Women's golf wins NEIGA Tournament

By Joe Rice, Senior Staff Writer

In the Suffolk University women's golf team's first full season, the Cinderella story continued for the Lady Rams as the team took home first place in the woman's first-ever New England Intercollegiate Golf Association (NEIGA) Tournament.

The Lady Rams, in their second season, have surprised many teams from across the NEIGA as well as many other regions. In the three dual matches the Lady Rams have participated in this season, the team came out on top. Additionally, the team also placed second of 12 teams in the Empire 8 Championship on Oct. 14, falling short to Southern University of New York Cortland.

The Lady Rams not only won, but they handled the championship match on Oct. 22-23 with relative ease, separating themselves from second-place finisher Johnson & Wales University by 22 strokes.

See GOLF-11

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Union vote ends in tie

After months of awaiting bureaucratic procedures to play out following the initial vote, the tally that would decide if "Our Suffolk Union" would be the official staff union on campus resulted in a tie, at 96.

In March, after efforts dated back to August 2016, the vote to implement a union for eligible staff members of Suffolk University as a chapter of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 888 was cast, but ultimately not See UNION-2

Suffolk weighs in on coral reef destruction

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Coral reefs are frequently marveled at for their beauty and fragility. However, many individuals often do not realize the integral role that coral reefs play both as a protection mechanism to coastlines and as a home for 25 percent of all marine life. While the coral reefs are vital for the survival of a vast array of organisms, there must be serious reductions to carbon emissions within the next decade to ensure the survival of these biologically diverse ecosystems.

As a result of excess greenhouse gases that are released into the environment, the worst coral bleaching event in recorded history has hit every major coral region on Earth since 2014, according to a recent study by The Guardian. In fact, 50 percent of coral reefs are endangered due to this chemical imbalance in the atmosphere and See CORAL-5
**The issue on Boston's rent:**

Study provides evidence of transgender, gender non-conforming discrimination

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A recent study conducted by the Suffolk Law School Housing Discrimination Testing Program (HDTP) has revealed that the U.S. Housing and Urban Development in Massachusetts anti-discrimination laws have failed transgender and gender non-conforming citizens who are looking for rentals in the Greater Boston area.

This study, which was designed to study discrimination in the rental housing market, is significant according to the Director of HDTP William Berman, because it provides evidence that discrimination still occurs in the Greater Boston area, which is a liberal area in a state that has banned this type of discrimination.

Transgender is a term usually reserved for those who identify as a gender different from the one they were assigned at birth, while gender non-conforming is a term used by people who do not ascribe to gender roles and stereotypes.

The pairs of testers were sent to apartments to conduct the search process, as if they were actually looking to secure the apartment. The PC testers were instructed to disclose their gender identities to the housing provider to ensure the variable was present during the test. The pairs then recorded their experiences in detailed reports after the interaction. This information was used by AG to develop statistical analysis reports.

"We're not finding that people are being denied the opportunity to submit an application, because we weren't doing that," said Langowski in an interview with The Suffolk Journal following the presentation. "What we're finding is that up to that point there are high levels of negative treatment and people are not receiving the same level of customer service."

"And now our jobs are at risk again," said Soto. "No one is safe."

"It is concerning that a lot of employees don't see the need for the union. I personally am too in this department, and of course there are a lot of benefits to working here," said Fish. "But I think overall, just having a union will legally give us a voice and we'll be able to bargain for a contract and have a say in the way things are run around here."

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Political Pulse:
Suffolk professors weigh in on tax reform

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President Donald Trump announced the Republican tax plan on Sept. 28 in Indianapolis. He characterized it as "a once-in-a-generation opportunity," that will end up being "the largest tax cut in our country's history."

Dr. Michaele Morrow, an associate professor of accounting at Suffolk University, did not characterize the Republican tax plan the same way as Trump in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal.

"Everything that the Republicans are proposing will increase the national debt, which has long-lasting effects that should be of significant concern to Suffolk students," said Morrow.

Congressional Republicans and the Trump Administration have made tax reform a priority. Their proposed plan offered very few details, and has left supporters excited and experts puzzled.

Dr. James Angelini, associate professor of tax accounting and director of the Masters of Science in Taxation (MST) program at Suffolk University, did say that college students should pay attention to how taxes interact with student loans, tuition and scholarships.

Both professors agreed that while the tax plan may seek simplification, its results are complicated.

One aspect of the Republican plan changes the number of tax brackets from seven to three. Based on income, individuals will be taxed at either 12 percent, 25 percent, or 35 percent. The plan does not specify who is subject to these new brackets, creating uncertainty.

While it is unclear how the tax plan will affect upper, middle and lower class Americans without analyzing the specific policy choices, Morrow believes that the proposal to change the standard deduction and dependency exemption will have a large negative impact on single parents and families with multiple children.

The Republican tax plan would also eliminate the estate tax, referred to informally as the "Death tax." According to Internal Revenue Service data from October, the estate tax applies to the transfer of property worth more than $5,490,000 an heir at the time of the owner's death.

"The estate tax generates a very minor amount of tax revenue (.6 percent), so the budget impact would be small," said Angelini. "Therefore, eliminating the estate tax does look like a tax cut for the rich (President Trump included!). But, is it a fair tax to begin with? In many cases it is double taxation on assets that have already been depleted by a lifetime of paying taxes."

The center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that repealing the estate tax would result in $3 million tax cuts for wealthy heirs, and only affect 0.2 percent of American estates.

Morrow said repealing the estate tax would result in decreased revenue and increased income inequality.

The Massachusetts state legislature has been working on their own tax reform with regards to a constitutional amendment to impose a "millionaire's tax." Morrow said that "millionaire's tax" would call for an extra 4 percent tax on incomes over $1 million in the commonwealth, with the revenue going towards education and infrastructure initiatives.

While the House and Senate decided in June of this year to put the amendment on the 2018 ballot, the measure could be blocked in a legal battle by influential business groups, according to the Boston Globe.

Massachusetts has historically been nicknamed "Taxachusetts" for the reputation of high taxes, but the commonwealth ranks 18th out of the 50 states for tax burden by state, with the revenue going towards education and infrastructure initiatives.

Through Reconciliation, a legislative process that curtails traditional rules, Congressional Republicans can uphold the "Pledge" through simple majority. Even so, any changes, passed or bills that could add to the deficit, such measures will expire after 10 years.

"If they could get 60 votes [in the Senate] the changes would be permanent, which is much better tax policy, but that would require some Democratic support," said Angelini.

Angelini fears uncertainty will create more chaos if retroactive laws are pushed through during reconciliation; meaning that tax policies passed in November of this year could affect filing for the entire year.

Retroactive laws create uncertainty for taxpayers who rely on consistency and validity of current law.

While he acknowledges that the research is mixed on whether cutting or raising taxes leads to growth, Angelini said he believes a result of Congress' inability to pass a tax policy by 2018 would perpetuate slow economic growth.

Morrow added that both Republicans and Democrats are to blame for the failure to pass effective tax reform that would deal with government spending.

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Angelini offered that Congress should pursue business tax reform as a more certain means to grow the economy.

Angelini argued that the current corporate tax system is pushing businesses offshore, stifling international competition and limiting immigration.

Morrow and Angelini agreed that a conversation on the national debt, with some sort of entitlement reform, is necessary to the tax policy conversation.

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Regional apparel company pledges grants for young activists

Still-Legal Apparel for the Next Four Years, has planned to give grants to young resistance leaders and organizations and efforts which have stemmed from the election of President Donald Trump. These grants of $1000 will go to resistance leaders of the region, according to a recent press release. Activists aged 13 to 30 are eligible to receive this "hug from the community," in order to support their fight. "We support young people leading the way on issues like climate protection, support for science, press freedoms, protection for Dreamers, and the values of compassion and tolerance. These brave and peaceful activities need to know we're behind them," said Still-Legal Founder Jim Stahl according to the press release. With the Rhode Island businesses and philanthropies partner with Still-Legal and Swampanee-native Stahl, According to the press release, Stahl said that approximately every 150 shirts sold, that of which read phrases such as "Teach Science While It's Still Legal," and "Tolerance While it's Still Legal," fund one grant.

Walsh far beyond Jackson in polls

With the city's general election a mere two weeks away, Mayor Walsh keeps a full 35 point lead over his opponent, District 7 City Councilor Tito Jackson. Walsh can attribute the lead to the 58 percent of voters who chose him over Jackson's 23 percent, leaving 17 percent undecided. Walsh's lead can be attributed to his success in his first term, as he has been able to keep his favorability rating at 69 percent. David Paleologos, the Suffolk University Political Research Center commented on Walsh's popularity, "Despite dissatisfaction on issues like the price of housing and the cost of living in Boston, voters don't appear to be blaming Walsh," said Paleologos. "The poll is a powerful validation of Mayor Walsh's first term in office."

Community outreach has proved to be a huge prop for winning the opportunity to be mayor, as 50 percent of those polled have personally met Walsh while 35 percent have either never met Jackson or do not have enough information to develop an opinion on him.

Amazon looks to Boston

Last month, Amazon, holding its place as one of the five most valuable companies in the world, announced that they were searching for a new location in the US, outside of their original in Seattle, Wa. The company is promising five billion dollars worth of construction as well as 50,000 jobs. These benefits, along with the promise of having a multi-billion dollar company in your backyard, has spurred more than 50 major cities to plan a bid, according to Business Insider. Charlie Baker, the current Massachusetts Governor says that his department will not stand with an specific part of the state, "We're not going to partner with any particular [locale], because there's a lot of different folks who are interested in submitting proposals, and God bless em, we're going to do it," said the Governor to WBUR. Towns from Boston to Billerica plan to submit proposals, with each describing what they could offer to the big name company.

Lubofsky opens eyes to scientific journalism

Kyle Crozier / Senior Staff Writer

Bridging the academic fields of environmental science and journalism, the science-writer and Massachusetts resident Evan Lubofsky captivated a room full of science and journalism students while speaking at Suffolk University about his profession, as a science writer and what some of his favorite experiences have been working in his field. Lubofsky also discussed why some students may want to pursue this specific area of journalism and and what first led him into the field.

Having started off his career as a writer for technical publications such as "Sensors Magazine" and "Plumbing and Mechanical Magazine," Lubofsky gained an interest and connection to the sciences, specifically marine sciences. He currently resides in Cape Cod, MA, and freelances most often for "Hakai Magazine," "Oceanus" and "Frontiers in Ecology" which have all won numerous awards for their publications. "Oceanus" has existed for over 60 years, and began as a place to inform more about oceanographic exploration. "Frontiers in Ecology" works closely with the Ecological Society of America and intended to be broad and accessible for readers who are not necessarily scientists themselves.

Without a science background, Lubofsky has traveled to the Bikini Atoll, where the United States detonated 23 nuclear weapons in the 1940's and 50's. Lubofsky also traveled to Northern Israel with scientists studying a unique species of lobster that was being observed to develop cancer, and how climate change was affecting the crustaceans. These two story profiles presented were what gave the name, "Weird Lobsters and Bikinis" to the event.

"For me, just the experience of going with a science team and being immersed in that for the better part of a week is just tremendous," said Lubofsky during the talk.

In an interview with The Suffolk Journal, Lubofsky discussed what role science-writing plays for the scientific community. "It can be used to help make scientific discovery more transparent, [the articles] are pressing for scientists to peel back the layers on their findings and their assertions," explained Lubofsky.

"Journalism is seen by some as a way to inform the public and prevent people in power from controlling the dissemination of information. Lubofsky believes specifically that science writing has a role in making sure that anyone can read and learn about the work scientists are doing, and that the findings of the research have not been over or under-exaggerated. Lubofsky said that for his work, he would like to possibly provide an alternate and truthful source for the general public to receive scientific information.

Lubofsky said that not being familiar with many of the topics he writes about can actually be more of a positive, as it forces his interviewees to explain their work a little more clearly than they might have otherwise. In an interview with The Suffolk Journal, Lubofsky said that he has had articles have to be more easily read and comprehended by an audience who may not otherwise have a background in the advanced topics he discusses.

"The scientists are not always thinking about general audiences and how they're explaining what they're doing in a simple way," said Lubofsky.

Lubofsky explained this can also be an advantage for the scientists, as they are provided with an outlet where they can publish their findings and have them be read by people who may not have otherwise been exposed to the subject.

Katherine Lawlor, a junior at Suffolk University pursuing an environmental science major, attended the event. In an interview with The Suffolk Journal, Lawlor expressed some surprise to hear Lubofsky did not have a background in science.

"I was a bit thrown off that almost anyone can be a science-journalist and they don't have to have a science background. I like that people who don't have science backgrounds are interested in science," said Lawlor.

Lubofsky continued, saying that she found his story about the nuclear testing in the Bikini Atoll to be very interesting. Also, that she could understand how it could prove useful in certain situations to have someone writing that needed to understand the basics of the topic, to make it more accessible for everyone to read about.

Citing his travels as one of the many perks of choosing science-writing over other topics, Lubofsky also presented the many opportunities that can exist for science-writing, including: a wide range of specific topics such as space, psychology and nature. This branch of journalism can also be lucrative, reaching an up to two dollars per word maximum for an article depending on the publication, although Lubofsky emphasized that this was not his primary motivation for entering the field.

One of his all-time favorite areas to write about has been marine archaeology, where he has examined research and studies surrounding a shipwreck from the civil war, concerns about the damage to shipwreck locations by modern fishing trawlers and new technology to better research the ocean floor.

"I would like to do more feature writing on marine archaeology. I am just really developing a love for that intersection between science and history. If there was one area I have my eyes set on, it's doing more of that," said Lubofsky.
Coral on brink of extinction as ocean temps rise

From CORAL - 1 oceans.

“The ocean is a vast, empty space for the most part and coral reefs are seen as an oasis in the large expanse,” said Matthew Pfenningstiel, a Visitor Educator at the New England Aquarium (NEAQ) in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. “Think of the ocean as a desert and the coral reefs as a watering hole, and vegetation.”

Numerous Suffolk professors feel that it is crucial for society to be aware of global warming and how it is impacting the coral reefs and essential human needs.

Associate Biology Professor Carl Merrill recommended to “keep talking” about climate change and to encourage individuals to think more about fossil fuels and to consider how they can decrease their own usage, in a recent interview with The Journal.

“The education has been lacking in following the science on climate change,” said Instructor Anurag Sharma in an interview with The Journal. “High school teachers are still teaching the science I learned 50 years ago. There need to be more changes so that we create a population that is equipped to follow the data.”

In June, Governor Charlie Baker signed Massachusetts back into the Paris Agreement after President Donald Trump removed the United States from the accord.

The Paris Accord established certain caps on carbon emissions. Now that the U.S. is no longer apart of the Accord, many are concerned that this could potentially be disastrous for the future of the planet.

“Pulling out of the Paris Accord definitely changes things. It’s quite a bit,” said Chemistry and Biochemistry Professor Emerita Martha Richmond.

Suffolk students have also agreed with Richmond that pulling out of the Paris accord could have a seriously detrimental impact on the environment.

“There should be more of a concern for climate change,” said senior History and International Relations major Katarina D’Placido. “It will definitely make more evident soon and then there will be more effects on humans. That’s when we’ll see people want to make changes, but by then it might be too late.”

The current state of the American government has many worried about the long-term consequences the planet may end up suffering if environmental protection regulations are not established or enforced.

“I’m said that our federal government isn’t doing anything to help the environment that we depend on for survival,” said sophomore Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) major Maddison Migrola.

Some students feel that the political orientation of the state will influence how certain cities will enact policies regarding climate change.

“I feel like mostly Republican states are relied on in how they enforce environmental regulations which could end up negatively affecting people,” said sophomore PPE and Environmental Studies major Lydia Gottwald.

“I feel like the blue states this may be a call-to-action because they are joining the Paris Accord as individual states.”

Unless there are serious attempts to control carbon emissions, practically all coral reef systems will be dead by 2100, according to National Geographic. It is important for nations to act now more than ever to reduce the production of greenhouse gases in order to save an ecosystem that supports not only 25 percent of ocean life, but also a significant amount of human life as well, according to National Geographic.

“The food source is going to disappear,” said Sharma. “All this pollution affects the quality of the water, the sustainability of food, the fishing industry and the sea level.”

Pfenningstiel emphasized that seafood is a nutritional necessity for parts of the world, therefore climate change will ultimately affect how a portion of humans receive their food source.

Sharma told The Journal that coral are dying at a rate that has “never happened in the history we are able to document.”

Coral are self-sustaining organisms until their environment is altered by some external force - specifically warmer water. Zooxanthellae is the type of algae found in coral that keeps it alive by providing it with food and sugars to survive. When the temperature elevates in an area where there are coral reefs, zooxanthellae is then extracted from the coral thus creating thermal stress, therefore bleaching the corals with no hope of complete restoration, according to sources.

The coral then becomes a dull white color since the zooxanthellae gives the reef its pigments of pastel colors. If the coral is a neon color, it is in the first stages of bleaching.

Water gets warm as a result of carbon emissions being released into the atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels, coastal erosion, the sea level rising, changes in climate change processes, altered ocean currents and ocean acidification.

“Carbon dioxide is like a blanket that envelops the Earth and makes it warmer,” said Pfenningstiel. “By making the Earth warmer, the water’s temperature will increase and just a couple of degrees can affect coral reefs around the world.”

Coral reef systems will be dead by 2100, according to Richmond.

Merrill explained that the ocean’s pH level has grown from .03 to .041 in just two decades. The pH level has gone down .001 in the last year, which may not seem like a lot until compared to the stability of the number for centuries, said Merrill.

Many scientists have become frustrated with this issue because of how little control they have over it. Regardless of how much research is done on coral bleaching, it is almost impossible to alter the behavior of society in a way that has the potential to halt coral bleaching entirely.

Yesterday, the current state of the globe. Despite policy emerging from Capitol Hill, members of the Suffolk community remain concerned and weary of the future of the Earth’s oceans.

“Because climate change is a relatively new subject, people don’t really know much about it right now,” said D’Placido. “There should be more of a concern for climate change, before it’s too late.”

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Retired Admiral condemns partisan politics

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Confronting global challenges of North Korea to the environment, retired Admiral James G. Stavridis laid out the issues the world is facing and possible solutions at World Boston's 8th Annual Consuls Reception. The event was attended by nearly 60 members of the local Consular Corps and nearly 200 leaders from different sectors of society.

During the 2016 Presidential Election, Hillary Clinton considered Stavridis a potential Vice-Presidential pick, and he was under consideration for Secretary of State by the Trump administration. Both were impressed by Stavridis' career in the Navy, and his involvement with the academic spheres of international relations.

Worried about the polarization of U.S. politics, Stavridis has not been a stranger to the political field. He has worked towards bridging the gap between the two parties. "I feel good about being enough of a centrist that both parties look at me realistically for a very senior job," said Stavridis.

A registered independent, Stavridis mentioned that he has voted across the aisle throughout the years. Dedicated his whole life to military service, he stressed the importance of putting the nation first.

"We need more Americans that are less party identified, and more identified on what is right with the country," said Stavridis.

Admiral Stavridis was responsible for Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Balkans, Piracy, and Cyber Security. He was also in command of 200,000 members of U.S. armed forces, and that he "had access to three million armed forces members through NATO partners."

Currently the dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, the Admiral is also an associate member of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). "The GCSP is focused on bringing together communities and interests to discuss major issues facing the world," said Stavridis.

He has also published several books, including one on the role of the world's oceans in geopolitics. During his speech, Stavridis warned about the global world order returning to a state of conflict that led to World War I and World War II. He added that the backward shift occurred because nations became complacent, thinking that great power politics would not return again.

"Tension, competition, verging towards conflict... Between United States, China, Russia, and [the] European Union," said Stavridis.

To prevent the return of great power politics, Stavridis highlighted the importance of understanding the perspective of other nations. "We must listen to our opponents we need to understand Russia's views, China's historical claims we don't have to agree with but we have to listen more," said Stavridis.

Another subject that the Admiral touched upon was the tension on the Korean Peninsula.

"There is at ten percent chance that we will end up in an all-out war," said Stavridis. While ten percent is a general percentage given the potential use of a nuclear weapons in a conflict, Stavridis argued that it is most likely the conflict will end diplomatically. If an incident occurs, Stavridis believed that it would most likely be a minor one, rather than a nuclear conflict.

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WORLD BRIEFS

JAPAN RE-ELECTS PRIME MINISTER ABE

Japan re-elected Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in a landslide victory in Sunday's general election. Abe's ruling party has retained a two-thirds majority the country's parliament and the estimated voter turnout Sunday was just below 54 percent, multiple news sources reported. Abe said in a post-election press conference that the overwhelming vote of support represented a "historic" level of public confidence in him and his policies, including the revision of the pacifist constitution, according to BBC. He has previously called for confidence in him and his policies, including the revision of the pacifist constitution.

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ISLAMIC STATE FIGHTERS RETURN HOME

More than 5,600 supporters of the so-called Islamic State (IS) have allegedly returned to their home countries after IS lost ground in Iraq and Syria. The Soufan Center, a U.S.-based think-tank, has announced that 33 states have reported arrivals in the last two years. This included approximately half of the 850 individuals who have left the UK to allegedly join IS, 400 of the 3,417 fighters from Russia, 760 of the 3,244 from Saudi Arabia, 800 of the 2,926 from Tunisia and 800 of the 2,926. The study stated Russia has sent the most foreign fighters to IS to date. The Soufan Center's report also stated that IS's flow of foreign fighters stalled out in the late 2015, as IS began to suffer defeats. The data recovery that followed the recent fall to IS to date. The Soufan Center's report also stated that IS's flow of foreign fighters stalled out in the late 2015, as IS began to suffer defeats. The data recovery that followed the recent fall

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Director Rob Reiner brings LBJ to life in new film

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It has been half a century since the enactment of the Civil Rights Act, which ended segregation in public places and made employment discrimination illegal. The act was proposed by President John F. Kennedy, and shortly after his tragic death, President Lyndon B. Johnson pursued Kennedy's proposal. More than 50 years later, America is once again torn and destroyed by racial violence. The "LBJ" film is based on a crucial moment in America right now because this movie reflects the American spirit wanting to move toward racial equality and put an end to racial violence and discrimination.

Woody Harrelson takes on the role of a historical American figure who was deeply insecure, politically driven and faced with unimaginable odds; Lyndon B. Johnson. "LBJ" is a political-drama film, which premiered at the Brattle Theatre on Wednesday. The movie was directed by Rob Reiner whose intention in producing this film was to show the political turmoil that Vice President LBJ was faced with after the assassination of Kennedy said Reiner. The film captured this pivotal moment in American history by showing it through the lens of Johnson, in addition to exploiting the true essence of his character, his motivations and his legacy.

Reiner expressed the significance behind focusing the plot of the film on an extremely precise and short span of LBJ's career. "I figured if we could hone in on the time of his life when he was under the most pressure, that would really tease out who he was," said Reiner in an interview that followed the screening of "LBJ." Woody Harrelson starred as Lyndon B. Johnson and took on the role of a man who was propelled into the presidency by the means of an assassin's bullet.

In the Interview which followed the private viewing of the film, Harrelson said, "I think at this time in his life he suddenly had the power thrusted upon him and he decided to use it for a good thing. He knew it was time to push forward the Civil Rights Act."

The film was inspired by Johnson's dear friend and prior co-worker Doris Kearns Goodwin's biography, "Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream."

"Doris' insight to LBJ gave us the full picture of who this man was," said Reiner. Goodwin discussed her relationship to Johnson and declared that it was "eerie" for her to see him come to life again in this film. "What the film captures, which is so important, is that his presidency is the tale of two presidents," said Goodwin. Doris Kearns Goodwin stated what she believed to be true of Johnson, "the convictions he had for wanting to use power for something that mattered were absolutely real."

"LBJ" is a political-biography, "Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream."

Reiner expressed that his main goal of Reiner's, who was deeply insecure, politically driven and economically for the country deserves to be remembered, said Goodwin. This film achieves just that; his legacy is certainly being reintroduced and a memory brought back to life. "LBJ" is set to be released on Nov. 3.

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In a Suffolk cafeteria, far far away...

The ninth annual Suffolk University Dinner Theatre's latest installment "Star Wars Episode: Murder," was a phenomenal display of talent by Suffolk students, despite slight audio issues.

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In a society driven by instant gratification, it's easy to get swept up in the dramatizations and dissatisfaction when something is not put into a user-patiently waiting hands. Such is the millennial lifestyle. Those who grew up in the digital age, so to speak, have come to rely heavily on technology that a borderline dependency has occurred. It's needed for art, entertainment, math and scientific discovery, yet when it's needed to work immediately and it doesn't perform in the desired way, the first reaction is disdain and disappointment.

At Suffolk, University students and faculty alike have come to appreciate the technology at immediate disposal. Broadcast journalism students have access to digital cameras and editing software, biology and chemistry majors have access to various lab equipment and the theater and performing arts students are dependent on microphones and speaker systems to help deliver their lines and lyrics. Yet when a piece of respective technology fails, it becomes a disappointment on all fronts.

For Suffolk's Performing Arts Office, the students who participate in productions like the annual Dinner Theatre, performers know and expect equipment to work in order to deliver top quality performances. What was incredibly disappointing was the lack of audio that was prevalent in this year's 9th annual Dinner Theatre "Star Wars Episode: Murder." A murder mystery set to a spoofed Star Wars installment, the plot followed classic characters Indie Solo played by Logan Auman, Princess Diana by Summer Erickson, Duke Craytler by Donovan Skepple and Darth Padre Kemal Beyazt as they try to solve the murder of Kobe-Wan Kenobi by Jonathan Smalls. Well-cast, the production had everything from soup to nuts - literally. A three-course meal provided by Sodexo was interspersed between acts of comedy and singing. Yet, the ultimate downfall was ironically enough, the lack of audio. Spoofed songs from hit films like "Moana" and "Frozen" were difficult to understand as the lyrics from the characters were drowned out in the booming melodies from the sound systems.

Performing Arts Office Assistant Director Kathy Maloney told The Suffolk Journal that the use of microphones is difficult in performances like Dinner Theatre due to the competing feedback between the microphones and the actors.
Audio issues impact Dinner Theatre

Despite spectacular performances by the cast, over-powering audio from the surround-sound speaker system interrupted the overall performances.

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Copy Editor

On any given Wednesday night at the Cantab Lounge in Cambridge, one can pay three dollars fee, present an ID and make way through the doorway, past the bar full of locals and the five 50-something-year-old members of the local band of the night, and down the arguably questionable stairs to the basement where song-like rhythm and words come together, in the world of slam poetry. Upon entering the basement, one becomes engulfed in the world of the Cantab. A world of acceptance of differences which provides a platform for those to express emotions toward the oppression of those differences. People from all walks of life, ranging from MIT profs to students to the homeless, gathered to hear the artistic expression of life experiences formed from instances from the everyday to the unique. The venue is not glamorous, one visit to the restrooms will reveal that, but this only adds to the experience, as distractions are limited to completely focus on the poet’s words and their artistic expression. The night began with an open mic, where members from the audience are free to test their stage presence as well as their poetry in front of the group, possibly creating the foundations for the poetry slam following or just there for the moment. After this open mic, the group takes a quick break, and then reconvened to hear the work of the featured poet. This past Wednesday, the featured poet was Zenaida Peterson, whose focus was primarily around civil rights and gender, using current and historical events to further a personal stance on civil rights. For gender, Peterson focused on a personal journey to a current identification as a queer, non-binary person describing both the hardship ranged from society as well as Peterson’s personal experience with audible conversation. Complete with groan-worthy “dad jokes.” Peterson’s voice projections from cast members over the surround-sound speaker system, the enthusiastic and committed actors gave a phenomenal performance.

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The winner this week will move on to the "Champion Slam," which is being held on the last Wednesday of every month. The Cantab on Wednesday, Oct 25.

Audio issues impact Dinner Theatre

"An understandable limitation to an otherwise spectacular performance, it was disappointing when the actors were not able to display their range of artistic abilities due to a lack of sound."

Despite spectacular performances by the cast, over-powering audio from the surround-sound speaker system interrupted the overall performances.

Ashley Ceravone as Vizzini the Hutt and D.J. Fabrizio as Maz Hausemann converse during the hysterics of the realization of the murder of Kobe-Wan Renobi.

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The demise of the coal industry is inevitable

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The American coal industry was at one time considered to be the picture-perfect and most patriotic career choice available in rural communities. This image has been displaced in the last century, as hundreds of thousands have lost their jobs in a field of work that continues to innovate and automate to a point where human labor is at an all-time low. While many directly impacted by this downward slope in employment see it as an attack on their livelihoods, a basic understanding of the history and growth of coal mining shows it is a logical step forward to reduce the number of coal miners. Those involved in the industry seem to believe that the government, or worse that there are those actively seeking the demise of the industry and those who rely on its continued existence, has smothered work with coal. It is true that the focus of many, both in the private sector and in the government, has shifted away from these individuals, but not as a result of malice. Instead, the coal industry suffered two powerful and fatal blows: the true health impact of a coal-fueled energy system has come to light, and the labor has become incredibly mechanized as companies seek the most efficient methods. Beyond

Terrorism, natural disasters and mass shootings; these are the horrors that societies everywhere are dealing with and hearing about on a regular basis. Americans pick up their newspapers, computers and phones to see tear-jerking headlines. While the coverage of the grief is necessary, flooding headlines and a page with extensive articles about the wrongful and minor transgressions in speech is not necessary. As far as violent news coverage goes, it is fair to acknowledge that the “if it bleeds it earns” mentality and marketing scheme exists among many media outlets. People do want to hear about the sinister events of the time, but not every day or every week should the front page be loaded with strictly the cynical details of the story. It's important for the general population to be well informed about events such as disasters and shootings, but the media needs to create more space page to cover other disciplines, such as technological advances that may become relevant to citizens in the future. It's the media's responsibility to cover these shootings and attacks, but not to obsess themselves with them.

Furthermore, informing the public consistently on exclusively saddening aspects of a story as opposed to general information of why the events occurred, while also neglecting to cover more relevant stories, has been an issue. Recently, there has been mass fixation of the media on Trump and his cabinet, and the constant coverage of every minor transgression in speech from Trump or the administration does not need to be front page all the time. There are plenty of other subjects to discuss as opposed to every controversial statement from the current presidency, and the media should broaden their views and talk more about actions the administration is taking, not always the rhetoric. While the coverage of the president is important, flooding headlines and a page with extensive articles about the sinister events of the time is not necessary. As far as violent news coverage goes, it is fair to acknowledge that the “if it bleeds it earns” mentality and marketing scheme exists among many media outlets. People do want to hear about the sinister events of the time, but not every day or every week should the front page be loaded with strictly the cynical details of the story. It's important for the general population to be well informed about events such as disasters and shootings, but the media needs to create more space page to cover other disciplines, such as technological advances that may become relevant to citizens in the future. It's the media's responsibility to cover these shootings and attacks, but not to obsess themselves with them.

Furthermore, it is also the responsibility of the media to do everything in their power to report the true intentions and reasons for why the U.S. is involved in certain events both home and abroad, and encourage a high level of transparency between the government and the general public.

While the headlines blow up over National Football League (NFL) players simply taking a knee in protest, which though controversial is constitutionally protected right, front pages everywhere could have been filled with stories of regarding the decades wars in Iraq or Afghanistan. These are conflicts the citizens of the U.S. deserve to known more about, and not always in job stories, but updates on the actions being took in the region, or how the U.S. is progressing to finalize its efforts, which would be much more relatable to readers.

At the beginning of a catastrophe, the coverage is intense and in great quantity; however, as time goes on, coverage often slowly declines, while the actual developments worth covering that gain light coverage or uncovered altogether.

The Trump administration is troubled, now move on.
Appropriation can be avoided on Halloween

Think twice before choosing a costume that represents a culture one is not a part of.

Elvira Mora
Journal Staff

A "Day of the Dead Senorita Costume" is an actual title of a garment for women on an online store on Halloween. The Mexican holiday, "Dia de los Muertos," also known as Day of the Dead in the United States, is reduced to a bodysuit with the appearance of a candy skull stamped with a flashing price tag. The Mexican holiday is meant to highlight the life of those loved ones who have passed and is traditional to decorate burials with bright colors, photographs, candles and an ample amount of food. Race and ethnicity play a significant role in defining cultural appropriation. In those aspects, an individual is able to connect with one's culture and identity. No appropriating is not about being "politically correct." It is about supporting someone's identity and not diminishing it to a night of dress up. By choosing to purchase and wear an outfit that imitates a culture that one doesn't know about further perpetuates racial stereotypes. The term "gypsy" needs to be removed from a number of madam characters. No one should be sold. It is crucial to do so in a manner where your outfit isn't insensitive. One should think before choosing a costume, do a little research.

Despite Trump's efforts, jobs in coal cannot be recreated

From COAL - 9

The health concerns that influence the public view of coal-based energy, the economic incentive to step away from hand-extraction and instead pursue automation solutions has been too enticing for many companies.

Although the demand for coal has not seen an enormous decline, as the Annual Coal Report from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows, coal miners have transformed from being nearly 800,000 strong in the 1920s, to approximately 100,000 today. The demand for jobs in the coal industry has not succeeded in competing with the demand for efficiency.

President Donald Trump has taken a stand throughout his campaign and presidency against regulation on the coal industry by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to boost regulation and incentives that have led the country away from the carbon emission. heavy coal and oil-centered energy production. The Clean Air Act of 1970 has been one of the first lines of defense against the threat of air pollution. The Clean Power Plan (CPP) was established by the EPA and the Obama Administration to work with regulation in the Clean Air Act to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by 32 percent in just 15 years. This month, Trump announced a repeal of the CPP as part of his expected executive order in "Energy Independence." This action is a direct continuation of his campaign when campaigning to reinvigorate the coal industry by relieving regulations that limit how much coal can be consumed in the country.

The only benefits that will be received is a result of this change in policy will be the continued support and votes of those rural coal workers. One only believe the only obstacle in being employed are government regulations like this. Trump's move fails to address any of the negative health and environmental impacts of "Creating the coal industry, and will not stop the increased automation of coal extraction that has truly been taking away coal workers' jobs.

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Lady Rams chip away at history

From GOLF - 1

"When we all came into the lounge after the second day of the tournament, we saw [coach Parker] and he had the biggest smile on his face and we immediately ran up to the scoreboard and said that we won," said Chapman in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "I felt so proud of my team and was excited to hold our plaque."

Head coach Jay Parker was euphoric with the result of the NEIGA championship, admitting that he did not expect the team to be that successful. "I can't say that going into the final tournament, I thought we were the favorite," said Parker in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal.

All six golfers for the Lady Rams finished within the top 12 spots of the tournament. Freshman Nicole Antonucci led the way for the Lady Rams, scoring a total of 181 strokes over the two days of the tournament, placing her fourth overall. Some other top finishers included junior Mackenzie McGrath with a score of 182, putting her at fifth overall in the tournament and freshman Brooke Chapman, scoring a 183.

"To have some of them play their best rounds at the end of the season, it just shows how far they've come," said Parker.

Antonucci, McGrath and Chapman were all allocated the individual All-NEIGA award after their outstanding performances. Not only had this been the first time in Suffolk women's golf history that this feat was achieved, but the first time in Suffolk University's golf program's history that this award had been given to any individual.

McGrath said in a recent interview with The Journal that she and her teammates knew they had to perform exceptionally. If the Lady Rams wanted to take home hardware, by winning all-NEIGA along with Antonucci and Chapman, McGrath feels the team accomplished that.

Parker said that the accomplishments of the three golfers showed the improvement the Lady Rams had experienced over the course of the fall campaign. Parker went on to explain that the team's fifth and sixth positioned golfers, Antonucci and McGrath, ended up third and fourth overall in the tournament, noting just how amazing the weekend was for the team.

Parker has been involved with Suffolk's athletic department for nearly 20 years. More recently, he was named head coach for the Lady Rams' golf team when the program began in 2016.

"I don't think the team would have gotten this far without coach Parker," said freshman Olivia Spiega in a recent interview with The Journal. "I have to give a lot of credit to his amazing coaching and bringing the team together."

Although the Lady Rams may have surprised other teams, the golfers expected this outcome. "Based off of how our prior tournaments went and how we stacked up against the competition, we knew this was ours to win," said McGrath.

Champman went into detail about how the team stepped up to the plate after holding a smaller lead in the first day of the tournament.

"Going into the second day, we only had an eight stroke lead. We knew that we had to play really well the second day," said Champman.

Antonucci was confident in the Lady Rams successes from this season and was looking forward to the next season.

"I thought it was amazing that we won the conference," said Antonucci in a recent interview with The Journal. "I do have higher expectations for next year, because we are so young we will only improve."

The season never ends for this ambitious squad. Off-season conditioning will begin next week as the Lady Rams prepare for an attempt at defending their NEIGA crown next season.

Lady Rams' offense kick into gear for season finale

From RAMS - 12

Harmon was voted Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) rookie of the year, and she began to love her school as well. "Boston became my home. Moving across the country was the best decision of my life," said Harmon in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal.

Harmon continued to be a significant member of team all the way through her senior season. Harmon recorded five goals this year, all of them meaning something very special to her. In a match against Pine Manor College, Harmon's mom flew in from California to watch her daughter play. Harmon did not disappoint, as she netted three goals for a hat trick with her mom cheering her on in the crowd.

"The most important thing for me was that my mom was able to see those goals," said Harmon. "I would not be where I am today without her. I owe all my success to her and I hope I can become half of the woman she is."

This season, Harmon started every game, becoming a team leader on and off the field. The senior will finish up her career at Suffolk with 22 goals and 57 points.

"Anyone could go to them for support on or off the field," said sophomore teammate Emerson Wilkins in a recent interview with The Journal. "Their encouragement helped our team become stronger so we were able to overcome our struggles."

The women's soccer team is currently 7-8 and earned a spot as the eighth seed in the GNAC tournament. The Lady Rams await where and when they will play the tournament's first seed.
Three women's soccer seniors score hat tricks

Lucky number three

Three women's soccer seniors score hat tricks

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Three Suffolk University women's soccer team seniors finished their regular season careers wearing the same uniform they started in four years ago. Forwards Alexandra Nagri and Jen Martin netted hat tricks in the final regular season game: a 10-0 victory over Mass Maritime Academy.

Forward Jessica Harmon, Nagri and Martin seemed to be finishing up the season on a strong note. All three of them recorded hat tricks in the second half of the season, propelling Suffolk to a late season playoff push.

Nagri started off the hat trick trend on Sept. 30, scoring three goals against Norwich Academy, boosting Suffolk to a 5-3 victory.

Nagri impressed at senior day on Oct. 14, scoring four of Suffolk's five goals in a 5-0 victory over Rivier University. In the very next game Harmon scored three goals of her own, leading Suffolk to a 6-0 victory of Pine Manor College on Oct. 16, one of their more dominant wins of the season.

Nagri's soccer journey started when she was three years old. With an instant love for soccer, she began playing in local leagues before attending Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Nagri's success continued throughout her collegiate career. As a Ram, Nagri netted 45 goals while also contributing 101 points in her collegiate career. She became the second Lady Ram to score at least 100 career points. In her senior season alone, Nagri scored 14 goals with 30 points.

“The school, coaches and team made it really fun and enjoyable to play here. When you enjoy playing, you play your best,” said Nagri.

The women's soccer team lost nine seniors, leaving many open roster spots for next season. Despite losing a big core of their team, Nagri was confident that the legacy her and the team have left behind will continue to grow.

“Getting a hat trick on senior day was extremely special. It was sad coming to a realization our season would be over soon, but winning 5-0 definitely lifted our spirits,” said Martin in a recent interview with The Journal.

Martin finished her Suffolk soccer career with 38 goals and 92 points.

“[My teammates] motivate me both on and off the field and truly inspire me. They are the reason I love playing,” said Martin.

Martin also credited head coach Darren Lloyd for the team’s success as well as helping her grow as an athlete.

“Lloyd taught us never to give up and play for the team, not your individual self. Appreciate every moment you have being a part of this team,” said Martin. “Don't take anything for granted. Before you know it, you’ll be tying up your laces for the last time.”

Harmon may have had a much different start to her soccer career compared to Martin and Nagri, but she certainly is finishing just as strong.

Originally from Orange County, California, Harmon traveled across the country to play soccer for the Lady Rams.

As a freshman, Harmon started in 68th game for women's soccer team.

Jennifer Martin
Started in 68th game for women's soccer team.

Alexandra Nagri
Recorded 100 points for Lady Rams over four years.