrocities to face the country, reached Suffolk university forcing students who recently studied in London to reminisce over the acts of terrorism that occurred during their stay. The most prominent of these was the London Bridge terrorist attack, which dominated media platforms for months. Terror struck a number of pedestrians on the London Bridge this past June, just a ten minute walk from the London South Bank University (LSBU) where approximately 18,000 students reside and

attend class.

Hannah Melissen, a junior with a Sociology major, studied abroad for the first time in London last spring semester. She recalled the days surrounding the attack that occurred on London Bridge, when a van carrying three men crashed into pedestrians onto the bridge. After the crash, the three assailants proceeded to run into the nearby shops and pubs and slash people with knives. Three people were killed and nearly 50 more were injured. Melissen was headed back to America at the time of the attack, but recalled the day that was punctuated with concerned friends and family.

"I was thankfully in a plane headed home to the U.S but a bunch of my friends that I made were still there so it was scary. I've never been so shaken in my life," said Melissen. "I had just landed home so my phone was blowing up from family members trying to contact me but I was trying to contact my friends and it worried me that they weren't responding because of the time difference."

The first attack in Westminster, similar to the assault on the London Bridge, involved

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a man who plowed a van into onlookers before he stabbed a police officer. The devastation was roughly a twenty-minute walk from LSBU flats. The second attack on the London Bridge and Borough market was about five minutes away from campus and was a frequent weekend spot for many students.

Jenna Palumbo, a junior double majoring in Marketing and Management, studied abroad in London after years of travel consideration.

"I remember I was on the phone with my mom and then there was a knock on my door and it was my three friends who were getting ready to go out informed me," said Palumbo. "My family wanted me to get the next flight home but I didn't want to let the terrorists win, it is their goal to make us live in

fear so I wasn't going to let that happen it was my last week in London."

The police responded to a call about a white van railing into a number of pedestrians on the London Bridge. According to The Telegraph, a newspaper stationed in the U.K. reported the van swerved off the road and drove onto people on the pavement.

"I personally felt safe that I was in my room and there was a police station across the street. They had shut down the street the attack took place on," said Palumbo. "There were police everywhere nobody was allowed to leave or come onto the street but it made me feel uneasy that I had no control over what could happen at any time."

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MEXICO | EARTHQUAKE

Last Tuesday, September 19, a 7.1 magnitude earthquake devastated Mexico City. The earthquake sent powerful, deadly tremors throughout the city. The quake collapsed 38 buildings and there were reports of gas leaks and fires. Currently, one week after the disaster, 360 buildings and homes are in danger of collapsing and the death count has reached 326 people nationwide. Residents fear that there are still people alive trapped under the rubble. Less than just two weeks ago, an 8.1 earthquake struck just off the Pacific coast of southern Mexico. Scientists say that the same large tectonic mechanism was the root cause of both events. The U.S., Japan, Israel, Spain, and nine other Latin American countries have sent search and rescue teams and technical aid to provide refuge for the country.

SAUDI ARABIA | WOMEN'S RIGHT TO DRIVE

Saudi Arabia, perhaps one of the world's most conservative countries, will be allowing women to drive for the first time beginning next summer, 2018. Although neither Islamic law nor Saudi law explicitly prohibit women from driving, women were not issued licenses and were detained if they ever attempted to drive. Prince Khaled bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Washington, feels that the country is finally ready for the change. Aziza Youssef, a professor at King Saud University is very excited about the change. She, along with numerous other Saudi women, feel that women's rights are being recognized and that this is the first step in the right direction of achieving social equality for women. In 1990, 50 women were arrested for driving and ended up losing their passports and their jobs. Although this decree does not immediately grant women the right to drive, a committee will be formed in June 2018 to look further into measures to implement the order.

ISRAEL | PALESTINIAN SHOOTER

On Tuesday, September 26, a Palestinian male shot and killed three Israelis, two of which were security guards and the other a police officer. In Jerusalem, the shooter allegedly opened fire on a settlement near where he worked. The shooter was allegedly crossing a security checkpoint when he started firing bullets. This act of violence could potentially cause serious issues to Palestinians who have work permits in Israel. Not only will the work permits of the extended family be revoked, but thousands of Palestinians with work permits in Israel could see their permits taken as well. The shooting occurred just three days before the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur, where Israel has seen their fair share of attacks. Knife attacks; shootings and car rammings have littered Israel around the time of Yom Kippur. The militant group Hamas has not claimed responsibility for the attack, however it has praised it.

Correction:

The previous issue imprecisely stated that Ricardo Hausmann has not yet visited the university to speak on awareness of Venezuela's situation; Hausmann had visited last semester and plans on doing so again.

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Suffolk Art and Design students settle into new Sawyer spaces



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Director Randal Thurston told *The Journal* that the move itself took two months to fully set equipment up “safely and effectively.”

“Two full rooms on A and B are not complete yet because of water damage,” said Suffolk graduate and current Woodshop Manager Jamezie Helenski in an interview with *The Suffolk Journal* on Thursday. According to Helenski, the damage was not substantial enough to warrant any kind of halt to construction, rather the damage delayed the progress being made on the space, furthering the wait to access the area.

While the work on the damaged space has continued to progress forward, the students occupying the area are still adjusting to the lack of work space.

“It’s been a challenge struggling for where do we go and how much space can we have,” said junior Fine Arts major

Julianna Fielding. “We had very few limits on space at 75 Arlington because we had two floors and we just ran rampant and as long as we stayed within the building code, we could just put things everywhere and do art, and no one questioned it.”

According to Fielding, the fine arts students have considerably smaller studio spaces than what they are normally used to.

“We’re working through it, it’s just a matter of getting used to it and finding our space,” she said.

According to Helenski, simple tasks like setting up shop equipment proved to be more exhaustive than predicted. Tasks like running electricity to the table saw when the room didn’t have a nearby outlet close enough to plug into, or ensuring that the dust collection system ran correctly so that students could work safely and out of the way of free flowing saw dust proved to be more time consuming than what was originally planned for.



Haley Clegg / Photo Editor

One of the final corners of the basement in the Sawyer building waits for further construction for the Art and Design Department.

“I’ve been here since we moved. I’ve been here all summer getting things installed, servicing the equipment and making sure that it’s actually safe for people to come in the room,” said Helenski.

A similar struggle rings true for graphic design majors and the lack of Macintosh computers and computer labs needed to complete assignments.

According to Aditya Patel, a senior graphic design major, the new space has come equipped with mainly Windows computers, a system that doesn’t hold the same programs needed for those pursuing a career in design.

“We used to have [Macintosh computers] [in 75 Arlington] and since we are an art and

design school, we rely heavily on Macs, so when I came here we had a lot of issues using Windows, and we still are,” he said.

Patel had expressed concern in an interview for new students coming into the graphic design program and told *The Journal* that he has not heard of any kind of assurance that more Mac computers will be

installed for the graphic design students to use.

As a former fine arts student, Helenski told *The Journal* that they are able to sympathize with current fine arts students and the new lack of space.

According to Studies Program Director and Fine Arts Professor, Randal Thurston, the move is a welcome change because of the integration of the Art School onto the central campus. While Thurston acknowledged the lack of space and said he understands his students’ frustration with the move, he is ready to move forward with the progress that is currently underway.

“When you move into a new place and you have an institutional memory of where you came from, you have to just put that away and realize that what you actually have to work with is the space that you have,” said Thurston.

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Philadelphia-based Soraia shakes Allston

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Wednesday was a night of firsts at O'Briens Pub, a hole-in-the-wall punk rock club in Allston that hosts live music nightly. Philadelphia-based rockers, Soraia, began the first leg of their international tour and were preceded on stage by The Endorphins, who came together for their first organized public gig.

O'Briens is the kind of spot that you'd only go to if you knew someone who was performing or were enticed by the thunderous rock music inside. The bar gets loud; so loud that the bartenders sell earplugs along with drinks that can only be ordered through eye-contact and hand gestures. The walls and wide front windows quiver every time the bands do anything more lively than tune their guitars. While this may be a bit off putting to someone looking for a quiet drink, after a song or two you forget everything and get sucked into the dark punk rock scene.

Soraia began their tour with an energetic set of original songs, mixed with a few covers frontlined by lead singer ZouZou Mansour, whose stage presence alone is worth the price of admission. Before the show, the band waited outside as Mansour joked about what she would do if she saw someone in the audience wearing earplugs.

"I'll rip them out of their ears. I do beat people up a lot," Mansour said with a smirk. "No, it's a loud band in a little room, they're probably just saving their ears."

The band ended their last tour in Allston and was excited to begin their new tour in the unofficial music capitol of Boston.

"We picked [Allston] as our first stop because I'd rather come here first than last. It didn't get the attention I wanted to give it last time," she said.

Mansour's body shook and contorted to the heavy punk rock ballads with more moves than a game of chess, at times hopping off the stage to sing throughout the bar.

"It comes from my heart, my soul, and the passion I have for the music," Mansour



By Facebookuser SoraiaRocks

said after the show and explained that she writes most of the lyrics for the group.

The bar was far from full and kept a consistent crowd of about 30 throughout the whole night. Most of the audience was made up of bands waiting to play, or their subsets of friends and fans, giving the night a punk rock peer revue feel. The small crowd size didn't have any effect on the band who played with absolute intensity

"I felt like I finally let go," Mansour said. "It was the first show we had in a month. We just wanted to play."

Before Soraia, The Endorphins took the stage to play for the first time in a public venue, conveniently located only blocks away from their Allston apartment. They treated the crowd to a cavalcade of sleazy punk rock with tinges of a west coast surf feel.

The four person punk band began as a bedroom

been here a couple times, I was worried about the vocals because sometimes you can't hear the vocals, but it went well."

The Endorphins had the musical posture akin to many of the bands come out of the Berklee School of Music, but were not professionally trained to rock a stage like many of the new bands in Boston.

"We don't have the money for that, although we do know a bunch of them," said guitarist Jordan Scarborough, as the band hung around after their set.

The enthusiasm and excitement that comes with performing a real rock gig was alive and well in the local Allston band and their faces were plastered with the smiles of young men who tasted accomplishment.

The Endorphins took their brand of rock to Out Of The Blue in Cambridge Friday.

Both Soraia and The Endorphins can be streamed on Soundcloud at <https://soundcloud.com/soraiamusic> and <https://soundcloud.com/theendorphinsma> respectively. Find them on Facebook at SoraiaRocks and TheEndorphinsma.

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throughout the entire set.

They played their newest single, Quicksand, to wrap up their set. The song, which debuted in early August and peaked in the 22nd spot on the media-based rock charts, was reminiscent of Joan Jett's heavy-hitting discography. After the show, Mansour disembarked from the stage, content with the band's first set of the tour.

project between friends who all worked at a guitar center in Braintree, Mass., at different times. They had been working together for about a year, and then they were given their first chance to play their music for a crowd.

"We just emailed a bunch of people to get the gig and our other roommates do sound here," said Matt Bass, who played guitar and sang vocals for the band. "I've

FENTY BEAUTY SHINES BRIGHT LIKE A DIAMOND

Robyn "Rihanna" Fenty has recently rocked the cosmetic industry with arguably the biggest launch of the year with "Fenty Beauty." The launch on Sept. 8 left beauty bloggers and enthusiasts completely shaken. The line features a long-lasting matte foundation which includes 40 different shades, primer, a wide array of highlighters, mattifying blotting powder and paper, luminizing lip gloss, highlighters and touch up brushes. Though the product's packaging may appear simplistic, the product itself emphasizes a diverse shade of skin tones, attitudes and cultures.

These new beauty products do not necessarily sell out in stores, but instead, the products always maintain an "in-stock" status. It is evident that this line remains inclusive, not only to women of color, but in the cosmetics industry as a whole.

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Title IX

DeVos: A danger to student safety

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The protections afforded to sexual assault victims are being rescinded, as directed by Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

Given initially under the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and expanded during the Obama Administration, Title IX had previously been under review by DeVos's department.

All educational institutions, public and private, that receive federal funding must abide by these laws.

In addition to these protections concerning sexual assault, Title IX covers discrimination on the basis of sex in athletics, extracurricular opportunities, tutoring, dining facilities and housing facilities.

The motivations behind DeVos's intentions are unclear.

Her tenure as Secretary of Education has been riddled with ethics violations and accusations of bribery, that began with students physically blocking her first administrative school visit.

Her reasoning is derived from the belief that falsely-accused men and woman are greater victims than those of sexual assault.

While this decision is reckless and cruel, it reflects a broader ignorance that had

previously only been suspected.

Betsy DeVos is a danger to the nation's public schools and now, victims of sexual assault.

About one in three victims of sexual assault report their crimes, according to the Department of Justice's statistics.

When non-reporting victims were asked why they chose not to report the assault, 20 percent said that they feared retaliation while a combined 26 percent of individuals either felt that the problem was a personal matter or that the police could not do anything to help.

It is clear that society has yet to advance to the level of respect and safety needed for a large portion of sexual assault victims to feel comfortable coming forward.

Regarding the interests of those who have been unfairly or incorrectly accused of sexual assault, a study at the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) and a research publication at Stanford University both found the rate of false reporting to be between two percent and 10 percent.

This stands at odds with Secretary DeVos's responsibility to oversee a department that enforces compliance with these education standards.

It is her responsibility to see that educational

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Trump's hypocrisy concerns the world, not just the US

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Displaying his incoherent foreign policy in front of the United Nations General Assembly last week, President Donald J. Trump painted a grim viewing of the international system with his remarks. Speaking for the first time to the General Assembly, Trump avoided his trademark over-the-top rhetoric.

"Authority and authoritarian powers seek to collapse the values, the systems, and alliances that prevented conflict and tilted the world toward freedom since World War II," said Trump to a room of representatives from foreign nations. Conversely, Trump's statement highlighted the fact that his inconsistent foreign policy has distaste for the same values; systems and alliances that he said were under attack.

"To put it simply, we meet at a time of both immense promise and great peril. It is entirely up to us whether we lift the world to new heights, or let it fall into a valley of disrepair," said Trump to the U.N. In order for the world to be led to new heights, Trump has to play a part.

First, it is hard to take Trump's assessment of the threat posed by authoritarian powers seriously.

Through Russia's annexation of Crimea, its support of the Syrian regime and its interference in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election, Russia has shown to pose the most significant threat to the international system. Yet, Trump has a documented history of praising Russian President Vladimir Putin. Trump reluctantly signed a bill that imposed further sanctions on Russia, after it was clear that Congress would have overturned a potential veto.

Additionally, Trump has continued to deny that Russia attempted to degrade American

democracy though Russia played a part in influencing it through hacking and the spread of falsified information. "The Russia hoax continues, now its ads on Facebook," Trump tweeted on Sept. 22. With the CIA, FBI, and National Security Agency concluding that Russia did meddle in the election, it is not wise for Trump to go against the conclusion of American intelligence agencies. It only adds suspicion to

Erdogan. Not only is Erdogan responsible for the depredation of Turkish democracy, his security officials attacked peaceful demonstrators on American soil in May. During a side conversation at the U.N. General Assembly, Trump called Erdogan a "friend" and praised his leadership, according to a report by Reuters.

When Trump does take a stand against authoritarian leaders,

occasions we've had to clarify things-or show what our intent is. Because in a certain number of characters, it leads to other questions," said Ambassador Nikki Haley in an interview with Glamour Magazine. Haley's comments were about foreign dignitaries who often brought up Trump's tweets on international issues in past discussions with the U.S.

When the president issues a threat, its adversaries know to tread carefully. If they do not, it implies that they will be met with appropriate force. Haley's comments on how she had to clarify what Trump means when he tweets, he damaged America's credibility.

Trump cannot continue to make threats toward North Korea on Twitter, because the current crisis has not arrived to the point where military action is the only option left. Though Trump might think that those tweets project power and authority, all the tweets serve to do is squander America's power.

The course could be reversed in a rather simple manner if Trump would stop tweeting. Ambassador Haley's work in the U.N. Security Council to help convince Russia and China to vote for a new set of sanctions is a reminder of the effectiveness of American diplomacy.

Trump would do well to rely on his cabinet members more, and listen to their input for guidance. In short, Trump must practice what he preached at the U.N., because foreign policy cannot be conducted through whimsical tweets and heated rhetoric. For in the realm of international relations, credibility matters.

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Robert Muller's probe into the potential collusion of members of Trump's presidential campaign and Russia.

Also, to call Russian interference a hoax, is to not recognize the threat that it poses domestically to the U.S. If Trump cannot recognize the domestic challenge, then he won't be able to confront the Russian challenge abroad. Along with recognizing that Russian interference was not a hoax, President Trump must actively oppose Russia on the international stage.

Trump's praise of authoritarian leaders has also extended to Turkey's President Tayyip

his rhetoric does not match the agenda of his administration nor that of his key foreign policy figures. Trump's quip about "Rocket Man" joins a list of comments that have contributed to an escalation of words between the U.S. and North Korea. His Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Secretary of Defense James Mattis among other members of his cabinet, has repudiated most of Trump's comments on the matter. Each of his advisors have articulated a toned-down rhetoric in the hopes of securing a diplomatic resolution to the crisis.

"I do think that on

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EDITOR'S WORD

While a majority of Latin America was ravaged by natural disasters, the American people stayed focused on the ludicrousness of what has now become the 'norm' for news.

While people have missed the message of why black professional football players are kneeling in raising awareness for police brutality and social injustice, the death toll of Mexico's citizens has steadily risen more than 300 people because of a fiercely destructive earthquake.

While American people have been worried about the president's often inane and inaccurate tweets, citizens of Puerto Rico, a country which is a territory of the United States, thus making its residents United States' citizens, have been engulfed by Hurricane Maria.

A dam has been on the brink of swallowing an entire city and the American news moguls have neglected the crisis they face; the president of the United States has neglected our country's citizens and our neighbor's citizens; we, the American people, have condemned our fellow human beings.

*-The Suffolk Journal
Editorial Board*

Title IX should not be rescinded

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institutions are working to protect both men and women from sexual assault; not to provide false equivalences that bolster the arguments of those that seek to destroy these protections.

It is in the best interest of this country to protect victims of sexual assault. DeVos's decision could lead to more prevalent sexual assault when the attackers do not feel that they will be forced to compensate for their crimes because the protections afforded to the victims have been undermined.

It continues remain seen just how far these repeals will go but the Department of Education is on track to potentially tear down a movement that seeks to empower

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Support at Suffolk is lacking

Students should foster respect for different identities

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I am African-American, I am black and I am a woman. My culture is the lense through which I view the world. As a black woman in America, my culture and identity is often disrespected and appropriated. I have grown accustomed to my culture being stereotyped negatively. Because of this, it is my obligation to be proud of where I come from. As a black woman and a student, I feel that Suffolk has done a great job academically of creating a safe space for me.

At the university, I have a voice and I have place to feel comfortable, to feel equal to my peers. I have been offered ample opportunity to express my heritage and celebrate it.

The ideas and feelings of the oppressive forces within the United States have not penetrated Suffolk's academic realm.

In class, at Suffolk sponsored events and clubs and organizations on campus, I feel equal and welcomed; I am a student before any of my other identities are

recognized. However, this feeling of equality and acceptance does not bleed into my social life at Suffolk.

I am a minority and because of this, many of my classmates do not look like me. We don't share the same cultural heritage and outside of class, I am reminded of this everyday. The social climate at Suffolk can be tense due to students who refuse to become educated about social issues, and to be respectful to students with minority identities. This is especially disheartening when Suffolk provides diversity training through the Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion.

Even though Suffolk is trying to create a learning and living environment that students of all identities can find comfort in, there are some areas where Suffolk has not done enough. To an extent I feel isolated at Suffolk, I don't see myself represented enough in the student body, with professors; I want to see more people at Suffolk who reflect my culture. I wear my culture on my skin, in my hair, my clothing, the way I speak and the way I worry about how people will perceive

me. Suffolk has the opportunity to move forward, by creating a social safe space for all students. By further diversifying the student body and teaching staff. Suffolk should be admitting more Black students, to allow others to physically see people who share their identities in a positive way, to bring comfort and more of a sense of community. Even further, it would be only beneficial to have all Suffolk students partake in an intense form of diversity training, similar to the alcohol education that freshmen are required complete. Suffolk needs to not only provide options for their students but reach out to them.

I do not want to change that due to the comfort I feel knowing that people will always know who I am in the most definitive way that I identify myself. I want to change what it means to be a black woman, or seeing what it means to be a black woman through the eyes of someone who is not of the same heritage.

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Tweeting away the presidency

Letter to the Editor

We currently have problems with multiple countries that could threaten our national security.

Evidently, Russia meddled in our election for president, and continues to hack into U.S. and European government and industry systems. Also, Russia occupies eastern Ukraine.

China laid claim to the South China Sea and is constructing bases on islands claimed by other countries. The Chinese military has confronted U.S. Naval Vessels and Aircraft.

North Korea tests ballistic missiles, which are capable of reaching the U.S. They are working on developing ballistic missiles outfitted with nuclear warheads by 2018. Iran is involved in the Syrian War and is a backer of Islamic terrorist

organizations. It keeps challenging our naval forces in the Persian Gulf and continually threatens to disrupt shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.

A dictatorship in Venezuela is causing instability in the country.

Given these situations, what are Trump's priorities? He is focusing on repealing Obamacare, building a border wall, banning transgender people from our military, worrying about news leaks, undermining the media, replacing White House staff, pardoning a convicted criminal sheriff, attacking NFL and NBA players, and showering Putin with platitudes.

Trump is fraying the fabric of American society, tweeting away the presidency and jeopardizing our security.

Trump is our disastrous President.

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Two-thirds
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people
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Running to new horizons

Masch takes first strides as freshman by joining cross-country

Joe Rice
Journal Staff

Freshman cross-country runner, Hanna Masch, began her journey at Suffolk University as a freshman student-athlete this fall semester. Originally from Guatemala, Masch adapted to the American way of life through something she knew the best: participating in sports.

Masch was a boxer, swimmer and equestrian before she chose to run competitively. In addition, she went to the gym on a daily basis. This is her first year ever running for competition, and Masch said that she is running on the team for enjoyment.

In addition to running for enjoyment, Masch said that cross country is a great way to meet new people and that her teammates and coach

support her every day.

The Lady Rams welcomed Masch with open arms. The team has competed in two races this season, the Roger Williams University Invitational along with the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Invitational. The Rams finished sixth out of nine teams in the Roger Williams Invitational, with the second race being an individual one and was not scored.

From all the sports Masch has competed in, she says that cross-country is the most strenuous.

"I think [cross-country] challenges me more. It doesn't depend on anyone else but yourself," said Masch in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "You have to train like no other sport."

Masch discussed how competing in Guatemala is more relaxed compared to in America.

"It's actually really

different," she explained. "[America] takes sports way more seriously than back home."

Despite having little experience in cross-country, Masch has goals set for the fall campaign.

"Get stronger and become better," said Masch. "Along with balancing my academic life, because I'm still adapting to this new life

Masch is undergoing a semester of change: a new country, a new sport, and a new school. She is not doing this unnoticed, however, Head Coach William Feldman had nothing but kind words for the freshman.

The thing that impacts Coach Feldman the most about Masch is her infectious attitude.

"It's a pleasure having

out of the team even when they are hungry and exhausted from a work out."

Masch's role on the team, as explained by Coach Feldman, is one that provides depth to the roster, but Feldman claims that her energy provides even greater value than that.

"Her energy is infectious and makes 7 a.m. practices much more bearable for everyone else," said Feldman.

Masch, from the capital of Guatemala, Guatemala City, said in an interview that the culture is different from the United States, with the largest culture gap being the food. Masch claims she is used to having sit down meals, whereas in the United States, she feels the food is mostly "grab and go."

By running for the Lady Rams' cross-country team, Masch has been able to incorporate herself into the Suffolk



Courtesy of Suffolk Athletics

Hanna Masch

"I'm still adapting to this new life in college in a different country."

- Freshman Hanna Masch

in college in a different country."

Back in Guatemala, Masch felt as though she was unable to walk around her city due to the lack of safety. She really enjoys being able to walk around Boston without feeling threatened by those around her.

Hanna on the team. Every team needs a Hanna," said Coach Feldman in an interview with The Journal. "She is always in great spirits and lifts everyone else up. She doesn't take things too seriously, and her sense of humor is amazing. She never fails to get a laugh

culture. Not only has she successfully integrated herself, but it is evident through the words of her head coach that she is making her way.

Masch and her teammates look to continue meshing together when they race at the Keene State College Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 30.

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First down for Suffolk flag football

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The Suffolk University Co-Ed Intramural Flag Football League, the school's most popular intramural sport, according to Athletic Director Cary McConnell, will kick-off full swing in early October.

According to a Chicago Tribune article published in 2016, flag football is a growing sport in the United States by and large.

Given that Suffolk University does not have a varsity tackle football team, intramural flag football has provided an opportunity for students to participate in a team sport.

"It's the same fundamentals of the game without tackling," said junior assistant captain Chris Parnagian who plays cornerback and wide receiver.

Suffolk intramurals have consisted of intramural flag football, basketball, and one day tournaments of 3-on-3,

said Intramural Sports Director Will Feldman to The Suffolk Journal in a recent interview, and are open to all undergraduate students to participate.

The first scheduled game was supposed to be Thursday, Sept. 21, but was cancelled. The regular season games will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays during activities period in October, and playoffs will begin in November. The games will be played at the Boston Common Baseball field, and the season will run six to eight weeks, according to Feldman. However, a game will be hosted on Oct. 14 during Suffolk Weekend for students. The class of 2019 and 2021 will play on one team, and 2018 and 2020 will play on another, with 10 students per class each.

Students who are involved in varsity sports are often left struggling to balance their schedule with their athletic, academic and personal commitments.

"Intramurals allows students to still



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participate in athletic activities without having to make the time commitments that come with participating on a varsity team," said Feldman.

Intramurals can be attractive for students who are looking to increase their athletic involvement, even if they had never played a sport before.

"I wouldn't even compare it at all to a [National Collegiate

Athletic Association] contact sport," said Parnagian. "A few bruises, a couple scratches, maybe a ripped shirt but at the end of the day you gain a sense of family and make life long memories with great people."

Students are drawn to intramurals at Suffolk and other institutions because these recreational sports allow them to be a part of a team, without the strenuous workload a varsity sport can levy.

It is an opportunity for students who do not have the time or desire to fully commit to the rigorous schedule of a collegiate athlete but still desire a team dynamic that being on a sports team entails. Parnagian said he enjoys the "camaraderie."

"Not only does [intramurals] provide students with a fun way to get exercise, but it also is a great way to meet new people and feel connected with the university," said

Feldman.

Freshman baseball player Nik SanAntonio said being a varsity student athlete is, "a challenge because it tests how responsible the athlete is. It all comes down to how well one can handle pressure of succeeding in a classroom, on the field, or in the weight room."

This year there is a respectable number of students projected to participate in flag football.

"We expect to see large numbers of students taking part this year," said Feldman. "We currently have three teams signed up for this season. Teams are made up of 7-10 players. Students create their own teams, and a designated captain registers the team."

The teams compete with seven players on the field, on offense and defense, at any given time.

The next game will take place Thursday, Sept. 28.

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McMellen up for par in 15th season

Drives for GNAC Championship

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Bound to Suffolk University men's golf program for 15 seasons, Ed McMellen and the Rams have made nine Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) championship appearances, and intend to take the fairway in the top five this 2017 season.

As a Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) native, McMellen was named head golf coach in 2003 and has continued to mentor the team. The Rams enter the 2017 season with an 11-member roster, eight being underclassmen.

In 2010, McMellen played in the Mass Chapter Spring Meeting Pro-Pro at Myopia Hunt Club in South Hamilton, Mass., where he tied for fourth place with a shot of 62.

For the blue and gold's first match of the season, at the Emmanuel College Invitational, McMellen disciplined the Rams to a second place finish out of four teams, eight strokes behind opponent Wentworth Institute of Technology.

"I think [McMellen] has done a terrific job of establishing our program and providing stability

in New England," said Suffolk's Director of Athletics, Cary McConnell in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "He has great numbers on roster and they are very competitive in the New England Region. I think that's a credit to himself."

McMellen has played golf since the age of 10. The 15-season coach played in high school, as well as at Springfield College and continued his career as a PGA professional for 20 years.

"My dad got me into [golf] and I just fell in love with it," said McMellen in an interview with The Journal.

In order to become a PGA professional, a golfer must pass a golf playing ability test, which McMellen successfully completed in his first try. An individual must also take certain courses in different aspects of the golf world such as rules of golf, tournament management and merchandizing.

As a PGA professional, 15 years ago, McMellen worked at Spring Valley Country Club in Sharon, Mass., when the opportunity of becoming Suffolk's head men's golf coach was brought to his attention. It was a decision that McMellen could not turn down.

"It's hard to believe," said McMellen on going into his 15th season with the Rams. "The school

has changed a lot, for the better, in the last few years. There is a lot more support for the coaches."

McMellen also said how recently the Athletics Department has obtained better recruitment tools, and therefore has received better athletes and players. Suffolk athletics has also given student-athletes access to more useful equipment, such as the newly reconstructed fitness center, the Michael & Larry Smith Fitness Center.

"From where I started, and where we are now, we are more competitive," said McMellen.

McMellen said that he struggled with coaching at first because of the lack of recruiting which took the program down a level. Fifteen years later, he has been able to place the blue and gold in the top five of the GNAC championship three times.

"[Coach McMellen] has got a very good understanding of the game," said junior returner Stephen Ferrante in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "He definitely has the experience and mentorship."

Having played under McMellen's guidance for the past three years, Ferrante said that although his coach is a serious person, he has taught him a great deal about the in's and out's of the game of golf

and has really positive reinforcement for the players.

For the future, McMellen will plan on sticking with coaching at Suffolk as the Rams continue their drive for the GNAC title with the intention of getting the team to become competitive on an annual basis.

The Rams look to obtain a winning record

for Coach McMellen's 15th season as they compete in the Emmanuel College Invitational at William J. Devine Golf Course, Franklin Park in Boston on Sept. 27.

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