The search is on for a new president. While Suffolk University is in the midst of a period of change, the ongoing search for a new president continues, bringing with it an urge for a new president.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Andrew Meyer, who is part of the presidential search committee, said the question of what qualities make a good president cannot easily be answered.

"It's taken us months to put together an outline of the characteristics, qualities, that we feel as a Suffolk community are necessary for the president," said Meyer. "Ultimately, I can summarize by saying we want somebody that the community will be happy with and proud of."

According to the "position specification" document Meyer referenced, an ideal president has "a strong record of achievement in attracting and appointing a diverse staff and faculty," "possesses a superior intellect and is strongly driven to make a difference." A president must "create a stronger and clearer identity, a more robust stature, and higher visibility in Greater Boston, nationally, and internationally" for the university and have "demonstrated commitment to maintaining a genuinely student-centered institution."

Meyer would not reveal the identities of current candidates, citing confidentiality purposes, but said, "there are many outstanding candidates who have expressed an interest." No interviews have taken place yet.

Meyer said that the opinions of all facets of the university play a significant role in the search for a new president.

"It's important from the board's point of view and the search committee's point of view that we have input from all the different constituencies of the university," he said.

In compliance with this, according to Chairman of the Search Committee Mark Sullivan, three additions to the committee have included faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences, Sawyer Business School, and Suffolk Law School. The chosen faculty from each school respectively are Associate Professor and Chair of the Government Department Rachel Cobb, Professor of Marketing David J. Sargent, and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Marisa Kelly.

Heather Rutherford
Journal Staff

Suffolk University is one step closer in its search for the next Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. A committee formed after Kenneth Greenberg decided to return to teaching.

During the months of February and March, three finalists interviewed on campus for the position.

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Robert Allison is the co-chair on the dean search committee.

To Allison, being on the search committee is "a great opportunity for members to think about the state of the college, and what kind of leadership the college needs."

For their interviews, Allison said each candidate spent a day and a half meeting with members from all the different constituencies of the university.

"All three finalists have a commitment to students and education, and are interested in the future of Suffolk. I think whatever final decision is we will be in good hands," he said. "Allison is the co-chair on the dean search committee."

The successor for Dean Kenneth Greenberg will possibly be announced at a Board of Trustees meeting on April 10.
Dr. Marc Lamont Hill is currently the host of HuffPost Live and BET News, and is a political contributor for CNN.
Smith cleared of accusation by anonymous whistleblower

Melissa Hanson
Journal Staff

Interim President Norman Smith was found to have broken no laws after an anonymous complaint against him was filed through the university's whistleblower reporting system in January, officials said.

Suffolk has a whistleblower policy that encourages employees to report issues and concerns.

"It is the policy of Suffolk University that all employees be free to report, without fear of retaliation, activity occurring in University operations that the reporting person believes in good faith to be illegal, dishonest, unethical or fraudulent," reads the policy, which is accessible through Suffolk's website.

Once a report is filed, claims are investigated confidentially. The university uses the company EthicsPoint, Inc. as a system for filing complaints, which can be reported online or through a toll-free number, according to the website.

Smith was accused of "age discrimination," university spokesman John Nucci said in a statement.

"Consistent with university policies and procedures, the matter was promptly investigated by outside counsel and it was determined that there was no violation of policy or law and the investigation was closed," the statement said.

Nucci in the statement declined to comment further on the incident, citing university policy. Smith did not respond to requests for comment.

Smith became head of the university when former president James McCarthy left days before the fall 2014 semester began.

"At the end of the day, we would know whether they would want to be here," Allison said.

The extensive search process began in the fall, with more than 80 applicants vying for the position, Allison said. The position was posted and advertised on sites like Chronicle of Higher Education, along with a detailed job description. Not only were applicants from outside of the university, but "A number within the university expressed an interest in the position," Allison said. "It was interesting getting to know more about other people within college who have the same interest in making Suffolk flourish."

From that pool of applicants, Allison said, the committee evaluated and ranked them to determine about 15 candidates that were to be looked at more seriously. From there, each committee member called references and began the interview process.

"From there we determined real finalists, those who would really take us to where the college needs to be," he said.
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Israel elections spark debate on Palestine negotiations

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Top 2 parties voting results

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Source: Central Elections Committee

After Likud party candidate Binyamin Netanyahu was re-elected as prime minister in Israel, there are mixed feelings on how this will affect negotiations with the Palestinians.

Yasmeen Hamdoun is a member of Suffolk's Students for Justice in Palestine, and found it unbelievable that Netanyahu was re-elected after the foreign policies he is pushing toward the Palestinians.

"I think he has been too aggressive with his foreign policy and his treatment of Palestinians," said Hamdoun.

And by foreign policy, I mean Gaza and on occupation." Newton had been behind in the polls against the "soft-spoken leftist" candidate Isaac Herzog in the Zionist Union party, according to multiple news sources.

He warned his supporters about the "droves of Arab voters," being buried in the left-wing, which he later apologized for, according to the New York Times.

University Chaplain Rev. Amy Fisher in the interfaith center has overseen the Suffolk Hillel and Suffolk Hillel Director, and has also studied and worked in Israel.

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The Zionist Union party received the second most votes in the election last week and support a solution to the conflict with the Palestinians and repairing ties with the U.S. However, Sered does not think the results from the election would immediately create peace.

"Does the hardline bluster of Netanyahu advance the cause of peace? My sense is that it does not," said Sered. "But I am also sufficiently level-headed enough to know that the choice of a coalition led by the Zionist Union would not with any certainty lead to peace. There simply are too many variables."

Obama has expressed his efforts on protecting the security of the Israeli people while working with Netanyahu to reach an agreement, as reported by the Huffington Post.

"I think there's always going to be some left-wing elements, maybe with some right-wing elements, maybe with some left-wing elements."

Professor Susan Sered of the Sociology Department explained Netanyahu's party has a history of economic inequality for Israeli citizens and compared them to a former U.S. president's economic policies.

"I have been living outside of Israel for the past 16 years so do not have as full a sense of popular sentiment or of security issues as do people living in Israel," said Sered, who lived in Israel from 1978 to 1998. "From my perspective, the Zionist Union party was, and is, a better direction for Israel." Sered who has a master's and Ph.D. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, moved to Israel from the U.S. and became a professor at Bar-Ilan University. Sered has researched religion and culture and was one of the editorial board members for Social Issues in Israel. She started teaching at Suffolk in 2005.

"During the time of Likud, Netanyahu's party, governments in Israel there have been an unprecedented increase in economic inequality among Israeli citizens," said Sered. "In many respects, Likud social and economic policies are similar to 'Reaganomics' and have allowed the well-to-do to become very rich while gaps between rich and poor have grown wider and wider."

In terms of peace agreements between Israelis and Palestinians, opinions vary on how influential the Israeli prime minister will be to end the conflict.

"His behavior has never hinted he wants peace or a two-state solution, and he even said himself in the quote that went viral 'there will never be a Palestinian state,'" said Hamdoun. "Also, I heard about problems with infiltration and general concerns about the way he's running things."

Professor Sered, however, believes that it is going to take more than just Israel to arrive for peace.

"I do not believe that the future of peace with Palestine, or with any states in the region, are solely - or even mostly - in the hands of the Israeli prime minister," said Sered. "It takes two sides, or in the case of the Middle East - dozens of sides, to commit to peace. Unfortunately, I don't see that happening anytime soon."

Even some Israelis are shocked by the outcome of the election as the right-wing party barely won seats, but they are "playing it safe" with the choice to re-elect, according to the Huffington Post.

"I think that the person who is already incumbent is going to have a better chance," said Fisher. "People don't want to try something new."

For Palestinians and their supporters, this will mean matters with Palestine could become worse.

"As the years go by, the Israeli military strikes Gaza harder, the occupation deepens, and the settlements grow as more Palestinians are left displaced and homeless," said Hamdoun. "Netanyahu makes it clearer by the day that he does not want a two-state solution. He wants an exclusively Jewish state that steps over the basic human rights of anyone who is not a European Jew."

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Afghan woman killed following accusation

**Maria Baluch, Journal Staff**

It was just two days before Nowruz, the Persian New Year celebrated by many South Asians, when a deadly struck in Afghanistan. Farkhunda, 28-year-old woman who only goes by one name, was beaten to death on March 19 by a mob of men in Kabul after being falsely accused of burning a Quran, a crime punishable by death in Afghanistan, as reported by CNN.

Farkhunda was dragged to the streets near a mosque by a group of men, according to CNN. She was stomped on, kicked and beaten, and was run over by a car until she was barely recognizable. Her body was set on fire and thrown into a river.

The killing of Farkhunda was caught on a video that circulated on social media. The alarming video shows police officers just standing nearby and several men gathered around her.

On the video, some are seen spectating, others are filming on their cellphones.

According to TOLOnews, the incident occurred when Farkhunda went to a mullah, or cleric, at Shah-e Doh Shamshira mosque to “stop him from deceiving people by writing false Tawiz,” a piece of paper with verses from the Quran that are folded and worn as a pendant on a necklace by many Muslims for protection from evil.

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Her family has turned to the government for help. Farkhunda’s mother asked the government to “ensure the safety of women who have been the victim of various types of violence for decades,” according to TOLOnews.

I don’t want the blood of my daughter to go in vain.”

**France | Plane crash**

A plane that left Germany for Spain crashed in the French Alps on the morning of Tuesday, killing everyone on board, as reported by The New York Times. A total of 150 passengers were on the plane when it lost contact. So far, a voice recorder has been found that captured a couple of hours of the pilot’s conversations and surrounding noises. “At this stage, we consider this to be an accident,” a spokesperson of the airline said, according to NYT.

**United Nations | LGBT benefits**

The U.N. voted to extend employee benefits to same-sex couples, defying a resolution by Russia to exclude LGBT workers from being protected, according to BBC. This includes workers in countries that do not recognize same-sex marriages or transgender rights. The U.N. also provides benefits for legal polygamous marriages for up to four wives, as reported by BBC.

**Africa | Elephant extinction**

Wild African elephants may be extinct in a few decades due to illegal poaching, according to Al Jazeera America. In five years, we may have lost the opportunity to save this magnificent and iconic animal, said Dune Ives, a senior researcher at philanthropic organization Vulcan, during The African Elephant Summit. From 2006 to 2015, the African elephant population decreased nearly 100,000 elephants due to the illegal hunt for ivory that funds “regional conflicts and armed groups,” Al Jazeera reported.
Alexa Gagosz
Journal Staff

During a panel discussing Islamic belief, Christianity, and Judaism, the Palestinian and Israeli conflict was analyzed by three prominent individuals of the religious community of the Boston area. Hosted by Boston University's Students for Justice in Palestine, the talk session began with Rabbi Joseph Berman speaking on how their religions impact the conflict, human rights, and why Palestinians have the support of Muslims, Christians, and Jews. As the BU and Students for Justice in Palestine members host began the talk session, more than 80 seats were filled in the College of Communications' small auditorium. Dr. Othman Mohammad is a Palestinian physician, but was born and raised as a refugee in Lebanon. He has recently joined the Harvard Medical School Adult Psychiatry training programs in 2009 and specializes in Child Adolescent Psychiatry. He began the session with speaking of his religion with traditional sayings of the Islamic belief, such as, "You cannot be a firm believer when you can fall asleep at night with your neighbor hungry."

Rev. Karlene Griffiths Sekou is a pastor, an international women's and human rights advocate global health strategist, and public speaker. "I am extremely passionate about human rights. It is the heart of Christianity," she said. "What is not as prevalent is that Jesus Christ is a symbol of a revolution. But religion can be a tool in the hands of the wrong people."

Rabbi Joseph Berman has spent years organizing equality for Israelis and Palestinians in the community for years and will soon be a part of the Jewish Voice for Peace in April as the Federal Policy Organizer in Washington D.C.

When asked what he believed to be considered human rights, he brought up a story about his grandfather, who was a survivor of the Holocaust. "I would not be here without the people that helped my grandmother," said Berman. "They put their lives at risk, Jews and non Jews. Risking their lives for humanity. To me, that is Judaism."

Dr. Othman was clear in that people did not need to identify with a religion in order to believe in human rights or support peace in Palestine. "You do not need to be religious to be supportive of humanity," said Othman. "But I find it sad that there are thriving neighborhoods right across the way from poverty-stricken ghettos who lack clean drinking water. Take Gaza for instance, the kids are underweight, 40 percent of children suffer from anemia, and their access to food is limited."

Rev. Sekou discussed religious influence in Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Sekou's religious campaign was clear in that "We cannot give someone their humanity; they are human."

Othman mentioned the recent elections in Israel where the Likud party had made a shocking win over the Zionist Union party last week and how some political officials use the conflict as a gain in political debates and speeches. "It sickens me that Prime Minister Netanyahu uses the suffering of people for political gain," said Othman when speaking of how Netanyahu spoke of a two-party state.

Berman ended on a note that initiated several questions from the audience. "Our liberation is all bound up with one another. Israeli Jews will only be free when Palestinians are free," he said. "This is not a fundamentally religious conflict. Religion is mixed in, but it is not the source."

Rev. Sekou discussing religious influence in Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Bolivia names first female general to command troops

Evette Thompson
Journal Staff

Bolivian president Evo Morales named Gina Reque Teran as the general of the army during a ceremony held in La Paz, according to multiple outlets. This makes her the first woman to in Latin America to command combat troops. Alexa Miguel, a freshman studying media thinks that it is a step forward considering the gender bias that you face.

"It is really great that a woman will be recognized for her achievements," Miguel said. "She worked hard in the military before being promoted while being a mother of two."

Reque Teran is the daughter of the well-known retired general Luis Reque Teran, as reported by NBC News.

Reque Teran has always aspired to be in the top position in the army. "Becoming a general was my purpose in entering the military," she said, according to La Razonda, a Spanish newspaper based in Madrid.

Reque Teran was appointed general of the army on International Women's Day, as reported by Fox News.

VSA hosts annual cultural show

As the largest event hosted by the Vietnamese Student Association at Suffolk, the annual culture show at the C. Walsh Theatre on Mar. 20 showcased performances by various student groups and individuals.

Gina Reque Teran

This was also the first time that a woman was named generals in the police force according to MercoPress.

Reque Teran sees this milestone as a motivation for women in the military. She said to Fox News that "all women must continue to work and dedicate themselves to the profession 100 percent."

Veronique Egah Akoswa, a senior majoring in international relations, said she is "not surprised to see Reque Teran as the army general because a woman can equal do what a man can do."

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Gina Reque Teran

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Joys the Boston atmosphere

Suffolk alum stays true to roots in Boston-based novel

Jenna Collins
Journal Staff

"Rook to Bishop" is an action-packed, heart-racing novel that captures the audience as soon as protagonist Liam Maguire, and the trouble surrounding him and his sister, is introduced.

Paul Garvey, a 2005 graduate of Suffolk, has pushed his Finance degree aside and put his heart into what he enjoys writing. "Rook to Bishop," Garvey's third novel, is a compelling story about two Bostonian siblings, Liam and Penny Maguire, who find themselves on the wrong side of a very powerful drug lord, John Bishop. Lost as to what to do in their situation, the Maguire's enlist the help of an old law enforcer, Nick McNulty, with a long history of using brute force to get his point across and a reputation that earns respect from even the worst of the criminals making Boston their stomping grounds. McNulty has been running the streets of Boston for as long as he can remember. His time operating behind the law has him battling with himself about the rights and wrongs of his decisions during those years, but the most important decision he must make is whether he should help the Maguire siblings, no matter what the cost may be.

Garvey's novel is something special compared to everything being published today. He doesn't like it with unrealistic heroes and villains. "Rook to Bishop," is entirely realistic. Everything these characters are experiencing could happen to anyone. He doesn't shy away from the reality of drug lords and crime bosses, but instead embraces the violence that occurs behind the law.

There is also something extremely satisfying about reading a book and knowing the places the author is mentioning. Garvey's love for Boston and the city life shines through in his novel. When an author is passionate about what they are doing, it is ingrained in their work and a reader is easily able to pick up on it. I would recommend "Rook to Bishop" to anyone that enjoys the Boston atmosphere and loves a tortured character who is silently begging you to cheer for them.

As for Garvey, he is currently living in Dublin, Ireland, a city he says reminds him a lot of Boston. Garvey has just released his fifth novel, "Blackpool Knights," which is the first of a new series.
Manhattanhenge creates laid-back beats on campus

Will Senar
Journal Staff

Jake Rivers and Ben Rathman discovered their love for music in high school. Now, in the basement of the 150 Tremont building, you can hear an orchestra, a saxophonist, and a guitar player—three different musicians playing in harmony. Though their sound is similar to that of regular bands, Rivers said they are inspired by all kinds of music, from rock to hip-hop.

The tone of their work reflects the personalities of both Rivers and Rathman. Their music is infused with a laid-back melody, and though their sound is more pop, their lyrics are inspired by all kinds of music, from rock to hip-hop.

WICKED calls on local dance troupes to beat rare disease

Will Senar
Journal Staff

From billiards to business, Suffolk University’s student-run organizations stand out not only for their exemplary ability to get students involved on-campus, but also for their outstanding philanthropic efforts. Allocating 60 percent of their proceeds, Suffolk’s WICKED hip-hop dance crew teamed up with nearby colleges and dance companies to beat a rare genetic disease, Sanfilippo Syndrome.

WICKED, a team that integrates several different styles of dance into their performance, showcased their genuine passion to help others Friday at their second annual benefit competition, “Boston’s Best Dance Crew.”

WICKED hosted the event and invited judges, Adlai Grayson, a dancer and choreographer based in Boston, Courtney Hallas, founder of WICKED in 2008, Kendra Eddy, captain of WICKED for three years until she graduated in 2012, and Brian Lim, known as “Brian Pistola,” who was a member of WICKED when he was at Suffolk. These judges critiqued the music, theme, execution and overall presentation of each team in similar fashion to MTI’s Mocha Moves, Suffolk University’s Step Team, and Wheelock College’s Xsclusive. Special performances by Best ConnXions Dance Company, CONCEPT ARTISTS, InTheMak, Phunk Phenomenon, and Phunk’s junior dance team, L’Art Phunk.

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Roxane Gay offers bold advice to aspiring writers

Jennifer Usovicz  Journal Contributor

The Little Building at Emerson College was packed to capacity March 19, with attendees spilling out onto the aisles, waiting for a question and answer session and reading with Roxane Gay, author of New York Times best seller "Bad Feminist."

Gay sat at the front of the venue and opened with a witty anecdote about a new leather couch she recently purchased. She had broken her ankle and was wheelchair bound at the time of the purchase and said an unkempt comment from a salesperson warranted the purchase of a couch as retribution. The salesperson had asked her if she enjoyed window shopping, so Gay, not one to be misjudged, told the audience her rebuttal to the same question was, "I'm buying a damn couch."

Gay finished her Ph.D. in rhetoric and technical communication in 2010 from Michigan Technological University and is currently teaching at Purdue University in Lafayette, Ohio.

Gay is an African-American feminist writer and the child of immigrant parents. In her first essay, "Bad Feminist," she discusses the adversity she faced and the ways in which peers tried to break her.

She once overheard a former colleague in her graduate seminar remark, "She's the affirmative action student," belittling Gay's success and undermining her right to be there, she said.

At the seminar she was asked, "How do you write about sexual violence?" Gay responded that she deals with it in a way that's not gratuitous. She used the example of how you can watch violence on television and not look away because it is presented not as information but as stylized entertainment.

She cites Suzanne Collins' wildly popular trilogy, "The Hunger Games," as being a novel that deals with violence in the appropriate and realistic way. The main character of "The Hunger Games," Katniss, deals with trauma and the natural repercussions of violence.

Once Gay got to the reading, her tangents were hysterical. She described her crush on Channing Tatum, who she said people have tried to turn her off of by saying he looks like a potato, "as if potatoes are not delicious!" and said she liked his big neck and Magic Mike. She also mentioned her sexual fantasies include Mr. Rogers, and Beyoncé occasionally, and led to her short non-fiction piece about being attracted to her UPS delivery man and his cute brown shorts. Despite all the laughter and jokes, the reading took a turn for the dark and serious when she decided to end her reading with, "What We Hunger For?" an alternate title to "Bad Feminist" and an essay that deals with her sexual assault. She described her unexplained loneliness as a girl despite having loving parents and being a talented student. She felt this void in her that made her crave male attention. Her essay related to the audience, almost entirely female, who could all remember feeling vulnerable, desperate, and lonely in adolescence.

Gay's advice to young writers was, "work hard, say things that matter, be you, and believe in your voice." The last piece of advice she shared was that she had tried to change her voice when she was younger to fit the sound of someone she could write for "The New York Times" and other serious publications, but said it was bad writing that lacked authenticity. She said part of why she didn't believe in her own voice was that there weren't a lot of people who looked like her and wrote like she did, so she lost her faith. Check out her two published works: "An Untamed State" and "Bad Feminist."

Abby Wilson  Journal Staff

Home to the annual dazzling holiday show, "The Nutcracker," the Opera House is hosting the Boston Ballet's latest spring production series, "Shades of Sound," which displays the company's iconic and magnificent musicality and exhilarating choreography.

The repertoire, separated into three unique programs, "focuses on pushing the physical limits of the human body in a beautifully organic composition," according to the Boston Ballet's website. Wayne McGregor's "Chroma" accompanied by music by Jody Talbot and American rock duo, The White Stripes, is the first of the riveting works followed by George Balanchine's, "Episodes," with music by Anton von Webern.

While the former productions certainly possess all of the elements of an outstanding composition the third segment, Hans van Manen's "Black Coffee" and "Four Seasons Cycle" by Tchaikovsky, Leos Janacek, Igor Stravinsky, Pietro Mascagni, Jules Massenet, is the standout performance in the show for its graceful execution of a hilarious tippy romp following six high society couples and one waiter in a party scene full of flirtatious dancing and celebratory drinking.

This performance was easily my favorite. The costumes were decorative, the women in dresses and the men in all black costumes that imitated suits. The backdrop contained dozens of sparkling lights, giving the illusion of stars. The whole piece had an air of lightheartedness and fun, punctuated by a hilarious "pas de deux," a duet, in which a couple has what can only be described as a battle of wills. There was also a romantic feel to the piece that was warm and sweet. My favorite part of the performance was when all of the dancers appeared drunk, chasing after a waiter carrying a tray of full glasses, and looking mortified after him as he walked offstage.

The company originally performed it in 2013, receiving standing ovations, and it was no different when I saw it. The show requires one of the largest groups of Boston Ballet Orchestra musicians ever to accompany a performance, with six percussionists playing in the opera boxes, according to their website.

The dancers are on a stage that has white walls and a cutout in the back where all of the dancers enter through. Their simple costumes consisting of simple leotards to complement their skin tone, accent the simplicity of the piece.

The Boston Globe raved that the "dancers astonish with their mastery of the choreography, contorting this way and that with remarkable intensity." The rock influences are apparent in the music and in the dancing, especially when compared to the next segment of the performance.

The next piece, entitled "Episodes," is a "dazzling exhibition of the power of choreography, showing us, simultaneously, extraordinary physical feats and immense emotional possibilities," according to Ballet Magazine. The performance is broken up into four separate dances, each corresponding to a different piece of music. This separation normally gives the whole performance a disjointed feel, but each piece was performed with such skill and grace that the transitions between pieces felt natural.

The four pieces that were performed were "Symphony, Opus 21," "Five Pieces, Opus 10," "Concerto, Opus 24," all by Anton von Webern and "Ricercata in Six Voices" from Bach's "Musical Offering." "Critical Dance" describes the work as a "brilliant visualization of Webern's music that doesn't just mimic it, but expands its impact."

The dancers were very much in sync with each other. Dressed in practice clothing of black leotards and white tops, this type of construction classifies the piece as a "black and white" ballet, according to their website.

The entirety of the performance is a wonderful display of talent and athleticism, with many daring leaps and lifts. From the more traditional "Episodes," to the modern "Chroma," each piece has something for everyone. Held in the stunning Boston Opera House, the ballet offers a little magic and grandeur to distract from everyday life. It was truly a treat.

"Shades of Sound" will run at the Boston Opera House through March 29.
The New England School of Art and Design is physically separated from NESAD, which is part of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). Though that is true, NESAD says to the art and design community as they have some worries that NESAD is not among the next section of the search committee. But, a representative from NESAD is not among the new president, and the Board of Trustees has enlisted help to select a candidate who shows promise.

This decision should leave students asking what comes next for NESAD. Excluding the entire student body from the search committee may leave some wondering if the university does not see NESAD as a part of Suffolk's future. NESAD deserves more than this, keeping the school out of the search for Suffolk's next president is fundamentally wrong.

Mortese Johnson, a third-year student at the University of Virginia, was arrested outside of Trinity Irish Pub in the early hours of March 18. After a confrontation with agents of the Virginia Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control, he sustained a head injury that required 10 stitches, according to The Cavalier Daily, UVa's student newspaper. It started when Kevin Badke, the owner of the bar who was acting as a bouncer that night, asked for Johnson's ID. When Badke asked Johnson for his zip code, Johnson answered with his current zip code instead of the old zip code stated on the ID that corresponded to his mother's previous residence, according to The Cavalier Daily. After Badke said he could not admit him, Johnson walked away without protesting.

This was a misunderstanding that could have been solved quickly because the ID was valid, but agents from the Virginia Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC) stopped in and things got very wrong very quickly.

The arrest began because Johnson supposedly had a fake ID, but that wasn't one of his charges. According to The Cavalier Daily, he was charged with resisting arrest, obstructing justice without threats of force and profane swearing or intoxication in public. The video of the incident shows ABC agents created a violent situation out of a simple misunderstanding, it would be realistic to believe that many people would react in a similar way when arrest and start swearing, too.

The Cavalier Daily reported that Johnson is in the Honors Committee and the Black Student Association – but whether or not Johnson was on the Honors Committee is irrelevant. The incident shouldn't have happened. Whether or not he was an honor student, or whether or not his ID was fake, the incident shouldn't have turned violent so quickly.

The story of the incident depicts three agents holding Johnson down, and elicited a strong response from the local community, which protested a decision by the UVa President Sullivan and asked for police to come forward, and state investigations into the incident are already underway. State Senator Donald Dewitt had previously proposed legislation to eliminate the law enforcement powers of the ABC because of other violent incidents, with Johnson's arrest bringing it to attention once again.

In the nationwide conversation around racism and police brutality – especially when it comes to police brutality – we are always hesitant to take the victim's side until good moral character is proven, even when there is video proof.

Witnesses said a police officer killed Mike Brown after he put his hands up and mouthed the words “don’t shoot,” after stealing from a local store. Eric Garner was killed with a chokehold as he was being arrested by the New York Police Department. Unarmed teenager Trayvon Martin was killed by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch coordinator, but not a police officer, in a supposed act of vigilantism, and he was not found guilty of a crime.

Despite the fact that those are horrible cases, in all of them, as a society, held these black males to a higher moral standard, asking them for more proof of their innocence so these injustices can be deemed worthy of our indignation.

This double standard can be proven by studying the differences in how law enforcement and the media dealt with white students rioting in Koenne, during an annual Pumpkin Fest in October, versus the protesters who rioted in Ferguson, Missouri, after the officer who killed Mike Brown was not indicted. The Ferguson protests were about civil rights and about reestablishing the conversation around racism and police abuse. They were about not permitting the murder of another African American male to be ignored and forgotten by a government who has already let so many deaths be forgotten.

The “Black Lives Matter” movement has had a lot of support, but so did the “All Lives Matter” movement which begs the question: why any conversation about racism is followed by a “what about reverse racism” response?

We need to stop tiptoeing around racism and pretending that “we don't see color, we just see people,” because neither is accurate. Our cultures and the way we are treated is celebrated because we are all equal, but we are not all the same, and that is a beautiful thing.
Rand Paul making the leap to 2016 GOP frontrunner

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Looking to reclaim the presidency after two terms of Democratic control, Republicans will have a considerable pool of candidates to choose from in 2016. One group is related to former presidents, and others have years of experience as leaders in the GOP. But currently, the only clear cut candidate who can beat a potential Hillary Clinton-led Democratic ticket is libertarian-minded Kentucky Senator Rand Paul.

Other major potential candidates for the Republican ticket include Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, and Florida Senator Marco Rubio, according to Real Clear Politics, Texas Senator Ted Cruz formally announced Monday his plan to run, making him the first high-profile candidate to do so.

Based on an average of 49 polls, Real Clear Politics currently gives the edge to Walker, who is famous among Republicans for his work in passing collective bargaining measures that were not in principle agreement with unions and gave companies an upper hand in collective bargaining. Walker also survived a difficult recall election in 2012 and was reelected in 2014. The closest form of competition for Walker comes from Governor Christie and Senator Paul. Governor Christie has attracted Republicans from the far- and moderate-right and won a recent Fox News poll for the 2016 GOP presidential candidates. He is the most outspoken of the GOP front-runners, and during this year’s Conservative Political Action Conference said some of his critics “need to be told to sit down and shut up.”

Well known for his fiscal conservatism, he has also been admired by more moderate, libertarian Republicans for signing the New Jersey Compassionate Use MedicalMarijuana Act, which made medical marijuana legal in New Jersey.

Ram Paul appeals to young voters, which could give him an edge in the 2016 presidential race.

Paul has been the lead candidate in many CNN polls for the 2016 GOP nomination, and has shown great appeal to young people with his libertarian-style approach to government and its process. He has also shown a willingness to work across the aisle, most recently in the spring of 2015 when he teamed up with New Jersey Democratic Senator Cory Booker on criminal justice reform. Those reforms would reduce both sentences for drug offenses and the number of incarcerated people in the United States, according to the Huffington Post.

Paul seems to bring a youth presence back to the GOP after stating his support for decriminalizing marijuana and tackling privacy issues relating to the National Security Agency, according to Politico and On the Issues. He also attracts the younger vote, of which Obama won 67 percent in 2012, according to Politico. Not only does Paul show poise in front of the grand stage, but he also knows how to woo a crowd unlike Christie and Bush, who were booed during their speeches at CPAC.

Although Paul faces fierce competition against Walker, the Wisconsin governor lacks any credentials like a bachelor’s degree, which could cost him votes. Paul offers a balance of fiscal conservatism and moderate stances on social issues, an approach that desperately needed if Republicans want to take back the White House.

The Republican Party has a lot to figure out before the Iowa Caucus. They will have to be ready to face a Clinton-led democratic ticket. If there is any chance for Republicans to combat Clinton’s legacy in 2016, the Republican nominee has to be Rand Paul.

French Parliament may pass legislation to set weight standard for models

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The constant battle over weight in the fashion industry is under scrutiny once again. According to the New York Times, the French Parliament is debating a bill that would set the minimum weight for women to work as models. This is in an effort to stop anorexia nervosa, an eating disorder that many models have been known to struggle with. Anorexia, which can be fatal, causes people to obsess over their weight.

The debate over anorexia would rise to a whole new level in Paris, which the Times called the “spiritual capital of the world,” if the legislation were approved. Modeling agencies that employ models whose body mass index measurements do not meet the minimum healthy threshold of about 18 or 18.5 would face fines and possible prison. Anorexia nervosa, a disease that would weigh just a little less than 120 pounds, according to the “Modeling agencies should definitely be held accountable if they purposely push models to lose weight... Over the past decade, several models lost unhealthy amounts of weight, resulting in frightening figures and even death.”

Nonetheless, modeling agencies should definitely be held accountable if they purposely push models to lose weight and be thinner. Over the past decade, several models lost unhealthy amounts of weight, resulting in frightening figures and even death.

French model Isabelle Caro disclosed her disorder to the world when she posed for an anti-anorexia campaign in 2007. Controversial images of her skeletal figure were posted on billboards. After years of anorexia-related illnesses, she died of acute respiratory illness in 2010, according to CBS. Reports of her death said it was the guilt of anorexia caused her death.

Instead of passing a law, which seems to punish models because they can’t be employed if they don’t meet a certain weight requirement, the legislation should promote a healthy lifestyle.

Instead of resolving it with a law but we can begin a public health policy to prevent and protect and limit the number of those suffering from anorexia,” Oliver Veran, a neurologist and a member Parliament’s lower house, told the Times.

It is a sensitive subject and a rocky debate, but the fashion industry should encourage women everywhere to eat healthy and not starve themselves to look like their models. A similar lifestyle, instead of promoting unrealistic thin figures that models can only achieve by starving themselves.
Students face insurmountable pressure

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The qualifications that a student needs in a "globalized" world are almost like a long list of good-to-haves: to get into some college, some graphic novelist wrote out when characterizing their next superhero.

In a recent article by The Boston Globe, the accounts of several MIT students dissatisfied with the society of staying on top of their rigorous curriculums. Many who graduated high school at the top of their classes found themselves struggling to merely receive passing grades once they stepped into the Ivy League’s classrooms.

When the Globe shared the article on Facebook, the comments by users were unconcerned with the student’s struggles. If they knew they were enrolling in such a difficult university, why should we feel sorry for them now? Why, if they are so stressed out, do they not just drop out of MIT and go to a state school or an "easier" college?

To be a competitive job seeker, one must be multilingual, a rhetoric champion, have impressive networking abilities, and be fluent in at least one programming language, hack a reputable internship (or even "easier" college? and go to a state school or an "easier" college? if they are so stressed out, do they not just drop out of MIT and go to a state school or an "easier" college?

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I have also often heard this notion that school and homework are the only priorities for young person enrolled in college. But this is false. I have told this a number of times since we are all in college, the "real life" has not hit us yet, so we must not be concerned with any insurmountable amount of stress.

On top of all these expectations, some us have to balance financial burdens, physical and mental health issues, and other problems beyond our control. These issues don’t wait for us until we walk across the stage at commencement. They come during finals week. They come every semester when we have to figure out where we are going to live. They come when the bursar’s office reminds us we have an outstanding balance. They come when a call from home announces some unexpected tragedy.

They come and they don’t leave.

Suffolk’s annual tuition is $10,000 more than what multiple websites predict I will pay back over the lifetime of my education. It is much more than what my mother earns as she supervises a small adult day care in South Texas along the border.

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As tuition climbs, undergrad degrees growing too expensive

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Suffolk’s full-time undergraduate tuition will rise to $33,800 for the next academic year, an increase of about four percent. Though it may seem like a pretty small number, it is way too much for just one year, especially considering that rents are also going up in Boston, with some students experiencing monthly rises in the hundreds.

Suffolk prides itself on being one of the best and most affordable private non-profit universities in the area. However, according to the Project on Student Debt, the average debt of Suffolk graduates in 2013 was $34,000 more than the state average for the same year ($28,655). The problem with tuition is much bigger than Suffolk. College degrees are definitely more expensive than ever, with The Wall Street Journal noting, “even after adjusting for inflation that's nearly double the amount borrowers had to pay back 20 years ago.” But are we reaching a point in which students everywhere should be telling colleges and universities that enough is enough?

Suffolk offers small classes with great professors, and tuition hikes are to be expected, but is so much money reason-able for only one of the four years?

While I believe that a great education like the one I’ve been receiving at Suffolk is the most valuable tool in life, the numbers just don’t seem affordable for many people in this economy.

Considering how expensive tuition is at most colleges and universities, Suffolk’s planned tuition increase of $1,270 seems like a small amount. Nevertheless, current debt, estimating from public universities like UMass Boston ($26,078), will inevitably rise with these tuition costs, which could eco-nomically impair students’ futures.

In an extreme example of this situation, borrowers could lose their professional licenses for ignoring their student loan payments, according to The Huffington Post. This penalty strips them of the very means to pay off their loans, locking them in a cycle that will be more difficult to get out of. Does it really make sense to punish someone for not paying their student loans by removing their means to pay them?

More importantly, is it worth incurring so much student debt to educate and prepare yourself for a par-ticular workforce, to then be shunned from working because you can’t pay your loans and establish your life at the same time?

For now, it seems tuition rates will keep increasing in most (if not all) higher learning institutions at a rate higher than inflation. Suffolk’s incoming undergraduates will receive an education at the lowered rate of $32,524 more without including any future tuition hikes, rent, healthcare, transportation and living ex-penditures.

A four-year undergraduate degree shouldn’t be this expensive and shouldn’t imply all the debt it does, even in the heart of Boston.
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### Chasse sees potential in teammates

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Chasse was a threat on the mound and in the batter’s box. Her batting average was .294 and she recorded five hits and four runs in 2014.

**Last season,** Chasse was a workhorse, starting 22 games while logging 144.1 innings. She also posted a 3.25 ERA and struck out 117.

"I'm definitely trying to get my number down," said Chasse. "Especially my hits to innings ratio. And I want to keep my ERA down, too. I'm setting a higher standard since it's my last year."

If Chasse is able to follow through on her goals, that's great news for the Rams, and bad news for opposing offense. In her last three outings, Chasse has surrendered an average of one earned run over seven innings of work.

As for the big picture, expectations are high from the captain. She sees the team competing with the best, and ultimately, having a shot at the GNAC crown.

"Big expectations for this team, because of how we played towards the end of the week in Florida," said Chasse. "I definitely think we can be towards the top of our conference."

The Rams will play Mount Ida in their home opener in a doubleheader on Friday, and will face Rivier twice the following day, playing back-to-back double-headers.

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Jabaal Sheard in training camp with the Cleveland Browns.

Patriots say 'hello' and 'goodbye' to players during busy off-season

Key signings
Jabaal Sheard (above), defensive end
Scott Chandler, tight end
Brandon Gibson, wide receiver

Key losses
Darrelle Revis, cornerback
Brandon Browner, cornerback
Vince Wilfork, defensive tackle

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For Patriots fans, this offseason has felt like a post-Super Bowl hangover. Though the Patriots are the reigning world champions, they have already lost key members of the 2014 squad who fell to the almighty dollar in what is the free agency fisico.

The largest domino to fall was All-Pro corner Darrelle Revis, who failed to re-sign with the team after shipping back to AFC East rival, the New York Jets on a five-year, $70 million contract. Along with Revis, the Patriots also lost their other starting cornerback Brandon Browner after the Patriots declined his option. Browner signed with the New Orleans Saints for three years and $15 million.

Along with defense came the departure of beloved Patriot, nose tackle Vince Wilfork. His absence leaves the return of beloved Patriot, nose tackle Vince Wilfork as the almighty dollar in what is the free agency fisico.

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On the other side of the ball, the Patriots have lost their secret pass-catching backfield threat in Shane Vereen, a former second round pick in 2011. He signed with the New York Giants for a big payday.

With all these holes the Patriots were quick to find what they could on the open market. They signed two new defensive backs in Bradley Fletcher and Robert McClain. Fletcher, who struggled in the Philadelphia Eagles’ defensive scheme last year, is hoping redeem himself in New England and is a low risk high reward profile player. McClain, a University of Connecticut graduate, returns to the New England region after being with the Falcons and being a starter along with Fletcher in the Patriots defense.

The Patriots defense has been a defensive end formerly of the Cleveland Browns. After years of instability in Cleveland, Sheard comes to one of the most successful franchises in NFL history. Sheard, in four seasons, has accumulated 23 sacks. One of those sacks was to his now-teammate, Tom Brady.

The Patriots, with the loss of Revis, have improved their secondary with the signings of Fletcher and McClain. Sheard will be looking for the cover off the ball spring, and looks to be the perfect catalyst.

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Men's tennis have high expectations for team

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The men's tennis team looks to have another strong season on the court. In 2014, the Rams fell short once again in the GNAC finals against the dominant Ramapo College tennis squad. With key players graduating, the Rams will look to other players to fill the void. Vincent Le is just one of the many returning upperclassmen for the Rams.

"I still believe that we have depth on the team heading into the season," said Le. "The newcomers this year have actually proved in practices that their skill level is on par with both Drew and Vassili [who graduated last year]. Even though losing Drew and Vaissani took a blow to our team I still believe the newcomers have what it takes to fill in their position."

The biggest piece to the Rams' squad is No. 1 singles player Calixto Romero. He was the 2014 GNAC Player of the Year, finishing the season with a 7-2 record as the No. 1 singles seed. Romero's value does not end there, as he also held a 7-3 doubles record during the season, meaning each week, he would help the team in two of their nine matches.

Romero, of Peru, is not the only decorated athlete returning. Senior Marc Winkler, who was a first team All-Conference selection last season, is also returning with racket in hand. Winkler was 2-0 at the No.1 singles spot last season. It is anticipated he will stay at the No. 2 slot this season behind Romero, making a strong one-two punch for the Rams' lineup.

Winkler, of Venezuela, is coming off a season where he finished 2-0 in his final regular season matches. Playing the entire season could help the team continue their regular-season success. "Having Calixto and Marc on first and second singles has really helped us win our matches," said Le, junior from Wilmington. "Ever since I was a freshman, two years ago, those two were always in our lineup for our first and second singles spots as they proved throughout the years they were the strongest on our team. I'm happy for Calixto winning [GNAC] Player of the Year and he deserved it."

Winkler and Romero have plenty of experience together, especially doubles play. The two were 4-3 as doubles partners last season in the No.1 doubles seed. They were also an All-Conference doubles team selection.

The team has more depth in returning players like Francesco Sala and Le. Both combine for a 4-7 singles record, but the experience they have gained may improve their overall game. "The team currently has five freshmen on the roster. One of the more intriguing newcomers on the roster is freshman and Saudi Arabia native Othman Hafiz."

"In all honesty, I think all of them [freshmen] would surprise me this season as I played against them in practice and their skill level is top quality," said Le. "But if I were to pick the strongest freshman it would be Alonso Vela, not only did he play since he was a kid but also Coach Counihan had praised him to the team too and has high hopes for him."

The Rams only have five home games this season in an 11-game schedule. Two of those home games are conference games in April, so since the Rams only play three conference opponents, having home-court advantage for two games is crucial to seeding well for the GNAC playoffs.

With the first game of the season and home opener is Thursday against Westworth. "Westworth in the past had provided our team with some challenges to win but I believe that the team and I are ready for them both physically and mentally," said Le. "I also believe that winning this match will be the first step on the road for the team to make it all the way to the GNAC finals conference and win it all."

Sarah Chasse looks to finish softball career strong

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When she's on the mound, batters are staring down the barrel of a loaded gun. Sarah Chasse, a senior, is ready to begin her final campaign as the team's resident ace, and captain.

Chasse will be entering her fourth year on the team, but this season is different. It's her last, and she is one of the team's two seniors, placing much of the leadership on her shoulders. She is prepared to spend the vast majority of her playing time on the mound, but is always ready to play the field if need be.

She definitely lead by example. I set a tone on the field and I hope the freshman and other underclassmen see that and want to continue that," said Chasse, a business management major. "The underclassmen talk to me. I'm a very approachable person."

Because of her open and friendly leadership style, Chasse said the team has become a tight-knit group. While beginning the season in Florida, she said the team bonded, which is something the captain considers very important.

After the Rams lost four consecutive games to begin the season, the team bounced back in a big way, rattling off four wins of their own to even out their record. During the winning streak, the team decidated their opposition, outscoring opposing teams 39-2.

"So far, overall, we look very good," said Chasse. "We have a lot of potential, and lots of depth, with people who can play a couple positions. In the beginning of the week, we were struggling. But we got the nerves out towards the end of the week. Everyone was comfortable in the box, and we were able to string together hits."

As for her personal stats, Chasse hopes to improve on what already look like elite level numbers on paper. In six games — 24.1 innings pitched — Chasse owns a 2.59 ERA, allowing just 18 hits and nine earned runs. Though her numbers are strong, one bad outing could skew her statistics and cause her ERA to increase. Despite the rough start, Chasse is already on pace to best her prior numbers.

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Calixto Romero (left) talking to Coach Counihan. Courtesy of Suffolk Athletics