Student body looks for next leader
Two executive board members go head-to-head for the presidential ballot. Each accomplished, but who will represent Suffolk?

By Chris DeGusto
News Editor

Robb seeks to become first female president in years
If the upcoming elections result in her favor, Secretary Morgan Robb would become the first female president of Suffolk's Student Government Association (SGA) in six years.

"To be a female president, and what that would mean for our female students, and for even for students of other marginalized identities is a huge thing," said Robb.

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Trupiano seeks to bring campus together
"GRIT." If Logan Trupiano is elected President of Student Government Association (SGA), this is what Suffolk University students can expect.

Running as a team and headed by Trupiano, GRIT will be fighting to mobilize students, to overcome adversity and to make SGA the most involved it has ever been by pushing for students to be more involved in the day-to-day operations of the university.

"We are the consumers here, so we should have the control," said Trupiano in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "Suffolk Environmental Club and the Suffolk Bikes program were examples of these positive impacts."
FROM SUFFOLK TO MARS

Student's class research project results in cutting-edge exploration, including hands-on experience at Mass General Hospital

Jack Thomas, a junior and president of the physics club and co-director of the project, sets up equipment for bubble detector experiment along with Mario Rojas, Paul Johnson and Allen Alfadhel.

By Taylor White
Journal Staff

If you want people to want to go to space and explore and colonize, you have to make it safer.

-Paul Johnson, a McNair Scholar and aspiring radiation engineer

Students of Suffolk's Physics Department are forefronting an ongoing mission just like Armstrong through the group's astronomical research at Mass General Hospital (MGH) in the Clark Center for Radiation Oncology. With the aspiration to safeguard astronaut space travel, the students have challenged one of the most significant issues for astronauts in outer space: radiation. Using methods that could eventually be adapted for the shielding of space radiation, students have been performing measurements to determine the radiation dose from neutrons using equipment also used for the treatment of cancer patients.

Originally proposed as the "Mars Mission Radiation" project, the name switched to the "Suffolk Neutron Scattering Project" once it was determined that Mass General's equipment could be used as a radiation source, an essential component for the group's research on neutrons. The project started from scratch when four senior physics majors set out to search for specifics on radiation. The group's inquiries about Mars focused on the Mars project, NASA's goal of establishing human settlement on Mars in the 2030s. One of the major concerns through this ongoing endeavor has been radiation exposure and planetary rovers have been sent out for decades to gather radiation data to help protect future astronauts. The physics project at MGH was influenced by Paul Johnson, a McNair Scholar and aspiring radiation engineer. Johnson's pinnacle level of inspiration behind this major complication of space radiation not only established his senior project, but also lead the physics group to be one of the first Suffolk physics students (outside of the clinical dosimetry students) to research at MGH. Johnson, a nearly six-year veteran of the U.S. Army as an Army Airborne Infantryman for Long Range Surveillance, said that his passion for space radiation developed during his time at Suffolk when Dr. Johnson told his freshman-level class about the book "The Martian.

"It's [radiation] the most dangerous part of it and if you want people to want to go to space and explore and colonize and make space safer, you have to make it safer," said Paul Johnson.

Having an interest in renewable energy toward the end of his time in the army, he also realized the lack of political and economic involvement towards technology and decided that he wanted to focus on space. His personal investigation for space radiation began a year and a half ago when he proposed the project and started researching more about the Mars project, radiation and making space safer.

"We're down the street from arguably one of the best hospitals on the planet." -Paul Johnson, a McNair Scholar and aspiring radiation engineer

"I realized that space exploration and putting a colony of humans on Mars is kind of a way to show everybody that we're all the same species...and it's a sort of project where everybody is going to be able to come together," said Paul Johnson. In what began during...
Three core seniors who began the project: (left to right) Paul Johnson, Allen Alfadhel and Mario Rojas

The physics group was granted access to use a linear accelerator (LINAC) as a radiation source. The LINAC is used in a way that generates neutrons, and measurements have been performed to map the neutron dose within the LINAC room. Senior Allen Alfadhel believes that this radiation experiment is something very similar to what they're studying neutrons for the Suffolk Radiation Therapy and Medical Dosimetry program. "It's the most involved in physics and the most complicated. It has the computer part which I like and it has the physics part which I also like and then art as well. It's like the things I've been studying and have been practicing all my life really," said Alfadhel.

Alfadhel's primary role within the project is design of apparatus for the detectors and helping to actualize the spectrum of the high energy particles. "It was almost like starting from scratch because we didn't know much about it," said Paul Johnson. Before even considering MGH as a means to conduct the proposed research topic, Johnson said that the major challenge was figuring out how the project would be carried out.

"The worry was, okay, if we want to measure something, how are we going to do it? You need a neutron beam if we're going to measure neutrons. Where are you going to go to get neutrons?" said Dr. Johnson. "That's when I went over to MGH and asked if I could use their machines when they're not being used for research." The physics group was invited to work with the LINAC for the fall 2016 semester, the Suffolk Radiation Therapy and Medical Dosimetry program. The group had the privilege of using, one of two LINACs at MGH that produce the highest energy (15 million electron volts (MeV)) necessary for creating the largest possible number of neutrons. The group manager with Suffolk's Radiation Therapy and Medical Dosimetry program Jack Thomas, Erick Bergstrom, Molly McDonough in Fall 2017. On Oct. 23, seven of all seniors in the physics club and co-director of the project, have been involved with Dr. Johnson's research since the second semester of their sophomore year and was responsible for placement and setup of the equipment during the group's last visit to MGH on Oct. 23.

"The thing that I like the most is that it's completely different as compared to generic undergraduate research," said Thomas. "A lot of this research is usually done by graduate students and undergraduates have very little experience in something like this." Torn between material sciences and medical physics in his future schooling, Thomas believes that the current research at MGH has been a major influence in developing his career path. "It's an experience you're never going to get anywhere else," said Thomas.

The group is essentially using the equipment at MGH to attain a better awareness of what goes on in the natural world, but ultimately learning about medical physics through the process. The different methods of detection such as bubble detectors and foils, have been used to acquire a more complete idea of the neutron energy coming out of the LINAC. This strategy will give a more accurate distribution of where the neutrons are and how many are being absorbed by the material, similar to radiation experienced in space. So far, the group has used the techniques of bubbles detectors and copper foils and the group is still processing and building upon their results.

Four more students were added to the project: Jackson Nolan, Jack Thomas, Erick Bergstrom, Molly McDonough. McDonough is the first freshman and female to step into this project. McDonough said she likes to learn about the medical physics aspect of this current research and sees it as her future career field.

"It's a lot of design and it's absolute, pure physics. A lot of people just do simulations of things that were proven hundreds of years ago, but we actually get to use real equipment and a real linear accelerator which is totally beyond the scope of what I thought I would be doing in undergraduate," said McDonough. She sees no problem with being the only woman of the group and described the group as genuinely inclusive and supportive. "They're extremely impressed with the team's last visit to MGH and continue to be amazed by their endeavors and unwavering motivation for their research. "Watching the students take part in this stuff and get excited about what they're doing and doing these calculations and coming in on the weekends, that's as good as it gets," said Dr. Johnson.
From ROBB - 1

In a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal, Robb acknowledged the long-standing issues that impact a great deal of Suffolk students and said she plans to work on resolutions before aiming to tackle even more. Securing space for students to have club meetings, classrooms and a more suitable theatre for university performances are at the top of Robb’s list.

She explained that she seeks to "inspire the way I [she] was inspired" when she first joined SGA. Having held positions in the organization as a senator, committee chair and her current role on the executive board, Robb’s experience has allowed her insight on a vast array of jobs that SGA conducts.

As someone that has stressed the importance of connecting personally with each member of SGA if elected president, Robb said she wants to make sure each student is able to express themselves uniquely.

"We all know you have strength in numbers, but each individual student should have as much attention as 10 students or five students," said Robb. "If one specific student has a concern or a need that needs to be fulfilled, that should be done."

SGA is an organization that regularly conducts meetings with members of Suffolk administration. Being a voice for the students isn’t enough for Robb, who said she wants to help SGA become a voice of introduction—bring the students to the administration if they have grievances that need addressing.

"I just want to make sure I’m hearing other people and I’m working on their behalf," said Robb. "Nothing fulfills me more than working hard and making sure that someone else feel good and that their life is a bit easier."

From TRUPIANO - 1

should bend our way as opposed to us bending for them."

As treasurer and having held positions on both the finance and academics committee as well as the SGA Review Board (SGARB), Logan said he has seen "just about everything" one can see as a member of SGA.

As president, mobilization of the student body is just one vision for Trupiano. By implementing new groups in SGA such as what he calls the "president's council" those students who are star pupils would have a chance to showcase their abilities in areas not confined to the classroom. Additionally, a diversity council that focuses on inclusion, involving members of the Suffolk community that may not already be involved in SGA would allow "outsiders" to the process of student government a greater voice on campus.

"I always do my best to incorporate everyone involved," said Trupiano. "I really value the people that are around me and I’ve always tried to create a culture of positivity and excitement whenever I’m in any type of leadership role."

Trupiano said having students involved in the disciplinary process is important and that tacking on fines to the money Suffolk students already pay is something he would alter. Additionally, some colleges and universities host student events that permit alcohol to be consumed while in attendance—one key platform for Trupiano.

With elections on the horizon, Trupiano said that this campaign is about speaking out for the students who aren’t usually spoken about.

Trupiano said he wants to “get more engagement by students and change the negative attitude that a lot of Suffolk students have on campus.”
Censorship issue fuels separatist battle in Spain

Suffolk Madrid campus administrator speaks out on removal of art

The installation by Santiago Sierra in Madrid, titled Political Prisoners of Contemporary Spain, which was taken down by Ifema, the convention center that hosts ARCOMadrid.

“There has been a strong influx of nationalistic propaganda among the people, in some instances truly racist.”

- Suffolk student activities coordinator in Madrid, Spain

The nation has remained divided over this issue. Former Barcelona coach and Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola wears a yellow ribbon in support of imprisoned Catalan politicians. He has been charged by the Football Association for doing so.

McAllister noticed an unusual trend following the Oct. 1 vote in Catalonia.

“I was surprised by the sudden upsurge, here in Madrid, of apparent patriotism among Spaniards. Flag waving isn’t really done here in Spain, since it still holds a historical connection to the dictatorship under Francisco Franco,” she said. “I’m just not sure whether people are demonstrating their love of Spanish unity or rather their animosity towards Catalonia.”

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Campus recycling resources remain subpar

From RECYCLE-1

The former recycling initiative put in place by Mattison also allowed to Mattison also allowed to the university to comply with laws like the Massachusetts State Waste Ban and avoid penalties, such as fines, paying hundreds of thousands of dollars of savings, Mattison explained in a statement to The Journal on Monday.

"Since vacating the Sustainability Coordinator position a few years ago, I have been contacted by dozens of (Suffolk) faculty, staff, and students who have been eager to see the sustainability efforts continue and grow," said Mattison.

After Mattison's departure from Suffolk, an undergraduate student Brian Hoeffel sought a similar role, but ended her involvement after less than a year. This past fall semester Suffolk formed the 2018 Sustainability Committee to address areas where the university may be lacking, and where it is succeeding with its sustainability efforts.

This new committee features staff members from departments such as Facilities, Residence Life and Housing, Sodexo and the Center for Urban Ecology and Sustainability.

"The 12-member committee is examining where we have had success and where we can make important improvements in the areas of campus buildings, water conservation, energy efficiency, sustainable dining, tracking of utilities, waste and recycling, community engagement and other areas," said university spokesperson Greg Castilla in a statement to The Suffolk Journal.

Suffolk is currently recycles through "single stream" bins, according to the Suffolk University website. "Single stream" recycling is designed so that reusable materials like paper and plastic do not need to be separated types of reprocessable materials can be placed in the same recycle bin. In 2014, Suffolk's newest academic building, there are 17 waste bins that feature separate slots for both recycling and trash and a divider that allows for the containment of the two different wastes in two different bins. Multiple Journal reporters recently observed instances of a failure to follow through with recycling practices in this new building. It was discovered that more than 40 percent of these bins were missing the divider, resulting in a single bag that collected both trash and recyclables.

"Make sure to separate trash from recycling, as any trash in a recycling bin contaminates the bin making it non-recyclable," Suffolk University's Assistant Director of Facilities Services Ashley Alberts was hired recently and quickly involved in revamping Suffolk's green initiatives. This coincides with her graduate degree in Sustainable and Environmental Management.

"We are looking to get students involved as a community based effort, instead of having mixed messages," said Alberts in a recent interview to The Journal.

Congressmen on Capitol Hill talk life in the American political machine

From CONGRESS-1

Kuykendall reflected on meeting his state legislator when he was a kid from Oklahoma.

"That's where I fell in love with the intricacies of the job. I was running Boston on George McGovern's 1972 campaign," said Kuykendall.

Hoeffel happened when Mattison observed a congressional representative using "the enormous, historic Capitol Building that is fully open, it is a place for members to escape."

"You need two phones," Hoeffel and Kuykendall said in unison, when asked about the intricacies of the job.

More unknown in Washington, D.C. are the next steps for the Democratic and Republican parties following Trump's election. The Republican party needs to recognize the fact that Trump has been a user of our brand and not a very good user in my opinion," said Kuykendall.

"There's a whole lot of things that Republicans stand for that Trump hasn't paid any attention to," Kuykendall.
One of the greater flaws of human existence is the general apathy felt by those who are unsatisfied or disappointed with the turns life can present. This can be applied to any and all walks of life; as what humans experience can shape an outlook on life, personality and character. It's easy to see why burying negative thoughts and memories, rather than dealing with them upfront, is a concept shared by millions worldwide. However, what Suffolk University's Performing Arts Office (PAO) sets out to answer in their latest stage performance, is, "if the world was to end, should those thoughts and memories end alongside it, or should they be breached and solved in time for apologies and closure?"

Last Thursday, the PAO presented "Apocalypso," a play by William Donnelly at Modern Theater, depicting an array of characters attempting to settle scores with one another before New Year's Day. Between Christmas and New Year's Eve, the characters have personal sets of issues to deal with in the event the world does actually end.

To open the show, a woman named Dora, played by sophomore theatre and history major Courtney Langlais, chants "I have a message!" The message being a simple one: the world is going to end.

As this proclamation travels around to the other characters, they all rush to settle their debts with one another before the New Year - but it is not so simple, due to a variety of intertwining relationships between the characters.

Boone and Gin, played by senior public relations major Donovan Skepple and freshman PPE major Ashley Ceravone, respectively, have to work out their differences after being separated. Dwight and Cal, played by freshman psychology and theatre double major Logan Ausmus and junior theatre major Kiley Soulier, respectively, argue over Dwight's whereabouts when he returns home late at night on a regular basis. Fran, played by sophomore journalism major Molly Rodenbush, is faced with telling Boone she has been secretly seeing Gin behind his back after their breakup.

“A well-developed and sinister plot line of deception, lying and double-crossing, the show creates a true, realistic image of what trying to fix personal relationships really entails.”

“THE END OF THE WORLD
AS THEY KNOW IT”
Arts Commentary

Yo Adrian, I’m still breathing! Death hoaxes in the digital age

By Jacquelyn Jarnagin,
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Actor Sylvester Stallone fought rumors of his death last week after an internet hoax surfaced on social media, stating he had passed away from prostate cancer.

While the origins of the rumor are unclear, thousands of posts on Facebook and Twitter were shared by people around the world, including71-year-old Frank Stallone, Sylvester’s brother.

Surprisingly, however, this is not the first time Stallone was rumored to be dead. In 2016, Stallone posted a screenshot of several photos added by Facebook user Torrealba Daniel. According to BBC News, Daniel used fake photos of Stallone and wrote a caption that said the actor tried to keep his illness private.

"People ignore this stupidity," Stallone wrote for his Instagram post. "Alive and well and happy and healthy...Still punching!"

While Stallone was comfortable enough to move on from the controversy, his brother Frank Stallone was deeply affected by the false claims and the rumors.

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Three kinds of hoaxes have been around long before the internet was invented; but as social media dominates, these hoaxes have become more common and more believable among heavy Internet users.

The victims of death hoaxes are typically celebrities or politicians. Others who have been falsely killed off by the internet include Mark Hamill of "Star Wars" and pop star Britney Spears.

It is important to remember that people who go on the internet and lie are simply people who want some attention.

If you want to be an active user who shares correct information with other people, do your homework. Make sure your research is thorough, and your sources are credible.

Sylvester Stallone himself once said, "You are what you leave behind." Leave behind internet content for the sake of enlightenment, not for the sake of attention.

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An Idaho State Senator loses temper over contraceptives

By Morgan Hume, Journal Staff

Most people try to avoid conversations about sex, due to feeling uncomfortable or squirmish. It is easier to awkwardly giggle and quickly change the subject. However, for a politician, being able to discuss issues such as birth control and sex education in a professional and respectful manner is just part of the job description. Republican Idaho State Senator Dan Foreman didn't get that memo.

Currently in the state of Idaho, women can only receive a three-to-four month supply of birth control per year from their insurance provider. The state is introducing a new bill that would allow women to be prescribed a year’s worth of birth control at once, as it is vital that the pills are taken at the same time every day.

A dozen students from Generation Action, a nationwide college group affiliated with Planned Parenthood, traveled nearly 300 miles from Moscow, Idaho to Boise for a scheduled meeting with Foreman. The students were visiting the capital to lobby for the bill, but the day did not go according to plan. Foreman suddenly canceled the meeting that morning, but he ran into the students in the hallway outside his office later that day as the students were conducting meetings with other state politicians on Feb. 19, according to ABC News.

Video footage posted on Twitter shows the senator shouting at the students, saying “I think what you guys do stinks” after stating he was a conservative Catholic and he believes “abortion is murder.” The students remained calm, but Foreman still threatened to call the Idaho State Police and have them arrested. At the very least, those students deserve an apology, but unfortunately Foreman has no intentions on giving them one.

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Editor's Word

It has come to the attention of our team of student journalists that our University has a serious problem. Throughout the years, few staff members have been rumored to have engaged in inappropriate relationships with students, while others have been caught in the act. These staff members, namely men, have used their positions in power to coax students. This is a culture long developing in Suffolk and that is unacceptable. These power dynamics are often unclear to the student, leading them to believe that what they are engaging in is active consent. That is not the case. For the person in a position of power, the sexual relationship is less about the sexual desires and more about the need to dominate and control.

What is worse than this sexual culture between staff and students, is the fact that students who do recognize that they have been violated, cannot speak of their story. This is due to the stigma that dictates they are not victims of sexual harassment or assault, that they have consented to the relationship where both parties were on equal footing. This stigma develops from interpersonal opinions, and the policies that prevent administration, staff and students from speaking of the matter.

There are those who wish to speak, but have yet to gather the courage to tell their story. So as storytellers ourselves, we implore you to reach out to one another, and encourage one another to brave. Tell your story.

Tell your #metoo moment.

President versus Presidential

Shown through the 2016 presidential election, there is a stark difference between being president and being presidential. Now, what qualifies someone to be fit to run a country?

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In the past, the image of a person running for president was about authority, experience and respect. But in recent years, it seems people have started viewing the presidential candidate as an image of money and power rather than someone capable to run a country.

Economic power may be a useful resource for the person planning to run for office. Such with many previous presidents, as it brought them more social influences and access. An example of work experiences could be serving as a Congressman and perhaps later on as a Governor. After years of political affairs, one can handle the public and the media as well as Internal and foreign policy.

Although there is an existing stereotype for politicians that suggests they are nothing but a facade and do not truly care about the population, the people cannot help having an opinion and a preference over others. This is why even though it may be relative to describing the “ideal” characteristics of a presidential candidate, there are certain aspects that really stand out.

“Just like in any other job, one must start from the bottom to be aware of the problems and tasks that come in the basics of the profession, in order to get to the top.”

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From TRUMP - 9

Trump led reform effort, even after spending thirty million dollars on him during the last presidential election. Trump also acts as a barrier to reform that may be deemed extreme by conservatives, such as another assault rifle ban.

On the left, people have to recognize that reform needs to occur over time. If the banning of bump stocks, age limit increase, and strengthening of federal background checks become legislative reality, then Trump would have done more than Obama on the issue. This also positions the next Democratic President to have a foundation upon which to enact further reform aimed at curbing gun violence.

Gun control could start with Trump, progress with a Democrat
Blue & Gold Accolades

As winter sports season comes to a close, the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) honored many Rams. Here we have a list of distinguished student athletes that have been recognized.

Men’s Basketball
- Junior Michael Hagopian earns conference third team.
- Sophomore Thomas Duffy named to conference second team.
- Sophomore Thomas Duffy named to “All-Tournament team.”
- Sophomore Cameron Powers received “All-Sportsmanship Award.”
- Freshman Brendan Mulson awarded “Rookie of the Year.”
- Suffolk men’s basketball received the Institutional Sportsmanship Award.

Women’s Basketball
- Senior Alex Nagri named to “All-Sportsmanship team.”
- Senior Georgia Bourikas earned conference second team.
- Georgia Bourikas and Jenni-Rose DiCecco awarded “All-Tournament team.”
- Sophomore Alexis Hackett named conference third team.
- Freshman Jenni-Rose DiCecco earned “Rookie of the Year.”
- Jenni-Rose DiCecco awarded New England Women’s Basketball Rookie of the Week.

Women’s Indoor Track & Field
- Sophomore Emily Manfra placed 13th at the NCAA Division III New England Championship.
- Sophomore Emma Weisse placed 15th at the NCAA Division III New England Championship.

Baseball sets sights on season opener

From GNAC - 12

and trusting the team’s offense to tack on runs to win games.

“We lost a lot of guys...Last year we had a ton of good players,” said Fusco. “I think the guys we brought in this year are going to step right in and pick up where we left off.”

With 15 new incoming players, the team hopes to quickly fill the roles of players that were lost due to graduation.

The team has worked on and off the field during the winter and the coming spring in preparation for the season, something新鲜man journalist major Johnny Maffei holds to a high premium.

“Freshmen are learning the ways, we know all of the things we wake up at 6 a.m. and go run that’ll be worth it,” said Maffei in an interview with The Journal. “The coaches and uppersenmen are helping prepare us for game situations as best we can.”

The Rams’ home opener will take place on Sunday, March 25 against Rhode Island College at East Boston Memorial Park.

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Swinging for a fourth title

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The Suffolk University baseball team looks to defend yet another championship title after winning a third consecutive Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) championship last season.

The Rams season will be in full swing as the Rams depart for spring training, playing the season opener under the lights against the Albion Britons at Chain of Lakes Stadium in Winter Haven, Florida on March 9.

After an impressive and historic previous season, averaging more than seven runs per game, the Rams were ranked as the No. 1 team in the GNAC Preseason Coaches Poll for the upcoming season, beating out contenders St. Joseph's College of Maine at No. 2, No. 3 Johnson and Wales University and No. 4 Lasell College, according to Suffolk's Athletic Department's website.

Regardless of the outcome of the coaches poll, fourth-year head coach Anthony Del Prete does not think the polls matter in Suffolk's preparation for the season ahead.

"While the coaches poll is nice recognition, the only thing that really matters is the score at the end of every game," said Del Prete in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "Our focus is going out and competing and playing at a high level each and every time out."

Despite coming into this year off of a third consecutive championship, winning three in a row isn't enough for senior pitcher and finance major Mark Fusco.

"Obviously our ultimate goal is to win the championship," said Fusco in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "But right now we've just trying to show up and be better than we were last year, our focus right now is one day at a time." Although the team hardly failed to put up runs last season, Del Prete has high hopes for the Rams, but believes the team will achieve their goal by "more with good performances on the mound and base paths."

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