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The nation is watching, Kavanaugh.

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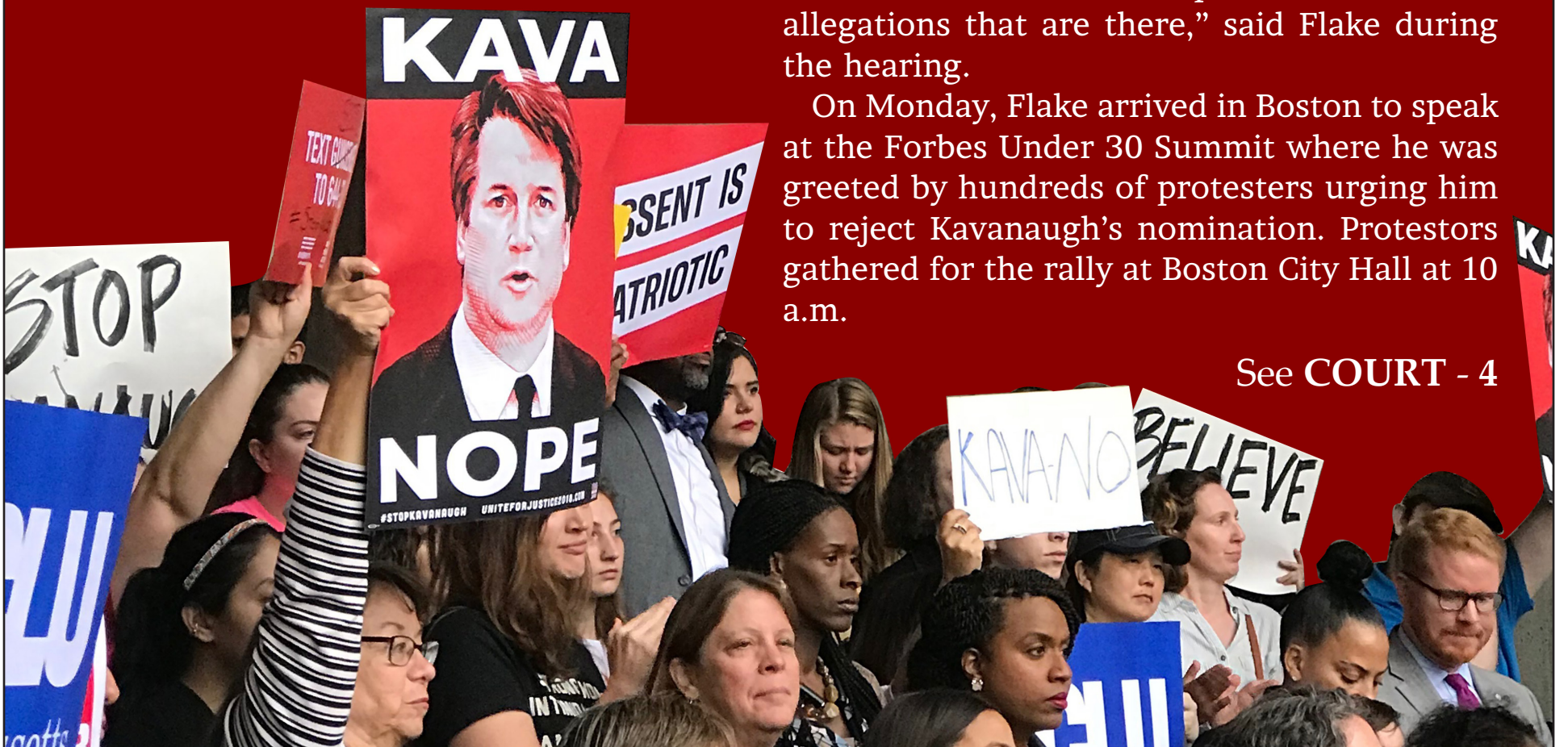
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Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh made it through to the next stage of the confirmation process on Friday after Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., cast the deciding vote. Flake's only condition was a one-week delay so that the FBI can investigate the sexual assault allegations against the nominee.

"I think it would be proper to delay the floor vote for up to but not more than one week in order to let the FBI do an investigation, limited in time and scope to the current allegations that are there," said Flake during the hearing.

On Monday, Flake arrived in Boston to speak at the Forbes Under 30 Summit where he was greeted by hundreds of protesters urging him to reject Kavanaugh's nomination. Protestors gathered for the rally at Boston City Hall at 10 a.m.

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MA health leaders discuss Title X



Courtesy of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute

(From left) Panel moderator and WBUR’s Carey Goldberg discusses the state of women’s reproduction rights with Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission Monica Valdes Lupi, MA Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders, and Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts President and CEO Dr. Jennifer Childs-Roshak at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the Senate on September 25th.

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On September 25th, Health advocates and state officials gathered to panel at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute of the Senate to discuss the Trump administration’s efforts to cut Title X and overturn Roe v. Wade. This could put women’s health and where women can receive specialized medical attention at stake.

“We are currently at a 30-year low for teen pregnancies, for unintended pregnancies, and for abortions. And a lot of it is because of programs like Title X,” said panelist Dr. Jennifer Childs-Roshak, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood League of MA.

The panel, which was sponsored by WBUR and the Kennedy Institute, discussed the state of women’s reproductive rights and Title X; a federal grant program that provides free or

low-cost birth control, STI treatments and other preventative services.

In January 2017, President Trump’s “global gag rule” barred foreign aid from supporting organizations that provide or discuss abortion as an option for family planning. He discussed implementing a similar policy in the U.S. earlier this year, which would cut off federal funding for organizations like Planned Parenthood.

“Since Planned Parenthood does not have a line item in the federal budget or the state budget, we provide health services for patients in a transactional way,” said Childs-Roshak. “[Trump] is talking about eliminating access to care through Medicaid or other federal programs.”

There exists a growing

worry that any Supreme Court nominee of President Trump’s could lead to the overturning of the Roe v. Wade decision. This was the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that declared laws restricting access to abortion or making it illegal as unconstitutional. Even if the Roe v. Wade decision is not overturned, the Supreme Court could overturn federal protections to abortion access.

“There are many states where we see exactly what is going to happen [if Roe v. Wade] is overturned,” said Childs-Roshak. “There’s a precursor in Texas, and what we saw in Texas was very similar to what we saw before 1973.”

In 2013, Texas eventually overturned laws that closed half

of the state’s abortion clinics.

According to Childs-Roshak, complications from back-alley or self-induced abortions would rise exponentially if Roe v. Wade is reversed.

“We saw over a quarter of a million women go into emergency rooms in Texas because they didn’t have access to safe and legal abortions,” said Childs-Roshak. “The main theme is essentially eliminating access to a safe and legal procedure that we know saves lives, ultimately.”

Massachusetts has strengthened its reproductive health laws in the past year and is making a bipartisan effort to promote and protect preventative health services and abortion.

This isn’t the case in most parts of the country.

“We can imagine Massachusetts becoming a sort of sanctuary state for women coming here in terms of having their medical needs taken care of,” said panelist Marylou Sudders, Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This past spring, the federal government almost did not reauthorize the state’s seven million dollar funding for Title X family planning services. Governor Charlie Baker promised that the state would cover the cost of the program, which the state was already paying over six million dollars towards.

Although the federal government eventually agreed to fund the state’s program, only seven months of funding were

guaranteed out of the three years the state was initially promised.

“The state can’t pick up every time the federal government decides it’s not going to fund all the things the federal department has funded for Massachusetts,” said Sudders. “But we are very clear that as these things come up, the governor will file for discretionary funding to cover the cost.”

However, strained state budgets and lack of federal funding will hit low-class Americans seeking these services the hardest according to Sudders.

“Depending on what other things happen in the federal government, we are going to see a widening health disparity around low-income women and immigrant women as a result of not having access to or more difficulty accessing family planning services,” said Sudders.

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Ford Hall Forum talks voter importance

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David Paleologos, the Director of the Suffolk University Political Research Center (SUPRC) and acclaimed pollster, spoke to students and faculty this past Thursday about his newest poll of unregistered voters in the 2018 midterm elections.

The Ford Hall Forum event “People Who Don’t Vote: Their Impact and Importance in the 2018 and 2020 Elections” highlighted the primary findings of the SUPRC poll and invited attendees to discuss and draw their own conclusions from the data.

Both in polling success and voter turnout, Suffolk has been recognized nationally for its commitment to student representation.

This year Suffolk was named one of the “58 Best Colleges for Student Voting” in the Washington Monthly College Rankings.

After holding a voter registration during summer orientation sessions, the university brought in more than 200 new voters.

Traditionally, presidential candidates have spent a huge portion of their time and money on swaying voters that could still be persuaded to vote for a certain party, voters in so-called ‘swing states.’

“Today you have a much more polarized electorate. The Democrats are much farther left and the Republicans are further right, and look



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(From Left) David Paleologos, SUPRC Director with Dr. Rachael Cobb, Associate Professor and Chair of the Government Department.

how narrow that grey area is of people who can be persuaded,” said Paleologos. “So what I have advised people is it is really less now about persuading people, you should not be spending money on trying to persuade people. You should instead be using your money in the field.”

The poll identified this polarization as a change that has been a long time coming.

With the 2008 presidential election unregistered or unlikely voters at 80 million, 2012 at 90 million and 2016 at 95 million, Paleologos predicted the 2020 elections to hit 100 million.

“When someone like Barack Obama comes along, he breaks the record. He gets 70 million votes, which I thought was amazing,” said

Paleologos in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. “And then I was freaked out when I saw that 80 million people are saying they didn’t vote.”

During the question and answer period, three attendees asked for Paleologos to comment on Australia’s long-standing compulsory voting laws that have existed for nearly a century.

These laws encourage voting by putting penalties in place for citizens who choose not to vote.

The original incentive for the legislature was the record-low voter turnout in their 1922 parliamentary election which dropped below 60 percent for the first time in history.

The first election after the compulsory voting was introduced in Australia saw an increase

in turnout from below 60 percent, to 91 percent and it has yet to fall below 90 percent since that time.

The United States presidential election turnout dropped below 60 percent as early as 1828.

Paleologos responded to these attendees by saying that he believes anything would be an improvement, but that he would want to see some polling to support its possible effectiveness in America.

Kutter McNeil, a Suffolk University junior majoring in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE), was an active participant during the Q&A, voicing his opinion as an Arkansas native.

“You heard in there more than two people said, ‘make voting mandatory.’ In the south,

that would never happen. The south already has a completely different history than the north. But to have [compulsory voting] there would be an absolute uproar from individuals,” said McNeil.

Dr. Rachael Cobb, Associate Professor and Chair of the Government Department introduced Paleologos and moderated the discussion afterwards.

Pointing out the voter registration booth located directly outside the event, she stressed the importance of voter engagement and what Suffolk is doing to involve students as much as possible.

“Having students and peers mobilize other students and peers is better than having professors saying this is what you should do,” said Cobb. “Having students come up with ideas to do

it themselves is the best way to have them feel the power of voting.”

To both Paleologos and Cobb, change happens at the humblest levels. They encouraged attendees to start small and help get individuals in their community more involved in the voting process.

“There are people that could probably get a hundred people to go register, within their circle of friends,” said Paleogog. “But I’m saying let’s lower that bar, let’s just make it one. Can you find one person, by 2020, and I’ll tell you that will blow these charts wide open.”

Paleologos also spoke on getting older generations more involved in voting.

“It has to be peer to peer,” said Paleologos. “They need someone old, like me, to say, does this not matter? Do you not think that the taxes you pay, the healthcare you get, the education your daughter gets, is relevant? The pothole you gave to drive over on your way home everyday? If you’re not engaged, you’re just hurting yourself with a lot of these key issues.”

With the midterm elections coming up in early November, voter engagement is vital. According to the SUPRC poll results, non voters could soon outnumber the voter population, leading America into a future of uninvolved and uninterested citizens.

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FBI investigates Kavanaugh allegations

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In attendance at the rally were congressional candidates Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York who both spoke directly to the crowd.

Pressley, who currently serves on the Boston City Council, and is a sexual assault survivor herself, said that she is angry and outraged that men in positions of power often get away with sexual assault because of their privilege and prestige.

Ocasio-Cortez expressed her disbelief at how compliant the mostly male Senate panel has been with Kavanaugh.

“Can you imagine if Brett Kavanaugh had to sit before a panel of 11 women of color deciding his fate?” said Ocasio-Cortez.

The Senate Judiciary Committee advanced Kavanaugh with all 11 Republicans voting yes, and all 10 Democrats voting no. Flake had stated prior to the hearing that he was planning to vote in favor of Kavanaugh.

As a result, Ana Maria Archila and Maria Gallagher, two victims of sexual assault, approached Kavanaugh in an elevator about his vote.

“I only think that he did that because he was like cornered in the elevator. I feel like if that didn’t happen then he wouldn’t have called for the investigation,” said Suffolk University junior and government major Paul DeAngelis.

The judiciary committee cast their votes just a day after the testimony of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, who was one of three women accusing Kavanaugh of sexual assault.

“All Supreme Court nominations, like with all federal court nominees [at all levels] go through an FBI

investigation,” said Sheila B. Scheuerman in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. Scheuerman has a juris doctor degree from Washington University School of Law and is an instructor in Suffolk’s Government Department.

“He had his FBI background investigation completed over the summer, and the president has ordered that the background investigation be reopened [to do] a supplemental background investigation based on the allegations that have come forth,” said Scheuerman.

The Senate Republicans and the White House gave the FBI a list of five people to further interview during the week delay, including Ford, who gave her testimony on Thursday. The list also included two of Kavanaugh’s high school friends Mark Judge and P.J. Smyth and Deborah Ramirez according to The Boston Globe.

Three women have accused Kavanaugh of sexual assault or misconduct, the first being Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, who alleged Kavanaugh pinned her down and groped her at a high school party while drunk.

The second accusations came from Deborah Ramirez, who claimed Kavanaugh exposed himself to her in a dorm room party during the 1983-1984 school year.

The third comes from Julie Swetnick, who signed a sworn document declaring Kavanaugh and Judge attended parties as teenagers where girls were targeted for unwanted sex through drugs and alcohol.

“I am not saying anyone is lying or that someone is not telling the truth, I just think that it is kind of unfair to brand

a rapist if you aren’t one-hundred percent sure,” said DeAngelis.

Following his testimony, critics of Kavanaugh questioned whether his temperament during the trial was befitting of a Supreme Court justice.

“After watching his hearing, I noticed Kavanaugh was almost too passionate, and for someone on the Supreme Court, you need someone who is levelheaded,” said Alyssa DelVecchio, junior Politics, Philosophy and Economics Major.

Kavanaugh has repeatedly denied the allegations and accused Democrats of using them to derail his nomination.

“This whole two-week effort has been a calculated and orchestrated political hit, fueled with apparent pent-up anger about President Trump and the 2016 election,” said Kavanaugh during his trial.

“Fear that has been unfairly stoked about my judicial record, revenge on behalf of the Clintons, and millions of dollars in money from outside left-wing opposition groups. This is a circus.”

Scheuerman spoke about Kavanaugh’s quote, reflecting on previous judicial nominees.

“In the past, when you have seen nominees for the Supreme Court, they try very hard to maintain at least an appearance of neutrality.

Whether or not that is true we can put aside because they are political appointments at the end of the day, but at least until now, I’m not aware of any nominee who has made such partisan statements like that publicly” said Scheuerman.

Despite the eyes and ears of the country now being turned toward the FBI investigation, it is unlikely the results will be made public to anyone other than the Senate voters themselves.

“This alleged event from 35 years ago did not happen,” said Kavanaugh in a statement.

“The people who knew me then know this did not happen and have said so. This is a smear, plain and simple,” said Kavanaugh.

Economics and the environment: Finding the balance

Ryan Arel
Arts & Culture Editor

Last Wednesday, Suffolk University students gathered in the Sawyer building to explore a question that humans have asked for centuries: What is the relationship between economics and the environment, and the environment and ourselves?

The discussion titled “What Nature Can Nurture” discussed the rift between economic growth and the environment as well as the psychological effects the environment has on humans. Psychology Department Associate Professor Lance Swenson, and Economics Department Professor Jonathon Haughton and Assistant Professor Christos Makriyannis led the discussion during one of Haughton’s sections of Environmental Economics.

Makriyannis opened up the presentation by discussing how often humans spend money to build man-made structures over natural landscapes to do jobs when the natural structures would have done the same job.

“We pay a lot of money to destroy wetlands, and we then replace them with seawalls,” said Makriyannis. “But wetlands do a lot of that work for us.”

Makriyannis went on to note that a healthy environment nurtures human health, which helps promote positive economic activity. He also said that it is a huge problem that economists and environmentalists today have been treating economic progress and environmental health as having an inevitable inverse relationship with one another.

In reality, Makriyannis explained that environmental health may actually benefit economic progress.

“I think most people will agree is that economic decision making doesn’t quite weigh this natural capital property,” said Makriyannis. “That’s why we have this tension between economic

progress, economic activity and the well-being of the natural environment. Most of us view these things as competing goals.”

Makriyannis was raised in Cyprus, a small island nation just off the coast of Turkey and the Middle East. He discussed how growing up, nature helped the Cypriot economy and the tourism industry.

Makriyannis said that because of this booming economy in Cyprus,

cities or rural areas based on personal preference by what he called the three mechanisms of gene-environment correlation: passive, evocative and active.

Passive is when one’s chosen environment is independent of their psychological traits. Evocative is the shaping of one’s traits based on their environment’s reaction and active mechanisms happen when one chooses their environment based on

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- Christos Makriyannis
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

he saw a rise in the construction of hotels which would negatively affect the nature that tourists came to see, pointing out a paradox.

“Later in retrospect you see ‘well, wait a minute,’ these luxury hotels that we’ve built and substituted much of our natural habitat with, tourists have those in their own countries,” said Makriyannis. “Tourists don’t come to Cyprus to stay in a luxury hotel, they come to Cyprus to experience nature.”

Swenson then took the floor to discuss how urban settings impact humans from a psychological perspective. He said individuals who live closer to Boston Common are less stressed than individuals who live further away in the city. Swenson talked about how cities have more artificial light and that can affect people negatively by throwing off their biological clocks.

“The consequence of that in biology [is] our bodies are more physically stressed whether we are aware of it or not,” said Swenson.

“Because we are more active for a longer period of time, our sleep cycles are thrown off.”

Swenson then went on to why people are drawn to

their traits or “biological predispositions,” according to Swenson.

“It refers to where you live, it refers to what you do, it refers to kind of careers you have, things of that nature,” said Swenson. “So in that way the environment can be shaped by your genetic [or biological] predispositions in terms of what kind of environments you actively select.”

To exemplify the evocative mechanism for the audience, Swenson said that young children who were talented were reinforced of their traits by their environment (parents and teachers) to continue to pursue music.

“Often times, that musical talent is recognized by others in the environment,” said Swenson. “And when recognized, what the environment does is give further opportunities to engage in that behavior.”

These mechanisms of choosing environments are a reason why the idea of suburban living appeals to many, according to Swenson.

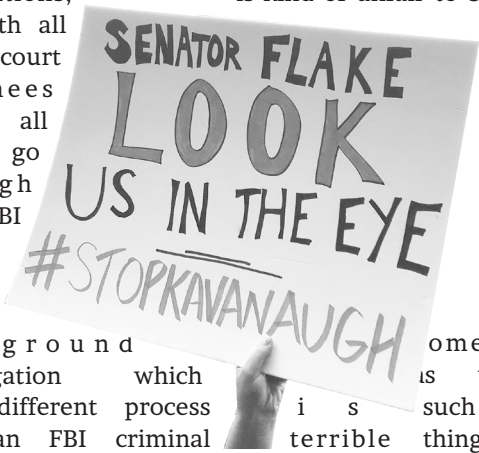
“I think there’s no one-size-fits-all,” said Swenson.

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The ripple effect of Armenian immigration

A search for identity among an abandoned race

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With the collapse of the Ottoman Empire in 1922, millions of Armenians were massacred in a brutal attempt at mass extermination administered by the Turkish government. Although it is still denied by Turkey, the Armenian genocide wiped out more than half of the Armenian population and displaced many of the survivors - leaving those with Armenian descent confused about where exactly their roots came from.

"I want for you to think about your personal identity," said independent Armenian genealogy researcher George Aghjayan to professor Ken Martin's photojournalism class this past Monday. "The genocide happened over 100 years ago, but its ripples are still being felt today by the descendants of those involved."

Aghjayan visited Martin's photojournalism class to further explain the Armenian immigration crisis and the impact it has had on Armenian descendants almost a century later. After graduating from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) with a bachelors of science in Actuarial Mathematics, Aghjayan worked in insurance and structured finance until retiring in 2014 to focus on Armenian research studies.

Aghjayan has done in-depth research within Armenian, U.S., Ottoman and Syrian resources to help rebuild families. After learning his family's story and doing more research into Armenian lineage, Aghjayan discovered more about his own family.

By traveling

throughout Turkey and documenting stories of various Armenians he met along the way, Aghjayan has helped make connections between other Armenian families.

Both having Armenian roots themselves, Martin and Aghjayan expressed how important it is for Armenians specifically to be aware of their genealogy.

"There was a complete rupture in our families due to the Armenian genocide," said Aghjayan. The genocide separated many families and has caused a significant loss of identity through the global Armenian community.

After the genocide, the remaining Armenians were forced to convert to Islam and became dead to their descendants. Those that were forced to renounce their Christian beliefs and become Muslim were considered a part of the 1.5 million Armenians that died within the genocide.

"Being Armenian and being Christian is very tied together," said Aghjayan.



Ryan Arel/ Arts & Culture Editor

Professor Ken Martin (left) with Armenian researcher George Aghjayan (right)

many were forced to fight against the Armenians.

"There are perpetrators on both sides in some families," said Aghjayan. "Think about how, psychologically, that would impact you."

and came to Worcester - establishing the first real community of Armenians in the U.S. From there, the next major movement of Armenians occurred after the genocide that began in 1915.

war by working as a slave for six years to a Muslim family. She was rescued by one of her sisters who survived the war by marrying a Muslim man. Together they escaped at the war's conclusion and

plethora of Armenian, Turkish and Kurdish records.

Throughout his travels, Aghjayan encountered many Armenians in search of their relatives. He ventured to villages all across Turkey taking photographs of Armenians and telling their stories - making connections between families along the way utilizing the research he had been doing for years.

Aghjayan emphasized that although the genocide occurred over 100 years ago, it is crucial to comprehend the impact that it has had so much later.

"It's about the experience of a group of people that suffered trauma and what that means many years later to their descendants - not just at the time that it's happening," said Aghjayan.

"The genocide happened over 100 years ago, but its ripples are still being felt today by the descendants of those involved."

- George Aghjayan

"The only reason there are still Armenians living is because they did not convert to Islam. The only reason they are still considered Armenian is because they remained Christian." Those that escaped without converting to Islam were able to maintain their Armenian-Christian identity.

Since Armenians were being forced to give up their previous identity,

Armenia was formed at a very volatile part of the world, according to Aghjayan. Being at the cross-roads of Europe, Asia and Africa, Armenia was subjected to many different migrations and battles over centuries that slowly forced Armenians out of their native land.

The first major massacre of Armenians occurred in the 1890s and targeted men. Many left the country at that time

With passion in his voice, Aghjayan told the story of how his grandmother saw her father killed and left decapitated by the side of a river.

Aghjayan explained that two of her sisters were marched into the desert and never heard from again while another starved to death in a Muslim orphanage.

Despite all odds, his grandmother survived the

made it to Canada before they eventually settled in Worcester.

"Most people feel that the records were destroyed and there was nothing to be found. As the churches were burned and the people were killed, the records were destroyed," said Aghjayan. "That is largely true but not entirely."

Aghjayan's research in the Ottoman Archives opened his eyes to a

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A PERSONAL STORY

A Colombian perspective on adjusting to culture-shock

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There's no better way to start off a day in the cold mornings of Bogotá than with arepas and a hot cup of Juan Valdez's coffee. Being able to spend the first moments of the day with my family is priceless, but it was something I gave up in search of new opportunities in a completely different country.

Leaving home is not an easy decision for anyone. When I was 16 years old, I chose to leave Colombia to finish high school in the United States. I came by myself, leaving behind my parents, siblings and friends with the purpose of seeking a better future and greater opportunities.

More than four years later, I've grown and experienced numerous aspects of American culture that have made my decision worth it. However, it hasn't been an easy process. Similar to me, there are many international students in the Suffolk community that have gone through

similar experiences.

The beginning was the hardest part of coming to the U.S. Knowing that I wasn't going to be able to see my family and friends for a long time was hard to accept. It was difficult to adapt to a new environment, a new language and a new culture.

For the first three months, I continually doubted if I made the right choice. I knew I was in a place that provided me with significant opportunities, but I couldn't go back home and I didn't feel that the U.S. was the right place for me.

Other international students have also had a similar experience throughout their transition to living in the U.S. Another international student from Colombia, sophomore international business major Agustin Uribe, compared his experience with mine - he has been living in the U.S. for one year.

"Weekends are sometimes the saddest days," said Uribe. "Seeing my friends and family members back home hanging out and me

missing out of those moments makes me feel lonely and annoyed."

Even though I've been living in the U.S. four times as long as

relationships during our time here, we still feel out of place when we get homesick.

After living here for almost half a decade, I've

proud to say that I'm fluent in English.

I have also become a more organized and focused person. Being exposed to the different opportunities and choices that are provided here and not in my home country made me realize that I can do a lot more than I previously thought I could.

Uribe pointed out that when he went back home to Colombia during the summer, he realized that some of his friends didn't have the same mentality as him because they hadn't studied in the U.S.

"[They] lacked knowledge and motivation about what they can achieve in their careers," said Uribe.

I could also see that mentality in my friends as well, which makes me grateful for being given the opportunity to come to the U.S.

This experience in the U.S. has made me learn how to be a more open-minded person. I've interacted with people from different backgrounds and beliefs who have taught me a lot about their different cultures.

Due to the large amount of international students at Suffolk, I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of people from different countries around the world, many of which I'm currently friends with.

I've learned new languages and become more interested in knowing more about other cultures, which is something I never thought of doing back in Colombia.

Being an international student in the U.S. is not easy. The different personal struggles we have to overcome can create uncertainty about if we made the right choice or not.

However, I believe that in the end, these experiences help us become more independent, mature and well-rounded individuals. The best advice I've received as an international student is not to give up because eventually, all the effort is going to pay off.

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Leaving home is not an easy decision for anyone.

Uribe, I can still relate to the culture-shock he has been experiencing. While we have made several friendships and adapted to many aspects of American culture. Initially, the language barrier was hard to overcome, but now I'm



The world at-large



Trump Admin. predicts temperature rises:
Responds with no change

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The Trump Administration released an environmental impact statement last month predicting a rise in planet temperature of seven degrees fahrenheit, four degrees celsius, by the end of the century. The report claims there is nothing that can be done to prevent this change from happening. If the planet continues on this trend with no efforts to prevent the temperature rise, land brought of the planet will be affected by heatwaves and the East Coast cities of Manhattan and Miami would face rises in water levels that would result in parts of the city being flooded, according to The Washington Post. The Trump Administration's statement claims that all prevention efforts would be worthless. The report includes a statement from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration supporting Trump's halt of federal fuel-efficiency standards for cars and light trucks built after 2020. In recent months, the Trump Administration has made moves to deregulate major rules that limit greenhouse gas emissions, which would save companies hundreds of millions of dollars.

Indonesia tsunami:
Death toll rising daily, little signs of aid

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After the 7.5 magnitude earthquake which triggered a tsunami that struck Indonesia this past Friday, over 1,230 people have been confirmed dead, according to The Washington Post. Another 61,000 people have had to flee their destroyed homes. In addition to thousands of casualties, vast numbers of bodies continue to be uncovered from rubble everyday. Although the Indonesian government and President Trump have promised to dispatch rescue teams and disaster relief, the delivery of this aid has been slow to arrive. Due to the widespread destruction and injuries, hospitals haven't had enough room to treat all the patients and began to treat the wounded outside. Water is the primary concern because the supply infrastructure has been damaged, according to U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq. More than 18 countries have agreed to send aid and other help to Indonesia. However, no prominent foreign-military-led aid has arrived in the region yet.

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ARTS & CULTURE

Boston Fashion Week uses fashion to empower



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Although Boston is not known as one of the world’s fashion empires like New York or Paris the city is home to an array of talented clothing designers and entrepreneurs. The 24th annual Boston Fashion Week wants to highlight local designers and showcase their unique work throughout the week. “The Power of Women, The Future of Boston Fashion” event

took place Sunday evening, on opening night. Designers Melina Cortes-Nmili, Gina deWolfe, Meghan Doyle, Joelle Fontaine, Graciela Rivas Leslin and Cecile Thieulin each presented a collection of about six pieces. The runway was filled with an eclectic mix of looks, including everything from long, elegant gowns with eye popping prints to casual, denim outfits paired with chic, leather accessories. The event aimed to show the tough

work that often goes unnoticed when creating a collection because most of it happens behind the scenes. Founder and Executive Director of Boston Fashion Week Jay Calderin said on stage that Boston fashion is human, and it is important to know about the people behind the clothing. “A lot of people have this perception of [fashion] being fluffy and throw away and things like that,” said Calderin in an interview with The Journal. “And we wanted to focus on the women

and all the teams that work behind it and all that goes into this.” The show demonstrated that these women are well versed in business, too. As their careers progress, both skill sets become vital because they need to know how to market and sell their clothing. Meghan Doyle of Tallulah & Poppy said that she studied both design and business in college so she could understand both aspects. Before the collections were revealed, a short

film by Nicole O’Connor of Shanachie Studios and Eric Leone of Paul Horton Visuals was shown. The film profiled all the women, giving the audience a closer look at their work space where they find inspiration, how they got started in fashion and how their businesses have grown. A series of 60 photos by Tracy Aiguier were also projected on screen throughout the night to provide additional visual imagery. “What was most impressive to me were

these local, female designers who have set shop up here in Boston and have called this home and we get to watch their art come to life, literally,” said Boston City Councilor at Large Annissa Essaibi-George, who also owns the Stitch House sewing shop in Dorchester. No two collections were alike, but the individuality and personal style of the designers were shone through in every outfit. “When I first started

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BFW showcases local designers

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designing, I didn't look at any magazines, I didn't look at any other designers because I didn't want to be influenced by who they were," said designer Joelle Fontaine in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "I wanted to be able to have all my ideas come from me."

The event focused on the power of women not only in the fashion industry, but in every aspect of life.

"I think one of the reasons why I was asked to be a part of this was because my brand itself represents the power of a woman," said Fontaine. "So, for me, it's like this all day every day. I'm always representing power of a woman."

Since styles and creativity are in constant flux, fashion is unpredictable. Over the years, each show has brought something different to the runway, which is one of the reasons why Boston Fashion Week has been able to encompass a variety of themes.

"It's always shifting and changing and that's kind of the nature of fashion, because that's what keeps it exciting," said Calderin. "It's about change, it's about seeing what feels fresh, what feels new, what feels like the person I am today."

Calderin explained that Boston is a city of innovation and technology, so the future of fashion in the Hub will probably incorporate digital technology, as some designers are doing already. He said that Boston is not looking to compete with other big cities, but it offers something different than other places.

More shows and events are planned for the rest of Boston Fashion Week, which will take place across the city until Oct. 6.

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'Crash Course' brothers visit Boston to promote 'An Absolutely Remarkable Thing'

Sarah Kulowski
Journal Contributor

You can now say that there are two Green authors. Hank Green, brother of author John Green, released his first book, "An Absolutely Remarkable Thing" on Sept. 25.

Following the release, Green brought his book tour to the Wilbur Theater in Boston on Sept. 26 with John as a special guest, which brought in many fans from across Massachusetts to the sold out venue.

In Green's novel, he tackles the highs and lows of internet fame as 23-year-old April May finds herself launched into internet stardom after stumbling across a giant sculpture on the streets of New York City while her friend posts a video of the encounter.

With this book, Green wants people to start thinking about how "amazing and unreal" the invention of the internet is and how lucky we are to be at the forefront of this movement.

"We all get to have movie studios in our pockets now," said Green. "We all get to make stuff,

and we all get to have our voice[s] heard."

In some ways there are echos of Green's own online fame in this book. Green is more popularly known as one-half of the popular YouTube channel 'Vlogbrothers' alongside John, creator and host of the educational YouTube channels 'Crash Course' and 'SciShow,' and co-creator of 'VidCon.'

His brother, John Green, is known for his many young adult novels including "The Fault In Our Stars" and "Paper Towns," which have both been adapted into feature films.

Green's humor and witty personality kept the crowd entertained throughout the show. At the event, he answered questions from the audience, spoke about his novel and performed live music.

According to Green, a sequel to "An Absolutely Remarkable Thing" is in the works.

Green discussed the importance of the connection between author and the reader, stating during the show that "authors are kind of asked to be, in part, creators of their art."

As a child and young adult he had his favorite

books, but he never had a personal connection with the authors of these books, which he explained limited his experience.

"When I was growing up I had the book, but I didn't have the creator of the book," said Green. "So I experienced the book as very separate from any human being."

Green reiterated throughout the show that knowing the background behind a book allows for a different experience. This was something that he wanted to encourage. He wants his readers and

Green brothers and has been a fan for several years. She came to the event because she wanted to support Green.

"There was a phase where in my sophomore year of college I started watching the Vlogbrothers," said Hermanns. "I did try to watch a lot of SciShow and Crash Course at one point too."

Green closed the show discussing the "goods" and the "bads" of the internet. He told the crowd that this is the last time we will ever be

simultaneously," said Green. "They are changing culture, they are creating culture, but it does not seem that way to us."

Green explained that this is what the internet is providing; an infinite group of people to interact with virtually and that changes the way we connect.

"Getting likes is different from being liked," said Green. "It's a barrier to [self] creation."

However, Green notes that the world is at our fingertips with technology and that his book is based on this idea.

"I wrote this book because it was stuff I was afraid of," said Green. "[I wrote about] things I needed to share and to find a way to talk about [my fears]."

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fans to have a personal connection with him and his stories that expands beyond his work.

Joanna Hermanns of Wayland, Massachusetts has been to previous events featuring the

gathering together, which can be the same for social media.

"Those [social media sites] are like giant rooms with millions of people in them and they are engaging

Diana Thater combines nature and technology in latest ICA exhibit

Harper Wayne
Journal Contributor

The Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) Watershed opened a new exhibit open this fall featuring digital versions of dolphins of the Caribbean, the last male northern rhino and an approximately 3 foot long monarch butterfly all under the same roof in East Boston.

The inaugural exhibit at the ICA Watershed presents the work of California native Diana Thater. The exhibit inside Watershed's industrial space used moving images, natural light fluorescent light and projections to focus on the threatened natural world.

Thater used videos that seemed both distant and close, which modernized native animals by using

technology and colored projective light. While standing inside a re-designed warehouse overlooking the Boston Harbor, the exhibit brought viewers into the natural world, while simultaneously alienating them from it.

Inside the exhibit, dolphins swim across walls alongside divers and butterfly wings flap on the floor as spectators walk in between the ocean and the sky. Inside a nook, viewers can stand next to the last male northern white rhino and find themselves inside a pure, blue sky with white clouds floating by.

Surrounded by so many different worlds of both the animal kingdom as well as space itself, one can feel as though they are teleporting into different worlds.

The artist uses the real

world to create "painting a still life" with close up photography of a world unknown to many: a pure animalistic experience. The pieces all involve video installations projected onto the walls, screens or in displays.

Thater's projection displays show animals and objects of the natural world that could one day no longer be, but have been present in the world longer than humans have.

Thater uses technology in her art to show the viewer the beauty of the natural world by using what the human world has created. The screens, projectors and lights are a parallel between our world and its effects on nature.

Thater used multi-layered screens to project her videos of the endangered world and showed what many have

only seen in pictures, making a world that could be taken from us only seem that much closer. While walking next to an animal like Sudan, the last white northern male rhino, and knowing his death has already occurred can make the viewer realize that the skyline and elephants pictured after Sudan could be next too.

The artwork was accompanied by vibrant hues to contrast against its up close and personal viewpoints of nature. The artwork puts the viewer into the dimension of the animal or plant depicted, placing the spectator next to the art instead of overlooking it.

Standing inside clouds, walking past dolphins and around a video of the last white male rhino who has already died are the focal points inside

the Watershed. Videos of night flowers and the sun also sit alongside them.

The exhibit is Thater's first major presentation, which brought years worth of film and work into the space. Her work can attract environmentalists and be viewed and enjoyed by an average citizen because each piece is accompanied with a pamphlet that dives deeper into her objective.

Thater's art is multi-dimensional with a common ground of the pure and natural world tying the ribbon around her attraction as something made by human hands to bring forward what the human hand could do to the world we all call home.

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Careers: What happened to my autonomy

Harper Wayne, **Journal Contributor**

The closer I got to leaving home for college, the more I was encouraged to change my major. I am a print journalism major and yes, I am aware that “print is dying.”

The older I got the more I was encouraged to get into computer science and with that, the more I realized my school was implementing more money into buying rooms full of computers instead of paints for my art class.

I could not blame them; how do you balance between the creative world of technology and the creative world of physical arts when one is ‘booming’ and the other is being neglected at times?

Technology has grown into a very large industry and has become a substantial source of jobs for coding, engineers, and computer science majors in general. I think the growth of the industry and an area like Silicon Valley is extremely interesting, as well as something that has given

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For the Catholic Church, this is too little, too late

— Nick Viveros, **Journal Staff** —

I still remember my conversion quite well. In a matter of two years, I went from being a non-denominational Protestant to a fervent agnostic to a soon-to-be Catholic. At first, my parents thought I wanted to get confirmed because of my peers; I went to a Catholic school, where something like 75 percent of students identify as Catholic. But it was my decision. I was smitten with a religion of love, protection and community.

This week, I renounced my faith. I can no longer identify with an institution that has victimized thousands of young people, that has abused so many and made great efforts to cover it up. Pope Francis was right; the Church will lose young people over the abuse.

Abuse has touched every part of the modern church. In Germany, a report found that between 1946 and 2014, 4.4 percent of priests in that nation abused over 3,600 minors, mostly young boys. In Australia, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse found that over 7 percent of priests in the land down under abused over 4,400 minors between 1950 and 2015. The New York Times broke a story in July that in Chile, seventy priests, including three bishops, were under investigation for the

abuse of more than one hundred people.

The church’s response to abuse has never been swift or meaningful. Pope John Paul II ignored two warnings — one in 1984 and another in 1985 — and refused a delegation of U.S. clergy who wished to expedite the process of defrocking known abusers. Benedict XVI and his older brother had ties to a German abuse scandal at a boy’s school. Like his predecessor, he did very little to combat abuse within the Church. Francis, hailed as a progressive leader for a new Church, shocked the world when it became public that he knew about abuse at the hands of an American cardinal and did nothing about it.

At this point in time, the Church is damaged beyond repair. There are no words, no actions that can undo the psychological damage done to those innocent victims. There is nothing that can be done to regain the holy trust us Catholics placed in our clergy. Men who, at the end of the day, only let us down by covering up one of the most abhorrent child sex rings in the world, which existed within our own Church.

Defenders of the faith argue that the actions of men alone do not besmirch the religion as a whole; on the contrary. Clergy are supposed to set an example for their flocks. They are called to a higher level of service than the rest of us. This horrific scandal has revealed that many have abused their positions of holy power, destroying

lives instead of enriching them.

A key tenant of Catholicism is forgiveness, judging the sin and not the sinner. Another is that God is truly just, and will cast judgment on those who sin. We cannot afford to wait for “God” to cast judgment on the abusers within the Catholic Church. It is our job as a just and evolved society to prosecute and socially excommunicate these monsters from the world. Sexual abuse is not a crime one grows out of when it’s repeated, brazen and goes un-repented.

I call on every one of my former brothers and sisters in Christ to come forward and deny the pope and his Holy Church the opportunity to do any more damage. The pope must resign, as must any bishop who knew about the abuse and turned their backs on the children of the church. A full-scale investigation by outsiders must be undertaken to reveal the scope of the abuse and stop it once and for all.

I’m not ruling out rejoining the church that shepherded me through crisis after crisis. But for now, while this horrible scourge is ripping her apart, I must step back and insist that she change for the better. If she can’t, she won’t be around for long.

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Editor’s Word

It is incredibly clear that sexual harassment and sexual assault are prevalent in this current society we live in. The subject has been covered nationally across the media. It has been said, photographed and video has been taken. Yet, we still deny its existence and treat it’s victims viciously, as if they have not already been through enough.

There should not need to be analogies for us as human beings to understand that sexual assault is wrong. There should not have to be hundreds, thousands or tens of thousands of victims for us to get the point.

Since when have we become so isolated, so selfish, so skeptical of others that we can no longer see through the teary-eyed, wounded men and women who are the unfortunate victims.

We are so afraid to affirm the actions of these perpetrators for reasons that are unknown to me. Maybe, if we accept that these horrendous acts are true, so many more may come to light. We are a nation who is scared to admit it’s faults; this is a truth that has no silver lining.

To accept the truth is to be released from everything we choose to deny. America, it’s time for you to exhale. Stop holding your breath.

- Patrick Holmes, Opinion & Managing Editor

Don’t choose a job just based on pay

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the people of the United States a lot of income source through both large and small companies.

But sometimes the multiple elements that make up a business are forgotten and overlooked. A tech company encompasses more than just simply tech based jobs, there is a company behind it as well that has to manage public relations and other entities.

Startups in Silicon Valley, as well as big companies like Google and Apple, do not only need computer geniuses or people who can write code as if it was their first language; they also need people in public relations, people with communication degrees and people who can bring the creative front to their businesses as well as the actual business person. Yet, we still are

encouraged to develop skills in one area of the company.

The youth are being encouraged to study a subject for two to four years just because it has higher job salaries and there are a good amount of them.

But what happens when my generation graduates and works for these companies without any interest in their job?

A lot of people who are majoring in computer science and other technological majors are interested in the subject, but what I am most concerned with is the men and women who have been swayed by this campaign-like encouragement.

Fast forward ten, fifteen or twenty years from now when everyone I know at Suffolk and other universities will have graduated and are hopefully working in the field they studied in, will they find happiness in their work?

The want for money is understandable, and I know that there is a higher chance there will be a job waiting for you at the end of your four years at university, but I find it hard to believe that after working in a field I find no interest in, I will still be fulfilled.

Working a 9 to 5 job, five days a week is something that can be very strenuous on a human being and in an equal world everyone would be able to work in an environment that made them happy and fed their interests.

The world may not be equal, but my belief is still to work toward doing what I want and to not be controlled by the idea of an income because in our economy, nothing is guaranteed.

If we are not doing what we want to pursue and accomplish, and in an environment that does not stimulate us, it will backfire. The tech industry and STEM

research will always be developing because there are plenty of minds who think specifically in the language of those fields. The same is applied to every other industry.

If someone forces their way into an industry with an income goal in mind, and they reach it, suddenly there will be nowhere else for them to go and the realization that they are not content in that specific industry will come.

The human race is a very creative and innovative force with a plethora of different stimuli to spark their interests. So, in return there is space for those differences in every realm.

As college students, we should be encouraged to follow in pursuit of interest, instead of in pursuit of a certain

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LGBTQ spaces are not safe for all

— Elvira Mora, Journal Staff —

The encroaching ideal of the white, cisgendered gay male identity emerging as the only acceptable identity within the LGBTQ community, brings forth the determinant of all other identities. The queer nightclub near Fenway, Machine, claims to be an inclusive and welcoming environment. How can Machine claim this when they turn away people of color and tell them to “come back another night?”

Jasmine Brooks, 22 and Dev Blair, 21, female black students from Boston University, were denied entry to Machine Nightclub without a proper explanation on Aug. 6, a Monday night.

Bouncers at the door questioned the validity of Brooks’ Connecticut ID. “He told me that they

“ The bouncer was using his masculinity as a fear tactic in an attempt to strong-arm Blair.

had to verify it, that it was protocol,” said Brooks. A bouncer had tampered Brooks’ ID as it still remained curved from where it had been folded.

Brooks’ ID was then taken inside to be scanned. When one of the two bouncers came back, the notion of the ID being a fake was reiterated. When asked for a clarified reason of why Brooks and her friend were not allowed in, the bouncer simply responded, “You looked like trouble.”

Meanwhile, their mutual queer friend, 21-year-old Dillon McGuire, also known by his stage name as Pumpkyn Spyce, was allowed access without a problem.

Brooks and Blair were attempting to support their friend performing. “I was trying to get [the bouncers] to let my friends in but I was threatened of being kicked out,” said McGuire.

When Brooks and Blair pointed out the racism they felt in this situation, the Caucasian bouncer yelled “Stop calling us racist, [the other bouncer’s] mom is black!” The other bouncer, physically threatened Blair, a queer femme. “His chest was literally on my shoulder, he was breathing heavily, using his physical presence in an attempt to intimidate me,” said Blair.

After this incident, Brooks took to Twitter to document her experience with Machine and their staff. After receiving over 80 shares, or “retweets,” Machine’s Twitter account reached out to Brooks within 10 minutes of her first posted tweet regarding the nightclub.

A manager shortly contacted Brooks by phone after messaging her on Twitter. “They kept pushing the narrative of bending my ID back and physically damaging it was the proper way to check it,” said Brooks.

The general manager of Machine, Sean Caron, reluctantly offered to pay for the ID to be replaced. Brooks, short on time to travel back to Connecticut, declined the offer. No further solution was offered. Not even an apology.

Machine failed to contact Blair to acknowledge one bouncer’s belligerent behavior. The bouncer was using his masculinity as a fear tactic in an attempt to strong-arm Blair. The nightclub has not reached out to Blair through social media or phone.

This situation is one of the many real scenarios that people of color face within the LGBTQ community.

Spaces within the LGBTQ community should be considerate of all of its members and their individual identities. By doing so, queer individuals and their identities could be openly validated. Only then, can we achieve true equality.

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Men’s club hockey starts up season

Looks to add depth with full roster



Courtesy of Dom Piccini

The Suffolk men’s club hockey team took the ice for their first game versus Boston University.

Johnny Maffei
Journal Contributor

As they look to strengthen their relationship with their opponents and administration, the Suffolk University Men’s Club Hockey team is ready to lace-up for what they call a big season; one that will benefit the whole team.

This season, the club has penciled in 21 games. All of which are organized by senior defensemen Mike Peccini and Nick Cirino.

Their regular season kicked off with a 4-2 loss to Massachusetts Maritime Academy on their home ice at Simoni Skating Rink in Cambridge, MA last week.

The group has high hopes for this season under new head coach Tommy Mehlich. The head coach is looking to build on last year, which he described as being “pretty solid.” Mehlich graduated from Suffolk last spring after playing for the club team all four years in undergrad, and is now attending Suffolk Law School.

“This team can go as far as they want to go,” Mehlich said in

an interview with The Suffolk Journal.

Club hockey differs from the varsity team off the ice, but not on the ice, according to Mehlich.

While Suffolk’s club team plays in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), they only qualify as a school club. This entails fighting for funding, which goes towards ice time, uniforms and equipment. They also organize their own practices and game schedules.

“They do a really good job working with the school,” Mehlich said about his players.

He also added that the varsity and club players have a strong relationship, always keeping each other updated on their respective seasons. Mehlich explained how he does not take for granted having a variety of both underclassmen and upperclassmen on the roster, and how everyone “wants to be that guy.”

That underclass success can be found in sophomore captain Jack Stafford and sophomore forwards Jacob Hurley and Jimmy Freeman who all impressed last year as freshmen. Another bright spot for the team is freshman goaltender

Kenny Uminski.

“[Uminski] stood on his head for us [against Boston University],” Stafford said in an interview with The Journal.

Stafford also said he’s “excited to play for something,” with regionals on his mind.

Mehlich asked Uminski if he was nervous at all before the BU matchup, and got a response any coach would love to hear; the freshman was ready and confident before taking the ice.

The players are excited for the season, as they set big goals for themselves and strive to accomplish them.

With a strong season last year, going 8-4-0 and a full roster for the first time since Mehlich has been in the program, the team has high expectations.

For a full roster, the ACHA only allows 20 players on the bench in uniform for each game. This is something the club has never had to deal with, and with a rookie head coach, it will take some getting used to.

It will be “tough with the dressing limit,” Mehlich said. “I can’t stop thinking about it.”

One aspect of the game the club will be working on is finding the back of

the net. Senior Captain Spencer Weeks will try to lead the top six forwards to a lot of production this year.

“[Weeks] is the heart and soul of this team. He goes the full 200 and is definitely a leader by example,” Mehlich proudly said about his former line mate.

Weeks said in an interview with The Journal, “I think this will be our best year yet, last year you could see this was the start of something really special.”

The team also added one more practice each week, whether it be anywhere from their home ice at Simoni, their old home rink in Winthrop or even in Boston’s North End. They are excited to put more work in and gain chemistry as a team with the extra practice time.

By placing in the top 12 teams in New England, the club hopes to compete for the ACHA regionals, which will be announced in February. Their next game is against Dartmouth College this Saturday at home- the puck drops at 8:50 p.m.

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Upcoming Games

Wednesday, Oct. 3

- **6:00 p.m.** Women’s Tennis vs. St. Joseph (Conn.)
- **7:00 p.m.** Men’s Soccer at Albertus Magnus
- **7:00 p.m.** Women’s Soccer at Simmons College

Thursday, Oct. 4

- **6:00 p.m.** Women’s Tennis vs. UMass Dartmouth
- **7:00 p.m.** Women’s Volleyball at Framingham State

Saturday, Oct. 6

- **10:00 a.m.** Women’s Volleyball at Emmanuel College
- **10:00 a.m.** Women’s Golf vs. Empire 8 Championships
- **12:00 p.m.** Men’s Soccer vs. Emmanuel College
- **12:00 p.m.** Women’s Tennis vs. Johnson & Wales (RI.)
- **12:00 p.m.** Women’s Volleyball at University of New England

Rams playoff push

Eddie Reinhardt,
Journal Contributor

October is here and the Great Northeastern Athletic Conference (GNAC) playoffs are approaching as the Suffolk University men's soccer team looks to push themselves into second gear.

The Rams are hoping to finish out the season strong as they remain in the fight for postseason contention. The team has faced many challenges in the first half of the season, but has remained focused and looks to take this final month of play head on.

"We've seen it in our games, that there a lot of teams who fight for everything," said third-year head coach James Boden in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "If you don't show that same fight in training and in games, you're going to be at a disadvantage."

With a record of 2-7-1, the Rams have seen some tough competition in the first month of the season, including a loss to Saint Joseph's College of Maine - the ninth-highest ranked team in the nation, according to D3soccer.com.

Sitting in the middle of the GNAC table, Boden said he knows his team is going to have to start stringing together consistent performances and producing high quality results against the top teams.

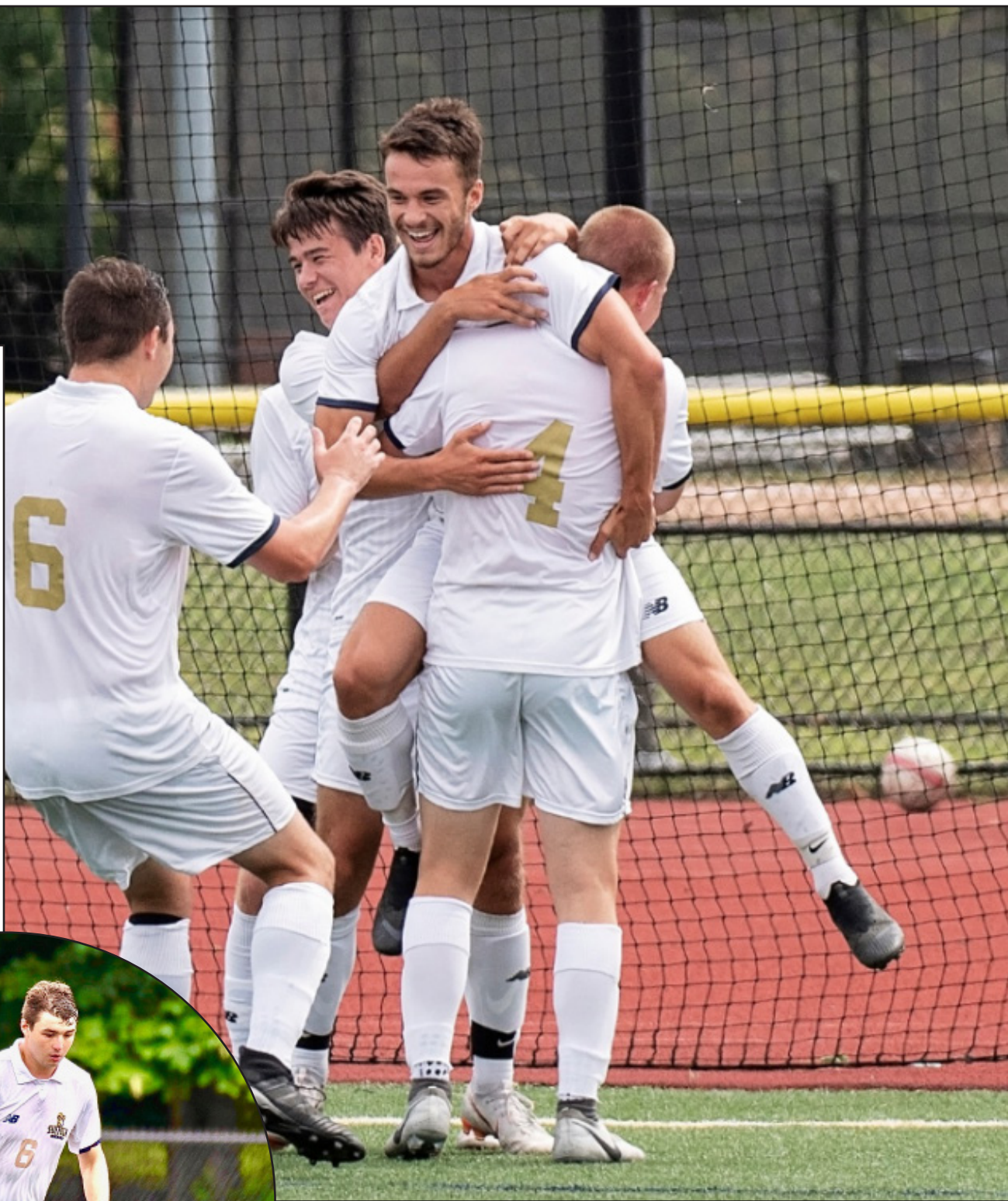
"It's not going to happen out of nowhere," said Boden. "We have to be ready in training and in the games to make sure we keep in playoff contention every time out."

For the Rams, they know their overall record does not control their fate. Only GNAC conference games count toward making the playoffs, and the team currently posts a 2-4-1 record in conference play. As the second half of the season rolls along, the team will turn special attention towards the remaining conference clashes.

"We have to win the GNAC games to make the playoffs," said senior midfielder and captain Alex DeSaulnier in an interview with The Journal. "There is always an edge and intensity in those games."

Although they have faced injuries and adversity all year, the Rams are keeping their heads up and pushing forward.

Last years' standout forward Christian Restrepo knows as well as anyone the struggle of dealing



Courtesy of Suffolk Athletics

Top: The men's soccer team celebrates a goal versus Rivier University and eventually goes on to win 3-1.

Left: Senior midfielder Alex DeSaulnier takes the ball up the field in the game against Rivier University.

with being sidelined by injury. In the past season he lead the squad with nine goals, three of which were game winners.

Over the summer he completely tore his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his left knee at practice before the start of the regular season. The team is feeling the impact of the loss having scored just thirteen goals in the span of ten games this year.

"My role now is to just be the biggest supporter I

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**-Head Coach,
James Boden**

can," said Restrepo in an interview with The Journal. "I know I could help out there, but right now my focus is motivating the team."

With a surgery scheduled next month and a recovery timetable of six to nine months, Restrepo will miss the entirety of the 2018 season. Unfortunately for the Rams, Restrepo has not been their only player with injury issues this year. The team has had between three to five players injured and unavailable to play

at various times. Not to be discouraged however, this Suffolk team understands that any member of their team could be called up at any given moment.

"The next man up always has to be ready," said DeSaulnier. "You've got to be ready when someone does go down, we can't use injuries as an excuse."

With such a consistent contributor missing in Restrepo, the Rams have had to try to find new ways to score goals and get results. Boden said his team has more than enough talent to compete for a league title and despite injuries; their goal of a home playoff game has remained unchanged.

One bright spot has been freshman Leonardo Acosta who has scored three goals and provided two assists on offense. As for which players will fill in for the injured starters, Boden said his players have to earn their time on the field.

"Our guys know it's not going to be handed to them," said Boden. "Every forward wants to get the game winner, everyone wants to be the guy, and it's about seeing who can step up."

As for how the team plans on reaching its goals this year, they look to practice as a way to sharpen their edges.

"We are taking it one game at a time, trying to hit our specific goals and improve a part or ideally a couple parts of our game each week," said Boden. "We have overcome a lot of adversity on a number of levels on and off the pitch this year, and I feel that we are really pushing in the right direction."

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