

Union vote ends in tie

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After months of awaiting bureaucratic procedures to play out following the initial vote, the tally that would decide if "Our Suffolk Union" would be the official staff union on campus resulted in a tie, at 96.

In March, after efforts dated back to August 2016, the vote to implement a union for eligible staff members of Suffolk University as a chapter of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 888 was cast, but ultimately not

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Suffolk weighs in on coral reef destruction

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Coral reefs are frequently marveled at for their beauty and fragility. However, many individuals often do not realize the integral role that coral reefs play both as a protection mechanism to coastlines and as a home for 25 percent of all marine life. While the coral reefs are vital for the survival of a vast array of organisms, there must be serious reductions to carbon emissions within the next decade to ensure the survival of these biologically diverse ecosystems.

As a result of excess greenhouse gases that are released into the environment, the worst coral bleaching event in recorded history has hit every major coral region on Earth since 2014, according to a recent study by The Guardian. In fact, 50 percent of coral reefs are endangered due to this chemical imbalance in the atmosphere and

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CHAMPIONS

Women's golf wins NEIGA Tournament

By Joe Rice, Senior Staff Writer

In the Suffolk University women's golf team's first full season, the Cinderella story continued for the Lady Rams as the team took home first place in the woman's first-ever New England Intercollegiate Golf Association (NEIGA) Tournament.

The Lady Rams, in their second season, have surprised many teams from across the NEIGA as well as many other regions. In the three dual matches the



Lady Rams have participated in this season, the team came out on top. Additionally, the team also placed second of 12 teams in the Empire 8 Championship on Oct. 14, falling short to Southern University of New York Cortland.

The Lady Rams not only won, but they handled the championship match on Oct. 22-23 with relative ease, separating themselves from second-place finisher Johnson & Wales University by 22 strokes. See GOLF - 11

'Our Suffolk Union' vote ties at 96

From UNION - 1 settled until Oct. 2.

In the wake of the challenged votes being completed, reactions from those in the unionization efforts have offered a mix bag of viewpoints.

In a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal, Senior Program Coordinator of the Political Research Center Merideth Power-Ayer said that she is hopeful a second try at unionization could succeed.

"I refuse to give up because I want this to be a good place to work and I've been at Suffolk for going on 16 years now, and this place is like a home to me," said Power-Ayer. "I want it to be a good place to work and I want it to be a place where people feel respected

when they come to work, and that their work is valued and appreciated, and that all employees are treated with the respect that they deserve. That's why I'm sticking with the campaign and I plan on seeing it through till the end."

Power-Ayer said a tie in this vote does not indicate necessarily a total loss, as the support for a staff union is still indicated.

The union will have the ability to re-file again in March of 2018, after a year has passed since the original filing on March 2.

While the tie does not allow a staff union to officially represent itself on campus, former Journal Editor-in-Chief and now Office Coordinator in the Government department Jeffery Fish is confident in the ability to succeed on a second try.

"I think going forward

the second campaign will be easier," said Fish in a recent interview with The Journal. "We have that base already started. We already know the exact unit that we're going to be going after."

In a statement released to employees after the final vote count was determined, Acting University President Marisa Kelly responded to the tie.

"We are fortunate to have a community where all employees, regardless of their views on the election, are supportive of one another and committed to the success of Suffolk and all of our students," said the statement.

Madelyn Soto, office coordinator of the world languages & cultural studies department said to The Journal in a recent interview that while the staff union was not

"defeated," she will not be "going full throttle."

"I'm not going to go out and recruit, but I'm still all for the union," said Soto.

Soto said more people and fresh faces

the subject of obtaining raises.

"And now our jobs are at risk again," said Soto. "No one is safe."

Being essentially back at the start of the effort to become a certified

election where cards were signed that garnished support, the message was spread in order to persuade people and eventually, an election was filed for.

"It is kind of discouraging that a lot of employees don't see the need for the union. I mean there might be a lot of employees that are happy with their positions -- I personally am too in this department, and of course there are a lot of benefits to working here," said Fish. "But I think overall, just having a union will legally give us a voice and we'll be able to bargain for a contract and have a say in the way things are run around here."

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are needed. While the unionization efforts were representative of a multitude of ambitions, Soto said the original objective of job security swayed, and that the focus had shifted toward

bargaining representative of staff employees, 'Our Suffolk Union' will have to begin the process from scratch according to Power-Ayer. This would entail the same steps taken prior to the original

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The issue on Boston's rent:

Study provides evidence of transgender, gender nonconforming discrimination

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A recent study conducted by the Suffolk Law School Housing Discrimination Testing Program (HDTP) has proven that the U.S. Housing and Urban Development in Massachusetts anti-discrimination laws has failed transgender and gender non-conforming citizens who have looked for rentals in the Greater Boston area.

Before this study, there was no data on discrimination in the rental housing market. Part of the purpose for this study was to disprove those who argued that there was no evidence of discrimination against transgender and gender non-conforming people. People may not realize the discrimination is occurring, and often people will not report discrimination regardless of whether it is visible or not according to Jamie Langowski, assistant

director of HDTP.

Despite the Massachusetts legislature amendment to the anti-discrimination laws to protect those whose gender identity differs from cis-gendered people in 2012, the HDTP has concluded that real estate professionals have been using covert methods of discrimination when providing housing to people who identify as transgender or non-conforming seeking rentals. The point of the study was to identify business practices, and how "housing providers" have treated people who have looked for housing.

Along with Analysis Group (AG), a firm specializing in analysis for economics and finances, the HDTP was able to design study protocols to conduct statistical analysis that paired protected class (PC) testers who identify as transgender and gender non-conforming with control testers who identify as cis-gender and gender conforming.

Transgender is a term usually reserved for those who identify as a gender different from the one they were assigned at birth, while gender non-conforming is a term used by people who do not ascribe to gender roles and stereotypes.

The 33 pairs of testers were sent to apartments to conduct the search process as if they were actually looking to secure the apartment. The PC testers were instructed to disclose their gender identities to the housing provider to ensure the variable was present during the test. The pairs then recorded their experiences in detailed reports after the interaction. This information was used by AG to develop statistical analysis reports.

"We're not finding that people are being denied the opportunity to submit an application, because we weren't doing that," said Langowski in an interview with The Suffolk Journal following the presentation. "What

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The results of the study found that the PC testers were more likely to receive negative treatment based on their gender identity. Unknowingly, these testers were 27 percent more likely to be shown more areas of the apartment complex by the realtor, were 9 percent more likely to be offered a higher rental price, 21 percent less likely to be addressed by their chosen name and 12 percent more likely to hear negative comments on the unit and the

neighborhood.

This study is significant, according to the Director of HDTP William Berman, because this provides evidence that discrimination still occurs in the Greater Boston area, which is a liberal area in a state that has banned this type of discrimination.

"It's upsetting, because this shouldn't be happening, but it's good to know because then people can prepare themselves on the individual level when they are looking for housing, and for people who are trying to influence policy they can arm themselves with this," said Langowski.

This study, which will be published within

the year in Volume 29.2 of the "Yale Journal of Law and Feminism," has been published early because of how relevant its findings are to the rollbacks of protections on gender identity and sexual orientation.

"I do hope real estate professionals read this and get a sense of what's happening in the market and assess their own behavior," said Langowski. "It is absolutely a problem if implicit bias is creeping into their professional work when part of their profession is to treat everyone the same."

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Political Pulse:

Suffolk professors weigh in on tax reform

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President Donald Trump announced the Republican tax plan on Sept. 28 in Indianapolis. He characterized it as “a once-in-a-generation opportunity,” that will end up being “the largest tax cut in our country’s history.”

Dr. Michaele Morrow, an associate professor of accounting at Suffolk University, did not characterize the Republican tax plan the same way as Trump in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal.

“Everything that the Republicans are proposing will increase the national debt, which has long-lasting effects that should be of significant concern to Suffolk students,” said Morrow.

Congressional Republicans and the Trump Administration have made tax reform a priority. Their proposed plan offered very few details, and has left supporters excited and experts puzzled.

Dr. James Angelini, associate professor of tax accounting and director of the Masters of Science in Taxation (MST) program at Suffolk University, said that college students should pay attention to how taxes interact with student loans, tuition and scholarships.

Both professors agreed that while the tax plan may seek

simplification, its results are complicated.

One aspect of the Republican plan changes the number of tax brackets from seven to three. Based on income, individuals will be taxed at either 12 percent, 25 percent, or 35 percent. The plan does not specify who is subject to these new brackets, creating uncertainty.

While it is unclear how the tax plan will affect upper, middle and lower class Americans without analyzing specific policy choices, Morrow believes that the proposal to change the standard deduction and dependency exemption will have a large negative impact on single parents and families with multiple children.

The Republican tax plan would also eliminate the estate tax, referred to informally as the “death tax.” According to Internal Revenue Service data from October, the estate tax applies to the transfer of property worth more than \$5,490,000 to an heir at the time of the owner’s death.

“The estate tax generates a very minor amount of tax revenue (.6 percent), so the budget impact would be small,” said Angelini. “Therefore, eliminating the estate tax does look like a tax cut for the rich (President Trump included!). But, is it a fair tax to begin with? In many cases it is double taxation on assets that have already been depleted by a lifetime of

paying taxes.”

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that repealing the estate tax would result in \$3 million tax cuts for wealthy heirs, and only affect 0.2 percent of American estates.

Morrow said repealing the estate tax would result in decreased revenue and increased income inequality.

The Massachusetts state legislature has been working on their own tax reform with regards to a constitutional amendment to impose a “millionaire’s tax.” The “millionaire’s tax” would call for an extra 4 percent tax on incomes over \$1 million in the commonwealth, with the revenue going towards education and infrastructure initiatives.

While the House and Senate decided in June of this year to put the amendment on the 2018 ballot, the measure could be blocked in a legal battle by influential business groups, according to the Boston Globe.

Massachusetts has historically been nicknamed “Taxachusetts” for the reputation of high taxes, but the commonwealth ranks 18th out of the 50 states for tax burden by state, with a total tax burden just over nine percent.

In 2011, Congressional Republicans agreed to an “Americans for Tax Reform pledge” which was a commitment to not raise taxes.



Courtesy of Suffolk University

Associate Professor of Accounting
Dr. Michaele Morrow

Through Reconciliation, a legislative process that curtails traditional rules, Congressional Republicans can uphold “the Pledge” through simple majority. Even so, any changes, passes or bills that could add to the deficit, such measures will expire after 10 years.

“If they could get 60 votes [in the Senate] the changes would be permanent, which is much better tax policy, but that would require some Democratic support,” said Angelini.

Angelini fears uncertainty will create more chaos if retroactive laws are pushed through during reconciliation; meaning that tax policies passed in November of this year could affect filing for the entire year.

Retroactive laws create uncertainty for taxpayers who rely on consistency of current law.

While he acknowledges that the research is mixed on whether cutting or raising taxes leads to growth, Angelini said he believes a result of Congress’ inability to pass a tax policy by 2018 would perpetuate slow economic growth.

Morrow added that both Republicans and Democrats are to blame for the failure to pass effective tax reform that would deal with government spending.

“As I tell my class, these people making decisions for our country will be dead when the negative effects of those decisions start to be felt,” said Morrow.

Angelini offered that Congress should pursue business tax reform as a more certain means to grow the economy. Angelini argued that the current corporate tax system is pushing businesses offshore, stifling international competition and limiting immigration.

Morrow and Angelini agreed that a conversation on the national debt, with some sort of entitlement reform, is necessary to the tax policy conversation.

Check “Political Pulse” next week for an understanding of the national debt.

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News Briefs

Regional apparel company pledges grants for young activists

Still-Legal Apparel for the Next Four Years, has planned to give grants to young resistance leaders to support their contributions and efforts which have stemmed from the election of President Donald Trump. These grants of \$1000 will go to resistance leaders of the region, according to a recent press release. Activists aged 13 to 30 are eligible to receive this “hug from the community,” in order to support their fight. “We support young people leading the way on issues like climate protection, support for science, press freedoms, protection for Dreamers, and the values of compassion and tolerance. These brave and peaceful activists need to know we’re behind them,” said Still-Legal! founder Jim Stahl according to the press release. With the Rhode Island-based company already having pledged \$5000 in grant money, there is possibility for this figure to rise up to \$50,000 if other local businesses and philanthropies partner with Still-Legal! and Swampscott-native Stahl. According to the press release, Stahl said that approximately every 150 shirts sold, that of which read phrases such as, “Teach Science: While it’s Still Legal,” and “Tolerance: While it’s Still Legal,” fund one grant.

Walsh far beyond Jackson in polls

With the city’s general election a mere two weeks away, Major Walsh keeps a full 35 point lead over his opponent, District 7 City Councilor Tito Jackson. Walsh can attribute his lead to the 58 percent of voters who chose him over Jackson’s 23 percent, leaving 17 percent undecided. Walsh’s lead can be attributed to his success in his first term, as he has been able to keep his favorability rating at 69 percent. David Paleologos, Director of the Suffolk University Political Research Center commented on Walsh’s popularity, “Despite dissatisfaction on issues like the price of housing and the cost of living in Boston, voters don’t appear to be blaming Walsh” said Paleologos, “The poll is a powerful validation of Mayor Walsh’s first term in office”. Community outreach has proved to be a huge proponent for winning the opportunity to be mayor, as 50 percent of those polled have personally met Walsh while 35 percent have either never met Jackson or do not have enough information to develop an opinion on him.

Amazon looks to Boston

Last month, Amazon, holding its place as one of the five most valuable companies in the world, announced that they were searching for a new location in the US, outside of their original in Seattle, Wa. The company is promising five billion dollars worth of construction as well as 50,000 jobs. These benefits, along with the promise of having a multi-billion dollar company in your backyard, has spurred more than 50 major cities to plan a bid, according to Business Insider. Charlie Baker, the current Massachusetts Governor says that his department will not stand with an specific part of the state, “We’re not going to partner with any particular [locale], because there’s a lot of different folks who are interested in submitting proposals, and God bless ’em — go for it” said the Governor to WGBH. Towns from Boston to Billerica plan to submit proposals, with each describing what they could offer to the big-name company.

Lubofsky opens eyes to scientific journalism

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Bridging the academic fields of environmental science and journalism, the science-writer and Massachusetts resident Evan Lubofsky captivated a room full of science and journalism students while speaking at Suffolk University about his profession, as a science writer and what some of his favorite experiences have been working in his field. Lubofsky also discussed why some students may want to pursue this specific area of journalism and what first led him into the field.

Having started off his career as a writer for technological publications such as “Sensors Magazine” and “Plumbing and Mechanical Magazine,” Lubofsky gained an interest and connection to the sciences, more specifically marine sciences.

He currently resides in Cape Cod, MA, and freelances most often for “Hakai Magazine,” “Oceanus” and “Frontiers in Ecology” which have all won numerous awards for their publications. “Oceanus” has existed for over 60 years, and began as a place to explore information about oceanographic exploration. “Frontiers in Ecology” works closely with the Ecological Society of America and intended to be broad and accessible for readers who are not necessarily scientists themselves.

Without a science background, Lubofsky has traveled to the Bikini Atoll, where the United States detonated 23 nuclear weapons in the 1940’s and 50’s. Lubofsky also traveled to Northern Israel with scientists studying a unique species of lobster that was being observed to identify how climate change was affecting the crustaceans. These two story profiles presented were what gave the name, “Weird Lobsters and Bikinis” to the event.

“For me, just the experience of going with



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a science team and being immersed in that for the better part of a week is just tremendous,” said Lubofsky during the talk.

In an interview with The Suffolk Journal, Lubofsky discussed what role science-writing plays for the scientific community. “It can be used to help make scientific discovery more transparent, [the articles] are pressing for scientists to peel back the layers on their findings and their assertions,” explained Lubofsky.

Journalism is seen by some as a way to inform the public and prevent people in power from controlling the all dissemination of information. Lubofsky believes specifically that science writing has a role in making sure that anyone can read and learn about the work scientists are doing, and that the findings of the research have not been over or under-exaggerated.

Lubofsky said that for his work, he would like to possibly provide an alternate and truthful source for the general public to receive scientific information.

Lubofsky said that not being familiar with many of the topics he writes about can actually be more of a positive, as it forces his interviews with professionals to truly bring the discussions down to the basics. This has allowed his articles to be more easily read and comprehended by

an audience who may not otherwise have a background in some of the advanced topics he discusses.

“[The scientists] are not always thinking about general audiences and how they’re explaining what they’re doing in a simple way,” said Lubofsky.

Lubofsky explained this can also be an advantage for the scientists, as they are provided with an outlet where they can publish their findings and have them be read by people who may not previously have been exposed to the subject

Katherine Lawlor, a junior at Suffolk University pursuing an environmental science major, attended the event. In an interview with The Suffolk Journal, she expressed some surprise to hear Lubofsky did not have a background in science.

“I was a bit thrown off that almost anyone can be a science journalist and they don’t have to have a science background. I like that people that people who don’t have science backgrounds are interested in science,” said Lawlor.

Lawlor continued, saying that she found his story about the nuclear testing in the Bikini Atoll to be very interesting. Also, that she could understand how it could prove useful in certain situations to have someone writing that

needed to understand the basics of the topic, to make it more accessible for everyone to read about.

Citing his travels as one of the many perks of choosing science-writing over other topics, Lubofsky also presented the many opportunities that can exist for science-writing, including: a wide range of specific topics such as space, psychology and nature. This branch of journalism can also be lucrative, reaching an up to two dollars per word maximum for an article depending on the publication, although Lubofsky emphasized that this was not his primary motivation for entering the field.

One of his all-time favorite areas to write about has been marine archaeology, where he has examined research and studies surrounding a shipwreck from the civil war, concerns about damage to shipwreck locations by modern fishing trawlers and new technology to better research the ocean floor.

“I would like to do more feature writing on marine archaeology. I am just really developing a love for that intersection between science and history. If there was one area I have my eyes set on, it is doing more of that,” said Lubofsky.

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Coral on brink of extinction as ocean temps rise

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oceans.

"The ocean is a vast, empty space for the most part and coral reefs are seen as an oasis in the large expanse," said Matthew Pfannenstiel, a Visitor Educator at the New England Aquarium (NEAQ) in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "Think of the ocean as a desert and the coral reefs as a watering hole with foliage."

Numerous Suffolk professors feel that it is crucial for society to be aware of global warming and how it is impacting the coral reefs and essentially the human race.

Associate Biology Professor Carl Merrill recommended to "keep talking" about science and to encourage individuals to think more about fossil fuels and to consider how they can decrease their own usage, in an interview with The Journal.

"Education has been lacking in following the science [on climate change]," said Instructor Anurag Sharma in an interview with The Journal. "High school teachers are still teaching the science I learned 50 years ago. There need to be modern changes so that we create a population that is equipped to follow the data."

In June, Governor Charlie Baker signed Massachusetts back into the Paris Agreement after President Donald Trump removed the United States from the accord.

The Paris Accord established certain caps on carbon emissions. Now that the U.S. is no longer apart of the Accord, many are concerned that this could potentially be disastrous for the future of the planet.

"Pulling out of the Paris Accord definitely changes things quite a

bit," said Chemistry and Biochemistry Professor Emerita Martha Richmond. "Hopefully visualizing and describing the damages to the coral reefs pushes people to do more."

Suffolk students have also agreed with Richmond that pulling out of the Paris Accord could have a seriously detrimental impact on the environment.

"There should be more of a concern for climate change," said senior History and International Relations major Katarina DiPlacido. "It will definitely become more evident soon and then there will be more effects on humans. That's when we'll see people want to make changes, but by then it might be too late."

The current state of the American government has many worried about the long-term consequences the planet may end up suffering if environmental protection regulations are not established or enforced.

"I'm sad that our federal government isn't doing anything to help the environment that we depend on for survival," said sophomore Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) major Maddison Mignola.

Some students feel that the political orientation of the state will influence how certain cities will enact policies regarding climate change.

"I feel like mostly Republican states are relaxed in how they enforce environmental regulations which could end up negatively affecting people" said sophomore PPE and Environmental Studies major Lydia Gottwald. "I think that for blue states this may be a call-to-action because they are joining the Paris Accord as individual states."

Unless there are serious reduc-

tions to carbon emissions, practically all coral reef systems will be dead by 2100, according to National Geographic. It is important for nations to act now more than ever to reduce the production of greenhouse gases in order to save an ecosystem that supports not only 25 percent of ocean life, but also a significant amount of human life as well, according to National Geographic.

"The food source is going to disappear," said Richmond. "All this pollution affects the quality of the water, the sustainability of food, the fishing industry and the sea level."

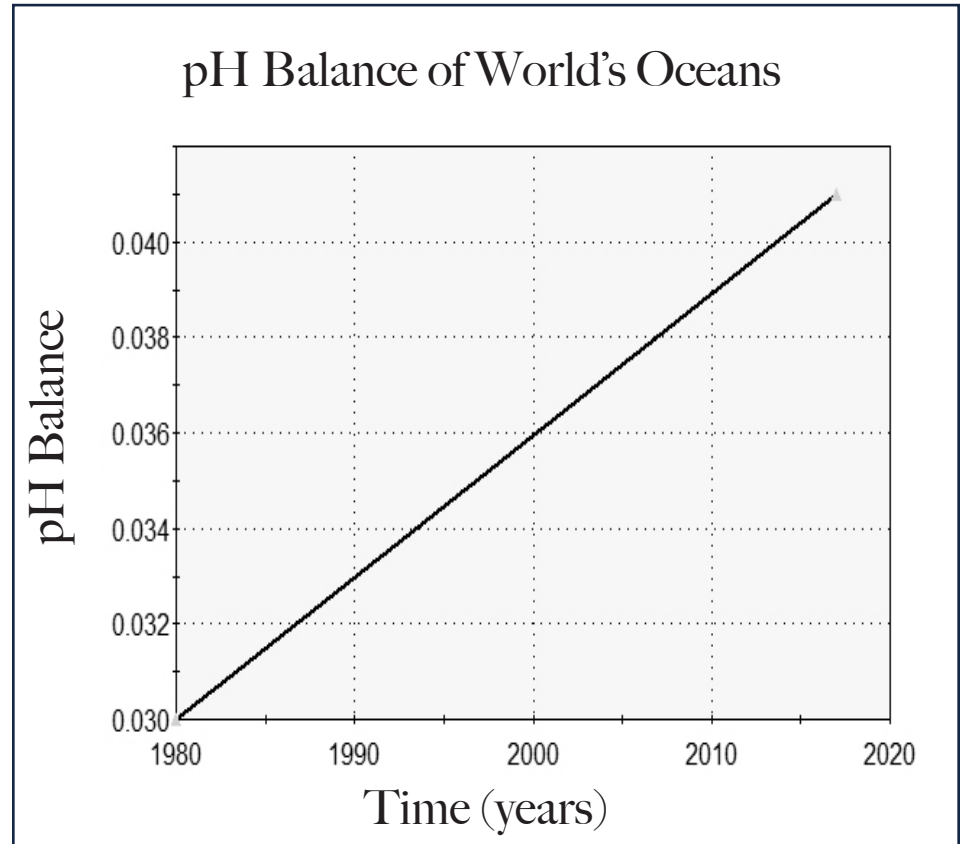
Pfannenstiel emphasized that seafood is a nutritional necessity for parts of the world, therefore climate change will ultimately affect how a portion of humans receive their food source.

Sharma told The Journal that corals are dying at a rate that has, "never happened in the history we are able to document."

Corals are self-sustaining organisms until their environment is altered by some external force - specifically warmer water. Zooxanthellae is the type of algae found in coral that keeps it alive by providing it with food and sugars to survive. When the temperature elevates in an area where there are coral reefs, zooxanthellae is then extracted from the corals, thus creating thermal stress, therefore bleaching the corals with no hope of complete restoration, according to multiple sources.

The coral then becomes a dull white color since the zooxanthellae gives the reef its plethora of pastel colors. If the coral is a neon color, it is in the first stages of bleaching.

Water gets warm as a result of carbon emissions being released into the atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels, coastal erosion, the sea level rising, changes in storm



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patterns, altered ocean currents and ocean acidification.

"Carbon dioxide is like a blanket that encompasses the Earth and makes it warmer," said Pfannenstiel. "By making the Earth warmer, the water's temperature will increase and just a couple degrees can affect coral reefs around the world."

Carbonic acid is created during a chemical reaction when CO₂ and water meet, thus making the ocean more acidic when more CO₂ is released into the atmosphere. This acidity is what makes the water substantially warm, causing the corals to experience thermal stress, according to Richmond.

Coral is affected negatively in two instances: the warming of the ocean water as well as the effects that storms and erosion have on the coral by releasing sediment into the ocean that makes algae less productive and, in conjunction, supports

the life of the coral, according to Merrill.

Merrill explained that the ocean's pH level has grown from .03 to .041 in just two decades. The pH level has gone down .001 in the last year, which may not seem like a lot until compared to the stability of the number for centuries, said Merrill.

Many scientists have become frustrated with this issue because of how little control they have over it. Regardless of how much research is done on coral bleaching, it is almost impossible to alter the behavior of society in way that has the power to halt coral bleaching entirely.

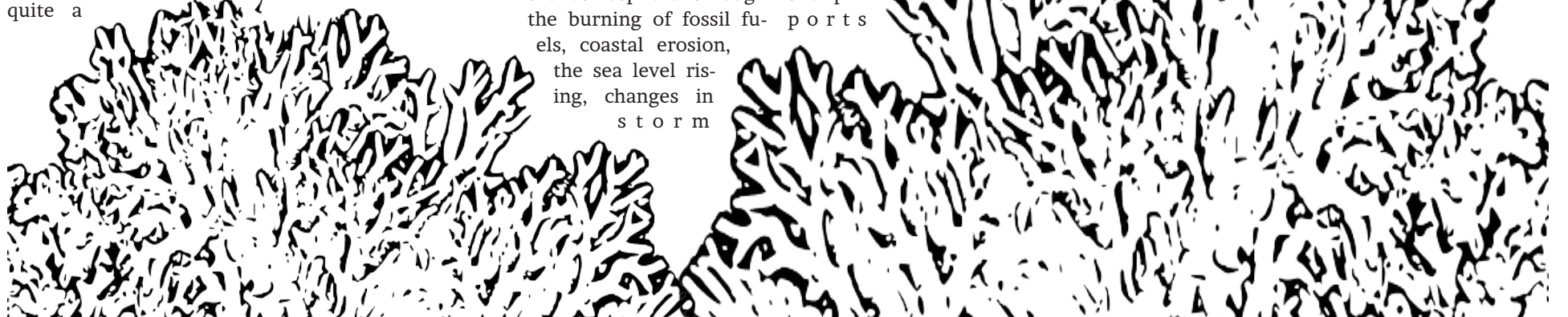
Bostonians and the general public alike can help save the reefs around the world from coral bleaching and extinction, according to Pfannenstiel. By voting in local government

elections, citizens can work together to protect marine life.

Climate change poses a fundamental and observable threat to numerous ecosystems across the globe. Despite policy emerging from Capitol Hill, members of the Suffolk community remain concerned and weary over the future of the Earth's oceans.

"Because climate change is a relatively new subject, people don't really know much about it right now," said DiPlacido. "There should be more of a concern for climate change, before it's too late."

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Retired Admiral condemns partisan politics

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Confronting global challenges of North Korea to the environment, retired Admiral James G. Stavridis laid out the issues the world is facing and possible solutions at World Boston's 8th Annual Consuls Reception. The event was attended by nearly 60 members of the local Consular Corps and nearly 200 leaders from different sectors of society.

During the 2016 Presidential Election, Hillary Clinton considered Stavridis as a potential Vice-Presidential pick, and he was under consideration for Secretary of State by the Trump administration. Both were impressed by Stavridis's career in the Navy, and his involvement with the academic spheres of international relations.

Worried about the polarization of U.S. politics, Stavridis has not been a stranger to the political field. He has worked towards bridging the gap between the two parties.

"I feel good about being enough of a centrist that both parties look at

me realistically for a very senior job," said Stavridis.

A registered independent, Stavridis mentioned that he has voted across the aisle throughout the years. Dedicating his whole life to military service, he stressed the importance of putting the nation first. "We need more Americans that are less party identified, and more identified on what is right with the country," said Stavridis.

Admiral Stavridis was responsible for Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Balkans, Piracy, and Cyber Security. He was also in command of 200,000 members of U.S. armed forces, and that he "Had access to three million armed forces members through NATO partners." Currently the dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, the Admiral is also an associate member of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP).

"[The GCSP] is focused on bringing together communities and interests to discuss major issues facing the world," said Stavridis.

He has also published several books, including one on the role of the world's oceans in geopolitics.

During his speech, Stavridis warned about



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the global world order returning to a state of conflict that led to World War I and World War II. He added that the backward shift occurred because nations became complacent, thinking that great power politics

would not return again.

"Tension, competition, verging towards conflict... Between United States, China, Russia, and [the] European Union," said Stavridis.

To prevent the return of great power politics,

Stavridis highlighted the importance of understanding the perspective of other nations.

"We must listen to our opponents we need to understand Russia's views, China's historical claims we don't have to agree but [we have to] listen more," said Stavridis.

Another subject that the Admiral touched upon was the tension on the Korean Peninsula.

"[There is a] ten percent chance that we will end up in an all-out war," said Stavridis.

While ten percent is a gloomy prediction, given the potential use of a nuclear weapons in the conflict, Stavridis argued that it is most likely the conflict will end diplomatically. If an incident does occur, Stavridis believed that it would most likely be a minor one, rather than a nuclear conflict.

Not only did his speech touch upon ongoing global crises, the Admiral offered solutions to the issues plaguing the world. He also argued the importance of the U.S. to not return to isolationism, because the U.S. needs to be an active player in order for the issues to be properly addressed on a global scale.

"We have an ability

to bring international coalitions to address global issues," said Stavridis. Through the strategic cooperation between

U.S. intergovernmental agencies, international agencies and other nations, the Admiral said that he believed that the U.S. could make significant strides in combating climate change and responding to natural disasters.

"[I] apologize [on behalf of the country] for U.S. withdrawal from Paris Accord," said Admiral Stavridis, referencing the Trump administration's intention to withdraw from the accords on the basis of risking damage America's economy.

Towards the end of his speech, Stavridis discussed the world being a marketplace of ideas.

"We execute our values imperfectly, but they are perfect," said Stavridis. While American values, such as democracy and freedom of speech, face challenges domestically, Stavridis believes in the importance of fighting for those values on a global level.

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WORLD BRIEFS

JAPAN RE-ELECTS PRIME MINISTER ABE

Japan re-elected Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in a landslide victory in Sunday's general election. Abe's ruling party has retained a two-thirds majority the country's parliament and the estimated voter turnout Sunday was just below 54 percent, multiple news sources reported. Abe said in a post-election press conference that the overwhelming voter support represented a "historic" level of public confidence in him and his policies, including the revision of the pacifist constitution, according to BBC. He has previously called for the country's armed forces to be formalized, which he has stated is necessary to strengthen Japan's defense, but has faced criticism as a step toward re-militarization. In the past, Abe announced he wanted to revise the country's Article 9 clause, to formally recognize the military, which has been referred to as the "self-defense forces". Originally, he set a deadline of 2020 to achieve his goal, but changed his tune on Monday, saying it was "not set in a concrete schedule", according to multiple news sources. Abe discussed stepping up counter-measures against "the North Korea threat" in the post-election address. He stated he will be meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump and other world leaders next month.

ISLAMIC STATE FIGHTERS RETURN HOME

More than 5,600 supporters of the so-called Islamic State (IS) have allegedly returned to their home countries after IS lost ground in Iraq and Syria. The Soufan Center, a U.S.-based think-tank, has announced that 33 states have reported arrivals in the last two years. This included approximately half of the 850 individuals who have left the UK to allegedly join IS, 400 of the 3,417 fighters from Russia, 760 of the 3,244 from Saudi Arabia, 800 of the 2,926 from Tunisia and 800 of the 2,926. The study stated Russia has sent the most foreign fighters to IS to date. The Soufan Center's report also stated that IS's flow of foreign fighters stalled out in the late 2015, as IS began to suffer defeats. The data recovery that followed the recent fall of IS administrative strongholds, such as Raqqa, has confirmed the identities of nearly half of the more than 40,000 foreigners from 110 countries estimated to have flocked to Iraq and Syria to join IS. The report stated that returning women and children will be a particular problem because states may not best know how to reintegrate them. It also cited proper mental and social support mechanisms as key for children returning.

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ARTS & CULTURE

Director Rob Reiner brings LBJ to life in new film

Juliana Tuozzola
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It has been half a century since the enactment of the Civil Rights Act, which ended segregation in public places and made employment discrimination illegal. The act was proposed by President John F. Kennedy, and shortly after his tragic death, President Lyndon B. Johnson pursued Kennedy's proposal. More than 50 years later, America is once again torn and destructed by racial violence. The "LBJ" film hangs in a critical moment in America right now because this movie reflects the American spirit wanting moving toward racial equality and putting an end to racial violence and discrimination.

Woody Harrelson

takes on the role of a historical American figure who was deeply insecure, politically driven and faced with unimaginable odds; Lyndon B. Johnson.

"LBJ" is a political-drama film which premiered at the Brattle Theatre on Wednesday. The movie was directed by Rob Reiner whose intention in producing this film "was to show the political turmoil that Vice President LBJ was faced with after the assassination of Kennedy" said Reiner. The film captured this pivotal moment in American history by showing it through the lens of Johnson, in addition to capturing the true essence of his character, his motivations and his legacy.

Reiner expressed the significance behind focusing the plot of the film on an extremely precise and short span of LBJ's career.

"I figured if we could hone in on the time of his life when he was under the most pressure, that would really tease out who he was," said Reiner in an interview that followed the screening of "LBJ."

Woody Harrelson starred as Lyndon B. Johnson and took on the role of a man who was propelled into the presidency by the means of an assassin's bullet.

In the interview which followed the private viewing of the film, Harrelson said, "I think at this time in his life he suddenly had the power thrust upon him and he decided to use it for a good thing. He knew it was time to push forward the Civil Rights Act."

The film was inspired by Johnson's dear friend and prior co-worker Doris Kearns Goodwin's biography, "Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream."

"The convictions he had for wanting to use power for something that mattered were absolutely real."

- Doris Kearns Goodwin
Historian and close friend of Lyndon B. Johnson

"Doris' insight to LBJ gave us the full picture of who this man was." said Reiner.

Goodwin discussed her relationship to Johnson and declared that it was "eerie" for her to see him come to life again in this film.

"What the film captures, which is so important, is that his presidency is the tale of two presidencies," said Goodwin.

Goodwin stated what

she believed to be true of Johnson, "the convictions he had for wanting to use power for something that mattered were absolutely real."

The film certainly opened a door for people to create a new, clearer or altered perceptions of Lyndon B. Johnson and his career. This was a main goal of Reiner's, who claimed that most people tend to have a distorted image of Johnson.

"I was of draft age

during the Vietnam War and I hated LBJ between spending time in politics, policy, and government and discovering how difficult it is to move an agenda forward, I got a greater appreciation of LBJ," said Reiner.

Lyndon B. Johnson's many accomplishments despite his unexpected presidency are depicted, as well as the struggles he faced and the man he was.

"What he did socially and economically for the country deserves to be remembered," said Goodwin.

This film achieves just that- his legacy is certainly being reintroduced and his memory brought back to life.

"LBJ" is set to be released on Nov. 3.

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In a Suffolk cafeteria, far far away...

The ninth annual Suffolk University Dinner Theatre's latest installment "Star Wars Episode: Murder," was a phenomenal display of talent by Suffolk students, despite slight audio issues

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In a society driven by instant gratification, it's easy to get swept up in the dramatics and dissatisfaction when something is not put into not-so-patiently waiting hands.

Such is the millennial lifestyle.

Those who grew up in the digital age, so to speak, have come to rely so heavily on technology, that a borderline dependency has occurred. It's needed for art, entertainment, math and scientific discovery, yet when it's needed to work immediately and it doesn't perform in the desired way, the first reaction is disdain and disappointment.

At Suffolk University, students and faculty alike have come to appreciate the technology at immediate disposal. Broadcast journalism students have access



Courtesy of Dan McHugh Photography

Donovan Skepple as Duke Crytalker and Christina Payne as D403 pose in Suffolk University's Dinner Theatre: "Star Wars Episode: Murder."

to digital cameras and editing software, biology and chemistry majors have access to various lab equipment and the theater and performing arts students are dependent on microphones and speaker systems to help deliver their lines and lyrics. Yet when a piece of respective technology fails, it becomes a disappointment on all fronts.

For Suffolk's Performing Arts Office, the students who participate in productions like the annual Dinner Theatre, performers know and expect equipment to work in order to deliver top quality performances. What was incredibly disappointing was the lack of audio that was prevalent in this year's 9th annual Dinner Theatre "Star Wars Episode: Murder." A murder mystery set to a spoofed Star Wars installment, the plot followed classic characters Indie Solo played by Logan Ausmus, Princess Diana by

Summer Erickson, Duke Crytalker by Donovan Skepple and Darth Padre Kemal Beyaztas as they try to solve the murder of Kobe-Wan Kenobi by Jonathan Smalls.

Well-cast, the production had everything from soup to nuts - literally. A three-course meal provided by Sodexo was interspersed between acts of comedy and singing. Yet, the ultimate downfall was ironically enough, the lack of audio. Spoofed songs from hit films like "Moana" and "Frozen" were difficult to understand as the lyrics from the characters were drowned out in the booming melodies from the sound systems.

Performing Arts Office Assistant Director Kathy Maloney told The Suffolk Journal that the use of single microphones is difficult in performances like Dinner Theatre due to the competing feedbacks between the microphones

Audio issues impact Dinner Theatre

Despite spectacular performances by the cast, over-powering audio from the surround-sound speaker system interrupted the overall performances.



Courtesy of Dan McHugh Photography

Ashley Ceravone as Vizzini the Hutt and D.J. Fabrizio as Maz Husemann converse during the hysterics of the realization of the murder of Kobe-Wan Kenobi.

From **DINNER - 7** and speakers, which would be a drawback and interruption to the performance itself. An understandable limitation to an otherwise spectacular performance, it was disappointing when the actors were not able to display their range of artistic abilities due to a lack of sound.

According to Maloney, microphones also prohibit the very nature of a Dinner Theatre performance. Designed to be an intimate experience between actor and audience, microphones disrupt the otherwise personal interventional asides done by supporting cast members during an obvious monologue, conversation or song. Maloney also said that, while other potential spaces like the Modern Theater which is owned by Suffolk University, would work in terms of decent audio and space for performance, she said it's nearly impossible to book the space for the performance's essential week-long rehearsal, due to a packed schedule on

the theater's part.

Yet, as an audience member, no matter how busy the scene or intense the conversation, it's always necessary to emphasize the narrative by enhancing the

helped thicken the plot and coaxed the narrative along.

While the reliance on the audio didn't seem to be an issue for the talented performers, it was plain to see how

"An understandable limitation to an otherwise spectacular performance, it was disappointing when the actors were not able to display their range of artistic abilities due to a lack of sound."

experience with audible conversation.

Complete with groan-worthy "dad jokes," from Darth Padre himself and allusions to various Disney and other iconic film references, the performance itself was entertaining and the hard-work done by those in the show was obvious as the night wore on. Ram Cam productions assisted in digital visuals that

much time and effort the production team put into the evening. Despite voice projections from cast members over the surround-sound speaker system, the enthusiastic and committed actors gave a phenomenal performance.

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Cantab lounge features renowned poet and activist

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On any given Wednesday night at the Cantab Lounge in Cambridge, one can pay the three dollars fee, present an ID and make way through the doorway, past the bar full of locals and the five 50-something-year-old members of the local band of the night, and down the arguably questionable stairs to the basement where song-like rhythm and words come together, in the world of slam poetry.

Upon entering the basement, one becomes engulfed in the world of the Cantab. A world of acceptance of differences which provides a platform for those to express emotions toward the oppression of those differences. People from all walks of life, ranging from MIT professors to students to the homeless, gathered to hear the artistic expression of life experiences formed from instances from the everyday to the unique. The venue is not glamorous, one visit to the restrooms will reveal that, but this only adds to the experience, as distractions are limited to completely focus on the poets' and their artistic expression. The night began with an open mic, where members from the audience are free to test their stage presence as well as their poetry in front of the group, possibly creating the foundations for the poetry slam following or just there for the moment.

After this open mic, the group takes a quick break, and then reconvened to hear the work of the featured poet. This past Wednesday, the featured poet was Zenaída Peterson, whose focus was primarily around civil rights and gender, using current and historical events to further a personal stance on civil rights. For gender, Peterson focused on a personal journey to a current identification as a queer, non-binary person, describing both the hardships from society as well as Peterson's personal

conquest with finding an inner peace. Peterson worked to connect with the crowd, and shared recounts of participating at the Cantab as the official starting place before broadening horizons to other venues.

"I feel all the love in here, I've been hoping to be a feature at the Cantab since I was just doing slam here," said Peterson in a post poetry-session interview with The Suffolk Journal.

After Peterson presented, the poetry slam began. Audience members such as a man named "Don," who wished to not use his last name for this article, signed up for the slam upon entering the venue at the beginning of the night waited patiently for their turn through the list of people.

"I've been coming to

types of skill level. The poetry this week spanned from gender to love to unicorns and everything in between, displaying the complexity of slam poetry at its essence; a way for people to describe themselves without judgment. The poets would get one poem for the judges to evaluate and be given a score on a scale from 0.0 to 10.0. The judges are random audience members, and only there to give "competition to draw people into listening to slam" as said by the host as he tried to recruit.

The scores for each person in the group are added up and compared against each other, from there the winner was chosen and able to move on to the next round. The second round brought out a more complex



By Facebook user Zenaída Peterson Poetry

slam poetry events for awhile, and today's the day I finally stand up and do it myself, the culture of slam is so cool, so accepting," said Don to The Journal regarding his first time doing a poetry slam.

The slam was set up in that, going down the list in the order of which people signed their names, three poets would go in a group. Those who participated ranged from all types of subjects of poetry as well as all different

group of poets, those who have experience and are able to discuss tough topics in poetic form. The winner was then chosen, receiving a ten dollar prize as well as the opportunity to compete in the Champion Slam.

The winner this week will move on to the "Champion Slam," which is being held at The Cantab on Wednesday, Oct 25.

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The demise of the coal industry is inevitable

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The American coal industry was at one time considered to be the picture-perfect and most patriotic career choice available in rural communities.

This image has been challenged in the last century, as hundreds of

thousands have lost their jobs in a field of work that continues to innovate and automate to a point where human labor is at an all time low.

While many directly impacted by this downward slope in employment see it as an attack on their livelihoods, a basic understanding of the history and growth of coal mining shows it is a logical step forward

to reduce the number of coal miners.

Those involved in the industry seem to believe that the government, or worse that there are those actively seeking the demise of the industry and those who rely on its continued existence, has shunned work with coal.

It is true that the focus of many, both in the private sector and in the government, has

shifted away from these individuals, but not as a result of malice. Instead the coal industry has suffered two powerful and fatal blows: the true health impact of a coal-fueled energy system has come to light, and the labor has become incredibly mechanized as companies seek the most efficient methods. Beyond

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Media critique: What is newsworthy?

The Trump administration is troubled, now move on

Ryan Arel
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Terrorism, natural disasters and mass shootings; these are the horrors that societies everywhere are dealing with and hearing about on a regular basis.

Everyday, Americans pick up their newspapers, computers and phones to see tear-jerking headlines about the latest terrorist attacks at home and abroad, the newest verbal recklessness of public officials or the updated death toll of any given natural disaster.

The news and media outlets have seemed to be geared toward over-covering certain specific affairs, such as the Trump administration, where they can put effort elsewhere. Furthermore, informing the public consistently on exclusively saddening aspects of a story as opposed to general information of why the events occurred while also neglecting to cover more relevant stories, has become an issue.

Recently, there has been mass fixation of the media on Trump and his cabinet, and the constant coverage of every minor transgression in speech from Trump or the administration does not need to be front page all the time. There are plenty of other subjects to discuss as opposed to every controversial statement from the current presidency, and

the media should broaden their views and talk more about the actions the administration is taking, not always the rhetoric. While the coverage of the president is important, flooding headlines and a page with extensive articles about the most minor transgressions in speech is not necessary.

As far as violent news coverage goes, it is fair to acknowledge that the "if it bleeds it reads" mentality and marketing scheme exists among many media outlets. People do want to hear about the sinister events of the time, but not every day or every week should the front page be loaded with strictly the cynical details of the story. It's important for the general population to be well informed about events such as disasters and shootings, but the media needs to create more page space to cover other disciplines, such as technological advances that may become relevant to citizens in the future. It's the media's responsibility to cover these shootings and attacks, but not to obsess themselves with them.

Furthermore, it is also the responsibility of the media to do everything in their power to report the true intentions and reasons for why the U.S. is involved in certain events and places abroad, and encourage a high level of transparency between the government and the general public.

While the headlines blew up over National Football League (NFL)

"There is often a disconnect in news today in the sense that stories are not always covered from beginning to end."

"The bulk of the beginning of a story gets an abundance of attention, but the tail end of certain stories are left alone."

players simply taking a knee in protest, which though controversial is a constitutionally protected right, front pages everywhere could have been filled with stories of regarding the decades wars in Iraq or Afghanistan. These are conflicts the citizens of the U.S. deserve to know more about, and not always in sob stories, but updates on the actions being took in the region, or how the U.S. is progressing to finalize its efforts, which would be much more relatable to readers.

At the beginning of a catastrophe, the coverage is intense and in great quantity; however, as time goes on, coverage often slowly declines, while there are still developments worth covering that gain light coverage or uncovered altogether.

The feminist letters:

A platform for women at Suffolk to share their experiences, thoughts and ideas of what it means to be a feminist in today's society.

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Feminism has remained a term open to a plethora of different interpretations.

There is no singular or specific way of being a feminist. To speak in general terms, feminists are those who support and actively participate in establishing equality among all people regardless of gender.

Feminism concerns equality for all people in every aspect of life, whether economical, personal or social equality. The acknowledgment of the systems of oppression against the equality and success of women since the beginning of time is crucial to understanding the feminist movement and ideology.

All of society is forced to acknowledge the oppression of women in one way or another, written directly in our history textbooks, discussed in daily life and even prevalent in our Twitter feeds. Acknowledgment is essential to understanding how the feminist movements have cultivated throughout history and in present times.

In contemporary society, acknowledgment is a step but not a piece of the puzzle in the establishment of equality. To achieve equality amongst the sexes is to actively advocate and pursue the principle that women and those who identify as a woman gain the opportunities, respect and equality to that of men.

With this necessary and realistic notion, those who identify as feminists have and even continue to receive negative judgments, harsh criticisms and

stereotypes.

Negative connotations and stereotypes have been attributed to feminists since the origin of the feminist movement. Feminists are said to be those who take an "anti-male" stance.

This is simply false; feminism is not about bringing a gender down, it is about empowering females and ensuring that they are treated and seen as equals to that of their male counterparts.

This is the feminist movement: a movement that has made strides throughout history, in contemporary society and continues to propel forward in the aim of equality.

The feminism movement plays a vital role in the United States current affairs. The Women's March on Washington was a movement that created an enhanced wave of feminism.

This movement, which took place worldwide the day after President Donald Trump's inauguration, brought forth an intense and positive mission for equality among the sexes. The post Women's March on Washington impact remains strong and the fight for equality is more powerful than ever with the number of people who are participating in this pursuit increasing daily.

Feminism is about telling our sisters, nieces and daughters that they will be afforded the same equalities as men and be both successful and comfortable in any role, job or leadership position. When society has found complete confidence in what we are telling these young girls and women to be truthful, gender equality will occur.

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EDITOR'S WORD

The world is not inherently fair and never will be. To those who lack resources time and opportunity to effect immediate change upon graduation, we applaud your perseverance.

To those with all three or any combination, utilize them to the extent that the world allows you. The Suffolk community comes from skewed demographics, just like any other community. Some are broke, some are anxiety-ridden, some need to work an endless stream of menial jobs to live day-to-day, but they live right alongside those that seemingly have it all, coexisting in near harmony.

It's not going to change, we are constantly trying to get our footing on an uneven plane, to get used to it. It's better to accomplish one thing well, than to approach a few things with mediocrity. Utilize all you posses to drive yourself, and don't hold back.

To the people with privilege that sit idly by as their college clock runs out: you should be ashamed. Thousands of students across the country are lined up right behind you to take your opportunity. Take full advantage of everything you've got.

While college life may contain a level of privilege for some, others are not as lucky. Play the hand you're dealt. Complacency will cloud your vision, and may ultimately determine your place in life. As enticing as it seems, don't fall victim. No one wants to see this become of you.

While others battle the daily routine from sun up to sundown, not because they want to, but because they have to, take heed of their determination. If you find yourself in a position of opportunity, take it. Don't let it slip by because it'll be gone before you know it, and it's all you have.

- The Journal Staff

Appropriation can be avoided on Halloween

Think twice before choosing a costume that represents a culture one is not a part of

Elvira Mora
Journal Staff

Cultural appropriation is most prevalent in the days leading up to Halloween, where people are choosing costumes for trick-or-treating. Instead of sticking to the normal ghosts and vampires, many choose to pretend to be another culture.

Any costume that isn't directly correlated with one's culture should not be worn. Growing up Latina, I had my own traditions and customs, which are a part of my identity.

Planning ahead for a Halloween costume is exciting and gives people something to look forward to. However, there is a fine line between appreciating a culture and appropriating it.

Appreciating a culture is when an individual takes the time to research and learn about a certain custom, hairstyle, type of

dress and other aspects. On the other end, a well known definition of appropriating is to inherently find one aspect of a culture and marking it as "trendy" and taking it on as your own, when you are from a completely different culture.

There is no clear textbook definition or guide to abide by when choosing a Halloween costume.

A appropriated "costume" minimizes a culture with a rich history and special customs to a watered down colonized version.

Although I am not Mexican, I am disappointed that stores would allow garments that mock that special holiday and other costumes that label Latinx people as drunkards.

A "Day of the Dead Senorita Costume" is an actual title of a garment for women on an online Halloween site. The Mexican holiday, "Día de los Muertos," also known as Day of the Dead

in the United States, is reduced to a bodysuit with the appearance of a candy skull stamped with a flashing price tag. The Mexican holiday is meant to highlight the life of those loved ones who have passed and it is traditional to decorate burials with bright colors, photographs, candles and an ample amount of food.

Race and ethnicity play a significant role in defining cultural appropriation. In those aspects, an individual is able to connect with one's culture and identity. No, appropriating is not about being "politically correct." It is about supporting someone else's identity and not diminishing it to a night of dress up. By choosing to purchase and wear an outfit that imitates a culture that one doesn't know about further perpetuates racial stereotypes.

The term "gypsy" refers to a member of a nomadic people based on trading and fortune telling. The language the

gypsies spoke, Romani, is believed to have originated in South Asia. Meanwhile an "Adult Gypsy Costume" can be purchased easily.

One should think before putting on blackface if one is white or non-black person of color. Blackface is makeup used by a non-black individual to mimic a black person or character. Blackface is a form of racism, whether or not it is intentional. Checking one's privilege is critical.

Costumes like these should not be sold. It is disrespectful to think of any culture, especially their form of dress, as a costume that anyone can tote around in for a night.

Halloween is a night to have fun but it is crucial to do so in a manner where your outfit isn't insensitive.

Before choosing a costume, do a little research.

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Despite Trump's efforts, jobs in coal cannot be recreated

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the health concerns that influence the public view of coal-based energy, the economic incentive to step away from hand-extraction and instead pursue automated solutions has been too enticing for many companies.

Although the demand for coal has not seen an enormous decline, as the Annual Coal Report by the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows, coal miners have transformed from being nearly 800,000 strong in the 1920s, to approximately 100,000 today. The demand for jobs in the coal industry has not succeeded in competing with the demand for efficiency.

Considering that coal has continued to be more than 30 percent of the countries' source for energy, decreasing by only 10 percent in 60 years, it is hard to say that the industry is easily shaken.

President Donald Trump has taken a stance throughout his campaign and presidency against regulation on the coal industry by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to boost

regulation and incentives that have led the country away from the carbon emission heavy coal and oil-centered energy production.

The Clean Air Act of 1970 has been one

"The demand for jobs in the coal industry has not succeeded in competing with the demand for efficiency."

employment for coal miners.

With cutbacks in funding, staffing and policy reach at the EPA, Trump's strategy to bring back employment in coal seems to be clear: he views modern forms of energy production as having taken something away from the coal industry, and thus he will remove

of the first lines of defense against the threat of air pollution. The Clean Power Plan (CPP) was established by the EPA and the Obama Administration to work with regulation in the Clean Air Act to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by 32 percent in just 15 years.

This month, Trump

announced a repeal of the CPP as part of his executive order to "Create Energy Independence." This action is a direct continuation of his promises when campaigning to reinvigorate the coal industry, in part by relieving regulations that limit how much coal can be consumed in the country.

The only benefits that will be received as a result of this change in policy will be the continued support and votes of those rural coal workers who falsely believe the only obstacle in being employed are government regulations like this. Trump's move fails to address any of the negative health and environmental impacts of the coal industry, and will not stop the increased automation of coal extraction that has truly been taking away coal workers' jobs.

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Lady Rams chip away at history



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“When we all came into the lounge [after the second day of the tournament], we saw [coach Parker] and he had the biggest smile on his face and we immediately ran up to the scoreboard and saw that we won,” said Chapman in a recent interview with The Journal. “I felt so proud of my team and was excited to hold our plaque.”

Head coach Jay Parker was euphoric with the result of the NEIGA championship, admitting that he did not expect the team to be that successful. “I can’t say that going into the final tournament, I thought we were the favorite,” said Parker in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal.

All six golfers for the Lady Rams finished within the top 12 spots of the tournament. Freshman Nicole Antonucci led the way for the Lady Rams, scoring a total of 181 strokes between the two days of the tournament, placing her fourth overall. Some other top finishers included junior Mackenzie McGrath with a score of 182, putting her at fifth overall in the tournament and freshman Brooke Champman, scoring a 183.

“To have some of them play their best rounds at the end of the season, it just shows how far they’ve come,” said Parker.

Antonucci, McGrath and Champman were all allocated the individual All-NEIGA award after their outstanding performances. Not only had this been the first time in Suffolk women’s golf history that this feat was achieved, but the first time in Suffolk University’s golf program’s history that this award had been given to any individual.

McGrath said in a recent interview with The Journal that she and her teammates knew they had to perform exceptionally, if the Lady Rams wanted to take home hardware. By winning all-NEIGA along with Antonucci and Champman, McGrath feels the team accomplished that.

Parker said that the accomplishments of the three golfers showed the improvement the Lady Rams had experienced over the course of the fall campaign. Parker went on to explain that the team’s fifth and sixth positioned golfers, Antonucci and McGrath, ended up third and fourth overall in the tournament, noting just how amazing the weekend was for the team.

Parker has been involved with Suffolk’s athletic department for nearly 20 years. More recently, he was named head coach for the Lady Rams’ golf team when the program began in 2016.

“I don’t think the team would have gotten this far without coach Parker,” said freshman Olivia Spiega in a recent interview with The Journal. “I have to give a lot of credit to his amazing coaching and bringing the team together.”

Although the Lady Rams may have surprised other teams, the golfers expected this outcome.

“Based off of how our prior tournaments went and how we stacked up against the competition, we knew this was ours to win,” said McGrath.

Champman went into detail about how the team stepped up to the plate after holding a smaller lead in the first day of the tournament.

“Going into the second day, we only had an eight stroke lead. We knew that we had to play really well the second day,” said Champman.

Antonucci was confident in the Lady Rams successes from this season and was looking forward to the next season.

“I thought it was amazing that we won the conference,” said Antonucci in a recent interview with The Journal. “I do have higher expectations for next year, because we are so young we will only improve.”

The season never ends for this ambitious squad. Off-season conditioning will begin next week as the Lady Rams prepare for an attempt at defending their NEIGA crown next season.

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Lady Rams’ offense kick into gear for season finale

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Harmon was voted Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) rookie of the year, and she began to love her school as well. “[Boston] became my home. Moving across the country was the best decision of my life,” said Harmon in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal.

Harmon continued

to be a significant member of team all the way through her senior season. Harmon recorded five goals this year, all of them meaning something very special to her. In a match against Pine Manor College, Harmon’s mom flew in from California to watch her daughter play. Harmon did not disappoint, as she netted three goals for a hat trick with her mom cheering her on in the crowd.

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- Jennifer Martin,
senior captain

“The most important thing for me was that my mom was able to see those goals,” said Harmon. “I

the woman she is.”

This season, Harmon started every game, becoming a team leader on and off the field. The senior will finish up her career at Suffolk with 22 goals and 57 points.

“Anyone could go to them for support on or off the field,” said sophomore teammate Emerson Wildes in a recent interview with The Journal. “Their encouragement helped

our team become stronger so we were able to overcome our struggles.”

The women’s soccer team is currently 7-8 and earned a spot as the eighth seed in the GNAC tournament. The Lady Rams await where and when they will play the tournament’s first seed.

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Lucky number three

Three womens' soccer seniors score hat tricks

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Three Suffolk University women's soccer team seniors finished their regular season careers wearing the same uniform they started in four years ago. Forwards Alexandra Nagri and Jen Martin netted hat tricks in the final regular season game; a 10-0 victory over Mass Maritime Academy. Forward Jessica Harmon, Nagri and Martin seemed to be finishing up the season on a strong note. All three of them recorded hat tricks in the second half of the season, propelling Suffolk to a late season playoff push. Nagri started off the hat trick trend on Sept. 30, scoring three goals

against Norwich Academy, boosting Suffolk to a 5-3 victory.

Martin impressed at senior day on Oct. 14, scoring four of Suffolk's five goals in a 5-0 victory over Rivier University. In the very next game Harmon scored three goals of her own, leading Suffolk to a 6-0 victory of Pine Manor College on Oct. 16, one of their more dominant wins of the season.

Nagri's soccer journey started when she was three years old. With an instant love for soccer, she began playing in local leagues before attending Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Nagri's success continued throughout her collegiate career. As a Ram, Nagri netted 45 goals while also contributing 101 points

in her collegiate career. She became the second Lady Ram to score at least 100 career points. In her senior season alone, Nagri scored 14 goals with 30 points.

"The school, coaches and team made it really fun and enjoyable to play here. When you enjoy playing, you play your best," said Nagri.

The women's soccer team lost nine seniors, leaving many open roster spots for next season. Despite losing a big core of their team, Nagri was confident that the legacy her and the team have left behind will continue to grow.

"The team has come a long way in the past couple of years. If the younger [teammates] keep working hard, Suffolk can become one of the top women's soccer programs in the league," said Nagri.

Senior forward Martin started her soccer career when she was six years old and began playing recreational league soccer in her hometown of Haddam, Connecticut. After continuing her passion in high school at Haddam-Killingworth, Martin began her journey as a freshman at Suffolk.

Martin emerged in her senior year, recording 12

goals and 28 points. Her biggest attribute, besides her hard work, was her speed. Opposing coaches would warn defenders of Martin's speed as she would run down the field. "Don't let 11 get by you" became a popular phrase among opposing teams and coaches, according to the fans in attendance.

"Getting a hat trick on senior day was extremely special. It was sad coming to a realization our season would be over soon, but winning 5-0 definitely lifted our spirits," said Martin in a recent interview with The Journal.

Martin finished her Suffolk soccer career with 38 goals and 92 points.

"[My teammates] motivate me both on and off the field and truly inspire me. They are the reason I love playing,"

said Martin.

Martin also credited head coach Darren Lloyd for the team's success as well as helping her grow as an athlete.

"[Lloyd] taught us never to give up and play for the team, not your individual self. Appreciate every moment you have being a part of this team," said Martin. "Don't take anything for granted. Before you know it, you'll be tying up your laces for the last time."

Harmon may have had a much different start to her soccer career compared to Martin and Nagri, but she certainly is finishing just as strong. Originally from Orange County, California, Harmon traveled across the country to play soccer for the Lady Rams.

As a freshman,

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Jennifer Martin

Started in 68th game for women's soccer team.

Jessica Harmon

Scored first hat trick in collegiate career.



Alexandra Nagri

Recorded 100 points for Lady Rams over four years.

