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INTO to begin 15-year contract for Suffolk's global reach

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Suffolk University announced its plan to strengthen international recruitment efforts by joining forces with INTO University Partnerships, a private global education company that focuses on enlisting and preparing new students to study in the United States, this past August.

The collaboration resulted in the formation of INTO Suffolk, LLC, which is a jointly owned company that aims to bolster the university's longstanding status as a hub for international students.

Last week, more than 100 members of INTO Suffolk's global network of recruiters in Boston came to the University for a familiarization visit and to celebrate the new partnership. INTO recruitment officers scouted the location and got acquainted with the university's metropolitan campus.

"The new venture is designed to help Suffolk place in the national ranking system, twice

Suffolk places on 'Best National Universities' list for second year, however hits lower bar for 'Most International Students'

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For the second year in a row, Suffolk University had clinched seventh place as an institution focused on global experience and education, according to the 2018 U.S. News & World Report's Best National Universities list.

Suffolk, which rose seven spots in the category from the 2017 list for its considerable international student population, classroom sizes and academic excellence.

The university ranked the 181st spot on the list for the top level institutions to offer expansive choices of majors, master's and doctoral degrees.

Suffolk fell two spots from the previous year in the Most International Students list. U.S. News and World Report relies on reported data from the previous academic year.

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Budget slashes spark protests

The group ACT-UP Boston held a rally in front of the Massachusetts State House Tuesday that fought against several human service programs that Governor Charlie Baker vetoed.

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Guiding students through undergrad

How upper administration adopted an evolving mindset to communicate with students

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A recently wide-released mobile app, Guide, was dispensed to Suffolk students under the auspices of Title IX. The app aims to provide students with a user-friendly way to access information about sexual misconduct. This article explores how upper administration adopted an evolving mindset to communicate with students.

Casey Calkins, Suffolk’s Vice President of Student Success, has prompted leaders at universities and colleges to consider the insinuation that Title IX protections are insufficient for sexual violence victims. While Suffolk faculty and administration have already familiarized themselves with the Student Success Collaborative (SSC), which is an advising model designed by Education Advisory Board (EAB) for those in advisory positions to be a greater resource for students. The SSC came through Suffolk’s membership with the EAB, an organization that conducts and provides research on colleges and universities on what the best practices are for student success and academic performance. Guide was offered to Suffolk, along with fifty other schools, to become available as a resource that students can use.

"We wanted to start off by saying, 'What is it all around the classroom that we want students to be aware of what they should do, so they can maximize their time in the classroom,'" said Senior Consultant for the Guide app Madeline Pongon, in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "We found that college students are used to getting information tailored to them through apps. So we thought why not have the college experience through that as well."

Suffolk has a leadership team consisting of representatives from various Suffolk departments working in conjunction with Pongon to make sure the app is as tailored to Suffolk students as possible. With all the feedback from students and the team working on the app, the EAB and Suffolk administration hope to provide a more beneficial resource to students. Some of the long-term plans, this team is working on involve making the app more inclusive for undergraduates and international students, as well as other resources that could not fit into the time frame of developing the app before it launched. In this description, while having a positive reception, has been met with some pushback by students. Some have expressed how this is another app on this list of apps that Suffolk has provided to students. "Guide is an invaluable resource for incoming undergraduate students because it acts like an advisor telling them what you need to get done. But there is a need, I think from talking with Suffolk students, for an app that acts like a one-stop-shop for Suffolk University at an institutional level," said Student Association Vice President Yairi Basalini in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "I worry over the importance of an app like that. Blackboard Mobile, Guide, Get Mobile, as possible. There are no unreasonable purposes, and I don't mean to diminish any of that by saying we need a one-stop-shop solution to some of Suffolk's connectivity problems."

Otherwise, Guide has proven to be a successful wide release platform. As of Tuesday, despite some minor bugs that affected class schedules that have since been fixed, no negative feedback has reached the team working on the app. "So far, we have face to face interaction with students who've had great feedback," said Linda Bisconti, Director of Academic Enhancement, in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "As of Friday, Bisconti said that of the 4,000 undergraduate students who received the email to download the app, over 20 percent have downloaded the app.

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Divisions of Suffolk stand by Title IX, despite Washington’s loose stance

From TITLE I page 1 administration released "Dear Colleague Letter." This memo from the DOE cemented the precedent that Title IX case, codified the protections of students from sexual harassment in all forms free from discrimination and affirmily criminalized acts of sexual violence on campuses across the nation. While DeVos said that reports of sexual misconduct are reprehensible, disgusting, and unacceptable, she insinuated that Title IX’s current structures disallows or prevents universities from being proactive in handling adequately instances where Title IX cases apply has prompted much discussion on the Interfaith Center, Counseling Health and Wellness, Academic Enhancement, and the Suffolk website tools, the Title IX office email, or by direct contact with Calkins herself among other methods that are listed in Title IX Student Handbooks as well as online. "Our goal is strictly to support students and provide advocacy and support for student victims-survivors of sexual misconduct, but we also have another responsibility and that's to make sure that other kinds of complaints are resolved fair and equitably and I think that's one of the things that Betsy DeVos is concerned about," she said Dean of Students Dr. Ann Coyne in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "On the University’s Title IX page, Suffolk labeled sexual misconduct as "antithetical to the mission of the University" and that it will be addressed with diligence. Acting University President Marisa Kellyhas not released a statement regarding Suffolk’s response to DeVos’s comments.

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Dear World:

Our personal stories matter

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Time and time again we are told to appreciate every moment and to live each day as if it may be our last. For us, law school is a reminder to appreciate life, but for Suffolk Law student Nicholas Williams, this was an everyday reality. Williams suffered from sarcoidosis, an inflammatory disease that took his hearing and later affected his sight and lungs and ultimately his young life. Despite the pain his illness caused him, Williams never let it affect him. He was thrilled to be entering his third and final year of law school at Suffolk with hopes of being a prosecutor after graduation. His absence this semester has been felt by students and administration alike. In a statement sent to the law school community, Dean Andrew Perlman spoke of the spirit Williams embodied.

"Nick was a constant presence in the Law School, always eager to participate in student groups and events. He greeted people with a smile and made everyone around him feel welcome and included," he wrote. "Nick also was courageous and tenacious. He thrived in law school, despite some challenges posed by deafness, and in doing so, he showed everyone the meaning of grit and determination."

Williams was an officer in the Student Bar Association, a member of the Black Law Students Association, and was going to be in the law schools Suffolk Prosecutors legal clinic this fall. Despite the adversity Williams faced throughout his life, he was always eager to take on new challenges, such as resurrecting the Suffolk Law's newspaper, Daily Donkey Pride, and earning a full scholarship.

"I honestly thought I would not exist if it weren't for Nick. He rescued Daily Donkey Pride from the brink at the end of his second year, assuming the Editor-in-Chief role without even being a staff writer during his first year," said Parfanah.

Nick was passionate about this project and took the paper from a budget deficit to surplus, and had the paper publishing in print within two semesters. "His contributions to Daily Donkey Pride cannot be understated," said Parfanah.

David Feldman, the Director of PR for the Dicta worked closely with Williams and considers him to be one of his best friends. On Tuesday, he spoke to The Suffolk Journal about Williams and his dreams forDicta. "Nick's mission was to resurrect the law newspaper. And we made it our own, doubled our staff, got sponsors, and had a big breakfast to celebrate," said Feldman. "I want to keep it going in his memory."

Clinical Professor of Law Diane Juliar was supposed to have Williams as a student this year. She spoke about how determined he was in life, despite the daily challenges he faced. "He didn't let anything limit his potential, and what he contributed to the world," said Juliar. "He wanted to overcome every challenge so he could pursue his goals and his desire to do public service work.

Charlotte Cole, a senior at Suffolk, spoke about the message written across her skin read, "Willy Wonka's absence, my parents cried in the room next door as they learned that I had cancer."

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Students flock to Suffolk from all corners of the globe

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Journal Contributor

Every year, a new class of students flock to Suffolk from around the globe to take their first steps in college; for some students, their first steps ever, some of them international.

Approximately 1,431 international freshmen and 38 international transfer students will start at Suffolk University this year, according to current Director of International Admission Rafael Muroy in an interview with The Suffolk Journal.

Last year, 1,431 international students attended Suffolk according to Suffolk University’s website; 23 percent of all undergraduate students on Boston and Suffolk campuses were international students.

The top countries where international students came from this year were China, Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Nigeria, and Saudi Arabia, according to Muroy.

Suffolk’s international student population usually lies between 18 and 24 percent in the past two years, while the national average is around 9 to 12 percent, according to Muroy. Suffolk’s international student percentage ranked No. 7 in the nation last year, and ranked No. 5 the year before. Suffolk always strives for a diverse community.

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According to the release, INTO Suffolk, LLC, will extend Suffolk’s global recruitment potential by giving the university access into INTO’s network of recruitment staff in INTO’s 15 years,” said Acting President Marisa Kelly said during an interview in August.

“I think that the goal is to meet the target and make sure not only that it benefits us for 15 years, but to extend it another 15,” said Acting Provost Sebastian Royo, who will be overseeing the agreement of the INTO partnership.

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“So you get here you see your voice your opinion,” said Calgar. “My father’s best friend right now got put in jail last year because he had the smallest comment about the [Iranian] regime.”

Other students feel as if the culture in America is entirely different from what they are used to. “Some things I felt they were normal not to the American style of teaching is something they will have to adjust to,” Kelly said.

“Peruvians,” said Lombardi. 
Students send aid home

VSU hopes to continue charity drive for their home country

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Desperate to escape, more than 410,000 Rohingya have fled violence from Myanmar security forces in Rakhine. Of the extraordinary amount of refugees, 60 percent are children, according to the United Nations.

As a minority, the Rohingya have become marginalized, so they do not have the access to the overall opportunities that the majority has, according to Suffolk University History Professor and Director of the Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies, Ronald Suleski.

Human rights groups have documented instances of Myanmar security forces, as well as Buddhist vigilante mobs, perpetuating atrocities against Rohingya, often torching their villages. More than 1000 Rohingya villages have reportedly torched during the conflict.

Days of thousands of Rohingya have been displaced and many others have been killed either by rebel elements or by members of Myanmar’s military while fleeing the systematic assault. Many of those who were lucky enough to escape are currently camping in refugee camps in India or Bangladesh.

In the case of the Muslims, the Rohingya, were always discriminated against,” said Suleski.

The vast majority of Rohingya, a stateless Indo-Aryan people, reside in Rakhine, one of the country’s poorest states, according to Al Jazeera.

"Because of that, they became a poor community, so they don’t have the people who run the big businesses, the big schools, have the big money, or the big influence," said Suleski.

The Rohingya are a stateless minority living in a Buddhist majority. South of the Muslim group after, "an insurgent Rohingya group attacked police outposts in Burma’s Rakhine state, and killed 12 security personnel," according to The Guardian.

The recent catastrophic events were in response to a “clearance operation” by the Burmese army in late August, according to Al Jazeera.

"This is utterly unlawful, according to Kiniry. "The attacks the Rohingya community and not just the militants themselves."

The attacks by The Guardian. This particular act of targeted violence had been described as retaliation against the Muslim group after, "an insurgent Rohingya group attacked police outposts in Burma’s Rakhine state, and killed 12 security personnel," according to The Independent.

"I would like for the VSU to partner with Action X Cana again. The organization is growing in the greater Boston area, therefore, people can relate our club at Suffolk to what Action X Cana does on a greater scale," said Aparicio.

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HEMPFEST 2017

Vendors, performers and speakers alike congregated once again at the Freedom Rally to discuss the legalization and recreational use of marijuana.

Tapestries blew in the wind on the north side of Boston Common, staples of the Freedom Rally due to their vibrancy and variance in color. Thousands gathered on the greens of the open space, served as appreciative and dedicated patrons of the art and talent displayed by the vendors at this year’s “Hempfest.”

Patrons of the Rally came prepared for a weekend full of art and celebration, one in particular went so far as to dress as a fully fledged bud of marijuana. The yearly event has been organized by the Massachusetts Cannabis Reform Coalition (MassCANN), a state affiliate of the national marijuana activism group, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML). Colloquially known as Hempfest, the rally began in Northampton in 1989, before it moved to the Commons in 1992, where it has been held every third weekend in September since.

This year’s Rally featured two stages, both of which were nearly always crowded with people watching speakers, live acts and live DJs. Those who congregated by the Charles Street Stage on Saturday were treated to such acts as Mendo Dope, a Californian hip-hop group with electronic influences and Over the Bridge, an upbeat reggae band from Gloucester, Mass.

Over the Bridge, hailing from the North Shore, represented themselves well on their home turf, playing songs that matched the festival’s easy-going and relaxed mood. Songs such as, “Wash” and “Something in the Water” proved to match the feeling of the crowd with their upbeat attitude

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Rap artist Chico Williams claims his identity in the Boston rap community

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Considering that the rap genre originated on the East Coast, songs from cities like New York and Boston can be considered as some of the purest forms of rap music. Rapping began as a way to entertain at a river, it goes in many areas. Suffolk Journal. "It's like a common message; it's the essence of rap music. Artists making decisions and attempts to grow from beyond their original material."

Judging by his music, Williams does not have a problem with change, especially in terms of sound and content. "Music in my opinion is ever changing," said Williams in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. It's like a river, it goes in many directions, as does life. I believe the biggest change in my music is how methodically I've become with everything...the content is always going to change based on what's going on in your life.”

Williams acknowledged that he drew on other Boston rappers for inspiration, "I support all Boston rappers. I may sound like them. I'm not trying to sound like them. Originality is ever changing," said Williams but, although Williams sings "what's a king without a castle / what's a high prince without a crown / what's a king without a throne / just another man whose down," it signals the release of pressure the his lyrics built up through content and sound. Each of Williams' raps share a common message: it's either now or never. For the sake of the potential legacy Boston can leave behind in the world of rap, let's pray for now.

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Boston Freedom rally returns after the 2016 legalization of marijuana

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and overall positive vibe. Over the Bridges' songs are representative of the feeling of summer, and with the season ending quickly approaching and Fall upon us, the crowd and the band seemed to display a similar feeling of disappointment when the end of the set neared.

Having listened to Dope, with a sound similar to that of two high school boys attempting to freestyle in the basement of a house party, with the parents patiently waiting upstairs for everyone's grownups to pick them up at 10 p.m., gave a seemingly never-ending 45-minute set that only could be described as an absolute disgrace. With the crowd high, and "Dope," the band should probably stick to a "weed-to-know" basis and perhaps consider switching to parodic performances. For those who come with money on hand, a surreal bazaar was constructed with vendors selling a cornucopia of products. Boston Smoke Shop, a local favorite, advertised alluring deals to potential customers.
Extremists on the political spectrum: Supporting Antifa embodies the alt-right

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The recognition gained from the “Unite the Right” rally has seen the left-leaning political group, Antifa, gain increasing support from the mainstream left. However, the implied approval of Antifa by the left is harmful towards the greater cause of fighting white nationalism. The group styles itself after various Anti-fascist Action groups that sprung up in the 1930s. These groups were a failed attempt to unite the left.

Due to the confrontational approach of Antifa toward members of the white nationalist movement, self-described as the “alt-right,” the left is tacitly embracing Antifa.

The primary issue with supporting Antifa is that the confrontational approach of the group has gone beyond peaceful means. It relies on violence to shut down rights and oppressive views that are the opposite of their ideological leaning. In Berkeley, Calif., a city long known for stalling the free speech right of conservatives, Antifa had turned a peaceful counter-demonstration into a violent encounter.

The Los Angeles Times covered an encounter where anti-fascist protesters beat Trump supporters and organizers. While some of the organizers of the anti-Marxist rally had views that would classify them as being members of the “alt-right,” not all of them espoused views of hate. One of the attendees who was heckled during the Berkeley protest was a Latino man holding a pro-Trump sign, according to an Aug. 27 report by CBS. Members of Antifa heckled the man, who was born in Mexico.

Most importantly, the violent actions of Antifa in Berkeley changed the narrative of the counter-protesters from groups dedicated to drowning out hate, into an event focused on the actions of the vigilantes. In turn, this allows the “alt-right” to use the event as a recruiting tool. Instead of having the violent actions of the “alt-right” appear out of the norm, the violent response to them by Antifa legitimizes political violence as a tactic to be used by groups against other groups who do not share the same political beliefs. The U.S. had its history of political violence before the Trump era. The U.S. Civil Rights Movement or during the Vietnam War, but American history shows that there are other ways to combat hateful views in American society.

Think of it this way: how successful would Martin Luther King and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) have been if they had relied on violence instead of using the judicial system of the U.S., and non-violent actions of civil disobedience, to dismantle the system of segregation in the American South? Instead of succeeding, the political culture in the U.S. would not have shifted in the 1960s toward supporting measures such as the Civil Rights Act or the Voting Rights Act.

There are countless means to oppose the “alt-right” while also combating the actions of Antifa. Organizations that fight hate groups, such as the Southern Poverty Law Center, are the types of groups that should be supported without consequences. While respecting the right to assemble, no matter how hateful the groups can be, individuals can make it harder for the “alt-right” to organize a rally. For example, Alrikh deleted the accounts of members who the company believed were looking for lodgings in order to attend the “Unite the Right” rally.

Following the “Unite the Right” rally, attendees of the event were exposed on social media, which led to some of them being fired from their jobs. If members of the “alt-right” incite counter-demonstrators, they should retaliate not with violence, but through the civil justice system.

Making it economically and socially unfeasible to attend “alt-right” rallies without consequences is more effective in combating them than engaging in violence. Backlash to the “alt-right” should not be met with violence from groups on the left. Hate should be met with reason.

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Athletics has the opportunity to increase pride

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Suffolk University is settled within the spiritually challenging city of Boston, but even surrounded by the city’s moral, it seems that the Suffolk pride has been lost.

The dearth of pride within the general population of Suffolk can be in its lack of a defined campus. Students do not feel like they are on a college campus, they see themselves as being a part of the city of Boston. This causes students to pick city events over Suffolk events like ice-skating on the Frog Pond, instead of going to a Student Affairs event.

Since Suffolk has an unbound campus, the sport teams’ facilities are scattered across the city. This can explain why many students choose not to attend the different sporting events barring those that take place in Ridgeway. Even new students who want to rally and attend a sports event may not feel comfortable yet using the T, or the silver line to reach these different fields.

If Suffolk were to set up group meet-ups in the dorms or academic buildings, students who don’t know where they are going, or are uncomfortable going by themselves could get to the games more readily. It could even be as easy as making the locations and directions to get to the sports games more accessible to students. This accessibility could also be helped if the University set up a shuttle system to get students to and from the games.

A shuttle system could also be used as a way for Suffolk to start a transportation system for surrounding areas if students do not want to take the T.

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Commuter students struggle in a different way to make a connection with Suffolk. An extremely large part of the Suffolk community commutes from home, and this means they are only on campus certain days or hours throughout the week, so they are limited in what they can take part in.

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If students may want to go to games, and attend performing arts shows, and even want to join clubs on campus, but they are not available when these events happen. There are ways to take part in Suffolk events from afar by watching the Snapchat story, seeing Instagram posts and even emailing the groups about being interested in joining. The problem is, these substitutions don’t create the connection face-to-face meetings can establish. To form a sense of community at Suffolk, a student needs to spend time at the university and for commuter students, through no fault of their own, don’t spend this time on campus.

Suffolk could improve this by live streaming events on their social media accounts so students who cannot make it can gain an insight of what it’s like to be involved. By doing this, Suffolk would also be increasing it’s social media presence, which is beneficial for the university’s message and students alike.

The university could also improve commuter students experience by building more dorms in the area that are at a lower price.

In this way, Suffolk could see an influx of students wanting to spend the extra money to live on campus when they otherwise would live from home. The discounted price would only be available for commuter students that live within an hour of the campus.

Again, this would be a good way for Suffolk to create a sense of community.

The only way Suffolk pride in the student population is going to rise is if Suffolk starts putting more effort in establish it.

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**Student safety abroad should raise concerns**

*Year in Review:*

Below are all the terrorist attacks and acts of terror that have occurred in Europe this year so far. Half of these acts have occurred in England, with others spreading throughout Eastern Europe.

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*Patrick Holmes*  
Opinion Editor

It's time to start rethinking how we view Europe as a trendy travel destination. Due to the many terrorist attacks and acts of terror, it's imperative to be wary when planning vacations, especially for students studying abroad.

On Sunday, four Boston College students were subject to hydrochloric acid being sprayed in their faces at a train station in France, according to BBC. Although not categorized as a terrorist act, it was committed by a local woman with the intent to harm others. Due to the victims status as students at another Boston school, this hits close to home and allows the mind to wander about how this could happen to anyone, any student studying abroad from any university.

The United States' Department of State has issued a travel alert that will be in effect until Nov. 30.

From the multiple attacks in London to the most recent in France, it is obvious that travelers should be more alert in foreign continents.

Many students studying abroad travel on the weekends to multiple destinations in Europe, leaving them vulnerable to random terror attacks, which can happen in known tourist destinations, major transportation hubs and shopping malls.

Suffolk University prides itself on having a second campus in Madrid. Can Suffolk do more to ensure their safety, even off campus? It is easy to be distracted by the cultural differences and the curiosity that accompanies travelling abroad, but this is no excuse to let one's guard down when someone is in an unfamiliar place, especially a different country. More often than not, people who appear to be tourists are targeted.

Suffolk has policies in place to keep its Madrid Campus students safe, but that can only go so far if students decide to travel often across Europe. These policies can protect students in Madrid, leaving the students to their own discretion on how to protect themselves in other cities and countries.

It's imperative that our university continues to keep its students safe and also teaches them to cautiously travel abroad. Moreover, it's important that students take into consideration their mortality when experiencing these other cultures they so desperately want to be a part of.

The effected Boston College students were at a train station when a random act of terror reared its evil head in their direction, meaning that at any moment, acts such as these can happen to anyone. Now more than ever, it is mandatory to be aware of one's surroundings.

There are limited resources to control these terror attacks, so one needs to be alert and aware. London has been subject to too many terror attacks in the last few months, and is a popular destination for students to go abroad and study. Students should pick and choose where they should travel to based on the safety of the destination.

Can cities across Europe create safer environments to prevent these kinds of attacks? Many areas in London have begun putting up cement barricades but those can only do so much. It seems that there is no right way to stop or end these acts, leaving the public to take action to protect themselves. Unfortunately, it seems that Europe is becoming increasingly unsafe and no matter how hard they try to prevent these attacks, there is only so much they can do. It is now up to the general public to take care of themselves more and to attempt to stop these attacks.

So, for students at all universities, it is wise to think twice before one chooses study abroad. It's time to start thinking about it as a two-way street, meaning we have an obligation to take it upon ourselves to improve upon the people we were when we arrived. It's not just the responsibility of the professors to learn for us. They can't pipe steaming, hot knowledge right into our heads—although most would if they could. We must take it upon ourselves to improve ourselves, to keep students safe abroad. It is now up to each student to choose to be part of or to resign to mediocrity.

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*Editor's Word*

Hello to all new and returning Suffolk students. While we are all as unique and special as our mothers told us we were, we all have one thing in common. We chose to come to Suffolk University: one of the best universities in one of the most educated cities in America. This was a conscious choice that we all made. Now it's time to own it. By choosing to come here we all decided to make ourselves better through education. This is a two-way street, meaning we have an obligation to take it upon ourselves to improve upon the people we were when we arrived. It's not just the responsibility of the professors to learn for us. They can't pipe steaming, hot knowledge right into our heads—although most would if they could. We must take it upon ourselves to improve ourselves, to keep students safe abroad. It is now up to each student to choose to be part of or to resign to mediocrity.

The choice is yours, but it won't be a choice forever.

-The Journal's Editorial Staff

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Offseason for athletes is about practicing more, playing more and becoming more talented in their respective sport. As for Michael Hagopian, a guard for Suffolk University Men’s basketball, he spent part of his summer as a member of the Under-20 Armenian National Team in Greece throughout July.

This rare opportunity had been in the works since his freshman year, said Hagopian, as the Basketball Federation of Armenia kept tabs on him throughout his college career.

An invite was sent to him in the middle of his sophomore year, as he ended the season for the Rams, averaging 22.5 points in their final eight games.

“I got a lot of experience from playing overseas,” said Hagopian in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. “I learned a lot about my game and how to improve my weaknesses. I was able to start every game for Armenia so I really had a good experience.”

The 6-foot-1, 170-pound Hagopian had a breakout sophomore season for the Rams in the 2016-17 season, with career-highs in points at 14.3, 12.2 shot-attempts, a free-throw percentage of 84.7 and field-goal percentage of 42.3.

Additionally, he became the first Ram to record back-to-back 30-point games in over a decade.

“I started to play really well, the best basketball I’ve played, and they thought I could really help the team,” said Hagopian.

He explained that this was a possibility he just could not turn down as he would be able to visit his home country, have everything paid for and play that sport that he loves.

In the six-game period with Armenia, in which they went 3-3 in the nine-day period, Hagopian averaged 8.5 points, 3.8 rebounds and 2.3 assists in 29.2 minutes per game.

He said that as he played against competition from outside of the United States and saw playstyles from other parts of the world, his knowledge of the sport expanded.

Hagopian’s Under-20 head coach, Vicken Eskidjian, saw the potential and talent in Hagopian, which led Eskidjian to trust Hagopian as the point guard position for the team. The two only had a brief time to prepare for the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Under-20 European Championships.

“He has the scoring mentality, and he defends too,” said Eskidjian in an interview with The Journal. “Even when he wasn’t on the floor, I knew he would make the right decision. For me, it’s not just about the scoring. He reads the game and I gave him the green light to make more attempts.”

Eskidjian was a big proponent of Hagopian’s athleticism, defensive ability, physicality and shot-making ability. He explained what stood out from the guard and Watertown, Mass, native, in comparison to other guards on the national team, was “him being wiser.”

Eskidjian said that Hagopian showed tremendous temperament and a positive attitude that stood out as he faced the other European players.

If the opportunity presented itself, the idea of playing international basketball at the professional level had entered the head of Hagopian.

“I feel like I learned a lot about international basketball,” said Hagopian. “If I ever have the opportunity to play professionally overseas, I feel like I got a little taste of that playing for the national team. The style of play is different.”

With two years left of wearing jersey number 10, Hagopian said he is zoned in on improving as a player and helping the Suffolk basketball program evolve, with its plethora of underclassmen. Also, he is 463 points away from reaching the 1,000 point plateau, a milestone last reached at Suffolk by Caleb Unni ’16 in 2016.

“I hope to bring the same mentality as representing my country to Suffolk, and wanting to make a name for Suffolk basketball,” said Hagopian.

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victory over Rhode Island Invitational hosted by first two-day competition team competed in its Brookmeadow Country Club in Canton, Mass. College (RIG) at the program with a 371-354 the first win for the season and also collected in the books. The Lady Rams have succeeded in many program "firsts" so far in their 2017 season. Recently, the Lady Rams won their first competition of the fall season and also collected the first win for the team this season, it was not easy. "The moment we found out that we won, it was a great feeling and one that will drive us toward success for the rest of the season," said Dillon. "And I'm definitely looking forward to the rest of the season." The team started out small, however after a year of gathering personnel, the team has gained enough Lady Rams to compete for a chance to win tournaments. Dillon also explained to The Suffolk Journal that the competition Suffolk sees is certainly different from what she saw as a competitor in high school. "In college golf, [everyone] is very passionate about it," said Dillon. "Some people are trying to go professional even in Division III." With the competition as tough as it is, and taking into account the journey the team took to get to where they are today, Dillon said the feeling of being victorious in their first match was "amazing." "It was really special for us, being able to compete as a team for the first time and win," said Dillon. "All of our girls played really well that day." First-year Head Coach Jay Parker agreed with what Dillon said, adding that the recent win was, "very gratifying considering all the hard work we put in." Parker stepped into an unknown role; originally coaching the Suffolk Baseball team as an assistant for the past twenty years. When asked about the transition from baseball to women's golf, Parker explained that it was very different given the difference in personalities that the two teams have. In regards to if baseball or golf would be more difficult to coach, Parker discussed how he had coached many different sports throughout his career including softball and lacrosse in addition to baseball and golf. Parker said that he as a coach must "put in time with research" in order to be the best he can possibly be as an instructor. "Our end goal is to win the championship, and I do think it's possible for us to get it. There's always things we can work on to better ourselves individually, so I think if we can keep working hard and continue to put the work in, then that is an obtainable goal." When we beat RIC for our first win of the season, it felt awesome. For any sport, to start off a season with a victory, it already puts your team on a good track for the rest of the season," said McGrath. "To start on a high note like this definitely has given us all more confidence individually and as a whole that we will take into this weekend when we play in New York." Joe Rice

With a complete roster of six girls, five being underclassmen, Suffolk University Women's golf team started out their fall season strong, with many accomplishments already in the books. The Lady Rams have succeeded in many program "firsts" so far in their 2017 season.

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