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## Eyes on America

Campaigns cause discourse with  
Suffolk's international community

By Jacob Geanous

The fanfare surrounding the 2016 election has stirred up a media frenzy that has magnified the United States' partisan personality. American citizens have vocalized their election opinions vehemently, but a conversation within the global community has been provoked as well. This is the first presidential election that most international students, embedded in the U.S., have experienced. Living in the country during such a polarizing

time has made a strong impression on the international student population, calling into question western politics and the U.S. democratic system as well.

"As an international student, this is my first time witnessing the election process," said Rana Tarabzouni, a junior International Economics major from Saudi Arabia. "I didn't expect the presidential debates to be the way they are; I

expected candidates to present their policies and persuade voters to vote for them. A big part of this election has been all about ridiculing the candidates of the opposing political party."

An aspect of the election that has been particularly eye-opening to these first time spectators is the slew of primaries and caucuses

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Suffolk Students,

We hope you are settling into the semester and are enjoying the new school year! This past weekend the Student Government Association went on its annual training retreat to prepare for this year.

While at the retreat, the committees met to set their goals, we had an alumni panel to share their experiences as leaders and we discussed what is important for us as the SGA to do for you as students. We want to make ourselves as available to the student body as possible.

Please be sure to follow our social media and reach out with issues or concerns, or even to make us aware of anything going on.

The presidential search committee has been created and will soon begin the process of choosing a new president for Suffolk University. Student body president, Sean Walsh, will provide updates to that as they come so please follow us and look out for those.

SGA holds its weekly general meetings in Somerset B18 and they are open to everyone. We encourage every member of the Suffolk community to join us on Thursdays from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

If at any time you think that SGA can be of assistance to you, please feel free to reach out.

You can email [sga@suffolk.edu](mailto:sga@suffolk.edu) or reach out on Twitter @SuffolkSGA, Facebook @SuffolkSGA and follow us on Instagram @suffolksga.

We hope to see you all around campus, have a great week!

- The Student Government Association.

# Law Dean takes position to bring innovation to legal services

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Suffolk Law School Dean Andrew Perlman was named the Chair of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Center for Innovation's Governing Council. The Center, which was just established this August, was a concept proposed by ABA's Commission on the Future of Legal Studies. For Perlman, who had previously served as the Vice Chair of the Commission, said that the Commission completed its work by listing a number of recommendations in its final report- one being the Center.

Perlman, who said the idea behind the center was to support existing efforts within the ABA in order to innovate how legal services are delivered and accessed, said he was honored to be associated with the new Center to come up with new approaches to legal services and looks forward to bringing the lessons back to the Suffolk Law education.

The Center itself was designed with ease of use in mind, according to Perlman. He explained in detail several of the Center's anticipated projects, including an online dispute resolution project meant to avoid lengthy and costly legal battles in physical courtrooms.

"We're finding increasingly that many people are going into court without any lawyers," said Perlman during an interview with The Suffolk Journal in his fourth floor office on Monday morning. "In fact, in many courthouses around the country, a significant majority of people are going into court without any lawyers at all. What some countries have been experimenting with is creating an online dispute resolution platform so people can resolve their disputes entirely online."

Perlman explained



By Twitter user @aba\_futures

that this same method was used in the private sector as well and used examples like PayPal and eBay.

"[These services] have dispute resolution services so if you have a dispute, you can resolve them entirely online," said Perlman. "The Center for Innovation is now going to support the efforts of the judicial division of the ABA who are partnered with the New York State Unified Court System in building an online dispute resolution platform to resolve consumer debt cases in New York."

Perlman went on to describe a few other projects the Center has planned, including what he refers to as "legal check-ups."

"[The goal is] to create an online tool, maybe a website or an app, that guides you through a series of questions and answers that leads you to resources you might need as a member of the public in terms of getting you the legal solutions that you require."

As Chairman, a position he took voluntarily, Perlman will serve as a guiding hand to "corral" those with relevant legal expertise into the same projects and help streamline day

to day operations. He has high expectations for where the endeavor will lead.

"We have a terrific array of professionals, both lawyers and people who are not lawyers, who have agreed to be part of both the Governing Council and a related Advisory Council to really push forward these efforts," said Perlman.

Perlman, who won't be taking many trips to the headquarters of the Center in Chicago, but instead be communicating through teleconference and calls, said he is excited to improve how legal services are delivered and accessed in the United States by using the Center as his platform.

"[When the] public has a legal problem, [it] can get it addressed in the most efficient and effective way possible," said Perlman in regards to his goals with the Center, some of them branches from ideas had transpired at the Commission during its two-year run of 2014-2016.

Perlman, who has been an advocate for technology in law schools, said that he is a strong user of innovation being brought into the classroom. For someone who has used audience-

response clickers in the classroom, he said that he does not support the use of laptops.

"What I really think about is the extent to which technology can help lawyers deliver their services as efficiently and effectively as possible," said Perlman. "For the most part, law schools have not taught students about the use of technology and what tools are out there, and what I very much hope we can do that's different from the way in which lawyers have been trained in the past is expose students to technology and how it can be used to improve their work as lawyers."

As Perlman will serve as the head of the Center, he hopes to bring back some of those teachings to Suffolk Law, the only Law school in the country that ranked in all four of the skills areas by the U.S. News and World Report 2017 edition- clinics, dispute resolution, legal writing and trial advocacy.

"[Suffolk Law graduates] do so well because they get that practical education right from the start," said Perlman. "The other reason is that culturally, our students are incredibly diligent, have no chips on their shoulders and they're willing to put in the time and the effort to get the work done. You pair their remarkable skills, training with the grit and determination that our students tend to have and it's a wonderful combination for success."

Much like other areas of study, the world of legal services are evolving as well, including legal project management in order to break down a legal service into its components to make sure that each part is handled in the "most efficient way possible," according to Perlman.

"I think there's a number of areas we could see innovation," said Perlman. "So rather than thinking about a lawyer handling every aspect of a legal matter from soup to nuts, you think about breaking it into its component parts and then using the best processes that are available."



# Veteran and advocate: Fighter for inclusion



Courtesy of Suffolk University

**Patrick Holmes**  
Opinion Editor

Lizette Rivera went from being a child in a single parent and low-income household living in an apartment in the neighborhood of Chicago as a minority. The community of Humble Park where she was located was primarily Puerto Rican and she said it maintained a high crime rate. She later joined the military when she was 22 and was deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 2003- an experience in her life that made her realize that she was going to choose helping people.

The self-identified latina of Puerto Rican heritage accepted the position of Director of the Office of Diversity Services in July. She takes pride in her race toward success after she has faced a number of obstacles through her climb upward in her line of work.

For when students feel as though they do not have a voice on campus, Rivera said she will serve as an amplifier and advocate for all for both diversity and inclusion.

"It's so important to allow people to identify who they are and why those things are

important [to them]," said Rivera.

According to Rivera, most power figures do not fit the description of herself and that's why she is using her background and position to her advantage.

As college seemed almost out of reach at the time, the Bridge Transition Program in Chicago helped her originally attend her undergraduate in 1994 and then she later continued to receive her Master's Degree in 2004 in Public Administration and her Doctorate Degree in 2016 in Education. In 2003, she decided after being deployed that she

did not want to work for the government.

With this new found passion, Rivera accepted her first job with a TRiO Upward Bound program at Richard J. Daley College in Chicago in 2005. Not having worked in education before, she said that they accepted her based on her background and expertise.

"I fell in love with the idea of being a mentor and a role model and giving back to the community and helping other students who struggled like me to show them they can carry on," said Rivera, hinting to the fact that this is what

working in Education meant to her.

Some students at Suffolk haven't been so lucky to see people of all backgrounds hold administrative positions like Rivera does, according to her. She explained that a student walked into her office and had said "Wow, I want to be just like you."

Rivera doesn't take the role of a mentor or role model lightly-- "That's a huge responsibility," she said.

While she uses her experiences as examples and lessons to show others who went through the same obstacles that she has before.

"It has made me a strong advocate and I really want to give back," she said.

"I wanted to come back specifically for diversity and to be an advocate for all people who have been marginalized," said Rivera, referring to herself as being "a city girl" since she is most familiar with them. Growing up in Chicago, she is used to the fast-paced life that the city has to offer.

Rivera stands by her statement that she is here for everyone at Suffolk and students should feel welcome coming to here with anything they may need.

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Crooked Hillary says she is going to do so many things. Why hasn't she done them in her last 30 years?



Donald Trump lied to the American people at least 58 times during the first presidential debate. (We counted.)

# Debate hits a new degree

## OP-ED

### Hillary scores, Trump flops, voters lose

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Only 9 percent of the United States population voted to make Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump the nominees for their respective parties. Monday night the 91 percent that did not vote in the primaries saw their two statistical best chance candidates for President. Needless to say, the result of the debate was disappointing and the American population has no one to blame but themselves.

The night consisted of multiple calls for fact checks, name-calling and virtual punches you could easily imagine in action. Trump and Hillary both stumbled and fell into each other's traps. Clinton started out poised and yet broad claiming yet again economic prosperity with a job plan that creates 10 million jobs yet once again fails to mention a single detail.

Trump attacked and Hillary laughed all night. From taking credit for the birther movement, calling climate change a hoax as well as including many historical inaccuracies, Trump lit himself on fire.

The first example of that is when Trump was asked about the birther movement and his backtracking on the issue. "What do you say to Americans, people of color who..." said moderator Lou Holt. In response, Trump stated, "Well, it was very -- I say nothing. I say nothing, because I was able to get him to produce it. He should have produced it a long time before. I say nothing." Trump single handedly credited himself for finding President Obama's birth certificate, a feat that never involved him at all.

He then went on to joke about climate change. Climate changes are important because

they will severely impact Boston, as well as many other parts of the world, as sea levels will rise dramatically in 2050, even to the point where a proposed canal and gondola rides in Back Bay could be a legitimate answer, according to Pri.org. Boston is historically built on wetland and Logan Airport is a manmade peninsula. Boston will flood even worse than New York City according to the City of Boston.

Donald Trump's response to climate change was according to his twitter in 2012, "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive." In January he again admitted to believing climate change as a hoax again, stating, "Well, I think the climate change is just a very, very expensive form of tax. A lot of people are making a lot of money. ...I often joke that this is done for the benefit of China. Obviously, I joke. But this is done for the benefit of China, because China does not do anything to help climate change. They burn everything you could burn; they couldn't care less."

Even after these exaggerated responses, Trump went on to reiterate that ISIS is the biggest threat to America and that it is Sec. Clinton's fault, yet he and Sec. Clinton both supported the initial Iraq war to destabilize the Hussein regime.

In the latter part of the night Trump blamed Obama for the Iraq pullout of troops yet that date was not made by President Obama rather President George W. Bush. With NAFTA, Trump criticized potential first man and former President Bill Clinton on the disastrous trade deal that was actually negotiated and signed by Republican President George H. W. Bush. Trump also attempted to

play up his shrewdness by touting his small loan from his father of only one million dollars helped aid his empire.

In fact it was actually 14 million dollars. What small business gets a small 14 million dollar loan as a startup? Very few if at all, none. Trumped up trickle down economics has a history of being a loser. Reagan raised the debt ceiling 18 times increasing the debt so much it surpassed a 67 percent increase. Compare that to Obama who has raised the ceiling six times and has not yet hit 40 percent. Let's also not forget that it is Congress that has the power of the purse.

Trump's tax plan proposed cuts from 35 percent to 15 percent for businesses yet what he fails to mention is that the government would lose revenue and that the lost revenue would mean a tax increase on the dissolving middle class. This trickle down theory allows for the government to incur more debt while the middle class will lose income.

Moreover, what both candidates fail to realize is that without a strong consumer class, people cannot buy products and when the majority of people do not buy products and or food, nothing happens. When nothing happens, investors don't invest and thus we have the recession of 2008 once again.

Sec. Clinton, from a policy standpoint won this debate. She was accurate with over 90 percent of her content, yet again with her history of lip flopping from the TPP, gay marriage and the Iraq War- her word is not valued. Yet, Trump is obviously the much more uneducated and unrealistic person to understand the complexities of government and implementation of them.

America has a loser and it's the voters.

## Campaign Commentary

### Potential vice presidents no one is talking about

**Maggie Randall**  
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With Nov. 8 creeping up, it appears as if the focus has largely been on Republican nominee Donald Trump, and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. These candidates, however, are not running for president all by themselves.

Clinton has selected Virginia Senator Tim Kaine as her Vice-Presidential nominee, and Trump has selected Governor of Indiana Mike Pence.

Kaine and Pence are more than just mere fixtures in what has been a tumultuous election thus far.

Tim Kaine has been serving as U.S. Senator from Virginia since 2012. Before that, Kaine served as governor of Virginia from 2006 to 2010. The Senator's time in office has been relatively short compared to that of his running mate, Clinton, who is considered a "life-long politician."

Kaine is an advocate for women's reproductive rights, supports gun control measures, believes in education reform as well as immigration reform.

The question stands, if Clinton could have essentially chosen any Democrat as her running mate, why Senator Kaine?

The state of Virginia, which has 13 electoral votes, is considered a swing state with Clinton just barely ahead of Trump in a recent poll from Quinnipiac University.

Although Clinton did well in the primaries in Southern states, having a running mate from the

South could help her win those states again in the general election.

Lastly, and most importantly, this has been one of the first presidential elections to focus on winning the "hispanic vote." Kaine is fluent in Spanish after spending a year living and working in Honduras during his time in law school.

Sophomore Logan Trupiano explained how Clinton likely chose Kaine simply for strategic reasons.

"It makes me sad that presidential candidates essentially pick their VP on the basis of getting elected," Trupiano said.

Trupiano also suggested that Kaine can run for office in a way that Clinton cannot.

"Tim Kaine will connect with voters better than [Clinton]. Look, with women in politics they have to play by different rules than men. They can't come off too strong or they'll be called 'abrasive' and they can't come off as too soft or they'll be labeled weak," he said.

In a selection process that almost resembled one of Trump's pageants, his choice of a running mate was Mike Pence. This choice surprised some who had expected Trump's vice-presidential choice to be a Republican who had run against Trump in the primaries, such as New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, or perhaps former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich.

Junior Dan Pelosi said that Trump's choice of Pence as his vice-president is one of the best decisions he has made in this election so far.

"It was when Pence

was chosen that I decided to support Trump," Pelosi explained. "I was never a Trump fan for a while, but he chose a small-government conservative to balance out [Trump's] more leftist views."

Pence had served as Congressman from Indiana from 2000 to 2012. In 2012, Pence was elected as Governor of Indiana and is presently serving in that position.

Pence believes in providing more employment opportunities for veterans. He has also been a leader in the long charge to defund Planned Parenthood. Pence does not believe there is credible evidence to defend climate change.

As a candidate who has largely run as a self-proclaimed "political outsider" in this election, Trump sought a running mate who would help him gain support from more established politicians in the Republican party. To Trump, Pence was the man to bring him into the inner-circle.

"Pence is a calm, collected politician who knows the issues and can appeal to the conservative base that Trump can't get," said Pelosi.

Trupiano explains that some vice-presidential candidates could "make or break elections," citing McCain's choice of Palin as his running mate in 2008 against Pres. Obama.

To decide how Kaine or Pence will make this election for their running mates can be decided during the Vice Presidential debate on Oct. 4 at 9:00p.m. on CBS.



## Voting matters; international students want a voice

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that slashed more than twenty presidential candidates down to a field of virtually two contenders. The amount of independence that each state has, as well as our delegate point system, heavily contrasts what the majority of international electoral processes.

"I thought the voting process would be fairer during this phase. In multiple cities across the U.S., voters were denied their rights to vote for the silliest reasons," said Tarabzouni. "I think it would be more democratic if 'superdelegates' didn't exist. They each hold equal value because each county only gets one superdelegate, even though one county clearly might have a lot more people than the other."

Both candidates are disliked to an unprecedented degree; a recent Gallup poll registered that 25 percent of Americans have a negative view of both candidates. This, combined with their data that only six percent to eight percent of Americans remain undecided on their candidate, paints a divided country. A

palpable tension has built up in the wake of a national schism that has been felt by the international community.

"I feel like the rest of the world is looking at this as an IQ test and I pray for the American people everyday," said Fatema Mohamedah from Kenya, a senior Global Business and Marketing major. "Holding them accountable isn't as easy as it looks. It's like picking the lesser of two evils."

The brass rhetoric of the election has also proven surprising to many foreign students who are not accustomed to such a theatrical political process. For some, the election has been headlined by mudslinging and increasingly quarrelsome jargon that goes above and beyond the usual melodramatics of American politics.

"The corrosive impact of the discourse, name calling is upsetting," said Rachael Cobb, Suffolk Associate Professor and Chair of the government department. "It's hard to understand the American system. A lot of students who I've talked to are trying to make sense of it and trying to figure it out."

The candidates' alienating language and

questionable behavior has confused international students about how Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and businessman Donald Trump became the party nominees.

"It feels to me that they're doing everything they can not to win the election, but to tear down the other candidate,"

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**-Fatema Mohamedah**

said Charles Tang, an undeclared sophomore from Hong Kong. "To them it's like winning is more important than governing."

Donald Trump, the non-establishment Republican candidate and entrepreneur, has faced scrutiny from the international community due to his campaign centered on a strict, jingoistic foreign policy. His supercilious nature and patriotic message is something that appeals almost strictly to a specific demographic of white men, according to a number of polls, while

alienating many other audiences.

"Where Trump comes from is a, more biased, form of American exceptionalism. It's a routine centered around being number one," said Associate Professor Robert Rosenthal and Chair of the department of Advertising, Public

Relations and Digital Media. "A lot of international students have come up to me and asked why we're so concerned being number one."

Comments that Trump has made about China, Mexico and Muslim Americans have resonated with an apprehensive American public that is looking for answers, but they have not landed so well with students who have come to Suffolk with student visas.

"I wouldn't vote for Trump because I think he hates foreigners," said Cheikh Diop, a senior

Biochemistry major from Senegal. "I was quite surprised when Trump got this popular."

Clinton's entrenchment in past U.S. foreign policy, compounded with her previous roles in overseas conflict, has not scored her many points with young international students. Many of these students, who have observed a U.S. presence in other countries, have a bias towards Clinton because of her heavy involvement in foreign policy legislation.

"As a Muslim and Arab student, Trump scares me," said Tarabzouni. "He wants to ban Muslims, but Clinton scares me because she has a record of supporting wars and bombing regions in the Middle East."

Although the disdain for Trump's larger-than-life personality is present, there is also a clear sense of distrust in Clinton within the international community. This skepticism mirrors the statistical reaction that many American-born voters have had toward the Democratic candidate.

"I would probably vote for Hillary because people need to not go for Trump," said Tang. "I love Barack Obama, and I

feel like Hillary is just a less competent version of Obama and I'm okay with that."

Despite the fact that these students don't have the ability to vote in this election due to their international student visas, a sizeable portion have taken a side. In contrast, there are international students who would refrain from voting due to a lack of viable candidates, an act of civil disobedience often ridiculed by the American public.

"I don't like any of the candidates," said Farouk Abdelmoniem, an undecided freshman from Egypt. "I wouldn't vote at all if I could. Both of them are using their own strategies to win, but I don't think they'll do what they say"

Only time will tell how the political saga will unravel and who will be the next commander-in-chief. Calls of concern and confusion have been echoing through Suffolk's global community and spurred political discourse across campus.

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## Dance routines, Latin culture, and a firey passion to entertain

### Felicia Valerese Journal Contributor

The Latin based dance group, Pasi3n Latina, has brought a unique mix of culture and choreography to the Suffolk community. With a multitude of time and effort, the group has managed to establish itself as an expressive dance team and is now an inspiration for any student willing to step out of their comfort zone and join a new academic organization.

"We have a very familial culture within our group," Jeremy Guevara, a junior marketing major and current member of Pasi3n Latina. "We all really, really love each other and it helps us with our dynamic when we dance."

Created in the spring of 2013, Pasi3n Latina

started off as a small group of friends with vast commonalities and a desire to express themselves and their heritage. Their focus was to proudly recognize the Latin culture but with a completely new approach in comparison to similar groups on campus.

This idea came from founder Clauder Aspilaire, a 2016 Suffolk graduate who wanted nothing more than to bring light to her heritage in a manner that was unique and pertinent to her interests.

"Clauder kind of just shared her idea with others and ran with it. She was able to get everyone excited about Pasi3n Latina," said Kathleen Dasilva the group's president, one of the original members of the group.

Facilitated by the

Performing Arts Office (PAO), those involved were able to share the same enthusiasm and further delve into what had been merely just a plan a couple of month's prior. As soon as they formed, Pasi3n Latina began dancing and performing as a way to recognize the Latin culture. They now have fourteen official members and have made it a routine to practice for their shows each semester, which has brought much reward and confidence to one of the PAO's newest dance groups.

"We are very proud of the strides made by Pasi3n Latina," said Kristin Baker, PAO director. "They are very culturally specific which is a motivating factor for the students performing and the audience as well."

The group just posted the 10 finalists they selected after auditions they held on Sept. 13. Diving deep into various traditions and cultural norms, Pasi3n Latina celebrates primarily through dance. The group also spends its time reaching out to other Latino groups in Boston for more performances or to hang out.

"Our practice involves a very specific recipe of fun, sweat and laughs," said Guevara. "Rehearsals are pretty long and require a lot of mental stamina, to be honest. We can cover two to five different dance styles in a single rehearsal, which can be pretty taxing. We have breaks where we just let loose and get really funny, but at the end of the day, we are busy putting together exciting

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**- Jeremy Guevara**

performances."

Initially the group was not particularly selective. However, they are now forced to hold auditions due to the fact that there are so many eager participants. From this factor alone it is clear how much the group has progressed. From a mere group of 10 to a thriving team that holds auditions, Pasi3n Latina has been able to embrace a broader spectrum of talent.

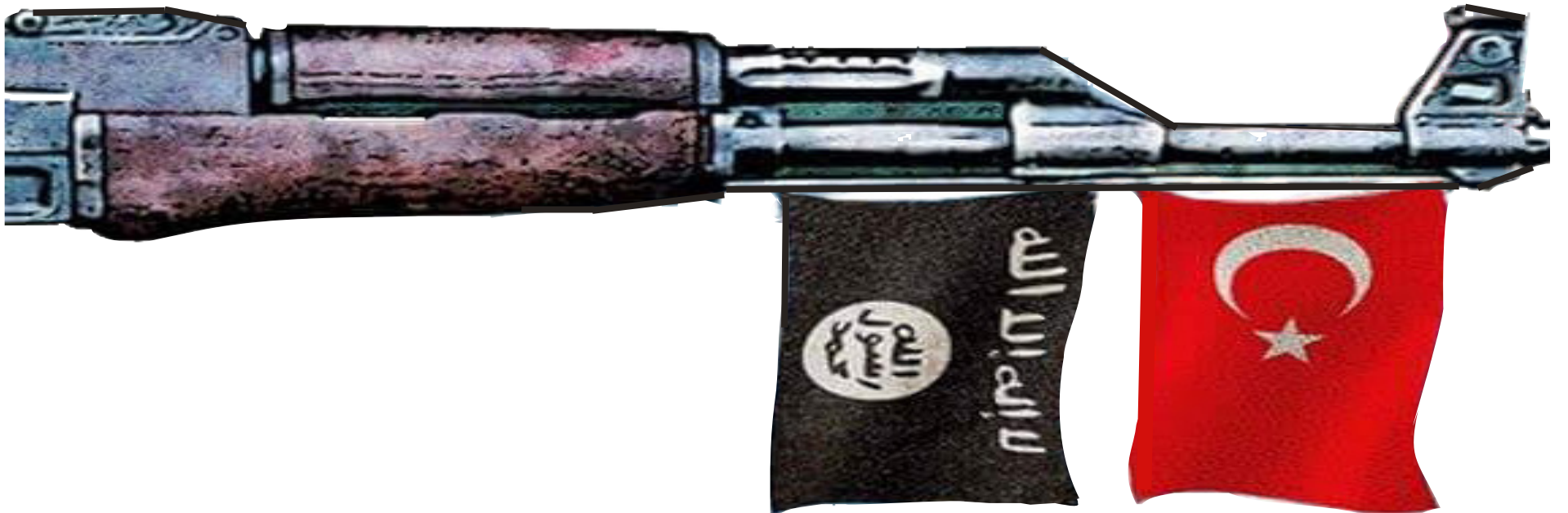
"We actually just doubled if not tripled our group, which is amazing," said Guevara. "While our small, intimate team

was amazing last year, it's always great to have more members. We just recruited some really dope talent that will add a lot of depth to our performances. The best part of being able to cover so many dance styles is that we can highlight different members and their abilities."

Pasi3n Latina is set to announce their upcoming showcases in the near future. The hold practices twice a week and look forward to being able to perform around the greater Massachusetts area.



# Turkish offensive rolls south through IS territory



**Tim Shulga-Morskoy**  
Journal Contributor

Turkey recently began its push down into the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS) controlled region of Al Bab, Syria as part of an expansion of Operation Euphrates Shield that began about a month ago. The operation has successfully taken the border towns of Jarablus and A'zaz. Now they have set their sights on Al Bab, which is within 50 kilometers of war-torn Aleppo.

"They are on the move, we know that," said Robert Laffey, senior professor, who focuses on Middle East politics and International Relations. "They want to weaken the Kurds in Syria, the Syrian Kurds and the Iraqi Kurds."

The recent deployment consisted of three armored brigades, a mechanized brigade and the Special Forces of Turkey, known as the Maroon Berets. When the Turkish Army moved across the border on Aug. 24, they came into conflict with the Syrian Democratic Forces and People's Protection Units, which are primarily Kurdish in the north. Fighting has died down between the groups, said Sharfan Darwish, spokesman for the SDF-allied Manbij Military Council to BBC, and that a cease-fire has been signed that Turkey is denying, reports BBC. They have continued to make gains in their push southward, with a majority of battles ending

before they begin, as ISIS seems willing to abandon territory, according to the New York Times.

Turkey's motivation for this intervention is a product of internal upheaval.

"Turkey is concerned about internal stability, especially after the Coup, and they're turning over materials about Gulian to the US because they want to extradite him," said Laffey. "In question is how much Turkey has cooperated with ISIS, since they opened the border, but now it's

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closed."

During the coup, both the liberal and far-right parties of Kemalist Republican People's Party (CHP) and the Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) denounced the coup unanimously, and the government managed to regain control. This unanimous rejection of the coup has played an important part in the political aftermath, according to Newsweek.

The coup wiped the slate clean, allowing the previous infighting between the parties to cease temporarily, according to Turkish

news source Haberturk. This convinced the three main parties that the problems were existential and could not be ignored any longer while politics played out.

"Everyone in the conflict wants a chunk of Syria, Turkey especially," said Laffey. "It's possible that if the Assad Regime falls that Syria will end up divided between Turkey, Israel and the rest of the neighbors."

A rally in Yenikapi for "Democracy and Martyrs" on Aug. 7, was attended by many important state officials, public figures and politicians who delivered speeches in an show of unity. Present at the rally was the Prime Minister Binali Yildirim, President Erdoan, General Chief of Staff Hulusi Akar, CHP leader Kemal Kılıçdarolu and MHP leader Devlet Bahçeli according to the BBC.

After the rally, the parties united on several issues that were facing Turkey, such as national security, the Syrian intervention and a mini constitutional reform package, which was unlikely before the coup attempt because of internal unrest, according to Reuters.

The possibility of increased cooperation with Turkey has further strengthened Russia's position in the Middle East, and has forced the United States to compromise with Turkey on the issue of the Syrian Democratic Forces and People's Protection Units forces. Appeasement of Turkey culminated when U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, visited Ankara where he echoed calls for the People's Protection

Units to pull back from their territorial gains.

"The Turks don't want to alienate the US, they're allies and want to stay in NATO, and the question is how far will the US allow Turkey to go against the Kurds," said Laffey.

The region is still in a state of uncertainty. Turkey is currently supporting Free Syrian Army forces in a manner similar to the U.S. with special military forces acting as spotters on the ground while conventional firepower fills the gaps where local forces are lacking. When

conflict dies down with ISIS it is possible these forces could be turned against the primarily Kurdish SDF/YPG which are terrorist organizations in Turkey.

In addition, this alludes to Turkey's intention to shift from its Republican Era policy that has refrained from using its military as the primary mean for foreign policy goals. In the event that the intervention is a success, it is possible that Turkey will change its foreign policy; a policy based more heavily on strategic partnerships, which can

be used to make up for a lack of political influence. Similarly to how Russia used its military deployment in Syria to reopen channels with the West, Turkey has used its intervention to force NATO to accommodate its concerns about the SDF/YPG.

It also faces the threat of overusing military action to solve all of its problems. Turkey is in a precarious position, and has to be careful to avoid overextending. But the future of ISIS looks dim, while Turkey's is looking up for now.

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# Coco comes to life

Boston Fashion Week features informal fashion show in Downtown Boston in honor of the great Coco Chanel

Haley Clegg / Journal Staff



### Brooke Patterson Journal Contributor

Roche Bobois isn't the typical fashion show runway, rather, a high-end, home-furniture chain that specializes in contemporary pieces from international designers in the center of Downtown Boston. The ambience set the tone on Sunday during Boston Fashion Week for wardrobe stylists such as Patrice Vinci Salon and Team Artist Representative in order to generate energy for models to display the look of the season.

Gabrielle Bonheur "Coco" Chanel is

commonly known for her incredible French fashion design. "What Would Coco Wear?" was just one of the of the platforms during the week-long event that began on Friday, Sept. 23.

The session was an informal fashion show, so rather than strut down a traditional runway, the girls would take a turn around the venue itself and pose for guests. After the models had their time inside the furniture store, they went outside to continue their strut down a red carpet. Following their red carpet debut, the models followed one another back inside, and performed a quick change. They did this

several times, all while maintaining proper poise and grace.

With a woman-dominated audience and few men strewed across the venue observing and taking photos, the ages ranged from preteens and up. From fashion enthusiasts to high-end designers, the crowd also included honored mothers proudly looking onto their daughters as they glowed on the runway.

For Meghan Nelligan, 15, the Coco breakout served as her first fashion show as a model.

"This has been her lifelong dream," said mother Dianne Nelligan in an interview with

The Suffolk Journal on Sunday.

Strutting alongside the 15-year-old model was 16-year-old Avery Gains.

"Avery was first scouted for modeling at age 11," said mother Lynne Gains as she also expressed her excitement when she had learned that her daughter was able to keep the designer shoes that she was strutting in.

The designers did away with the heels to pair with skirts and dresses, and instead, sported dazzling sneakers for the modern Coco-inspired outfits. In addition to the high-fashion designs, a number of business and street casual looks were displayed as well.

Designers wanted to display versatility with their styles. Although the main aspect of the event was the modern look of Coco, the ambidexterity was something that the designers were eager to show off to their guests. Often times, the audience would be presented with an item of clothing that was a part of more than one outfit. Whether it was shoes, purses or even some skirts, articles of each model's wardrobe were used in different outfits in order to pursue practical styles.

One of the final pieces a model wore was a direct tribute to Chanel herself. The model had on a bright red crew

sweatshirt and on the back it read "COCO," while on the front it had the famous Coco Chanel logo enlarged. The model also wore a black tulle skirt and a statement pearl necklace around her neck to complete the look-- the pearls serving as a tribute in the collection to Coco herself, who was rarely seen without an abundance of costume jewelry.

There is nothing like a fashion show that promotes urban, young, and fresh designs. If Coco were here to have seen this she would do nothing but praise Boston for the incredible and accurate depiction of her fashion design.



# SULLIVAN STUDIO THEATRE

## Spotlight performance kicks off student productions

**“It’s kind of night and day, the difference in what we can do here,”**

**-Steve McIntosh,  
Technical Director**

**James MacDonald**  
Journal Contributor

Suffolk University’s new studio theatre hosted its first student production on Friday, the inauguration of the new Spotlight Performances series, “Just Alright.”

The show, performed in front of a full house, which included department chair Marilyn Plotkins and the play’s writer Dylan Amerena, ran for roughly fifteen minutes and was followed by a lively reception in the faculty space upstairs.

Student actors Andrew Agnes, Sam Deans and Ellie Brind’Amour comprised the six-character cast.

The first use of the new stage punctuated a long moving process for the department from Archer to Sawyer, and showcased the improvements of the Sullivan Studio Theatre over the previous space in the Archer building.

The new theatre occupies the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the Sawyer Building, adjacent to other classrooms and one floor below the theatre department’s faculty offices. In Archer, the theatre department was all one floor. One concern moving forward was the accessibility of faculty members to the students according to Communications Director Rosalind Beauchemin. The first few weeks of the

fall semester proved these concerns unwarranted.

“It’s been great to see how connected students have remained to faculty and staff,” said Beauchemin in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal.

Beauchemin recalls walking into the construction zone on her first day of work at Suffolk University last winter. The mosaic floor and high ceilings that previously made up the ballroom gave her an impression of the history of the space, which was once a ballroom for an alternative men’s club in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Now, with new equipment as well as equipment salvaged from the C. Walsh Theatre after the move, the theatre department prides itself on having one of the best equipped black box theatres in Boston, Beauchemin said.

The theatre’s seating capacity ranges from 51 to 61, depending on the position of the riser system. The seating arrangements can be changed to fit an arena style, in which the audience surrounds the stage, or thrust style, an extended stage flanked by audience members on three sides, to accommodate different productions.

Technical Director Steve McIntosh notes that in the old theatre, crewmembers in the lighting booth had no

direct view of the stage, instead looking through a monitor with a live feed of the theatre. The new lighting box is set above the audience, with touchscreen controls for lighting and sound, and a clear view of the action in the theatre.

“It’s kind of night and day, the difference in what we can do here,” said McIntosh in a recent interview with The Journal.

McIntosh also says the theatre’s green room was designed with the double purpose of use as a common area for students to meet, work and relax between classes. The fully furnished room has outlets with USB ports, adjacent dressing rooms, and a callboard to display department news and events.

Several theater department classes, including Directing I, Playwriting I, Broadway Dance and Stagecraft, also meet in the new space, dubbed the Sullivan Studio Theatre for the late Suffolk alumni and donor Quinton J. Sullivan.

Department chair Marilyn Plotkins remembers Sullivan coming to Suffolk from Arlington Catholic High School in 1982, working on numerable student productions when no dedicated theatre department existed.

After Sullivan graduated, he remained in touch with Plotkins, eventually creating and

overseeing a fund in his name to fuel the theatre department. The two remained in contact until Sullivan’s untimely passing in 2015, at only 51 years old.

Plotkins had already planned to name the school’s studio theatre in his honor, but now had even more reason to do so.

“When he died, my first thought was, here is a Suffolk student who understands how important theatre is to this school,” she said.

With the opening of the new theatre, Plotkins was touched by the way students and faculty embraced the naming of the theatre, even when they had no direct relationship with the late Sullivan.

Plotkins also expressed her pride in the new Spotlight series, praising Director Erica Lundin and Amerena for their courage in putting on the first show in the new space. The success and continued sense of community helps validate the move to a new building, when a long history in Archer loomed behind the department.

“I thought I would hate being here,” Plotkins said. “I love it here.”

The Sullivan Theatre will continue to showcase the Spotlight Performances, along with Fall Showcase productions of “Salem,” “Déjà Vu” and “Queer,” from October 6-9.



# Going up in smoke

## Redefining the perception of weed in the US

**Cody Barba**  
Journal Contributor

“Sluggish. Lazy. Stupid. And unconcerned. That’s all marijuana does to you.” This is a line from the song “Be yourself” from Frank Ocean’s latest album “Blond.” It is more of a skit than a song, but the line is from a voicemail to one of Ocean’s childhood friends from his mother. The mother is warning her son to resist the temptations of marijuana and alcohol while he is attending college.

This skit illustrates the generational disconnect on what marijuana is, does, has done, and can do. This is an issue because the mother is projecting her own fears of marijuana and alcohol onto her son because she does not understand it. It is easier to disown something entirely than it is to take a step back and really look at the issue of marijuana. Projection is a dangerous game because it creates false truths that become capital T truths.

Cannabis is a plant that is grown in various parts of the world. Its main psychoactive ingredient is called tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC. Its two main purposes are for medical and recreational consumption. To the surprise of many modern-day people, marijuana has been present throughout much of history.

Consumption of marijuana for medicinal purposes has been around since the ancient world. Chinese doctors in 1 A.D. composed a list of 100 ailments that cannabis is effective against. Medical physicians in Ancient Greece used cannabis to treat those with ear aches and inflammation. Even the founding fathers were enamored by marijuana. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson grew marijuana for thirty years,

studying the medical properties of THC. By the 1800s, it was considered mainstream medicine. French doctors wrote that it reduced severity of headaches and is an excellent sleep aid. In the United States, cannabis was being prescribed by physicians for people who suffered from some of the most serious illnesses of the time. Cholera, alcoholism, dysentery, opiate addiction and leprosy are among some of them.

So why did the U.S. move away from marijuana?

Money. Cotton was one of the most mass-produced

crops

throughout the early years of the U.S. It was spun into thread in order to make clothes and in my opinion, it was the leading reason of the outlawing of marijuana in America. Hemp, a byproduct of cannabis, is cheaper than cotton, but big cotton farmers didn’t want to lose money to this new product, according to the Reason Foundation. With the help of the government, it was outlawed. “Women cry for it - Men die for it!” reads across a movie poster of Reefer Madness, a film about high school students, who become addicted to marijuana, which leads them down a twisted path of self destruction. Looking at it now is quite funny, but back in 1936, people believed it. The campaign against marijuana was based on fear mongering. Combine the government regulation and media hysteria, a nation of

people terrified of marijuana was born.

The medical field progressed without its green counterpart with more powerful, newly developed painkillers like aspirin and morphine. Fast forward to the U.S. in 2016. As a nation, we face an opioid epidemic that affects every city and every state. People die everyday from overdoses from either pills they buy off the street or the cheaper alternative, heroin.

Approximately a hundred people die every day of opioid overdoses, according to the Center for Disease Control. People in all walks of life are being affected by opiates, not just people who have been abusers their whole life. According to the Boston Globe, Mass. began treating opioid addicted patients with medical marijuana. The method behind it is to taper them off the hard drugs and supplement it with a different, non-addictive chemical, like THC. Three quarters of the eighty people treated stayed off narcotics after receiving medical

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## Reevaluating the progressive strides with marijuana

**Haley Clegg**  
Journal Staff

Lately, it seems as if everyone has hopped aboard the “legalize marijuana” movement. In November, Massachusetts voters will make the decision about whether or not to legalize marijuana for recreational use. Question 4 on the ballot will allow for those 21 and over to use, grow and possess it. Currently in

marijuana chronically, the more abnormally their brain regions were shaped. Lead study author Matthew Smith, an assistant research professor in psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine claims that “The study links the chronic use of marijuana to these concerning brain abnormalities that appear to last for at least a few years after people stop using it.”

The American Medical Association has also taken a strong stand against the legalization of marijuana on the grounds that it causes impairments in neurocognitive performance and IQ, and is associated with

increased rates of anxiety, mood and psychotic thought disorders, especially among adolescents.

Even now, it seems like everyone knows at least one person who had to stop smoking because of a bad experience, and if you don’t, there are plenty of people who will tell you their bad experiences on YouTube. Many people who have had miserable or terrifying experiences with marijuana have uploaded videos urging others to listen to their story and learn from their mistakes. Everyone seems to believe that just because it is known as the safest drug out there that it should be legalized. However, it is still exactly that- a drug.

Legalizing marijuana is only going to create more problems down the road, especially for the youth in this country. They are the ones that are most at

risk for health problems and addiction later in life. Although many will claim that they will not be exposed to it because it will only be available for people 21 and up, this too is false. Just take a look at alcohol for example.

If a teen is really interested in drinking they are going to steal from their parents liquor cabinet, or ask a trusted older brother or friend to provide it for them. Just because it will only be available for purchase to 21-year-olds, that doesn’t mean that people younger will not be able to get their hands on it.

Legalizing marijuana is a danger to the general public’s safety as well. If it is legalized, the nation will not only have to combat drunk driving, but will also surely see an increase in drivers who are under the influence of marijuana. This doesn’t just put the smokers at risk, but also anyone else who is on the road. That means that our parents coming home from work, our brothers and sisters driving home from school- everyone could be affected.

Many people are under the impression that marijuana is not addicting, a myth that has been proven entirely false. Lady Gaga is just one of many who have openly spoken out about marijuana addiction. “I just want young kids to know that you actually can become addicted to it, and there’s this sentiment that you can’t and that’s actually not true.” Marijuana can be addicting, and is a very difficult drug to break away from once hooked. Chronic smokers will eventually need larger and larger quantities of the drug in order to achieve the same high that they once felt. Once the drug no longer serves them their desired high, this is when people turn to different, harder

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## EDITOR'S WORD

*Similarly to the rest of the nation, Suffolk University's global community has turned their eyes onto the current campaign trails here in the United States. This election year though, is unlike any other. Concern grows as the world looks on to see who will take the position as commander-in-chief of the "free world."*

*With the nation in a deep divide, Suffolk's international population may not have the ability to vote, but they have voiced their reservations over the two faces that were plastered on the debate screen on Monday night.*

*While Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton went head to head in what is known as one of the most watched debates in U.S. election history, the world also tuned in. To The Journal's staff, it's troubling to see so many fear what lies ahead in their status as a student here at Suffolk from countries like Saudi Arabia and Mexico.*

*We find ourselves wondering if the next elected president will affect the number of international students that come to study abroad- a population here at Suffolk that we pride ourselves in having.*

*Whether your frustrations lie with distrust for a candidate and their decisions, or with the lack of inclusion of all individuals or just not knowing the facts- voice your opinions here at The Journal and let it serve as a platform for your voice to be heard (no matter if you have the ability to vote or not).*

Best,



Alexa Gagosz  
Editor-in-Chief

## Public opinion of weed is scewed

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marijuana treatment.

Marijuana is not only helping recovering addicts get back on their feet, but also children with debilitating conditions like epilepsy and cancer. Parents of children with severe epilepsy have had unparalleled success with cannabinoids over prescribed medication like lorazepam or Valium. Cannabidiol (CBD) is one of the hundreds of chemical variations found in cannabis. CBD has been introduced into Epidiolex, a medication for children and adults. Epidiolex is 99 percent pure extract from CBD that can be administered in controlled dosages. More than 200 people participated in the study, aging from 2 to 26. 140 of them said their seizures decreased by an average of 54 percent over 12 weeks. Since research is so limited with marijuana, experts may only be tapping into some of its potential. If legalized, extensive research could

be done to unlock all of the potential that cannabis holds.

Marijuana is also one of the fastest growing business ventures in the U.S. Colorado is a prime example for how legal marijuana money can create booming tax revenue. Sales in 2015 reached a billion dollars, according to a recent article in the Los Angeles Times. Fast forward a year and Colorado is on par to hit one billion dollars in sales by November, according to the Las Vegas Review-Journal. The money is staggering, but where is it all going?

Part of the money goes straight to schools. It pays for building, upkeep and renovations of schools in Colorado, according to the Los Angeles Times. More funding for schools means better facilities for students to learn in. The better education a child receives, the stronger foundation they will have to continue their education past high school. If the whole country were to take

this initiative, the only place to go is up. The betterment of public schools can revitalize a whole generation of kids. It will not happen overnight, but nothing great comes all at once.

Colorado is using other portions of the tax revenue to educate communities about marijuana. As stated before, the unknown causes fear. Marijuana education is a vital tool to show people that marijuana is not a menace. Not all people who consume marijuana are degenerates, despite what the media portrays. The media does not want people to know about the child who used CBD to ease the sporadic, violent seizures he had. People are brought up to believe that marijuana is a capital D drug that only leads to an addictive life. That is not the case. Marijuana is an asset to modern medicine, education and the national economy.

Marijuana is mainstream, wake up and smell the herb.

### Citizens are right to fear pot

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substances, hence how marijuana has been labeled the "gateway drug."

The argument that marijuana is "natural" and therefore safer to use is completely irrelevant and misleading. Yes, it is a plant. However, there are plenty of natural substances that are toxic and dangerous, yet you won't find us out smoking them. So before the November vote, we should all be educating ourselves a little bit more about the serious ramifications that our vote YES could lead to, for both stoners and non-smokers alike.

## Major split for a major problem

**Felicity Otterbein**  
Arts Editor

Scheduling advising appointments and signing up for classes at Suffolk have always been a hassle.

The previous process that was set in place prior to the Communications and Journalism (CJN) department split was the reason for complications within my class scheduling. It was frustrating for a school that prides itself on helping its students, had not helped me in this process whatsoever.

The recent CJN split could prove to change the outdated system.

Following my spring advising appointment of my sophomore year, I left with a threat of a potentially delayed graduation date due to ill registration advice given by a previous faculty member in the fall, which was now posing a threat to my present curriculum track.

The other option given to me was to take the class over the summer, to the tune of \$3,000. Not

only did I not have these funds, after searching for the class it was nowhere to be found, so I was also given false information, which was incredibly disappointing.

Even more, when it came time for me to register for the fall semester of my sophomore year, I dreaded scheduling my appointment, because I knew what to expect. This was initially frustrating, because advising had been so impersonal.

In the past, the CJN department tried to streamline the process by allowing students to pick from a prescribed list of professors in the department to clear them for registering for the upcoming semester. Because of this system, professors would usually lose students in a sea of blurred faces that kept filing in and out of their offices for a full week. More often than not, there were no personal connections made between student and professor.

Although, the messy process got to the point where the two different

advisors that I sought out for my fall and spring semesters of my sophomore year failed in guiding me in the right direction with regard to the curriculum-specific class registration that I needed to further my progress in school. I think this was in part due to the fact that since I had not seen the same faculty member routinely, there

**"More often than not, there were no personal connections made between student and professor."**

was no way of either of these faculty knowing what the other had said to me regarding my class schedule.

This was unfair. Having already spent a year dedicated to the university, getting involved in extracurriculars and doing well in school, it was upsetting that they

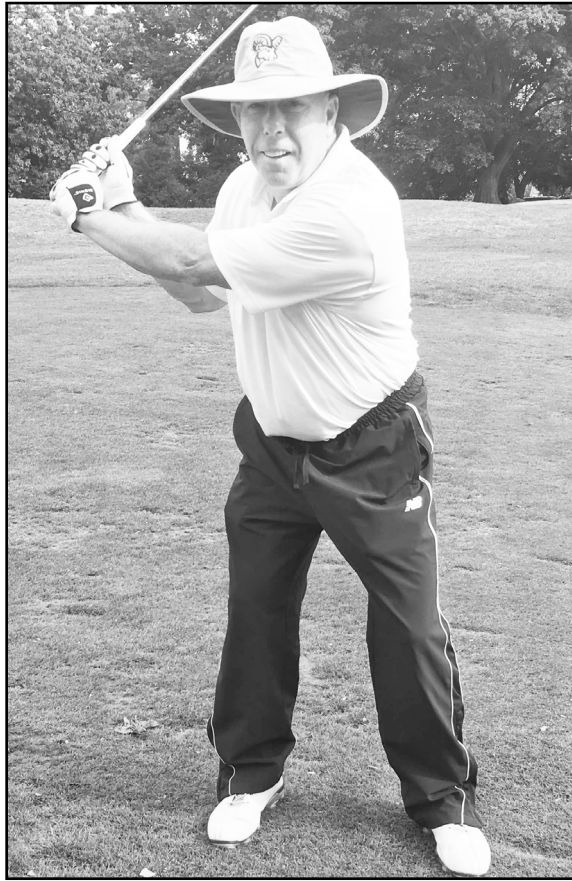
were telling me that I was being punished for not knowing the updates of the curriculum and for following the advice of a supposedly "seasoned" faculty member.

So, rather than spending a lot of money on one course, I instead waited patiently all summer for a class that would never be announced and I would never sign up for. Then, the news hit that the CJN was being split into two different departments, and upon a follow-up email with the same department head asking about the additional class that was supposed to be added, only to realize that due to the split, no such class would be added.

The recent CJN split has the potential to fix this problem. After a particularly terrible advising experience, I'm hoping that new students are able to create these kinds of relationships that I came to believe didn't exist and that any and all information about curriculum changes is made public and is distributed as soon as it goes into effect.



# Parker transitions from swing of a bat to a club



Courtesy of Jay Parker

**“What I’m trying to do to my players is to make them better athletes and better people.”**

## Chris DeGusto Journal Contributor

Jay Parker, who had been an assistant baseball coach at Suffolk University for 19 years, is now the first head coach of the brand new women’s golf program within Suffolk’s Athletics. There is much to establish with this new varsity team in order to guarantee its success. Parker believes that the women’s golf team can achieve the pinnacle of success by winning a national title in the near future.

“We feel like women’s golf at this school can win a National Championship,” said Parker.

In an interview with The Suffolk Journal, Parker expressed his confidence in the team winning a title for Suffolk.

“We felt that right all along, it’s the main thing for me taking over,” said Parker.

His background within the sport of golf has brought him to a place where he can now showcase his knowledge and potentially pass it on to his players. During his teenage years in the late 1970s, Parker said that he used to be a caddy at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass., one of America’s oldest country clubs, soaking in the

atmosphere and watching numerous golfers. He gained valuable knowledge while being around the game early in his life, but did not begin sinking putts himself until after college in his twenties. After he was gifted clubs of his own from his parents at the time, Parker commented that golf was an addicting sport he instantly became passionate for.

Parker has coached baseball alongside the university’s Athletics Director Cary McConnell for roughly 20 years, but his skills are not confined to this experience. Besides the diamond, Parker has been around golf in an instructional setting as well. He used to coach and assist young female golfers, helping them improve and hone their skills. Along with professional golfer Don Lyons, Parker taught ladies lessons on Thursday nights at the George Wright golf course in the Hyde Park area of Boston.

“Anytime there is a new program you can make your mark on it. This is my baby now,” said Parker.

He now has the opportunity to etch a new era into Suffolk’s athletics with this brand new team. He has taken this program under his wing and intends to foster

its growth. His ultimate goals for the organization are clear, and his strategy for success starts with the athletes personally.

“It’s not just about the athlete, but the individuals as well,” said Parker. “What I’m trying to do to my players is to make them better athletes and better people.”

While the competitive events are the centerpieces to any athletic program, Parker stressed the importance of a well-rounded athlete.

Head Baseball Coach Anthony Del Prete commented in an interview with The Journal on Tuesday about Parker’s commitment to his players, as well as his coaching ability.

“Jay is a dedicated coach, who cares about his players, their well-being, and tries to maximize their performance. His work ethic has been unparalleled,” said Del Prete. “When Jay gets involved in something, he really sinks his teeth into it.”

Del Prete also recognized Parker’s contributions to the baseball program and attributed Parker as part of the reason for the program being one of New England’s most consistent baseball clubs. Del Prete also said experience in recruiting, as well as his motivational abilities, are

important factors that will translate from the baseball program to golf.

Parker discussed how practices and lessons this season have accommodated his players’ academic schedules. With the emergence of this new program, there was not much time to adjust the student-athletes’ classes in respect to their sport. Parker acknowledges this issue and foresees its resolution within future semesters. This adversity has not stopped Parker from finding times to work with each of the golfers prior to this inaugural season.

“These girls have learned that whatever we need to do, will get done,” said Parker.

Overcoming these challenges is something that any new program or organization has to deal with. Parker described how he is limited as of right now but is able to develop and progress the elements he has control over.

“With a brand new program, there isn’t a lot to do but work hard and have these girls compete at high levels,” said Parker.

The women’s golf team will open up their season on Oct. 2 against Rhode Island College. The time and location are to be determined.

## Alumni helps to expand Suffolk Athletics

**Hannah Arroyo**  
Journal Contributor

Suffolk University students now have access to a convenient and state-of-the-art fitness center.

Suffolk’s new gym, the Michael & Larry Smith Fitness Center, recently opened at the end of August to current students, staff and faculty. The facility is on the first floor of the Ridgeway Building located on 148 Cambridge St.

Jaclyn Davis, Associate Director of Athletics and Head Women’s Softball Coach, has been working at Suffolk University for four years. On a daily basis, she oversees student workers and helps manage the facility. Davis said that the Athletics Department has come a long way since she started working here.

“Athletics has made great strides since I first got to Suffolk- we have rebranded, opened new fields in East Boston, updated our facilities, and our teams have become more competitive,” said Davis. “It is a really exciting time to be a part of Suffolk and we are proud to represent the university in Athletics.”

Davis said that the funding for the facility came from a donation from alumnus Larry and Michael Smith. Larry Smith was a captain and four-year starter of the university’s men’s basketball team. Today the brothers live in Florida where they have been in the insurance industry and auto club for more than 50 years. Davis said Boston is a pretty “health conscious city” and this new facility is a great resource for students and staff to take advantage of.

Freshman Alona Belousova has spent much of her time cross-country running and exercising. Her goal throughout college is to stay healthy and not spend all of her time sleeping in her dorm. Belousova said that going to the gym is extremely important to her because much of her time is spent in class sitting or doing homework.

“To me, exercise is a great way to escape

the everyday stresses. I always feel amazing after a workout because of the endorphins; it can do wonders to your mood,” said Belousova.

Carolyn Crampton, a first-year graduate assistant of the Athletics Department, has the role of Fitness Center and Gymnasium Manager. At Suffolk, Crampton is working toward her Masters in Administration of Higher Education. She said that her daily tasks include overseeing staff and handling issues brought to her attention. Crampton talked about the importance of having a gym at Suffolk.

“I think it is super important to have exercise facilities here on campus to encourage fitness and a healthy lifestyle for our students,” said Crampton. “While there are an assortment of gyms in the area, of course, this facility is free for all students, staff, and faculty, and it is a great way to bring the Suffolk community together.”

Due the location of the previous gym, which is currently in the corner of the second floor of the Ridgeway Building, Crampton explained that not many people used it. She explained how much more popular the gym is now that it is much easier to find on the first floor. She also discussed that all the new equipment that the facility has to offer, including cardio machines, weight training machines, and full sets of free weights. She said that there is also a studio room where students and staff can find medicine balls, mats and kettle bells.

Crampton was enthusiastic to explain how the gym plans to start many exciting classes for Suffolk students. She said that in the student room they are in the process of installing a workout kiosk. At this kiosk, students and staff will be able to choose from classes such as yoga, spin, and zumba. Each class is taught virtually for members to follow along to.

# Medina dominates in blue and gold

## Star athlete picks up another honor



Courtesy of Suffolk Athletics

**Clevis Murray**  
Journal Staff

The rush and determination to succeed has motivated her to win every match she plays and excel in the sport Valentina Medina loves--tennis.

Medina, who won Rookie of the Week six times and Rookie of the Year last season, has her reputation growing around the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) and those who follow Suffolk tennis.

On Sept. 19, Medina was announced the GNAC Corvias Player of the Week.

"This means a lot to me," said Medina. After learning she was named player of the week before her match and classes on Thursday, "I love this sport and getting honors doing what I like the most is the best thing in the world. I have been

working really hard to get better and give my best in every match, so it is nice that my hard work is paying off."

Ever since she was a six-year old back in Colombia, tennis was as natural to her as the hot weather in her native country. The sweat, heat and burning of feet she gets from the court now is what she's already experienced back home, except at a higher degree in comparison to the United States.

Medina thanks the sport for giving her the opportunity to make friends, who she thinks of as family.

"I love the competition," said Medina. "The adrenaline, the satisfaction of winning a match after you give all you have. But what I love the most about this is that you get to meet incredible people, people that can even change your life and make it better."

Despite her winning

ways, Medina is a proponent of the notion that she offers more to the team than her on-court skills.

"I think I offer happiness and support to the team," she said. "They all know that I am always going to be there, outside or inside the court."

Medina's support to the team as one of the best players can go a long way for everyone else on the roster. The team was on a five-game losing streak, before their 6-3 win over Wentworth College this past Thursday. Prior to their win over Wentworth, the team had lost to conference rival and eight-time defending champions Simmons College 5-4. After that game — which was their fifth consecutive defeat — a team meeting occurred. In that meeting Medina said she told the team "we were all capable of winning that match, we just needed to fight more."

"I also told them to believe in themselves and that we have to fight until the end of every match," Medina said.

Medina realized that teams have to work things out with each other when the doors are closed and spectators aren't watching. What was said in that meeting led to a win in their next contest, and despite their 2-6 record, Medina is still optimistic on the season, as her goal is to win the conference and believes "the best is yet to come."

Suffolk is fifth in the GNAC standings after being ranked No. 2 overall in the coaches preseason poll. It looks like they're underachieving from the outside looking in, but to Medina, the team will be fine going forward. One of two things she wants is for her peers on the team "to stop giving up in the matches" regardless of score, and Medina wants her teammates to exert a little more effort, as

she's a huge believer in the Rams defeating every team in their conference.

"I don't think my team has underachieved," said Medina. "We have only lost one conference match and that doesn't mean anything. It is always hard to play the first match, I was really nervous that day. But I think the team is going to start getting better now and hopefully we will be able to make it to the semifinals."

Medina is competing in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Regional Championships from Sept. 23-25 alongside teammate and two-time GNAC Player of the Year Aidiana Sagyndykova, according to the Athletics website. The two were selected by the New England region to compete in the tournament, which will be hosted by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Medina headed to Cambridge with a perfect 23-0 singles record and

21-2 mark in doubles.

Medina had high expectations for the tournament, especially in doubles. She played with Sagyndykova, and believed that they both had "good chances of doing something big." She said the having the opportunity to compete with the best players from their respective universities and colleges is unbelievable.

The co-captains crushed the opening of their match; however the pair were defeated in doubles playing against Trinity College of Connecticut. They both lost their singles matches.

In the meantime, Medina will continue to play the game she said she loves, and looks to achieve her goals for the season. "This is something that I love," said Medina on her love for Tennis. "I just give my best every time I play so that's why I am able to maintain such a high level of play."