The nation chose the unexpected

By Alexa Gagosz, Editor-in-Chief

Businessman Donald J. Trump was elected the 45th president of the United States early Wednesday morning after a long night of counting the votes.

In a 3 a.m. victory speech, Trump addressed supporters in New York after a turbulent, divided and explosive election season filled with digs at the institution and the very democracy the country was founded on.

"I promise you that I will not let you down," said Trump during his speech after thanking a list of family members, friends, campaign workers and the people that voted for him.

Trump thanked Democratic nominee Hillary Rodham Clinton for the "service she has done for our country" in the beginning of his speech after he said that Clinton called him to congratulate his win.

"We owe her a major debt of gratitude," he said, and called for national unity.

Clinton has not spoken to her supporters as of early Wednesday morning.

For some at Suffolk, this stands as a victory.

"Good morning America, it's time to make this country great again," said junior applied legal studies major Michael Francis Ryan in his reference to Trump's slogan throughout his campaign trail.

For others, however, Suffolk held a strong liberal stance on the election and this holds as a disappointment for many. For the 23 percent of Suffolk's population from countries across the world, eyes were fixed on America and whom they would choose to represent the people.

Junior public relations major Diana Dussouchet came to Boston from her home country of Russia and warns the U.S. on the decision that they made during this election.

"I think Americans just signed a four-year contract with the devil himself," said Dussouchet. "I know what it's like to live in a country with the bad kind of conservatism, bigotry and hatred in power - and it's not good."

Office Coordinator of Suffolk's Government department Jeff Fish said that he didn't know what to say after the news broke.

"I feel like we're living in a dystopian future, except this is real life," said Fish.

A number of polls across the nation, including those from Suffolk University's Polling Center, showed that Clinton held a measurable edge across the country, including the states that Trump took in the early morning hours.

Trump, 70, real-estate powerhouse and reality star did not have any governmental experience before he announced his campaign for the top office of the land. The win had stretched across battleground states that both candidates spent countless hours in during the final days including Florida, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

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At 4 p.m. on Monday afternoon, students of Suffolk University gathered in front of 20 Somerset to protest in support of solidarity. Members present held signs, tapped on makeshift drums and chanted aloud to the onlookings crowd and students emerging from classes in the Somerset building. The protest by "concerned members of the Suffolk community" called "Stand Up Suffolk," lasted for roughly an hour. Students rallied for the university to fulfill a list of demands set forth on the organization’s website, which has 42 signatures as of late Tuesday night.

Maya Smith, a junior sociology student and employee of Suffolk’s Office of Disability Services, as well as one of Stand Up Suffolk's organizers, talked about the protest in an interview with The Suffolk Journal on Tuesday night. "A change needed to happen, if not for my own sake then for the countless people on our campus who deal with being treated with disrespect and bigotry every day," said Smith. “I’m really hoping that the administration, faculty, staff and student body will be open to creating a more tolerant, accepting and inclusive campus.”

Smith’s reasons for protesting stem from issues within the classroom involving sexist, racist, derogatory and discriminatory comments from multiple professors that she said she had experienced at Suffolk in the past. Smith said that she wants her story to serve as an example for members of the Suffolk community to see what the Stand Up Suffolk movement is speaking out against. Just a little over a week before the protest, Suffolk University became the subject of controversy and media frenzy when a Suffolk sociology major’s blog post went viral of alleging discrimination after a professor reportedly commented on specific words and said that it was not her "language.

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Ben Shopper, a sociology major at Suffolk spoke to The Journal Monday in a post-rally interview about how talking to media sources means that the issues being fought for has still not been resolved.

"It would be great if we didn’t have to have this conversation because we would have moved beyond this point," said Shopper.

He elaborated to discuss how reporting certain issues to higher administration does not always ensure change, and the repetition of asserting that there is a problem at Suffolk is ongoing. "SUSU is a group of concerned members of the Suffolk Community outraged by the current state of our university," the organization states on their website. "We are organizing to share our stories, to support solidarity across campus, and to empower our students to speak out against injustice."

Junior government major, Senator-at-Large for Diversity in the Student Government Association, McNair Scholar, Suffolk Black Student Union member and an organizer for Stand Up Suffolk Phyllis St-Nubert commented on the rally while protesting students were chanting "stand up Suffolk," behind her. "We want students to know that you can share your stories, there are students who don’t know that it's [discrimination] been happening," she said.

She explained that a list of demands has been formed by the group, including training for faculty on diversity, racial bias and representation within the higher administration. "For students who are transgender, it’s really unfortunate that we’re basically forced to put ourselves to the class," political theory major Sabs Young said in a post-rally interview with The Journal on Monday. "We want our pronouns respected.

Young said that there have been multiple occasions where students have been forced to correct a class on the pronouns the student wished to be used, and in turn have to out themselves to the class even if they do not want to, in order to make this correction. "There’s not enough queer faculty and or staff to help facilitate, or just be there [for queer students]," said Sarah Simi Cohen, a student double majoring in psychology and sociology to a Journal reporter on Monday.

Protesters chanted other phrases throughout the protest such as "Students unified can never be defeated," and "Who’s school? Our school.

Matthew Brenner, a senior finance and global business major commented on the protest in relation to Martinez’s viral blog post in an interview with The Journal on Monday. "I think that every student that is protesting right now thinks that the teacher accused this student of plagiarism because of her race," said Brenner. "In my opinion any teacher has a right to call any student out for plagiarism if that’s what they think they did.”

Jake Seibel, senior management major commented to a Journal reporter at the rally as well correlating the protest to the viral blog. "If you have an issue with a professor, I would rather you go one-on-one with that professor," he said.

Sheila Nasher, a sophomore double major in public relations and sociology, service scholar for the Center for Community Engagement as well as McNair Scholar, commented upon Stand Up Suffolk in a post-protest interview with The Journal. "I actually know Tiffany Martinez. I admire the work she does. The incident that took place with her is not a new thing. It happens everywhere in a campus. I have experienced it myself," he said. "There was an incident where I was told to 'get deported' last year.

He stated that he is a permanent resident, but was mistaken for an international student who could not work off campus. Martinez, who was present at the protest declined to comment.

Nasher explained that the incident involving Martinez has triggered negative remarks about the university. "There’s a reason why we all need to stand up right now. It’s not only about people of minority. People shouldn’t be making assumptions and accusing people for something they didn’t do. That’s what really matters here because we are an extremely diverse campus," said Nasher. "For the one incident that took place last week, we had open house [for students], and I had [parents] coming in making nasty comments about ‘this school is racist,’ the ‘faculty professor is racist.”

He stated that educating people is what really matters, and hopes the university takes steps to facilitate better relationships between students and professors.

Smith also said that the systematic institutional discrimination isn’t just present at Suffolk, but in campuses across the nation, but hopes that Suffolk will begin to "act proactively," upon these issues.

“At the end of the day, the people who run Suffolk are students leaders who love this school. We love it so much that we refuse to let racism, sexism, transphobia, or any kind of discrimination plague our campus," Smith said.
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Paleologos's polls place Suffolk on the map

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David Paleologos, Director of Suffolk University's Political Research Center (SUPRC), has been one of America's premier political forecasters for more than a decade. He has been able to predict the vast majority of America's state and federal elections through innovative polling techniques that are published weekly. His proprietary bellwether poll model, which focuses on predicting outcomes instead of margins, has an 89 percent hit rate as of November 2016. This has earned the SUPRC a partnership with USA Today and the Boston Globe, as well as references by news sources across the country including The New York Times, The Guardian, Politico, CNN and many more.

Paleologos recently bolstered his reputation as a reliable fortune-teller of American politics by effectively predicting the Senate and House races in New Hampshire in his most recent poll on Nov. 3. The SUPRC, along with nearly every other poll across the U.S., were incorrect in their predictions of who would be next President of the United States. The reasons behind republican candidate Donald Trump's upset of Hillary Clinton on Election Day are unknown. Clinton aides pointed to FBI director James Comey's last minute re-opening of the investigation of the Secretary of State's email server as a contributing factor to her defeat. Although this is not confirmed, Paleologos considered the upset a result of a group of voters that could have gone either way on Election Day.

"You had a Brexit type wave that cut through numerous states," said Paleologos in an interview with the Journal early Wednesday morning. "Most of the states that Trump is winning or won, that weren't expected, were in the margin of error. There were two blocks of persuadables: the undecided voters and third party supporters."

With every poll comes an inevitable margin of error. It is incredibly unlikely that a prediction is exact, said Paleologos. Occasionally, the SUPRC is wrong, like any other polling center. Their work has always been closely scrutinized because of this. Instead of ignoring the criticism and comments that fill his computer, Paleologos prefers to address those questions from the SUPRC polls.

"The only thing that is frustrating is when people don't understand the work you do," he said. "People that may have more followers than me on Twitter may say something that is just incorrect. Then I have to take time to explain to them. Taking the time to explain this to a lay person can be difficult, but part of me says it is a teaching opportunity."

Paleologos recalled a time during the 2008 presidential election, when opposition in the polling community made him wish he could avoid the media. Two SUPRC polls predicted that Hillary Clinton would defeat Barack Obama in New Hampshire. This was an outlier poll and the only one predicting this result, said Paleologos.

"I was the laughing stock of the polling world," said Paleologos. "We had only been a research center for six years."

Paleologos recalled one instance where he found himself emphatically hoping to avoid interviews at the Ritzian hotel in New Hampshire.

"Normally pollsters want to be interviewed. They were doing the opposite," said Paleologos. "They were telling reporters to go interview me, the guy in the corner, because I had Clinton winning. So I spent the whole day defending what I thought in my gut was probably wrong. But

Change brought to poll centers

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Junior government major Katherine Heatherton worked on campus, with registration tables at Somerset and Sawyer, that amassed more than 80 student registration cards.

Heatherton recruited about 20 students from her sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha, to raise awareness about the registration tables throughout the Suffolk Votes Facebook page and other online outlets.

Her group also conducted visits to six different freshman seminar classes this semester. The group sought to add more students to the pool of Massachusetts voters. According to Heatherton, not many out-of-state students were aware that they could register for absentee ballots. Several more registration cards were collected as a result, according to Heatherton.

Heatherton hoped to mobilize as many young voters as possible through the registration campaign, citing her love of the electoral process as her main source of motivation.

"It's your vote, it's your voice, is what I always tell people," Heatherton said in an interview with the Journal on Oct. 28.

Throughout the campaign, a number of controversies around the candidate arose, including his threats toward opponents in the primary and general election, 11 women who accused him of sexual assault and promised lawsuits toward news organizations on their reporting.

The Suffolk University Republicans did not respond to communication as of early Wednesday morning on Trump's victory.

As of 3:55 a.m. on Wednesday morning, The New York Times had reported that Trump had amassed an estimated 306 votes from the electoral college. Key battleground states such as Florida, Pennsylvania and Michigan were won by a margin of less than two percent, according to The Times.

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Trump elected as 45th president, Suffolk divided

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CBS News anchor Charlie Rose asked panelists and political strategists throughout the night, "What is happening?"

The results had set off the Dow Jones futures as they dropped by 700 points according to multiple news sources as Trump claimed some of the swing states during Tuesday night.

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Trump's various business ventures, some of which have spread across seas, could carry him to the Oval Office and will make some question any conflicts of interest and make some wonder where his financial status stands.

Trump will take office on Jan. 20, 2017.
Domestic police forces receive military grade equipment

James MacDonald
Journal Staff

Military equipment, including weapons and combat vehicles, has returned to the United States en masse in recent years through a government program designed to arm police.

Do Not Resist, a documentary bringing to light this militarization of police, made its Boston premiere Thursday night in the MFA's Remis Auditorium, followed by a discussion with the film's director Craig Atkinson and a panel of Boston community leaders.

The film drew scenes from demonstrations in Ferguson, Mo, SWAT team ride-alongs in South Carolina and hearings regarding the 1033 military Surplus Program.

The 1033 Program, created by the National Defense Authorization Act of 1990, placed under the jurisdiction of the Defense Logistics Agency, allocates used equipment to domestic law enforcement. Eligible items range from TV monitors and sleeping bags to armored assault vehicles and firearms.

Domestic departments access the program through a governmental website where they may choose from a list of available equipment. Fees are required for the shipment and storage of the equipment, but the departments do not pay the cost of any equipment that they request. The total value of equipment donated exceeds $4 billion, according to the Washington Post.

"We've spent the last 15 years paying for wars we never should have fought," Atkinson said during the post-show panel.

Mine-Resistant Assault Protection (MRAP) vehicles are included in the list of surplus equipment being shipped to law enforcement agencies. They are the proposed replacement for the Army's Humvee and part of a $50 billion project the US military employs to protect troops from roadside IEDs in overseas combat zones, said Atkinson.

The film shows a stockyard filled with hundreds of MRAPs that have returned to the U.S. to be refurbished and sent out to police departments around the country, a facility that is comprised of millions of taxpayer dollars. Atkinson, whose father served as a SWAT officer for more than 20 years in Michigan, took inspiration from the heavy police response to the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013. After seeing the deployment of several MRAPs and numerous assault weapons, he decided to make a film to uncover the extent of the changes made to domestic law enforcement since his father's retirement in 2002.

Atkinson discovered an all time high SWAT deployment rate of 50,000 teams in 2015, more than 15 times the yearly rate of the 80's when Atkinson's father began his SWAT career.

Police response to situations like the Ferguson demonstrations in 2014, depicted in the film across several nights, raised public concern about the use and distribution of 1033 program equipment.

Kentucky Senator Rand Paul appeared in the film during a recorded session. He stated that much of the assault class gear provided by the 1033 Program is reserved only for response to terror events and is not to be used for the purpose of riot suppression. There is not a clear understanding of this reservation with police departments across the country, according to Atkinson.

The images from Ferguson have helped to launch several investigations into the usage of the equipment.

"Clearly there has been a mission breach," Atkinson said.

The panel discussion consisted of Co-Chair of the Housing Committee for the NAACP Segun Idowu, founding Executive Director of the National Center for Race Amity at Wheelock College William H. Smith and Director of the Racial Justice Program for the ACLU Bahasan Hall.

Panel members all voiced concerns about the effects of police militarization on communities of color.

"They are a cult, it seems like," Idowu said. "That mentality is causing officers, when they enter my community, to treat people as combatants."

Do Not Resist will remain at the MFA through Nov. 26, and will be available to stream on Amazon Video Dec. 15, for film commentary see page 7.
U.S. news foreign to international students at Suffolk

Suffolk University Political Research Center takes aim at international arena

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The constant need for entertainment is another difference international students believe influence media output. This has turned politics into theatre on a grand stage.

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"The way people reflect on media is much higher than a participating perspective," said freshman psychology major Jose Windevoxchel from Puerto Rico. "In America, the election look like a game and it's kind of bad because many get distracted from the main point which is that we're electing our next leader."

"Jose Windevoxchel, a student from Puerto Rico, also noted that public reaction to media in Guatemala differs greatly from American reaction. There is a presence in America that actively encourages the involvement of news and media that she did not feel in Guatemala."

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Journal Contributor

The manner in which the United States media projects to viewers is vastly different from the rest of the world. The American people have been exposed to media every day. News source differ across the country, confiscated by universities. This is an example of America's difference in the arrangement of nature of America. The 2016 election, the most discussed election in modern American history, had a continuous dialogue with both media and the public.

"The media has the power to influence people because that's how we get our information," said Suffolk. "That's the risk that anyone doing a poll takes; sometimes you're right, sometimes you're wrong. Suffolk University has not always been a pinnacle of American political research."

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"The media in Guatemala is different because CNN is democrat news source. It's the landscape of international polling is vacant. None of the major American pollsters have expanded outside of the U.S. border to a significant degree. According to Paleologos, one of the biggest impediments on his goal to eventually branch into international polling is the constant instability of appointed presidents at Suffolk.

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Craig Atkinson, with credits in award-winning documentaries such as Detroia, made his disquieting directorial debut with “Do Not Resist,” a documentary film that made its Boston debut at the Museum of Fine Arts this month.

The film examined the militarization of police forces in the United States, a subject of much debate as police responses to perceived public safety threats have become increasingly more aggressive. The film revealed that these forces have an arsenal of military grade equipment the likes of which local departments have historically never used.

Also in the mix, most prominently at the bookends of the film, are clips from a seminar given to a small police department by author and retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman, a wide-eyed and vehement advocate of fighting violence with violence. He implied that the U.S. could one day become a militarized state of the likes of Russia and Mexico. With endorsements from multiple domestic law enforcement agencies, Grossman participated in a 200 event-per-year speaking tour.

Rolling shots of dark fired assault rifles at a firing range while heavily armored vehicles passed plastic tricycles on lawns in suburbia. All shots served to alienate the viewers in the end. Atkinson’s various interviews, as well as his sits ins at senate hearings, SWAT briefings and Grossman events, helped to ground these extreme images; this is not a thriller, but a piece of the world we inhabit.

The true weight of the action is fleshed out here, where consequences can be assessed. These scenes coupled with Atkinson’s minimal text narrative moved the film smoothly through its first two acts. The third act, an examination of the latest surveillance techniques police have used via private data collection organizations, is much less visually striking and captivating than the earlier scenes, despite the undeniable newsworthiness of the content. Perhaps a dispersal of the intelligence aspects of the police trade throughout the film would have alleviated this issue.

The only other prominent blemish on an otherwise immaculately cut and presented film is the lack of a responding voice from police, a counter to the message that would provide some more credibility. Atkinson’s lens seems only to capture the worst moments in policing and policy blunders. However, the film is by no means taking liberties with reality. It simply chooses to depict extreme cases to strengthen itself.

The film remains bleak right through its final seconds. This is after all an ongoing crisis, and the lack of resolution or solace is a true testament to the timeliness of the film. Atkinson’s first effort as a director is a must see for American audiences, a think piece of immense interest to the voting public.

The film will continue with screenings at the MFA through Nov. 26.
Dan Croll leaves Boston in a Sweet Disarray

British singer-songwriter takes a trip across the pond to perform for the first time in Boston on "Aurora" tour

By Facebook user Dan Croll

Morgan Hume
Journal Staff

Widely known for his prolific songwriting capabilities and numerous accolades in the music industry, Dan Croll made his first appearance in Boston at the Paradise Rock Club last weekend.

Croll, a 26-year-old singer-songwriter from Liverpool, England, is best known for blending electronic and folk sounds together to create a new kind of sound.

The British musician worked with Sir Paul McCartney when he was in college at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA). This rare opportunity was granted to just eight students who were selected to have a personal session with the former Beatles band member. Since graduating from LIPA, he has been busy performing and creating his own original music, and released his first album in 2014. He is currently signed to Communion music record label.

At the Thursday night concert, the musician played a selection of songs from his debut album "Sweet Disarray." Paradise Rock Club is a concert venue located next to Boston University known for hosting concerts for well-known local bands and alternative musicians. The club holds a capacity of 933 people, so the small stage and standing room only seating quickly creates an intimate atmosphere. Croll fits the demographic for the "typical" performer at the venue due to his indie-folk sound and up-and-coming status in the music industry.

Suffolk University student, freshman international economics major Jordan Albrizio, attended the concert. "Dan Croll was absolutely fantastic. His voice was unlike most artists today. I feel like it was very pure and magical," she said in a post-show interview with The Suffolk Journal. "It was mesmerizing and I was blown away by his performance even though I'm not too familiar with him as an artist."

Albrizio thought the club was the best place for Croll's show. The small, cozy venue was perfect for his soft music and rich voice. She said that she would be interested in seeing Croll perform again if he came back to Boston on another tour and she plans on listening to more of his music in the future.

His music can be streamed on Spotify and is also available for purchase on iTunes.

Up-and-coming musician
one of eight selected to study under Paul McCartney

ARTS BRIEF

HAMILTON MIXTAPE

"Hamilton" creator and star Lin-Manuel Miranda announced last week that "The Hamilton Mixtape," will be dropping soon and is now available for preorder. Miranda has not been subtle on social media regarding the mixtape, including naming stars such as Chance the Rapper and Usher in a flurry of tweets surrounding the announcement. The entire tracklist was released on Amazon in Australia where viewers could see not only what tracks were being remixed, but the names of the stars being featured on them, a feature that was not available on the U.S. preorder. Artists such as Nas, Wiz Khalifa, Alicia Keys, Jimmy Fallon and The Roots, and John Legend are among the select few that will appear on the tracks. According to various music sharing platforms like iTunes, the mixtape is set to be released Dec. 2, 2016.
International students: how diverse is Suffolk?

Katie Dugan
Asst. Opinion Editor

With an international population of 23 percent, according to enrollment, Suffolk seems to be one of the most diverse universities in Boston. Suffolk prides itself on accepting students from over 100 different countries every year. But do students really belong from their diverse peers? Or does Suffolk push this statistic in their promotional videos solely for image purposes? Who knows?

We have probably had professors that truly helped us, and professors that we would rather forget, but we should put ourselves in the shoes of our international classmates. It is hard enough to be an international student, but the added pressure from unsympathetic professors can harmfully affect a student and their academic performance. Cultural barriers can cause misunderstandings between an international student who needs a little extra practice with English and a well-meaning professor that might not recognize that the student is feeling discouraged.

Mariana Barragan of Colombia wants her professors to know that international students are not going to be as fluent or eloquent with their English as their American-born classmates.

Barragan is working on her junior year at Suffolk University. Barragan said that Americans are more "private and reserved," and the friend-making process took longer to develop here than in her native country of Colombia. In her classes, however, she feels more accepted among her peers.

"The business school has many international students and it's nice to experience all those cultures and to be open to new ideas," she said. Her orientation Psychology instructor, Miss. Ray, was what made her fall in love with cultures and psychology. Barragan said Ray is originally from India and greatly understood the challenges international students face.

She also said that Ray opened her eyes to how important it is for teachers to encourage their students, and to be open to perspectives from international students.

Barragan did speak of professors that were not as understanding. She talked about her Writing 101 professor that would often make students read aloud in class. Barragan said she would feel "humiliated" when they would continuously correct her in a class that she had difficulty in since English is not her first language.

"It made me feel discouraged, like I was being judged," she said. In a predominantly white state with very little exposure to different cultures and races, the diversity at Suffolk is one of the reasons why it stands out from other universities. It's important for students who weren't introduced to different cultures until later in life to then try and understand them. It is essential to our development as intellectual human beings to learn from our peers with varying backgrounds.

When you do not open your mind to other cultures and ideas, you can become trapped in a bubble. It is our duty as American citizens to be knowledgeable of events going on around the world. Who knows, those events might even affect our lives here in the United States.

International students enrich our campus with their ideas and experiences. It is beneficial no matter where you are from, whether it is western Massachusetts or Colombia, interacting with international students is a great social skill to have. Overtime you can learn how to communicate and work with people who are different from you, which is an important skill to have in the professional world.

I do not believe that Suffolk takes advantage of international students in order to increase enrollment, however there does need to be more advertising and events specifically for international students to keep them enrolled and remind them why Suffolk is such a great choice for internationals.

With the presidential election that consumed the news media over the past several months, it is not surprising that it seems that most American Suffolk students do not know much about world politics. Barragan said she would be THRILLED with an otherwise good employee if fault was found. Certainly, she would not have been allowed (under pain of punishment for myself) to assign extra duties to any of my "units" upon so (correctable) error of one employee of even a very few employees.

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P.S. - Malo Periculosis Libertatem Quam Quietae Servitutem. "I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery."

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A WORD FROM SGA

Dear Suffolk University,

At last week's SGA meeting, we were pleased to have a representative from the International Student Services Office. She gave us information about our international students and how we can better help them. Please read more from that presentation when we post the minutes from that meeting on our social media this week. On Friday, Nov. 18, ISSO is holding the annual International Night and we pose to all students to attend.

The Diversity Climate Survey was extended until Nov. 10, so if you have not taken it yet, please do. The results from that survey will greatly help the President's Diversity Task Force make changes to improve Suffolk University for all.

Please also remember to take the Presidential Search Committee survey to give your input on what Suffolk needs in a leader.

We encourage all students to attend the Town Hall Forums held by the Board of Trustees regarding the Presidential Search Committee. These forums will be held on Nov. 14 and 15 from 12:30 to 1:30p.m. in the Gargant Hall Function Room. Stop by to give your input or just to get an update on the search for a new president.

We'd encourage all members of the Suffolk Community to attend our weekly general meetings from 12:15 to 1:30p.m. in the Gargant Hall Function Room. Stop by to give your input or just to get an update on the search for a new president.

The Student Government
Cultural diversity within Suffolk

New advising model alludes to change, improvements can still be made

Patrick Holmes
Opinion Editor

Change is something that is usually good for everyone. In regards to registering for classes at Suffolk, change is heading in the right direction for its students. Recently, the advising model has been modified by the Undergraduate Academic Advising Center to alleviate the stressors involved with communicating between faculty and students. In the past, students have had to sign up to meet with their advisors in stressful, high-strung 15-minute intervals. This then prompted the professor to approve the student’s registration for their next semester classes. Now, upperclassmen are not required to meet with their advisor and can easily sign up for classes and meet at preferable times for both the student and faculty member throughout the year. This new model allows for more meaningful conversations between both individuals that instill smooth communication between each member.

An advisor could spend time with a student throughout their first semester to communicate and establish a plan for their undergraduate career. Although timely, this could enhance the way a student approaches registering for classes each semester and would give them a solid initiative. But, an advisor is not fully in charge of creating this plan. The student would need to equally review their program evaluation and come to meetings with their professor prepared to establish this helpful proposal. This new model seems to be the solution to some of the advising issues, complementing their new model. However, not every class is given in both the Fall and Spring semesters which causes issues when students have not taken certain classes in a timely manner. Because of this, students cannot accurately plan ahead because it is not known what classes will be taught in the future. Even so, the frustrations of registering for classes are endless, especially when a class is full before you can register. Though these issues seem to be fixed, what can Suffolk do more to help prevent stressors involving registration? An undergraduate plan might solve some issues within advising and registering for classes but it does not solve all.

But the responsibility falls on the majority of American students to encourage an environment in which international students are not afraid to be themselves. Everyone can benefit from international students: Americans, faculty and other international students from varying countries.

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Fantastic four dominate season ender

Four individuals from Suffolk University’s women’s soccer team were recognized in the program’s 11-10 record. Alexandra Nagri finished as the leading scorer for the team with 19 goals. The junior forward also notched as a first team All-GNAC. Junior forward Jennifer Martin was selected as a first team All-GNAC and All-Tournament team member on Nov. 7. Martin scored the game-winning goal against second-seed Johnson and Wales in the quarterfinals. She is the first women since 2011 from the women’s soccer program to be named to the first team.

Senior Shannon Simmons also collected an All-GNAC honor. Simmons was named to the All-Tournament team and All-Sportsmanship team and held down the defensive line throughout the season.

Goal-keeper Kirsten Weiker was nominated for Herosports.com DII HERO of the Week and placed second. Weiker tallied up a total of 117 saves this season, and had 4 shutouts for the Lady Rams.

“Our final two playoff games this season made me very excited to see what we can do next year as a team,” said Nagri.

“Tough love,” Simmons said. “You have to make sacrifices for the team all the time through.”

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Lady Ram’s shoot for “dangerous” year

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“I think we’re a work in progress and we have a lot of work ahead of us,” said Leyden. “We want to be a tough team all the way through.”

Senior captain, Alexandra Clarke, has been playing basketball since she was in elementary school. Clarke, who plays center, said that it is important to make everyone on the team feel important and involved. She said that her team has had quite an intense year so far.

“We would play pickup two to three times a week and have our conditioning trainer run 8 a.m. workouts for us every Sunday morning,” said Clarke in an interview with The Journal.

Clarke added that it has been an adjustment for the team with such young players. She said that the team’s biggest challenge has been getting used to everyone’s individual playing styles. She explained that this has not stopped them from forming a chemistry needed to be successful.

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in an interview with The Journal on Saturday.

This year, the team has a roster of 15, seven of those players being freshmen. Head Coach, Ed Leyden named seniors Georgia Bourikas, Alexandra Clarke, and Kelsey Schiebel as the team’s captains for the season. Leyden, is in his 23rd season coaching the women’s basketball program. He has been named Coach of the Year five times in his coaching tenure.

Sophomore forward, Shannon Smith, said that her coaches time and effort shows how much she cares about the team as a whole.

"He studies film, statistics and the competition more than any other coach," said Smith in an interview with The Journal on Friday. "It really shows how much he cares about us as a team, and just knowing that makes us a successful team.”

Before Suffolk, Leyden coached at Beverly High School, Reading High School and Tufts University. Leyden said that the team’s chemistry last year was wonderful, like a true family and they were a “true representation of Suffolk.”

"One of the nice things about sports is that every year is a brand-new year," said Leyden. "I think that by the end of this year we’re going to have a very dangerous year." He said that this is a very enjoyable team and they hold productive practices in order to prepare for the season.

Leyden explained that the team has worked a lot on defense, rebounding and individual development. He expects all of his team to play hard and be the ones that everyone has a tough time beating.

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Women’s Basketball

Nov. 15 at Mass.-Boston 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 19-20 Emerson Trip-Off Tournament
vs. Wesleyan TBA
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Nov. 22 at Colby-Sawyer 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 28 at Wentworth 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 1 at Emmanuel (Mass.) 7:00 p.m.
Women's basketball dribbles into new season

Hannah Arroyo
Journal Contributor

Basketball has been in Caitlyn Caramello's blood for the past 14 years that she has been playing the game.

Caramello, a junior, has played a total of 55 games in her two-year collegiate career with Suffolk University's women's basketball program and she will now head into her third year playing with the team.

Besides basketball, Caramello also participated in cross country at the university. During the beginning of the Lady Ram's preseason, she said she experienced pain on her knee that she had also felt in her freshman year. Caramello said that she tore her lateral meniscus and parts of her patella tendon and had surgery to repair her knee, a week before her first day of college.

“On my doctor told me that my cartilage in my knee is old and abnormal and she advised me that I should stick to only one sport at Suffolk for my knee’s sake,” said Caramello in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. “So I had to give up cross country and I stuck to basketball since I’ve been playing for about 14 years.”

Although Caramello's doctors advised her not to run for a few weeks after the pain surfaced again, which put an end to her cross country season earlier this semester, Caramello said that she is ready to get back and compete this season. After doing physical therapy and buying a new brace, Caramello has recently been back on the court with her team.

The Lady Rams will open their 2016-17 26-game season on Nov. 15 at the University of Massachusetts Boston at 5:30 p.m. Last season the Rams ended their year with an 17-11 record and a conference record of 8-3. The team advanced to the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Quarterfinals and defeated Norwich University 55-51. In the Semifinals, they dropped their match to Saint Joseph's University in a 74-58 loss.

Junior shooting guard, Alexandra Nagri reflected on the team's losses from last year.

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