A life celebrated

The Patriots fan and flower child who made an impact on campus

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Not one seat was left empty in the conference room of 73 Tremont for Isabella Gozzo’s memorial service. In the room decorated with brightly colored daisies, Gozzo’s favorite flower, peers were able to comfort each other as they shared memories and celebrated her life.

"Whether you’re a friend from the 150 Tremont residence hall, a parent, a classmate, or a member of the faculty and administration ... we are gathered as a community," said Reverend Amy Fisher. 

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"It is impossible to put into words how much Isabella meant to us," Driscoll said to her peers before reading the poem. The audience sat and listened, many with tears in their eyes.

"I was sad to see her go, but she had touched my heart in such a way that I knew my life would never be the same," a line in a poem read. Gozzo’s mother, Yeisid, recalled when her daughter attended a soccer camp when she was younger. Gozzo won the superlative of "most vocal," and her mother described her as a person who did a lot of living in 19 years.

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"While I was writing them, there wasn't really anything to think about, it just came naturally," he said. "She turned out to be a more important person to me than I ever thought she would be."

Although she only knew Gozzo for a few months, freshman Kailynn Abrams recalled her passion for football. "When I met Bella, I thought of Sundays as the horrible day before the week starts," she said, adding that Gozzo saw the light in Sundays because "I'm a spiritual person, and there's something about the energy that Isabella had. That's pretty clear today because most of us only knew her for a few months and we're all here consumed by this extreme passion and love," Maloney said. "That's not something many people can leave behind."

Snowy semester slows curriculum for some

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A phone call, a voicemail, a text message, and an email: it’s another snow day, and Suffolk students might have an extension on their latest assignment, or, they might not.

This semester, both students and professors have had to adapt to a new curriculum in response to the snow days. For some professors, the make-up classes held on Presidents’ Day marked the first time they were able to meet with their students, more than a month into the spring semester. Suffolk canceled classes on two and a half Mondays, two Tuesdays, and one Wednesday. As a result, courses that meet once a week on Monday nights have not had many classes at all, complicating curriculums for both professors and their students.

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- Ricky Morin

For that I will always be thankful," Abrams said.

"Since our classes did not start that First Monday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and we immediately lost that next Monday because of the snow day, I put together a series of PowerPoints and lecturing notes that I would have covered in the class," he said.

"It was nice to actually meet them so we could do our original icebreaker you usually do the first class," Rotondo said with a laugh of his first class meeting. When Rotondo realized the snowstorms that pounded Boston would interfere with his class time, he immediately took to the web, posting on Blackboard as a replacement for physical class meetings. "Since our classes did not start that first Monday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and we immediately lost that next Monday because of the snow day, I put together a series of PowerPoints and lecturing notes that I would have covered in the class," he said.

Rotondo said that as the snow days kept piling on, he kept up with the online material, including Kahn Academy.
Alumna partners with Shark Tank investor on QVC

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There are times when the stars seem to align and for some, the unprecedented reason everything in our lives at that very moment works well. The perfect opportunity comes around and when the chance is taken, it opens new doors to those brave enough to put their foot through them. Angela Cakridas knows this feeling. Her opportunity came by way of "Shark Tank" star Lori Greiner, who helped her launch a makeup product, which was featured in QVC and Greiner's book "Invent It, Sell It, Bank It!"

The beauty alumna was at the time a typical college student, unsure of what she wanted to do in her life and even her academic career. She changed her major multiples times - from public relations to nursing to finally graduating with a degree in marketing and a minor in business law. It was during her sophomore year when a creative idea that helped her with her makeup accessories changed her path completely.

She created a makeup accessory called the "5 In 1 makeup brush" that stored four makeup brushes inside a larger one, the concept similar to a Russian nesting doll. Cakridas's invention protects the brushes from bacteria and keeps bristles fixed and ready for efficient use. The brush also comes with a small bag to protect the outer brush.

"I came up with the idea on vacation with my family. We were on an island and going to a grocery store just to buy plastic bags for my makeup brushes," said Cakridas. "There's gotta be an easier way to store the brushes, so I just thought of a design."

It took a stroke of luck and good timing for Cakridas to build her product from just an innovative idea. She credited Professor Sushil Bhatia for guiding her through the process of turning an invention into a business opportunity.

"(I) came back [to Boston from vacation] and came across an email from Professor Bhatia, he is an entrepreneur himself, he's done tons of inventions but he had something called 'innovation hour' and basically you go to him if you have any questions regarding inventions you wanted to get started," said Cakridas. "And I remember, I met with him and literally had just this idea and since then he's been guiding and helping me in setting deadlines. Having him push me to get it done was really helpful."

Creating a prototype and a patent were only the first steps in Cakridas' journey in entrepreneurship. She needed manufacturers who could create her product in a larger scale and also have people invest in her and her idea.

This is where Investor Lori Greiner came into play. Cakridas' father was watching "Shark Tank" before it became a mainstream hit show and Cakridas saw that Greiner had just invested in beauty products. She imagined a partnership with Greiner as a chance to launch her product and she decided to join a contest that would allow her to Skype with the reality star. Cakridas lost the contest, but that did not deter her spirit. She decided to leave a message to Greiner's personal Facebook account, and to Cakridas' surprise, Greiner saw the message and reached out to her.

Everything seemed to have just worked out for Cakridas, but she almost never partnered with Greiner. She met a manufacturer but he asked her to give him the money before he could start manufacturing the product. She borrowed money from her brother even though her entire family warned her against doing so, as fearing that the manufacturer may be trying to scam her.

Cakridas went as far as having the check with her in person and was about to meet with the manufacturer when she decided not to go through with it. She believes it all worked out for the best especially since she got to eventually partner with Greiner, who had her manufacturers develop the product on a larger scale. The other manufacturer wanted money before the manufacturing, while Greiner was willing to work with her without asking for anything and there was more of a guarantee with that relationship.

Greiner said her product has done well on QVC.

"I think we were able to show there was no guarantee of getting an offer and the opportunity to work with Greiner was tantalizing," she said. "Unlike some developers and entrepreneurs, Cakridas actually sells her own products and can attest to their effectiveness and efficiency."

Cakridas has not stopped inventing and is currently involved in a new makeup accessory that puts most women's makeup needs in one device, called "The-In-One-Makeup-Pod." You can learn more from her website: Bellangia.com.

Professors, students handle delayed curriculum differently

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videos that could aid students in completing assignments, and said that Blackboard has been essential to him in keeping students updated.

"I use Blackboard for a variety of reasons. It helps me incorporate a lot of the materials so students can look up material when they're not in class," he said.

Rotondo said that his utter reliance on these online components this semester has created a learning experience for him, and that because of the success his posted videos have rendered, he will consider using more online supplements in future courses.

"The lack of face correspondence has boded well for some during this time of disarray, the fact remains that it is not the same as in-class communication. For sophomore Ricky Morin, having his History of Samurai professor attempt to assign material online did not work out as well as he hoped.

Morin, currently enrolled in a once-a-week Monday night course, found that an email containing extra assigned reading to make up for missed class time did not make its way into his inbox, causing him to fall behind. Though frustrating at first, Morin said that his class is otherwise functioning as normal amid the confusion of this semester.

"I think we were able to make it work and hopefully it goes smoothly going forward," he said.

This time in the semester usually marks midterm season, but with the complications surrounding class time, Morin said some students may not be prepared enough for tests at this time.

"Considering the Monday night classes have only met twice, in most situations I think it would be unwise to have a midterm at this point," he said.

Sophomore Greg Lafuente, enrolled in a once-a-week Business Law class that also only meets on Mondays, disagrees, asserting that students are receiving their own success in any class.

"I think every class is all on the students," he said. "You either read the material and do the work or you just don't. Why should a day of not having class get in the way of you getting the education?"

Rotondo said that though the snow days have interfered with the university's ability to function normally, he still believes students are getting the most out of their time at Suffolk.

"It's unfortunate with all these snow days, but I'm sure they'll get the best education," he said.
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The C. Walsh Theater car- ried a casual, excited atmo- sphere as Student Government Association members filled the seats. On stage, three can- didates for executive board, run- ning unopposed, sat in front of microphones, waiting for the 2015 Student Government Debate to start. Among dis- cussed topics were commuter students' obstacles, plans for a new website, and continued student outreach programs.

As nominations are now closed, the candidates for this year will make up the 2015- 2016 SGA executive board.

Director of Student, Leader- ship and Involvement Dave DeAngelis stood as a podium as moderator and cracked jokes as the audience settled down and current SGA Presi- dent Tyler LeBlanc announced it was time to begin.

DeAngelis introduced the candidates: current Vice Presi- dent and junior Colin Loiselle for president, freshman Sena- tor Sean Walsh for vice presi- dent, sophomore and Public Relations Committee co-chair Brianna Silva for secretary, and Class of 2017 Treasurer and sophomore Cam Viola for treasurer.

Viola, currently studying abroad at Suffolk's Madrid campus, was not present at the forum.

Loiselle said one of his main goals at 2015-16 president would be to continue student out- reach to aid in creating reso- lutions between students and the university. For example, Loiselle acknowledged the looming sale of the Archer and Donahue buildings, and said that “making sure clubs still have a place to program” is important to him.

“Dr. helps us figure out what peoples' issues are so we can address them,” he said.

Walsh said that as vice president, he would like to make SGA's open forums more accessible to student clubs and to “have more of a partner- nership” with them, enabling student organizations to voice their concerns directly to SGA.

Silva, who is also a con- tributor to the Journal, said she hopes to continue to play a major role in what goes on within the Public Relations Committee, which she is also a part of, in order to create effective relationships among students.

“Our goal is to make some- one's experience at Suffolk a positive one,” she said.

A video that Viola filmed played for the audience, in which he spoke about what he hopes to accomplish as treas- urer. Viola said he wants to facilitate the process of commu- nication between SGA, Suffolk's clubs and organizations and SGA's Finance Committee, make sure budget hearings are dealt with professionally, and be a comfortable resource for students to approach whenever.

Viola hopes that letting more students know that the student activities fee that is a part of every student's tuition goes directly to our clubs and organizations will motivate more students to get involved on campus. He also said that his duties as treasurer hold a great deal of responsibility, and he wants to strive to make sure that all budgeting deci- sions are made as fairly as pos- sible.

“Students members asked questions about commuting,” said Loiselle, in mock serious- ness that elicited laughter from the crowd, said, “My fa- vorite thing about Boston is the MBTA.”

Jokes aside, Loiselle ad- dressed the current compli- cations surrounding the uni- versity's commuter students, advocating for them on a pro- fessional as well as personal level.

“I couldn't agree more with the frustration of getting to class,” said Loiselle, a commut- er himself. "I think SGA plays a role in advocating for com- muter students.”

He discussed his plans to continue creating programs alongside Program Council that are geared towards com- muter students that he hopes will allow them to unwind af- ter difficult travels.

“Some of our ongoing initiatives; pictures and bios of the execu- tive board members; and a cal- endar of events.”

Loiselle acknowledged the frustration of getting to campus, was not present at the forum. According to Walsh, “I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosophy and to use my passion for ethics and philosophy to good, real world use, and his partnership with Eisikovits will continue in the fu- ture. "I was most excited to study ethics and philosop-
Across continents, Suffolk student shines

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Growing up in a new environment can be hard, especially if home is on the other side of the planet. But for An Wang, the adjustment into an American culture has not been difficult because of her willingness to be involved in the community.

Wang comes from Hangzhou, China, where she lived until she came to the U.S. for high school in 2009. She said her parents gave her the opportunity to receive schooling in the U.S. and she took the chance.

While in high school at Marlwood School in Connecticut, she decided she wanted to go to college in Boston. Her advisers helped pique her interest in Suffolk University, and Wang is now a junior and a double major in entrepreneurship and finance.

Wang's experience at Suffolk can be characterized as one of supreme involvement. She is currently the co-president for undergraduates of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, the vice president of co-event coordinators of the International Students Association and will be president of the organization next academic year.

Last year, Wang participated in a study abroad program in Italy. She attended John Cabot University in Rome where she worked as a tutor in Mandarin and performed community service. She also served as secretary of the SGA in Rome and received the honor of being the most interesting person in the university.

Wang's love for Suffolk is almost limitless. She expresses her pride for the university's sensitive and considerate attitude toward all minority groups, both gender and race. She also said she's proud of the university's gender neutral bathrooms.

Her study abroad in Italy influenced her decision to study finance. While there, the students were encouraged to send letters to different financial institutions in Switzerland. When a few dozen institutions replied, they flew to Geneva and Zurich to learn the ins and outs of the financial sector. They were shown the structure of these banks and all that inspired her to follow her interests.

Unlike others, Wang has not experienced many obstacles adjusting to the American culture. Her easy-going personality and willingness to get involved has helped. She has learned a lot from Suffolk, and she has invested a lot of time being a part of the university's community.

Mexican government blasts pope for ‘mexicanization’ comment

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When Pope Francis assumed his position as pontiff in March 2013, he received many praises for his service and acts of compassion. He is widely remembered for embracing Victor Díaz, a disgustingly man who suffers from neurofibromatosis, inviting homeless men to a Mass and a meal at the Vatican for his birthday, visiting a Hindu priest in Sri Lanka, and many other humble, crowd-pleasing acts, as decreed by CNN.

But now a remark he made has offended many people. The former Argentine cardinal, born as Jorge Mario Bergoglio, used the term “mexicanization” in an email to his friend Gustavo Vera, in which he showed grief for the increasing drug trafficking in Argentina, according to Fortune.

Francis wrote, “Hopefully, we are still in time to avoid the Mexicanization. I was talking to some Mexican bishops and it’s a terrible situation.”

Vera published the email on his organization’s website, the Almada Foundation, resulting in Mexico accusing the pope of unnecessarily “stigmatizing Mexico and the country’s efforts to battle drug cartels.”

The Mexican government is concerned over this statement and, according to The Washington Times, Chief Diplomat of Mexico Jose Antonio Meade said he intends to send a note of protest to the pope for using the term “mexicanization.”

“The pope did not in any way intend to offend the Mexican population, for he holds special affection, nor to underestimate the commitment of the Mexican government in its fight against narco-trafficking,” as reported by The Washington Post.

In an official note to the Ambassador of Mexico, the Vatican stated that the choice of words used by the pope were “taken from an informal and private email,” which merely repeated a phrase that Vera himself had used as lawmaker battling Argentina’s own drug trade, according to New York Post.

The Vatican spokesperson Reverend Federico Lombardi said that the pope’s intention was only to emphasize the importance of the “phenomenon of the drug trafficking” that plagues Mexico and other Latin American countries, according to The New York Post.

It is not the first time the pope’s words have drawn criticism from his usual supporters. In response to the Charlie Hebdo attacks in Paris in January, pope Francis said that if someone “says a curse word against my mother, he can expect a punch,” according to The Washington Post.

But emotions over the scientist’s death vary across the country.

I think the answer to this question will depend on whom you ask,” Dussouetchet said. “It turned out that the majority of the the Russian people are actually supporting Putin and his policies. However, like me, many are not his biggest fan, and neither are my friends, family, and family friends.”

Conspiracy theories regarding the incident have developed throughout Russia, some even constructed by authorities, according to the New York Times. One report claims Nemtsov may have been killed by political allies in an attempt to make him a martyr.
Local organization protests ISIS terrorism in Syria at City Hall

Friends of the Syrian American Forum protesting ISIS brutalities at City Hall

The Friends of the Syrian American Forum rallied in front of City Hall on Saturday, Feb. 28 to protest the brutalities that the so-called Islamic State is causing in Syria.

"We are organizing a rally at the Boston City Hall Plaza tomorrow in protest of the recent killings and kidnappings of our Syrian People, most of them are Assyrians who live in villages around the Khabour River in Al-Hasaka province," the Facebook page for the event read.

The FSAF is also spreading a petition to call on the Obama Administration to stop the arming of militants in Syria.

"Any effort to achieve this result rests on cooperation with the Syrian government and ultimately on a political solution to the strife of the Syrian people," the petition reads.

US | Deal with Iran

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has warned the U.S. that a deal with Iran could potentially pave the way to "difficulties" instead of blocking it. In a speech he conducted to Congress, he identified Iran as a "threat to the entire world," according to the BBC. Talks on the nuclear program in Iran are coming to a close as the deadline ends in late March, where an agreement will be formed between Iran and the U.S. The White House felt as though the Republican invite of Israel's Prime Minister was inappropriate without the consent of the White House, saying the Prime Minister did not add anything new to the speech transcript. He said to the BBC, "On the core issue, which is how to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon which would make it far more dangerous, the Prime Minister did not offer any viable alternatives."

Mexico | Drug lord captured

Mexican police and the president have announced they have captured the most wanted drug lord in the country, Servando "La Tuta" Gomez, according to reports by the BBC. He was taken to Mexico City, where he was shown before television cameras, before being transported by helicopter to a maximum security prison. According to the BBC, "We are organizing a rally at the Boston City Hall Plaza tomorrow in protest of the recent killings and kidnappings of our Syrian People, most of them are Assyrians who live in villages around the Khabour River in Al-Hasaka province," the Facebook page for the event read.

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Liberia | Ebola

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia has called for a "Marshall Plan" for the West African countries affected by Ebola. Roughly 10,000 people have died because of the disease, mostly in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, and yet there is still no cure or vaccine, according to the BBC. President Sirleaf's comments came after Sierra Leone received a promise of $187 million financial aid package from IMF, according to Al Jazeera. About $5 billion has been pledged for international aid over the outbreak, yet not even half have been materialized, according to several news reports.

President Sirleaf told BBC, "We believe that a regional approach would achieve the best recovery results. This can only be achieved with your support, the support of partners who will be willing to allocate resources to a regional plan that is home-grown."
Suffolk 'Stahs' dance for their charity of choice

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Suffolk student leaders and staff took the stage on Thursday to compete at Suffolk's first annual "Dancing With The Stahs." The event was held in the C Walsh Theater and hosted by recent graduates, Erica Lellanc, and Assistant Dean of Students, John Silveria. The purpose of this event was to raise money for the Journey Leadership Program as well as for a charity of the performers' choice.

Throughout the night, eight couples had the opportunity to perform their selected song choreographed by various dancers on campus. The choices ranged from a Waltz from the "Harry Potter" score, to a hip-hop routine to Kanye West's "Gold Digger."

Prior to the competition starting, many performers had butterflies in their stomach, but it was a bit different for Joseph Petrone, a Suffolk Jour­ney alumni. He says he had no issue performing in front of a large audience.

"I have spoken in front of large audiences so it had no ef­fect on me," he said.

Greek Council President, Christina Froimson, however, had a different experience. "I had a lot of fun, but it reminded me why I never get on stage. It was stressful to go last and have everyone looking at you," she said.

The winners of the com­petition were Assistant Dean of Students, Elizabeth Ching-Bush, and Residence Assistant, Jared Gaudet were named winners.

Assistant Dean of Students, Elizabeth Ching-Bush, and Residence Assistant, Jared Gaudet. Although they were named the winners, every dance couple resup­cess from their performances as Student Leadership and Involvement made sure to do­nate some money to all char­i­ties. There to help facilitate the competition were four judges, Dean Ann Coyne, April Du­quette, choreographer for PAO productions, Kristin Baker, di­rector of PAO and even Ram­my himself. All judges gave insightful comments following the performances about the execution of the contestants' pieces.

Jonathan McCague, a fresh­man and Academics chair of SGA says the whole experi­ence was absolutely amazing. "I felt like a star" he said with a laugh. "It felt great to be on stage, I always did like being in the spotlight. Getting to show everyone my moves was a first though definitely worth it."

All performers had differ­ent emotions about how they felt performing in front of a live audience. One performer, Roxanne Wilkins, said dancing in front of a big crowd was exhilarating.

"I've never done something like it before, so it was very cool for me to participate in. As a student leader I was very proud to be asked to partici­pate in this competition," said Wilkins.

While the judges deliber­ated, the dance team Wicked came on stage and performed to a compilation of uplifting songs. Suffolk's Step Team also performed and started off the night doing a thrilling perfor­mance that definitely got the crowd on their feet.

A special thanks was giv­en to SLI Intern and Program Council President and per­former, Kelsey Johansen for putting on the phenomenal event, and she was awarded a plaque with personalized signatures of all of those who danced in the competition.

Could Jupiter Ascending be the next cult classic?

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Despite the cautionary tales that the new science-fiction movie, "Jupiter Ascending" was two-thumbs down, I went to the theater anyway. Plopping down in my seat, I decided I'd keep an open mind despite harsh reviews from friends, and even my mother, that the movie was plain ter­rible.

Let me tell you, "Jupiter Ascending" is pretty bad, but in a way that makes it a delight to watch.

The story is about Russian immigrant and cleaning lady, Jupiter Jones (Mila Kunis), who discovers she is the reincarnation of the matriarch of the Abrasax family, an interga­lactic royal family.

The other members of the royal family, Titus Abrasax (Daniel Boothe), Kalique Abrasax (Tuppence Middle­ton), and Balem Abrasax (Eddie Redmayne), try to trick Jupiter into giving up her control over the Earth. She is aided by her love interest, space werewolf Caine Wise (Channing Tatum), and his old mentor, Stinger (Sean Bean).

Kunis as Jupiter Jones has the Cinderella role locked down. She has no father, a family who doesn't understand her, a life spent cleaning up after other people, and a hand­some man who comes to take her away to happiness. Sure, it's cliche, but not usually seen in action movies. Caine may not be the traditional white knight, but he is Jupiter's sav­ior for sure, though the movie makes sure to paint him as her equal.

The plot is overshadowed by the many spaceship battles, chase scenes, and explosions, that characterize a typical science-fiction movie. There is even a scene where a planet is revealed while dramatic music swells in the background. It is

As I sat in the theater, I realized that I had the privilege of watching a cult classic being born.

I left the theater feeling like I had definitely got my money's worth..."
**Products promote sustainability at NESAD show**

**Abby Wilson**  
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Green, sustainable materials from 15 different vendors were up for show at the New England School of Design's annual Sustainable Design Trade Show. Professor of Interior Architecture at NESAD, Karen Clarke, said that the focus of the show, which was held last Wednesday in the St. James Galleria Atrium, was to expose students to sustainable materials.

The show, which was put together by NESAD graduate students Meagan Campolongo, Angela Lee, and Farida Sadili-wala, displayed a wide variety of green products from fabrics made of recycled materials to water efficient toilets.

Upon entry, attendees were given a bookmark with each vendor's name on it and told that if they got all of the boxes signed, they could enter into a raffle to win a prize. The goal was to have everyone visit all of the vendors and learn as much as they could about sustainable materials.

Sherwin Williams, a company that produces paint, displayed its line of products that have no volatile organic compounds, making them safe to use in healthcare facilities, as well as their cans, which are made from recycled materials. Another company, Arc-Com Fabrics Inc., makes fabrics that are "made of recycled materials that also reduce pollution and waste," according to their website.

One company, Patcrom, made a point to mention that its various flooring materials are inexpensive to install and maintain. This was an important point to make, as many environmentally friendly materials cost extra.

It was clear that the products displayed were all dedicated to making less of an impact on the environment while lasting a long time. The show exposed students to how accessible environmentally friendly materials are.

**Ace political drama shuffles format in new season**

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Former house majority whip Frank Underwood and his wife Claire Underwood of "House of Cards" were climbing a mountain, and they would strike down anyone who would get in their way. Now, with the start of season three, Frank and Claire are at the top of this mountain, the White House, and we see them at their most vulnerable. It is a fundamentally different show.

Friday's premiere began with Frank delivering one of the various pitches about the products being displayed felt a little like stepping into the future. Every product looks sleek and shiny, boasting of such terms as cradle-to-cradle, which means that the products are waste-free and made of recycled materials.

Many of the products had commercial uses, making their applications vast. All of the representatives of the companies were open, friendly and willing to answer any questions that arose. The show was a success, drawing a huge crowd.

Walking through the crowded space, everyone listening to Frank trying to do some good instead of murdering and weasing his way through his problems to have the outcome he wants. Despite making some controversial presidential decisions, his work on employment is amazing.

Having some innovative ideas and some even more creative ways of overcoming obstacles still is not enough. Most of this season shows Frank and Claire being pushed into a corner. Everywhere they turn they get shut down. Their relationships and their alliances are being put to the test.

If you're familiar with "Game of Thrones," then you'll feel close to home -- people come and go, are fired and replaced and certain biases regarding domestic issues are overwhelmingly obvious as the show progresses.

"House of Cards" season three is a new and refreshing portrayal of the characters we have come to know, love and possibly hate. The show manages to maintain a human and emotional all while staying on the same dark path it started us on. It's like Frank states at the beginning of the season, "you have to be a little human when you're the president."
Unpaid internships may have benefits, but I won't work for free

The U.S. Department of Labor's criteria for unpaid internships require that:

- The internship is similar to the training that would be given in a vocational school or classroom environment.
- The experience is for the benefit of the student and not the internship provider.
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The Fox Searchlight unpaid internship I could never afford to even apply for. As a result, I have been a surge of unpaid interns bringing for-profit, private sector companies to court for their misclassification of unpaid interns and their duties.

A notable case was settled in 2015 when Judge William H. Pauley ruled that Fox Searchlight Pictures had violated federal and New York minimum wage and overtime laws by paying production interns for their work on the set of the 2010 movie, “Black Swan.”

The two interns represented in court had performed menial tasks on the set, such as running errands, keeping books, taking out the trash, and arranging travel plans for employees.

In light of these accepted as the cliché duties of the lowly intern, Pauley found the unpaid tasks to be unlawful, thus establishing six criteria for unpaid interns as articulated in Fact Sheet #71 of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

For a school with countless alumni in high ranking positions and working in the fields they chose and studied during their collegiate years, Suffolk appears to have far too few students devoted and interested right now.

It is time for elections for the next executive board of the Student Government Association. One thing that seems to be missing from any and all discussions of the internships is the criteria for unpaid internships.

As graduation draws near, one candidate each.

The greater student body deserves an eager group of peers who will fight for the chance to represent their needs and wishes. It is troubling to see that only four students are up to the challenge.

And, with only four applicants for just as many positions, how can we rest assured that candidates will create change when there was no competition on the ballot? If anything, we need to consider how many candidates are the very best for their positions if they did not have to campaign.

The SCA executive board has more opportunity than any other group of students to accomplish feats on campus. Whether that is sparking major change or something as simple as getting smokers off the sidewalk, the duty of supporting constituents is no small thing.

On the other hand, is it even worth worrying about how many candidates are running for these positions when voter turnout is consistently low?

The only thing students can hope for now is that these four candidates will be competent and the best fit for their respective positions.
The Supreme Court last week heard arguments in a discrimination lawsuit against American Eagle Outfitters. The complaint was brought by Samantha Elauf, claims A&F awkwardly declined to hire Elauf because she wore a hijab, a headscarf worn by Muslim women as a form of modesty, according to the Tulsa World. Elauf applied for the job in 2006 when she was 17 years old, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This isn’t the first time A&F has had to defend its “look policy.” In September 2013, the company agreed to pay $71,000 in settlements for two religious discrimination lawsuits filed by the EEOC, on behalf of two Muslim women, according to Politico Magazine. One was fired from her stock-room position for refusing to remove her hijab. The other, like Elauf, was denied a position as an “impact associate” because of her hijab.

Having worked in retail for many years, I completely understand when different retail chains require a certain look to market their brand. But you can literally send people far before crossing the line.

And, religious discrimination is violating the boundaries. A retail store, like A&F, should not have a say in how their employees represent themselves when it comes to religion. Their only control should be making employees wear the brand’s clothing “while on the clock.”

After working in retail for so long, I’ve realized that when you are hired, you’re given a neatly made package that states the company’s policies and how to target everybody — young, old, fat, skinny. But then you become totally vanilla. You don’t alienate anybody but you don’t excite anybody, either.

With that one interview, Jeffries’ comment about A&F’s “depressing” and “depressing” look could no longer be known as a “white” image, which could simply be read as code for “red.”

Unfortunately, this excludes many young people today. According to the Pew Research Center, millennials are the “most ethnically and racially diverse cohort of youth in the nation’s history.” By looking at Jeffries, it doesn’t seem like he would have one of the “cool kids” in school either, and that’s probably why the 70-year-old is likely so bitter now.

Jeffries’ comment about A&F “depressing” this wonderful camaraderie, friendship and playfulness that exist in this generation from that same interview certainly comes across as hypocritical.

This generation has been actively working to accept people for who they are, whether it is their religious beliefs, weight, ethnicity, or even sexual preference. A&F doesn’t represent any of these diversities.

Jokes about people of color at Academy Awards far from hilarious

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The Academy Awards are supposed to be known for giving recognition to great films, and recognizing the artistry of actors and actresses of any ethnicity or race. However, at this year’s show, host Neil Patrick Harris jokingly described Jefferies’ comment about A&F as an “impact associate” in his speech regarding the brand’s image.

According to the Los Angeles Times, there is a fine line between what is considered funny and what is outrageously offensive. To be given a permanent right to reside in the U.S. is something to be proud of and not to be mocked about.

The 87th Academy Awards had many appealing moments, like honoring the importance of women’s rights, Louis Gehring’s, and Alzheimer’s disease. Not to mention the tear jerking performance of the Oscar winner for best song, “Glory,” from Selma. With Common and John Legend, that represented diversity and unity that the Civil Rights leaders in the movie fought for in 1965. However, the insensitive jokes and racial comments could not be ignored.

Diversity needs to be more welcomed at the Academy Awards show, and it should no longer be known as a “white” ceremony.
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Rousey sill was the quickest title defense met victory once again. Cat Zingano in the octagon been decisive wins, but a 2-0 her quick win, Rousey told an armbar in just 14 seconds. It finish her with an unorthodox the charging Zingano and Saturday night, Ronda Rousey Bethe Correia. The problem is, Correia has only had two fight the Brazilian-born star. Better known as "Pitbull," MMA record stands at 9-0, and is yet to have her next is next? in UFC history. Now, the question is: who is next? Frankly, there does not seem to be many options. In a post-fight interview after her quick win, Rousey told Joe Rogan, she would love to fight the Brazilian-born star Bele Correia. The problem is, Correia has only had two fights in the UFC. Both have been decisive wins, but a 2-0 UFC record isn't enough to earn a fight against the best. Better known as "Pitbull," Correia's overall professional MMA record stands at 9-0, and is yet to have her next fight scheduled. So, while not the most enticing option, she is still an option nonetheless, especially considering the depleted pool of Rousey's potential opponents. Another potential suitor is Holly Holm. Before Rousey dismantled Zingano, Holm earned a split-decision victory over Raquel Pennington, improving her professional record to 8-0. In her eight victories, Holm has won via knockout or technical knockout six times, with her most impressive win coming 1:50 into the fifth round of her bout against Juliana Werner. The issue with Holm, similar to Correia, is her lack of experience. Holm has only one UFC fight, which is not enough to condone a chance at Rousey. If she keeps winning, regardless of how and whom it's against, she will likely get a shot at Rousey. But right now, she's still a few fights away from the big one. The third and final option is Cris Cyborg. "Cyborg," as she's commonly referred to, decimated Charmaine Tweet on Friday in just 45 seconds, sparking yet another outcry for a fight to be made, pitting her against Rousey. The issue, the same as it has always been, is the weight and steroid allegations. "Cyborg" struggles to make the 135-pound limit consistently, and is still constantly under fire for her prior use of steroids. Despite this, the situation is similar to that of Mayweather and Pacquiao. The two are on the same path as they dominate their respective sports, and at some point, they will have to cross. Right? Well, hopefully. "Cyborg" is the woman with the greatest chance to beat Rousey, and at some point the fight has to happen. She boats a 13-1-1 record, with her only loss in May 2005. Eleven of her 13 wins have come via knockout or TKO. She is statistically unbelievable, similar to Rousey, and a fight between the two would make for the biggest fight in women's MMA history. With Rousey being by far the most dominant fighter on the planet, the list of potential opponents is thin and getting thinner. Correia and Holm could pose somewhat of a threat, but the biggest opponent is still out there, away from the UFC. Rousey vs. "Cyborg" may be far from happening, but logically, it must. Whether it's at 135, 145 or a catch-weight, Rousey vs. "Cyborg" will happen, and when it does, expect fireworks.
Anthony Del Prete seeks consistent baseball season

Men's baseball holding the ECAC 2014 championship banner.
Their championship win came after defeating Roger Williams.
They enter this season on a five-game winning streak.

2014 team statistics
- 284 runs scored
- 218 runs batted-in
- .278 batting average
- 301 batting average (home)
- 13 home runs
- 4.23 ERA average
- 40 steals
- .398 on base percentage

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It's March, which means Bostonians are one step closer to sunshine and bearable weather. It also means that baseball season is on the horizon, and for the Rams, opening day couldn't come any sooner.

Anthony Del Prete will be managing the Rams for his debut season as head coach. Del Prete, who graduated from Suffolk in 2004, was a staple on the mound during his years as a student. This will be his first managerial role, and he is extremely qualified. After graduating, Del Prete quickly made the transition to the coaching staff in 2005, helping to guide the team to the NCAA tournament.

Del Prete will be filling some big shoes this season. Former head coach Cary McConnell, who has been with the athletic program since 1996, was tabbed last semester as the university's new Athletic Director, effectively ending his tenure as the baseball team's skipper.

McConnell, in his 18 seasons as the Rams manager, won 453 games and captured the Jack Butterfield award for his dedication and integrity to the game. McConnell is also a Suffolk Athletics Hall of Fame inductee, with his 2000 season being highlighted. The team won 38 games and paced NCAA division three teams with a 2.69 ERA and 401 strikeouts.

Rightfully so, Del Prete's expectations for the team are lofty, considering the program's recent success.

"Expectations are to continue to maintain the consistency we have had as a program and to push to be one of the top Division III programs in New England," Del Prete said.

And after last year, maintaining what the team has been able to do for all of the accomplishments in and of itself. In the 2014 season, the Rams were crowned the ECAC champions after defeating Roger Williams University in the finals.

"We graduated 10 players last year but return a good number of players who we will look to count on to keep us moving forward," Del Prete said. "Winning the ECAC championship last year should be a good stepping-stone to future success for our team and program.

And if you're looking for an MLB comparison, think of the 2014 World Champions.

"Hopefully we'll be like the [San Francisco] Giants — We should be deep on the mound, young and strong in the middle of our lineup," said Del Prete.

Kyle Turner and sophomore Tim Conroy at the top of the rotation, and senior Josh Desai coming out of the back of the bullpen, the Rams look strong on the bump.

On the other side of the ball, men's baseball looks imposing once again.

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-Jeremy Hayes
Journal Staff

All Suffolk sports fell short of a conference title, but some student athletes took home honors from their respective conferences.

Women's basketball player Iliana Quadri earned a first team All-Conference selection.

The senior guard led the Lady Rams in scoring averaging 12.9 points per game. She is known for her fast play, her role as the floor leader, and her defensive presence.

Quadri started every game this season, and led the team to the GNAC semi-finals.

Three men's hockey players earned All-Conference selections.

Stanton Turner received second team All-Conference honors in the ECAC Northeast.

He managed to score 16 goals in the regular season. The sophomore forward also added 10 assists to total 26 points this season.

Turner's offensive play helped the team early this year when they won seven games to start the regular season. Defensiveman Shaughn Shields and goalie Brandon Smolarek both earned honorable mentions.

Men's hockey lost to Johnson & Wales in the first round of the ECAC playoffs.

Men's basketball guard Sam Nwadike earned third team All-Conference honors despite missing 12 games due to injury.

In his senior year, Nwadike averaged 20.9 points per game, ranking second in the GNAC for the regular season. He took more shots than anyone on the team but also showed he could share the ball leading them in assists with 5.1 per game.

Nwadike did not participate in the final seven games of the season, including the playoff loss to No.7 ranked and Division III champions Albertus Magnus.

The GNAC also selects players to be a part of the All-Sportsmanship team. Guard Shelby Santini earned a spot.

Of the seven athletes who earned honors, only Quadri and Nwadike are expected to graduate this summer.