Committee of 19 launches global search for new president

In search for the seventh leader of Suffolk University since 2010, the university launched its official global presidential search. Following a turbulent past six months surrounding former president Margaret McKenna and Board of Trustees, the newly formed Presidential Search Committee hopes to redirect the public image of the school.

Robert Lamb, who was named the board chairman in May, said in an interview with The Suffolk Journal on Tuesday night that he and the committee will run a very open and transparent process. With a diverse committee, Lamb said that he trusts they will find the right leader.

"I'm very comfortable with the process we're in," said Lamb. "Overall, we, the committee, want to find the right person. We're committed to making that happen."

Trustee John Brooks was named the chairman of the search committee with the primary responsibility to find a new president in late July-when McKenna was ousted. As the former chief executive of Joslin Diabetes Center, he also served as chairman of the search committee there to find a new president and is familiar with how to conduct this type of committee.

"I'm kind of from the business world involved with lots of CEO and president searches," said Brooks in an interview with The Suffolk Journal on Monday. "I feel like I have a lot of good experience and a lot of good knowledge."

Lamb said that he has the utmost admiration for Brooks, and that his connection to Suffolk is important. He said Brooks' work with widely diverse groups, right skills sets and values helped him to select Brooks specifically to lead the committee and search.

Brooks said that while formulating the committee, Lamb and Brooks wanted to make sure to include every constituency and every part of the institution.

Who makes up the committee that will be deciding the next president?

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Student dismissed from felony conviction

Jacob Geanous
World News Editor

West Roxbury continues to be the front lines in a battle against Spectra Energy's construction of a new lateral pipeline that has prompted numerous protests in the community.

On Oct. 5, Suffolk University senior and history major Tim Clancy appeared before Judge Kathleen Coffey. She reviewed the charges, including a felony charge of destruction of property, that Clancy received for his role in a nonviolent protest of the West Roxbury Lateral Pipeline on Aug. 18. Clancy had to be removed from the entrance gates of the Spectra Energy metering and regulation center by emergency responders, who needed industrial circular saws to release him from the thick metal lockbox that anchored him to the gate.

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Suffolk alum runs for state senate in home district

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Journal Contributor

Emma Lucey
Journal Contributor

Regardless of the culmination of events that have transpired from the chaotic election season, all of it will come down to numbers as numbers decide elections. In the Presidential Election, the candidate who will receive 270 electoral votes will become President, but in local elections, it comes down to raw vote count. To win at the local level, one simply has to do the math.

Alex Mendez has done the math, and said that he believes he has a high chance of being the next State Senator for the Norfolk-Plymouth district.

The 28-year-old recently earned his J.D., adding another achievement to an already extensive resume that includes an undergraduate degree in Sociology, a Master's in Criminal Justice, and a Master's in Public Administration, all of which he received at Suffolk University. While Mendez is playing the odds, given that he believes he can pull together a coalition of Democrats and other independent voters.

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Dear Suffolk University,

Last week SUPD and a representative from the Career Development Center came to the SGA meeting. They, respectively, updated us on the safety status of our students and introduced a new mentoring program for our students. If you have any questions regarding SUPD you can contact sga@suffolk.edu. To check out the new mentoring program (RAMP), you can log onto Handshake to learn more. For the full update from that meeting, look for the minutes on our social media at the end of this week.

We'd like to remind all students to fill out two surveys that they have received via email in the last week. The first comes from Acting President Marisa Kelly and is a diversity climate survey about life on campus. The second is from the Board of Trustees, and it is a survey about what you think is most important for our next university president. The surveys are meant to provide an insight into the needs of our student body so we can make changes to have Suffolk University be the best for all involved.

The tickets for the Halloween Bash went on sale on Tuesday, October 18th. There are still tickets available and it is open for all students to attend. It is a fun night to dress up and see with your friends at the Royal Night club on October 27th!

Please remember to come to the SGA meeting on Thursday from 12:15-1:30, all are welcome!

The Student Government Association

Morgan Hune
Journal Staff

Between classes, extra-curricular activities and meals, students at Suffolk University have busy schedules. Finding time throughout the day to charge their cell phones, or even finding an open outlet to plug in their charger, can be a problem. The Office of Student Leadership and Involvement (SLI) had a solution: Oomf chargers.

Oomf chargers are disk-shaped devices that can charge all Apple Lightning and micro-USB smart devices. They are as powerful as an outlet charger, but they are portable, so users can charge their phone and stay on-the-go.

James Riel founded the company two years ago and since then, it has five full-time employees and it has expanded to six colleges: Suffolk University, Northeastern University, Anna Maria College, Gordon College, Skidmore College and the College of New Jersey. Riel said that the company plans on deploying powerhouse in more colleges, such as Boston University, Carnegie Mellon and Crefington University in the next month.

"With Oomf, we are keeping students charged, connected and mobile throughout their school day," Riel said in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. Suffolk has recently become a "powerhouse," which means that students now have access to rent chargers at their leisure from three different locations: the Mildred F. Sawyer Library, the Somerset Lobby or on the third floor in the Sawyer building. There are about 100 chargers on campus, according to SLI.

Dave DeAngelis, the director of SLI, explained that the company approached Suffolk and asked if the school would like the chargers free of charge as part of a trial.

"They approached us at probably the very beginning of the school year and then I brought SGA into the mix," DeAngelis said in an interview with the Journal on Friday afternoon.

SLI said they brought the idea to SGA and both departments thought that it would be convenient for students on campus.

A set of instructions is located on the back side of each product. Potential users could visit Oomf. It and enter either a Facebook login or Suffolk email to create an Oomf account online. Users then would enter their credit card information so if they kept the product past the return date, they would be charged with a late fee. After the sign-up process was completed, students could begin using the chargers.

If a person kept an Oomf charger longer than the 24-hour rental period, every day they are past the return date, they would be charged with a late fee. After the sign-up process was completed, students could begin using the chargers.

If a person kept an Oomf charger longer than the free 24-hour rental period, every day they are past the return date, they would be charged a $5 extended fee until it's returned. The maximum amount a student could be billed is $75, according to Riel.

"I was going to rent one but I was too lazy to make an account so I decided against it," said Bagucc. "I think it could be a pretty cool idea but I have too many emails and accounts to keep track of." Oomf plans to expand to more areas across campus to make it more convenient for students once the pilot program is over, according to Riel.

"By utilizing brands and university sponsors, we aim to keep Oomf a free service for students," said Riel. "Bringing Oomf to campuses around the country, we're creating smarter, more efficient environments that promote student productivity."

Riel said that the company will offer employment opportunities to students on participating campuses to be employed as brand ambassadors and on-campus support services for Oomf. Interested students can send emails to hello@theoomf.com for additional information.

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A WORD FROM SGA

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From ALEX

Mendez argued that the issue of drug addiction should not be ignored. He said that the heyday of drug addiction is over, but the issue remains relevant.

"We are not fighting the same war anymore," Mendez said. "But the war is not over. We are still fighting."
Committee sets no deadline to find next president

"Your voice will be heard even if you are not in the committee."

- John Brooks, Trustee and Chairman of the Committee

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Environmental activists watch West Roxbury

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which was previously reported in The Suffolk Journal. This act was a part of an ongoing series of protests intending to slow down Spectra Energy's construction of the pipeline, which has continued to garner criticism that has expanded past the borders of West Roxbury.

"I had confidence that it was going to get worked out somehow," said Clancy in a post-courtroom interview with The Suffolk Journal on Oct. 14. "I didn't think it was going to happen that day."

Judge Coffer dismissed the felony conviction, issuing this conditions for Clancy to adhere to. According to Clancy, he has been placed on probation for a period of six months, during which he must exhibit good behavior.

He was also ordered to pay a small restitution fee. The final condition was "Terrifying. It's terrifying, order from the metering and regulation where he was arrested. According to Clancy, members of the National Lawyers Guild represented him, which they have done for previous similar cases of protest.

"They should stop aiding, which may hinder Clancy future involvement in protests at the construction site, he said. It has not deterred from continuing the fight."

In advocacy against the West Roxbury Lateral pipeline. For the residents and the community, the pipeline's close proximity to an active blasting quarry has been most concerning, but concern about the environmental effects of fracked gas have compounded as well.

"Any time they turn the pressure on the pipeline it's like setting a timer on a bomb, and it's a bomb that is within a few city blocks of my house," said Gore in a recent phone interview with the Journal. "I was drawn to this particular action because of the connection that is being drawn to the people dying from climate impact."

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U.S. cooperation with Saudi Arabia is not a blank check," stated a Oct. 8 press release by National Security Council spokesperson Ned Price. "Even as we assist Saudi Arabia regarding the defense of their territorial integrity, we have and will continue to express our serious concerns about the conflict in Yemen and how it has been waged."

Judging the 2016 presidential election that has energized America's political awareness, neither candidate has made any direct comments on Yemen or openly discussed the relationship with Saudi Arabia. This has prompted an open discussion among Suffolk University students, many of whom are studying in America from countries that this conflict touches.

A student from Saudi Arabia who wished to remain anonymous because of her opposing views against her country's actions said she believes that the U.S. should stop aiding Saudi Arabia. "The U.S. should stop because as a moral standing, by supporting Saudi Arabia's military people."

"For Humanitarian of serious war crimes sake I feel like U.S. involvement is necessary," said Darley Jones, senior at Suffolk, who is studying the people of Yemen now. "I actually feel that, rather than one thing, there has been a aggregate effect if the different acts of civil disobedience that are going on around the country opposing new fossil fuels."

According to Clancy, the pipeline's near completion has prompted protest groups such as Stop the West Roxbury Lateral (SWRL) and Resist the Pipeline, to refocus the companies who are involved.

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students have also held the view that the U.S., which has acted as a mediator for global conflict, must therefore for the sake of the Yemeni people. "I was surprised that all of the elected officials against the pipeline that it was still going in," said Gore in a recent phone interview with the Journal. "I was drawn to this particular action because of the connection that is being drawn to the people dying from climate impact."

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Semi-safe syringing for France’s addicts

James Macdonald
Journal Contributor

France opened its first safe injection site last week in Paris, a space for addicts to use intravenous drugs such as heroin equipped with a medical staff for the purposes of overdose prevention, according to a press release.

The site is located near Gare Du Nord train station in the 10th district, a high-traffic area in the city. Photos of the inside were posted on Twitter show gyms, booths for injection with decks, chairs and needle receptacles. The site opened on Friday, and is expected to serve roughly 100 addicts per day during its six-year trial run, according to the Associated Press.

“Safe injection sites, often referred to as ‘shooting galleries’ by the French public, not only provide a safer locale for intravenous drug use, but clean needles to heroin users to prevent needle sharing and the spread of infection such as HIV, a common threat to intravenous drug users,” France’s press release. "The United

John W. Mason
Journal Contributor

France joins a group of European neighbors in adopting the use of the sites, which includes Germany, Spain, Norway, and the first ever adopted, Switzerland. The Swiss opened their doors in 1986, providing hot meals and safety tips in addition to clean needles, according to the Associated Press.

Another site, located at Vancouver Coastal Health in Canada, opened in 2003 as part of a pilot program, the first of its kind in North America, according to the Press Secretary

D’Angelo said, in an interview with The Suffolk Journal, that the opening of the injection site (Insite) were extended in August due to high influx of clients. Lines formed outside the doors every morning before the Insite opened its doors.

“There have been over three million injections and not one overdose death in the facility,” D’Angelo said. Vancouver's Insite

A medical study by the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, which took place in Vancouver, Canada, recruited over 800 drug users in 2002 to determine the effectiveness of safe injection sites. Over a two-year period, the study concluded that the sites do not reduce the number of drug users, but does improve community order and reduce the amount of syringes sharing among users.

An additional study by the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addiction also found that safe injection sites can be instrumental in identifying trends that emerge in drug use in areas like the 10th district, often alongside condom dispensers, long before the inception of the safe injection site.

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Until now, the Obama Administration has remained at arm's length from the conflict by offering aerial refuels to the Saudi war effort. Since March 2015, the U.S. has been indirectly involved in Yemen's civil war against the Houthi rebels. According to an article published in the New York Times on Oct. 8, the U.S. may face war crimes for supplying Saudi with arms and the United Nations revealed that the funeral airstrikes have killed more than 146 victims. According to a report and addiction representative, more than 600 people were injured in a single attack during the airstrikes on Oct. 8.

The Obama Administration has distanced themselves

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First they were salty, now they’re sweet

The 43rd annual Fall Fest poked fun at the drama surrounding the University’s upper administration.

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Amy Koczera
Journal Contributor

Fall Fest is known for being one of the most entertaining and creative performances put on by Suffolk’s Performing Arts Office (PAO). Among the drama that occurred at Suffolk in the last few years was the relocating of the departments that were in the Donahue and Archer buildings that were sold in 2015. Within Archer was the grand C. Walsh Theatre - a theatre that had become home to the performing arts. This circumstance led to the performances being crammed into the tiny, yet tasteful Modern Theatre.

"Modern is a great historic theatre. I’m happy we were able to think about Fall Fest In a way that works for Modern," said Kelly in a post-show interview with The Suffolk Journal.

In reaction to the theme ‘Not So Sweet Sixteen,' seemed to be the most memorable act of the night. With just two weeks of rehearsal, the group was able to put on a stimulating performance. The group itself focuses on R&B and soul music. Among the talented individual acts was Caitlin Sampson, a freshman who played piano and sang “Bored to Death” by Blink 182. Sampson’s vocal skills stood out in a way that works for ‘Modern’," said Kelly in a way that works for Modern Theatre, Acting Director Marisa Kelly

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One of Australia's most illustrious indie rock bands, Boy and Bear, dropped anchor in Boston on Thursday. The Paradise Rock club, a New England rock haven, was the most recent stop during the Sydney quintet's tour of North America, which began in Austin, Texas and will end on Nov. 3 in San Diego, California.

"There are differences in audiences around the world, and in culture," said David Symes, the band's bassist/vocalist in a post show interview with The Journal. "In big cities, where a lot of bands and critics are, you hear a much more serious crowd. When we get to tour in America, I think it will be to get to be part of these journeys that we've heard and read about with venues that are quite unique."

In Sydney, Singer-songwriter Dave Hobking founded the band in 2007 as a solo project, but they currently feature Tim Fast (drums), Jonathan Hart (bass), mandolin, and keyboards), Killian Gavin (guitar), and David Symes (bass). All five members contribute to the vocals that the band produces. They have produced three different records to date. Their first album, "Moonfire," was incredibly well received, reaching double Platinum in the Australia Record Industry Association (ARIA). They followed that with "Harlequin Dream," which has earned them an ARIA Gold record. The band's most recent album, "Limit of Love," peaked at number one on the Australian Indie rock music list. During the tour, the band sampled from the two most recent albums as a part of their set list. They have since been riding the wave of mystical success that has followed the use of synth along with past generations, like the vocals that the band produces. They have produced three different albums, the most recent being "Limit of Love," which peaked at number one on the Australian Indie rock music list. During the tour, the band sampled from the two most recent albums as a part of their set list. They have since been riding the wave of mystical success that has followed the use of synth along with past generations.

This talent was most likely passed down from her father, legendary musician Sting, front man of The Police. However, once the band got to "Deaf Animals and Dead Leg," Summer seemed cool and collected with her four-piece band, which was positioned in a way that is different compared to most bands. Her keyboardist took the center of the stage directly behind her, and the drummer was off to her left. This brought focus to the use of analog synthesizers from the keyboard, which was a prominent sound in each track performed, giving the band a vintage rock vibe with a touch of new wave.

Opening with a track from the new album called "Rhythm and Time Waster," which both had an edgier rock tone to them with the help of her lead guitar player. Despite her low vocals, she proved to be a superb vocalist with a range that can go from a soft falsetto to go with her slightly raspy voice. What separates Summer from other alternative rock groups is that there is a real blend of different genres like rock, roll, and electronic music. It enhanced the sounds of past generations, like the use of synth along with deep lyrics like, "the pain becomes tyrannical", which cracked a smile from Summer, and it appeared to give her even more confidence with each performance. She then knitted into newly written tracks called "Rhythm" and "Time Waster," which were both an edgier rock tone to them with the help of her lead guitar player. Despite her low vocals, she proved to be a strong vocalist with a range that can go from a soft falsetto to go with her slightly raspy voice.

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Boy and Bear's albums and commentary can be found on Spotify. For more information regarding tour dates and upcoming albums, they can be found on Facebook and Twitter as Boy & Bear. Their, Steve Earle-esque, blue-collar vibe contrasts with the band's alternative rock style effectively.

On the sweeter side

“Every year is different, but this year in particular I felt like you could really feel the energy from the performers and the audience as well.”

-Marisa Kelly

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The company put a fun twist on “Forget You” by CeeLo Green, twanged up to the sound of the song to be about a gay male couple. The closing number "Anything Goes" from the musical "Anything Goes" featured the company in very black and fashionable outfits that left a favorable impression on the audience about the show as a whole. Overall, Fall Fest was an outstanding performance that brought the Suffolk community together for a night of fun and appreciation for the arts. Suffolk's performing arts has the ability to perform with roaring energy no matter what venue they are in. Although there may have been some bitter feelings about Fall Fest's location this year, the performance did not suffer in the slightest.
EDITOR’S WORD

The Presidential Search Committee has taken on the vigorous task of redirecting the public image of the university after a turbulent past year. Newly appointed Chairman Robert Lamb has excelled at creating a transparent and open partnership between the Board and Suffolk community through communication. As he has recently appointed Trustee John Brooks to become the face of the Committee of the hunt for a new leader for Suffolk’s top office, he chose wisely based on Brooks’ background with Suffolk and knowledge on selecting new chiefs.

Despite the diversity represented on the 19-member committee, which included faculty, staff, alumni and trustees, it was disappointing to see just two students to be the representatives for the two major student bodies. Although the Board made the right call to include students on the committee, The Journal feels as though, even with the open dialogue, not all voices will be heard.

In addition, the New England School of Art and Design has always been underrepresented with their branch extended far from the heart of the Suffolk campus, residing on Arlington Street, and the lack of inclusion with the rest of the university. Once again, this misrepresentation continues as a representative holds a position on the Committee from each school-college of Arts & Sciences, Sawyer Business School and Suffolk Law- yet a faculty member specifically from NESAD was not included.

We hope that the open dialogue that the Committee promotes to the Suffolk community will be taken seriously in order to choose the right future president for all here at the university.

Alexa Gaszcz
Editor-in-Chief

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Staff from nearly every department and every school at Suffolk University are joining together to form a union of clerical, technical and professional staff. We are office coordinators, staff assistants, program coordinators, technology assistants, librarians, admissions assistants and much more. We provide support to faculty and the administration but, most importantly, we are frontline staff who work with students every day, and are deeply invested in both your success and the success of this university.

Suffolk's and presidential turmoil over the last few years has led to a rapid increase in the number of creative and committed staff who have left or been let go by the university. The departures have been hastened by the university's failure to provide raises (or even basic cost-of-living increases) to staff for five years. Acting President Kelly's recent announcement of a one-time increase for staff and faculty members was certainly welcome news, however, as Kelly said, 'it will not make up for the absence of general increases in the past.' There is still a long way to go toward negotiating regular, predictable raises and ensuring that the respect and recognition of administrative staff.

Our desire to form a union is about much more than raises. Aside from the ability to negotiate that spells out wages and working conditions, we want a seat at the table to help determine those working conditions, a process for how changes are implemented, and a grievance procedure. We also want to ensure that Suffolk's workforce is a diverse and equitable one and we are able to attract (and keep) the talented and creative staff that are needed to drive this our Suffolk. Show your support by signing our petition at bit.ly/OurSuffolk, check out our Facebook page and website at OurSuffolk.org.

Sincerely,

The Our Suffolk Union Organizing Committee

A third-party candidate is still valid

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If you voted in the primaries and did not get the outcome you would have liked, a third-party option is completely valid and in most cases acceptable. On Nov. 8, Massachusetts will go blue. It’s no guess or prediction; it’s just a statistical fact. From the Federal government, all of the Massachusetts delegation are democrats; some have even been labeled as progressives in the party. Massachusetts is the pinnacle of Democratic Establishment politics and will safely be in Hillary’s hands in less than a month.

If you’re like myself and still “feeling the Bern” do not be afraid to vote for Jill Stein. As a progressive, I see Clinton and myself in this in common. If you are one of those fiscal conservatives or libertarians, a candidate who may or may not know the capital of Syria such as Governor Johnson, might suit you better than a candidate who recently joked about sexual assault.

For myself, the Democratic Party is dividing as the Democratic Establishment lacks the ability to tackle issues such as campaign finance reform, corporate welfare and mass income inequality. Clinton’s flip-flop history on social issues like same sex marriage, her lack of support for consumer protection laws with credit agencies, as well as her inability to explain her wealthy campaign donors to whom she’s liable, do not allow me to find confidence in her being a middle class-focused President.

To those who believe that we must vote Clinton to prevent Trump, your scare tactics are not only sickening but demeaning to the democratic process. If you voted in the primaries and still see the two major candidates as heavily questionable, you have more than enough reason to vote for your conscience. It is not your fault that 91 percent of Americans sat on the couch.

To those who choose to nominate Clinton who nearly trails within the margin of error compared to Senator Sanders, who had a clear 10-point advantage over Donald Trump, this doubt the lesser of two evils, it is simply wrong on my conscience.

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A trigger warning is a brief statement before a piece of writing or a video that alerts a reader or viewer to potentially distressing material. It was originally created for online content to protect people suffering from mental illnesses from content that could potentially contribute to their suffering. In other words “triggering them.” They are potentially life-saving as they allow people to make a decision about whether or not to hide from ideas that their views don’t align with, or away from conversations at odds with their own.

Some argue that trigger warnings are a way to avoid disagreement and debate, or those they pose to avoid disagreement and debate from those who may have an issue with it. Others believe it’s a good idea for one student, but it could be a terrible idea for many more.

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In August of this year, The University of Chicago sent a letter to incoming freshmen to announce that the school would not be putting trigger warnings on any class materials. The institution prides itself over the fact that “members of our community are encouraged to speak, write, listen, challenge and learn, without fear of censorship,” the dean of students wrote in the letter. The university said in the letter that it “does not condone the creation of intellectual ‘safe spaces’ where individuals can retreat from ideas and perspectives at odds with their own.”

Another example of the misuse of trigger warnings is the controversy surrounding the replacement teacher for the advanced placement exam. Several counselors, or other trained adults can accompany the student while they cover this difficult content. This is a better alternative than forcing students to confront this material on their own, especially if they aren’t equipped with the skills to deal with it.

As someone that has experienced the use of trigger warnings personally, I can attest to how important they are. During my senior year of high school, my psychology teacher passed away due to a brain tumor. It was a traumatic event for our class, as well as the whole school. This was one of the most popular teachers in the school and everybody loved him.

In the weeks that followed, our psychology course had to continue and needed to cover material in preparation for the advanced placement exam. Several times throughout the weeks that followed, the replacement teacher would warn us if the content we were going to be covering that day’s lesson would contain content about brain cancer. This was to help us in our grieving processes and to protect us from material that could potentially trigger emotional responses during class.

Many of my fellow classmates would quietly excuse themselves and would return at the end of class to discuss with the teacher ways in which they could receive necessary information without having to face it in the classroom setting. These warnings helped out a lot of my fellow peers who struggled with the grieving process. We each were able to take our time and deal with the loss of our beloved teacher, knowing that having to face it in the class curriculum wouldn’t be so disturbing.

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**SPORTS**

**Suffolk celebrates two-year home at Rams Fan Fest**

Suffolk men's and women's soccer collect conference game wins

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Senior Midfielder Aaron Haggas’ goal adds to 5-1 conference win over Anna Maria College.

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As a part of Suffolk University's Family and Alumni Weekend, Suffolk Athletics hosted their second annual Rams Fan Fest on Sat., Oct. 15. As a part of the sporting event, the university's men's and women's soccer teams hosted conference games at East Boston Memorial Park.

Men's soccer played Anna Maria College and the women's team played Mount Ida College. Prior to the women's game, the team honored senior forward Shannon Simmons with a Senior Day pre-game ceremony to honor her soccer career at Suffolk.

In an interview with The Suffolk Journal on Tuesday afternoon, Simmons talked about the emotions she has experienced during her career as a Ram is coming to an end with three games left in the regular season.

"Soccer has been a part of my life since I was four years old, so it'll be a tough adjustment overall," she said. "My team has been the best part of my soccer experience. I’ve made some great friends and have made great memories over the season."

She said the bitter-sweet feeling that Simmons is experiencing adds to the transitional realm of being a senior. She explained how graduating will be exciting, but she will miss being on the field beside her teammates. The support from families, friends and fans at the Rams Fan Fest for the past two years has allowed the community to connect with others and catch soccer games.

Suffolk Midfielder Jordan Casey's father Steve spoke of the significance of Ram Fan Fest in an interview with The Journal on Sat.

"I think this Ramfest is a good thing; Suffolk University is definitely heading in the right direction with the program, and this event I think is special," said Casey on his son's program. "Last year there was 50 people, this year there's 250 people. Kids are working hard, and the coaches are working hard, and we’re going in the right direction."

Positive reactions from fans in attendance of the event were not the only excitement present. Suffolk alumni and Managing Director of Alumni Engagement for the university Caitlin Haughey, who graduated in 1996 with a Masters in Education, explained how the festivities as well as so many of the university's related events.

"It absolutely was a success. I think it will just grow from here," Haughey said. "This was the first time we were able to invite alumni back to see the new fields, to just connect with families, connect with students."

Suffolk women's soccer goalie sophomore Kirsten Weiker, talked about the team’s performance and their outlook going forward in a post-game interview with The Journal.

"We showed up early to watch the boys game, to continue the support for Ramfest," she said. "And I think that just the celebration and the fans all together really helped us up for our game, which actually helped us a lot in playing well and knowing that we had to fight hard, and we’re going in the right direction."

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Commenting on her team's gameplay, Weiker said, "This game was honestly a good example of how we're capable of passing and moving up the field properly, and just playing as a unit all together. I feel like our game today was a perfect example of teamwork and what we're capable of."

The Lady Rams played in the second contest of the day. Junior forwards Jennifer Martin and Alexandra Nagri each contributed two goals, another being tucked on by junior forward Erika Nelson as Mount Ida College fell in a shutout loss of 5-0.

Suffolk's men's soccer team defeated the Anna Maria College Amcats 5-1. Forwards Christian Restrepo and senior Alberto Bittan each netted two scores of their own, as senior forward Aaron Haggas tallied the other.

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Fans of every team were able to interact with the large group of spectators, as well as engage in a luncheon. Beyond the free T-shirts and weather, the focus remained on the games. Going forward for Suffolk, the regular season looks to wrap up toward the end of the month, with Weiker commenting on the remaining slate.

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Simmons is looking beyond just home-field advantage though, with larger goals in sight.

The team is giving 100 percent effort, and we're staying focused and are just going to continue striving to achieve our goal, which is winning the GNAC Championship," she said.
We want to do way better said Barreiro. All knew each other. We the players have been players, and most of this season the team is one of Suffolk's outside Coach, Bonny Ducharme. To Rams Volleyball Head conference, according eighth place in their this season with three straight to the Suffolk Athletics website, this is the most well as kids from 18 and. She knew that the team never thought possible. “Our goal right now is to fall in the middle of (GNAC) standings and hopefully make the playoffs this year. That is our goal as team,” said B. Ducharme. B. Ducharme said that if she could, she would never stop coaching. She said that she admires her players and will always have their backs no matter what. She also said that she loves seeing them accomplish personal and academic goals that they never saw in reach. “My favorite part about coaching is not the wins or loses, it’s seeing my players grow, I think that’s the most rewarding thing,” said B. Ducharme. Sophomore Volleyball Captain Allison said that B. Ducharme helps to motivate their team and make them better players. Allison, who plays both middle and outsider hitter, knows that her coach expects the most from the team, but that is what helps to strengthen their skills. “B. Ducharme, has very high expectations for our team. We have a team of very talented athletes and she knows what we can do,” said Allison in an interview with The Journal. “She wants us to make playoffs this year.” Allison said that not only does B. Ducharme help the team as a whole, she also helps each player grow individually. “[B. Ducharme] makes me a better player because she is always pushing me to do my very best. She is really tough because she cares and knows what everyone is capable of. At practices she creates a competitive environment so that we practice like we play in games, which takes everyone on the team a better player,” said Allison. Vicky Ducharme has coached volleyball for 15 years now. This is her first year coaching with the Rams and she helps run practices and leads on the sidelines. Ducharme explained that her sister’s coaching style is extremely involved. “[B. Ducharme] is a very hands-on coach and will step in and play in our scrimmages at practice,” said V. Ducharme in an interview with The Journal. "She doesn't just tell, she shows, which helps the girls follow along and learn at the same time.” V. Ducharme also said that other than herself, she's never met someone so passionate about caring for her players. She said that her sister is unique compared to other coaches. “Her personality is what sets her apart and shows in her coaching. She coaches from a position of strength and does not just look for a win, but overall team growth,” said V. Ducharme. “Her passion really shows as well.”