Art & Design lose space, attempt to adjust

Suffolk’s Art & Design department, formerly known as NESAD, has integrated onto the main campus as its building was across the main campus. For years, NESAD has been struggling with various limitations. According to students and faculty, one of the biggest challenges has been setting up the spaces to their fullest potentials and workability.

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Suffolk’s TRIO programs granted funds

Programs on third cycle of funding from DOE, will fund at Suffolk for next five years.

Last week, Suffolk University got news that they will receive federal funds to extend the university’s TRIO Programs for the next five years.

Institutions of higher education and public and private organizations that serve disadvantaged youth may apply for grants through the Federal TRIO Programs (TRIO). Nationally, the TRIO program sponsors eight different services. Suffolk has utilized the federal grants to fund Upward Bound, Veterans Upward Bound and the McNair Scholars Program which serves 26 students at the university.

"The TRIO programs are designed to provide support services to first generation college students, so we are grateful that we have been refunded," said Dr. Joya Smith, the Director for the Center for Academic Access and Opportunity. "We are federally supported and just got the word that all three of our grants will continue for the next five years."

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"It's been a challenge struggling for where do we go and how much space can we have?"

-Felicity Otterbein
Arts & Culture Editor

A s students re-matriculate throughout campus, Arts and Design students are still settling into their new home on the main Suffolk campus. In part due to the termination of the building lease, the students were granted four floors within the Sawyer building. The Art and Design Department was originally destined for the 20 Somerset building, but former Suffolk President McCarthy broke the news in 2012 that the space would instead be used for academic classrooms.

With two floors in the basement, dedicated to studio and workspaces and a miniature version of their original gallery at 75 Arlington Street, the department is wriggling into its newly compressed space and learning to cope with various limitations. According to students and faculty, one of the biggest challenges has been setting up the spaces to their fullest potentials and workability.

While the move was finalized shortly after the end of the spring semester, the basement floors A and B both have classrooms and workspaces that have yet to be completed by construction, and according to a source, will not be finished for another two months. This is because of alleged water damage that occurred in two rooms on the A and B floors of the building. Faculty and students have both reported that the respective work spaces for the multiple artistic focuses within the department are still being set up, even though Foundation Studies Program.

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Suffolk University's Art & Design School, formerly known as NESAD, recently relocated from 75 Arlington Street to four floors in the Sawyer building. The move, which took place during the summer, has continued to give some members of the department issues in terms of space.

The move from Arlington Street to the Sawyer building has resulted in NESAD losing 10,000 square feet of space.

The setup and the reinstallation took a total of two months, according to a faculty member. Other members of the department told reporters that this process continues to take place.

The 20 Somerset building, which is primarily now known to be home to the science departments, Communication & Journalism department and Somerset Cafe through Sodexo dining services, was originally supposed to be home to NESAD, as announced in 2010.

The alleged water damage that has occurred on the A and B levels of the Sawyer building has now stalled the construction of these rooms further by nearly two months, according to a source close to the Art & Design department.
Religion in the news conversation leads on biases, coverage

Religion has a different culture in every country, said Ambria Kocia during the inaugural weekly discussion entitled "Religion in the News" Monday in the Interfaith Center.

"Religion in the news" conversation leads on biases, coverage

Members of the Suffolk community joined Harvard Divinity School's Assistant Chaplain Samantha Menapace, who hosted the first installment of this conversation surrounding the questions and concerns students have with today's portrayal of religion within the news.

"Writing and receiving the news is affected by our religious beliefs," said Menapace. It was a challenge to find stories of those civilians around the nation and the world who have volunteered their time, or even appeared in a heroic scenario to rescue and assist those stranded, Menapace said. She said most stories portrayed in the media she had come across have honed-in on the tragedies, and the ones that did display certain acts of kindness often involved a group of students or a small gathering meeting at a Christian church as a type of headquarters.

"A lot of times when you think about people doing good deeds it's often connected with Christianity," Menapace said.

The question or undertones of these stories and personal beliefs sometimes or undertones of religion are embedded in today's newscasts and publications, and can sway viewers, readers or listeners into connecting certain faiths to stories.

"Religion in the news" conversation leads on biases, coverage

While religious tendencies in the news may never disappear completely, recognizing underlying motifs within the industry was a point this discussion was a prevalent point of conversation. "Religion in the News" will continue next week.

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Stigma surrounding the diagnosis of Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID), continues, somatic mutation in aneurysm formation and the accuracy of modern heart monitors, technology, Suffolk University's McNair Scholars were given the opportunity to showcase their summer research projects.

"I know how important it is for students of color, first generation students, to get the support, they receive guidance around doing research and projects, and they are talented, they know they can do this. It will help them to go on to future graduate studies," said Dean of Students Ann Coyne about the McNair program.

After applying through the McNair program, these scholars had spent months gathering research on an issue that they found a passion for, and were provided resources which would otherwise have been inaccessible. Suffolk Junior and Government major, Darlley Joselus, was able to spend two months at Ohio State University to complete her thesis.

Her focus was on identifying the interconnection of race, poverty and justice in the public mind as it relates to the perceptions and explanations the public has for poverty and incarcerations in African American communities. Ohio State is a research school, classifying it as one of the highest research activity schools in the country, which meant that Joselus had complete access to all of the tools she would need.

Joselus had been accepted into the McNair program just a couple of months after she applied, and rapidly began working toward establishing an out-of-state research opportunity.

"Ohio State really resonated with what I wanted to produce. Their political science department is the tenth best department in the United States," Joselus told the Suffolk Journal. At the TRIO open house Thursday, representatives of all three of the universities federally funded programs gathered to give presentations on the Upward Bound, Veterans Upward Bound and McNair Scholars Program.

"We just wanted to share with people the services we provide," said Smith. "For example, for Upward Bound students our main goal is to prepare them for college and it isn't required for these students to come to Suffolk." Smith explained that the Upward Bound program provides more for high school students that come from families in which neither parent has graduated from a four-year university. The program offers Academic, college and financial aid. It also provides SAT and ACT prep courses and takes students on college tours.

The Veterans Upward Bound program offers similar academic and financial counseling to the Upward Bound program, but offers additional services tailored to the challenges that veterans face across the country.

"My goal is to make sure they are prepped and ready to enter the college of their choice," said Smith. Whatever it is going to take for them to get the help they need.

The Veterans Upward Bound program also offers virtual classes throughout the day to give participants a convenient way to reach their education goals because most are working adults as well as students. Eliot Colleton, recruitment specialist for the Veterans Upward Bound program, attended the open house and is a shining example of the benefits that the program brings.

Colleton served in the Navy for four years before using the program to assist him as he earned his Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Massachusetts. "I was looking for a way to pay for college," Colleton said. "Transitioning back into having a stable place to live was one of the hardest parts of returning," Colleton said.

"I just tell my story and how the program helped me and I hope it helps somebody," he said. Although the time leading up to the news that the university would receive the grants was stressful, Smith said she believed that the university is in a good position to receive the funds for the next five year span.

"It's always a process that makes you a little uncomfortable because it's a national competition," she said. "However, we were very excited about the applications that we submitted and that we'll be able to continue the program."
Suffolk backs Obama action while DeVos ponders rollback

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Just days after suggesting changes would be made to Title IX in a George Mason University speech, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos rescinded the "Dear Colleague" letter on Sept. 22, which has caused a reaction from college campuses across the nation, including Suffolk University.

"While we wait for the U.S. Department of Education's [DOE] process to be finalized, Suffolk will continue to foster a safe and inclusive campus community that is free of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence and relationship violence," letter, put in place in 2011, during former President Barack Obama's administration, back the Title IX and affirmed the protections of students from all forms of sexual harassment. In place of the previous procedures under Title IX, the DOE issued interim Title IX guidance on Campus Sexual Misconduct, as well a new set of interim questions as the DOE repealed the "Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence" as well. The guidelines recently set for universities and colleges until procedural changes take place offer the ability for those educational institutions to provide feedback to the process of adjusting campus sexual misconduct procedures.

"It seems the language (DOE is) using now seems to be less procedurally focused and more focused on fundamental fairness," said Acting University President Marisa Kelly in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "That's one of the things that we at Suffolk are interested in. We want to be fair to our students. We want to have policies and guidelines that are clear that tell students what behaviors are expected of them and what behaviors have no place in the community." 

"Our commitment is to be sure that we are supporting victims and treating all members of the community fairly. That is the underpinning of our approach and will continue to be," said Acting University President Marisa Kelly in a statement to The Journal on Tuesday.

Political Commentary
The hectic healthcare debate that continues to take a halt

Maggie Randall
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The most recent attempt to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA), often referred to as ObamaCare, is the Graham-Cassidy Bill. The proposal from Senators Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) has used federal block grants to let states shape their own healthcare policies.

The Graham-Cassidy proposal was halted on Tuesday afternoon, after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced that there would not be a vote. This would come after several republican senators announced they would not vote in favor of the measure.

The Graham-Cassidy plan received criticism across the board, from late night talk show host Jimmy Kimmel to Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker. Kimmel used lengthy monologues on his show to point out the flaws of the plan, and even called on Senator Graham for "flying to this face."

In a Senate Hearing for the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, Senator Al Franken (D-MN) asked Gov. Baker if the Graham-Cassidy Bill is one that he would support for Massachusetts. Gov. Baker said no.

"The proposal would negatively affect the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and we could lose billions over the course of four or five years," said Baker. Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), who is a very vocal opponent of the ACA, announced he would vote no on the Graham-Cassidy Bill as he believes it does not do enough to repeal ObamaCare.

Senator John McCain (R-AZ), announced on Sept. 22 that he will vote against the Graham-Cassidy Bill. This came as a surprise to some given McCain's relationship with Graham, whom he has characterized as his "illegitimate son." McCain asked that instead the Senate should spend their time working towards a bipartisan solution.

On Monday, Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) announced she would be voting against the proposal. In a statement, the senator said that "Maine still loses money under whichever version of Graham-Cassidy bill we consider."

These three republican "no" votes tipped the scale against the bill's passage.

The U.S. Senate is split 52-48 with a Republican majority, necessitating a few senators to vote against the republican caucus on certain measures. Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Collins voted several times with the democratic caucus when it comes to republican efforts to repeal and replace.

Senator McCaskill joined them in July with his historic thumbs-down "no" vote against the Healthcare Freedom Act, more commonly referred to as the Senate "Skinny" repeal bill.

Some Senate democrats have rallied behind an effort led by Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) to pass S.1804 Medicare for All Act; a single-payer healthcare bill. Sixteen Senate democrats have co-sponsored this piece of legislation, including Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).

National Public Radio had a detailed analysis explaining that the Medicare for All plan would make the federal government the "single payer" of healthcare for all American citizens. The bill eliminates cost-sharing such as copayments, besides the prescriptions of mostly generic drugs.

Representative John Conyers (D-MI) has been pushing for a similar type of Medicare for All bill during every legislative session in the House of Representatives since 2003. Analysts question if there would be sufficient government funding to cover a Medicare for All bill, even with increased taxes.

The efforts towards repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act were a shared goal of republicans throughout the 2016 election, and resulted in legislative action in May. The House of Representatives passed the first attempt at repeal and replace with H.R.1628, the American Health Care Act (AHCA).

To read the rest of this commentary, please see thethesuffolkjournal.com
Alum turns hardship into venture

The plan to unite small businesses with Suffolk opportunities

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After returning from a failed business venture, Emma Cabrera returned to Suffolk University to finish her degree, motivated to ensure that other small business owners can benefit from what she has learned. She plans to build a network that helps businesses and professionals succeed.

Cabrera began classes at Suffolk in 2003 but left to open her own retail store that proved to be successful until 2008 when the housing market crashed. The recession forced her to close doors and she returned to Suffolk to earn her degree in business administration. The fellowship project that Cabrera has worked on is to build a network of small business owners with the resources that Suffolk provides is being funded by the Center for Innovative Collaboration and Leadership.

The inspiration for the venture stemmed from Cabrera’s experience owning a business and being a student at Suffolk. When Cabrera owned her store, she became an officer in the “Main Street Community” of Jamaica Plain, which is a neighborhood-based committee for small business owners to gather and discuss issues that were shared amongst the owners.

“There was a learning curve. There were things I did right and successful, and some things I didn’t do right,” said Cabrera in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. “But that’s one of those things of being a small business owner where you’re wearing multiple hats. You don’t have all these departments or subject matter experts telling you how to do things.”

Having been in these various roles is what lead Cabrera to collaborate with Associate Professor Dominic Thomas and Associate Professor Iona Anderson, who have both been asked to fill advisory positions, and the Marketing and Communications Manager for Interise Craig Panzer. This interdisciplinary effort is developing a protocol for businesses coming to Suffolk with one issue by providing the owners not only a solution, but a plan that benefits the business in more ways than one.

“It’s not just that these businesses need to hire people, that’s easy. Students want jobs and we can do those introductions,” said Thomas in a recent interview with The Journal. “They’ve got needs for project work, content being written, graphic design; all these test experiences where students and businesses can get to know each other.”

Cabrera asked herself; as a business owner, how does one get the kind of information that allows a proprietor to utilize the resources that Suffolk has to offer?

“With this, we’re trying to be full service. We created the plan for you and we can say to the client we have students that, if you want to implement this plan, we can team you up with instead of just giving them a plan for one issue,” said Cabrera. “It’s about building and maintaining relationships.”

This sentiment is shared with Panzer, who, while working for Interise, helps small businesses of minority and low-income neighborhoods, prosper through “Streetwise MBAs.”

“Rather than build a brand, we build a network that closes the gap. We’re trying to build equity for small business owners,” said Panzer in a recent interview with The Journal. “[With Cabrera] we have a shared mission, which is to build inclusive and equitable business opportunities.”

Innovative Collaboration
The plan to unite small businesses with Suffolk opportunities

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NEWS BRIEFS

New law program enacted for undergrads

Suffolk University has a brand new law major for undergraduate students. The major, which is based in the College of Arts and Sciences will be taught in collaboration with the Suffolk Law School. The new major will take a new direction by incorporating different perspectives such as philosophy, sociology, government, and business. “Bringing together all three schools with an interdisciplinary approach will help students’ understanding of how the law impacts all facets of life,” said Professor and Chair of the Government Department Rachel Cob. In the Boston area, Suffolk has the only four-year American Bar Association-approved undergraduate program. Professor Cob believes that this new direction will “raise the profile” of the program.

Paleologos predicts polls with 95 percent level of confidence

Suffolk University Political Research Center (SUPRC) released a poll which places Democrat Phil Murphy ahead of Republican Kim Guadagno in the New Jersey race for governor. Out of all those who participated in the election, 44 percent of likely voters are leaning towards Murphy while 25 percent lean towards Guadagno. SUPRC has a high degree of accuracy in predicting outcomes with an 85 percent rating in predicting straight-up winners. David Paleologos directs the research done by SUPRC and has received both national and international attention. To determine the poll results for New Jersey’s gubernatorial race, 500 likely New Jersey voters were polled. The margin of error is +/- 4.4 percent with a 95 percent level of confidence.

Marty Walsh and Tito Jackson to battle for Mayor’s office

On Tuesday, voters advanced Mayor Marty Walsh and City Councilor Tito Jackson to a faceoff in the Nov. 7 final election. Retired police officer Robert Cappucci and health care worker Joseph Wiley were defeated by Walsh and Jackson in the preliminary election. Walsh is seeking a second four-year term. Voter turnout across the city was light. Walsh is a recovering alcoholic and actively supports addiction prevention and treatment programs. Walsh gained national attention in January when he promised to protect Boston’s residents who were threatened by President Donald Trump’s actions. Jackson served in the administration of former Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick. He advocates for criminal justice reform and body cameras on police officers. He would be Boston’s first black mayor.
Armageddon in 140 characters or less

President Donald Trump’s recent verbal exchanges with North Korean Dictator Kim Jong Un have driven North Korea closer to initiating nuclear warfare against the United States and essentially starting what could soon become World War III. North Korea's rapidly expanding nuclear arsenals are an increasingly dangerous threat not only for the U.S., but also for its allies. Trump's antagonizing threats and Kim Jong Un's derogatory backhail have made things personal stimulating exponentially developing fear throughout the U.S. Trump should not make this personal, said International Relations Assistant Professor Weiqi Zhang. "When dealing with another international leader, it's never a good idea to make things personal; this shows that Trump is inexperienced.

During his first speech at the United Nations last Tuesday, Trump stated that the U.S. would "totally destroy" North Korea if they attempted to fire nuclear missiles at the U.S. or its allies, according to The Washington Post. In response, North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un called Trump a "frightened dog" and a "mentally deranged U.S. dotard.

The war of the words continued this past weekend when Trump tweeted about Kim Jong Un referring to him as a "madman" and a "Little Rocket Man." Additionally, Trump stated that if these nuclear threats and insults continue, "the U.S. won't be around much longer." North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho later stated Trump's threats are enough to constitute a declaration of war between the U.S. and North Korea, according to The Guardian. "This declaring war story is not a new one," said Former ambassador from Germany to North Korea and Suffolk University Visiting Professor Fredrich Lohr. North Korea has been known to make threats declaring war in the conducting nuclear tests for almost a year now. The communist regime has been putting all of their spending toward building their arsenal, at the expense of the North traveling roughly 2,300 miles into space during this past July. According to military experts, if the trajectories of these missiles are adjusted to a particular angle, they are making these aggressive threats back and forth to each other in order to show off their power, without the intention of attacking one another.

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- Assistant Professor of International Relations Weiqi Zhang

While the goal of the U.S. may not be to engage in nuclear warfare with North Korea, it is important for Trump to gain awareness of the power behind the statements, even the tweets he makes as the U.S. president and particularly how a country as unstable as North Korea can interpret those statements.

"The world should forget about North Korean denuclearization in North Korea because it's not going to happen," said Zhang, "but that happened to Saddam Hussein a few years ago, it’s irrational for them to give up their nukes. We should accept that North Korea is a nuclear capable state and then work harder on how to deal with it.

"Kim Jong Un's response to Trump is unrealistic," said Zhang. "The escalation of these threats is mostly a negotiation tactic." Zhang explained that Trump and Kim Jong Un are engaging in "The Chicken Game." "They are behaving in a crazy way because they are trying to force the other side to back off," said Zhang. "There isn't a realistic level of conflict that could lead to another war." Ultimately, the idea of another war is unrealistic because North Korea will probably lose, according to Zhang.

"North Korea wants to have their regime recognized as legitimate," said Lohr. "The U.S. has difficulties recognizing their regime as legitimate." Since North Korea is still a communist regime, the U.S. feels that denuclearization of the nation is best way to prevent nuclear warfare. However, it is possible that throwing around war threats is Kim Jong Un's way of negotiating with the U.S. in hopes of achieving his goal of getting North Korea recognized as a legitimate communist regime.

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London attacks force Suffolk students to recall time of terror

Emergency services attend the scene outside Parsons Green station in west London after a terrorist attack in London.

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The United Kingdom has been targeted by acts of terrorism five times this year, although London's Mayor Sadiq Khan told multiple news outlets that police has stopped seven additional attacks.

The most recent attack on London came on Sept. 15, when a bomb wrapped in a grocery bag placed in a bucket exploded in the subway system during the morning commute. No deaths were reported and 30 people were reportedly injured in the attack.

News of the devastating attacks has spread across the country, reaching Suffolk University forcing students who recently studied in London to reminisce over the acts of terror.

Jenna Palumbo, a junior double majoring in Marketing and Management, studied abroad in London last spring semester and plans on doing so again. Hausmann has not yet visited the university to speak on the issue.

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Suffolk Art and Design students settle into new Sawyer spaces

From NESAD page 1

Director Randal Thurston told The Journal that the move itself took two months to fully set equipment up “safely and effectively.”

“Two full rooms on A and B are not complete yet because of water damage,” said Suffolk graduate and current Woodshop Manager Jamezie Helenski in an interview with The Suffolk Journal on Thursday. According to Helenski, the damage was not substantial enough to warrant any kind of halt to construction, rather the damage delayed the progress being made on the space, furthering the wait to access the area.

While the work on the damaged space has continued to progress forward, the students occupying the area are still adjusting to the lack of work space.

“It’s been a challenge struggling for where do we go and how much space can we have,” said junior Fine Arts major Julianna Fielding. “We had very few limits on space at 75 Arlington because we had two floors and we just ran rampant and as long as we stayed within the building code, we could just put things everywhere and do art, and no one questioned it.”

According to Fielding, the fine arts students have considerably smaller studio spaces than what they are normally used to.

“We’re working through it, it’s just a matter of getting used to it and finding our space,” she said.

According to Helenski, simple tasks like setting up shop equipment proved to be more exhaustive than predicted. Tasks like running electricity to the table saw when the room didn’t have a nearby outlet close enough to plug into, or ensuring that the dust collection system ran correctly so that students could work safely and out of the way of free flowing saw dust proved to be more time consuming than what was originally planned for.

One of the final corners of the basement in the Sawyer building waits for further construction for the Art and Design Department.

“I’ve been here since we moved. I’ve been here all summer getting things installed, servicing the equipment and making sure that it’s actually safe for people to come in the room,” said Helenski.

A similar struggle rings true for graphic design majors and the lack of Macintosh computers and computer labs needed to complete assignments.

According to Aditya Patel, a senior graphic design major, the new space has come equipped with mainly Windows computers, a system that doesn’t hold the same programs needed for those pursuing a career in design.

“We used to have Macintosh computers [in 75 Arlington] and since we are an art and design school, we rely heavily on Macs, so when I came here we had a lot of issues using Windows, and we still are,” he said.

Patel had expressed concern in an interview for new students coming into the graphic design program and told The Journal that he has not heard of any kind of assurance that more Mac computers will be installed for the graphic design students to use.

As a former fine arts student, Helenski told The Journal that they are able to sympathize with current fine arts students and the new lack of space.

According to Foundation Studies Program Director and Fine Arts Professor, Randal Thurston, the move is a welcome change because of the integration of the Art School onto the central campus. While Thurston acknowledged the lack of space and said he understands his students’ frustration with the move, he is ready to move forward with the progress that is currently underway.

“Where you move into a new place and you have an institutional memory of where you came from, you have to just put that away and realize that what you actually have to work with is the space that you have,” said Thurston.

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Philadelphia-based Soraia shakes Allston

By Facebook.com/SoraiaRocks

Wednesday was a night of firsts at O’Brien Pub, a hole-in-the-wall punk rock club in Allston that hosts live music nightly. Philadelphia-based rockers, Soraia, began the first leg of their international tour and were preceded on stage by The Endorphins, who came together for their first organized public gig.

O’Brien is the kind of spot that you’d only go to if you knew someone who was performing or were enticed by the thunderous rock music inside. The bar gets loud; so loud that the bartenders sell earplugs along with drinks that can only be ordered through eye-contact and hand gestures. The walls and wide front windows quiver every time the bands do anything more lively than tune their guitars. While this may be a bit off putting to anyone up a lot,” Mansour said with a smirk. “No, I was worried about the vocals because sometimes you can’t hear the vocals, but it went well.”

The Endorphins had the musical posture akin to many of the bands come out of the Berklee School of Music, but were not professionally trained to rock a stage like many of the new bands in Boston.

“We don’t have the money for that, although we do know a bunch of them,” said guitarist Jordan Scarborough, as our first stop because I’d rather come here first than last. It didn’t get the attention I wanted to give it last time,” she said.

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The enthusiasm and excitement that comes with performing a real rock gig was alive and well in the local Allston band and their faces were plastered with the smiles of young men who tasted accomplishment.

The Endorphins took their brand of rock to Out Of The Blue in Cambridge Friday. Both Soraia and The Endorphins can be streamed on Soundcloud at https://soundcloud.com/soraiamusic and https://soundcloud.com/theendorphinsma respectively. Find them on Facebook at SoraiaRocks and TheEndorphinsma.

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Trump’s hypocrisy concerns the world, not just the US

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"Trump cannot continue to make threats toward North Korea on Twitter, because the current crisis has not arrived to the point where military action is the only option left."

Robert Muller’s probe into the potential collusion of members of Trump’s presidential campaign and Russia. Also, to call Russian interference a hoax, is to not recognize the threat that it poses domestically to the U.S. If Trump cannot recognize the domestic challenge, then he won’t be able to confront the Russian challenge abroad. Along with recognizing that Russian interference was not a hoax, President Trump must actively oppose Russia on the international stage.

Additionally, Trump’s praise of authoritarian leaders has also extended to Erdogan’s. Not only is Erdogan responsible for the depression of Turkish democracy, his security officials attacked peaceful demonstrators on American soil in May. During a side conversation at the U.N. General Assembly, Trump called Erdogan a “friend” and praised his leadership, according to a report by Reuters.

When Trump does take a stand against authoritarian leaders, occasions we’ve had to date in Trump’s tweets or show what our intent is. Because in a certain number of characters, it leads to other questions,” said Ambassador Nikki Haley in an interview with Glamour Magazine. Haley’s comments were about foreign dignitaries who often brought Trump’s tweets up during international issues in past discussions with the U.S.

When the president issues a threat, its adversaries know to treat cautiously. If Trump does not, it implies that they will be met with appropriate force. Haley’s comments on how to clarify what Trump means when he tweets, he damaged America’s credibility.

The course could be reversed in a rather simple manner if Trump followed Ambassador Haley’s work in the U.N. Security Council to help convince Russia and China to vote for a new set of sanctions that are a reminder of the effectiveness of American diplomacy.

Trump would do well to rely on his cabinet members and listen to their input for guidance. In short, Trump must practice what he preached at the U.N., because foreign policy cannot be conducted through Twitter, tweets, and heated rhetoric. For in the realm of international relations, credibility matters.

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The protections afforded to sexual assault victims are being recanted, as directed by Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. Given initially under the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and expanded during the Obama Administration, Title IX had previously been reviewed by DeVos’s department. All educational institutions, public and private, that receive federal funding must abide by these laws.

In addition to these protections concerning sexual assault, Title IX covers discrimination on the basis of sex in athletics, extracurricular opportunities, tutoring facilities and housing facilities. The motivations behind DeVos’s intentions are unclear.

Her tenure as Secretary of Education has been riddled with ethics violations and accusations of bribery, that began with students' accusations of bribery, ethics violations and behind DeVos’s intentions.

U.S. Agency concluding that Russia did meddle in the election, it is not wise for Trump to go against the conclusion of American intelligence agencies. It only adds suspicion to our already riddled with disrepair,” said Trump to a crowd of representatives from foreign nations.

Impulsively signed a law that rescinded, as directed by Congress, Title IX protections concerning athletics, extracurricular activities, and health care institutions, public and private.

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EDITOR’S WORD

While a majority of Latin America was ravaged by natural disasters, the American people stayed focused on the ludicrousness of what has now become the ‘norm’ for news.

While people have missed the message of why black professional football players are kneeling in raising awareness for police brutality and social injustice, the death toll of Mexico’s citizens has steadily risen more than 300 people because of a fiercely destructive earthquake.

While American people have worried about the president’s often inane and inaccurate tweets, citizens of Puerto Rico, a country which is a territory of the United States, thus making its residents United States’ citizens, have been engulfed by Hurricane Maria.

A dam has been on the brink of swallowing an entire city and the American news moguls have neglected the crisis they face; the president of the United States has neglected our country’s citizens and our neighbor’s citizens; we, the American people, have condemned our fellow human beings.

Support at Suffolk is lacking

Students should foster respect for different identities

Adriana Taplin
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I am African-American, I am black and I am a woman. My culture is the lens through which I view the world. As a black woman in America, my culture and identity is often disrespected and appropriated. I have grown accustomed to my culture being stepped on negatively. Because of this, it is my obligation to be proud of where I come from. As a black woman and a student, I feel that Suffolk has done a great job academically of creating a safe space for me.

At the university, I have been offered ample opportunity to express my heritage and celebrate it. The ideas and feelings of the oppressive forces within the United States have not penetrated Suffolk’s academic realm.

In class, at Suffolk sponsored events and clubs and organizations, I feel equal and welcomed; I am a student before any of my other identities are recognized. However, this feeling of equality and acceptance does not bleed into my social life at Suffolk.

I am a minority and because of this, many of my classmates do not look like me. We don’t share the same cultural heritage and outside of class, I am reminded of this everyday. The social climate at Suffolk can be tense due to students who refuse to become educated about social issues, and to be respectful to students with minority identities.

This is especially disheartening when Suffolk provides diversity training through the Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion.

Even though Suffolk is trying to create a learning and living environment that students of all identities can find comfort in, there are some areas where Suffolk has not done enough. To an extent I feel isolated at Suffolk, I don’t see myself represented enough in the student body, with professors, I want to see more people at Suffolk who reflect my culture. I wear my culture on my skin, in my hair, my clothing, the way I speak and the way I worry about how people will perceive me. Suffolk has the opportunity to move forward, by creating a social safe space for all students. By further diversifying the student body and teaching staff, Suffolk should be admitting more Black students, to allow others to physically see people who share their identities in a positive way, to bring comfort and more of a sense of community.

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Letter to the Editor

We currently have problems with multiple countries that could threaten our national security.

Evidently, Russia meddled in our election for president, and continues to back into U.S. and European government and industry systems. Also, Russia occupies eastern Ukraine.

China is a claim to the South China Sea and is constructing bases on islands claimed by other countries. The Chinese military has confronted U.S. Naval Vessels and Aircraft.

North Korea tests ballistic missiles, which are capable of reaching the U.S. They are working on developing ballistic missiles outfitted with nuclear warheads by 2018. Iran is involved in the Syrian War and is a supporter of Islamic terrorist organizations. It keeps challenging our naval forces in the Persian Gulf and continually threatens to disrupt shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.

A dictatorship in Venezuela is causing instability in the country.

Given these situations, what are Trump’s priorities? He is focusing on repealing Obamacare, building a border wall, banning people from our military, worrying about news leaks, undermining the media, replacing White House staff, pardoning a convicted criminal sheriff, attacking NFL and NBA players, and showering Putin with platitudes.

Trump is fraying the fabric of American society, tweeting away the presidency and jeopardizing our security.

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Title IX should not be rescinded

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Institutions are working to protect both men and women from sexual assault; not to provide false equivalences that bolster the arguments of those that seek to destroy these protections.

It is in the best interest of this country to protect victims of sexual assault. DeVos’s decision could lead to more prevalent sexual assaults on the attackers do not feel that they will be forced to compensate for their crimes because the protections afforded to the victims have been undermined.

It continues remain seen just how far these repeals will go but the Department of Education is on the track to potentially tear down a movement that seeks to empower women and a student, I feel knowing that people will always know who I am in the most definitive way that I identify myself. I want to change what it means to be a black woman, or seeing what it means to be a black woman through the eyes of someone who is not of the same heritage.

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The Suffolk Journal Editorial Board

Two-thirds of American people disapprove of Trump’s Twitter habits, according to The Wall Street Journal.
Running to new horizons
Masch takes first strides as freshman by joining cross-country

Joe Rice
Journal Staff

Freshman cross-country runner, Hanna Masch, began her journey at Suffolk University as a freshman student-athlete this fall semester. Originally from Guatemala, Masch adapted to the American way of life through something she knew the best: participating in sports.

Masch was a boxer, swimmer and equestrian before she chose to run competitively. In addition, she went to the gym a few times a week. This is her first year ever running for competition, and Masch said that she is running on the team for enjoyment.

In addition to running for enjoyment, Masch said that cross country is a great way to meet new people and that her teammates and coach support her every day. “I really feel welcomed Masch with open arms. The team has competed in two races this season, the Roger Williams University Invitational along with the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Invitational. The Rams finished sixth out of 13 teams at the Williams Invitational, with the second race being an individual one that she did not scored.

From all the sports Masch has competed in, she said that the country is the most strenuous.

“I think cross-country changes a lot. It doesn’t depend on anyone else but yourself,” said Masch in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. “You have to train like no other sport.”

Despite having little experience in cross-country, Masch has goals set for the fall campaign. “I’m going to get stronger and become better,” said Masch. “Along with balancing my academic schedule, I am looking forward to adapting to this new life in college in a different country.”

Back in Guatemala, Masch felt as though she was unable to walk around her city due to the lack of safety. She really enjoys being able to walk around Boston without feeling threatened by those around her. “It’s actually really different,” she explained. “The social life on campus is way more seriously than back home.”

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According to a Suffolk Tributte article published in 2016, flag football is a growing sport in the United States by and large. Given that Suffolk University does not have a varsity tackle football team, intramural flag football has provided an opportunity for students to participate in a team sport.

“First down for Suffolk flag football,” said Intramural Sports Director Will Feldman to The Suffolk Journal in a recent interview, and are open to all undergraduate students to participate. The first scheduled game was supposed to be Thursday, Sept. 21, but was cancelled. The regular season games will take place on weekends, with Thursday during activities period in October, and playoffs will begin in November. The games will be played at the Boston Common Baseball Field, and the season will run six to eight weeks, according to Feldman. However, a game will be hosted on Oct. 14 during Suffolk Weekend for students.

The class of 2019 and 2021 will play on one team, while the class of 2020 will play on another, with 10 students per class each.

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“Students who are involved in varsity sports are often left struggling to balance their time with their athletic, academic and personal commitments,” said Masch. “My teammates and I have never played a sport before.

“I wouldn’t even compare it at all to National Collegiate Athletic Association contact sport,” said Masch. “A few bruises, a couple scratches, maybe a hiatal hernia but at the end of the day you gain a sense of family and make lifelong memories with great people.”

Students are drawn to intramurals at Suffolk and other institutions but have not been able to play in collegiate sports. “Most of those recreational sports allow them to be a part of a team, without the strenuous workload a varsity sport can levy.

It is an opportunity for students who do not have the time or desire to fully commit to the rigorous demands of college but also desire a team dynamic that being on a sports team entails,” said Feldman. “It’s a pleasure having Masch on the team. Every team needs a Hanna,” said Coach Feldman.

Masch is undergoing a semester by semester change, a new country, a new sport, and a new school. She is doing this unnoticeably, however, Head Coach William Feldman had nothing but kind words for the freshman.

The thing that impacts Coach Feldman the most about Masch is her infectious attitude. “It’s a pleasure having her around,” said Feldman. Freshman baseball player, Nik San Antonio, who is a varsity student-athlete, is a challenge because it tests how responsible the athlete is. It all comes down to how well one can handle the pressure of succeeding in a classroom, on the field or in the weight room.”

“By running for the Lady Rams’ cross-country team, Masch has been able to incorporate herself into the Suffolk culture. Not only has she successfully integrated herself, but it is evident through the words of her head coach that she is making her way. Teams are made up of her teammates look to continue meshing together when they race at the Roger Williams Invitational on Saturday Sept. 30.”

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McMellen up for par in 15th season

Drives for GNAC Championship

By Brooke Patterson
Sports Editor

Bound to Suffolk University men’s golf program for 15 seasons, Ed McMellen and the Rams have made nine Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) championship appearances and intend to take the fairway in the top five this 2017 season.

As a Professional Golfers’ Association (PGA) native, McMellen was named head golf coach in 2003 and has continued to mentor the team. The Rams enter the 2017 season with an 11-member roster, eight being underclassmen.

In 2010, McMellen played in the Mass. Chapter Spring Meeting Pro-Pro at Myopia Hunt Club in South Hamilton, Mass., where he tied for fourth place with a shot of 62.

For the blue and gold’s first match of the season, at the Emmanuel College Invitational, McMellen disciplined the Rams to a second place finish out of four teams, eight strokes behind opponent Wentworth Institute of Technology.

“I think [McMellen] has done a terrific job of establishing our program and providing stability in New England,” said Suffolk’s Director of Athletics, Gary McConnell, in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. “He has great numbers on roster and they are very competitive in the New England Region. I think that’s a credit to himself.”

McMellen has played golf since the age of 10. The 15-season coach played in high school, as well as at Springfield College and continued his career as a PGA professional for 20 years.

“My dad got me into golf and I just fell in love with it,” said McMellen in an interview with The Journal.

In order to become a PGA professional, a golfer must pass a golf playing ability test, which McMellen successfully completed in his first try. An individual must also take certain courses in different aspects of the golf world such as rules of golf, tournament management and merchandizing.

As a PGA professional, 15 years ago, McMellen worked at Spring Valley Country Club in Sharon, Mass., when the opportunity of becoming Suffolk’s head men’s golf coach was brought to his attention. It was a decision that McMellen could not turn down.

“It’s hard to believe,” said McMellen on going into his 15th season with the Rams. “The school has changed a lot, for the better, in the last few years. There is a lot more support for the coaches.”

McMellen also said that several coaches in the Athletics Department have obtained better recruitment tools, and therefore has received better athletes and players. Suffolk athletics has also given student-athletes access to more useful equipment, such as the newly reconstructed fitness center, the Michael & Larry Smith Fitness Center.

“From where I started, and where we are now, we are more competitive,” said McMellen.

McMellen said that he struggled with coaching at first because of the lack of recruiting which took the program down a level. Fifteen years later, he has been able to place the blue and gold in the top five of the GNAC championship three times.

“Coach McMellen] has got a very good understanding of the game,” said junior returner Stephen Ferrante in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. “He definitely has the experience and mentorship.”

Having played under McMellen’s guidance for the past three years, Ferrante said that although his coach is a serious person, he has taught him a great deal about the in’s and out’s of the game of golf and has really positive reinforcement for the players.

For the future, McMellen will plan on sticking with coaching at Suffolk as the Rams continue their drive for the GNAC title with the intention of getting the team to become competitive on an annual basis.

The Rams look to obtain a winning record for Coach McMellen’s 15th season as they compete in the Emmanuel College Invitational at William J. Devine Golf Course, Franklin Park in Boston on Sept. 27.