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"These senseless acts were brought on by the very values that seeks to eliminate diversity and oppress those who are not white. This oppression manifests in the news, by glorifying white terrorists and the degrading of people of color."

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Time TO GET IT RIGHT

By **Chris DeGusto**, News Editor

Suffolk may find itself with a new and permanent president in the near future, as the university opened up a position profile and corresponding application for the top office, on Thursday.

After multiple years of practically playing musical chairs for the high seat, Suffolk's at-the-time Provost Marisa Kelly was appointed to become an acting president in the summer of 2016 while the university began an international search process.

In a statement sent out university-wide on Thursday, Suffolk, who has been partnered with the search firm AGB Search, announced that candidates can apply for the position of Suffolk's President through Nov. 20.

"After that date, AGB Search will evaluate and assess applicants, with the goal of having a first list of candidates for initial consideration by the search committee in early December," said the statement.

With a date set in which applicants can put forth their names for consideration, and an initial time frame of when deliberation upon who will take the office of president in place, some members of the university community are awaiting the impending changes.

"I am looking forward to the results of the presidential search. I have certainly been involved in the university for a long time," said Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Advertising, Public Relations, and Social Media Robert Rosenthal in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "I think that we will get some

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PRESENT

MCKENNA
2016

SMITH
2015

MCCARTHY
2014

BROWN
2012

SARGENT
2010

Suffolk feels natural disaster responses are inadequate

By **Matt Geer**, Journal Contributor

Recently, a series of cataclysmic storms have tormented areas in the Southern Atlantic. Houston and other lower parts of the United States, along with Puerto Rico, have gotten the worst of it.

Both Hurricanes Harvey and Maria had alarming effects on the lives of these U.S. citizens. It is estimated that the recovery efforts and aid for these battered regions will cost billions of dollars, and there is currently no time table for this process.

Suffolk University's Carmen Veloria, an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, recently put together a short presentation entitled "Framing Hurricane Maria." This was meant to spark the conversation amongst a small group made up of some students and faculty of how people are reacting to these catastrophes.

In attendance were professor Roberto Dominguez and Associate professor

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Morgan Hume/ Madrid Correspondent

Madrid correspondent Morgan Hume ventured across the Atlantic Ocean for the fall semester this year. [Above] A welcome trip to Galicia, Spain. Students had just finished hiking to the top of a mountain and reached a lighthouse in the Cíes Islands. See more photos on page 6.

Suffolk students, alum etch their own political campaign journeys

These Suffolk students are out on the path of attaining political office. As challenges arise, these alumni and students have persevered on, hopeful to make a positive change in their communities.

By **Nathan Espinal**, Senior Staff Writer and **Taylor White**, Journal Contributor



Courtesy of Jean Bradley Derenoncourt

Derenoncourt confident to win first position in office

Jean Bradley Derenoncourt graduated this past May with a degree in government and around 400 signatures to get his name on the ballot for City Councilor-at-Large for Brockton, Massachusetts.

Recently, he has been spending his time going to events for the campaign brought on by the city, knocking on doors and talking to potential voters in any way he can to gain support. He has been doing this all while working as Director of Constituent Services for Massachusetts State Senator Michael D. Brady and serving on the Board of Library Trustees in the Brockton Public Library.

Derenoncourt's team consists of his former professor at Massasoit College, Jared Gilpatrick, who has taken on the role of managing his campaign, as well as others filling advisory positions. The team has been able to raise more than \$20,000 dollars to use in his campaign for one of the four available positions against the other seven who are also running City Councilor-at-Large for Brockton. He has endorsements from state senators, such as Linda Dorcea Forry, and has numerous volunteers helping him with his campaign.

"There is this one thing my dad taught me: as long as you know you mean well [in] your heart, then you shouldn't worry about anything anyone is saying," said Derenoncourt in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "I don't care if someone doesn't like me, but I will do my best to improve myself to be a better person."

Being able to give back to the community that brought him in when he emigrated from Haiti is what Derenoncourt hopes to do in this position. His hope to improve on public education is on the top of his priorities for the city of Brockton.

"I'm hoping to be one of the four people that will be voted in and I have no doubt that I will be one of them. [On] Nov. 7 I'm going to win this race," said Derenoncourt. "They have never had a Haitian American elected official, so if I [am] I'll be the first one to be elected, not just in Brockton, but in the entire state."



Courtesy of Justin Murad

Alum forced to postpone plan for office

After not receiving enough votes to qualify, former Suffolk University government major Justin Murad was unable to make the ballot on May 23 in his efforts of running for City Councilor-at-large for District five of Boston.

Each candidate who intended to run for a position needed a total of 250 signatures from registered voters within the candidate's proposed district. This amount of 250 signatures was a compulsory requirement by May 23; a target date Murad did not attain. The most significant problem for Murad he said in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal, was his approach in trying to obtain signatures.

"Me and my group went around knocking on doors and standing outside of grocery stores, asking if they would sign my petition to be on the ballot," said Murad.

People were reluctant to give Murad their signatures and Murad said he recognized that the security of people's ties to other candidates in his community lead to his defeat.

Said Murad of the loyalty people in his community have felt to other candidates, "A lot of other people were afraid that if they were to sign it there would be some kind of repercussion from the other person that they were supporting."

One of the biggest challenges Murad faced is his most influential adversary, Timothy McCarthy, who has been the City Councilor-at-Large for district five of Boston for 20 years.

"I guess the upper hand he had on me was the fact that he's the incumbent, he's well known [and] he's older," said Murad. "It is harder to get your point across when somebody who [has] been in the district for so long, running the district for so long."

Aside from his defeat, Murad still plans to run against McCarthy in the 2019 election cycle and hopes that his seat will be more available during that time.



Courtesy of Samson Raccioppi

Libertarian candidate Raccioppi takes stand against Moulton

Running against current incumbent Seth Moulton for the 6th Congressional District of Massachusetts is Politics, Philosophy and Economics major Samson Raccioppi.

He needs 2,000 signatures from voters registered in the Libertarian party within the district by February 2018. In a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal, Raccioppi said he is confident that by sharing his views he will be able to get his name on the ballot so constituents can vote by November 2018.

When he was 17, Raccioppi traveled around the New England area to fix the point of sale systems before starting his own business in 2003. Two years later, after he realized his business was not going to succeed, he joined the army after the Sept. 11, 2001 attack. After he came back from his deployment, Raccioppi kept a close ear to international politics while returning to the computer repair field.

Raccioppi was asked to be a speaker for the Free Speech rally that occurred in July, and volunteered to manage one of the stages at the recent Boston Freedom Rally in September 2017. He realized the potential of getting his name out to the people by doing these free, voluntary events so he can speak of federal policies that affect the state.

"I'd like to find a way to reduce the influence of the federal government within the state of Massachusetts, while maintaining a balanced budget," said Raccioppi in a recent interview with The Journal.

Raccioppi spoke of how his views contrast the current Representative of the 6th district Seth Moulton, who is a combat veteran, as well as Carlos Hernandez, the Republican candidate also vying for the position.

"People are coming here for a reason from these countries. What is causing the demand? We're the supplier of a place to go," said Raccioppi. "For me to flee my area, it would have to be bad. So what is causing - and I'm not trying to be pejorative - their lives to be so bad for them to leave their homes and come to a place that's hostile to them."

Political pulse: What's next for 'dreamers'

Maggie Randall
D.C. Correspondent

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy will be rescinded in six months, according to a Sept. 5 announcement from President Donald Trump's administration.

DACA was created by former Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, during former President Barack Obama's administration, to provide work authorization and temporary relief from immigration action. On Sept. 22, during a panel at the Brookings Institute, Napolitano explained that "DACA is an exercise of prosecutorial selection."

When Obama announced the DACA policy through executive order in June 2012, he said that DACA recipients "are Americans in their heart, in their minds, in every single way but one: on paper."

In March of this year, a Suffolk University and USA Today poll showed that 63 percent of registered voters believe Trump should protect Dreamers, individuals who were undocumented minors when they entered the United States, from being deported.

More recently, according to a Politico and Morning Consult poll conducted in early September, 60 percent of voters who "strongly approve" of Trump, want Dreamers to be able to stay in the United States.

State leaders have been at the forefront of protecting immigrants' rights. Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey spoke out against the rescission in a complaint filed on Sept. 6.

"Dreamers are Americans. They go to our schools, serve in our military, work and start businesses in our communities," said Healey.

Healey is one of several other attorneys general who have led the charge in protecting immigrants' rights. Just a day after Trump announced that he would rescind DACA, 16 states filed a complaint challenging the rescission. The case, *New York v Trump*, challenged the legality of Trump's decision to rescind the policy.

According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services data from the end of March, there are nearly 19,000 eligible DACA recipients living, working, and learning in Massachusetts.

Politico reported that 7,800 of these DACA recipients live in the Boston area. The Cambridge City Council unanimously passed an ordinance in early October that would "create a fund that would reimburse DACA application costs for Cambridge residents."

The rescission has prompted Congress to act in protecting these more than 800,000 young people. Since 2001, there have been bipartisan



By Twitter user @benwikler

Rally in front of the U.S. capital during the last day to reregister for DACA earlier this month.

efforts in nearly every Congress toward passing the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act.

Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Graham Cassidy (R-SC), have sponsored the DREAM Act (S.1615) again this past summer in response to Trump's rhetoric threatening to end the program.

There has been little action on the bill since July. Even so, it is likely there will be more bipartisan effort to finally get the DREAM Act passed before March 5, when DACA is expected to end, according to a White House press release.

While DACA is not a

legal status, the DREAM Act provides lawful permanent residence on a path to citizenship for Dreamers.

Doris Meissner, the former Commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, believes the employment authorization is the greatest achievement of DACA. California, for example, has the sixth largest economy in the world, and the largest share of DACA recipients. Meissner believes the rescission could have serious effects on their economy.

Carlos Guevara is the senior policy advisor at UnidosUS; an advocacy

group focused on social issues facing Latinos. He pointed out that the Trump Administration's actions are essentially a betrayal to thousands of individuals who were uncertain to come forward to announce their legal status, but trusted in the federal government.

Following Trump's announcement to rescind DACA, Obama released a statement expressing similar sentiments on how the rescission breaks trust formed between the federal government and the immigrant community.

"Let's be clear: the action taken today isn't required legally. It's a

political decision, and a moral question. Whatever concerns or complaints Americans may have about immigration in general, we shouldn't threaten the future of this group of young people who are here through no fault of their own, who pose no threat, who are not taking away anything from the rest of us," said President Obama. "Kicking them out won't lower the unemployment rate, or lighten anyone's taxes, or raise anybody's wages."

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Recent hurricanes stir up Suffolk

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Amy Agigian, who spoke alongside Veloria. All three of them spoke their mind during this presentation on the damage Hurricane Maria has caused and how the United States have reacted as a whole.

Their consensus was that the U.S. Government, under President Donald Trump, simply hasn't done enough. Both Veloria and Agigian discussed how inactivity in these times can shape the mind of the people today.

"It happened in a different place, [so it's] not our responsibility," said Veloria hypothetically.

Veloria's reference spoke to the mindset that some people have; if an issue is not of direct effect to someone, then they need not to be concerned on the matter.

Veloria also discussed over the course of her entire presentation how these issues are as crucial politically as they are naturally. Citizens response and desire to

help is key in the recovery process, as agreed upon by almost everyone that spoke.

"Framing," the main theme of the presentation, is how people conceive these disasters and the root causes of these tropical storms. Framing is the way people see the world, often alternative to other ways of thinking in different areas. Agigian stated that as people, it is inappropriate to deny the role citizens have in the creation of these storms and the problematic aftermath of them. Veloria did not hesitate to agree with this.

"Scientific data isn't making a compelling enough argument," said Veloria. "It is visible in the way we act in times like this."

One of the main points made by the speakers is that the U.S. has reacted so poorly because a lot of people have a similar mentality in their line of thinking-- that people shouldn't react at all. Veloria, along with her fellow speakers addressed how Trump and his administration's rhetoric has been to hold back, because those affected

are seen as a financial liability, even though they are U.S. citizens.

The engagement of Suffolk students in these relief efforts was another topic indirectly brought up during the discussion. Students gathered together to discuss these issues.

Elie Crief, a senior international student from France, discussed how the lack of acknowledgement at the government level can be mimicked among students.

"There needs to be a movement people are aware of," said Crief in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal.

Crief said how important it is that students band together to grasp the importance of our reactions to these natural phenomena. Crief also said that if this ideal became more fundamental, dealing with these catastrophes both domestically and internationally would become easier.

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Suffolk's presidential search one step closer to completion

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good candidates. We have a very good search firm that understands us, which is important."

Rosenthal, who has been with the university since 1983, was involved with the accreditation process five years ago during the time of negative publicity centered around former university president David Sargent and the aftermath of his departure. During this accreditation process, Rosenthal focused primarily on governance. Rosenthal said that some of the biggest qualities of the next president that he will look for, will be able to understand, to be inclusive and willing to listen to people prior to making decisions.

The university's position profile listed online calls for a variety of skills and qualities that hope to draw worthy and dedicated candidates.

The profile outlines intent to seek candidates with "Understanding

of national and global student recruitment methods, retention, and enrollment management," the "Ability to identify, increase, and diversify revenue sources, with generation of new resources through vigorous fundraising," and "Deep knowledge of sound strategic planning and clear decision making based upon regional, national and global trends concerning the challenges of higher education," among other characteristics.

Listed among these include past success on implementing diversity throughout students and administration as well as the ability to channel the vast network of Suffolk alumni.

"There are three things I am looking for: [the next president] should understand us and who we are, they need to understand what we have gone through and our mission," said Rosenthal. "Second, they have to be able to raise money. The third thing I am looking for is that they have to be a good communicator and be the face of the university to the public."

Suffolk's recent turbulent history at this position has prompted the need for stability and lasting results, regardless of any positive or negative spotlight the collegiate institution may have cast upon itself.

"Steady, bold, thoughtful, and strategic leadership is expected from a president who will listen carefully, assess fairly, and act decisively," the university's Presidential search website states. "The president will be the trusted voice and vision of Suffolk University for the long term."

After much inconsistency in the top office since 2010, the search coming to a seemingly near conclusion can in effect lift a weight off of the shoulders of the university that has suffered media backlash and knocks upon its reputation as a result of the constant shuffling of the seat of the president.

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Women in Leadership alumnae three years strong

Suffolk's Women in Leadership alumnae network, will host the third annual Professional Success Expo in November. Cordelia Pisacane, a graduate of the university in 2008, birthed the idea for an alumnae network while still a student, drawing 20 people to its initial meeting. Today the network has swelled to almost 200 members. The mission of Women in Leadership is to advocate for both undergraduate and graduate women, and to instill a mindset of empowerment. Pisacane, who chairs the alumnae network and works for the Department of Veterans Affairs as a service representative, has said, "It's important to actively engage in building the community we want, which is why Women in Leadership is creating opportunities for alumnae to come back and interact, not only with students, but also within their own community. Building a small community within this larger Suffolk family helps ensure our alumnae stay involved and share their knowledge and advice."

Trump scratches Clean Power Plan

On Tuesday President Donald Trump's administration enacted more change, with the end of former President Barack Obama's environmental regulations. The "Clean Power Plan," which had a long term plan of changing global temperature by limiting carbon emissions from power plants that utilized coal. "Repealing the Clean Power Plan is the right move for the economy and for the rule of law. The Obama administration's signature climate rule was a vast, unlawful expansion of government authority into the energy sector with wide-reaching consequences for our economy," said House Speaker Paul Ryan in a recent statement. In 2015, a co-run study by The Beacon Hill Institute at Suffolk University and the MacIver Institute concluded that the EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan would cost Wisconsin \$920 million in 2030, and reduce disposable income in the state by nearly \$2 billion according to the MacIver Institute themselves. "The study also found that the CPP would have cost Wisconsin 21,000 jobs and increased the average household electric bill by \$225 per year and the average commercial business electric bill by \$1,530 per year," according to a recent article by the MacIver Institute.

Business students helping others to smell the coffee

Enlisting the help of Suffolk's Sawyer business school's Customer Insights and Decision Making course, local cafe George Howell Coffee has sought the knowledge of students in order to promote its brand and educate people on their morning beverage techniques. The coffee shop, which has three locations, is looking to bolster its traffic with some assistance from the up-and-coming entrepreneurs of Suffolk. Professor Mujde Yukel has said, "In the class, our research process is quite extensive, with secondary data, focus groups, and an extensive segmentation survey." George Howell Coffee has focused on quality over quantity, and supports the places in which they obtain their product from, naming their beverages after the local farms. In September, students of Yukel's class attending an event at the coffee shop to learn their unique cupping, a tasting process that guides buying decisions, training baristas and educating drinkers. The marketing class has strategized in order to develop a complete marketing plan, which will be presented in November.



Refugee crisis hits global scale

Ethnic violence: an ongoing issue

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In the United States, stories of violence, racism and police brutality regularly flood the news. Although mainstream media often focuses on racism within the U.S., there is a tremendous amount of ethnic violence occurring overseas that many Americans often overlook. While it is crucial to be aware of the inhumanity within the country, it is essential for all U.S. citizens to be cognizant of the racist and tyrannical acts outside the U.S.

As of 2016, geopolitical conflicts, ethnic tensions and natural disasters have forcibly displaced 65.6 million people worldwide, according to the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Additionally, there are 22.5 million refugees, 10 million stateless people, and 189,300 settled refugees according to UNHCR.

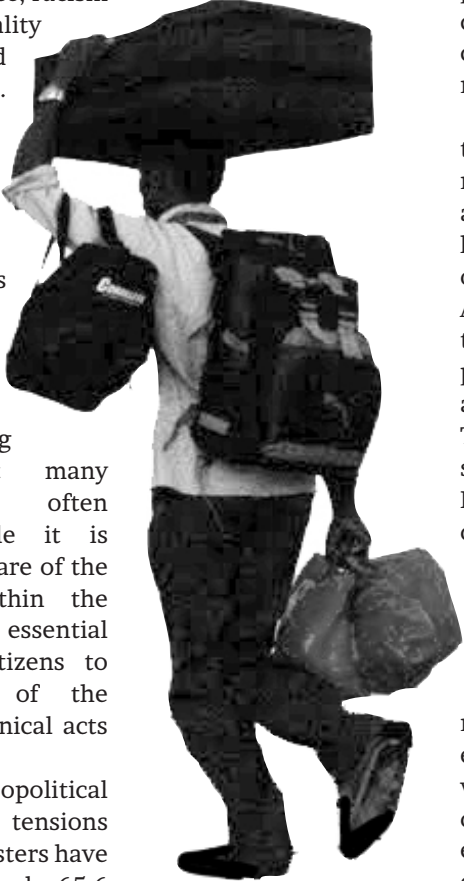
"[The refugee crises] raise all kinds of problems," said Suffolk University philosophy lecturer Brian Smith in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "Globally, there's a sense of helplessness and not knowing what to do."

Smith explained that refugee crises typically lead to violence in developed nations because the countries in crisis often do not have the resources to accommodate large masses of people coming to the nation at once. Ultimately, the fact that refugee crises caused increased displacement is not a new concept.

"It's such a common thing," said Smith. "It's actually harder to find examples where ethnic violence doesn't occur."

The Syrian Civil War, which started because of political differences, forced more than 11 million people to lose

their homes and thus started the Syrian refugee crisis, according to the Mercy Corps website. Venezuela's economic



collapse sparked the humanitarian crisis pushed nearly two million people out of the nation, according to CNN. Ukraine's Donbass Rebellion also initiated the Ukrainian refugee crisis where 1.35 million Ukrainian citizens ended up displaced, according to the Aljazeera website.

"These things happen in countries that have little infrastructure to begin with," said Smith. "The burden tends to fall on neighboring countries."

Since there is such a high moral sentiment to help people in need, incentives for other countries to intervene are driven by specific criteria, according to Smith.

Senior global business and global market major Kristin Abijaoude explained her perspective as a child of Maronite Catholic Lebanese immigrants who settled in the U.S. after the 1975 Lebanese Civil War.

"The devastating war affected everyone: Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Druze, Lebanese, Palestinian and Syrian," said Abijaoude. "There is still tension to this day, even within Lebanon, a country that

claims to overlook our differences."

Violence is often a factor when there is a new ethnic group of people entering another country with its own cultural, political and religious practices.

"The very fact that the 1.5 million Syrian refugees in Lebanon aren't treated with humanity contradicts our tolerance," said Abijaoude. "For example, they're not given the proper basic needs, such as water and shelter. They're subjected to strict curfew. Even the Lebanese people want to drive out the refugees, even by violent means."

Although the two major religions in India are Hinduism and Islam, the two face the most ethnic unrest with each other. India shares war-stricken Muslim dominated countries on each side of its' border, one in particular being Myanmar. This has been a key player as to why India faces a refugee crisis today.

A story became widely known after the Muslim mob took action against the 17-year old Hindu boys' action of posting an offensive cartoon of Prophet Muhammad on Facebook.

In addition, Suffolk University professor of Asian Studies Ronald Suleski explained an event that occurred in India between Hindus and Muslims as well. For Hindus, the cow is sacred, therefore Hindus do not eat beef. When the Hindus realized there was a Muslim man storing beef in his refrigerator, the Hindus broke into the Muslim man's house and brutally beat him to death with clubs purely because of their religious differences, according to Suleski.

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Internally displaced Ukrainians forgotten

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The key to understanding Ukraine's migrant crisis is in the conflict's roots. The upheaval that has followed the ongoing war in Eastern Ukraine has disrupted millions of lives. However, most of the migrants have been internally displaced instead of forced to leave their home country. Western European media outlets have sparsely covered the ongoing migrant crisis in Ukraine because internally displaced people are not classified in the same way as those who must escape their war-torn countries.

"People who are internally displaced are not counted as refugees helping the crisis fly under the radar," said Professor of International Relations at Suffolk University

Ukraine have primarily sought refuge in Russia. With compiled data from the Ukrainian Ministry of Social Policy and the European Union, German weekly news magazine, Der Spiegel, estimated that 911,600 Ukrainians, mostly from the Donbass area, have fled to Russia. Russia's Federal Migration Services estimates that on top of the Ukrainians who have recently arrived in Russia, there are an additional 2.6 million Ukrainians who live and work in Russia.

"Russia has a visa-free regime with Ukraine and so each year hundreds of thousands go to and from Moscow, and Russia in general considers Ukrainians as their close relatives, if not outright the same people", said adjunct Suffolk history professor Leon Rozmarin in a statement to The Suffolk Journal.

The conflict in Ukraine began in 2013, when then Ukrainian President

US driven NATO on one hand, and Moscow, which is reintegrating its neighboring states into a security and economic union," said Professor Rozmarin.

While Rozmarin argued that Russia is protecting its traditional spheres of influence, others disagree. Some assert that Russia is using its citizens in Ukraine as a pretext to shift the current geopolitical order in its favor, while also expanding Russia's borders to match the old Russian Empire.

"Because something once was accepted, it doesn't mean that it should be accepted today...what Russia did in Ukraine is against international law", stated Professor Domínguez, adding that "Nation's don't do that anymore, expansion, claiming that they want to rescue their citizens."

Considering the role that the European Union

"People who are internally displaced are not counted as refugees... Helping the crisis fly under the radar."

-Professor of International Relations at Suffolk University, Roberto Domínguez

Roberto Domínguez in an interview with The Suffolk Journal.

Since the start of the war, nearly 1.6 million Ukrainians have been displaced internally, and another 1.2 million have sought asylum in neighboring countries, according to a report by UN Refugee Agency.

The only recent ceasefire that was successful was at the end of August, which allowed children in Eastern Ukraine to begin the new school year without war. The agreement was backed by Russia, Ukraine, France, Germany and the United States, according to multiple news agencies. Other attempts to reach a ceasefire have fizzled out.

Those who have fled

Viktor Yanukovich rejected a planned association agreement between Ukraine and the European Union, which would have politically and economically aligned Ukraine with the E.U., in favor of an economic deal with Russia. Protests erupted due to Yanukovich's decision, and the Ukrainian parliament impeached him on Feb. 22, 2014. This triggered Russian intervention in Ukraine, and in March 2014, Russia annexed Crimea, and then pro-Russian separatists seized control of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions in Eastern Ukraine.

"It is from internal Ukrainian historic roots and from being smack in the middle of the geopolitical contest between an expanding,

has played, especially in Germany, with the relocation of Syrian refugees, there has been speculation as to why there has not been a more active role by the E.U. in supporting Ukrainian asylum seekers.

"In many ways it's a controlled conflict areas of Ukraine are politically stable," said Professor Domínguez. The relative size of Ukraine allows for its citizens to find safety within their own borders. It also gives countries in the E.U. a reason to reject Ukrainian asylum seekers. In the end, regardless of the distinction, Ukrainians are suffering due to an armed conflict beyond their control.

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Suffolk panel tackles America's worldwide war on drugs

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Last Wednesday, Professor Maureen Norton-Hawk and other Suffolk University staff held an open seminar at 73 Tremont titled "The Wall-Drug Policy in the U.S." for students and faculty to discuss the issue of international and domestic drug policy and its handling, as well as issues regarding Trump's proposal to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Norton-Hawk, Philosophy Chair Gregory Fried, Assistant Professor John Smolinsky, Associate Professor Eric Bellone and Economics Department Chair Shahruz Mohtadi were featured on the seminar's diverse panel.

Americans spend roughly one billion dollars on drugs each year and the government arrests about one and a half million each year and four million people are convicted yearly for drug charges, according to the seminar's panel.

The members of the panel boasted specialties across a variety of disciplines, such as philosophy, criminal justice, economics and sociology. The panel covered topics that ranged from the criminal justice system and drug courts to drug trafficking.

Given that Suffolk University has possessed such a high international student rate, and that international drug trafficking is very much an issue, Norton-Hawk said it is important for students to be aware.

"[We've] got to understand that we are a global village," said Norton-Hawk.

Suffolk's student body contains students from many of the countries which the U.S. has current or former international drug trade relations with, such as China, Columbia and various Middle Eastern countries. Since Suffolk's student population predominantly hails

from many of these countries, students may very well have seen how international drug trade affects their native land.

According to the panel, a prominent issue regarding the U.S.-Mexican drug trade is the domestic drug production, Middle Eastern and Chinese drug imports are also a contributor to the issue.

Norton-Hawk and the rest of the panel spoke to the issue of the border wall and whether or not it would be valid in helping to combat U.S.-Mexican drug trade. According to Norton-Hawk, it "doesn't make any sense" to build a wall.

Fried agreed with Norton-Hawk's criticism of the plan to build the wall.

"The wall is a sham. As far as drug policy goes, it is a completely meaningless thing except as a symbol, as a symbol of a hard-nosed approach to immigration," said Fried.

Although the U.S. has taken precautions to keep cartels and drug dealers from getting into the country, Norton-Hawk claimed that they find more ways to bypass these regulations, or find new ways to enter altogether.

"They [the traffickers] are not dumb," said Norton-Hawk. "Just because they're doing something we've defined as illegal doesn't mean that they're stupid. They want to make money."

Mohtadi claimed that a possible way to curtail the trade of drugs is to go after the role of supply and demand, why or why not Americans buy drugs and that even as prices rise, it may not matter. Mohtadi claimed that drugs have very little elasticity. Elasticity is "how sensitive you are to a change in price," he said. As far as drugs go, there is low elasticity, meaning when prices go up, buyers will still buy, according to mohtadi.

Fried spoke to this in the seminar and said that as long as drugs are pleasurable, humans will continuously seek

their use. "[Drugs] supposedly make you happy. There is a very serious problem with the conception of happiness, which is generally based around pleasure and self-satisfaction," said Fried.

Smolinsky reaffirmed Fried's point.

"All they [patients] know is 'this felt better than that,'" said Smolinsky.

There was also some discussion regarding Afghanistan and how the U.S. went after the supply of opium. "When we went to Afghanistan to fight the Taliban, one of the things that we did was destroy their poppy fields," said Motadi. "One of the policies we had was completely destroy their means of living, and so you wonder why the local population still protects the Taliban." In 2016, global opium production (6,380 tons) increased by one third compared to the previous year, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Bellone discussed drug courts as opposed to criminal courts at length, stating that they are not geared toward the punishment of drug criminals, but instead toward their recovery.

"They're not there to protect your health, they're there to protect your rights," said Bellone in regards to attorneys in the criminal justice system. "Whereas in a drug court that's exactly what they're supposed to do... A drug court judge is very involved in everything."

Despite this seemingly easier route to deal with a drug charge, the drug court system is still not perfect. "The issue is that when you're in a traditional courtroom, you understand what your rights are," said Bellone. "There is a process...when you're in a drug court, those processes are out the window."

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SCENES FROM SPAIN

Images from a student studying abroad



Sophomore government and economics major Greg Moore enjoying a day trip to Toldeo, Spain.



The streets of Toldeo, Spain with the cathedral poking through the cityscape



This is a bowl of chorizo, which is a popular Spanish sausage dish.

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Juliana Tuozzola
Journal Contributor

"Yes" performed at the Orpheum Theatre in Boston on Oct. 4, 2017. The band featured lead singer Jon Anderson, guitarist Trevor Rabin, and keyboardist Rick Wakeman. The progressive rock band was recently inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in April after nearly 50 years of performing.

They have maintained their success and status as a profound rock and roll

group since the beginning of their rise to fame in the late 1960's. "Yes" was said to be "the longest lasting and the most successful of the '70s progressive rock groups," according to allmusic.com.

The band was formed by lead singer Jon Anderson, bassist Chris Squire, guitarist Peter Banks, keyboardist Tony Kayne and drummer Bill Bruford. They created music that pushed all types of rock standards and boundaries. This included rock sub-genres such as classical, psychedelic, art and soft rock.

Although their big break debuted in the late 1960s, the band's music is still celebrated, performed and honored to this day.

"I have been a fan of "Yes" since I was in high school. This group has unbelievable musicians" said original and dedicated fan and concert attendee Michael Puliafico as he excitedly anticipated the concert. Puliafico declared that he has remained a

devoted and enthusiastic fan of "Yes" for the majority of his life, and this was his very first time seeing the band perform live. Similar to Puliafico, many of the group's fan base has been following them through the entirety of their career.

The atmosphere at the Orpheum was filled with passion, mystery and, of course, the iconic glitz and glam of the '70s. A variety of different colored lights motioned on the stage as lead singer Jon Anderson entered with a tambourine in hand. He was greeted by an empowering, deafening applause and a plethora of "rock-on" hand

signs from the audience. The theatre was filled with vibrancy and pride as bright blue, pink,

purple and green lights shone on the stage and even projected onto the audience. The mood of the concert was instantaneously created to be that of relaxation,

YES

positivity and celebration.

"Yes," featuring original lead singer Anderson and two new members - guitarist Trevor Rabin and keyboardist Rick Wakeman - who opened with "Cinema." This progressive rock song consists of magical rock and roll tunes from the drums, keytar, bass guitar, all while legendary rocker, Anderson, started the show as he swayed back and forth and motioned his hands in unity with the music.

The band then continued to perform, playing several hits from "The Yes Album," "90125" and "Fragile." Off of those albums, the band performed famous songs such as "Hold on" and "Perpetual Change."

As lights illuminated the performers and audience in dynamic, rainbow colors, the atmosphere of the concert developed into that of high spirit and celebration. The performers captured

the fun-loving essence of the 70's era by wearing extravagantly colored sequined capes and jackets that were

geometrically patterned. Wakeman wore a sequined patterned cape with bright blues and deep magentas embedded into it. The band certainly captured the art, fashion and vibe of 70's culture.

After performing, "South Side in the Sky" lead singer Anderson said to the crowd, "That song was from 46 years ago, and it came out

before most of you were born!" This comment enlightened the audience with acknowledgment for the five, thriving decades of the band's career.

Anderson continued,

humorously expressing, "But it's okay, it's okay! We understand, and we're going to do a celebration of the Yes music again. And you and I, and you and I, and you and I" Anderson and the band then moved right into performing an original cover of "And You and I."

In addition to the variety of outfits and songs performed, the band utilized different instruments throughout the concert as well. Anderson played the tambourine throughout the show, and performed "Awaken" with a harp.

"Yes" concluded the show with their hit song "Owner of a Lonely Heart." People arose out of their seats, to rock along with the famous band and pay homage to their outstanding musical journey.

"You know this song so you've got to sing along with me," lead singer, Jon Anderson, expressed before "Yes" ended the night with an encore edition of "Roundabout."

The honoring of "Yes" career continues. The band will be celebrating 50 years of success with the continuation of their 50th anniversary tour. The world tour will span throughout the end of March 2018. "Yes" will continue their legacy by rocking out to past songs in the near future.

See photos from the show online.

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#GlamSlam at Boston Fashion Week

Profiling current and aspiring designers, Boston Fashion Week 2017 displays stories slam style

Haley Clegg
Photo Editor

Local fashion designers and artists came together Thursday night to share personal stories from their careers as a part of this year's Boston Fashion Week. #GlamSlam featured 10 different speakers from all areas of the fashion world, from makeup artists to footwear designers to models and an author. Some had been in the industry for years while others are just beginning their careers. #GlamSlam was put on by Platform Downtown and Downtown Business Improvement District (BID), and was hosted by former fashion model and comedian Bethany Van Delft.

Audience members also had the opportunity to anonymously participate in the event. On each seat was a white slip of paper that asked to tell of the "last time you committed a fashion faux pas."

One person claimed that faux pas do not exist. "Never! I don't believe there is a mistake in fashion," one wrote anonymously.

The event proceeded in slam style, with speakers' names drawn out of a designer bag.

Footwear Designer Chris Donovan was the first name pulled from the purse and took a seat at the front of the room and faced the crowd.

"No matter what I'm looking at throughout my day, if it intrigues me, my mind always goes to shoes," said Donovan. "I'm obsessed."

Donovan developed a love for shoes early in life, but decided to work for a phone company after high school as an operator for nearly 25 years.

"I knew there was something more in me, and I knew there was something more out there that was more worthwhile than what I was doing," said Donovan.

After sketching designs for more than 40 years, Donovan finally decided

to have a designer take a look at his ideas. After the first night of classes, the designer pulled him aside in class to tell him that he was born to do this. Donovan left his job and he and his husband moved to Italy for him to attend Polimoda, a fashion design school in Florence. With no design background, he graduated at the top of his class, and will be releasing a shoe line within the next year.

Recent Suffolk University graduate Maxine Buretta was one of the speakers at #GlamSlam, where she shared the story of her senior thesis project. As a senior, she had the opportunity to design the costuming for Orlando, by Virginia Woolf where she put together more than 40 pieces for the show.

"It was a fantastic and transformative experience for me," Buretta told The Suffolk Journal in an interview. Suffolk allowed her to graduate with a concentration in costume design, despite not having a major catered to her passion.

As of late, Buretta is a freelance costume designer and works on odd jobs that intrigue her. One current project is a costume she is putting together for an eight foot tall bear.

"I love freelancing, although it's not a career goal I have long term, but I love it and I love what I do," she said in an interview with The Suffolk Journal on Thursday evening.

Not all of the speakers at #GlamSlam were designers. Liz Hostetter, the CEO and founder of Ellie Kai took to the stage to speak about her company. Her inspiration for the business came from the time she spent living in Hong Kong where she had difficulty finding clothes that fit her due to her height. She worked with a local tailor to make clothes and designs that were personalized just for her. With no background in design, Hostetter took this concept and ran with it, and from it Ellie Kai was born.

Her company, which began in 2011, primarily manufactures clothes that are made-to-order. She focuses on the idea of personalization,



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Suffolk graduate Maxine Buretta discusses her journey from costume design at Suffolk University, to freelance costume designer.

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**- Maxine Buretta
Costume Designer &
Suffolk Alum**

customization and optional in order to ensure her clients are all fully satisfied with the articles they purchase. Since all of her pieces are made-for-you, Hostetter's company is also proud of its ethical manufacturing which leaves behind fewer wasted materials.

Ellie Kai has reached global markets with offices in Boston, Hong Kong, Cape Cod and China.

Penny Vinik Curator

of Fashion Arts, Michelle Finamore from Boston's Museum of Fine Arts, Makeup artist Mariolga Pantazopoulos, Creative Director at Find Your Cool Collette Royer, Communications Officer at Harvard University Jill Radsken, Model and Restaurateur Sonia Garufi, Neiman Marcus' public relations associate Emanuelle Acaad and author William Kuhn were among other speakers on the panel.

The range of stories told throughout Thursday evening's event came from across the fashion industry and rich with passion, covering moments of inspiration and frustration, and how rewarding the industry can be.

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The media portrays skin colors differently in similar situations of violence

Nathan Espinal
Senior Staff Writer

People of color are often seen in a diminutive lens, especially when looked through by a white person. This lens fortifies the protection the privileged white audience has, while also advancing the injustices caused to the marginalized communities.

A mass shooting occurred in the beginning of this month where 59 innocent people lost their lives and nearly 500 were wounded. The gunman, Stephan Paddock, was described by multiple news sources as a country music lover and lone wolf, unfitting to the mass shooter profile. These descriptive terms are used for a man who gunned down more than 500 people from his hotel room, an injustice to American citizens.

This misrepresentation of a gunman causes more harm not only to the

victims of this heinous act but to the collective perception surrounding people of color in America.

The lone wolf narrative that has been used by the news to report the atrocious crimes of white

men needs to end. It must be called by what it is: domestic terrorism. Stephen Paddock, Dylan Roof and many others are a part of a select few sadistic men who were raised in white nationalist American culture. These senseless acts were brought on by the

very values that seek to eliminate diversity and oppress those who are not white.

This oppression manifests in the news, by glorifying white terrorists and the degrading of people of color.

When 49 LGBTQ-identified people were gunned down in Pulse nightclub on a Latinx-themed dance night, the shooter was immediately labeled a terrorist due to his religious beliefs that were different from the white, Christian American ideals. This is a pattern

of American news that consistently portrays nonwhite and possibly foreign people terrorizing citizens on U.S. soil.

This reporting obscured the fact that the gunman was born and raised in America

and his victims were queer people of color. His values aligned with the white 'lone wolves,' a facet that reporters often use to mislead the average citizen on. These patterns frequently lead to the depiction of Black citizens as the provokers of the

violent crimes that have been brought upon them. Often, this is not the truth that reporters claim to seek. For example, Tamir Rice was a twelve year-old boy who had a toy gun in his hands when police officers shot him dead.

Some journalists are right in reporting that Paddock's motivations are unknown, perhaps unknowable forever. But to act like the reason for why reporters victim-blame people of color is not rooted in racial prejudices is ridiculous. Modern America exists in a cross section of systems that were founded on racism and it is time for its citizens to make change.

The focus needs to shift from blaming the victims to blaming the perpetrators of these crimes. This may seem like common sense to some, but when people of color are consistently demanding justice for the egregious crimes committed against them, and nothing is being done to help and save them, it's time for change. This is a disgusting illustration of how two institutions that are meant to uphold justice fail in representing the

Headlines surrounding the time of his death said his murder was justified and a president of a police union in Miami labeled the innocent boy a thug.

marginalized people they claim to support.

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EDITOR'S WORD

As high school seniors, we were sent brochures about the outlook that every university would give us if we chose to attend their institution. As millennials, we have had the wool pulled over our eyes.

College is not hard. The academics, going to class, studying for a test and ultimately passing are not difficult.

It isn't strenuous to process the information that you are instructed on and make something out of it.

Being a college student is hard. To sit there, day in and day out to take the criticism of being told "you're only a college student," and "you just don't understand yet," or "you're too young," while you're being lectured about the things that you're trying to master that won't ultimately matter is hard.

As a college student, you're pushed out the door and told to etch your own path in society where you can "make a difference" and "change the world." We take two steps off the front porch and we are battled with, sliced apart and challenged for our views of change by the very people who told us to modify it.

As a college student, you are told you have to stay true to yourself. However, you're away from home, the one thing you knew, or you're in another country and you're surrounded by people with different beliefs and customs. What is your true self?

And while you're balancing your classes, bills, calling your grandmother back, keeping up with your friendships, your various part-time jobs and extracurriculars, learning how to fall in love, network with the professionals that you look up to; you are desperately trying to find your place, figure out your passion and answer the daunting question of "what's next?" And during this transition, the people you grew up with forgot who you were, your pets died and your siblings grow up.

How does one keep up with it? This is not what the colleges put in the brochures when they said "pick me."

Puerto Rico, Trump and insensitivity

Gabriela Soto
Journal Contributor

For the islands in the Caribbean, hurricane season can be erratic. On the evening of Sept. 20, disaster struck and effected 3.4 million American citizens in Puerto Rico (P.R.), a territory of the United States. The category four hurricane, Maria, made landfall with winds reaching up to 155 miles per hour and destructive floods. Entering through the southeast coast and exiting through the northeast, Maria left 100 percent of the island without power, communication lines ceased to work, houses got blown away and thousands of people are now in desperate need of food, water, clothes, gasoline, medication and help.

What is the U.S. government doing about this?

In between his off-time golfing and ranting about the National Football League's peaceful protests, President Donald Trump found some time to comment on Puerto Rico's governance

leadership, stating how "poor" it is and how "they want everything to be done for them," but not making an effort to help them. He also made time out of his "busy" schedule to visit the island on Oct. 3 where he threw paper towels into a crowd and said he would eliminate P.R.'s debt.

"You know what annoys me the most? That they ask the people to be calm, to be patient... they ask people to be organized when [the government] is not," said Mariana Cabiya, 19-year-old resident of Bayamón, Puerto Rico.

Cabiya related how scared she was and how every night, in complete darkness; people were stealing and killing others in order to get their resources. If not, it's in the six-hour lines that people get overwhelmed in and resort to violence for every little issue. "I don't feel safe, there is a lot is going on."

It took Trump a week to address the situation via tweets, where he said, "Puerto Rico, which was already suffering from broken infrastructure & massive debt, is in deep trouble."

Many public figures

have tried to get Trump to act on this matter by calling him out and demanding his attention.

Additionally, people have joined forces in organizing food drives, as well as collecting donations. In three days, there were hundreds of truckloads filled with necessities and millions of dollars collected in various funds.

Trump could have acted immediately and sent troops to help with relief tasks, but did not. On top of this, communication problems have made it hard for local government to effectively address the situation. P.R.'s governor, Ricardo Roselló, has responded to the extent that he can within the difficult situations he and the rescue teams have found along the way. Today, there are still towns in which authorities have yet to reach to calculate damages or offer relief. Mayors are having trouble identifying dangers, victims, damages, deaths and recovering their cities from disaster. A more appropriate response from the U.S. would have involved the workforce to assist in these drastically needed tasks.

Carmen Yulín Cruz, the mayor of San Juan, was deeply disappointed by Trump's comments and lack of actual action. "It just goes to prove the lack of sensitivity," she said, referring to Trump's choice of words during what she called a public relations situation. In a second meeting, where Trump was not present, further actions were discussed between U.S. and P.R. government.

This is really concerning; Puerto Rico is having a humanitarian crisis and the responses have taken too long. These next weeks are going to determine the future of Puerto Rico and it's people.

The United States should be worried about Puerto Rico and need to be doing everything they can to help. From their position, the most helpful resource is their voice. It is time to speak up for the 3.4 million American citizens that live in Puerto Rico; have them be heard and get them the help they most desperately need.

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Ban on blood: The FDA should rethink

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In the wake of the Las Vegas massacre, hundreds of victims were left in critical condition in hospitals all around the city.

Within hours after the shooting, lines for blood donation centers had wrapped around the block. It appeared that most people in the area had come out to help.

Well, almost everyone.

In 1985, a lifetime ban policy was put into effect by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that made it impossible for certain groups of the LGBTQ community to donate blood. This included

men who have sex with men (MSM), women who have sex with MSM, and transgender individuals who have sex with MSM. At the time, the country was experiencing a large HIV/AIDS epidemic and

what was, at the time, a precautionary measure, now remains as an extremely discriminatory policy.

There have been a few updates made to the policy due to increased criticism of the FDA, which made it acceptable for most of the LGBTQ community to donate, but the policy is still discriminatory. The only exception for people who are allowed to give blood is that gay men must abstain from having sex for 12 months before being eligible to donate.

Despite having access to comprehensive HIV testing and treatment, the FDA still refuses donations from gay or bi-sexual men that do not have this deferral period.

This is a civil rights issue.

Under the current policy, gay and bi-sexual men are not allowed to donate blood, unless they either become abstinent for a year, or lie about their sexual history. The latter option is troubling.

Even if they have a protected, healthy sex life, they are still ineligible to donate, which hinders the ability for hospitals to save more lives since some people who want to give blood cannot.

Despite centers receiving more blood than they even knew what to do with, that does not make it okay to exclude members of society from contributing. According to a report done by UCLA Williams Institute in 2014, if the FDA were to lift this ban on gay and bisexual men, it would save 1.8 million lives a year. There are alternatives to ensuring that the blood being received is safe, but completely banning perfectly healthy individuals solely because of their sexual orientation will only set us back in the fight for equality of the LGBTQ community.

So how could the FDA alter this policy?

First off, the FDA should remove the mandatory deferral period

for gay and bi-sexual men. If the individual is comfortable, it would be helpful for donation centers to be able to assess their specific sexual practices before turning them away at the door. A deferral should be on a specific case basis. By assuming all gay sex is a risk, the FDA is basically asking to be criticized and is persecuting a group of people who have already endured oppression for most of history.

It is critical that we, as a society, stand up for a ridiculous injustice that has most likely gone unnoticed by most of us.

The fight for total equality for the LGBTQ community will only grow stronger if we tear down old policies that continue to discriminate individuals simply because of their sexual orientation.

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Rams swing for a title

Men's golf a tee away from season triumph



Courtesy of Suffolk Athletics

Suffolk men's golf team look to compete in the GNAC Championship from Oct. 14-15.

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In the past 14 seasons, the Suffolk men's golf team has never finished first in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Championship. As the current season shortly runs its course, the Rams will look to bring a title home to Suffolk.

Suffolk opened the 2017 season on Sept. 12 in the Emmanuel College Saints Invitational at George Wright Golf Course. Out of the four colleges that competed in the match, the Rams finished second with a final overall score of 328. Wentworth Institute of Technology's team score of 320 beat out the Rams by just eight strokes.

Second place did not seem to be enough for the Rams as the team would score a first place finish in the second match of the season, the Emmanuel Invitational on Sept. 27. Senior Patrick Hennessy, junior Stephen Ferrante and sophomore Owen Boggini individually all tied for second place with a score of 75.

On Oct. 8, the Rams played the first two-day competition of the

season in the Blazer Fall Invitational at the Orchards Golf Club. With a larger pool of competition, Suffolk finished the match in eighth place out of 16 teams. Over the two days, the Rams ventured across 36 holes and finished the match with a combined team score of 631.

"I believe we played up to our expectations [in] the Elms tournament," said junior Daniel Caissie in a recent interview with *The Suffolk Journal*. "We were able to beat and closely compete with teams that used to give us trouble in the past."

Caissie said that he believed this tournament set the tone for the team heading into the upcoming GNAC Championship.

"So far this season I believe we've done really well," said head golf coach Ed McMellen in an interview with *The Journal*. "What [the team] has been doing and what they've been practicing has been showing in the play."

McMellen said that compared to previous teams, this group had been different from the rest.

"We're a little deeper this year, there's a lot of

competition within the team to get one of the top five spots which I think makes us stronger and better," said McMellen.

McMellen explained that this season there is a massive amount of talent on his 11-man roster. He said that instead of having a team where the same players reach the top spot each match, different players are constantly competing to be in the number one position.

Ferrante explained that his teammates are a tight-knit group and often turn to each other for advice.

"As for the reason to our success, a lot of the credit goes to the younger guys," said Ferrante in an interview with *The Journal*. "They come day-in and day-out, consistently posting good scores and that's what it takes to win out here."

With the GNAC Championship at the Valley Country Club in Rhode Island approaching on Oct. 14, Ferrante said he has high hopes for his team.

"With the GNAC coming up we are just trying to keep doing what we're doing and stay loose," said Ferrante. "As long as we keep working hard there's no reason

we shouldn't be able to take [the championship] home."

McMellen said that the team will have to face some tough competition such as Rhode Island College, but he expects nothing but a positive outcome.

"I think we can possibly have our best finish ever," said McMellen. "I'm looking forward to that and we'll see how we do."

McMellen explained that the key to keeping this team on a successful path is making sure that each player goes out onto the green with a great deal of confidence.

"When they hit a bad shot, they need to block that out of their mind. It's more of a mental thing than a physical thing," said McMellen.

In his 15th season of coaching the Rams, McMellen has high hopes that his team will finish the season out as champions.

"It will be tough but I think it's a possibility," said McMellen. "Realistically I think they do have a pretty good chance [in the GNAC]."

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UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, Oct. 11

- **3:00 p.m.** Women's Tennis at Johnson & Wales (RI.)
- **7:00 p.m.** Women's Soccer vs. Johnson & Wales (RI.)
- **7:30 p.m.** Men's Soccer at Rivier University

Thursday, Oct. 12

- **7:00 p.m.** Women's Volleyball at Wentworth

Friday, Oct. 13

- **4:00 p.m.** Women's Cross-Country vs. Saints Invitational
- **4:45 p.m.** Men's Cross-Country vs. Saints Invitational

Saturday, Oct. 14

- **All Day:** Men's Golf GNAC Championship at Valley Country Club (RI.)
- **10:00 a.m.** Women's Tennis vs. Simmons
- **11:00 a.m.** Women's Volleyball vs. Norwich
- **1:00 p.m.** Women's Soccer vs. Rivier
- **1:00 p.m.** Women's Golf vs. Empire 8 Championship
- **3:00 p.m.** Women's Volleyball vs. Curry
- **4:00 p.m.** Men's Soccer vs. Norwich



STAY TUNED:

Lady Rams tennis team look to stretch five game win streak for this season in final two matches.



STAY TUNED:

#RamFanFest recognizes Suffolk men's and women's soccer team seniors at East Boston Memorial Park on Saturday.

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Liz Kerek reached 1,000 assists.

Lady Rams average 10 kills per set.

11 - 7 overall record

4-3 conference record

7-2 home court record

3-2 on the road record

Three game win streak.

Average nine assists per set.



Volleyball hits stride midway through season

Joe Rice
Journal Staff

After a strong start to the 2017 campaign for the Lady Rams' volleyball team, the team has appeared to be on the rise. Considering the team's 11-16 record last season, improvement was necessary. To begin the current season, the Lady Rams started with an 11-7 overall record.

The Lady Rams have improved in many aspects of the team's game statistically. In comparison to 2016, Suffolk has improved in assists per set, service aces per set, kills per set

and hitting percentage.

One game that stood out from the rest was against Anna Maria College. Suffolk swept the series 3-0 on Sept. 30, making it the first time the Lady Rams have done so in back-to-back games since 2014. Moreover, this victory marked the first time under head coach Bonny Ducharme that the Lady Rams have beaten Anna Maria. The last win against the Amcats came in 2013.

"Anna Maria has always been a challenge for us in the past," said senior global business major Elizabeth Kerek in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "I was excited to play them

this year and see how much we have improved. Beating them was a great feeling."

Kerek discussed how she is looking forward to the remaining 10 games after seeing what has unfolded through the first half.

Not only is Kerek optimistic about the team, due to recent events, but the senior standout also achieved a goal she had set for herself since the beginning of the season. Kerek became one of three Rams to have at least 1,000 career assists.

Junior business major Bridget Allison said the team had to come into the matchup against Anna Maria with a sense

of urgency, knowing the Amcats are a strong opponent.

Sophomore outside hitter and right side Kayleigh Khanna had some positive words for the recent triumph over Anna Maria.

"Anna Maria was a great win. We had some great [plays] and the drive back was an enjoyable one," said Khanna in a recent interview with The Journal.

Khanna commented on the season the Lady Rams have had thus far, saying it has been better than last season, but she still feels like the team could perform better.

Allison pointed out that the factor in beating

the Amcats was being able to stay persistent. In addition, Allison said the Lady Rams could build off this success.

Allison claimed that this showed that the Lady Rams need to go into every game with a "we are going to win this" mentality.

Khanna is convinced the team also has the ability to push forward after this big feat and is hopeful that as a result, more wins will come the Lady Rams' way.

Khanna believes the key to going forward for the team will be to remain consistent.

"More drive and more cohesiveness on the court," will be the

formula to more winning and moving forward, said Khanna.

Kerek considers the Lady Rams to have a lot of talent and thinks the team is using their natural ability to the advantage. Kerek said the Lady Rams are the strongest when all players on the team have energy.

"When we are up, there is no stopping us," said Kerek.

Suffolk looks to continue on a successful path as they face Wentworth Institute Of Technology on Oct. 12.

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